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By Mike Villarreal

The Santa Rosa ISD Texas ACE Program recently celebrated and learned about culture and heritage through various activities, including a student talent show. The event also paid tribute to the legacy of Selena, known as "La Reina De Tejano," whose music and achievements continue to inspire people today.

The ACE students

showcased their talents and entertained the audience, while families showed their love and support. This community event was a great success, thanks to everyone who participated. We can't wait to see what the Santa Rosa Texas ACE program has in store for us next.

Selena Quintanilla was a legendary artist who was famous for her Tejano music. She started singing at a young age with her

family band, Selena Y Los Dinos and went on to produce many albums under indie and major labels. Selena's music style combined Mexican, western, and country influences, making it unique and popular.

In 1989, Selena performed at the Tejano Music Awards, which caught the attention of music executive Jose Behar, who signed her as a solo artist to the EMI

label. Selena released five studio albums and one live album between 1989 and 1995. Even after her untimely death, Selena's music continues to touch people's hearts and inspire new generations.

As someone who grew up listening to Selena's music, I feel blessed to have been a part of that era. I remember watching her on TV shows and attending her concert in McAllen, Texas. Despite

the tears in my eyes as I write this, I am grateful for the beautiful memories that Selena's music has given me. Selena's memory will always live on in our hearts, as she remains one of the best-selling female Latin artists of all time and an inspiration for future generations.

Photo from the Santa Rosa ISD Texas Ace Program Facebook Page

Student Receives DAR & Scholarship

Special to La Feria News

Haley Ramos, a senior at La Feria High School, received the DAR Good Citizens Award and a scholarship from the Lt. Thomas Barlow Chapter, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution. Haley was recommended by her high school because she exemplifies the qualities of a good citizen: dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. She then took advantage of the opportunity to enter the optional Essay Scholarship contest and won that contest earning the scholarship. Haley plans to attend college and major in physics. Pictured left to right are: Susan Roland Francis, DAR Good Citizens committee chair; Haley Ramos and

Tomasita Hill Lipe, chapter regent.

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a volunteer service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership. Tracing your lineage is valuable because it preserves your family's heritage. DAR volunteers are willing to provide guidance and assistance with your first step into the world of genealogy. For more information please visit dar.org.



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Scholarly Squirrels: Exploring the Dynamics of Texas A&M's Campus Wildlife

Ongoing project will provide undergraduate wildlife students with hands-on field experiences

Beginning this month, students in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management, RWFM, will use various field techniques and statistical analyses to provide quantitative insight into the world of these bushy-tailed, campus rodents.

Campus wildlife provides unique learning opportunities

Of the eight squirrel species that call Texas home, the highly adaptable Eastern fox squirrel has seemingly found its niche in the open, park-like environments of universities across much of the state. With a variety of habitat options, an abundant food supply, and relatively few predators, it's no surprise that these campus squirrels flourish.

Ty Werdel, Ph.D., RWFM assistant professor, said this provides the perfect opportunity to integrate accessible, field-based monitoring with academic coursework.

"The presence of urban wildlife on campus enables our students to conduct research and practice key

technical skills in their own backyard," Werdel said.

Project launches this spring

Led by Werdel and RWFM graduate students, undergraduates enrolled in Techniques in Wildlife Management will set traps located in trees to capture 12 squirrels across campus. Once the animals are captured, students will collect data such as sex and weight and equip the squirrels with micro-GPS collars.

Werdel said these GPS collars, like very small pet collars, have no detrimental effect on the daily activities of the wildlife wearing them and will provide researchers with fine-scale spatial insight into their movement and behavior.

To mitigate stress on the animal and ensure human safety, only trained personnel will be allowed to handle the squirrels; however, wildlife students will assist in the process. Further, the trapping will take place only in the early morning or late evening hours to avoid the hottest portions of the day.

"It's important for us to ensure this process results in the least amount of stress

possible for the squirrels," Werdel said. "Prior to even starting this work, we obtained a research permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and approval from the Texas A&M Division of Research Animal Use Protocol."

