

3-8-2011

The Prospector, March 8, 2011

UTEP Student Publications

Follow this and additional works at: <http://digitalcommons.utep.edu/prospector>



Part of the [Journalism Studies Commons](#), and the [Mass Communication Commons](#)

Comments:

This file is rather large, with many images, so it may take a few minutes to download. Please be patient.

Recommended Citation

UTEP Student Publications, "The Prospector, March 8, 2011" (2011). *The Prospector*. Paper 33.
<http://digitalcommons.utep.edu/prospector/33>

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Special Collections Department at DigitalCommons@UTEP. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Prospector by an authorized administrator of DigitalCommons@UTEP. For more information, please contact lweber@utep.edu.

VIDEO

Visit The Prospector's online multimedia section to watch video of UTEPIA.



C-USA TOURNEY PREVIEW

Dark-horse teams could dominate
SPORTS • 13



Inside this special issue:

- Students head to SXSW festival
- Vacationers stay away from Ciudad Juárez

Vacation spots

UTEP students travel to Mexico despite advisory



Special to The Prospector

Despite escalated violence in Mexico, Puerto Vallarta and other beaches remain popular travel destinations.

BY DIANA ARRIETA

The Prospector

Despite the travel warnings issued by the U.S. Department of State, some UTEP students will spend their spring break on the warm beaches of Mexico.

"I don't think there is any better place to spend my spring break than Mexico," said senior computer information systems major Monica Flores.

"Even though many warnings have been made for tourists, my friends and I know the country well, and this year we are going to Puerto Vallarta."

The U.S. Department of State issued a travel warning statement in September 2010 informing U.S. citizens about the security situation in Mexico and the country's narcotics-related violence, more specifically

see MEXICO on page 7

C-USA Tourney is here

BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Prospector



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Memorial Gym has been prepared for the C-USA Women's Basketball Tournament.

It came as a surreal feeling to El Pasoans when it was announced in May 2010 that the Sun City would be the site of the 2011 Conference USA Men's and Women's Basketball Championship. Nearly 10 months later, the much-awaited event is finally here.

"This is heaven if you're a basketball fan," said Edward Davis, UTEP alum and owner of Cappetto's Italian Restaurant. "It starts Wednesday morning at 11 and it's going to go all day for the next two days. I'm going to love to be able to go to the (Don) Haskins Center and watch basketball all day."

UTEP and El Paso are doing their parts to accommodate C-USA visitors. Locally-owned Cappetto's has supplied pre-game meals for the UTEP men's basketball team all season and will now open their doors for visiting fans and teams.

"People don't come to El Paso to eat Italian food, they come to eat Mexican food. We did some Internet advertising with the school athletic departments to let fans know we're here," Davis said. "I will be hosting (teams) for dinner and work with the hospitality room, so whatever we can do to help make this a success. High tide lifts all boats and this is great for the city."

see C-USA on page 5



You Deserve It!



Become our Fan

1700 Curie, Suite 2400, El Paso, TX 79902 | 533-3461
Optional 0% financing on bilateral procedures with no previous eye surgery.

Column

Mean what you say, say what you mean

BY AARON MARTINEZ
The Prospector



A word is just a word and nothing more. Most of the time when we speak we really don't think about the literal meaning of what we actually said. But once that word has been printed, published, recorded or repeated in any matter, it may not sound like what we meant it to.

Whether for good or evil, once a word is put down for all to see or hear, the one who said it may not like the way it comes off. Although, everyone has their own take on what a word actually means or what they believe it to infer, I like to believe that anyone with common sense can tell the difference between what words were used and what the actually message of those words were intended to mean.

Last week, a professor of mine said something that really struck a chord with me. So much so, I had to write it down immediately. Little did I know how true those words would become for me just a few days later.

"Language is a smokescreen; we rarely say what we are truly thinking. We hide our thoughts behind a wall of words," my professor said.

