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News Briefs

La Feria ISD Hires Chief of Police for District

By Mike Villarreal

The La Feria ISD school board held a special meeting on June 25, 2024. Under a proposed budget, the district planned to hire a police chief and four police officers. La Feria ISD recently received its activation letter and made it official by hiring Mr. Carlos Romero. He was the school's security director and has now been named Chief of Police for the La Feria ISD Police Department.

To make this possible, the district had to make cuts to afford the proposed police department, which has a startup cost of \$500,000. Operating costs were reduced by 5%, and all campus budgets would decrease by 5%. Several teaching positions were cut through attrition. A total of \$160,000 was obtained from the school district general fund and the remainder from state and



federal funds. The school has already purchased three police vehicles. As the school district ended its contract with the City of La Feria Police Department, they needed a police force within the district. There's no better time to have a school police force than now, with gun

violence at an all-time high. With the establishment of its police force, the La Feria ISD can now ensure a swift and effective response to any security concerns. The school is now currently hiring a police officer. Once the new officers are trained and stationed at each school, they can

guarantee a significantly safer environment for our students and staff, free from the worry of delayed responses or safety issues. By establishing its own police force, the La Feria ISD aligns itself with a growing trend in the Rio Grande Valley. More and more school

districts, including ours, are choosing to have their own police force, which ensures the safety of everyone within the school and allows local police to focus on keeping the wider community safe. Photos La Feria ISD Facebook Page

La Feria ISD contrata jefe de policía para el distrito

La junta escolar de La Feria ISD celebró una reunión especial el 25 de junio de 2024. Según un presupuesto propuesto, el distrito planeaba contratar un jefe de policía y cuatro

agentes de policía. La Feria ISD recibió recientemente su carta de activación y la hizo oficial al contratar al Sr. Carlos Romero. Fue director de seguridad de la escuela y ahora ha sido

nombrado Jefe de Policía del Departamento de Policía de La Feria ISD. Para que esto sea posible, el distrito tuvo que hacer recortes para costear el departamento de policía

propuesto, que tiene un costo inicial de \$500,000. Los costos operativos se redujeron en un 5% y todos los presupuestos del campus disminuirían en un 5%. Varios puestos docentes fueron eliminados debido al desgaste. Se obtuvo un total de \$160,000 del fondo general del distrito escolar y el resto de fondos estatales y federales. La escuela ya ha comprado tres vehículos policiales.

rápida y eficaz a cualquier problema de seguridad. Actualmente, la escuela está contratando a un oficial de policía. Una vez que los nuevos oficiales estén capacitados y ubicados en cada escuela, podrán garantizar un entorno significativamente más seguro para nuestros estudiantes y personal, sin la preocupación de respuestas demoradas o problemas de seguridad.

Cuando el distrito escolar terminó su contrato con el Departamento de Policía de la Ciudad de La Feria, necesitaban una fuerza policial dentro del distrito. No hay mejor momento para tener una fuerza policial escolar que ahora, con la violencia armada en su punto más alto.

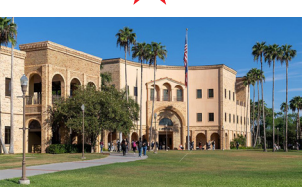
Al establecer su propia fuerza policial, La Feria ISD se alinea con una tendencia creciente en el Valle del Río Grande. Cada vez más distritos escolares, incluido el nuestro, eligen tener su propia fuerza policial, lo que garantiza la seguridad de todos dentro de la escuela y permite a la policía local concentrarse en mantener segura a la comunidad en general.

Con el establecimiento de su fuerza policial, La Feria ISD ahora puede garantizar una respuesta

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Harlingen Opens First Pump Track in South Texas

By Mike Villarreal

The City of Harlingen now has one of the first

asphalt pump tracks in South Texas, the Harlingen Arroyo Park Velosolutions Asphalt Pump Track.

The ribbon cutting and time trial race were held on Saturday, October 12, 2024. It was a fantastic celebration of the grand opening of the new Pump Track at Arroyo Park, 1101 E. New Hampshire.