Information collected sheds light on the campus squirrels

In addition to monitoring general movement patterns, the GPS collars, other survey methods and statistical modeling will enable students enrolled in two additional undergraduate courses — Wildlife Population Dynamics and Urban Wildlife and Fisheries — to determine the campus squirrel population, as well as home ranges and habitat preferences across the landscape.

For example, thanks to an existing geographic information system, GIS, database of campus trees, along with data on building density and roads, students can correlate squirrel activity and density with particular landscape features. This helps researchers better understand which campus elements squirrels most

prefer or avoid.

Further, students will monitor and assess squirrel mortality, locate and monitor nesting dens, and estimate squirrel populations on campus based on surveys.

"This project will enable students to learn and implement an array of basic wildlife techniques including radio telemetry, census methodology, trapping, GIS and statistical analyses," Werdel said. "Beyond gaining an understanding of the population dynamics of urban squirrels, this project is really about equipping our students with the skills needed to successfully enter the career field of wildlife management."

Building on existing campus data

This isn't the first time Texas A&M students have investigated the behavior of campus squirrels. Twenty-five years ago, Roel Lopez, Ph.D., head of the Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management and director of the Texas A&M Natural Resources Institute, launched a similar project.

"At the time, urban squirrels had never been



Texas A&M students in Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management are using GPS and radio frequency collars to track the movements of squirrels. The information gathered will help determine home ranges and habitat preferences. (Sam Craft/Texas A&M AgriLife)

studied in Texas and had rarely been studied in the U.S.," said Lopez, then an assistant professor.

This project spanned six years and led to numerous findings, including that male squirrels on the Texas A&M campus are more likely to die from highway-related deaths than females.

Department faculty were able to revive this project thanks in part to financial support from an alumnus of Texas A&M's wildlife program.

"College Station and the Texas A&M campus have urbanized and changed drastically since the initial study," Lopez said. "This will provide an amazing opportunity to see if these changes have affected

how these animals use the landscape."

Werdel said understanding the impact of urbanization on all wildlife species is extremely relevant as cities continue their outward expansion and overlap with wildlife habitat.

"The project's primary objective is to prepare our students with the technical knowledge and skills needed to conserve and manage any number of wildlife species in an evolving environment," Werdel said. "While this research is specific to our campus, students will be able to apply what they learn through this project to future wildlife management endeavors."



Students learned technical knowledge and skills during their participation in the study. These abilities will apply to future work in wildlife management and conservation. (Sam Craft/Texas A&M AgriLife)



Students released Eastern Fox squirrels into the wild after capturing and fitting the squirrels with a small radio frequency collar as part of a research project on campus. (Sam Craft/Texas A&M AgriLife)

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MAY 9, 2024

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Estefana H Garcia

Estefana H Garcia passed away peacefully on April 10, 2024 in Missouri City Texas at the age of 91 years old and was a member of the social club The Golden Girls in La Feria. She is preceded in death by her parents Guillermo Huerta & Trinidad Perez. Her late husband PFC Ralph Garcia of the United States Marine Corp. Her siblings Maria Elida Huerta Ramos, Josephine Huerta Murillo, Blanca Huerta & Evangelina Huerta Garcia. Fane is survived by her son Jose Luis Garcia, granddaughter's Renee Inez Garcia, Joanna Elise Morales & Cleo Noelle Brand and grandson's Roman Anthony Morales & Elias Leon Zapata. Fane will be greatly missed and was a long time resident of La feria Texas. Funeral and mass arrangements to be announced at a later date & time.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

By Mike Villarreal

May is a pivotal month dedicated to raising awareness about mental health and its significance. Mental Health Awareness Month is an annual observance that began in 1949 and has served as a tool for addressing the challenges faced by many Americans living with mental health conditions. The objective of this month-long observance is to increase understanding of mental health and wellness in individuals' lives, celebrate recovery from mental illness, and provide resources and information to support communities and individuals who may require mental health assistance.

