Destination Bayfront subject of mayoral visit

Mayor Nelda Martinez visits Island University to inform students about voting proposition

by ERICKA GALINDO
managing editor

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If you haven’t heard about it yet, you might find your new favorite place to shop in the entertainment section this week.

See DESTINATION BAYFRONT on PAGE 10.
CRIME

UPD Activity Log

- On Oct. 7 at 11:00 a.m. police responded to a Class C possession of paraphernalia in Mirimar Building 000. The case is still active.
- On Oct. 7 at 11:00 a.m. police responded to a Class C possession of marijuana in Mirimar Building 900. The case is still active.
- On Oct. 7 at 8:45 a.m. police responded to a Class A theft ranging from $500-$1500 in the Dungan Wellness Center. The case is still active.
- On Oct. 10 at 1:45 p.m. police responded to a Class A theft ranging from $500-$1500 in the Dungan Wellness Center. The case is cleared due to a victim refusal to press charges.
- On Oct. 11 at 9:05 a.m. police responded to a warrant info or pickup ranging from $500-$1350 in Island Hall. The case is exceptionally cleared.
- On Oct. 13 at 1:15 p.m. police responded to a burglary of a habitation felony 2 in Mirimar Building 400. The case is still active.
- On Oct. 11, a Texas A&M-University-Corpus Christi Police Safety Alert was emailed to all students containing information about two sexual assault cases that took place off campus. The incidents took place within 24 hours of each other near Ocean Drive in the early morning hours. Police believe both assaults were performed by the same man. A police composite was also included in the email of the suspect with an urge to any student who may have had information about the case to call the Corpus Christi Police Department.

Winners named at 13th annual Undergraduate Research Symposium

The 13th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, sponsored by the College of Science and Engineering at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and the South Texas Chapter of Sigma Xi, and its student affiliate members, was held on campus on October 12. Students representing Texas A&M-Corpus Christi and Del Mar College at the all-day symposium had the opportunity to compete against their peers in one of two categories, either an oral or poster presentation. The symposium was comprised of 33 oral presenters and 21 poster presentations awarding a first, second, third place, and honorable mention in each category, in addition, special awards also given in different areas. The highly-competitive presentations were rated by judges on the quality of research and presentation delivery.

Oral Presentation, General Category Winners were:
- First Place, $200 prize: Cory Speights, Laura Brown, Taylor Estabrooks, and Theodore DeWitt, "Nitrate Release by Salt Marsh Plants: An Overlooked Nutrients Flux Mechanism"
- Second Place, $150 prize: Cory Speights, Laura Brown, Taylor Estabrooks, and Theodore DeWitt, "Nitrate Release by Salt Marsh Plants: An Overlooked Nutrients Flux Mechanism"
- Third Place, $100 prize: Cory Speights, Laura Brown, Taylor Estabrooks, and Theodore DeWitt, "Nitrate Release by Salt Marsh Plants: An Overlooked Nutrients Flux Mechanism"
- Honorable Mention, $50 prize: Lawrence Mehrelboglu, "Real-Time Imaging Modalities"


Poster Presentation, General Category Winners were:
- First Place, $200 prize: Samantha Valdez, Daniel Arango, and Andrea Dossett, "Mechanisms of Breast Cancer Chemosensitization by Nutritional Compounds"
- Second Place, $150 prize: Shawns Robinson and Jeffrey King, "Development of Neutrinography Radiography Capabilities Using a Radioisotope Neutron Source"
- Third Place, $100 prize: Christopher Schaefer, Jennifer Broughton, Sherry Palacios, and Rafael Kudela, "Validation and Application of PHYDOTax: A Phytoplankton Functional Type Discriminator Algorithm"
- Honorable Mention, $50 prize: Mariela Vasquez, Marco Messina, Daryl Gaspar, Amanda Goldner, and Dr. Mark Olson, "Bipyrinidium-based Polymer sponges for the Selective Sequestration of ps-Electron Rich Aromatic Hydrocarbons from Water"

