

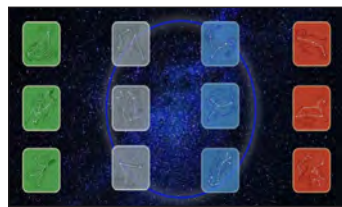
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Daniela Martínez Salazar/THE RIDER
 Lot B1 on the Brownsville campus filled quickly last week, making it difficult for students to find parking.

Parking problems

Juan Villarreal
 THE RIDER

A combination of a boom in in-person classes following the COVID-19 pandemic and the largest freshman class in UTRGV history has led to the fueling of the fire of an already major concern regarding UTRGV, parking on campus.

“From home to getting to class is about 40 minutes,” said Lorena Torres, a criminal justice major who lives in San Juan. “The drive is 20.”

English graduate student Daniella Arredondo said there is not enough parking for students.

“You’re going to admit so many students and not have

enough parking,” Arredondo said. “That’s ridiculous.”

The Rider asked over 15 students if the parking situation caused them to make adjustments to their schedule. Every student said that it had.

“I need to start leaving my house at 6:30,” psychology senior Jessica Anaya said. “I check my phone and it says it will take 40 minutes, but as you’re driving, more traffic is coming in. So, there’s really no way to calculate how long I am going to drive.”

These concerns have always been prominent at UTRGV, but construction on both the Edinburg and Brownsville campuses has made this situation more chaotic.

In Brownsville, the Center for Human Genetics is under construction in Lot B-2, decreasing the number of available parking spaces.

According to an Aug. 29 email from the university, Schunior Street is indefinitely closed for construction between Sugar

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Rowing, registering, writing

Teresita Dominguez
 THE RIDER

Beyond the usual variety of lifting equipment found in a gym, the University Recreation Center has much more to offer.

University Recreation Center Director Kimberly Rottet said that in addition to having the Rio Grande Valley’s only climbing wall, the UREC on the Edinburg campus provides aquatic activities, intramural sports, student-run sports clubs, group fitness classes and more.

“Whether you’re very experienced or new to the university, you always benefit from having a second pair of eyes.”

--Marlene Galvan
 Writing Center Director

Classes that are not offered in person for the Brownsville campus can still be accessed virtually.

“If there’s not a particular class there, we try to be very cognizant about having that virtual option,” Rottet said.

Stepping out of the COVID-19 pandemic, the UREC will again offer its Outdoor Adventures program. Students from both campuses can sign up for
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PERFECT PICNIC



Roxanna Miranda/THE RIDER
 UTRGV President Guy Bailey fist bumps accounting freshmen Azul Castro during the Picnic with the President & Executive Leadership event last Wednesday in Brownsville. More than 800 people attended the event on the Brownsville campus and about 1,600 in Edinburg.

Texas trigger law in effect

ABORTION LAWS & RESTRICTIONS

According to Texas House Bill 1280,

•The law makes no exceptions in cases of “victim of rape or incest.”

•Violations of the law are punishable by up to life in prison.

Restrictions:

•The law will prohibit abortion around six weeks of gestation except when the mother is at high risk of death.

•Civil penalty is no less than \$100,000.

Source:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/html/HB01280L.htm>

Aurora Acevedo/THE RIDER GRAPHIC

Fatima Gamez Lopez
 SPANISH EDITOR

The UTRGV community has differing views on Texas House Bill 1280, the so-called trigger law that bans almost all abortions.

The state’s trigger law states that performing an abortion is now a felony punishable by up to life in prison and a civil penalty of “not less than \$100,000 for each violation.”

“It’s a very dangerous situation for a lot of people of

reproductive age, basically,” said Mónica Clua-Losada, a UTRGV political science professor. “It creates an unsafe situation for anybody who has reproductive organs and, you know, we all now find our bodies in danger of not being able to receive the health care that we deserve.”

Clua-Losada said low-income women will be affected by the trigger law.

“People who have money, who also have the legal status that allows them to travel, they will still be able to travel to places where they will be able to have abortions,” she said. “But there are a lot of women that that possibility is not available

to them, either because they don’t have money to pay for that travel on top of paying for the procedure. ... But, also, it places a huge challenge for those women who might not have the legal right to move freely as well.”

On July 26, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its official decision on the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization case, clearing the way for Texas House Bill 1280, known as the trigger law, to ban almost all abortions.

The law, which went into effect Aug. 25, prohibits abortion around six weeks of gestation except when “in
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday Christians at RGV Tabling

Christians at RGV will hand out **flyers** today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Student Union lawn on the Brownsville campus.

Involvement Fair

Students can learn about university organizations at the **Involvement Fair**, scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. on the Chapel Lawn on the Edinburg campus. The event is hosted by the **Center for Student Involvement and Involvement Ambassadors**. There will be **free food** and **giveaways**. RSVP on V Link. For questions and accommodations, email csi@utrgv.edu.

Bilingual Education Student Organization

BESO will hold a meeting today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Education Complex Room 2.224 on the Edinburg campus. The event can be attended via Zoom. Officers and members will give information regarding the organization, its events and how to become a member.

Host Club General Meeting

The **Host Club** will meet today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship Room 121 on the Edinburg campus.

K.I.S.S. General Meeting

The **Korean International Student Society** will host a meeting from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Health Affairs Building West Room 1.404 on the Edinburg campus, and at the same time and place Tuesday through Thursday.

A Game with APsi

Alpha Psi Lambda will meet from noon to 2 p.m. in Interdisciplinary Academic Building Room 1.219 on the Brownsville campus. Attendees will get to know members of the fraternity while playing board games, card games and more.

Want to Bee a KDChi?

Kappa Delta Chi will meet from 4 to 6 p.m. in Interdisciplinary Engineering & Academic Building Room 2.209 on the Edinburg campus. They will do crafts and give information about the sorority. For questions and accommodations, email alphabetarecruitment@kappadeltachi.org.

Doves and Donuts

Sigma Delta Lambda will hold an informational session about the sorority from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Sabal Hall Room 1.108-ITV on the Brownsville campus. **Free doughnuts** will be available.