The truth of this statement may become painfully obvious when a person is being interviewed for a news story. Whether it is a controversial issue or a puff piece, the individual will almost always hide the way they truly feel due to the fear of saying something politically incorrect. And when the words they have said loud and clear do not come off as profound and righteous as they believed they would, they always

blame the people who published them.

While I am trying to be as vague as possible about the situation we are currently dealing with, I truly wish I could scream it out loud so everyone could hear. For I know most, if not all, would find it amusing and a waste of a lot of people's time.

As editor-in-chief, I try my hardest to write and assign stories that bring light to the struggles that students face every day on campus. So far during my tenure, as being my toughest critic, I believe I have done a respectable job at covering these issues.

Whenever a situation is brought to our attention that impacts the health and safety of the UTEP community, we will always cover it. Not just to be "controversial," not just to get students to pick up the paper, but because it is an important issue that people should be aware of and so that changes can be made to correct the problems.

Whenever any newspaper covers a big issue the emotions this brings up are passionate, and may even incite anger and fear. But, the worst thing it can bring forth is a lack of caring about the issue at hand or people who care more about what someone may think about them because of what they said.

Although, drama and hassles may be caused by our coverage, we will never stop reporting about the important issues concerning the health and safety of students. In the end, as journalists, we all know that "no good deed goes unpunished."

Aaron Martinez may be reached prospector@utep.edu.



The Prospector wants you!

The Prospector is looking for correspondents (sports, entertainment and news) for spring 2011. If interested, please apply at The Prospector's office, Union Building East, Room 105 or visit www.utepprospector.com.

the
prospector

staff

vol. 94, no. 31

Editor-in-Chief: Aaron Martinez
Layout Editor: Sarah A. Burchett
Online Editor: Sergio Ramirez
Entertainment Editor: Matthew Munden
Sports Editor: Sal Guerrero
Multimedia Editor: Nicole Chavez
Photo Editor: Diana Amaro
Copy Editor: Vanessa M. Juarez
Correspondents: Evelyn Murillo, Anoushka Valodia, Beatriz A. Castañeda, Diana Arrieta, Jazmin Salinas, Audrey Russell, Jackie Devine, Alejandro Alba, Celia Aguilar, William Vega, Kristopher Rivera
Photographers: Diego Bedolla, Bob Corral, Daniel Rosas, Greg Castillo
Cartoonist: Blake Lanham
Asst. Director-Advertising: Veronica Gonzalez

Ad Representatives: Selene Macias, Alheli Tocoli, Karina Sandoval, Claudia Martinez, Jesus C. Martinez,
Student Ad Manager: Fernando Hernandez
Senior Ad Designer: Yasmin Marquez
Ad Layout Manager: Alejandra Guerrero
Ad Designers: Esteban Marquez, Javier Villanueva
Accounting Specialist: Isabel Castillo
Classifieds: Marcela R. Luna
Student Publications Director: Kathleen Flores
Editorial Advisor: Lourdes Cardenas
Work-studies: Marisa Montilla, Catherine Jones

you think?

WHAT DO

This week's poll question:

Will you spend spring break out of town?

vote at WWW.UTEPPROSPECTOR.COM

Column

Students want to keep guns out of UTEP

BY LUCIA MURGUIA

Special to The Prospector



After hearing about the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007 and the Northern Illinois shooting in 2008, the thought of students carrying concealed weapons on campus is daunting to many.

With more than half of the members of the Texas House signing as co-authors of a proposal that would allow concealed handguns on college campuses, many UTEP students wonder how safe the classroom will be.

"I wouldn't feel safe knowing that the person sitting next to me in class could be armed," said Diana Gloria, SGA president.

Because of the high risk that guns would pose on campus and in the general well-being of students, the UTEP Student Government Association feels that it is by all means necessary to prevent the legislature from passing such a law. SGA has taken the initiative to begin a petition and a resolution for UTEP students to be a part of.

