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## MORE THAN A NEWSPAPER



## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Today  
**Vaquero Ice Cream Bar**  
Free ice cream with various toppings to choose from

will be served starting at 12:15 p.m. in the Student Union veranda on the Brownsville campus. For more information, email studentunion@utrgv.edu or call 665-7989.

### Call of Duty Release Party

Students can play **Call of Duty** for free starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Game Room on the Edinburg campus.

### Volleyball

The **UTRGV Volleyball Team** will face off against **Utah Valley University** at 7 p.m. in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus. Admission is free to all UTRGV students with a valid ID.

### Diwali

Students can get a taste of Indian

dishes from 6 to 8 p.m. in Salón Cassia on the Brownsville campus.

### Tuesday

#### Pumpkin Fitness Challenge

**University Recreation** will host a **pumpkin fitness challenge**. The challenge will consist of carrying a pumpkin through an obstacle course. The event will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Recreation, Education and Kinesiology Center in Brownsville.

### Wednesday

#### Farmers Market

The **Environmental Awareness Club** will have a variety of vegetables, vegan lunch meals and baked goods from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Chapel lawn on the Edinburg campus. Students will receive free tote bags.

### Thursday

#### Trick or Treat Yo'self

The **Leadership and Mentoring** office will host **Trick or Treat Yo'self** with free games, candy and food. The

event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the University Center 2nd floor and at the same time in the Music, Science & Learning Center on the Brownsville campus.

### Donnie Darko

The **UTRGV Library** will host its 3rd Annual Horror Film Viewing and will show the movie "**Donnie Darko**" from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Library on the Brownsville campus. Light refreshments and snacks will be provided while supplies last. For more information, call 882-8221.

### Friday

#### Soccer

The **UTRGV Men's Soccer Team** will face off against **San Jose State University** at 7 p.m. in the UTRGV Soccer and Track & Field Complex on the Edinburg campus. Admission is free to all UTRGV students with a valid ID.

--Compiled by Brigitte Ortiz

## POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Oct. 14 and 21.



### Oct. 14

**11:30 a.m.:** A university-owned camera was reported missing at the Student Union on the Brownsville campus.

The camera was last used Sept. 4 and is valued at over \$1,000. It has been entered into the National Crime Information Center and the Texas Crime Information Center.

**1:30 p.m.:** A staff member's vehicle sustained minor scratches in Lot E-12 on the Edinburg campus. It was revealed via camera footage that the damage was not caused while her vehicle was parked at the university.

**5:54 p.m.:** A staff member was struck by a vehicle in Lot E-37 on the Edinburg campus. The driver was later identified as an employee from a university-contracted company. Emergency medical services transported the staff member to Rio Grande Regional 24 Hour Emergency Care.

**6:52 p.m.:** A non-affiliated man solicited money from a student at the Visual Arts building in Edinburg. He was identified, issued a criminal trespass warning and escorted off campus without incident.

### Oct. 15

**3:01 a.m.:** Three men were seen running by the UTRGV land bridge on the Brownsville campus. U.S. Border Patrol arrived and detained eight individuals, all from Mexico.

**2:37 p.m.:** A fire alarm was activated in the Engineering building on the Edinburg campus. The Edinburg Fire Department responded to the alarm and later cleared the building for re-entry.

**4:01 p.m.:** A bookstore employee received a phone call from a Mexican phone number at the bookstore on the Brownsville campus. It was determined to be a scam, but no other suspicious activity was discovered.

**4:05 p.m.:** A staff member hit her head with a falling cabinet door while cleaning at the UT Houston Regional Academic Health Center on the Brownsville campus. Emergency medical service transported her to a local hospital for further evaluation.

**9:24 p.m.:** While conducting a traffic stop on a vehicle for a defective license plate light on University Boulevard near the Brownsville campus, it was revealed the driver had a warrant on charges for driving while intoxicated from the Cameron County Sheriff's Office. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Cameron County Detention Center.

### Oct. 16

**1:07 p.m.:** A student was followed by several individuals while in Edinburg. She also filed a report with the Edinburg Police Department.

**5:10 p.m.:** A staff member's windshield of his parked, unattended vehicle was cracked in Lot E-37 on the Edinburg campus. After reviewing camera footage, it does not appear that the damage occurred as reported.

### Oct. 17

**9:01 a.m.:** A student was involved in a disturbance with her non-affiliated ex-boyfriend in front of the Liberal Arts Building North on the Edinburg campus. He took her backpack, stole her Texas drivers license, broke her vehicle's remote control and physically assaulted her. He also left voicemail messages and texts threatening her wellbeing, causing the student to fear for her safety. UTRGV PD actively searched the campus for the suspect and eventually located and arrested him without incident in Lot E-18 on the Edinburg campus. He was found in possession of the student's stolen license. He was jailed in the Edinburg City Jail, and his vehicle was impounded.

**9:01 a.m.:** A student's non-affiliated ex-boyfriend physically assaulted her on Oct. 14 at Liberal Arts Building North on the Edinburg campus. She received visible injuries on her upper arms and legs. The suspect was located and arrested in Lot E-18 without incident on the Edinburg campus. He was jailed in the Edinburg City Jail, and his vehicle was impounded.

**11:29 a.m.:** A fire alarm was activated in the Engineering building on the Edinburg campus. The Edinburg Fire Department responded to the alarm and later cleared the building for re-entry.

**11:57 a.m.:** Two students were arguing over stolen AirPods at the Health & Physical Education II building on the Edinburg campus. One of the students accused the other of stealing her AirPods from her unattended backpack. Her AirPods were later located in the area, but appeared to be purposely concealed to avoid detection.

**12:20 p.m.:** A student's vehicle's back, right window was shattered by a Facilities employee while using a weed trimmer near the University Recreation building on the Edinburg campus. Facilities is currently making the necessary arrangements to repair the window.

### Oct. 18

**1:43 a.m.:** A fire alarm was activated in the Engineering building on the Edinburg campus. The Edinburg Fire

Department responded to the alarm and later cleared the building for re-entry.

**3:23 p.m.:** A non-affiliated man caused a disturbance at UCentral in the Main building on the Brownsville campus. He was upset over his daughter's financial aid, but left before the officer's arrival.

**5:40 p.m.:** Marijuana was found in the University Library on the Edinburg campus. The item was secured for proper destruction.

**9:17 p.m.:** A fire alarm was activated in the Health & Physical Education Complex on the Edinburg campus. The Edinburg Fire Department responded to the alarm and determined a smoke machine used for an activity triggered it. They later cleared the building for re-entry.