Tau Kappa Epsilon

Tau Kappa Epsilon will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. in the University Center's Bronc Room on the Edinburg campus.

Tuesday

Holy Mass

The **Catholic Student Association** will celebrate **Mass** from 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. in the Chapel on the Edinburg campus.

Criminal Justice Meeting

The **American Criminal Justice Association Sigma Kappa Chi** will meet from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Brownsville Bible Reading

Christians at RGV will host a Bible reading from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Student Union Room 2.24 on the Brownsville campus. There will be **free food**.

Study Night

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Inc. will hold a study night from 4 to 6 p.m. in the University Ballroom on the Edinburg campus.

Wednesday

Brownsville Bible Study

Christians at RGV will host a Bible reading at noon to 1:45 p.m. in the Brownsville Student Union. There will be **free food**.

K.I.S.S. Fundraiser

The **Korean International Student Society** will sell Asian snacks from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. outside the University Library on the Edinburg campus.

Fiestas Patrias

The **Campus Activities Board** will celebrate Fiestas Patrias from 4 to 6 p.m. on the Student Union lawn on the Brownsville campus. There will be **food, games and music**.

Intergalactic Cinema

Sigma Delta Lambda will hold a movie night from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Sabal Hall in Brownsville. There will be **free food and drinks**.

Thursday

IMA General Meeting

The Association of **Accountants and Financial Professionals in Business** will meet from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. in Robert C. Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship Room 120G. There will be **free food**.

BESO Professional Development

Ricardo Sanchez, UTRGV coordinator of the Educator Preparation Program, will answer questions and provide information about the Bilingual Education Student Organization from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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Sigma Lambda Gamma Info Session

Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Inc. will hold an informational session about their sorority from 4 to 6 p.m. in the University Ballroom on the Edinburg campus.

ASCE General Meeting

The **American Society of Civil Engineers** will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. in Engineering Room 1.300 on the Edinburg campus. There will be **free food** and information regarding upcoming fundraisers, competitions, socials and recruitment.

Friday

Constitution Day

The **University Library** will hold a celebration of the constitution's anniversary from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Library Room 1.118 on the Brownsville campus.

Loteria Night

Bilingual Education Student Organization members will play loteria from 6 to 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Delta Zeta Informational

Delta Zeta will hold an informational session about their sorority from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the University Ballroom on the Edinburg campus.

Saturday

Little Black Dress

Sigma Delta Lambda will host a dinner party from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in Main Building Room 2.402 on the Brownsville campus. RSVP on V Link.

--Compiled by Landon Burns

POLICE REPORTS

The following are among the incidents reported to University Police between Sept. 2 and 5.



Sept. 2

10:25 a.m.: Officers came upon a single-motor-vehicle collision with a fire hydrant on the 300 block of North Sugar Road in Edinburg. No injuries were reported.

11:33 a.m.: An employee reported losing his wallet in the Robert C.

Vackar College of Business and Entrepreneurship building on the Edinburg campus.

Sept. 3

1:35 a.m.: While on foot patrol at Rusteberg Hall in Brownsville, an officer noticed damages to the lower corner of the exterior glass sliding door. A work order was generated for repairs.

Sept. 5

5:05 p.m.: A Student Rights and Responsibilities employee reported being concerned about the well-being of a non-affiliated man. An officer made contact with the man's mother at their Harlingen residence. She informed the officer that her son is a mental health consumer and was currently being treated by a doctor. The information was confirmed through prior reports.

--Compiled by Arisbeth Rodriguez

SERVICES

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affordable trips, which allows them to explore and take on adventurous journeys outside, according to the UREC website.

"Our Outdoor Adventure program could be anything from a day at Sea Turtle, Inc... to camping at Garner State Park with some of the skills that go along with that," Rottet said.

The UREC is open Monday through Saturday. Its hours of operation and schedule of events can be found on its website.

Reymundo Ramos, associate vice president for Student Success, told The Rider about the importance of the Advising Center and using the resource to the fullest.

With a caseload of about 300 to 350 students, the advising center helps all students, from freshmen to seniors.

"[Advising] is here to help students

make connections not only to [advising staff] but to the rest of ... their UTRGV team," Ramos said.

That includes the Office of Financial Aid, the Career Center and the Counseling Center.

"Students may not know the resources and may not wanna go make contact with the resources so we can pick up a phone and help make that connection," Ramos said.

He urges students to see advisers before classes open for registration.

"What we're trying to encourage students to do is make your appointment early," Ramos said. "Come see us in September. We'll do a plan ahead where all your courses, course recommendations are already in there. And all you have to do is put them in Assist."

The Advising Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Appointments can be made through phone and in person. On the Edinburg campus, the center is located in the International Trade and Technology Building and in Main Building Room 1.402 on the Brownsville campus.

Writing Center Director Marlene Galvan said part of the department's mission is to "empower students through their writing [and] help them develop their voices [and] academic writing skills."

Galvan said whether it's academic, professional, creative or personal, a student may submit any form of writing, from discussion posts to emails directed toward a professor.

"We want them to know that their writing is important and valid and worthy of respect, and we're gonna treat it like that when they come in to visit us and have a conversation about their

writing," Galvan said.

She said all writers benefit from feedback.

"Whether you're very experienced or new to the university, you always benefit from having a second pair of eyes," Galvan said.

The Writing Center offers a peer tutor model, which means all the tutors are students, she said.

"Every tutor who's employed here is kind, service-oriented [and] wants to help students," Galvan said.

Appointments can be made on the Writing Center's website.

The center's operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. Asynchronous feedback is available from 1 to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Tutorial videos on specific writing topics are available on its website.



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Hesitant funding approval

Brownsville City Commission OKs final reading on HOT grant allocation

Natalie Lapsley
THE RIDER

Last Tuesday, Brownsville city commissioners cast a split vote after struggling to agree on how to approach allocation of the HOT funds, money collected from the Hotel Occupancy Tax which is then granted to organizations that attract tourism.