Special Awards:
- Greatest Potential Impact, $50 prize: Shawns Robinson and Jeffrey King, "Development of Neutrinography Radiography Capabilities Using a Radioisotope Neutron Source"
- Most Innovative in Engineering and Computing Sciences, $50 prize: Lawrence Mehrelboglu and Dr. Mehrubeoglu, "Real-Time Computer Interface for Double-Integrating Spheres System"
- Most Innovative in Physical and Environmental Sciences, $50 prize: Amanda Goldner, Daryl Gaspar, Marco Messina, Jonathan Thompson, Trenton Dawson, and Dr. Mark Olson, "Binary Molecular Switch-controlled Self Assembly in Water"
- Most Innovative in Life Sciences, $50 prize: Daniel Livingston, Dr. Mehrubeoglu, and Dr. Gregory Burk, "Hyperspectral Imaging of Bacteria"

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Marissa Amador presents her research project on GIS at the 13th Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. The event took place in the University Center on Oct. 12.
DESTINATION BAYFRONT

Mayor Nelda Martinez and Councilman-At-Large David Loeb speak to students in an event hosted by the Student Government Association on Oct. 14. The topic of their presentation was Destination Bayfront, a proposed construction project that will be up for vote on Nov. 5.

Destination Bayfront, arguing that the money used for the construction project could be instead put towards fixing over 300 miles of road they argue is damaged in Corpus Christi.

Martinez, who is in favor of the project, argues that both things can happen for the city. “We can do both,” Martinez said. “(Destination Bayfront) is an opportunity for Corpus Christi to grow. I have never heard anyone say ‘I want to go to that city to see their streets.”

Currently, city representatives are split about the issue, with half of them in favor of Destination Bayfront and the other half opposed to the project.

During the presentation Loeb used the cities of Houston, Chattanooga, Tenn. and Oklahoma City as examples of a city’s ability to both grow and change their atmosphere in a positive way. Loeb argued that with Destination Bayfront, the same change can happen in Corpus Christi.

The plan goes up for a vote on Nov. 5 but early voting begins Oct. 21 until Nov. 1. An voting mobile will be on campus on Oct. 24 to also let early voters cast their ballots.

Martinez and Loeb invited students to a social that will be aimed at informing voters about Destination Bayfront. The event will take place on Oct. 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Surf Club restaurant. Martinez also gave her cell phone number away to students in case there were any other questions they may have for the official.

“Thank you for wanting to be engaged and civic minded,” Martinez said. “Thank you for being educated to know that when you do go to the polling place, you will do what you believe is the right thing to do for this community in your vote.”

on the island

AT A GLANCE

Grant rewarded to University for minority students

Professors from the College of Science and Engineering wrote a proposal that was chosen for a grant from the National Science Foundation. Professors David Moury, Michael Wetz, and Petry-Aurelian Simionescu wrote a proposal, earning the University $41,000 in the first year of the three-and-a-half year grant to help recruit and mentor underrepresented minority students in the STEM fields.

The hope for this grant is to stimulate minority students to enter graduate and postdoctoral training in STEM fields.

Ideas Week celebrated in Corpus Christi

Ideas Week took place on Oct. 4-10 throughout the city with several Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi students and administrators participating at the events. The Young Business Professionals of the Coastal Bend organized the event. Downtown Corpus Christi Art Walk also partnered to host evening and weekend functions.

Ideas Week is designed to help recruit and retain young and talented people in Corpus Christi as well as the greater Coastal Bend area.

UTSA, THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

USTA’s Graduate School will be visiting YOU!

UTSA’s Graduate School will be visiting Texas A&M during their Graduate and Professional School Fair on October 21st and will host an Information Session that evening.

This is an opportunity to meet with a graduate recruiter to discuss UTSA’s master’s and doctoral degrees, admission requirements, GRE/GMAT scores, and funding opportunities.