### Oct. 20

**1:26 a.m.:** Five individuals were seen running towards University Boulevard on the Brownsville campus. U.S. Border Patrol agents detained four individuals in the brush area by Lot B-1 but the fifth individual was not found. Three were from Mexico and the fourth was from Honduras. U.S. Border Patrol took custody of the individuals without further incident.

**6:34 p.m.:** Two suspicious, non-affiliated men were seen at the University Library on the Edinburg campus. While an officer located and identified the two, it was revealed one of the men had an active arrest warrant on charges of driving while intoxicated from the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office. They were both issued criminal trespass warnings and a Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office deputy arrived and took custody of the man.

### Oct. 21

**1:44 a.m.:** A burglary alarm was activated at the UT Health RGV Surgery & Women's Specialty clinic near the Harlingen campus. An officer patrolled the exterior and interior of the building but found it was secure.

**2:17 a.m.:** A fire alarm was activated in Cortez Hall on the Brownsville campus. The Brownsville Fire Department responded and inspected the building. They found the fire alarm was triggered when a fire sensor got wet from a water leak during a thunderstorm. Facilities was notified.

**3:20 a.m.:** A fire alarm was activated at the University Library on the Brownsville campus. The Brownsville Fire Department responded and later cleared the building for re-entry. Facilities and Environmental Health, Safety & Risk Management were notified.

--Compiled by Klaudia Cedillo

## Department to host PoliSci colloquium

**Alejandra Yañez**  
THE RIDER



Samee Lashari research to faculty, students and staff.

The academic conference will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in Academic Services building 1.104 on the Edinburg campus and simultaneously broadcasted via video to Student Union 2.24 in Brownsville with a 30-minute Q&A after the presentation.

The purpose of these monthly colloquiums, "Is to introduce them to, sort of, up-to-date scholarship that's being done from people from around the country and get people thinking about research," said Clyde Barrow, a political science professor and department chair.

"I would like to see some historians there too, so it's kind of a mix, interdisciplinary gathering and I expect to see faculty, senior students, graduate students asking questions," said Samee Lashari, event speaker and an associate political science professor at UTRGV.

Lashari will present his findings from his research that will be published in a book next year.

The basis of his research is on the rise and fall of China and the Indian subcontinent in the world system, to see how various regions of the world have gained economic power at the cost of some other regions losing power.

Lashari's research is an update on the findings of Immanuel Wallerstein, an American sociologist and economic historian, who published this idea of a global view of world system analysis in the 1970's.

"Wallerstein proposed the idea that the world is no more a three-tier system," he said. "Actually, it's a four-tier system now. Whereas, we see that there is a core and then there is a semi core."

So far, to the best of his knowledge, Lashari is the only researcher using the term "semi core."

"That is a new term in itself and it's kind of a new theory to an extent, so it's an interesting research," he said.

According to Lashari, the rise of Asia is a popular topic.

"World system is very suitable theory to explain that and I think students can learn a lot about this new perspective," he said.

Lashari said he looks forward to collaborating  
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# Vaqueros MD announced

**Klaudia Cedillo**  
THE RIDER

Accepting applications for enrollment starting Friday, the UTRGV School of Medicine will now offer a pre-medicine early-assurance program to qualifying high school students in South Texas.

John Krouse, dean of the School of Medicine and executive vice president for Health Affairs, announced Vaqueros MD last Monday in the Performing Arts Complex lobby on the Edinburg campus.

The new program will select up to five or six applicants for admission into the program in Spring 2020 after a "competitive selection process," according to Krouse.

He said as the medical school class size grows, the number of applicants accepted will increase as well.

"So [students accepted into the program] will be accepted into UTRGV as freshman in 2020, so then when they complete their degree in 2024, they'll enter the medical school," Krouse said.

Students in Vaqueros MD will begin their undergraduate career in the Honors College in Fall 2020 and have to complete their bachelors by 2024 to claim their guaranteed seat in the School of Medicine's entering class of that year.

"We will work very closely with [accepted students]," Krouse said. "They'll have mentoring, they'll have advising, and I think with



Aaliyah Garza/THE RIDER

UTRGV President Guy Bailey announces Monday the Vaqueros MD Early Assurance Program, which "will select a limited number of high-achieving South Texas students who will begin their undergraduate career in Fall 2020 while also receiving the assurance of a seat in the UTRGV School of Medicine's entering class of 2024," according to the school's website. The announcement took place at the Performing Arts Complex on the Edinburg campus.

really good, close work with them, they will graduate in four years and [go] into medical school."

Along with mentoring and advising, the program will also provide an MCAT preparation program, a summer academy and guaranteed admission into the UTRGV School of Medicine.

To be eligible for the program, students must have attended and graduated from a South Texas high school and must enroll at UTRGV as an incoming freshman.

Students also must complete the Vaqueros MD/Honors College application, score in the 90th percentile or higher in either the SAT or ACT, and rank in the top 5% of their high school graduating

class, possessing a minimum of 3.8 GPA and a 3.75 GPA of their cumulative science courses.

"I'm just so excited that UTRGV continues to create more opportunities and more pathways for our high school students and for our public schools in the area," said Dr. Nolan E. Perez, member of the UT System Board of Regents and a gastroenterologist.

Dr. Perez said the program was a great opportunity to create home-grown health professionals for this region that are needed desperately.

"[Vaqueros MD] benefits UTRGV because we're able to keep our best of the best students here locally," he said. "Because this region has been a victim of what I call the brain

drain, where our best and our brightest graduate high school and then leave."

Krouse said the program was made to encourage "the best and brightest students" in the Rio Grande Valley to stay and to stop losing students to other schools in Texas. He said the medical school can provide full opportunities for students.

Krouse said it took about a year to put this "comprehensive and innovative" program together by collaborating and speaking with a variety of individuals at UTRGV and in various school districts across the Valley.

First year medical students Sidney Reyes and Saba Suleman said they were excited about the announcement of the program.

Reyes said Vaqueros MD will lessen the stress of going into the field of medicine for students in the program as well as decrease their loans, making them happier going into medical school.

"Thank God this is happening," she said. "A lot of students will stay here and not have to feel that they have to leave for the opportunities."

Suleman said she highly recommended the new program since it sets goals for students, allowing them to pursue other passions that can be used to help hone other skills in the community.

"I have a lot of friends that are still growing up in the next generation," she said. "They're going to high school right now, and now, they're really looking forward to this program. I think it's exciting."