Due to the fact that the Mitte Cultural District was among the organizations requesting HOT funds, Roy De Los Santos, Brownsville District 3 city commissioner and a board member of the Mitte Foundation that created the district, temporarily withdrew himself from the meeting to avoid a conflict of interest.

In 1998, the Mitte Foundation, which hosts the goal of supporting community organizations, began a \$3 million endeavor to refurbish Dean Porter Park and created the Mitte Cultural District in Brownsville to stimulate cultural, historical and educational awareness in the community, according to its website.

Following De Los Santos' exit, Miguel Cavazos, budget officer for the City of Brownsville, and Monica Tellam, interim Communications and Marketing director, began a presentation of the HOT fund requests, which were tabled during the Aug. 16



Arisbeth Rodriguez/THE RIDER

Pedro Cardenas, Brownsville District 4 city commissioner, asks the Mitte Cultural District representatives which organizations would benefit from the district's request for \$40,000 from the Hotel Occupancy Tax funds during last Tuesday's Brownsville City Commission meeting. "I think at the end of the day, you're going to have to find a way to gauge the effectiveness of the funding and be accountable like all these other organizations," Cardenas told the cultural district's chair, Dillon Vanderford.

meeting due to concerns raised by commissioners.

"We are recommending, with this budget, to fill the requests as [they were] received," Cavazos said. "We will be using both the Fiscal Year 2023 proposed budget as well as one-time funding for the Brownsville Historic Preservation and the

Gorgas Science Foundation."

Nurith Galonsky, Brownsville District 1 city commissioner, moved to address certain requests individually, such as the submissions from the Sombrero Festival and the Mitte Cultural District. Pedro Cardenas, Brownsville District 4 city commissioner, seconded the

motion, which was then passed.

Sombrero Festival representatives, who have never applied for money from the city before, were called forward, and said the requested \$100,000 would go toward "the production cost in promoting the event."

"We felt that, at this point,

it would be helpful for us to go ahead and apply for [funds] so that we could use it, again, to do what we've been doing [in regard to promotion] but be able to also keep our ticket [prices] low, so that it's open and available to the community," said Michelle Garcia, chief marketing officer for Sombrero Festival.

Galonsky said the HOT funds are used to help bring in tourism, which the festival already accomplishes without city funding.

Similar concerns were raised about the fund request submitted by the Mitte Cultural District, which requested \$40,000, also solely for marketing purposes.

"A majority of that goes for advertising for the Mitte Cultural District," said Veronica Garcia, executive director of the Mitte Cultural District. "So we have several events that we'd be focusing [on] that would be digital and social media and actual print advertising, as well."

"There's also a portion for promotional items to be purchased, and there's also a portion for travel for tourism."

The funds would be used for promotion of the district as a whole, or "umbrella advertising."

Galonsky, Cardenas, Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Tetreau, and John Cowen, city commissioner

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Outdoor learning

UTRGV student shows how internships open doors to new opportunities

Andrea Flores
THE RIDER

Environmental science senior Deisy Garcia encourages students to gain experience with internships after she encountered first-time opportunities interning at the U.S. Forest Service in Sisters, Oregon.

Garcia said the internship gave her the opportunity to expand her knowledge about her specification, which is soil science.

"It ... allowed me to have a broader perspective, because, since I've been so focused [in soil science], I haven't really taken the time to, like, pay attention to the flowers, to botany," she said.

Garcia said she learned to think beyond just soil because she had the chance to help a graduate student with their project at the Forest Service.

Although she did not originally intend to apply for the internship, the opportunity brought new experiences into her life, such as camping, going out of state and traveling by plane.

"It was kind of frightening," Garcia said. "Like, the McAllen airport is small, so I didn't get lost, but the Dallas one has

a train that has to take you around. I had to go on a train to go to a different terminal."

She also described her experience at the cabin where she stayed during the internship.

"When you wake up from the cabins, there's deer walking by," Garcia said. "Like, you see them all the time."

"If you're not doing an internship because you're scared, then you should just do it because in the end of the day, it's such an experience that no one would ever take it away."

--Deisy Garcia
UTRGV environmental science senior

Some types of research Garcia contributed to during her internship were animal surveys for the wildlife team, such as those investigating owls, bats and frogs, and invasive species surveys for the botany team.

"They were the most interesting because it wasn't everything the same," Garcia said.

Other activities, she said, were participating with the archeology team, which

examines any fossils or medicinal herbs in the area, and working with the special management team, which conducts search and rescue parties and suicide attempt prevention.

Engil Pereira, an assistant professor in the School of Earth, Environmental & Marine Sciences who taught Garcia and has worked with her in her other internship at UTRGV, described how the Forest Service has positively affected Garcia.

"Before, she only knew so much in terms of what we do in our lab, what she has learned from classes," Pereira said. "But now she knows a lot more and the application of that knowledge in real life."

Garcia gave some words of advice to students who are hesitant about applying to internships.

"If you're not doing an internship because you're scared, then you should just do it because in the end of the day, it's such an experience that no one would ever take it away," she said. "You'll learn a lot more ... in the internship ... than in the class, because that's how I was learning."

Jack Kaufold, internship



COURTESY PHOTO

Environmental science senior Deisy Garcia stands next to the invasive species plant Mullein during her work with the botany team in the U.S. Forest Service internship in Sisters, Oregon. The plant is also known as the toilet paper plant due to its durable and soft leaves.

program manager for the UTRGV Career Center, said that each year over 35% of UTRGV students participate in internships.

"This percentage could be higher depending on whether they are pursuing internships as part of internship courses, program requirements, or other factors that depend on

their degrees," Kaufold said.

Pereira said most students do not participate in internships because they think their lack of experience sets them up for failure.

"That's something students also forget to consider," she said. "You're there to get the training, not to show your training."



VAQUERO VOICE

In your opinion, what should UTRGV do to resolve the parking situation?



Mark Colmenares
Graphic design sophomore

"Honestly, I think we should speed up the construction a bit. I feel, right now, the biggest issue is just that all the roads are blocked off to our parking spots. I feel like, right now, it took me, like, an extra five minutes just because, like, the entrances to the parking spots were just blocked off."