Graduate and Professional School Fair
Monday October 21, 2013
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Memorial Student Union Building

Information Session
TBD
Please visit our events page to check on time and location
http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/events/

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The Cyber Defense Team, a student organization at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, traveled to San Antonio on Oct. 5 and 6 to compete in the annual Panoply Network Security Competition, where they won first place with 262 points.

Panoply, according to the competition’s official website, is a timed, collegiate level competition challenging a team’s abilities in cyber security.

The competition begins with a central network that contains resources and services that each team vies for by infiltrating the network, and claiming the goods for their own.

The team was started approximately five or six years ago as a competition team and participates in other activities throughout the Coastal Bend community. The research that the team conducts regarding cyber security is incorporated into curriculum on campus. Team members also help teach and tutor students on campus.

“IT’s an organization where students who are interested in pushing the envelope in terms of (their) knowledge basis... get together to explore concepts and prepare for competitions,” said computer science professor and Cyber Defense director, Steve Alves.

Alves also said that the students on the Cyber Security team have benefited greatly from the program.

“It gives them the opportunity to go beyond the classroom,” reported Alves.

Aside from the Panoply competition, the Cyber Defense Team plans to compete at the Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition and the Cyber Challenge in the spring.

The team’s success has also caught the eye of a consulting firm in Illinois that is interested in recruiting three current Cyber Defense team members.

For more information regarding Panoply, visit cyberpanoply.com. For more information regarding the Cyber Defense Team, visit their webpage at cyberdefense.tamucc.edu.
UIW Topples Islanders Soccer, 3-0

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By ALEXIS DE LEON

Freshman Liz Carter went from keeping Austin weird, to pitching "fake-game-changers for Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi softball. Carter was a three-year letter winner back home at Westlake High School.

"Making the move from Austin to Corpus was difficult, but I was excited to continue my career here," Carter said. The Austin native is finding her stride in the calm city of Corpus Christi. Six in the morning workouts were something that took adjusting. Today’s result was very difficult to take in as the team that we went this deep into the season without having this type of week was tortuous. Being a square was a tradition during World War II. Whether at home or at school, tradition would have you believe that the most important advertising strategy a brand can use is word of mouth. 

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"I'm one of my best friends and pushes me to be the best person possible. I wouldn't have wanted to grow up and explore life with anyone but him. Having a twin brother is awesome," Carter said. "It's one of the best friendships I've ever experienced was a week called "Square Week," where citizens. The whole process was frightening but there was a method to tradition. Carter was a three-year letter winner back home at Westlake High School.

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Islanders Softball Sweeps Dustdevils in Fall Exhibition

GO ISLANDERS REPORTS

CORPUS CHRISTI – The Texas A&M - Corpus Christi softball team opened its fall home schedule today and swept Texas A&M - International in a doubleheader at Chapman Field. The Islanders won the first game 6-5 and followed it with a 4-1 victory.

The Islanders will continue its fall slate next weekend when they host Coastal Bend College and Alvin Junior College. The team will welcome Coastal Bend College on Friday, Oct. 18 for a doubleheader at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. before concluding fall play against Alvin Junior College on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.

For the latest information, follow Islanders Softball on Twitter (@IslandersSball) and Facebook (Islanders Softball).

GAME 1: TEXAS A&M - CORPUS CHRISTI 6, TEXAS A&M - INTERNATIONAL 5

The Dustdevils opened the game with two runs in the top of the first on three hits, however the Islanders answered back with a five-run bottom of the first to take a 5-2 lead.

Freshman Mackinzee Griebel started things off with a walk before stealing second. After Dani Tefft eached on a Dustdevil throwing error, Griebel scored to give the Islanders a 1-0 lead. Mackapa Cochran followed with a fielder’s choice to advance Tefft to third. With runners on the corners, Valerie Perez was hit by the pitch to load the bases. J.J. Jackson followed with a walk to plate Tefft and load the bases for Laura Phillips. The senior stepped to the plate and drilled a single to score Cochran and Perez. Jessica Mendez, who came in to pinch run for Phillips, scored the Islanders’ fifth run of the inning, on a Brittany Morse sacrifice fly to right field.