Despite progress in mental health awareness and advocacy, negative stigma around mental illness persists. Studies show this is mainly due to media stereotypes and a lack of education. Mental health conditions are attached to negative stigmas at higher rates than to other diseases and disabilities, such as cancer, diabetes, or heart disease. Unfortunately, many people do not go out and receive the necessary care they need due to the stigma it creates. Some people are unaware that treatment is

available, leading them to suffer silently and feel isolated. Mental Health Awareness Month aims to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental health and promote seeking help. It's a month dedicated to promoting mental health literacy and providing access to resources to help needy individuals. These include counseling, therapy, support groups, and other resources to help individuals recover and thrive. Maintaining good mental health is essential for well-being since it can significantly impact personal and professional

relationships. The workplace and school settings are two places where mental health can be most affected. This is why it is especially important to prioritize our mental well-being and seek assistance when needed. Let's unite to raise awareness about the importance of mental health during this critical time. It encourages individuals and communities to prioritize mental health and seek help when needed, providing access to resources that can help individuals recover and thrive and break down the stigma surrounding mental illness.



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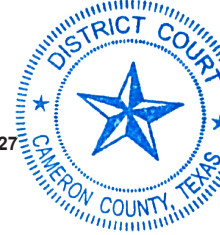
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-Mark S. Ross DMin.

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/s/ Ingrid Maria Chavez Andrade
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The City will consider the adoption of the Ordinance 2023-01. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Valdez, City Secretary at 956-423-9654.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **SANTIAGO DURAN**, Deceased, were issued on March 21, 2024, in Docket No. 2024-CPC-00043 pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Cameron County, Texas, to: **BERTA VERONICA RUBIO A/K/A VERONICA BERTA RUBIO**. Claims may be presented in care of the Independent Executor for the Estate addressed as follows:

BERTA VERONICA RUBIO A/K/A VERONICA BERTA RUBIO, Independent Executor for the Estate of SANTIAGO DURAN, Deceased
 26685 FM 506
 La Feria, Texas 78559

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present to them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED this April 18, 2024.

LAW OFFICE OF CYNTHIA L. BENAVIDES, P.L.L.C.

By: *Cynthia L. Benavides*
CYNTHIA L. BENAVIDES
 Attorney for Independent Executor

CITATION BY PUBLICATION ON APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

CLERK OF THE COURT
 Sylvia Garza-Perez
 974 E. HARRISON STREET
 BROWNSVILLE, TX 78520

ATTORNEY OF PERSON FILING THE CAUSE
 David Kithcart
 1209 E Harrison Ave Suite B
 Harlingen TX 78550

THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Probate Court 1 of Cameron County, Texas

To: **UNKNOWN HEIRS, IF ANY OF**
Kenneth Wayne Avant, Deceased,

GREETINGS:

You are commanded to appear and answer to the **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION**, filed by **Melanie Avant**, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 10 days from the date of service of this citation, before the Honorable Probate Court 1 of Cameron County, at the Courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION** was filed on April 17, 2024.

The file number of said Matter being No. **2024-CPC-00136 Probate Court 1**


The Style being: **IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Kenneth Wayne Avant, Deceased**

The nature of said proceeding being substantially as follows, to wit:

Determine who the heirs and only heirs of decedent are and their respective shares and interests in this estate; that no appraisers be appointed; and for all other relief to which applicant may be entitled.

Issued on this the 19th day of April, 2024.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court at Office in the City of Brownsville, Texas on this the 19th day of April, 2024.

 Sylvia Garza-Perez, Clerk
 Cameron County, Texas.