Imagine the exhilarating experience of riding a bike on a pump track, where you can effortlessly maneuver through banked turns, pump over rollers, and feel the thrill of the ride. A pump track is a specially designed course that offers an exciting playground for cyclists and anyone seeking an adrenaline-pumping adventure on two wheels.

Pump tracks offer a thrilling blend of physical activity and pure enjoyment. They are meticulously designed to boost your speed and elevate your riding skills, promising a fun-filled experience for all.

A pump track is more



than just a cycling path; it is a meticulously planned circuit with banked turns and rollers that challenge riders to generate momentum by shifting their body weight instead of relying solely on pedaling. This engaging and dynamic track offers an excellent opportunity to refine bike handling skills, improve physical fitness,

and revel in the sheer delight of cycling. Riding a pump track involves a rhythmic activity that enhances balance and coordination and provides a unique and exhilarating experience for cyclists of all levels.

Everyone is welcome at the pump track, from novices to seasoned cyclists. These tracks

provide a secure environment for riders to hone their biking skills. The pump track isn't just about physical activity; it's also a place for skill enhancement and enjoyable experiences on two wheels. Now it's your turn to hop on your bike and put your skills to the test!

Photos from the City of Harlingen Facebook Page



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City of La Feria CALENDAR of EVENTS



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In accordance with the Order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City of La Feria will conduct the meeting and provide audio/telephonic availability for the public using live stream in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (also known as Covid-19). To view the meeting via internet live streaming, please visit <https://www.cityoflaferia.com/boards-and-commissions/city-commission/agendas-2020/> where you will find the agenda for the next meeting. The pdf for the agenda will include a link, meeting ID and passcode for the Zoom meeting. More information is available by calling 346-248-7799.

Members of the public may sign up for public comment on an agenda item or for another item of public concern by submitting an email to amorales@cityoflaferia.com containing (1) the name of the individual wishing to comment; and (2) the item number or subject matter the individual wishes to comment on. Please submit requests for public comment no later than two hours before the meeting. Join the meeting at the time and login listed above and the Mayor will call on you when it is your turn to speak. A recording of the meeting will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. If during the course of the meeting, any discussion of any item on the agenda is permitted to be held in executive or closed session, whether such item is already so identified on this Agenda or not, the City Commission will convene in such executive or closed session in accordance with Texas Government Code Section 551.001-551.146.

OCTOBER 8, 2024

6:30 PM City Commission Meeting
Commission Meeting Room
115 E. Commercial Avenue • La Feria, TX

OCTOBER 22, 2024

6:30 PM City Commission Meeting
Commission Meeting Room
115 E. Commercial Avenue • La Feria, TX

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FROM THE CORNER OF



First Baptist Church, La Feria

I have friends in the North who often ask me about the risks of living in the Valley. Without them saying it, I know that they are referring to people who cross the border. They are asking because they listen to social media's exaggerated and fictionalized stories of immigrants.

The most recent Facebook gossip involves Haitian immigrants in Springfield IL. Naive and uninformed citizens actually believe Hatians living in Springfield are eating the pets of other residents. If it were true, I would be tempted to ship my bad dogs there. Instead of believing tragic and desperate fear mongering, my friends should read true stories involving immigrants. And no, they are not perfect people, anymore than the rest of us are.

I am thinking of the story of a 21 year old immigrant, Lincer Lopez, who drowned in a Texas lake this year an hour after being baptized in that same lake. Lincer died saving a teenager who was drowning. Of course, Lincer's life saving death does not get a lot of press in the North.

It is tragic that we are more interested in Facebook fiction than real life heroes. And that we would rather demonize the poorest among us than celebrate someone who has nothing and gives it all for someone else. A strangely Christian thing to do.

-Mark S. Ross DMin.

UTRGV Recognized By ED As Among Schools 'Doing The Most To Lift Students Up'

By News and Media Relations

RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS – OCT. 16, 2024 – UTRGV has been named one of 200 institutions nationwide – and 14 in Texas – eligible for the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) Postsecondary Success Recognition Program. Part of U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona's Raise the Bar initiative, the program recognizes colleges and universities that demonstrate exceptional performance in advancing equitable access, student success and post-graduation outcomes in their state.