## Chess team defends its state title



COURTESY PHOTO

UT Dallas Associate Provost Abby R. Kratz (from left) hands UTRGV Chess Coach Bartek Maciejka the first-place trophy for the Super Collegiate Chess Super Finals. Also shown are UTRGV Chess Team A members Vladimir Belous, Andrey Stukopin and Irakli Beradze.

**Brigitte Ortiz**  
THE RIDER

The UTRGV Chess Team competed at the 2019 Texas Collegiate Super Finals Oct. 19 and 20 in Richardson. Team B placed second and Team A secured the first place spot for the third consecutive year.

The top three colleges of the Southwest Collegiate Team Championship are eligible to participate in the Texas Collegiate Super Finals, according to Texas

and Southwest Individual and Team Collegiate Chess Championships official tournament rules.

This year, the University of Dallas, Texas Tech University and UTRGV competed.

Chess Coach Bartek Maciejka said he was nervous as his players competed because he wanted to repeat their success from last year.

"B team, I expected to finish last year about fourth or finish second," Maciejka said. "This

year, again, I thought we were about fourth and, again, we finished second, so that was spectacular.

The A team this year, I thought Texas Tech was the favorite of the event, so I was really glad to see my students being so motivated and taking the event that seriously and showing really their best."

He said the chess team doesn't have a huge advantage over the other colleges.

"We are just performing better," Maciejka said. "We are probably more concentrated, more motivated and that's what makes a difference."

Grandmasters Vladimir Belous, an accounting senior, Andrey Stukopin, a mathematics graduate student and Kamil Dragun, an accounting junior, and international master Irakli Beradze, a computer engineer freshman, competed in Team A.

Grandmasters Ulvi Bajarani, an information technology graduate student and Carlos Hevia, a computer science graduate student, and

international masters Felix Ynojosa, finance junior, and Yannick Rajesh, a computer engineer senior, competed in Team B.

Belous said this tournament was tough but somehow, they managed to beat the other universities.

"All teams, kind of, even they also have very strong grandmasters, very strong chess players, but we win almost every year and I don't know how we do it," he said.

Belous said when playing chess, he doesn't think about getting first place but rather trying his best and taking it game by game.

Stukopin said there were a lot of positive emotions when the chess team found out they were champions again.

"I wasn't thinking about the results, I was just trying to enjoy playing chess, that was my primary goal," he said. "Just trying to do my best as always, also I didn't want to let down the team."

Stukopin said this year, they had more practice and they emphasized more on the opening preparations or the beginning of the game.

The Chess Team's next main event will be the Pan American Collegiate Championship in December.

# Vaquero VOICE



## HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

"I want to go as the Joker this year. I'm really into method acting, or just acting in general. And in my free time, I like to play psychotic roles and I've always been interested in Heath Ledger's Joker with a, like, comic design, you know. That very sinister, sadistic, malice Joker from the comics I've been wanting to do since high school, but I never really had the money for a costume. But now, I want to go all out this year. It always depends. ... It depends what people are into. If you want to go for something scary, just wear something very intimidating, like a sweater vest, like black and red. You can go as Freddy Krueger, you know, wear some dark jeans or make your own claws. You can paint your face white. That doesn't really take a lot. You can go in a blanket as a ghost. Anything, really, to get you in the spirits."



**Jesus Zamora**  
Criminal justice junior

"I'm not sure, but if I did, I have no idea, maybe like a boxer or something. ... It's cute. I saw this thing on Twitter that was like, 'Oh, dress up as that Brother Nature guy.' You just buy a bag of carrots and that's it."



**Priscilla Mejia**  
Biology sophomore

*"Este año me voy a disfrazar como Peggy Carter, que viene siendo el amor de la vida de Capitán América, y la razón por la que me voy a vestir así es porque mi novio va a ser Capitán América. Así que él va a estar participando en un concurso y yo nada más voy a ir a apoyarlo y, pues, ser su querida amada. Honestamente, si te vistes todo de negro o andas en tu guardarropa de todos los días puedes ponerte unas orejas de gato o algo verdad, unas sombrás padres o échate una cobija entera arriba y ponte unos ojitos y sal a pedir dulces. Todavía estamos jóvenes, que no te de vergüenza, y creo que son unas pequeñas ideas que puedes encontrar en la tienda del dolar y algo barato si no es que quieres ir tan asombrante."*



**Maria Garcia**  
Estudiante de último año en mercadotecnia

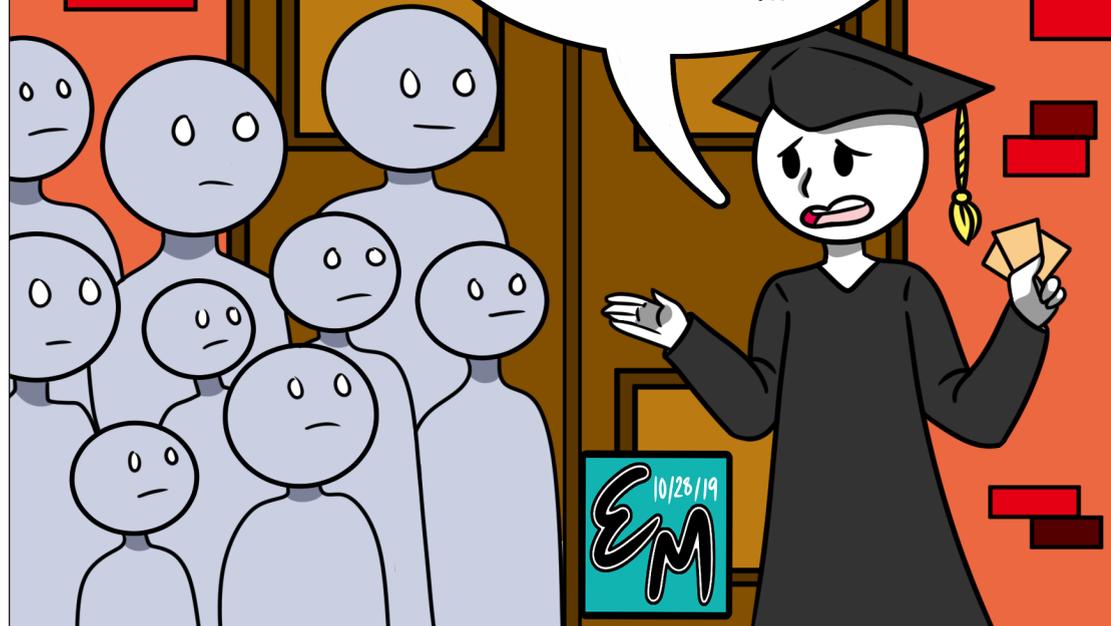
"I'm thinking of being Joker for Halloween. I recently saw the movie 'Joker' and I think, his, just the way he acts is very, like, you can go a long way from there. Just, I mean, whatever you're able to find at your house, just put things together."