By: */s/ Ana Varela*, Deputy
 Ana Varela

CITATION BY PUBLICATION - TRC 109 & 114

THE STATE OF TEXAS

2024-DCL-01592

Joseph Steve Wolf, Jr. § IN THE 138TH DISTRICT COURT
 VS § OF
Robert Sheline, Administrator of The § CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS
Estate of David L. Ray, Deceased

TO: **Known and Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Eleanor Doty Fleischman**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 am on the Monday next following the expiration of 42 days after the date this citation was issued, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

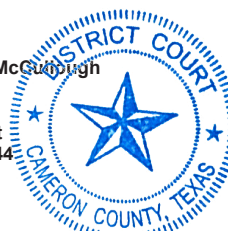
You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the **Original Petition to Quiet Title** at or before 10:00 o'clock A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days after the date of issuance of this citation before the Honorable 138th District Court of Cameron County, at the Courthouse in said County in Brownsville, Texas. Said **Original Petition to Quiet Title** was filed in said court on the 18th day of March, 2024 in the above entitled cause.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit:
 Suit to Quiet Title to 9.5 Acres, Block 56, Hooks & Hodges Subdivision

as is more fully shown by **Original Petition to Quiet Title** on file in this suit.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Brownsville, Texas, on this the 27th day of March, 2024.

ATTORNEY:
 Arthur Eugene "Gene" McCullough
 00794267
 956-423-1234
 323 East Jackson Street
 Harlingen TX 78551-2244

 **Laura Perez-Reyes**
 District Clerk of Cameron County
 974 E Harrison Street
 Brownsville, Texas 78520
 8:40 AM

By: *Krista Saldana*
Krista Saldana, Deputy Clerk

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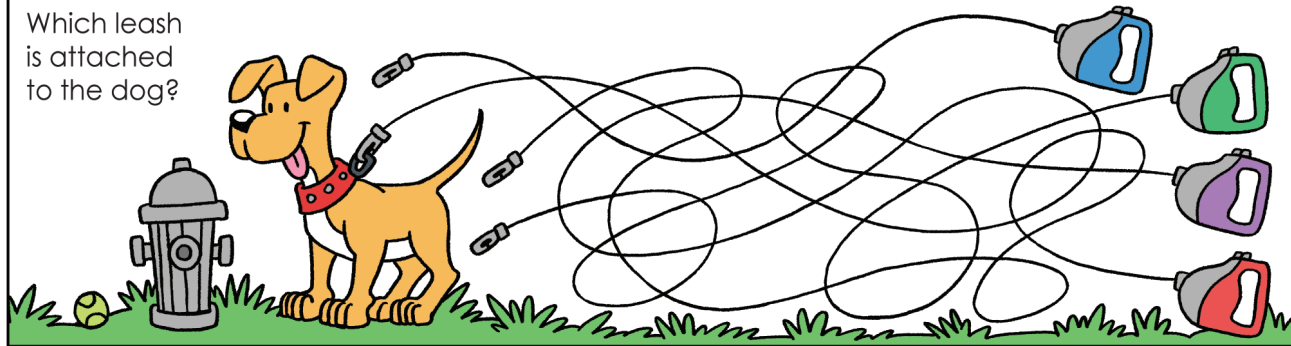
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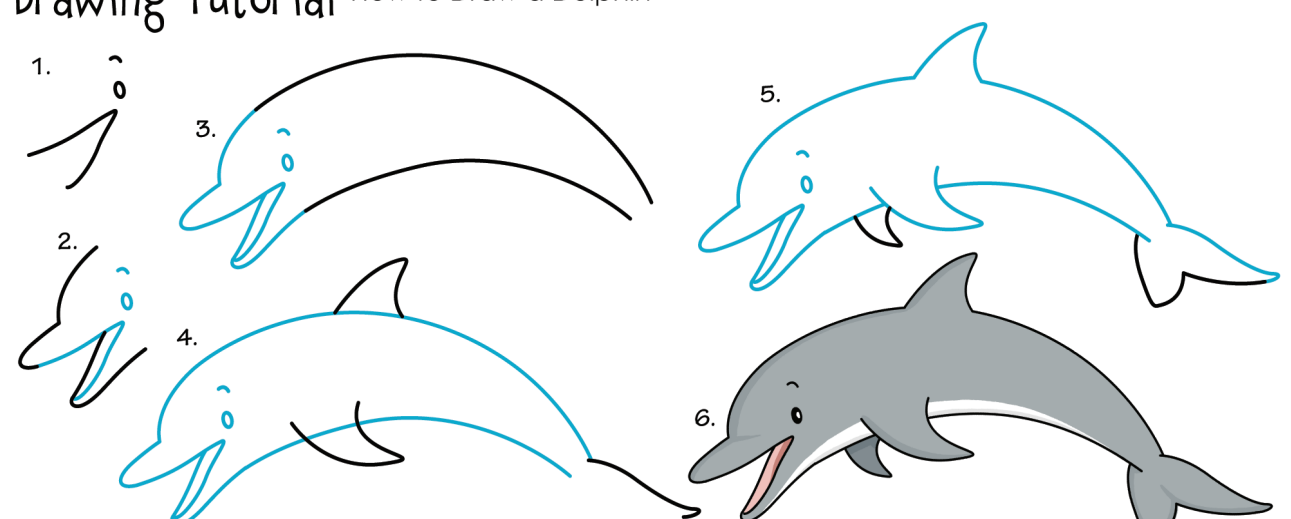