In defense of casual dating



Juan Villarreal
THE RIDER

about dating!" they do not need to care one bit about dating at this moment. This column is purely for those of the single-and-considering-mingling variety.

For some, dating is a waste of time. They say that they go on dates and they feel nothing, which is an annoyance to them. These people spent all that time, and in some cases money, for *nada* in return. I believe this is the wrong perspective to have. It is best to look at bad dates as learning experiences.

There are some things you can only learn from experience, and what you need in a partner is one of them.

They have taught me what I look for in a partner and, maybe more importantly, what I definitely do not want in a partner. I found out that a person chewing a *single* piece of gum for *three hours* is not a turn-on.

There are some things you can only learn from experience, and what you need in a partner is one of them.

Some people get lucky and find their best partner early in life, but for most of us, this will only come through trial-and-error. For example, I always thought I wanted somebody really sweet, but after casual dating for a while, I have found that my personality works

better with somebody who has a bit of a snark.

Of course, this does not mean we should all go on dates for psychological self-discovery; dating should not be a grueling process in which we suffer until we find someone perfect for us. Above all else you should go on dates because dating is fun. It is a chance to meet somebody you find attractive and interesting to get to know them better. A few hours to do something fun with a person you, hopefully, like and, hopefully, likes you.

All dates have an element of risk and the sooner you accept this, the better your experience will be. This is not to say that you need to take every dating opportunity for the sake of the experience, but it is a call to maybe expand your horizons and think about what you are looking for in a date. Are you disappointed because the dates are bad or are you disappointed that the dates were not perfect in the way you imagined?

This is not a call to lower your bar, or to accept mediocre partners, but it is a gentle reminder that not every conversation will have instant chemistry. Not every person will meet your standards of beauty and even if you end the date and decide that the person is not for you, maybe they could still be a friend. Maybe they have potential for somebody else in your life.

Maybe that experience had
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"I think, at present, UTRGV needs to increase the parking lots. They need to increase the places so that people can park their cars in here. There is not enough space, at present. And, also, they can increase the VOLT services, because some students live near the UTRGV campus, so they can use VOLTs. They don't need to come here with their cars, so that the crowd of cars will be decreased."



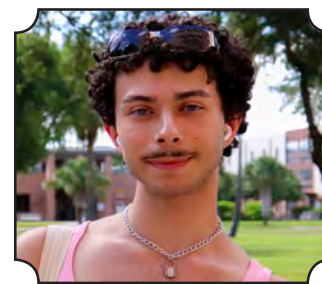
Jahid Inam Chowdhury
Chemistry graduate student



Valeria Baldelas
Integrated health science junior

"Today, in the morning, I got here at 10:10 because my class is at 11. It took me the whole time to find parking space. I did not get to my class until 11:16 and all of the parking spaces were closed. I'm not sure why, so I just think they should open them. There's no reason for them to be closed. Or whenever they're directing traffic, like, let us go. Like, some people have been in line since forever and I didn't even get here. I had to go, like, reroute all the way to the back of the gym to walk to the Liberal Arts Building North."

"There's just, like, no more parking here, and, especially with all the incoming freshmen, it's just been really difficult to find a parking spot. A lot of us students have had to be coming an hour earlier. It's honestly terrible. In this heat, honestly, I've just been sweating."



Jim Pena
Integrated health science sophomore

--Compiled by Abigail Ollave and Andrea Flores
--Photos by Abigail Ollave

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Ley de activación de Texas entra en vigor

Fatima Gamez Lopez
EDITORA DE ESPAÑOL

La comunidad de UTRGV tiene puntos de vista diferentes sobre el proyecto de ley 1280 de la Cámara de Representantes de Texas, la llamada ley de activación que prohíbe casi todos los abortos.

La ley de activación del estado establece que realizar un aborto ahora es un delito punible con hasta cadena perpetua y una sanción civil de “no menos de \$100,000 por cada violación”.

“Es una situación muy peligrosa para muchas personas en edad reproductiva, básicamente”, dijo Mónica Clua-Losada, profesora de ciencias políticas de UTRGV. “Crea una situación insegura para cualquiera que tenga órganos reproductivos y, ya sabes, todos ahora encontramos nuestros cuerpos en peligro de no poder recibir la atención médica que merecemos”.

Clua-Losada dijo que las mujeres de escasos recursos se verán afectadas por la ley de activación.

“Las personas que tienen dinero, que también tienen el estatus legal que les permite viajar, todavía podrán viajar a lugares donde podrán abortar”, dijo. “Pero hay muchas mujeres que no tienen esa posibilidad, ya sea porque no tienen dinero para pagar ese viaje además de pagar el procedimiento. ... Pero, también, representa un gran

desafío para aquellas mujeres que a lo mejor no tienen el derecho legal de moverse libremente”.

El 26 de julio, la Corte Suprema de los EE.UU. emitió su decisión oficial sobre el caso en *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, allanando el camino para el proyecto de ley 1280 de la Cámara de Representantes de Texas, conocido como la ley de activación para prohibir casi todos los abortos.

La ley, que entró en vigencia el 25 de agosto, prohíbe el aborto alrededor de las seis semanas de gestación, excepto cuando “en el ejercicio de un juicio médico razonable, la mujer embarazada a la que se le realiza, induce o intenta el aborto tiene una condición física potencialmente mortal, causada por o derivada de un embarazo que ponga a la mujer en riesgo de muerte o presente un riesgo grave de deterioro sustancial de una función corporal importante, a menos que el aborto sea realizado o inducido”, según la Sec. 170A.002 (b)(2) del Código de Salud y Seguridad de Texas.

La ley no tiene excepciones sobre el aborto, incluso en casos de “víctima de violación o incesto”.

El Código de Salud y Seguridad define el aborto como “el acto de usar o prescribir un instrumento, una droga, un medicamento o cualquier otra sustancia, dispositivo o medio

LEYES Y RESTRICCIONES DE ABORTO

Según el proyecto de ley de Texas 1280,

- La ley no hace excepciones en los casos de “víctima de violación o incesto”.
- Las violaciones de la ley se castigan con hasta cadena perpetua.