In a press release announcing the initiative, Cardona said it is intended to "recognize schools doing the most to lift students

up." ED identified the 200 eligible institutions based on how effectively they:
• Enroll low-income students and students of color in their state.
• Help those students graduate or transfer successfully.
• Prepare them to enter the career of their choice and enjoy upward mobility, including recouping costs and earning a premium over high school graduates in their state.
UTRGV is one of 10 Texas institutions listed among 100 predominantly bachelor's degree granting institutions eligible for the ED's designation. Of these, 75% are Minority-Serving Institutions or qualify for the Strengthening Institutions Program, which focuses on institutions serving large proportions of low-income

students. Additionally, 100 predominantly associate's or certificate granting institutions – four in Texas – were also recognized for eligibility.

UTRGV President Guy Bailey said it is an honor to be recognized among the leading institutions driving student success across the country.

"This selection by the U.S. Department of Education reflects our ongoing efforts to make a high-quality education accessible to all students, and to support their journey toward a brighter future through meaningful careers," Bailey said.

RECENT UTRGV RANKINGS

- UTRGV is ranked first in Texas overall and first in Washington Monthly's 2024 Best Bang for the Buck

rankings for the southern region of the country.

- UTRGV ranks first among all Texas institutions and fifth among national public

universities in Lowest Net Price of Attendance.

- UTRGV also ranks first among Texas universities for Top Performance of Pell Grant Students and

in Social Mobility for Students.

For more information about UTRGV's rankings and achievements, visit utrgv.edu/rankings.



UTRGV has been recognized as one of 200 institutions nationwide eligible for the Postsecondary Success Recognition Program, part of U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona's Raise the Bar initiative, which honors colleges and universities for their outstanding efforts in promoting equitable access, student success, and post-graduation outcomes. (UTRGV Photo by David Pike)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Rose Cardenas, Deceased, were issued on September 30, 2024, under Cause No. 2024-CPC-00264, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Cameron County, Texas, to: Reba C, McNair.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:

Reba C. McNair, Independent Executor of the Estate of Mary Rose Cardenas, Deceased c/o David Kithcart, Attorney at Law 1209 E. Harrison Avenue, Suite B Harlingen, Texas 78550

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

DATED October 15, 2024.

Reba C. McNair, Independent Executor of the Estate of Mary Rose Cardenas, Deceased

By: *David Kithcart*
David Kithcart, Attorney for Independent Executor

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Humberto V. Rodriguez, Deceased, were issued on September October 7, 2024, under Cause No. 528273, pending in the Probate Court No. 1 of Harris County, Texas, to: Blanca R. Davis.

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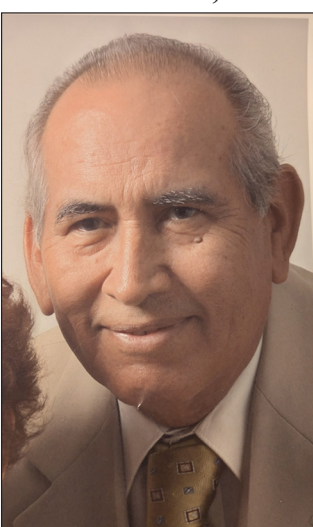
DATED October 14, 2024.

Blanca R. Davis, Independent Administrator with Will Annexed of the Estate of Humberto V. Rodriguez, Deceased

By: *David Kithcart*
David Kithcart, Attorney for Administrator

Esteban Cabrera

December 26, 1945 – October 11, 2024



Esteban Cabrera 78, passed away on October 11, 2024, Harlingen, TX. He was born on December 26, 1945, in Charco, TX.

Dad married Irma M. on September 26, 1966, later sealed on October 29, 1971 at the Mesa, Arizona temple for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They raised six children. They were blessed with fourteen grandchildren,

three great-grandchildren and one on the way.

Dad had various jobs. In 1983, he started working for the United States Postal Service as a rural route carrier in La Feria, Mercedes, and Weslaco retired on April 30, 2015. Before that he was a butcher and a waiter at the McAllen Country Club.