**Daniel Garcia**  
Dance junior

--Compiled by Robert Benavidez Jr. and Aaliyah Garza

## Graduation Mayhem



## We WILL: not consult students?



**Leslie Medrano**  
THE RIDER

Imagine this: You're walking across the stage to receive the diploma you worked so hard for on the Student Union lawn in Brownsville. The hot sun bounces off your decked-out graduation cap and you can hear the birds chirping in the trees almost as if they're excited, too. Your name is called and your 17 cousins, three aunts, five uncles, longtime friends and parents erupt in cheers because they are so proud. As you walk back to your seat, you smile at the sea of people holding balloons, bouquets, giant cutouts of your peers' faces. You take in the scenery one last time as the sun sets.

Sounds like a dream, right?

That was the reality legacy institution, UT Brownsville, and UTRGV gave students on the Brownsville campus the first three years.

When I first started my journey at UTRGV, the one thing I looked forward to the most was graduation, not because I wanted to get it over with but because I knew the beauty that awaited.

I found myself daydreaming of the day I'd receive my diploma, as my family and friends watched from the crowd, without worrying about tickets.

UTRGV is so big on wanting to establish and keep traditions. Well, graduation on the Student Union lawn had been a Brownsville tradition for almost 20 years and was taken from us in Spring 2019.

The ceremony was moved to Jacob Brown Auditorium in Brownsville where those graduating only had access to six tickets for their families.

Six tickets for a Hispanic family is a complete joke.

Now, the class of Fall 2019 will have to drive 28.2 miles

to a city most of them have absolutely no attachment to, to receive a piece of paper worth thousands of dollars with, again, only six tickets.

The Jacob Brown Auditorium was booked, according to university officials.

Was the Student Union lawn booked, too?

Oh, it's winter so it can get cold?

As my grandfather would say, ¡"No hace frío en Tejas"!

Why are we spending thousands of dollars booking fancy convention centers when we have one of the most beautiful sceneries on our own campus?

There's a reason you see couples, *quinceañeras* and graduating students, people of all ages, having photoshoots across campus almost every weekend.

Weather is unpredictable; I get that. But why not have a backup plan just in case inclement weather is forecast?

Isn't that how it used to work in the past? Or was weather not an issue back then?

Where is the consistency? It's been five years, UTRGV. Get. It. Together.

I don't graduate until Spring 2020 and I can tell you right now, I do not want to walk in Harlingen.

"It gets hot in the spring, why are you complaining?" some may ask.

Well, we live in the Rio Grande Valley, what do you expect?

I'd rather have a little sweat drip down my face while I receive my diploma out in the open than to have to pick and choose what six members of my family should get to see me graduate.

I don't understand why more noise isn't being made.

As a student, you shouldn't have to settle for what you are told. Ask yourself, who makes these decisions? Why are these decisions being made? Why are you being informed of these ideas in the middle of the semester? Am I OK with this decision? Did they even

consult students or is this the "Vaqueros" situation all over again?

Oh, did you think we'd forget?

Last time we checked, students voted for everything but the Vaquero, but that's a whole different issue.

Your voice matters; you just have to speak out in places bigger than social media.

Brownsville is losing its identity.

First it was the Athletics events, then the class availability and now I might not even graduate on my own campus, in my own city.

Sadly, the new generations coming in might never experience how beautiful a graduation on the Student Union lawn can look or understand what the issue of the change actually represents.

I don't expect everyone to understand my frustration. Edinburg, I would say you got an upgrade. Bert Ogden Arena and nine tickets? That sounds great!

This isn't an issue of "Edinburg vs. Brownsville"; I think we're over that and many departments are doing their best and a great job in building that bridge.

This is an issue with UTRGV and its administration; I'm talking to you, Guy Bailey.

UTRGV continues to take away from Brownsville without warning or consulting students.

To make matters worse, our elected officials in Brownsville and Cameron County talk a big game about it "not being fair" and that "something needs to be done."

I agree; I just wish you *actually* did something about it instead of only taking pictures on campus and with university officials when it's convenient.

I don't think it's fair to have the UTRGV Brownsville class of Fall 2019 travel to Harlingen to celebrate its accomplishments.

This is me trying to do something about it.

I encourage you to do the same.



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# Club de Filosofía de Brownsville solicita donaciones



Eduardo Galindo/THE RIDER

El Club de Filosofía de UTRGV Brownsville está organizando una campaña de donación para los solicitantes de asilo que viven en el lado mexicano del Puente Internacional Gateway en Brownsville.

## Victor G. Ramirez

EDITOR EN JEFE

El Club de Filosofía de UTRGV Brownsville organizará una campaña de donación para los solicitantes de asilo que viven en el lado mexicano del Puente Internacional Gateway.

“Debido a los cambios en la política de inmigración, hay cientos de solicitantes de asilo que viven en tiendas de campaña en el lado de Matamoros del Puente Gateway en Brownsville”, según una publicación de Facebook por parte del Departamento de Filosofía de UTRGV con fecha del 17 de octubre. “Muchas familias que están atrapadas esperando sus audiencias de asilo en Matamoros debido a la política de [Migrant Protection Protocols], no tienen conexión con México y han

estado confiando en las donaciones como un medio para sobrevivir”.

Alejandra Valdés, presidenta del club y estudiante de tercer año en comunicación, dijo que el motivo de la donación se debió a Bradley Warfield, un profesor de filosofía.

“Hace un par de semanas, el Dr. Warfield, quien asistió a la reunión del Club de Filosofía, nos dijo que él y su esposa habían sido voluntarios en la frontera”, dijo Valdés. “Supongo que es seguro decir eso como un Club de Filosofía, ya que hablamos de ética y moralidad ... no fue demasiado para nosotros dudar cuando se trataba de ayudar”.