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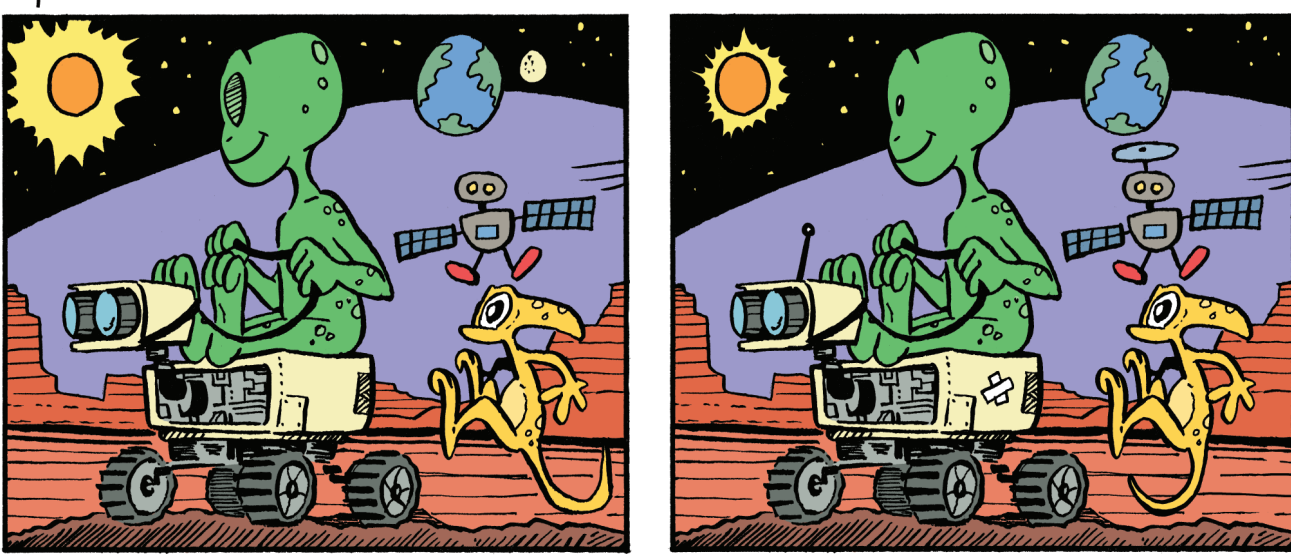


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1. Start with a curved line for the back.
2. Add a small fin on the back.
3. Draw the head and eye.
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"Over the course of two decades, we have presented more than a half-million dollars in scholarships to contest participants," said Kerry Haugh, director of product

marketing at Shurtape Technologies, LLC, the company that markets the Duck brand. "This year's

prizes are bigger than ever in an effort to foster creativity and encourage Duck Tape designers to

be bold and embrace their individuality."