Dad was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Dad served faithfully in many callings for the Church included Bishop, Branch president, High Council counselor, Missionary prep class, and many more. Esteban kept busy with yardwork and caring for Adrian who has been disabled since birth (48yrs). He Supported children and grandchildren in their lives and in their school activities. That we would collectively call him "Papa" as a sign of respect.

Dad is survived by his wife, Irma, Children- Carlos Ortega, Cutberto (Ana) Ortega, Lillian (Richard) Horrocks, Esteban (Dora), Alejandro (Patricia) and Adrian. His Siblings-Santos, Maria, Jesus, and Lucy (Jesse).

Dad is preceded in death by his mother Horacia, Olga sister, aunts, uncles and one-great granddaughter.

Services were held on October 20-21, 2024, at the Heavenly Grace Funeral Home & Memorial Park 26873 White Ranch Rd, La Feria, TX 78559

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Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate, addressed as follows:

Melanie Avant, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Wayne Avant, Deceased
c/o David Kithcart, Attorney at Law
1209 E. Harrison Avenue, Suite B
Harlingen, Texas 78550

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

DATED October 11, 2024

Melanie Avant, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Wayne Avant, Deceased

By:
David Kithcart, Attorney for Independent Administrator

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF RICHARD DOUGLAS STRAIT, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original letters testamentary upon the Estate of RICHARD DOUGLAS STRAIT, Deceased, were issued to the undersigned on the 29th day of August, 2024 in the proceeding indicated below my signature hereto, which is still pending, and that I now hold such letters. All persons having claims against said estate, which is being administered in the county named below, are hereby required to present the same to me respectively, at the address below given, before suit upon same are barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such estate is closed, and within the time prescribed by law. The address for such notification is 515 E. Harrison, Suite A, Harlingen, Texas 78550

DATED this 15th day of October, 2024.

Margaret Higgins, Independent Executor of the Estate of RICHARD DOUGLAS STRAIT, Deceased

No. 2024-CPC-00237 in the Probate Court No. 1 of Cameron County, Texas

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La FERIA set for 16-4A DII Action

By Ruben Rodriguez
La FERIA News

With the BYE week officially up and out of the way, the La FERIA Lions are ready for District Action as La FERIA will have three games to attempt to not only capture a district title, but clinch a good seed for the Playoffs. The Lions had a successful non-district campaign, going 3-3 and being at .500. Here is what played out in non-district.

The Lions opened up 2024 against the Ingleside Mustangs. In what can be easily described as a rough night, La FERIA struggled on both sides of the ball. The Mustangs capitalized and took week one with a huge 27-0 win over La FERIA.

The Lions then had another crucial test against former district rival Hidalgo, a team who remained in 4A DI, while La FERIA was relegated to

DII. La FERIA then won with a two touchdown fourth quarter to win 27-14.

The momentum carried over into weeks three and four as the Lions took on Raymondville and Valley View. The offense rolled on for La FERIA as the Lions defeated the Barkats 27-13 and blanked the Tigers 34-0.

Things took a wild turn for the Lions as the next two weeks did not go as anticipated. The Lions would be put to battle against former district foe Zapata, and what started as a close battle, fell in favor of the Hawks as Zapata would win 35-28. To bounce back, the Lions faced off against TAPPS powerhouse Brownsville St. Joseph Academy. The Lions struggled on both sides of the line as the Bloodhounds would rout La FERIA 62-13.

Now heading in 16-

4A DII, the Lions were relegated from DI, and put into DII. In the previous realignment, Raymondville and Bishop were both in 4A DII, but switched places with Kingsville King and La FERIA.

The Lions sit in a 4 team district. Although all four teams reach the playoffs, it still important win as many games as possible, as standings will determine seeding for the playoffs.

The three district games for La FERIA will be at Grulla this Friday. The Lions will then take on Port Isabel in their final home game on October 25. To wrap up the regular season La FERIA will travel up to Kingsville to take on the King Brahmas.

The Lions will look to use the experience garnered in non-district to capture district gold and place high in the seeding for the postseason.