Warfield dijo que confían en la generosidad de la comunidad de UTRGV para proporcionar donaciones. “Los solicitantes de asilo, necesitan,



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Los solicitantes de asilo viven en tiendas de campaña en Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México, mientras esperan para solicitar asilo político en los Estados Unidos el pasado mes de abril.

ya sabes, necesidades básicas, comida y libros”, dijo Warfield. “Por lo tanto, ha habido algunas organizaciones humanitarias maravillosas, como el Team Brownsville y Angry Tías y Abuelas, que les han brindado una inmensa ayuda y un apoyo increíble. Entonces, queríamos ayudar a proporcionar donaciones”.

Las cajas de donación en el campus de Brownsville se encuentran en el edificio principal 1.400 y 1.4143 de la Biblioteca de la Universidad, y en el tercer piso del Centro de Música, Ciencia y Aprendizaje. Solo hay una caja en el campus de Edinburg.

“Sé que tenemos una caja en el Edificio de Artes Liberales del Sur en el campus de Edinburg, allí entre las oficinas de Filosofía”, dijo Warfield. “Así que, creo que vamos a tener más

ubicaciones de cajas de donaciones en el campus de Edinburg”.

El club busca artículos de higiene personal. Otros artículos incluyen útiles escolares, libros de español K-12, diccionarios de español e inglés, cuadernos, bolígrafos y lápices.

No hay una fecha límite específica para la donación, según Warfield.

“Los solicitantes de asilo son simplemente, muchos de ellos han estado corriendo por sus vidas”, dijo Warfield. “Son refugiados mucho más que inmigrantes. Creo que es imperativo que intentemos ayudar a las personas en circunstancias desesperadas cuando podemos, cuando estamos dispuestos y pensemos cómo nos gustaría que nos tratasen si estuviéramos en su posición”.

Para más información, llame al 882-3838.

# Universidad participará en evento de Día de los Muertos

## Hania Rocio

THE RIDER

El Museo de Historia del Sur de Texas organizará “Día de los Muertos: Recuerdos y Ofrendas”, para celebrar las famosas tradiciones mexicanas de 4 a 10 p.m. este sábado en Edinburg.

La exhibición se llevará a cabo en la Courtyard Gallery y contará con “11 altares destinados a contar historias, compartir recuerdos y honrar la vida de los seres queridos”, según mosthistory.org.

Book Buzz de UTRGV ofrecerá un espectáculo de títeres gratuito de 4 a 8 p.m. para promover la lectura entre los niños y enseñar cómo surgió el Día de los Muertos.

“[Los niños] son el futuro de nuestra generación”, dijo Reynaldo Zuñiga, presidente de Book Buzz de UTRGV y estudiante de segundo año en historia. “El Día de los Muertos es muy importante para la cultura mexicana. Si perdemos nuestra cultura, literalmente perderemos nuestra historia. Es muy importante mostrar a los niños que la historia

es importante”.

El club también presentará un altar para el famoso artista mexicano José Guadalupe Posada.

Posada introdujo el uso de calaveras en el Día de los Muertos y es comúnmente conocido por su obra de arte “La Calavera Catrina”.

“Uno de los objetivos es alentar y motivar a nuestros jóvenes miembros de la comunidad para que sigan viendo la alfabetización como algo que no es necesariamente aburrido”, dijo Yemin Sánchez, asesor de Book Buzz de UTRGV y profesor de lenguaje y cultura. “Queremos que participen de una manera más placentera y que vean un conocimiento así. Es una oportunidad para aprender de una manera significativa y divertida”.

El evento también tendrá otras actividades, como decoración de calaveras de azúcar y mini artesanías de altar. Habrá vendedores de comida y bebida, artesanos, artes visuales y presentaciones folclóricas.

Las admisiones para personas mayores de 62 años



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El Museo de Historia del Sur de Texas organizará el evento “Día de los Muertos: Recuerdos y Ofrendas” el sábado de 4 a 10 p.m. Book Buzz de UTRGV leerá a los niños y exhibirá un altar de muertos.

con una identificación son de \$6; los adultos mayores de 18 años \$8; los estudiantes de 13 años y mayores con

identificación \$6; niños de 4 a 12 años \$5; y militares activos, con una identificación \$6. La entrada es gratuita para

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## COLLOQUIUM

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further on this topic and others.

The next colloquium will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 6 simultaneously on the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses where speaker William

Sokoloff, an associate political science professor, will present the basis of his book “Political Pedagogy: A Critical, Radical and Utopian Perspective.”

“The basis of the research is a historical analysis of the discipline of political science in terms of the ways in which it educates young people,

students, to be democratic citizens,” Sokoloff said. “How it’s fulfilled that project and how it has not fulfilled that project.”

He said it is important to attend to share ideas, learn new perspectives and learn about new research to see how it fits into a democracy.

“I think it’s gonna be a lot of fun,” Sokoloff said. “I encourage UTRGV students to attend. My goal is to show how studying political science is relevant to what’s happening today with, not only with the [Donald] Trump presidency, but with the election in 2020.”



Aaliyah Garza/THE RIDER PHOTOS

The Pumpkin Carving Contest kicked off last Tuesday on the Student Union East Patio on the Edinburg campus. There were two categories students could enter: single carvers or team carvers. Winners were selected in both categories and were awarded VBucks.



Biology junior Marco Garza (left), psychology freshman Valeria Zeron and mechanical engineering senior Andres Garcia carve individual designs onto pumpkins on the Student Union East Patio last Tuesday during the Pumpkin Carving Contest on the Edinburg campus.

# SPOOKY WEEK

**Brigitte Ortiz**  
THE RIDER

In the spirit of Halloween, several UTRGV departments will celebrate with various events for the university community.

**TODAY**  
Lecturer III Marianita Escamilla's English 1301 writing class, is hosting the first Zombie Scavenger Hunt starting at 6 p.m. on the Chapel lawn on the Edinburg campus.

As reported by The Rider Oct. 21, its purpose is to find the cure for the zombie apocalypse. Students are going to be stationed at different areas on campus and solve a series of riddles and activities at each spot to have them progress to the next step.

Escamilla said the maximum number of people per team is four, but students can participate alone as well.

For entry to the scavenger hunt, students must provide four non-perishable food items per person, and for an entry into the raffle, two additional non-perishable food items. She said there are no limits for entries to the raffle.

**TUESDAY**  
A Fall Festival hosted by the Campus Activities Board will take place at 4 p.m. on the Student Union lawn on the

Brownsville campus.

Crystal Rodriguez, CAB student assistant, said the purpose of the event is to get students involved and celebrate the fall festivity.

She said CAB is trying to make the event a tradition and it will be the first time it will take place on the Brownsville campus.