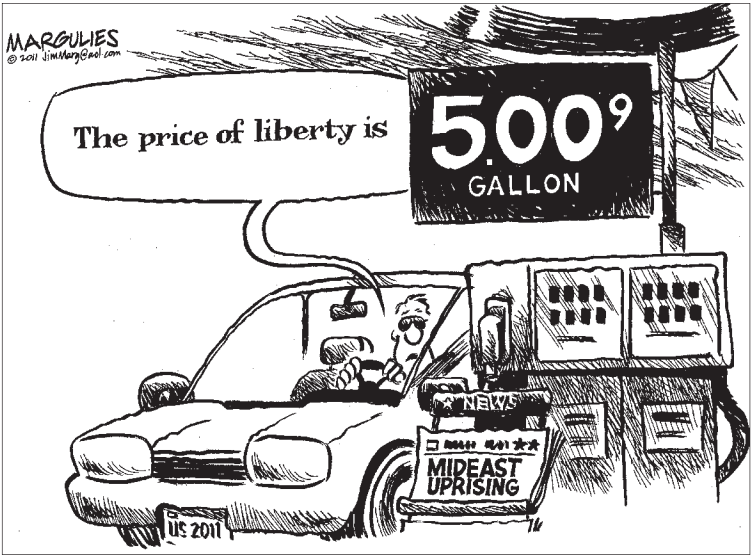
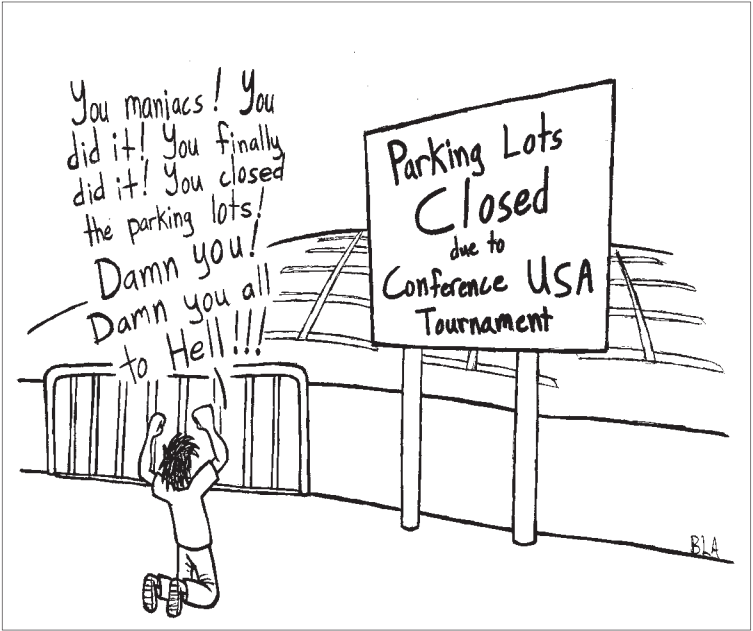
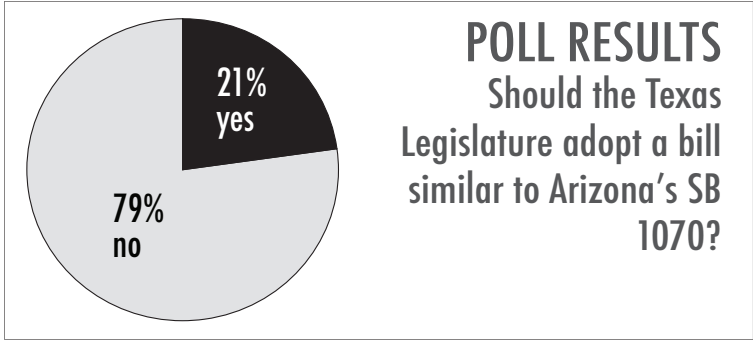
There will be a rally on campus for students, faculty members and the public to attend March 9 at noon in Leech Grove. The rally will consist of an information session along with a live signing session.

"We believe that if we attain at least 2,500 votes opposing concealed weapons on campus, we can push Governor Rick Perry away from the signing the bill," said Pablo Padilla, senior microbiology major and organizer of the event. "Students have the power to make that change happen."