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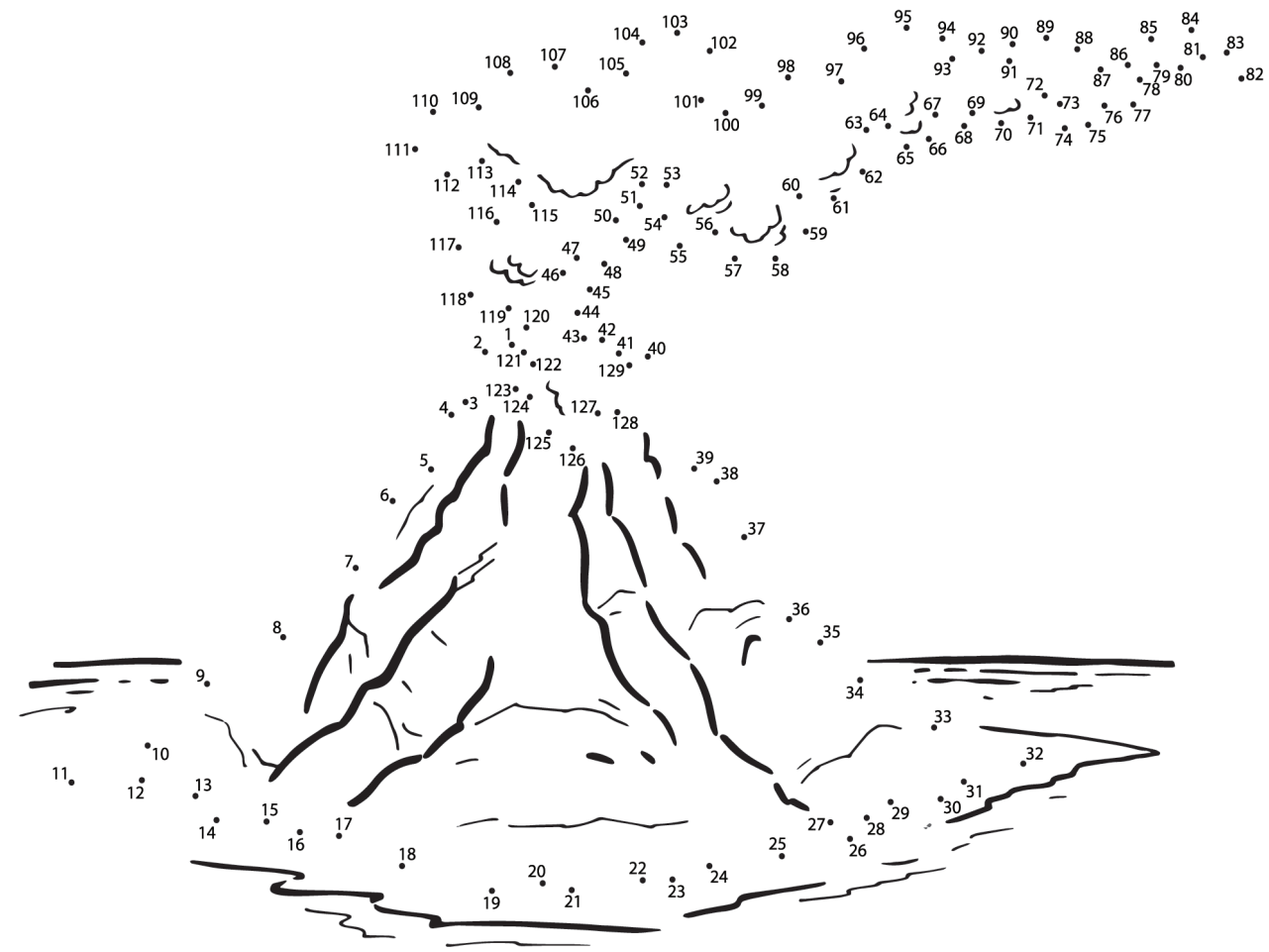
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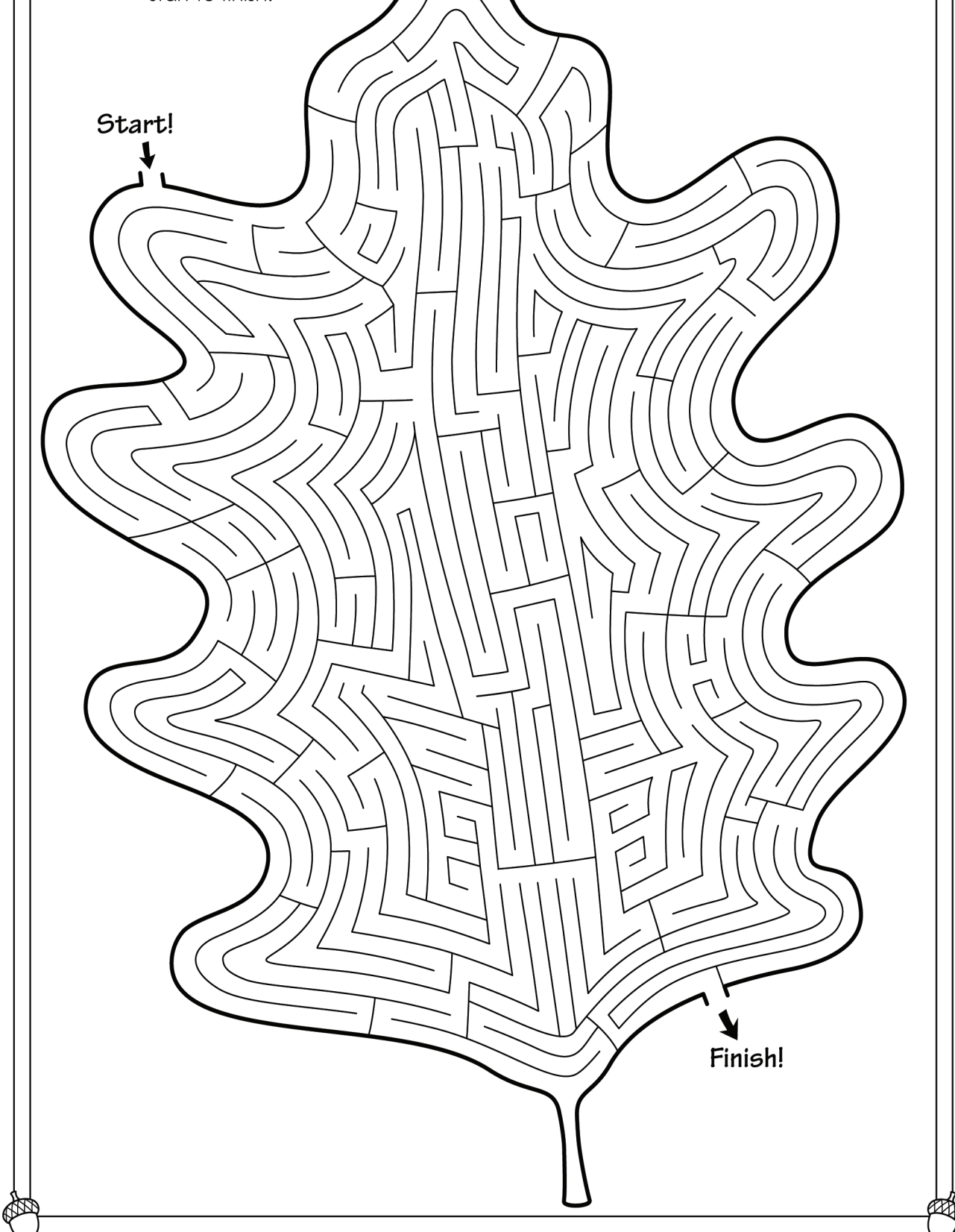
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF REUBEN LOPEZ, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on September 25, 2024 Letters Testamentary were duly granted to Ruben Lopez as legal representative for the Estate of Reuben Lopez, Deceased in Cause No. 2022-CPC-00398 currently pending in Probate Court No. 1 of Cameron County, Texas.