"We have madness in Edinburg and [CAB] wanted to even out the event, also having some exposure for Student Involvement, and we thought it was fair to bring the fall festival here [to Brownsville]," Rodriguez said.

She said the event will include prizes, games, a pumpkin patch, inflatables and snacks.

A Monster Movie Marathon will take place from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the PlainsCapital Bank Theater in the Student Union on the Edinburg campus.

The movies that are showing are "The Wolf Man," "Dracula," "Frankenstein," "The Mummy," "The Creature from the Black Lagoon," "Them!" and "Night of the Living Dead" with 30-minute breaks between movies.

Students are encouraged to bring their ID for free snacks and an opportunity to win prizes.

The UTRGV Admissions and Recruitment department will host a

Haunted Tour from 7 to 9:30 p.m. starting at the Main Courtyard on the Brownsville campus and at the same time in the Visitor's Center Wednesday on the Edinburg campus.

**THURSDAY**  
A costume contest will take place at noon in the Student Union on the Edinburg campus.

Student Union Event Manager Mabel Cortina-Matos said this event allows a platform for students to dress up on Halloween.

"It's just one of those amazing Halloween traditions that allows for students to self-express and let loose," Cortina-Matos said. "And it's pretty amazing because some of our students are really into cosplay and then there's a lot of our students that are just into Halloween and they like to make their own Halloween outfits. Some of our winners, a lot of our winners, have been students who made their own Halloween costumes. So that's one of the most amazing parts about this event, is watching the students be creative and show us what they're capable of."

She encourages students to attend for a fun and memorable time at the university.

In celebration of Halloween, the Student Union will also give out free

candy starting at 12:15 p.m. on the veranda in Brownsville.

**FRIDAY**  
The Department of Housing and Residence Life is holding a Day of the Dead Ball from 7 to 11 p.m. in the PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón on the Brownsville campus.

Lead resident assistant for Casa Bella Nayeli Garcia said the event is to educate students on what Día de Los Muertos is.

"It's a fun baile, I would say dance but for some reason the term baile really captures what the event is about," Garcia said. "It's where students can come dressed up, we do have a presentation that explains why Día de Los Muertos is so important to the Latin-American culture and why it's very different from the Halloween tradition, as well as we have an altar where students are encouraged to bring photos of loved ones that have passed away, so that way they can feel that they are being celebrated as well."

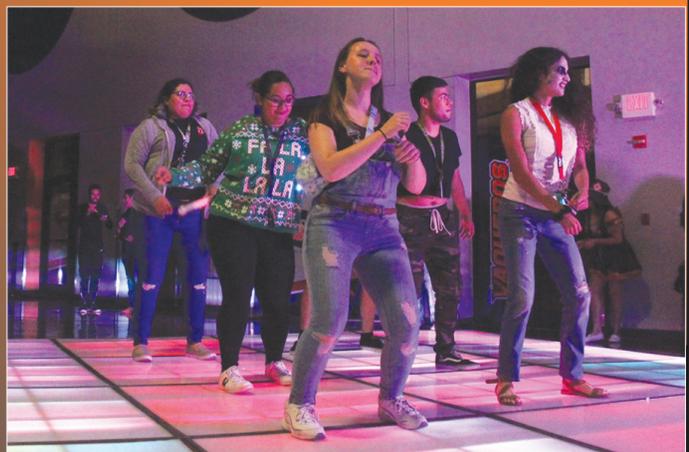
She said students can expect free dinner, refreshments, a photobooth and games.

"This is a way of being proud of that culture and really celebrating the lives of those people that we've loved," Garcia said.



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Theatre junior Esmorejildo Isaiiah Cano dances along to Michael Jackson's "Beat It" during Fright Fest last Thursday at the Student Union on the Edinburg campus.



UTRGV students dance on a lighted dance floor last Thursday during Fright Fest, an event hosted by the Edinburg Student Union. Students were also treated to free food and were able to walk through a haunted house.

# STRANGER THINGS

## AT UTRGV

**JUAN QUIZADA - CUSTODIAN**

**What's the scariest thing you've experienced on campus?**

"When I was working on [Health & Physical Education Complex] I used to go to clean the swimming pool ... I was cleaning up one night, ... and I heard somebody hit the rail, the tubular pipe, and I heard the sound Dnnnnnnnnng! When I came out quickly, there was nobody [around]... I heard...[a] long time ago, there was a lady who died in the swimming pool."

**Have you ever seen a ghost? Do you believe in ghosts?**

"Yes, I believe. ... I know ghosts exist everywhere and I believe if somebody died in a place, I believe ... the bad energy stays in that area."

**What is the most haunted location on campus?**

"Well, I was working at the [Visual Arts building] ... and I was sweeping the hallway and when I turned my eyes to see the end of the hallway, I saw a big animal coming from ceramics, and it went into the wax room. So, quickly I went like 'Oh, what's that?' ... And then quickly I went running and I opened the wax room. I opened the door. There was nobody."

**What haunted locations have you heard about on campus?**

"[The University Library], here on the second floor. Two work partners ... were working there and when they were cleaning up, they heard noises behind them and when they turned around, they saw a baby boy running, like a 5 or 7-year-old boy running. ... They said that before that, they were cleaning again, and a police officer went. He was doing his rounds, and the police officer came to them and told them, 'Hey ... you bring your children over here? Which one of you brought your son?' and both of them told him, 'No, we don't have children here,' and the police officer told them, 'Well, I saw a little kid running through behind me ... I tried to follow and there was nobody in the hallway.'"



**During one of your night shifts, have you ever seen something that couldn't be explained?**

"Yes. One night I was working here [Liberal Arts Building South] on the second floor ... I saw [my crew leader] passing by... I saw a shadow walking and I thought it was her, but she always used tennis shoes to come to work. And then... I [heard] somebody walking with shoes with heels, walking in them, and she told me 'Juan, are you done?' and then I checked my cell phone and I told her 'Hey, I still have two more minutes to finish! Let me finish!' and then I saw the shadow go into the women's bathroom. And then [I thought], 'Oh OK, I'm gonna make a joke. I'm gonna play with her ... I'm gonna wait for her then as soon as she comes out, I'm gonna scare her.' I was hiding on the side of the bathroom, and she never came out. And then 5 minutes later, she came behind me and she told me 'Juan, are you finished?'"

**Do you think our campus is haunted?**

"I believe so. One of my friends was telling me that [a] long, long time ago, that some area of the campus was a cemetery. So, the school before UTRGV, UT Pan American, they bought that area, and they built buildings."