The petition was created by students who feel that having concealed weapons on campus could pose threats for everyone at UTEP. The rally will give students a chance to voice out their opinion and initiate a change in the state legislature. Once enough votes are attained, the petition will be sent to Governor Perry. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

"We feel that guns have no business being inside the classroom," said Padilla. "Student safety comes first."

Lucia Murguia may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.



SPEAK YOUR MIND








Submit a letter to the editor! Letters will be edited for clarity and brevity. Letters over 250 words are subject to editing to fit available space. Please include full name, street address and telephone number and e-mail address, plus major, classification and/or title if applicable.

Address and phone number will be used for verification only.

Write to 105 E. Union, e-mail prospector@utep.edu, call 747-7477 or fax to 747-8031.

The Prospector (USPS 448-020) is published by the Student Publications Board, 105 E. Union, 500 W. University Ave., El Paso, TX 79968. During Fall & Spring semester The Prospector is published twice weekly: Tuesdays and Thursdays, except holidays and when classes are not in session, once a week on Wednesday during the summer session. Subscription rates: \$20 per year; \$4 taken from fees to pay for student copies. Periodicals postage paid at El Paso, TX. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to The Prospector, 105 E. Union, El Paso, Texas 79968-0622. The Prospector is not responsible for claims made by advertisers. Additional policy information can be obtained by calling The Prospector at 747-5161. Opinions expressed in The Prospector are not necessarily those of the university.



TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
						
High 71 Low 36	High 71 Low 36	High 76 Low 45	High 78 Low 48	High 79 Low 49	High 77 Low 45	High 77 Low 39
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny

Construction

Parking spaces cut as lot undergoes development

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA
The Prospector

For some students, parking in certain areas of the R-5 lot, also known as the former Rudolph Chevrolet Lot, will become prohibited as UTEP begins to develop a plan that will transform the land into a retail center.

For the past few years, the university has been planning and seeking outside consultation on what to do with the lot and is currently envisioning its transformation.

"We are currently in discussions with the developers on terms and conditions for us to sign a long term contract," said Cynthia Villa, vice president of business affairs.

According to Villa, UTEP issued a request form proposal for a mixed-use development to local developers last year and has now received those proposals back. Different proposals included retail operations with market rate housing and financial packages dealing with concepts and ideas for the site.

UTEP has selected North Campus Investors to negotiate and design the site. Villa said they are still in the early stages of discussing how the land will be developed. The retail center

would include housing on some levels, office space, stores, pedestrian-friendly areas and restaurants.

"We originally envisioned something that enhances campus community, campus life and the neighborhood," Villa said. "So we felt that this is what best achieved those goals."

If terms are kept with the investors, UTEP would ground lease the property so the group would have the rights to develop the site. In the process of development, the lot would lose six acres of parking spaces. However, Villa said the parking spaces are not heavily used.

"The parking lot is never full, and part of it is used for Miner Metro shuttles and for trailers for construction," Villa said. "Most faculty and staff are willing to pay a little more to park in an area that is more convenient."

The R-5 parking lot is one of the furthest away from campus and the parking decal for the entire remote parking lots cost \$90 for students.

Amanda Zepeda, sophomore physics major, owns a green R-5 decal and parks there every morning before class.

"I like the parking I have because I'm used to a routine of coming here," Zepeda said. "Now I will prob-

ably have to park somewhere else or get a more expensive decal."

Some students chose to buy that decal because it is one of the lowest priced. Despite the loss of parking spaces in the future, some students think it will be a positive addition to the campus community.

"I really hate all the hassle of parking here but on the other hand, I think it's great they're expanding this lot to become something better for the community," said Steven Sambrano, senior civil engineering major.

Villa said the project has been a work-in-progress that has taken years to be at the point where it is now and said the community will be satisfied with the finalized project.

"I think the campus community and the El Paso community will be very well served by this project," Villa said. "It's well conceived and as I see it developing, all of us on campus and the community will be very proud of it."

