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Holidays

Turkey-less Thanksgiving

BY JUSTIN ANTHONY MONAREZ

The Prospector

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture more than 45 million turkeys are cooked and eaten at American Thanksgiving dinner tables per year.

For vegan students, health and ethical reasons are enough to celebrate the holidays turkey-less despite the stigmas they may encounter while maintaining alternative diets.

"Don't let the food get in the way of what Thanksgiving is about," said Andrea Benitez, senior political science major and president of UTEP Animal Activists club.

Benitez has been a vegetarian for five years and converted to veganism a year ago for health purposes. Despite holiday traditions, she will avoid turkey, meat and dairy products this year. Benitez said celebrating the holidays was difficult when she converted.

"There were a lot of Thanksgivings that I had to cook my own food," Benitez said.

Freshman philosophy major Dorian Payan, who changed to a vegan diet a year ago, said his diet was not well-understood and supported at first.

"Everyone is a strict carnivore in my family," said Payan, who comes from a traditional Mexican family. "I find at

random times that they try to sneak in meat in my diet."

Vegan activists Linda Bower, who works with EarthSave and Vegan Outreach, said her mother was Cuban and she is familiar with traditional diets from different cultures.

"I am fully aware of the obstacles," Bower said. "Food from different cultures can be easier to 'veganize' than the standard American diet."

Payan said his family is slowly adapting to his diet.

"Since my family, sticks to these traditional Mexican festivities, when they do tamales, they do them without dairy," Payan said. "Much of the kitchen is starting to be influenced by me. I do help out by introducing what I'm eating."

Benitez's family is also embracing some aspects of her diet and ideologies. Benitez said her sisters have adopted a vegetarian diet. Her mom recently eliminated most meat, except for fish, from her diet.

"It was very tough, especially because they were against what I was doing," Benitez said. "It was a matter of information, before I was very quite about it. I was kind of known as the weird sibling. Once they knew more about it, they realized it wasn't a matter of being different, it was a matter of eating different."

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Special to The Prospector

Vegan and Vegetarian students may seek substitutes for meat and dairy products during their Thanksgiving feasts.

Vaccines

Health center encourages students to get flu shots



GREG CASTILLO / The Prospector

Jacquelyn Navarrete, doctor of pharmacy, is getting ready to get a flu shot at the UTEP Health Center.

BY DIANA ARRIETA

The Prospector

The Student Health Center is urging students to protect themselves from the H1N1 virus, the subtype of influenza that became very popular last year.

"I think getting the influenza vaccine is a good idea since you never know what can happen," said Michelle Pugh, junior electrical engineering major. "It's better to be safe and get the shot."

According to Valerie Farrington, nurse practitioner of the Student Health Center at UTEP, the H1N1 virus tends to attack pregnant women and healthy young people. The virus can also cause death if it is not treated properly.

"The H1N1 virus tends to hit the healthiest groups, which is really odd" Farrington said. "In addition

it can certainly cause death, very rarely, but it can happen. Although there is medication to treat the virus, it doesn't take it away completely, it only shortens the length of the illness."

It has been a year since the threat of influenza spread throughout the world and many have begun to fear the sickness less.

"What happened is the various national public health groups have gotten a handle on what H1N1 is, they know how to vaccinate against it and they pretty much know how to treat it so everybody has turned complacent," Farrington said.

She warned people about the dangers of the virus, which is still deadly and it's still around.

In an effort to ensure the health of students, faculty and staff, the Student Health Center at UTEP is offering shots for \$15. The shot,

which protects against both influenza and seasonal flu, is a good way to prevent getting ill.

"I'm glad the Student Health Center is offering the influenza shot, it really makes it convenient for students," said Geny Salomon, sophomore biological science major. "As students we tend to work in an environment where there is constant contact between us, whether it is by sharing the computers in the library or the desks and tables in the classrooms, so the shot will really reduce the risk of catching the virus."

To reach out to the UTEP community, the Student Health Center will hold a flu clinic outreach Dec. 1 in the Undergraduate Learning Center.

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In honor of Jon

BY SAL GUERRERO
The Prospector



It has been one year and one day since I first experienced what it means to lose someone close to me. Just 366 days ago today, one of my closest friends, Jonathan Sierra, died in a motorcycle accident on the Eastside of El Paso. He was 23 years old and only six weeks away from his birthday.

The days that followed his death were the toughest for all his family and friends. I cannot fathom where we gathered the strength to stand on our feet, but we did.

I remember when I first met Jon. We were both freshmen at Montwood High School, vying for a spot on the football team. I was a lineman and Jon was trying out for quarterback. We would both find ourselves in starting roles in those positions.

He befriended me that first week, and from then on we were the closest of friends. He drove an old forest green Lincoln Continental that his father gave him, or loaned him I should say, with a CD player that worked only half the time. That car would become our freedom in the four years of high school, and at times, our downfall as well.

Jon had this way about him, charisma that gravitated even the strangest of people to our circle of friends. He never discriminated and always offered

a helping hand to those who needed it most. That is what I remember most about him – his unselfish manner that went out of the way for people, even if it meant zero personal gain.

I guess that is the result of growing up in the loving family that he did. His parents were nicer than he was, always offering food and a place to stay if need be. I myself did not understand how they could be so compassionate, until I was stuck in a situation where I needed help.

My friends and I always joke, “Jon’s door was never locked,” and literally it never was. I remember spending the night at his house a few times a month, when my home life wasn’t exactly what you would call healthy. And at times, he would even answer his phone in the late hours of the night and come pick me up when my doors were not as welcoming as they should be.

I never felt like an inconvenience. There was always a friend at Jon’s house one way or another. In fact, my friend Jose spent the night one evening and left four years later. But that is how Jon was – he always helped you out no matter how much space he had to sacrifice in his private life.

Now that I reflect back on the short 24 years I have lived, I can truly say that he was my best friend. He filled the role of a person that could not—even if you wanted to—be forgotten in any way, shape or form.

After high school, we went our separate ways. He went on to the Marines and I enrolled in college, but we never lost touch. Whether it was those long distance phone calls or the occasional letter from Iraq, we never stopped being friends. And on those rare mo-

ments when he would come back to El Paso, he would always visit me no matter what the time of day to reflect on those good time we had, when we truly were invincible.

Everyday I think about him and how his laugh—no matter how bad the day—always made me crack a smile. And as I write this column and attempt to fight back tears, I remember how his kindness helped mold me into the person I am today. I know that no matter how old I become, or how many new friends I meet along the pathway through life, I will always miss my good friend Jon.

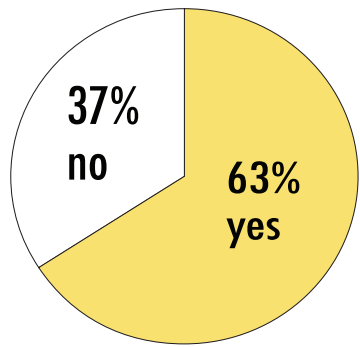
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company get rich quick. Shipping for such items via FedEx runs nearly \$9 and it gets cheaper via USPS. As a graduating senior, I am used to having UTEP sticking it to me here and there, when it comes to prices, but to have another company do it as well?

Gerson Guerra
Senior Kinesiology major



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Borderland

Mexico Revolution ties border communities

BY NICOLE CHÁVEZ
The Prospector

After 100 years, El Pasoans still remember the conflict that changed the social, cultural and economic landscape of the city.