All persons having claims against the Estate being administered are hereby requested to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the legal representative, in care of the following:

Chester R. Gonzalez
Attorney at Law
117 East Price Road
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **GUADALUPE CERDA**, Deceased, were issued on September 25, 2024, in Docket No. 2024-CPC-00244, pending in the **Probate Court 1 of Cameron County, Texas**, to: **JOSEFINA CERDA**. Claims may be presented in care of the Independent Executor for the Estate addressed as follows:

JOSEFINA CERDA, Independent Executor for the Estate of GUADALUPE CERDA, Deceased
712 Avenue A
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 October 11, 2024.

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From Spooky Lore To Science Fact: Unmasking The 'Chupacabra'

Texas A&M AgriLife expert provides scientific explanation for the paranormal creature

By Sarah Fuller

With its grey, scaly skin, protruding dorsal spines, menacing fangs and proclivity for small livestock, the mythical chupacabra has stoked both curiosity and fear across portions of the Americas for decades.

Despite its diverse origin stories, a wildlife expert with Texas A&M AgriLife Research said there is a simple explanation to chupacabra sightings — one far more entrenched in science than the supernatural.

If you consider the most common descriptions of the chupacabra, from its physical appearance to its behavior, you're likely dealing with a coyote that is in the late stages of mange, said John Tomeček, Ph.D., associate professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management.

"Mange is a debilitating disease that can infect a wide range of fur-bearing mammals," Tomeček said. "Depending on the animal's ability to overcome the symptoms of mange, the condition can become chronic, leading to behavioral changes and

even death."

Mange symptoms explain chupacabra's appearance

In canines, mange is caused by two species of microscopic mites that burrow into the skin causing intense irritation, itching, lesions, fur loss, and scabbing and thickening of the skin.

Tomeček said mange also tends to follow a pattern of progression along the animal's body.

"On canids, the last place they lose fur is right between the shoulder blades in an area that we call the ruff," he said. "This fits descriptions of chupacabras having spikes or a ridge along their backs."

Further amplifying the ridge-like characteristics reported in chupacabra sightings are the emaciated conditions of mange-infested animals.

"Infected animals can become extremely gaunt, and it's incredibly painful in the later stages," Tomeček said. "At that point, the animal appears like an otherworldly beast — especially if you see it in the dusky hours of the morning or evening."

Coyotes aren't the only common wildlife species

that can succumb to infection. Tomeček said he once observed the body of a smaller, cryptic animal that had died of mange.

"I honestly wasn't sure what I was looking at," he said. "I had to investigate its teeth and paws before determining it was a raccoon."

Changes in infected wildlife behavior

Aside from mange embodying the physical characteristics of the legendary chupacabra, the disease alters the typical behavioral patterns of the animal who is now weak and seeking easy access to resources.

"When you have a coyote that is in late-stage mange, they are bolder as far as approaching residential areas to find food because they are desperate," Tomeček said. "They're taking risks that an otherwise healthy animal wouldn't take."

According to the American Museum of Natural History, the legend of the chupacabra originated in Puerto Rico following reports of livestock deaths in which the animals had seemingly been drained of blood.

Translated from Spanish, the name chupacabra



According to a Texas A&M AgriLife wildlife expert, reports of the mythical chupacabra are likely people seeing a coyote with late-stage mange. (Adobe stock)

means "goat sucker."

In most cases, the small livestock killed during suspected chupacabra attacks are confined to cages or corrals, which Tomeček said is consistent with predation from a sick animal.

"Any predatory animal that is debilitated must seek out easier prey because wild prey are typically agile and wary," he said.

The vampire-like punctures often reported on victims of the chupacabra also correspond with the coyote's standard predation method of strangulation through multiple bites to their prey's neck.

"Coyote's mouths are not good at getting and maintaining a grip, so they have to re-bite," Tomeček said. "In doing so, they may end up exsanguinating the animal because of puncture wounds to the jugular vein."

He said reports of chupacabras fully draining an animal of blood may also be explained by how rapidly blood will settle and coagulate within the dead animal, making it appear as though it has been drained.

Wildlife boldness doesn't equate to aggression

Although sick wildlife may become bolder in

their search for food sources around human development, Tomeček emphasized this does not necessarily translate to aggression.

"I always make the distinction between an animal being bold and an animal being aggressive," Tomeček said. "Being bold just means an animal is taking risks and doing things that they normally wouldn't because they're desperate."

He said this is especially true in urban environments where homes and businesses produce an abundance of food waste that provides an easy source of sustenance.