Beatriz A. Castañeda may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.



DIEGO BEDOLLA / The Prospector

Nearly six acres of parking lots are expected to be closed off in the R-5 lot as the university begins to develop the land.

Four English Converts and a "Rocking Horse Catholic"

Spring 2011

Brown Bag Lunch Series

Presented by **Dr. John Haddox**
(UTEP Philosophy Department)


Sponsored by **Catholic Campus Ministry at UTEP**

Fridays at 12:10-1:15 PM

Newman Center
2230 North Oregon St.
(behind Kinley's House of Coffee)

March 11, Ronald Knox: Wit, Scholar, and Prolific Author
March 25, Graham Greene Catholic Writer-of Sorts
April 1, Caryll Houselander: Rocking Horse Catholic

CCM Office: 838-0300 or campusministry@elpasodiocese.org



6-Hour Adult Classroom Course

Online Defensive Driving Courses

Se Habla Español

www.elpasodriving.com

Safety First

northeast

Kurland/Salzman Plaza
4724 Hondo Pass Rd.,
Suite G
El Paso TX 79904
755-8800

east

Montwood Center
12102 Montwood Dr.,
Suite D
El Paso TX 79936
855-4900

lower valley

Yarbrough Village
550 N. Yarbrough Dr.,
Suite 106
El Paso TX 79915
594-8858

STATE CERTIFIED LICENSE No. C16S1, No. C2104 & No. C16S1A

NEW LOCATION...

verizon

DIAMONDWireless
Premium Retailer

Wireless

MENTION AD FOR

15% OFF

IN-STORE OR WITH STUDENT ID

2900 N. MESA • 534-9300

Vacation destination



HEATHER KENNEDY / Special to The Prospect

SXSW music and film events take over Austin's vibrant downtown district, especially locations along 6th Street.

SXSW event becomes spring break hotspot

BY CELIA AGUILAR
The Prospect

Thousands of people will flock to Austin this spring break to experience the South by Southwest conference and festivals, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year. For this reason, 2011 is expected to be the largest SXSW yet.

The event draws in college students from around the nation, especially since it falls around spring break. Freshman digital media production major Sabrina Elguea hopes to make it to SXSW soon.

"It's on my bucket list. At SXSW, music and art intertwine together all week," Elguea said. "It's also a great opportunity to get out of El Paso for spring break."

SXSW, which spans from March 11 to March 20, is a convergence of music, independent film and interactive conferences. The daytime offers expositions and panels in the Austin Convention Center, while the nighttime explodes with music.

The film portion of the conference not only screens hundreds of independent films, but offers a space for networking and immersion into the art and industry of film making. The interactive conferences focus on innovative technology through presentations, showcasing new digital works, video games and immersing ideas from the international community.

But perhaps the most popular aspect of SXSW among students is

see SXSW on page 10

Travel plans

Students plan to avoid Juárez for spring break

BY ANOUSHKA VALODYA
The Prospect

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw recently cited violence near the border as a reason for Texas college students to avoid traveling to Mexico.

"Drug violence has not discriminated – innocent bystanders and people who may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time are among the casualties," McCraw said in a written statement on March 1. "Our safety message is simple: avoid travelling to Mexico during spring break and stay alive."

Although the U.S. Department of State has also issued travel warnings for Americans planning to go to Mexico, many UTEP students, who reside on the border between the U.S. and Mexico, have no choice but to go to Ciudad Juárez because of work and family.

Many other students have elected not to go across the border because of the rampant drug war violence, even during spring break, a time when college students usually travel for pleasure.

"Juárez is not what it used to be. It was a nice, peaceful place with a good family environment," said Armando Armendariz, junior business major. "Now, there's no telling what can happen. There's a lot of violence. You don't feel safe, even with the federal police."



File photo

Even with more federal police patrolling Ciudad Juárez, many students plan to stay away from the city during spring break.