--Compiled by Klaudia Cedillo

**MADYSON SAUTER POLITICAL SCIENCE FRESHMAN**

**What's the scariest thing you've experienced on campus?**

"Well, I would have to say that the spookiest place would be the dorms, because everyone here talks about how they're haunted and I never believed that until around the second or third week, when I was sitting in my bed one night and my door closed randomly. I first thought it was the AC, and I was totally fine with it, or my roommates pranking me, but then a couple weeks later it was probably at, like, 3 in the morning, I was studying for a late exam and I was on my bed and I was just about to fall asleep and my shower turned on. I thought it was something with the water and I went up and the actual handle was turned all the way. Ever since then, our AC has been turning off and on by itself, it's been going to heat, it's been freaking out. Our refrigerator will be open sometimes and, like, the refrigerator door is heavy, so if it opens, it closes unless someone holds it, but we'll walk by and the refrigerator door will be all the way open."

**Have you ever seen a ghost? Do you believe in ghosts?**

"I have never seen a ghost and I do not want to see a ghost, but I do believe that something is making my shower turn on randomly."

**What is the most haunted location on campus?**

"Oh, the dorms 100%."

**What haunted locations have you heard about on campus?**

"I've always just heard about the dorms, every different building has their own story whether it's Sarah or a girl named Evelyne, you just have to ask around, but everyone in a different building has their own 'ghost story.'"

**Do you think our campus is haunted?**

"Oh, yeah 100%, like, we're right next to the border. Palo Alto is just a little bit away and so, definitely, I believe that maybe something happened or stressed out college students may have, like, taken a couple pills or something and have died. I don't know, I don't wanna figure it out."

--Compiled by Alejandra Yañez



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FOR MORE SPOOKY STORIES

# Affordable HALLOWEEN costume ideas

**Hania Rocio**

THE RIDER

Spooky season is here and the UTRGV community is in the spirit of Halloween by making their own costumes.

Because of busy schedules, many students do not have the time nor the money to afford a decent costume. They prefer to look for different options on the internet, such as DIY videos or blogs that are inexpensive and easy to make.

UTRGV Art Professor Brian D. Dick has worked on multiple art projects that consist of creating his costumes based on objects he finds at thrift stores.

"I like stuff, I like objects, you know, and I feel like a lot of times objects, as long as you can wear them and they fit, they can be really funny and interesting without a lot of modification," Dick said. "Another good thing to look at is the thrift store because you can find a lot of cool things you could wear as costumes. I think it's harder to try and make a costume set to an idea you already have. It's probably easier to let the materials, themselves, define what the costume might look like."

On the other hand, many students prefer to have a set idea about what to make in order to get the proper materials.

Basic costume-making materials include cardboard, paper mâché, paint, among others. Many materials can be found at low prices in stores such as Walmart or the Dollar Tree.

UTRGV students are also working on their own

Halloween costumes.

Studio art senior Brenda Juarez said, "I usually get my ideas from Pinterest and see what inspires me, but mostly it's just out of my head. Just go into a cheap store, like Walmart, where they have Halloween decorations and stuff. As long as you have the passion for it and you really want to do it, like for me, Halloween is just another way to express myself and it's just something really fun."

Another important factor for any Halloween costume is makeup.

There are many affordable drugstore makeup brands, such as wet n wild, NYX, Ben Nye, among others. These makeup brands' retail prices range from \$5 to \$15 per product and can be easily found at any dollar store.

Kathia Rodriguez, an anthropology junior, offered some Halloween makeup tips.

"The first thing you got to have is a clean face because ... face oils will mess up the makeup that you have on," Rodriguez said. "If you are doing a full face, it will be nice to have, like, a setting powder of some kind to make it last. It's good to invest in good face paint ... like, Ben Nye. ... It's super good."

She encourages all students to try Halloween makeup, even those who have less experience.

"If you really want to do it, like, it doesn't matter your skill set," Rodriguez said. "You can do it. I know a lot of people are like, 'Oh, I am not an art person,' but, you know, it's always good to just try."



## The Doodler

By Elizabeth Mendoza



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# Running toward the WAC

## Cross-country team set records en route to championship

**Angel De La Cruz**  
SPORTS REPORTER

UTRGV Men's and Women's Cross-Country Teams prepare for their Western Athletic Conference Championship this Saturday in Kansas City, Missouri.

The men's team competed Oct. 19, finishing 13th out of 26 affiliations in the South Texas Showdown presented by the Navy Army Community Credit Union.

According to [goutrgv.com](http://goutrgv.com), many players broke program and personal records.

Cross-Country Head Coach Darren Flowers was proud of the outcome during the competition.

"I saw some things on the horizon coming with a few of these kids ... with Abraham [Chirchir], and even Alex Muñoz, I saw him progressing in workouts," Flowers said. "We knew it was going to be a matter of time before these athletes were gonna break through."

Sophomore Chirchir finished with a time of 23:41.2, breaking the program's previous 8K record with a 1.8 second difference.

Finishing 28th in the competition, freshman Muñoz

also entered the record book by recording the 10th fastest time in program history with a time of 24:27.1.

The women's team also participated in the South Texas Showdown to break some records of their own.

Sophomore Dorcas Koech also entered women's program history as the third fastest in 6K finishing 17th out of 238 competitors.

The teams are currently preparing for the WAC Championship.

"WAC has become one of the best mid-major conferences in cross-country in the nation," Flowers said. "Teams in our conference are winning big meets and it's no slouch of [a] conference, so it's very, very tough. We have some really, really good kids up front. ... Our biggest challenge is for our three, four, five, six to close the gap between our one and two."

After being recognized by the U.S. Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association, UTRGV will enter the WAC Championship as a Top Ten in regional ranking.

The women's team jumped four positions to rank 8th at regionals, while the men ranked 9th.



UTRGV men's cross-country runner Abraham Chirchir (right) placed first at the Texas A&M Invitational Sept. 13 at College Station. COURTESY PHOTO

# SPOOKY season tales with athletes



Men's basketball senior forward Isaiah Fontaine

**Is a pumpkin a fruit or vegetable?**  
"I think it's a vegetable because it grows from the ground."

**What is the best Halloween memory you have?**

"The best Halloween memory I have is probably Trick-or-Treating in the city with my friends at a young age. Not necessarily a specific year, just the whole idea of Halloween and walking around with your friends and stuff."

**What was your first Halloween costume?**

"My first Halloween costume, I think, was a basketball. I think I was just like in some sort of big puffy basketball thing as a 1-year-old kid. I don't know. I've just seen pictures of it. I was confused myself."