During the Mexican Revolution, a significant number of people fled the atrocities of the war and settled in El Paso. Though 100 years have passed by, the border area is experiencing the same situation. Just as in those days, people are now moving to El Paso because of the violence in Ciudad Juárez.

"It seems like every 100 years we have a war. Now we have a war on drugs," said Luis Romero, junior computer science major.

Mexicans who brought their families to El Paso in the 1900s, helped build the city, created the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and some families are even considered a part of the pantheon of El Paso city founders.

For Sandra Enriquez, teacher education assistant at the Center for History Teaching and Learning at UTEP, the Mexican Revolution brought more than economic changes to El Paso.

"After the revolution, we saw how the anti-Mexican sentiment started in El Paso, (we also saw) a strong growing economic dependence on both sides of the border, and some multiculturalism aspects of the two cities," Enriquez said.

Students still see El Paso as a central point in the smuggling of arms to Mexico and also as a balcony from where they can view the violence on the other side of the border.

"People used to watch the battle in Juárez from the top of their houses as a TV show, now we see the "narcos" killing people from UTEP," said Mario Rojas, freshman electrical engineering major.

Pancho Villa's houses, Francisco I. Madero's adobe house across from ASARCO, the Mills building and Caples building are some of the historic places in El Paso linked to the Mexican Revolution. Some students admit they never think about the events in the 1900s.

"Everyday we pass next to these buildings, we just see it as old, ugly buildings without noticing that our roots lay in it," said Raquel Delgado, sophomore kinesiology major.

Memories of the revolution lie on the grounds of Concordia Cemetery as well. Pascual Orozco and Victoriano Huerta played a major role in the Mexican Revolution and both were buried in El Paso. Patricia Kiddney, president of the Concordia Heritage Association, said their re-

mains were eventually removed, but a mausoleum where they were buried still stands at the cemetery.

"They were here until 1925 and 1935, (respectively). Like them, we have a lot of people who contributed or were victims of the revolution events," Kiddney said. "The Mexican Revolution impacted greatly what we were and what we became."

Faculty and graduate students for the Department of History has worked for a year and a half to com-

memorate the Mexican Revolution. Three exhibits will show the cultural and social aspects of the issue.

Newspaper articles, films and photographs are part of the exhibit at El Paso Museum of History. An

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Health

Students raise awareness for epilepsy

BY CANDICE MARLENE DURAN
The Prospector

Students for Awareness and Community Service are on a mission to show the UTEP community that epilepsy is no joking matter and call attention to serious issues affecting those that live with the disease during National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

Stefanie Morales, president of SFACS and junior history major, hopes that the organization's campaign will cause people to stop and think before making jokes about seizures.

"I see people making jokes about having seizures," Morales said. "And I see how it affects people. I want people to know about epilepsy and bring awareness. 50,000 people die from epilepsy and that's not something to be joking about."

According to the National Epilepsy Foundation, epilepsy and seizures affect almost three million Americans of all ages and one percent of the population can be expected to have developed epilepsy by 20 years of age.

SFACS will be passing out pamphlets with information and lavender ribbons to symbolize epilepsy awareness every Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the rest of November. They will also be demonstrating what to do when a person is having a seizure through staged demonstrations.

Josephine Talamantes, junior education major, has seen the effects of epilepsy first hand when a friend had a seizure in her band class.

"We didn't know what to do," Talamantes said. "Not even the band director knew what to do. It was pretty shocking and now I know what to do."

Cesar Soto, sophomore electrical engineering major, explains how he stopped by the table out of curiosity and thought the "what-to-do" seizure demonstration was significantly important and informative.

"I was just interested in seeing what epilepsy was about," Soto said. "They said that a lot of people have it and if you know what to do when somebody has a seizure, you can save a life."

Students stopped by the table and discussed past experiences with Morales, who struggles with epilepsy herself.

"I see people making jokes about having seizures. And I see how it affects people. I want people to know about epilepsy and bring awareness. 50,000 people die from epilepsy and that's not something to be joking about."

- Stefanie Morales, president of SFACS

"I share my story (so that) people know they're not alone," Morales said. "I'm out here and telling people that there is hope and a lot of people open up because we understand."

On Nov. 19, SFACS screened a documentary on sleep deprivation research and epileptics.

"Little kids do these tests," Morales said. "And they stay up for about 24 or 28 hours until their meeting the next morning. It's kind of sad it's like they're robbed of their childhood."

David Aviles, member of SFACS and freshman history major, explained how he has seen more people in meetings and expects SFACS to grow into a major organization at UTEP.

"Give it some years," Aviles said. "We'll be just as well known as the (student) government association."

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Stefanie Morales, junior history major and president of SFACS, distributes information about National Epilepsy Awareness Month.

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apartment in the Segundo Barrio at 500 S. Oregon St., which used to be the home of Teresita Urrea, will become a community museum. Urrea was an inspiration during the revolution, she was a 'curandera' and people listened to her advice.

"We are planning a self-guided tour of the buildings that played a major role in the Mexican rev-

olution. Teresita Urrea's home will be the first step on the tour," Enriquez said.

The Centennial Museum will host the third exhibit concerning the Mexican Revolution in spring 2011. Exhibitions will feature topics such as public health, commerce and class tensions on the border.

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DIEGO BEDOLLA / The Prospector

Teresita Urrea, whose former house is located at 500 S. Oregon St., played a big role in the Mexico Revolution.

Question of the week

What's on your wish list this holiday season?

Photos by Daniel Rosas and Diana Amaro



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National

Honor given to first living service member since Vietnam War



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Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta's acts of heroism during an ambush of his team in Afghanistan earned him the country's highest award for valor. He said later that his valor was no different than that of any other service member.

BY RAYMUNDO AGUIRRE

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama had the rare opportunity to present the Medal of Honor to a living service member last week—the first time since the Vietnam War.

The country's highest award for military valor was awarded to Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, 25, who rescued a fellow soldier and provided cover to other members of his unit when they were ambushed in Afghanistan in 2007.

Giunta was accompanied by his wife, Jennifer, and his parents, Steven and Rosemary Giunta. They joined Obama and first lady Michelle Obama in the East Room of the White House. "I'm going to go off-script for a second and just say I really like this guy," Obama said, looking over at Giunta.

Eight Medals of Honor have been awarded during the operations in Iraq and Afghanistan - five to members of the Army, two to members of the Navy and one to a Marine.

"It is my privilege to present our nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor, to a soldier as humble as he is heroic," Obama said. "As I found out myself when I first spoke with him on the phone and when we

met in the Oval Office today, he is a low-key guy, a humble guy and he doesn't seek the limelight. And he'll tell you that he didn't do anything special."

Giunta received a phone call from the president Sept. 9 informing him of his award. In interviews since, Giunta denied being anything but average.

"It means the world to me to have the great men and women of the United States military behind me, supporting me," Giunta said after the ceremony. "Although this is so positive, I would give it all back in a second to have my friends back."

While on patrol the night of Oct. 25, 2007, Giunta's team was ambushed by a well-armed and coordinated group of insurgents.

Giunta, then 22, held the rank of specialist and served as rifle team leader on his second deployment to Afghanistan with Company B, 2nd Airborne Battalion in the 503rd Infantry Regiment.