Abhilash John, sophomore pre-pharmacy major, said he would be going to Virginia to visit family. John adamantly said there was no way he would go across the border to visit Juárez.

John wasn't referring to the recent spate of violence he's heard about, but rather a first-hand experience that happened years ago when he and his family visited Juárez.

"I was sight-seeing with my family when we saw five men chasing a guy across the street. They were shooting at him," he said. Although John and his family were inside of a car, he said they were still fearful.

Martin Rodarte, senior mechanical engineer major, said he was planning on studying and catching up with his course work over spring break. He said he visited Juárez two months ago and wasn't afraid.

"The last time I went, everything was okay. I took precautions and avoided public places," he said.

Marcela Diaz, freshman nursing major, said she would be staying in El Paso because of work. Although she's visited Juárez in the past, she said that she would feel too insecure to return.

"A couple of weeks ago, my former classmate was found dead in Juárez, lying in the middle of the street. Her mom was killed too," Diaz said.

Area travel agencies say that Mexico was a hot-ticket item in the past, especially during spring break. Patricia Morales, travel consultant from the Rio Grande Buck Rogers Travel agency, said her clients don't book trips to Mexico as much as they used to.

"Now people are really scared because of the violence," Morales said. "Before, the number one spot was Cancun. Now it's Florida or California because of Disneyland."

Rosa Carrasco, senior education major, said that because of work and her young daughter, she would be staying in El Paso during the break. Carrasco said it's been three years since she's been to Juárez and she doesn't plan on going there soon.

"Friends of my friends have been killed in Juárez. It's kind of scary with all the violence going on there," she said.

Elizabeth Dominguez, sophomore psychology major, said that she's never been to Juárez and doesn't plan on going there because of the violence she's heard in the news and through co-workers.

"I'm afraid that I'll get abducted or held at gunpoint," she said. For spring break, she plans to hang out with friends in El Paso and spend time with her 2-year-old daughter.

Carlos Rodriguez, sophomore electrical engineer major, said that he would be going to Ruidoso to camp with friends. It's fear, he said, that keeps him away from Juárez, although he hasn't experienced any problems there.

"For Christmas, I went to Juárez, and at first, I was scared because of all the violence that's been happening," he said. "But I didn't see any violence during the entire trip."

Alejandra Sandoval, sophomore industrial engineer major, is planning to go to Los Cabos, Mexico, with her family for spring break. Sandoval lives in Juárez, but she doesn't recommend that students go there unless they have to.

"It's dangerous, even with the military presence. You don't even know if they're involved (in the drug cartels) too," she said.

Anoushka Valodya may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

Be A Miner Hero!!!

Categories Include: Philanthropy, Leadership and Research!!!

Applications are due Wednesday March 9th at 5 pm to the SGA office Union East room 304. The application can be found online at the SGA website: utep.edu/sga or may be picked up at the SGA office.

For more information call: 915-747-5584 or visit us at utep.edu/sga.

SAVE on
Major Brand
Name Clothing
for the Entire Family!
Special Groups of
Jeans, Shirts & More...

up to
70% OFF!

112 E. Overland 533-0113
11751 Gateway West 594-0113
www.facebook.com/starrwesternwear

Question of the week

What are your plans for spring break?



JASON NEWSON
junior mechanical engineering major
“I will be sleeping, drinking and maybe studying.”



EDGARDO PEREGRINO
senior applied mathematics major
“I’m going to be visiting family members in Mexico.”



REBECCA JUAREZ
sophomore biology major
“I plan to travel to San Antonio with my family and possibly go to Six Flags.”



TERRI LUNA
sophomore pre-nursing major
“I’m roadtripping to Austin with friends.”



CLAUDIA CRUZ
sophomore marketing major
“I’m going to Arizona for a friend’s wedding.”



GRACE HURLOCKER
junior pre-nursing major
“I’ll just (be) chilling, spending time with family and friends.”