**Would you spend a full night inside a haunted house if someone paid you? What is your price?**

"Yeah, I don't believe in ghosts or anything like that. So, I wouldn't have anything to be worried about. My price is \$200."

**What is the creepiest thing that**

**has ever happened to you while you were alone?**

"I saw some sort of unidentified flying object one day while I was walking in the woods on the way back from football practice my junior year of high school. It was like some sort of colorful orb flying through the air, but it looked like some sort of aircraft. I don't think it was a ghost or anything like that, but it was pretty creepy. I was pretty confused."



Women's basketball junior forward Iva Belosevic

**If you were trapped in one scary movie, which would you choose?**

"Annabelle. I think it's, like, scary and when I watch it, I get a lot of adrenaline and I want to see what is going to happen next. The first one, because there is a doll and I am really scared of dolls, so I wanted to see how I am going to react if I see something like that."

**Name something you would not want to run into in a dark forest or in an abandoned building?**

"A serial killer."

**If you could only wear one Halloween costume for the rest of your life, what would you be?**

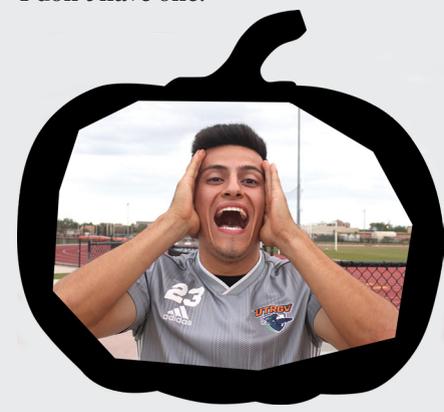
"A princess. Princess Jasmine from Aladdin."

**What has been your favorite all-time Halloween costume?**

"Probably a princess because when I was little, I was always dressing up in princess costumes."

**Who is your favorite horror monster or villain?**

"I don't have one."



Men's soccer senior forward Sergio Loredó

**Would you ever go to a graveyard at night?**

"No, I would never. I'm too scared to do that."

**In a zombie apocalypse, what is your weapon of choice?**

"A mini gun. The rat-a-tat-a-tat-a-tat one."

**You are home alone, and you hear footsteps in your house at 3 a.m. What do you do?**

"Ahhh!!"

**While watching scary movies, are you the person who yells at the characters, the person with their eyes covered the whole time or the person who falls asleep?**

"Maybe fall asleep."

**Who is your favorite scary character?**

"Frankenstein."



Men's soccer sophomore midfielder Damian Magallan

**Which horror movie scarred you for life?**

"Annabelle, the first one. I don't know why, but the doll made me all scared."

**What would you do if your teammate was captured by the killer of a movie? Help them? If so, how, or leave them and run for your life?**

"I would leave them and run for my life to be honest."

**You are in a horror movie. Are you the final girl, the first to die, the comic relief, the skeptic, the smart one or the killer?**

"I'm probably the one making jokes. I would be joking about how the others are scared."

**What is your favorite scary movie?**

"My favorite scary movie is the 'Scary Movie,' literally. The ones called 'Scary Movie.'"

**What is the first thing you do when you hear there is a zombie apocalypse?**

"I would probably go get some rifles."

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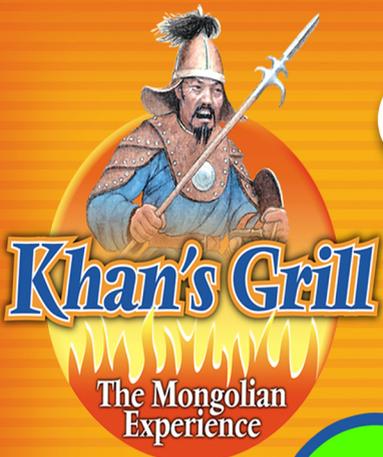
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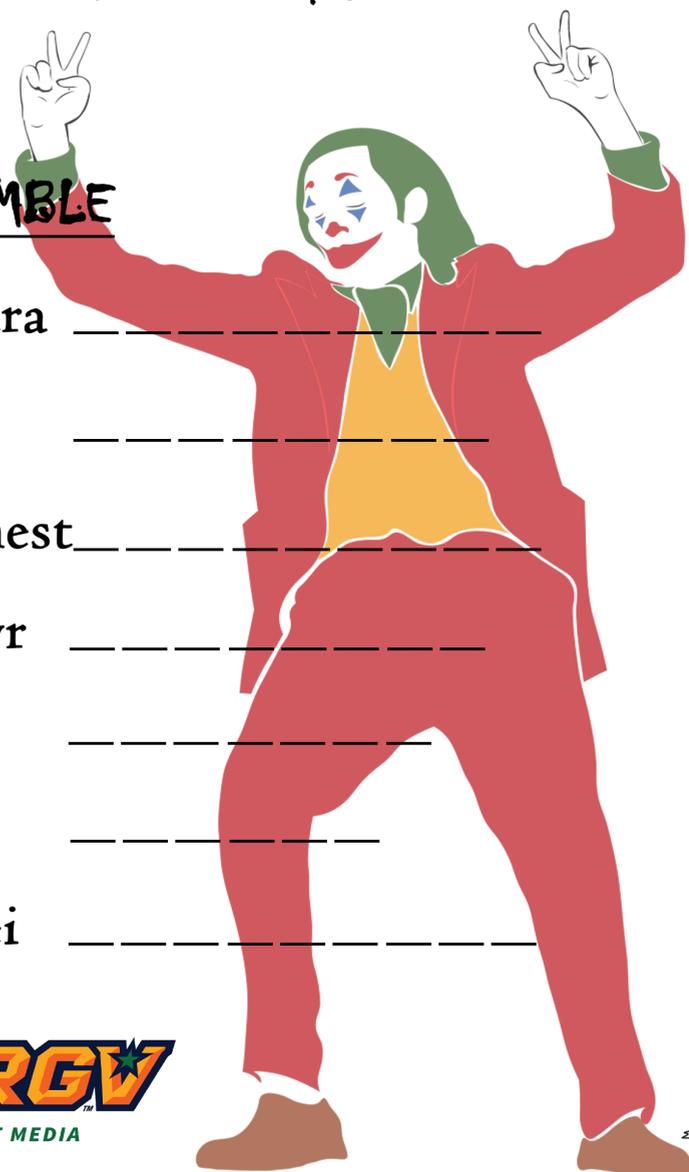
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