He and the other soldiers were providing support to another platoon while that platoon built relations with a local village. As Giunta's platoon began marching back to base in the

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"We want to make sure that our students, faculty and staff are aware of the vaccine so we are going to be sponsoring a flu clinic in a few more days," said Jacquelyn Navarrete, doctor of pharmacy of the Student Health Center at UTEP. "We are going to be providing the vaccine which contains both the H1N1 and flu strains for anyone who has not had the chance to come in to the Student Health Center because of time constraints or location."

Navarrete said that just because the semester is almost over, students should still take advantage of the available shot before they head in to winter break.

"School is almost done for the semester, so before everyone leaves for vacation we want to make sure we provide that for them," Navarrete said. "We will have a table

and we will be there from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., so I definitely recommend everyone to come and get their vaccine, because you are not only protecting yourself but also your family and friends."

While the vaccine is a good way to protect students from getting ill, it is also a way to prevent them from missing classes near the end of the semester.

"I feel the vaccine is a really good idea, especially as we end the semester; the vaccine will help students stay healthy and not miss their last classes as we close the semester," said Sharon Gonzalez, junior biological science major. "This is the time of the semester where we have a lot of tests and projects due, so it's important for students to stay healthy."

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Protect yourself

- * Exercise everyday to build immunity
- * Eat a healthy diet with vegetables, grains and protein
- * Stay away from people who are sick
- * Wash your hands multiple times a day



Por la paz

Desde Nueva York luchan contra la violencia en Juárez



File photo
La violencia en Ciudad Juárez ha costado la vida de más de 7,000 personas desde 2008.

POR BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA

The Prospector

A poco más de 2,000 millas de distancia de la frontera, un grupo de profesionistas en la ciudad de Nueva York ha creado un programa llamado Project Paz para luchar contra la violencia en Ciudad Juárez y apoyar a los grupos establecidos que promueven el desarrollo y bienestar de la ciudad.

El grupo, que incluye a un estudiante graduado de UTEP, se creó hace aproximadamente seis meses en Nueva York.

“Decidimos hacer algo porque habíamos oído una noticia grave y todos decidimos porque nos sigue afectando y también afecta a nuestras familias allá”, dijo Adalberto Gutiérrez, quien se graduó en el 2008 de publicidad con diseño gráfico.

Gutiérrez junto a otras personas originarias de la frontera, escogieron a Ciudad Juárez porque dicen que la violencia ha tocado a inocentes además de afectar a la comunidad y a la economía.

De acuerdo con reportes de la prensa mexicana, más de 1,850 personas han sido asesinadas sólo este año en Ciudad Juárez y más de 7,000 han muerto desde que inició la guerra contra las drogas en el 2008. En todo el país unas 28,000 personas han sido asesinadas en hechos relacionados con la guerra.

Entre los objetivos de Project Paz está el ayudar a víctimas de la violencia y recaudar fondos para apoyar programas de desarrollo comunitario en vecindarios subdesarrollados de la región fronteriza.

El pasado 16 de noviembre, junto con la asociación civil Amor por Juárez, Project Paz llevó a cabo una subasta de arte conjunta en Nueva York. De este evento llamado Project Act se recaudó un total de \$90,000 dólares.

Amor por Juárez es una campaña permanente de concientización para demostrar solidaridad y apoyo a la gente de Juárez.

“Estamos bien contentos porque pudimos juntar a casi 500 personas que asistieron”, dijo Gutierrez. “Gracias a los anfitriones pudimos recaudar dinero para ayudar a estas víctimas de Juárez”.

Algunos de los anfitriones de Project Act fueron el futbolista Rafael Márquez, Michael Bastian, Roxana Bruno Lamb, Christian Cota, Carolina Herrera de Báez, entre otros.

Todos los fondos recaudados en el evento serán canalizados a grupos comunitarios de la Fundación de Empresariado Chihuahuense, A.C. (FECHAC) que supervisa proyectos de salud comunitaria, educación y desarrollo en las comunidades olvidadas de Ciudad Juárez.

“Es algo muy bueno que están haciendo desde allá”, dijo Sergio Luna, estudiante de último año de ingeniería

mecánica. “Especialmente me da gusto que están ayudando a la gente para promover paz porque con todo lo que está pasando, realmente se necesita”.

Gutiérrez dice que los integrantes de Project Paz tienen muchas expectativas para el futuro y una de ellas es tener varios eventos al año para recaudar fondos y que el movimiento siga apoyando las causas por la paz.

“Esperemos que el proyecto crezca más para que sigamos apoyando y ayudando a la gente que está siendo afectada por la violencia”, dijo Gutiérrez.

Gutiérrez espera que la gente se interese en apoyar la causa y puedan hacer una donación económica visitando, www.ProjectPaz.org.

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SFACS's epilepsy table is accepting donations and all proceeds go to the Cure for Epilepsy Foundation. In their campaign, SFACS said that epilepsy may be overlooked by breast cancer research. "Shouters" at the table announce: "Breast cancer takes as many lives as epilepsy, but gets 10 times more funding."

SFACS hopes to raise more money for research through their campaign. "A lot of funding doesn't go to epilepsy research," Morales said. "It's important for people to know where

their donation is going, especially compared to breast cancer."

Aviles mentioned that the most important thing for people is to know the statistics of epilepsy and the number of people affected by it.

"Money is secondary," Aviles said. "For me, the facts and numbers are most important, like one in 10 people have a seizure in their lifetime, but only one in 100 are diagnosed. That is the information we give, that's the most important thing."

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President Barack Obama commends Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta on his humility and valor at the presentation of the Medal of Honor Nov. 16 at the White House.

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Korengal Valley of eastern Afghanistan, they were met by an insurgent group that was so close that the Apache helicopters flying overhead could not shoot at the insurgents without risking the soldiers' lives.

The soldiers in the lead were immediately hit by enemy fire. Giunta pushed forward through smoke and machine gun fire, pulling one of the wounded soldiers to cover.

He was struck twice—one bullet hit his flak jacket and another hit a weapon strapped to his back.

Giunta continued moving toward the attackers, using hand grenades to create cover and suppress enemy fire. In the muddle of the skirmish,

he searched for his friend, Sgt. Josh Brennan.

Giunta found two insurgents carrying the wounded Brennan away as a prisoner. Giunta killed one of the insurgents and wounded the other.

The rest of his squad moved up while he provided medical aid to Brennan until he could be carried out by helicopter.

"By the time it was finished, every member of First Platoon had shrapnel or a bullet hole in their gear," Obama said. "Five were wounded, and two gave their lives: Sal's friend, Sgt. Joshua C. Brennan, and the platoon medic, Spc. Hugo V. Mendoza."

To Mendoza and Brennan's parents, who were in the audience, Obama said, "On behalf of a grateful nation, let me express profound thanks for your sons' service and their sacrifice."

Giunta was born in Iowa and attended John F. Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids. He was sweeping floors in a Subway restaurant when he heard a radio commercial about the U.S. Army. He enlisted in November 2003 at the age of 18.

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Shopping

Black Friday madness



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Black Friday is the day after Thanksgiving and traditionally marks the beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

BY AUDREY RUSSELL

The Prospector

It's the season for giving thanks, eating great food and planning ahead to catch those unbeatable shopping deals, available just a few hours after digesting all that turkey.

Black Friday, the busiest day for shoppers, is here again and consumers are eager to scramble around for the best deals of the entire year.