TAMIU tacked on a pair of runs in the fourth on a double and two hits before Jackson stepped to the plate and crushed a lead-off home run over the right field wall in the bottom of the fourth to give the Islanders a 6-4 lead. The Dustdevils added another run in the top of the fifth on a bases loaded walk, but the Islanders escaped with a 6-5 victory.

The Islanders tallied six hits in the Dustdevils’ eight. Junior Hailey Galloway led the Islanders’ bats with two hits while Perez, Jackson, Phillips and Liz Carter each chipped in one apiece.

Carter received the starting nod in the circle and tallied three strikeouts in five innings. Freshman Katie Blanar relieved Carter in the top of the sixth and retired six of the seven batters she faced.

GAME 2: TEXAS A&M - CORPUS CHRISTI 4, TEXAS A&M - INTERNATIONAL 1

In the second game, the Islanders tallied six hits, including three from Tefft. The Islanders scored two runs in the bottom of the first on three hits to take a 2-0 early lead. Griebel started things off with a walk before advancing to second on a bunt by Tefft. Cochran followed with a single to score Griebel and pad the Islanders’ lead to 3-0.

TAMIU plated its first run of the game in the top of the fourth on a double and a single. The Islanders followed with a run in the bottom of the fifth. Jessica Mendez tallied a single through the middle and advanced on a bunt by Tefft before scoring on a sacrifice fly by Cochran.

Along with Tefft’s three hits, Cochran, Perez and Mendez all collected one hit apiece. Blanar started in the Islanders’ circle and registered one strikeout.
Corpus Christi Threads is a resale store to those who have heard about it, but to Autumn Hensiek, Junior Psychology major and Threads employee, it goes beyond the buying and selling of clothes.

"Threads is everything that you want to wear, at a price that you can afford," said Hensiek. "It also makes it easy to get money for things that you may have bought to use for one time and gives someone else the chance to wear it. It's like a thrift store without all the bullcrap. We take gently new and used clothing and, whatever we are going to price it for, we give you a higher percentage back then any other resale store in Corpus Christi."

Many have experienced Threads for themselves and realize that Threads is not just a clothing store, but an attempt to get the community involved. Hensiek said, "We also do a lot of things to involve the community. We hosted “Do it Yourself” night through the month of September. During that we make a bunch of cool things like dream catchers. We are going to be having a Halloween party. There is going to be a blood drive, costume contest, DJ, and local vendors. Just more things to try to get the community involved, especially when it concerns local artists and local businesses.”

Owner Jennifer Reed wants the community involved in everything Threads does. If you are interested in learning more about Threads and what they do, you can add them on Facebook at facebook.com/txthreads.

Local resale store allows students to stay stylish at low price

Cash for fashion

by MARINA CANTU
reporter

Top store picks

Large top, $17; American Eagle pants, size 10, $13; flats, size 6, $9

O'Neiill button up, medium, $11; Abercrombie & Fitch jeans, size 31x32, $16

Work Attire (left) Collective Concepts Dress, medium, $9.50; heels: Shi, size 8 1/2, $11; Play Attire (right) medium top, $8.50; Hollister jeans, size 7, $10; Abercrombie & Fitch book bag, $8.

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Tired of having no life on Friday nights? Well, if it is the first Friday of the month, then you’re in luck. First Friday ArtWalk is a chance for residents, tourists, and anyone else who randomly ends up in Corpus Christi to explore what downtown Corpus Christi businesses have to offer.

ArtWalk has everything from food, live music, jewelry, homemade ice cream, and tons of art for sale. Different organizations like to hang out at ArtWalk to let the public know what’s going on in their hometown. One organization thrives on that very concept alone. Laura Perez-Abu graduated from Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi in 2012 with a bachelor degree in Media Communication. She said, “Ideas week is all about getting Corpus Christi involved in the community. It’s for those people that say there is nothing ever going on here in Corpus Christi, and we’re here to show them ‘look there are tons of things going on here in Corpus Christi, and we’re here to show them.’” She also encourages students to join. “I would say students should definitely join Ideas Week and meet other students and Alumni from the schools that they are going to now. I encourage students to join YBP (Young Business Professionals). We have a student membership so they get a discounted price on all the events and they get to do all the same things.” Perez-Abu explains some of Ideas Week’s events, “we have anything from mixers and today we had a speaker’s series. We do luncheons and you just learn so many great ideas from people who are from our area who are succeeding and developing.” She said, “Entry to most of our events is free for members so that’s always good.”