Restricciones:

- La ley prohibirá el aborto alrededor de las seis semanas de gestación, excepto cuando la madre esté en alto riesgo de muerte.
- La penalización civil no es inferior a \$100,000.

Fuente:

<https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/html/HB01280I.htm>

Aurora Acevedo/GRÁFICA RIDER

con la intención de causar la muerte del niño por nacer de una mujer embarazada”.

Clua-Losada dijo que la ley afecta la libertad que las personas tienen sobre su cuerpo.

“La legislación actual no contempla excepciones por violación o incesto”, dijo. “Así que tenemos una situación en la que una mujer podría ser violada ... y podría enfrentar una sentencia de prisión más larga que la del violador. Entonces el hecho de que eso haya sido eliminado es un verdadero ataque a la autonomía y libertad del cuerpo de las personas”.

Clua-Losada dijo que es importante que la comunidad de UTRGV conozca los recursos

que se ofrecen.

South Texans for Reproductive Justice, una organización sin fines de lucro centrada en la salud reproductiva, la justicia reproductiva, la libertad y la autonomía, proporciona pastillas anticonceptivas de emergencia gratuitas. Sirven a los siguientes condados en el sur de Texas: Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Kennedy, Starr, Willacy, Zapata y Webb. Los habitantes del sur de Texas pueden solicitar anticonceptivos de emergencia en bit.ly/rgvplanb.

Frontera Fund es un “fondo de aborto de apoyo práctico y asistencia financiera para personas que residen en el Valle

del Río Grande”, según su sitio web.

Mariela Trujillo, presidenta de la organización *Students for Life* en UTRGV, a la que se le puede contactar en utrgvstudentsforlife@gmail.com, dijo que su objetivo es hacer del aborto una decisión impensable para las mujeres.

“Soy pro vida, porque la vida comienza en el momento de la concepción y creo que la vida es bella ... y todo ser humano tiene derecho a la vida”, dijo Trujillo. “Si no podemos defender a los más inocentes, que son nuestros niños, ¿qué somos como nación? Si no podemos defender a los más inocentes ... entonces

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TECHDAYS

Cyber security > Web design > Gaming > UI/UX > IT Support Services

Brownsville Campus:
PlainsCapital Bank El Gran Salón
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 2022

Edinburg Campus:
Ballroom
Monday, Oct. 3, 2022

Harlingen: UTRGV Clinical Education Building
Auditorium / Rotunda & Hallway
Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022

Open to UTRGV students (student ID recommended).
Visit UTRGV.edu/events/ittechdays for details.

UTRGV Information Technology

REVIEW

'This Fool' setting a standard

Omar E. Zapata
A&E REPORTER

Hulu's new series, "This Fool," is not just any Latino show that tries to push the stereotypical Mexican American experience. Its effortless authenticity, relatability and humor make it a must-watch comedy series.

The show stars co-creator and stand-up comedian Chris Estrada as Julio Lopez, a 30-year-old who works at a South-Central Los Angeles gang rehabilitation nonprofit called "Hugs not Thugs," and his cousin Luis, portrayed by Frankie Quinones, who is forced to partake in the nonprofit's program after eight years in prison.

Julio, just like other millennials, is still living at home with his mother, Esperanza (Laura Patalano), and his grandmother, Maria (Julia Vera). He has to juggle work and home life, and now has to make sure Luis graduates from the program for his own sake and for that of the community.

Julio, having a heightened sense of responsibility for Luis since he's *familia*, becomes his case manager.

Right from the get-go, the two clash.

The two characters could not be more different as Julio is more of a square and Luis more of a wildcard. Both having pros and cons, they will learn to adjust to each other's personalities, all while navigating life in South-Central LA.

The show draws from a lot of real-life experiences from Estrada, which makes it easy to relate to and understand the certain situations the characters face, from living in a multi-generational, bilingual and bicultural home run by a matriarch to Spanish, English and Spanglish being spoken in the home with smooth transitions among the three languages and having that one cousin that has served time and is stuck in the early 2000s.

Each episode explores real situations and experiences that most Latinos have probably been through, which just adds to the authenticity: from Grandma Maria blessing the house when she feels bad vibes and rubbing an egg on everyone to Esperanza trying to save money by stealing supplies from the office she cleans and having a

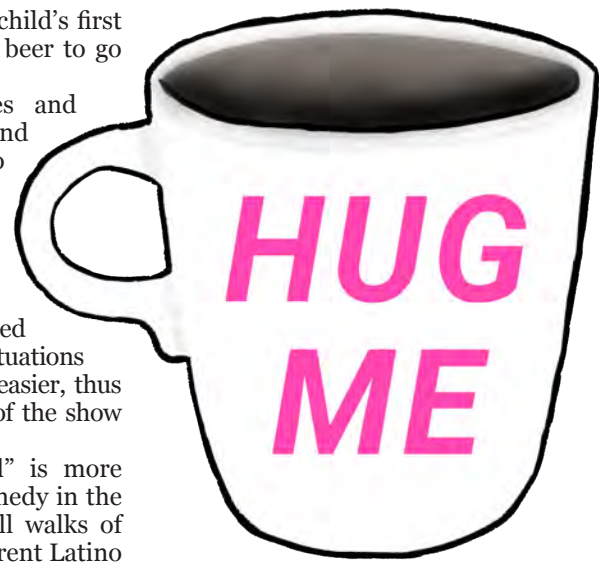
family party to celebrate a child's first communion with plenty of beer to go around.

The show also explores and sheds light on new ideas and situations in the Latino community such as mental health and going to therapy, which an old-school guy like Luis initially rejects, then embraces.

Seeing Latinos represented authentically in real-life situations makes relating to the show easier, thus making the comedy aspect of the show even better.

Even though "This Fool" is more catered for Latinos, the comedy in the show can be enjoyed by all walks of life, even if you have a different Latino experience or no experience at all.