"The Black Friday line at Wal-Mart went all the way around the entire building last year," said Pauline Matcos, freshman graphic design major. "We'd go again this year because the deals are really good, especially at stores like Target, Best Buy, Wal-Mart and Kohl's."

Stores like Wal-Mart, Old Navy and Gamestop have already posted online previews of the expected hot items for Black Friday. This year Target already advertised their four-day pre-Black Friday sale on specific electronic media to extend the savings for this year's shoppers.

In the past, trampled customers, horrific fights and even shootings have made the Black Friday headlines, but shoppers are still ready to burst through store doors. Midnight wake up calls and the pushy crowds are not the only problems encountered. All too often the savings are simply too good to be true.

"I went last year to buy a laptop at Wal-Mart for about \$193 bucks and once we got inside we found out they only had 100 and already ran out of them. They didn't bother to tell the 300 people waiting in line either. There were people pushing and shoving everywhere," said Jessica Jauregui, freshman English major. "It's totally not worth it. Employees get first dibs on the deals anyway, but if stores had the same deals online, I would totally take part."

Technology is quickly taking the reigns of the shopping world, but the



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Target is one of many establishments offering special sales.

only way it can help on Black Friday is by updating the consumer on what products to look out for on sales racks in stores.

Websites like www.BlackFriday.org track down the hottest stores and post their secret ads on what consumers can expect to see in stores. Purchasing from websites like these is not available, but you can scour all the ads to see which stores are offering the best prices and items before going out. Twitter is also taking part in advertising the company leaks online and can be followed through @BlackFriday.

Though online shopping is more convenient and efficient, physical store shopping will never be replaced, said Tom Fullerton, professor in the UTEP Department of Economics.

"Online sales are still growing, but have not reached their peak yet. It is very unlikely that online sales will ever replace physical stores even if they do reach their peak," Fullerton said. "(In) recent years, investments are in shopping centers and malls, plus there will always be catalogues

and Internet advertising to back up in-store sales."

Fullerton has seen that online shopping has been taking away from the sales of stores, but hopes to see a balance between all of the sources in the future.

"I expect online to grow considerably in the future, but there is an equilibrium between in store, catalogue, and online sales to be met. A place we can reach where all distributions of sales are equal in the way that they will increase and decrease together," Fullerton said. "Customers can easily make purchases by mail, phone and the company websites, so retailers are figuring out how to use these comparatively in order to compliment each other."

While all methods of shopping might reach a balance in the foreseeable future, the only day that you can find these deals is on Black Friday.

Those willing to brave the surge of panicking shoppers and wait for hours outside electronics stores just may save on their holiday shopping.

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Black Friday blow-out sale hours

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Question of the week

Where will you shop on Black Friday?

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ANDREW RYAN
freshman business administration major
“I plan on shopping at Target and Best Buy for some electronics and a new TV for my room.”



BERENICE MENDEZ
junior graphic design major
“I’d love to get myself electronics such as speakers, a computer monitor and maybe camera accessories.”



ELIZABETH HEFLIN
freshman speech language pathology major
“I plan on going to the mall, Target, the farmer’s market, Best Buy and Ulta.”



ARIADNA TRILLO
freshman vocal performance major
“I plan on shopping at the mall on Friday, mainly Forever 21 and anywhere else where the clothes catch my attention.”



JOSE TORRES
freshman civil engineering major
“I’m going to go buy electronics for the charity organizations I’m in.”

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FirstLight Federal Credit Union Sun Bowl Parade will take place 10 a.m. Nov. 25, beginning at the corner of Montana Avenue and Ochoa Street and ending on Copia Street.

The First Lady’s Thanksgiving Dinner will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Judson F. Williams Convention Center. The event is free and open to the public.

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Guide

Five gifts that tell people you hate them

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN
The Prospector

Holiday season is upon us and while most gift guides tell shoppers what to give, very few advise those gift-givers who love to hate. Here are five gifts to tell that special someone that you hate them to the core. Of course, these are gift ideas for people with unlimited money, so if you are poor (like me), just don't give the people you hate anything – they will get the same idea.

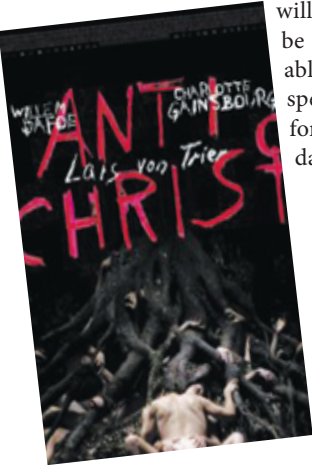
1. Microsoft Zune

Do I really need to write more than just the name of the product? Does anyone really ever want a Zune? This is like the MP3 player purchased for someone because it is cheap on Black Friday and it looks sort of like an iPod.



2. “Antichrist” (available on DVD and Blu Ray)

So you want to give someone the most awkward and uncomfortable experience of their entire life? Well, buy them director Lars Von Trier's latest film, “Antichrist,” which famously shocked the audience at the Cannes film festival at its May 2009 premiere. The plot follows a couple whose child falls out of a window to his death while they are having “fun” in their bed. The grieving couple goes off to the woods to a cabin called “Eden,” where some messed up stuff happens, like a fox eating himself, turning into William Dafoe (who plays the character known only as “Man”), and saying, “Chaos reigns.” The viewer of this movie



will not be able to speak for days.

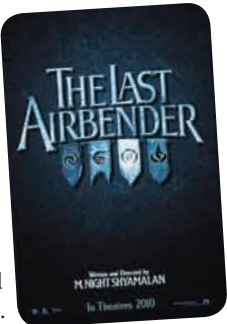
3. “Medal of Honor” (available on Xbox 360 and Playstation 3)



This isn't the military shooter that everyone has looked forward to and everyone wants to get. Giving this gift to someone who asked for “Call of Duty: Black Ops” is akin to a parent going to buy a Batman action figure for their child and coming back with Robin or Batman in his winter suit. It shows you don't care enough to get what they want or you think they have awful taste.

4. “The Last Airbender” (available on DVD and Blu Ray)

I gave this movie one pick when I reviewed it during the summer. I wish I could take that back and give it none. Some movies are bad, but fun to watch (like the cult classic, “The Room”), but some movies are like horrible infections like the one that melted that guy's face off when he opened the Ark of the Covenant. “The Last Airbender” is a film of the face-melting kind.



5. “Fallout: New Vegas” (available on Xbox 360 and Playstation 3)

Do you like to give untested and broken things to people you hate? Give them this. “New Vegas” is filled with more bugs than an ant farm and currently has a game-ending glitch that does not even let players save their progress. Nothing says you hate someone more than allowing them to waste five hours on a game to find out they cannot load their file anymore.

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Philanthropy

Phi Delta Theta runs for Lou Gehrig's disease

BY JACKIE DEVINE
The Prospector

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity chapter at UTEP will hold its first annual Iron Turkey Run Thanksgiving morning to raise awareness for Lou Gehrig's disease.

The race, which is hosted by The Greenery Restaurant and Market, will consist of a 5K run, a 1-mile fun run/walk and feature special turkey Olympics.

"We're doing this because it's our national philanthropy cause," said Ricky Galindo, vice president of Phi Delta Theta and junior biological sciences major. "Lou Gehrig was a member of Phi Delta Theta at Columbia University."