ArtWalk houses many other little businesses that involve actual art and some are a little bit more interactive then other. “It’s called SpaceArt,” says Jobel Gonzalez a Communication major with a minor in Graphic Design. Space Art, as Jobel calls it, is an easy to do art piece that comes out looking like planets in space. She said, “I saw it and heard about it so I did some more research and tried it out and I’ve been doing it ever since.” She then brought it to ArtWalk for all of us to enjoy. “This is our first time at ArtWalk, but I’ve been doing them for a while now and I thought ‘you know what I’ll take it to ArtWalk.’” She explains that it is only five bucks to participate and, “Instead of just taking the artwork home they get to experience it.” She said, “I’ve done this with kids before, like 5 year olds, but considering that ArtWalk is so fast paced and parents are moving around so fast I feel that this is better for people 8 years old and up. We had a 16-year-old out here, we had a 27-year-old here, and we had a three year old out here so really it’s for everyone.”

ArtWalk has it all and it’s a great way to beat the boredom if you’re stuck at home with nothing to do on a Friday Night. If you are interested in learning more about ArtWalk, or would like to have your own booth, check out their website at artwalkcc.com.

by MARINA CANTU reporter

BJ’s opens in Corpus Christi
New restaurant stirs up excitement

I heard BJ’s is now in town, so I decided to give them a try. We have a BJ’s back at home in Austin and I’ve been there a couple times. Before I continue the review, feel free to get any laughs out about the name of the restaurant. When I walked in I felt like I was in Vegas. I don’t know how else to describe it, but it was like a top of the line night club setting merged with a restaurant. The bar, which is up on a platform, has tons of bottles on the wall behind it that are lit from the bottom giving it that extra effect. They were pretty quick on getting me seated and as I walked to the table I couldn’t help but feel like I was on a cruise or something. All of the waiters and waitresses were on point, moving back and forth, giving everyone their food on time. To drink, I had one of BJ’s in house made sodas, Black Cherry, which was pretty yummy. I ordered the Santa Fe Spring Rolls to start and they were pretty awesome. For my entrée, I had the Brew house Double Deluxe Burger cooked medium well with only meat, cheese, bacon, and pickles on it. I didn’t realize the burger came with two patties and as delicious as it was there was no way in hell I could finish it. All of the staff were extremely helpful and prompt and overall I would say BJ’s is a must try.
Miss Nueces County

Student represented Nueces County at Miss Texas Pageant

by KATHLEEN RAMIREZ
features editor

Tiffany Hinojosa, Texas A&M Univer-
sity-Corpus Christi nursing studen-
t said. "The Miss Nueces County recruiter
saw me and I was like, 'I have to do it,' so I did it, and I got cho-
sen to represent Nueces County in the of-

The Miss Texas pageant took place
on Aug. 30 through Sept. 1, and featured 104 contest-
ants from throughout Texas.

"The event was crazy cause you walk
in and they just take away all your stuff
from you, and they're like, 'go put on your
suit.' You don't have a name, they call
you like 'Nueces' or 'San Antonio,'" Hino-
joisa said. "They explain to you what they
expect of you, and then all of a sudden it's
just rehearsals and practicing. It's kind of
like it is on TV, it's crazy. I've seen people
put glue on places where I thought I
would never put glue on. It's just differ-
et, it's different from everyday life.

Contestants were scored based on
the interview process, and a swimsuit
and formal gown portion.