I will, however, nitpick about a small detail in episode eight, "The Devil Made Me Do It," in which a scene depicts the family gathered in front of a church for a child's communion. The accompanying music is clearly Norteño because of the accordion, but the subtitle labels it as mariachi music. There is no accordion in



traditional mariachi music. I don't know how one noticed this detail in a show that is all about the Mexican American experience.

Nonetheless, "This Fool" has set a standard for a Latino-centered comedy that focuses on the Mexican American experience through a modern lens.

Astrology Rider: Weekly Horoscopes

Danielle Perez
ONLINE EDITOR

Aries-Listen to your thoughts and reflect on what is happening within yourself. In any situation, be vulnerable and honest with your heart first, then act. It is OK to go back on decisions you've already made. This is your life and story. Take control.

Leo-Avoid being stubborn when something doesn't go your way. Remember, there are always two sides to a story. Put yourself in the opposite position and try to understand what is going on. Be patient and considerate and let things fall in your favor.

Sagittarius-This month may feel overwhelming due to important events happening in your life. Take time to refresh and redirect whenever you start to feel drained. Separate your tasks by sections and start knocking them out day by day.

Libra-On your days off, take a trip down memory lane by doing activities you used to do before. Stop letting work and other responsibilities take time away from what you enjoy doing most. It is important to allow yourself to have fun and not feel pressured all the time.

Gemini-Although you're reaching for success in your career, sometimes we all still need a little help. The universe is guiding you to seek advice from others. Schedule an appointment with your adviser or discuss your plans with friends.

Aquarius-There is always room for self-improvement in our lives. Try to stay disciplined by keeping your agenda on track and changing things you aren't satisfied with. These small adjustments can benefit you in the future and teach you a thing or two about yourself.

Scorpio-Be aware of who you share secrets with. Sometimes people aren't who you think they are. Keep your circle small and your distance even smaller. Be an outsider for the week and soon you'll realize who's been fooling you all this time.

Pisces-As the months go by, spirit wants you to be more assertive. This trait can be beneficial in relationships with others or yourself. If you believe in who you are and what you do, you will feel everything you've hoped for start to manifest.

Cancer-New beginnings are headed your way, Cancer. But before this, you need to learn how to stand up for yourself. Put your game face on and conquer any difficulties that come your way. Follow your intuition and let it lead you to greatness.

Taurus-This week, the universe will send you a message. It is your choice on how you'd like to interpret it. Whichever, keep in mind that the universe is on your side no matter what you decide to do. All roads will lead you toward the same path.

Virgo-Challenges at home may distract you from other obligations in the next couple of days. Even though it is difficult to keep the two separated, learn to not let it affect you when it's time to be professional. At the end of the day, do an activity that can help your mental health.

Capricorn-Use this week as a fresh start by doing things differently than the last. Think about what you could've done better and act upon it. Don't let old habits get in the way of making a transition that can better your life.

Sudoku



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Last week's puzzle answer key:

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5	8	3	9	7	6	4	1	2
9	6	4	1	3	2	8	7	5
6	1	8	2	9	5	3	4	7
3	7	2	4	8	1	6	5	9
4	5	9	7	6	3	2	8	1

Dibble Dabbles

by Alejandro Peña



Athlete of the Week:
Ricardo Garcia



Matthew Gonzalez/THE RIDER

Ricardo Garcia, a civil engineering sophomore from Eagle Pass, Texas, competes in the 3,000-, 5,000-, 8,000- and 10,000-meter runs for the UTRGV Men's Cross-Country Team.

Q: What do you like to do in your downtime?

A: "I like baking a lot. I love making cookies. You can ask my coach. ... I feel like at this point, he's like, 'You got to start getting the team something more healthy.'"

Q: What made you want to pursue a civil engineering degree?

A: "I was also interested in how [to] build a house, so I always had the little goal of, 'I want to make my house.' I'm gonna buy the [land] and just build it from down, up. And then I found that architecture, you got to be creative. So I didn't go that route. So I just decided, 'I'm good at math. I'll go civil engineering.'"

Q: Who has been your biggest inspiration or role model?

A: "I think my mom. She's always taken care of me. I can tell her everything. She's always been there for me. Even if ... we don't agree, she just wants me to be happy. She's going to [help me] pursue my dreams and keep on [helping me do] what I do."

Q: How would you describe yourself in one word?

A: "Resilient."

Q: What is your favorite show/movie?

A: "Currently, I like watching 'Baki' every time I go eat, because I'm just, like, 'Yeah, if I watch this, well, I'm not gonna get fat. I'm gonna get strong.'"

Q: What is your favorite food?

A: "I'm into eating pizza and tacos. It's not healthy, but I love them all. I just grew up around them. I just love them."

-Compiled by Matthew Gonzalez

More opportunities for UTRGV athletes



Ramiro Castro Jr./THE RIDER

UTRGV sophomore setter Julia Abramo (left) and sophomore outside hitter Ingridy Foltran prepare to hit the ball during practice last Wednesday in the Fieldhouse on the Edinburg campus.

Jose Medina THE RIDER

The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has announced a new licensing agreement with The Brandr Group (TBG) to help student athletes monetize their name, image and likeness (NIL).

The new agreement with TBG has been around with other UT schools such as the University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas at San Antonio, but it was not until Aug. 30 that UTRGV announced its agreement with the group.

"Brandr, specifically, is very invested in the UT System," said Jonah Goldberg, senior associate Athletics director for Communications. "It made sense, and also gave us an opportunity to talk to our peers at the other UT System institutions and see what they thought, and we've heard nothing but good things about TBG."

Goldberg said TBG made things easier for student athletes.

"If they want to create their own apparel line, they can do that using INFLCR," he said.

"They can make their own stuff, and then they can try selling it."

INFLCR is a content platform that facilitates brand building for student athletes and helps track and report monetization from endorsements or deals.

However, with Brandr, the student would not need to create anything. The student could choose to opt in to have UTRGV-branded jerseys with their name and number made,

"Their products have kept up with laws and with cool new features that we want to see in a product that would help our students."

**--Molly Castner
Deputy Intercollegiate
Athletics Director**

according to Goldberg.

"We can sell that through the bookstore through UTRGV.com and our games, and then [they] would get a share of the revenue from that," he said. "They kind of simplify the process and it really is a win-win situation for everybody else."