The fraternity will honor his battle with the disease and for all the work he did on and off the field, as well as those fighting the disease here in El Paso. Lou Gehrig was a hall-of-fame baseball player with the New York Yankees. He was later diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), which is more commonly known now as Lou Gehrig's disease.

It is a fatal, neurodegenerative disorder caused by the degeneration of motor neurons, the nerve cells in the central nervous system that controls voluntary muscle movement.

"I know how difficult it must be to have some kind of muscular dystrophy in itself," said Mark Heins, owner of The Greenery. "I have a personal connection with this. I lost a good friend at a young age to the disease. I know how devastating it is."

Since there is not enough research at the moment for a cure, Phi Delta Theta fundraises and raises awareness to help those in the area who are affected by the disorder.

"It's a cruel disease because people are still mentally coherent and they slowly lose control of motor functions, leading them to use wheelchairs at times," said Jered Holder, community service and philanthropy chairman of Phi Delta Theta and junior kinesiology major.

Lou Gehrig's disease symptoms include the loss of strength in arms and legs, feet and ankles may become weak, and swallowing, speaking and breathing may become difficult. Eventually the disorder weakens muscles, paralyzing patients.

"The main reason we're running for this cause besides being our philanthropy, we want to give thanks to those who can't. If I was affected by this I would want to feel that someone is there for me supporting me," Holder said.

The event will be held on Thanksgiving because it is a perfect time to help those in need and to be thankful for everything, Galindo said.

"People take a lot of things for granted, especially their physical well-being," Galindo said. "We live in a border city where a lot of people have this condition. It's important for the community to get involved."

Recently, the Phi Delta Theta International Fraternity created an organization called "Iron Phi," which will strengthen the partnership between Phi Delta Theta and the ALS Association.

Through the fundraising efforts of members of Phi Delta Theta and achieving personal athletic goals, the fraternity will be able to mobilize its membership base to help the Phi Delta Theta Foundation and The ALS Association achieve their missions.

Lou Gehrig was known as the "Iron Horse" during his baseball career because of his durability and perseverance. His positive attitude after being

diagnosed with ALS inspired those around him to make a change.

Phi Delta Theta encourages the El Paso and UTEP community to come out and run for the cause. Fraternity members said even if you don't think you're fit you can always participate in the 1 mile fun run/walk.

"I'm excited because this is the first time a race is being chip timed here in El Paso," Holder said. "This is the first event we're doing like this that's a positive way to raise money for this disease."

According to Phi Delta Theta, raising awareness of Lou Gehrig's disease is especially important because many people still don't know about it or that work can be done for a cure.

"Every little bit helps. Helping in a small way can be significant," Heins said.

Other activities will be included in the race like the turkey Olympics, which is a four-man relay race where each leg is 200 meters and the participants will have to carry a frozen turkey as a baton.

Another event is the turkey run which is a half-mile race made up of four team members. All members must

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1 12 oz bag fresh cranberries
3/4 cup water
1/3 cup agave syrup
Place cranberries in a sauce pan with water and cover. Bring to a boil. Turn the heat off completely. Mix in agave and let sit for about five minutes. Cranberries should be broken down and saucy. Transfer to a bowl and place in freezer. Stir every few minutes to get it to cool faster.

Roasted Broccoli

1 1/2 pounds broccoli
3 tablespoon olive oil
Salt
Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment. Peel the broccoli stalks and chop them into 3/4 inch pieces. Cut the rest of the broccoli into large branches. Place on the sheet, drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with salt. Toss to coat. Place in the oven for about 10 minutes on each side. Broccoli should have various shades of toasty brown.

Fluffy Mashed Potatoes

3 pounds yukon gold potatoes
1/2 cup unsweetened almond milk at room temp
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
3/4 teaspoon salt
Several dashes fresh black pepper
Cut potatoes into about 1 1/2 inch chunks. Place in a pot and cover with cold water. Sprinkle about a teaspoon of salt into the water. Cover and bring to a boil. Once boiling lower heat to a simmer and cook for about 12 minutes, until fork tender. Drain potatoes, then place back in the pot. Do a preliminary mash with a potato masher, just to get them broken up. Add milk, oil, salt and pepper and mash until fluffy. You may want to add a bit more milk, if needed. Taste for salt and pepper and serve!

Doublebatch Chickpea Cutlets

1 16 oz. can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
1 cup vital wheat gluten
1 cup plain breadcrumbs
1/2 cup vegetable broth or water
1/4 cup soy sauce

1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon dried sage
Olive oil for pan frying
In a mixing bowl, mash the chickpeas together with the oil until no whole chickpeas are left. Use an avocado masher or a strong fork. Alternately, you can pulse the chickpeas in a food processor. We're not making hummus here, so be careful not to puree them, just get them mashed up. You can also sneak the garlic cloves in here instead of grating them, just pulse them up before adding the chickpeas. If using a food processor, transfer to a mixing bowl when done. Add the remaining ingredients and knead together for about three minutes, until strings of gluten have formed. Preheat a large heavy-bottomed skillet over low-medium heat. Cast iron works best. If you have two pans and want to cook all the cutlets at once then go for it, otherwise you'll be making them in two batches. Divide the cutlet dough into two equal pieces. Then divide each of those pieces into four separate pieces (so you'll have eight all together). To form cutlets, knead each piece in your hand for a few moments and then flatten and stretch each one into a roughly six by four inch rectangular cutlet shape. The easiest way to do this is to form a rectangle shape in your hands and then place the cutlets on a clean surface to flatten and stretch them. Add a moderately thin layer of olive oil to the bottom of the pan. Place the cutlets in the pan and cook on each side for six to seven minutes. Add more oil, if needed, when you flip the cutlets. They're ready when lightly browned and firm to the touch. I've found that they cook more thoroughly if I cover the pan in between flips. I also use my spatula to press down on them while they're cooking, that way they cook evenly.

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Benitez is planning a vegan menu for her household this year. "Last year in my home we had our first vegetarian Thanksgiving," Benitez said. "Since I've been a part of this organization, I influenced my sisters." Although meat and dairy products will be served at his house, Payan said he may be tempted but he'll resist. "I always find a way around it. It's not too difficult because there is always a variety of food when the holidays come," Payan said. The best way to combat temptation, Benitez said, is to remember the reasons for choosing the diet. Benitez also said she has never been tempted because there are many substitutions that taste just as good. Although tofurky is a substitute, President of the Vegetarian Society of El Paso Greg Lawson said, it is not necessary for a vegetarian Thanksgiving dinner. "You don't even have to have a main dish to pretend to be meat. Make a lot of side dishes," Lawson, who has been a vegetarian for 32 years, 12 of the last as a vegan, said. Lawson said there are plenty of substitutes available for vegetarians who would like to replace the staple-dish. Whole tofurky roasts are available at Sun Harvest or for an individual meal, tofurky deli slices are also available. A product available at Albertsons in the frozen section is Gardein brand

Chick'n Scallopini, which is similar in taste and texture to a chicken or turkey fillet. He also said students can consider making the mashed potatoes and dressing to avoid the use of butter and milk. Although he believes many vegetarians and vegans will stick to their diets, he said some might compromise during the holidays because it's a big family meal. Bower and Lawson said cooking the meal, or portions of it, are good ways to avoid breaking diet. "The best way to deal with the whole situation is to try to do some of the cooking, if not all of yourself, or plan to get together with other vegetarians you might know," Lawson said. Bower said planning ahead is important for vegetarians and vegans. "I'll make sure I have something to eat and share with others. I don't leave it up to chance," Bower said. "I look at it as an opportunity to share something good to eat with other people, and maybe it can stimulate discussion." Bower also recommends using the Internet as a tool for vegan cooking. "I highly recommend young people get in the kitchen with their parents, or cook before the dinner," Bower said.