For important contest details and official rules,

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9. Green gemstone or Heather Graham in "The Hangover"
13. Turning point
14. 34th U.S. Pres
15. Actress Sophia
16. Each and all

17. Lake, in France
18. Roof overhangs
19. *Lovable mother of seven in "Harry Potter" Mrs. _____
21. *Mother in "The Terminator," Sarah _____
23. Not safe, in baseball
24. "Hold on!"
25. Uno _____, in Mexico
28. Iranian monarch
30. Be a go-between

35. Kind of cuckoos
37. Passing mention
39. Dwelled
40. TV show " _____ 911!"
41. *"Beloved" mother
43. Like a tennis skirt
44. Scottish kinship groups
46. Spare in car
47. Email folder
48. Vertical dimension
50. Turf alternative
52. Morse Code dash
53. Hippocratic _____

55. Three, to Caesar
57. *Margaret White's telekinetic daughter
60. *Elizabeth Zott of " _____ in Chemistry"
64. Vernacular
65. R&R hot spot
67. Capital of Vietnam
68. Yours is as good as mine?
69. Tennis retry
70. Cause anxiety (2 words)
71. Bookie's quote
72. Well-kept secret, for some
73. Teatime treat
- DOWN**
1. Do like volcano
2. Honey home
3. Iris holder
4. Human trunk
5. iPad "pen"
6. *Matriarch, _____ Munster of "The Munsters"
7. *Nadezhda of "The Americans," _____ Elizabeth Jennings, acr.
8. Muhammad's birthplace
9. Melissa Rivers' mom
10. Australian slang for afternoon
11. Widely hunted ruminant
12. Follow ems
15. A particular legume
20. Not pathos
22. Second O in EVOO
24. Kinda white
25. *Mrs. _____, a.k.a. Marmee
26. Anoint
27. Red Sea peninsula
29. Drive a getaway car, e.g.
31. Goals
32. Like a Harvard building?
33. Plant-based laxative
34. * _____ Bunker, mom to Gloria in "All in the Family"
36. Dance partner
38. Drive-_____, for short
42. Like a haunted house
45. Daisy dukes, e.g.
49. _____ chi
51. Casts a line
54. Popular electric car
56. Newton's first name
57. Foul substance
58. Matured
59. Bob of "The Joy of Painting" fame
60. Better than never?
61. On top of
62. "High" time
63. Cosine's counterpart
64. In the past
66. *"Married... with Children" mom

UTRGV School of Medicine Awarded \$500,000 to Develop Chronic Pain, Depression Comorbidity Treatments

By Heriberto Perez-Zuniga

RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS – APRIL 23, 2024

Simple tasks like slipping on your shoes often can feel insurmountable for patients with chronic pain.

Constant pins and needles on the soles of the feet, a burning feeling in the arm, or a sharp pain in the neck are some of the symptoms that can make even the simplest activity seem like a challenge. It's the sort of condition that highlights the pervasive and debilitating nature of chronic neuropathic pain.

Now, thanks to a \$500,000 grant awarded by the Trauma Research and Combat Care Casualty Collective (TRC4), researchers at the UTRGV School of Medicine's

Institute of Neuroscience

will examine the effectiveness and safety of novel strategies for dealing with chronic pain and depression.

NEW HOPE

Dr. Khalid Benamar, professor of Neurology and Behavioral Health at the UTRGV School of Medicine and principal investigator on the grant, said reduced quality of life for many patients with chronic pain often can lead to other conditions, such as depression.

"Chronic pain is not merely a physical sensation; it can affect every aspect of a patient's life," Benamar said. "Restrictions in mobility or sleep deprivation caused by chronic pain symptoms can have significant neurological effects on a patient. Our research aims

to offer new hope and relief to those who have long endured this complex and burdensome condition."

Benamar said current treatment options for chronic pain often are ineffective and can have associated side effects.