Student athletes do not have to opt into licensing deals or agreements; they are optional.

Asked if he thinks everyone has a chance of monetizing with an NIL endorsement or deal, Goldberg replied, "It varies by market, certainly, but I think it also varies by who's willing to get out there. Realistically, for student athletes to profit off their name, image and likeness, they're gonna have to go find opportunities."

He said building their social media would be a good way to boost opportunities for endorsement, which is why he also likes the partnership with INFLCR.

Goldberg also mentioned how UTRGV has been offering to add social media handles in each players' bio on the rosters if the athletes wish to add them.

Asked how else they could facilitate monetization for student athletes, Rick Perko, vice president for program development at TBG, replied, "We get sort of a more critical mass buildup. We're going to look to other opportunities as well ... bobbleheads, trading cards, video games."

Perko said the athletes first have to opt in to participate.

"We're going to start that process here in a couple of weeks, getting them locked in," he said. "And then, hopefully, ... we'll have product for those who decide to participate. It's all voluntary. They don't have to do it. But there's really no downside as we see it."

Molly Castner, deputy Intercollegiate Athletics director, said the department wanted to go in a direction where it could maximize NIL.

"We're really happy with what INFLCR and Brandr have done over the past year to navigate the ever-changing landscape of NIL," Castner said.

"Their products have kept up with laws and with cool new features that we want to see in a product that would help our students," she said. "So it felt like the right time for us to sign with INFLCR and Brandr."

Asked if any UTRGV athletes have received a deal or monetization through Brandr, Castner replied, "Not yet. ... Just got through the details to help them get on their way."

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

MEN'S SOCCER

6:30 p.m. SATURDAY VS. UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA OMAHA

AT THE UTRGV SOCCER AND TRACK & FIELD COMPLEX

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the exercise of reasonable medical judgment, the pregnant female on whom the abortion is performed, induced, or attempted has a life-threatening physical condition aggravated by, caused by, or arising from a pregnancy that places the female at risk of death or poses a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major bodily function unless the abortion is performed or induced," according to Sec. 170A.002 (b)(2) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

The law has no exceptions on abortion, even in cases of "victim of rape or incest."

The Health and Safety Code defines abortion as "the act of using or prescribing an instrument, a drug, a medicine, or any other substance, device, or means with the intent to cause the death of an unborn child of a woman known to be pregnant."

Clua-Losada said the law affects the liberty people have over their bodies.

"The current legislation does not carry exceptions for rape or incest," she said. "So we have a situation where a woman might be raped ... and they might face a longer prison sentence than the rapist will. So the fact that that has been removed is a real attack on people's body autonomy and freedom."

Clua-Losada said it is important for the UTRGV community to learn about the resources that are offered.

South Texans for Reproductive Justice, a nonprofit organization centered on reproductive health, reproductive justice, freedom and autonomy, is providing free emergency contraception pills. They serve the following counties in South Texas: Brooks, Cameron, Duval, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Kleberg, Kenedy, Starr, Willacy, Zapata and Webb. South Texans can request emergency contraceptives at bit.ly/rgvplanb.

Frontera Fund is a "practical support and financial assistance abortion fund for people residing in the Rio Grande Valley," according to its website.

Mariela Trujillo, president of the Students for Life organization at UTRGV, which can be contacted at utrgvstudentsforlife@gmail.com, said its objective is to make abortion an unthinkable decision for women.

"I'm pro life, because life begins at the moment of conception and I believe that life is beautiful ... and every human being has the right to life," Trujillo said. "If we can't defend for the most innocent, which is our children, what are we as a nation? If we can't stand up for the most innocent ... then we are not a nation at all."

Trujillo said an abortion should never be the solution.

"You can come up with so many problems for a woman to say that abortion is the only solution, but it's never going to be the solution," she said. "We are just going to terminate not only the life of the child, but it's going to harm the life of the mother physically and mentally."

Trujillo said she was pleased with the decision taken by the U.S. Supreme Court

but agrees with abortion in cases of rape.

"Women do not deserve to be raped," she said. "Women should not be harmed in any way. Rape goes against the law. ... I believe that women should deserve justice."

English sophomore Fernanda Garcia is against the trigger law.

"It's very stupid," Garcia said. "The Supreme Court is made up of old people with old traditions from the past. I am a Christian and even I support abortions. My beliefs should not have anything to do [with] whether a woman has an abortion or not."

She said she does not agree that women should be fined for a right they should have.

"Women are only [going to] look for ways to have an abortion," Garcia said. "These ways can cause harm to these women if they, or someone else performing the abortion, [do] not know what they are doing. Even if they do know what they are doing, they will still get fined for doing so. It infuriates me."

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Road and Nevarez Drive.

"Construction has made it more difficult to have people get access to the parking lots near the baseball field," said UTRGV Police Lt. Esmeralda Guerra.

Parking Services Director Pablo Aguilar agrees.

"Construction does create more congestion and more delays," Aguilar said.

Unfortunately, construction on the Edinburg campus that has closed off much of Schunior Street is a concern that is here to stay, according to Guerra.

"We reached out to the City of Edinburg and they said [construction would be] probably another six months," she said.

An outdated sign before the intersection of Schunior Street and North Sixth Avenue states that construction ran from May 20 to Aug. 20.

As the campus deals with the construction situation, the Parking and Transportation Department has provided suggestions to students on how to best navigate parking on campus.

The most emphasis was given to the VOLT line, which travels through parking lots to pick up students and take

them closer to the main campus.

"VOLT is available during the peak hours," Aguilar said. "Parking [is] a little bit further, but [students are] finding the value of not losing time to find parking spaces."

Some students, however, disagree.

"How do you calculate how much time it is going to take you to catch a VOLT?" Anaya said.

"You'd be wasting more time waiting for the VOLT than it takes to walk to class," Arrendondo said.

The Parking and Transportation Department and UTRGV Police strongly advise students to adjust their schedules to avoid leaving campus at the peak hours of traffic.