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Basketball

Miners remain undefeated in Legends Classic

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector

Guard the interior, make more foul shots than the other team attempts and move the ball on offense until you get a good shot. These are the three principles head coach Tim Floyd has tried to get his new Miner basketball team to adhere to.

On Nov. 20 at the Don Haskins Center, the players did those three things better than they had so far this season, defeating the Western Carolina Catamounts 77-65.

UTEP has won both of their games in the Legends Classic tournament, improving to 2-1 on the season.

"I think we're getting better, we're growing a little bit each week," Floyd said. "I think we played pretty good to start the second half, we didn't finish it strong but I think a lot of that had to do with the fact that (senior point guard) Julyan (Stone) wasn't on the floor."

With UTEP leading by a slim 32-30 margin, the Miners managed to score the final five points of the half, giving them a seven-point cushion at the break. UTEP then came out and scored the first nine points of the second half and the Catamounts never recovered, trailing the Miners by as much as 22 points.

The Miners were once again a balanced team offensively. Senior guard Randy Culpepper led all scorers with 24 points, tying his season-high. Cul-



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Senior guard Randy Culpepper attempts a dunk Nov. 20 against Western Carolina at the Haskins Center.

pepper was perfect from three-point range, going 4-for-4.

He has now surpassed Antoine Gillespie for third place on UTEP's all-time scoring list with 1,725 points.

Stone and senior forward Jeremy Williams scored 11 points each and senior guard Christian Polk added 10 points, while senior center Claude Britten had nine points coming off the bench.

Stone, who has seemingly been everywhere this season, pulled down rebounds, created turnovers and dished assists, adding two blocks, three steals, six assists and five rebounds in 26 minutes of play. Stone has now scored in double digits in three straight games, tying a personal best.

"Floyd came to me at the beginning of the season and told me I need to be aggressive for this team," Stone said. "We have a bunch of scorers, a bunch

of players that can do different things but he told me he needs me to be the aggressor, get to the line and do the extra things."

UTEP held the Catamounts to just 28.6 percent shooting in the second half, 33.3 percent overall. Senior guard Mike Williams, who had 18 points, led Western Carolina.

UTEP also guarded the perimeter much better, especially in the second half, where the Catamounts scored

only five times from beyond 10 feet, four of those coming from beyond the three-point arc.

In accordance with the Floyd Rules, the Miners made more free throws than Western Carolina attempted. UTEP was 25 for 34 from the free-throw line, while the Catamounts were 13 for 17. All 17 of Western Carolina's free throw attempts, however, came in the second half.

"We lose our concentration late in games and still foul too much late," Floyd said. "But we're doing a good job of getting the ball where we need to get it offensively to go get fouled. We're doing a better job of talking about playing without our hands on the defensive end and keeping the other teams off the line."

The Miners used good ball movement to get the ball into the paint, outscoring the Catamounts 48-18 from the inside. Overall UTEP shot well in both halves of the game, improving on a 46.2 percent first half to shoot 62.2 percent in the second.

"We're working on executing and not just taking the first shot available because we know we can get that shot whenever we want," senior guard Christian Polk said. "We've been moving the ball and really buying in to what coach has been talking about and that's causing us to take better shots and to score a lot more points."

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Football

Tulsa squeaks by UTEP in final game of the season

BY ALEX MORALES
The Prospector

The Miners looked to solidify a bowl berth with a win against Tulsa, but they came up short, losing to the Golden Hurricane 31-28 Nov. 20.

UTEP (6-6, 3-5 Conference USA) led Tulsa (8-3, 5-2 C-USA) throughout the first half, but went in at halftime all knotted up at 21 apiece.

The Golden Hurricane came out in the second half and drove the ball inside the UTEP 20-yard line, but the Miners' defense held Tulsa to a field goal to make the score 24-21.

The Miners were able to respond with a drive of their own that was capped off by junior running back Joe Baynard's five-yard touchdown run to put UTEP up 28-24 with a little more than five minutes left in the third quarter.

Tulsa responded within a minute thanks in part to Damaris Johnson's kick return inside UTEP's 35-yard line. The Golden Hurricane punched it in on a one-yard run by running back Alex Singleton to make it 31-28.

Neither of the teams could muster any more points as both defenses held the opposition to no points in the final quarter. The Miners had an opportunity to score some points in their last possession, but their drive stalled inside Tulsa territory as they turned the ball over on a fourth-down interception by senior quarterback Trevor Vittatoe.

The Miners were able to get their first 100-yard rusher of the season as Baynard fin-

ished the game with 20 carries for 155 yards and three touchdowns. He had touchdown runs of 28 yards, 66 yards and five yards.

Tulsa junior quarterback G.J. Kinne threw for 325 yards completing 19 of 34 pass attempts. He had two touchdown passes. Senior wide receiver Johnson finished the day with six catches for 146 yards. He also had a big 62-yard kick return to set up the go-ahead touchdown for Tulsa.

Sophomore return specialist Marlon McClure had his second kick return for a touchdown in back to back games when he returned one to the house in the second quarter. He picked up a short kick off and returned it 73 yards for the score. He also had two receptions for 25 yards.

Vittatoe threw for a season-low of 100 yards on 8-of-22 passing and one interception. The senior, playing in what could be his final game as a Miner, was battling an ankle injury throughout the contest.

Senior quarterback James Thomas filled in for Vittatoe throughout the game, rushing for 49 yards in nine attempts. He also completed one pass on a 40-yard play to sophomore wide receiver Cory Trisby that set up Baynard's first touchdown run.

UTEP now has to await their fate and find out if they are selected to play in a bowl game. With Conference USA having six ties to bowl games, one team could be left out if the conference has seven bowl-eligible teams.

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File Photo

Senior wide receiver Kris Adams catches a pass last season against Tulsa at the Sun Bowl.

Basketball

Caldwell’s hot hand boosts Miners past Braves

BY HERMAN ROJAS
The Prospector

Even with a less than ideal start for the UTEP women’s basketball team, they were able to find a winning formula and come up with a tough win.

The Miners overcame a sluggish and sloppy start against an undermanned, but feisty team to pull away late as they picked up their third victory of the season with an 85-72 victory over Alcorn State Nov. 22 at the Don Haskins Center.

“Well, I was not very happy with our first half,” head coach Keitha Adams said. “I didn’t feel that we were playing hard, I thought that Alcorn (State) played extremely hard from start to finish. They came in here and were a scrappy bunch.”

Guard Dietra Caldwell led the shooting attack for the Miners, finishing with 25 points, six assists and six rebounds on 7-of-9 shooting. Forwards Kayla Thornton and Gloria Brown

provided the spark off the bench with 17 and 13 points, respectively. Thornton also added a game-high of 11 rebounds. The trio missed just five shots of the 24 attempted on the evening.

For the Braves (0-3), guard Carolin-sia Crumbly finished with a team-high 25 points while Tiffany Stewart added 15 points on 7-of-8 shooting. Guard Kiara Ruffin also added 15 points, but was plagued from the floor constantly, making just 3-of-19 shots on the night.