UTRGV School of Medicine researchers will search out new ways of treating symptoms and explore the relationship between chronic pain and depression. The research will prioritize non-opioid therapies, aiming to enhance the efficacy and safety in managing this challenging comorbidity, Benamar said.

COMBATING CHRONIC PAIN

The research will provide insight into new treatment options for patients with chronic pain, including veterans.

"Chronic pain and trauma are significant challenges

faced by many veterans, often intertwining to create complex and debilitating experiences," Benamar said. "Veterans frequently encounter chronic pain resulting from injuries sustained during their service, ranging from musculoskeletal issues to neuropathic conditions."

He said he is hoping these research efforts can have a meaningful impact on the more than 32,000 veterans who reside in the Valley.

Dr. Michael Hocker, dean of UTRGV School of Medicine and vice president of UT Health RGV, said the research being done today holds the promise of transforming the region's healthcare and bringing much-needed relief and hope to veterans

and the wider South Texas community.

"We are immensely proud to spearhead groundbreaking research into combatting chronic pain, especially considering its potential impact on our

local veteran population," he said. "This research not only signifies our commitment to advancing medical knowledge but also underscores our dedication to serving the unique needs of the Valley community."



The UTRGV School of Medicine's Institute of Neuroscience has received a \$500,000 grant from the Trauma Research and Combat Care Casualty Collective (TRC4) to research chronic pain and depression comorbidity. Dr. Khalid Benamar will lead a team of researchers to test the efficacy and safety of novel pharmacological treatment options. (UTRGV Photo by Heriberto Perez-Zuniga)

Public Service Announcement: Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, The City of Primera encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the Texas Workforce Commission at (888) 452-4778 or (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

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The City of Primera does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

Aviso Publico: La Equidad en la Vivienda, Es La Ley

Para promover prácticas de vivienda justa, La Ciudad de City of Primera anima a los posibles propietarios de vivienda e inquilinos a que conozcan sus derechos conforme a la Ley Nacional De Vivienda Justa. El Título VIII de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1968, según enmendada, prohíbe la discriminación contra cualquier persona por motivos de raza, color, religión, sexo, discapacidad, estado familiar u origen nacional en la venta o renta de unidades en el mercado de la vivienda. Para obtener más información sobre vivienda justa o para informar sobre una posible discriminación de vivienda equitativa, llame a la Comisión Laboral de Texas al (888) 452-4778 o (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

Póliza de No Discriminar a Base de Estado de Discapacidad

La Ciudad de City of Primera no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad en la admisión, el acceso o el empleo en sus programas o actividades con asistencia federal. Mayor ha sido designado para coordinar el cumplimiento de los requisitos de no discriminación contenidos en los reglamentos del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) que implementan la Sección 504 (24 CFR Parte 8).

Participación Ciudadana y Procedimientos de Quejas Aviso

La Ciudad de City of Primera ha adoptado procedimientos de quejas y reclamos relacionados con sus programas de Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). Los ciudadanos pueden obtener una copia de estos procedimientos escritos en 22893 Stuart Place Road, City of Primera, TX, 78552 durante el horario comercial habitual. Los ciudadanos también pueden solicitar que se les envíen los procedimientos por correo llamando al Administrador de la ciudad, Oficial de Derechos Civiles, en 956-423-9654. Estos procedimientos describen los pasos que debe seguir un ciudadano si desea presentar una queja o reclamo sobre las actividades de TxCDBG. Una persona que tenga una queja o reclamo sobre cualquier servicio o actividad relacionada con un proyecto del programa TxCDBG, puede presentar dicha queja o reclamo durante el horario comercial habitual, o por escrito a City Manager, a 22893 Stuart Place Road, City of Primera, TX 78552 o puede llamar a 956-423-9654. La Ciudad de City of Primera hará todo lo posible para responder con plenitud a las quejas dentro de los quince (15) días hábiles cuando sea posible.