"It was awful, but I liked it, it was fun.
The interviews were one of the most
frightening things ever because they sit
you in front of three judges, and they just
ask you these questions," Hinojosa said.
"You can't give world peace, that's one
thing they tell you, you can't say it."

Prior to the pageant, Hinojosa said she
spent six months preparing for it. Hino-
joisa also said she received a lot of support
from both her family and her job, the
Bush Student Center, while she was preparing and training.

"I worked out like crazy, I dropped like
20 pounds in six weeks, and I gained
a bunch of weight. I'm a thick girl, I'm not
going to lie, I like to eat, and so I would
just go every morning to Gold's Gym," Hinojosa said. "So I did it, this working out
thing, and I would walk in high heels ev-
erywhere I went, like to my classes, just
constantly in high heels. I was also piling
on the makeup to where it looked natural,
but still hid like everything."

For Hinojosa, the best part of the
entire event was all the people she met,
plus all the things she learned throughout
the experience.

"I made a lot of lifelong friends there
with the other girls, so now I have friends
all over Texas. We Facebook, Instagram each other, it's really cool," Hinojosa said. "I learned a lot of
things! Beauty-wise I learned how to take care of myself; health-wise I saw what they
did to lose weight, so now I know how to lose weight; and I guess pageant-wise,
I learned that ultimately, the person with the big-
gest heart, I think, is the winner." Hinojosa said that while she enjoyed running
for Miss Texas U.S.A., she's not sure if she wants to go through the entire experi-
ence again.

"I remember after the pageant, one of the girls said, 'Oh, well we could
go get a buf-
fet, but then the next day we start training
again for next year.' And I was like, 'Uh,
I don't know what you're talking about,
I'm going to be eating buffets forver!'
Hino-
joisa said. "It's a lifestyle, it's a lifestyle that
you have to do, and maybe, if I can dis-
cipline myself to live that lifestyle
I would.'"
This drink came the closest to what you would expect from a fall drink. The spices were very evident and strong; however, it tasted more like gingerbread cookies than pumpkin spice. Once the drink was finished I found that most of the spices had settled to the bottom.

This drink was the closest to a true pumpkin color, but I found it troubling that once the froth settled, there appeared to be only gobs of resting on the surface. It had a slight pumpkin flavor, but the espresso flavor was very strong.

Located in Half Price Books, this version feels aromatic, coffee smell and a nice foamy froth; however, the pumpkin taste was very slight and it tasted a little watery.

Out of all of the drinks, this latte was the sweetest; however, the sugary taste overpowered any hint of pumpkin flavor.

This drink had the most even blend of flavors, with a pumpkin taste that was not too spicy, and the fact that you could see the spices floating on the surface was a nice touch.

Even though Dairy Queen doesn't actually have a pumpkin spice latte, I felt it necessary to mention their pumpkin blizzard. It tastes just like a pumpkin pie and has pie crust blended into it. If you love pumpkin flavor and don’t like the taste of coffee, this alternative is for you.
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U.S. lawmakers have failed American people

Congress continues to have temper tantrum on workers’ dime

We are nearing mid-October and members of Congress are still not doing their jobs by refusing to go into negotiations about the extension of the federal budget before the deadline to default on their loans which is Oct. 17.

Polls show that a majority of Americans disapprove of Congress’ behavior and their job performance, but maybe representatives don’t care or have become very comfortable in their positions. Pleasing their constituents is no longer a priority. Instead, political agendas are being fulfilled and American citizens are, again, fronting the bill for the biggest of all inappropriate tantrums to take place in public.

Unfortunately, even the media has not managed to fully capture the full and devastating effects of the government shutdown, even though it is their job to document the complete picture. Big media companies have not made it priority to cover the several thousands of government workers who are not able to go to work. Maybe this doesn’t sound an alarm for representatives in Congress who are relatively well off and are considered “essential” in the budget during the government shutdown, but this means that there are currently Americans who were able to complete their jobs who are either working for free or are not able to work. Although the government is closed, bills do not stop and unless people’s living expenses are also pursued, this means that Americans are currently either racking up more debt or stink in very sad situations.