"Wildlife like coyotes, bobcats and raccoons are very well adapted to people, so urbanization is actually increasing the abundance of these animals," Tomeček said. "They are far denser in urban areas than in rural areas; and, as a result, you have an increased opportunity for wildlife encounters."

What to do when encountering an animal with mange

Because mange is transmissible to humans and domestic animals, Tomeček advises that you do not approach the wildlife and secure your pets. Individuals should

also contact their county wildlife biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Although individuals may have an initial reaction to humanely dispatch the sick animal, it is important to properly identify the animal as it could be someone's domestic pet with a case of mange.

"There are no known preventative measures for mange, but if you live in a region where the disease is common, it would be wise to consider a regular bathing regime for your working and companion animals that includes some sort of acaricide treatment," Tomeček said. "Of course, seek appropriate veterinary care when needed."

Although it can be easy for the folklore and mystery of the chupacabra to overshadow the reality behind these strange sightings, Tomeček encourages Texans to not lose sight of the actual situation.

"When dealing with a 'chupacabra,' we are dealing with a real animal — typically a coyote — that's experiencing a serious health problem," he said. "Treat the situation accordingly so we can help steward our wildlife resources."



Mange causes intense itching, lesions, weight loss, fur loss and other symptoms in animals. The progression of these symptoms mirrors descriptions of the appearance of the 'chupacabra.' (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department)

Halloween is a Tradition That Dates Back Many Years

By Mike Villarreal

As we approach the season of ghosts, ghouls, and candy corn, the excitement is palpable. Kids eagerly plan their costumes, ready to hit the streets for some sweet treats. It's not just the kids; many adults are equally thrilled, counting down the days to October to dress up or transform their yards into spooky wonderlands.

Halloween gives many of us an excuse to be kids again and show our neighbors a different side. Many festivals and parties

offer safe and fun places to celebrate this month. Some schools even have costume contests, and there are haunted houses you can visit, such as the Monte De Los Muertos, hosted by Donnas Corn Maze in Donna.

For those seeking a more intense thrill, haunted houses are a popular choice. The Monte De Los Muertos, hosted by Donnas Corn Maze in Donna, is a prime example. A walk through their wicked woods promises an experience that will send shivers down your spine.

"Enter if you dare, and leave if you can," they say.

When I think back to my childhood, Halloween always stands out as a time of pure excitement. I didn't always get to pick my costume, but that was part of the fun. Whether I was Dracula or the Devil, the thrill of the night was always the same - the endless supply of candies. I also remember my mom loving having a big bowl of candies to give out and seeing all the kids dressed up.

October is also a great month to watch scary movies such as The Exorcist, Poltergeist, Nightmare on Elm Street, Friday the 13th,

Ghostbusters, A Nightmare Before Christmas, and Halloween.

Halloween falls on October 31 every year; this year, it will be on a Thursday. Its history can be traced back to the ancient Celtic Festival of Samhain, in which people would wear costumes and light bonfires to scare off ghosts.

Pope Gregory 3 designated All Saints Day to honor all saints on November 1. Eventually, some of the traditions of Samhain were incorporated for All Saints Day, with the day before known as All Hallows Eve and later becoming known as Halloween.

Two thousand years ago, the Celts lived in what is now Ireland, Northern France, and the United Kingdom and celebrated the new year on November 1. For the Celts, this day marked the end of harvest and summer and the start of winter. The Celts believed that on the night before the new year, the veil between the worlds of the dead and the living became blurred. They celebrated Samhain on October 31 because they believed the ghosts of the deceased would return to the earth.

To mark this event, druids built sacred bonfires to burn crops and animals as sacrifices. The Celts

also wore costumes made of animal skins and heads. Once the festivities were over, they would re-light their hearth fires, which had been put out earlier to help protect them throughout winter. By A.D. 1000, the church made November 2 All Saints Day to honor the dead. On All Saints Day, the celebration was similar to Samhain, which also involved people dressing in costumes, parades, and huge bonfires.

The night before All Saints Day, which was the night of Samhain for the Celts, was eventually called All Hallows Eve and would later be known as Halloween.