Declaración de Igualdad de Oportunidades de Empleo

La Ciudad de City of Primera no discrimina por motivos de raza, color, religión, sexo, orientación sexual, identidad de género u origen nacional.

Public Service Announcement: Fair Housing, It's the Law

To promote fair housing practices, the City of Primera encourages potential homeowners and renters to be aware of their rights under the National Fair Housing Law. Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968, as amended, prohibits discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin in the sale or rental of units in the housing market. For more information on fair housing or to report possible fair housing discrimination, call the Texas Workforce Commission at (888) 452-4778 or (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

Policy of Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability

The City of Primera does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or employment in, its federally assisted programs or activities. The City Manager has been designated to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements contained in the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) regulations implementing Section 504 (24 CFR Part 8).

Citizen Participation & Grievance Procedures Notice

The City of Primera has adopted complaint and grievance procedures regarding its Community Development Block Grant Mitigation program (CDBG-MIT). Citizens may obtain a copy of these written procedures at 22893 Stuart Place Road, Primera, Texas 78552 during regular business hours. Citizens may also request the procedures be mailed to them by calling the City Manager, Civil Rights Officer at (956) 423-9654. These procedures outline the steps for a citizen to follow if s/he wishes to file a complaint or grievance about CDBG-MIT activities. A person who has a complaint or grievance about any services or activities with respect to the CDBG-MIT project, may during regular business hours submit such complaint or grievance, in writing to the City Secretary, at 22893 Stuart Place Road, Primera, Texas 78552 or may call (956) 423-9654. The City of Primera will make every effort to respond fully to such complaints within fifteen (15) working days where practicable.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

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Aviso Público: Vivienda Justa, Es la Ley

Para promover prácticas de equidad de vivienda, La Ciudad de Primera anima a los propietarios e inquilinos potenciales a ser conscientes de sus derechos bajo las leyes nacionales de Vivienda Justa. Título VIII de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1968, como enmendada, prohíbe la discriminación contra cualquier persona por motivos de raza, color, religión, sexo, discapacidad, estado familiar o origen nacional en la venta o renta de unidades en el mercado de la vivienda. Para obtener más información sobre la equidad de vivienda o para informar sobre una posible discriminación de vivienda justa, llame a la Comisión Laboral de Texas al (888) 452-4778 o (512) 463-2642 TTY: 512-371-7473.

Política de No Discriminar a Base de Estado de Discapacidad

La Ciudad de Primera no discrimina por motivos de discapacidad en la admisión o acceso a, o empleo, en sus programas o actividades que reciben ayuda federal. City Manager ha sido designado para coordinar el cumplimiento de los requisitos de no discriminación contenidos en el Departamento de Vivienda (HUD) y reglamentos de Desarrollo Urbano de aplicación de la Sección 504 (24 CFR Parte 8).

Participación Ciudadana y Procedimientos de Quejas Aviso

La Ciudad de Primera ha adoptado procedimientos para quejas y denuncias con respecto al programa de Bloque para El Desarrollo Comunitario - Mitigacion (CDBG-MIT). Los ciudadanos pueden obtener una copia de estos procedimientos escritos en 22893 Stuart Place Road, Primera, Texas 78552 durante las horas regulares. Los ciudadanos también pueden solicitar los procedimientos por correo al llamar al City Manager, Oficial de Derechos Civiles, al (956) 423-9654. Estos procedimientos describen los pasos que se deben seguir para que un ciudadano pueda, si desea, presentar una queja o reclamo acerca de las actividades del programa CDBG-MIT. Una persona que tiene una queja o reclamación sobre cualquiera de los servicios o actividades en relación con el programa CDBG-MIT, lo pueden hacer durante las horas regulares por escrito al City Secretary, a 22893 Stuart Place Road, Primera, Texas 78552 o pueden llamar a (956) 423-9654. La Ciudad de Primera hará todo lo posible para responder con plenitud las quejas dentro de los quince (15) días hábiles cuando sea posible.

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