UTEP (3-1) opened the game looking to take advantage of their home-court advantage and overall depth and looked to be utilizing both early in the game. A free throw followed by a 3-point play by Caldwell capped off a 4-point possession and gave the Miners an 11-4 lead four minutes in.

But the Alcorn State reserves helped keep the game from getting out of reach early on. Despite dressing just 10 players, the Braves got help from their bench.

Crumbly and Stewart generated most of the offense in the half and helped erase an early deficit with a 9-4 run to close the UTEP lead to 17-15 with 11 minutes remaining.

Also plaguing the Miners was their inability to take care of the basketball, turning the ball over 10 times in the opening half, which led to 11 points for the Braves. The lack of ball control negated much of the sharp shooting UTEP had early on and allowed Alcorn State to keep the contest close.

The Braves managed to take a 30-28 lead with five minutes remaining in the half after Crumbly and Stewart engineered a 10-4 run. UTEP kept the game close as Brown and Briana Green closed the half strong, but went into the break trailing Alcorn State 38-37.

“I just told our team at halftime that we didn’t play hard and need to take pride in wearing that UTEP uniform and that this program is based on playing hard,” Adams said. “It wasn’t going to be good for them if we didn’t come out and play hard the next 20 minutes.”

In the second half, the Miners went back to prioritizing scoring in the paint in order to set up the outside shot, a strategy that was successful early in the first half.

“She just basically told us that we need to come out and play the way that she teaches at practice and if we didn’t there were going to be consequences,” Caldwell said.

Thornton scored seven points in the first five minutes while Caldwell heated up from beyond the arc to fuel a 20-8 run for the Miners to give them



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Junior guard Dietra Caldwell scored 25 points Nov. 22 against Alcorn State at the Don Haskins Center.

a 57-46 advantage with 12:32 remaining. From there, UTEP maintained a comfortable cushion the rest of the way.

“I just went out there to help my team get a ‘W’ and just work hard in whatever coach Adams tells me to do out there,” Thornton said. “I went out there and tried to do it 100 percent.”

Brown also pitched in from the bench on both ends of the floor, hitting high-percentage shots while becoming a paint presence coming up with five blocks.

Paint presence made the difference in the second half, with UTEP outscoring Alcorn State 22-8 from close range. While the Miners were able to stick with what worked through the half, the Braves were stifled and were limited to 37 percent shooting overall compared to UTEP’s 55.

Up next for the Miners will be Idaho State in the UTEP Thanksgiving Classic, which takes place Nov. 26-27 at the Haskins Center. The first game is set for 4:35 p.m.

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Basketball

Delay Of Game, McCulley returns from redshirt season



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Junior guard/forward Gabe McCulley attempts a layup Nov. 20 at the Don Haskins Center.

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector

Last season, forward Gabriel McCulley was forced to sit and watch from the sidelines as the rest of his teammates enjoyed the season they had all dreamed of.

McCulley hoped to have the breakout junior season that his fellow Memphians, guard Randy Culpepper and forward Arnette Moultrie, were about to have. Instead he cheered on his teammates and childhood friends from the sidelines, watching them go 15-1 in Conference USA and earn a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

“It was real tough,” McCulley said. “I wanted to be out there helping them, playing along with them, but this year I can say I’ll be able to play with them.”

During his freshman and sophomore years McCulley came off the bench as a versatile swingman, whose size allowed him to play down low or step into the 3-guard position on the wing. McCulley played in 66 out of 70 games during his first two seasons as a Miner. While his career averages may not show it (3.8 ppg, 2.9 rebounds), his numbers improved between his freshman and sophomore years.

McCulley worked hard on his outside shot and improved his overall shooting percentage to 42.4 percent from the field and 36.2 percent from 3-point range. As a sophomore he also scored double digits four times.

Everything seemed aligned for McCulley and the Miners to have a breakout season in 2009-10. With a young but experienced backcourt in place, power forward Derrick Character set to join the team for the conference run and with McCulley coming off the bench for former head coach

Tony Barbee, expectations ran high in Miner Nation.

Then, during their first exhibition game against New Mexico Highlands McCulley broke his left wrist on a dunk attempt. After sitting out the first four regular season games, McCulley attempted to come back from the injury, but said it was simply too tender and too painful to be touched, making it hard to defend.

“I’ve known Gabriel since back in the day,” Culpepper said. “We played against each other (in Memphis) in summer leagues, then as we got older (we) joined teams together, so we have been playing together for at least six years.”

It was tough, Culpepper said, to watch his friend have to sit out the remainder of the season while he helped lead the team to a regular season conference championship.

“It’s good to have him back,” Culpepper said. “He’s a good addition to this years team. I remember last year when we were doing all our winning he was down and sad because he wasn’t out there with us and I felt his pain. Now that he’s with us I know he can help us a lot.”

This year, McCulley is confident that he can fit in well with new head coach Tim Floyd’s pro-style offense. Since the days of Michael Jordan, the 3-guard and small forward position have been largely interchangeable, leading to today’s superstar hybrids like Lebron James.

McCulley’s versatility is something Floyd would like to exploit, using McCulley’s height and speed to guard other team’s wingmen, while also being able to slide down to the post on offense and use his athleticism.

So far in the young 2010-11 season, McCulley has started in one of three

games and played a total of 63 minutes. He is averaging five points per game, while shooting an even 40 percent from the field. McCulley has also snagged seven rebounds and blocked two shots.

“He adds rebounding, his physical stature, guarding people down low,” senior forward Jeremy Williams said. “He’s very strong and assertive at stopping the ‘big’s. We need that this year because of our lack of size. Plus he knocks down the open shots.”

Because of his injury last season, McCulley will also get something the rest of his fellow seniors won’t, a second year under Floyd. McCulley was granted an injury redshirt for his junior season, and therefore has another year of eligibility left following this season. He will also be the team’s only returning senior next season and hopes to assume a leadership role.

“Coach Floyd has expected a lot out of all of us and been our best critic, helped us with our game,” McCulley said. “Next year, I’ll have to step up to the plate.”

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The Falcons posted a mark of 2294 in smallbore to the Miners' 2,251, but UTEP bested USAFA 2,331 to 2,317 in air gun.

Air Force's Tom Chandler held the high mark in both guns, shooting 583 and 592 in smallbore and air gun respectively.

Andrea Palafox (591), Alix Moncada (587) and Korina Rodriguez (578) followed Chandler in the air gun and the Falcons' Robert Vasquez fired 576 to round out the top scores. UTEP's Hannah Muegge finished seventh (575).

Muegge and Moncada each recorded 566 in smallbore to notch the Miners' top guns. Palafox was close behind, shooting 564 and Rodriguez marked 555.

The Miners take a break from competition for winter break, but return to action Jan. 22, 2011 when they head to Kentucky to face Murray State.

Miners fall in three
to Memphis

The UTEP volleyball team surged to a 7-1 lead in the first set but could not hang on, as Memphis charged back to take the Miners in three sets (25-19, 25-19, 25-20) Nov. 21 at the Elma Roane Fieldhouse in Memphis.

The Miners fall to 12-19 overall and 4-14 in C-USA while Memphis improves to 16-14 and 7-11.

UTEP's net defense highlighted the match, as the Miners posted 10 blocks to Memphis' two. In on the stops was Jeane Horton, who posted a match-best seven rejects. Horton also contributed three of the Miners' 34 kills of the day.