"After a couple of weeks, I think everybody says, you know, I am going to stay a little later or leave a little earlier and they do tend to adjust," Guerra said.

"As the semester progresses, I think it is going to become more manageable, easier for students and that is what we are shooting for, hoping for," Aguilar said.

While the parking situation on campus may become less intense over time, students are upset. A Change.org petition, created by UTRGV student Anais Martinez, has reached nearly 1,000 signatures.

Among the concerns listed on the petition are the lack of parking spaces and the cost of parking permits.

"Honestly, I am just trying to get to work or I am just trying to get to class and I do not care where I park," Arredondo said. "It defeats the purpose of having a parking pass."

"It is not fair to give tickets [for parking in the wrong zone] when students cannot find parking," said one student who asked to remain anonymous. "Most people who are doing that are just trying to get to classes on time."

The Parking and Transportation Department understands these concerns, but still feels that the university's parking prices have value, Aguilar said.

Annual UTRGV student parking permits cost \$40 for evening passes, \$60 for Zone 1 and \$100 for Zone 2.

"We are still far below the [parking pricing] rate of any comparable universities," Aguilar said. "We are in a big university ... and this is something that goes along the lines of being a part of something so big and so awesome."

Asked about plans to address the situation, Aguilar replied there are some short-term goals for the university in the upcoming weeks.

"We will continue to try to make students aware of the existence of remote parking and utilize those remote parking lots and notify students about the VOLT services and their reliability in remote areas," he said.

As for long-term goals, Aguilar mentioned the creation of a study to evaluate parking on campus.

"The parking study ... is this semester, it is ongoing and the results are expected to come out in Spring 2023," he said. "We'll be able to review it to determine the next steps."

While the Parking and Transportation Department conducts the study, the campus community is dealing with the situation.

"Our start time for work is 9, so I have to leave my house at 6:30 a.m. ... to sit in traffic for an hour," said the anonymous student who is from the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo area.

"I've heard about traffic, I've heard a lot of complaints about traffic," said David Arevalo, a marketing student.

English graduate student Emma Guerra said, "In one of my graduate courses, a student emailed a professor to say that they were going to be over 30 minutes late because there was traffic and then there was no parking."

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At-Large "A," all raised concerns about "double advertising," as organizations that fall under this "umbrella" already have individual budgets for promotion.

Following discussion, Galonksy moved to grant requested funds to all organizations except for the Mitte

Cultural District and Sombrero Festival. This means the district and festival would each receive no money from the HOT funds.

Before a second could be made, Tetreau made her own motion to grant requested funds to all organizations, including the Sombrero Festival, in full, and only half the requested funds, or \$20,000, to the cultural district.

When no one seconded this motion either, Cardenas moved to grant funds to all organizations in full, except the district and festival, which he suggested each receive half the requested funds, \$20,000 and \$50,000 respectively.

This motion was seconded, but failed to pass for a lack of majority vote as Galonksy, Cardenas and Tetreau voted in favor, and Cowen, Rose Gowen, commissioner At-

Large "B," and Mayor Trey Mendez, who were both present via Zoom, voted against.

Gowen then moved to approve the HOT fund allocation as is, approving all funding requests presented, with the condition that the application process be amended to include supervision from the commission starting next fiscal year. The motion passed 4-2, with Galonksy and Cardenas opposing the motion.

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something worthwhile within it and even if that does not happen, at least you know what to avoid in your next partner.

Remember that above all else, dating is for yourself. That is not to say that you should be dismissive or detached from your dates, but it does mean that you should keep in mind that dating is enjoyable and if you find that it stops causing even just a bit of excitement, you can take a break.

We speak a lot about work burnout or toxic relationships with family, friends and romantic partners, but we often forget that dating is also stressful. It is both time consuming and requires emotional labor. Dating burnout is a real issue.

After a string of bad dates earlier this year, I took a break from the dating scene. When I came back, I felt refreshed and ready to meet new people.

We should try to have new experiences in college. Some people will join clubs

or organizations, others will join sports leagues and a few will jump into exciting internships and career opportunities. At the end of the day, all of these are to try and get to know more about what we want out of our adult life. For a lot of people, when dating enters that picture, if it does at all, it is because they are trying to find the perfect partner. That is a fair goal, but dating can also just be spending a few hours walking a park with somebody you think is pretty nice, but might not be for you.

That experience should not be disregarded as bad because it was not perfect. No partner you meet is going to be perfect. You are not perfect, so why would every date you go on be perfect?

It is fine to be a little flawed, to be a little awkward, to have uncomfortable silences and bad questions and dumb answers. Just enjoy yourself and remember, every great relationship starts with a date. Maybe this one will, maybe it will not, either way, what is the harm in keeping it casual?

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no somos una nación en absoluto".

Trujillo dijo que un aborto nunca debería ser la solución.

"Puedes encontrar tantos problemas para que una mujer diga que el aborto es la única solución, pero nunca será la solución", dijo. "Simplemente vamos a terminar no solo con la vida del niño, sino

que va a dañar la vida de la madre física y mentalmente".

Trujillo dijo estar complacida con la decisión tomada por la Corte Suprema de Estados Unidos, pero está de acuerdo con el aborto en casos de violación.

"Las mujeres no merecen ser violadas", dijo. "Las mujeres no deben ser lastimadas de ninguna manera. La violación va contra la ley. ... Creo que las

mujeres deberían merecer justicia".

La estudiante de segundo año de inglés Fernanda García está en contra de la ley de activación.

"Es muy estúpido", dijo García. "La Corte Suprema está formada por viejas personas con viejas tradiciones del pasado. Soy cristiana y incluso apoyo el aborto. Mis creencias no deberían tener nada que ver [con] si una mujer aborta o no".

Dijo que no está de acuerdo con que las mujeres deban ser multadas por un derecho que deberían tener.

"Las mujeres solo [van a] buscar formas de abortar", dijo García. "Estas formas pueden causar daño a estas mujeres si ellas o alguien más que realiza el aborto [no] sabe lo que está haciendo. Incluso si saben lo que están haciendo, serán multadas por hacerlo. Me enfurece".