Instead of focusing on one part of a picture that is getting darker, the media likes to report on rampers unable to park in national parks because they are closed. Other outlets are whining about the panda cam being shutdown online because there is no one there to man it. Again, the focus is on the consumer being inconvenienced versus the workers unable to make a living because of laws.

To add insult to injury, reports by Gawker have suggested that parks like the Congressional gym and the commute system that personally takes members of Congress from their cars straight to the Capitol are still in full use.

While all of Congress members are still being paid, workers ensured to presenters were going without pay. This is the case for Border Patrol agents assigned to the Rio Grande Valley Sector. Tuesday marked their first payday after the government shutdownOctober 1. Unfortunatly for the workers, US Customs and Border Protection can’t compensate agents for work that was performed after Sept. 30. Even though the workers through October, they will have to go with a smaller than usual paycheck due to their elected officials’ inability to negotiate. More important, federal workers will go without pay due to an inability of government leaders to lead our nation with the American people in mind.

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Texas women is not all that Davis stands with

an opinion by ERIKA GALINDO

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The process, which drills and injects fluid into the ground at a high pressure in order to fracture shale rocks to release natural gas inside, leads to the contamination of ground water.

Fracking fluid, which is the substance shot into the ground, is a mixture of sand with about 600 lead. During the process, methane gas and other chemicals have managed to leak out of the system and can contaminate groundwater. It has been reported that the contaminated water are at least 17 times higher near water wells by fracking sites than in normal wells.

Videos and testimonials have surfaced on the internet which show that people who live near fracking sites report that their water faucets and light a match to the running water, which catches fire due to the fact that it is contaminated with gas.

There’s also the fact that the Keystone XL pipeline has managed to run through people’s property and TransCanada Corporation, the main company behind fracking in North America, has forced property owners to give up their land to destroy it in the quest to bring oil from Canada to the U.S.

Many argue that fracking will help us lessen the dependency on foreign oil, but the fact remains that the long term effects it has on the environment and the sacrifices that people have had to make so that corporations get richer still stands. And Senator Wendy Davis, who has just announced her run for Texas governor, is at the forefront of it.

Davis introduced SB 514 in April of this year that would expand the use of pipelines to transport oil and gas waste to disposal wells in the drilling process. Davis has also voiced her support of hydraulic fracturing, claiming that it helps Texas jobs.

Unfortunately, feminists have jumped on the Davis bandwagon after she led a filibuster to try and stop abortionist lawmakers from passing a bill that would close 90 percent of abortion clinics in Texas. As a feminist, I appreciate Davis’ efforts to stop bigger from passing laws that would essentially make it impossible for Texas working women to get adequate and affordable healthcare. But I refuse to vote on only one issue due to the fact that I’m not only affected by one issue. Sure, I’m a woman, but I’m also a Mexican-American, working class amongst a member of other disenfranchised groups. Also, as promising as Davis seems to be, I do not buy into her argument that one politician was the only one of all the injustions are, people cannot lead their lives on intentions alone. A family that was forced to give up their homes is just one story among many and people cannot lead their lives on intentions alone. A family that was forced to give up their homes is just one story among many.

I understand that there are still voters who have not been as disillusioned with the political system as I have, but I would be more surprised if Davis managed to actually stick by Texas women if she does win the race for governor.

There’s also the fact that after the wake of her filibuster, the work of reproduction justice activists have largely been ignored or overlooked by the narrative that has been told. Instead, I heard one politician was the only thing that is getting darker, the media likes to report on rampers unable to park in national parks because they are closed. Other outlets are whining about the panda cam being shutdown online because there is no one there to man it. Again, the focus is on the consumer being inconvenienced versus the workers unable to make a living because of laws.

This is the problem. We, the people, will never be satisfied until we take the political process and fix it so that it actually works with people in mind. A system that is run by the people, with our interest in mind. A system as I have, but I would be more surprised if Davis managed to actually stick by Texas women if she does win the race for governor.
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