Bridget Logan posted a team-best 12 kills and hit .333 in the contest and Cassandra Burrueled chipped in eight kills and hit a .462 clip. Ma-

lia Patterson dished out 28 helpers and Stephanie Figueroa and Logan posted eight digs each.

Memphis held a slight advantage in kills (38-34), hitting percentage (.250-.242) and digs (36-31). The Tigers laced 11 aces and UTEP committed 11 errors at the service line for a total of 22 points for the Tigers.

The Miners produced double-digit kills in all three sets and hit a respectable .241 and .344 in the first and third sets, respectively, with their weakest performance coming in the second frame when they hit .133.

The Tigers came out swinging in the first stanza, blasting to a .433 hitting efficiency with 16 kills in 30 attempts with just three errors. The Miners were able to hold Memphis under .200 in the second and third frames but the Tigers still clawed their way to a victory.

The Miners return to the friendly confines of Memorial Gym for its final home match of the 2010 campaign when they take on UCF at 7 p.m. Nov. 24 in Memorial Gym. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3 for children (ages 12 and younger). Seniors Jennifer Nolasco and Kyla Muela are to be honored.

Kimaiyo tabbed USTF-
CCCA Athlete of the Year

Sophomore Risper Kimaiyo has been tabbed the 2010 Mountain Region Athlete of the Year by the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association the organization announced Nov. 17.

"This honor for Risper highlights our women's program with success," said head coach Paul Ereng. "Risper has represented our athletic department and university positively. I'm very happy and excited for her as we head to the national meet."

Kimaiyo became the first woman in school history to win a cross-country regional title. The Kenya native did so by setting a new course record at the 2010 NCAA Mountain Region Championships with a time of 20:02. The All-American claimed her second straight Conference USA crown on Nov. 1 and produced the top time at this year's Pre-National Invitational.

At the NCAA Championship, Kimaiyo attained her second consecutive top-10 finish, crossing the finish line fourth at the 201 NCAA Cross Country Championship in Terre Haute, Indiana.

She finished with a time of 20:16 at the LaVern Gibson Championship Course, improving from last year's ninth-place finish.

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Basketball

Miners look ahead to 200th meeting with Aggies

BY DAVID ACOSTA
The Prospector

The UTEP Miner basketball team is set to take on I-10 rival New Mexico State at 7:05 p.m. Nov. 23 at the Don Haskins Center.

The game will mark the 200th time the two teams face each other in a battle for bragging rights on the Texas-New Mexico border.

The Aggies lead the series overall 101-98, while the Miners lead the series at the Don 58-46. Last season the two teams played to a draw, with each team winning on the road.

The game marks Tim Floyd's first attempt at a win against the Aggies as head coach. However, given his history as an assistant to former UTEP head coach Don Haskins, it is not his first taste of the rivalry.

"I don't have any frame of reference other than 24 years ago," Floyd said. "But it was one of the great, great rivalries in all of college basketball. You'd have 12,000 fans at our place and 14,000 at their place, rabid student sections...it was a game that meant something to a lot of people."

The Aggies are the defending Western Athletic Conference tournament champions and are picked to finish second in the conference this season by WAC media and coaches polls. The team went 20-12 in 2009-10,

winning the WAC's automatic NCAA tournament bid.

While the Aggies lost two All-WAC selections from a year ago in guards Jonathan Gibson and Jahmar Young, NMSU returns a strong core of players this year. Junior forward Troy Gillenwater, senior forward Wendell McKines and junior center Hamidu Rahman all finished last season with double-digit scoring averages. The Aggies also return senior guard Gordo Castillo, an excellent three-point shooter, and junior point guard Hernst Laroche, who has started in every game since his freshman season. Both Gillenwater and McKines are pre-season first team All-WAC selections.

"We're really excited, they've got some good players," senior guard Christian Polk said. "It's not going to be an easy game at all, they are a really good team and we're going to be ready to go."

In 2009-10, the Aggies were first in the WAC and 14th in the nation in three-point field goals per game. They also ranked 21st in scoring offense, averaging 78.3 points per game.

Head coach Marlon Menzies is now entering his fourth year with NMSU. He has posted a winning record in his first three seasons at the helm for NMSU, with a 60-41 record overall.

The Aggies suffered their second straight loss, falling to 2-2 on the season Nov. 20 against the University of Massachusetts in the opening round of the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame Tip-Off tournament. The team's previous loss came two days prior at Arizona.

"I think their two losses are a little bit of a lie in that they were down seven (points) with seven minutes to go at Arizona and then the game got away from them late, and then got down in Springfield against U. Mass," Floyd said. "The fact that they were in the tournament a year ago and have a lot of those guys back presents a real challenge for us."

With only two days to prepare, Floyd said, he hopes the team can continue to progress and get better. He expects the team to see a lot of zone defense for the first time this season, an added challenge to a UTEP team that is still trying to find itself offensively.

"I'm really excited about the rivalry, it's going to be a great experience for me," freshman guard Michael Perez said.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what their crowd is like and getting the intensity of the UTEP-NMSU rivalry."

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Junior forward **Jeremy Williams** attempts a pass Nov. 12 against Pacific.

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Senior guard **Christian Polk** dribbles down the court Nov. 12 against Pacific at the Don Haskins Center.

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The Miners posted their best record (6-6) in four years this season. They also became bowl eligible for the first time in five years.

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HOMMEWORK AN EXCLUSIVE BOUTIQUE FOR MANKIND

Hommework, located at 2603 N. Stanton, is not just another boutique here in El Paso; Hommework is an original, unique shop that offers a variety of brands that you usually can only get in big cities! Gloria Carrasco and Enrique Saenz created Hommework with the purpose of bringing its customers prestigious brands that they will not see anywhere in Texas.

The owners say that the name of the boutique means creations of mankind. The word "homme" is French for mankind, and the owners used that term because they think clothes and fashion are humanity's art and work.

They work diligently to bring these brands to El Paso, which are the same brands that are offered at the boutiques that the Kardashians own.

Owner Gloria Carrasco says that Hommework has been successful because of the original styles offered at the boutique, which are the ones celebrities are wearing. Enrique Saenz proudly says that Hommework voted as Best Men's and Best Women's Apparel in What's Up's 2010 Best of the Best readership survey.

The owners plan to open new locations in the future—on the Eastside of El Paso and in Albuquerque and other big cities such as Los Angeles and San Francisco.

The owners invite students to do their Hommework and come visit the store and experience their extraordinary customer service and amazing apparel.

Hommework, the first and only street wear store in El Paso, is the ideal place to find that perfect, one-of-a-kind holiday gift. You can also visit the store online at hommework.com.



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOMMEWORK AND OTHER BOUTIQUES IN EL PASO IS THE **EXCLUSIVITY** OF THEIR BRANDS.



The difference between Hommework and other boutiques in El Paso is the exclusivity of their brands. The clothing lines they order are not mass-produced, and when they order a specific item, it is cut to order. Hommework also offers new apparel every two weeks for men and women.

The unique brands at Hommework include Skunkfunk, Custo Barcelona, Kill City and J brand, among others. They have accessories from Tarina Tarantino and watches from JC de Castelbajac. The owners are also planning to offer G-Star, which is worn by Justin Bieber and Usher, and 55 DSL, which is designed by the son of the founder of Diesel.

The owners fly every three months to attend a market convention at Los Angeles, which highlights all the ultimate high-fashion brands.