C-USA from page 1

The El Paso Marriott will be short on vacancy the week of the tournament, as the hotel will host the men’s Tulane, Marshall, UAB and East Carolina teams. A sales representative said they have been preparing for the teams’ arrivals a week and a half before they even land in El Paso. They are also set to open up the rooms once each team is eliminated, particularly given that Tulane, Marshall, and East Carolina will not receive a first round bye and play on Wednesday.

El Paso’s Enterprise Rent-A-Car is offering fans a discount for the four-day tournament. Fans can go to www.enterprise.com and enter promotional code 3401300 with the pin COR to receive five percent off their total fee. Enterprise Holdings has partnered with the NCAA for the past six years and has continued that tradition with UTEP Athletics for the last five seasons. A representative of Enterprise said their company enjoys supporting UTEP and wishes to continue contributing to the community.

As for the host university, UTEP Senior Associate Athletic Director Brian Wickstrom will oversee the entire tournament operations, including their main entertainment event. The Glory Road Block Party will take place on the corner of Glory Road and Randolph between the Brumbelow Building and Memorial Gym. Food and souvenirs will be sold, as well as live entertainment and activities for chil-



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

The C-USA tournament will be played in the Don Haskins Center and Memorial Gym.

dren from 4-8 p.m. March 9-10, from 4-10 p.m. March 11 and from noon-5 p.m. March 12

Games will tip off for the men at 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5 p.m., and 8 p.m. on March 9-10. The women’s tournament will be hosted at Memorial Gym at 12 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. for the first round and the quarterfinals. All four semifinal games will be played at the Don Haskins Center at 9 a.m. and 11:30 am for the women and at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. for the men March 11. The men’s championship game will start at 9:30 a.m. and the women’s will be at 6 p.m. March 12.

Single game tickets for the conference tournament range from \$18-\$53 and went on sale March 7. Individual tickets can be purchased through the University Ticket Center or at their offices located on 2901 N. Mesa St.,

directly adjacent to the Don Haskins Center.

Tickets will be sold in terms of sessions so that one ticket will allow entry to either the first two games March 9-10 or the last two. Purchasing just one individual ticket to either the semifinals or the finals will allow entry into any game each day. A men’s ticket gets you into any women’s game for all four days.

“What (the conference tournament) is doing is big. The national exposure El Paso will get is huge,” Wickstrom said. “It will impact El Paso and hopefully bring in the \$3.5 million revenue they are expecting. We are bringing in 11 schools and we hope their fans will take back with them the observation that El Paso has great weather, community and hospitality.”

William Vega may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.



408 E. San Antonio Ave.
El Paso, Tx 79901
915.532.1848
www.thetapbar.com

WEDNESDAY XUSICAL ROCK FOR ALL AGES	THURSDAY GRAU JAZZ	FRIDAY LA GUÍA ROCK EN ESPANOL	SATURDAY RETRO R&B SHOTS 2X1, 9PM-12AM
---	--	--	---



refuse the ordinary



A simple click-clack and this comfortable sofa becomes a comfortable bed for two. Red, beige, or black imitation leather.

copenhagen
contemporary furniture & accessories

6550 N. Mesa, El Paso • 581-8897

the prospector
passover of student opinion

**BE SAFE THIS SPRING BREAK
DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE
DESIGNATE A DRIVER**



Talecris

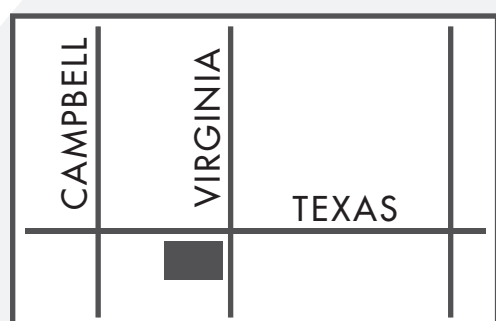
PLASMA RESOURCES



EARN UP TO
\$100
PER WEEK

CALL FOR MORE
INFORMATION

**Gane hasta \$100 por semana.
Para más información, llámenos.**

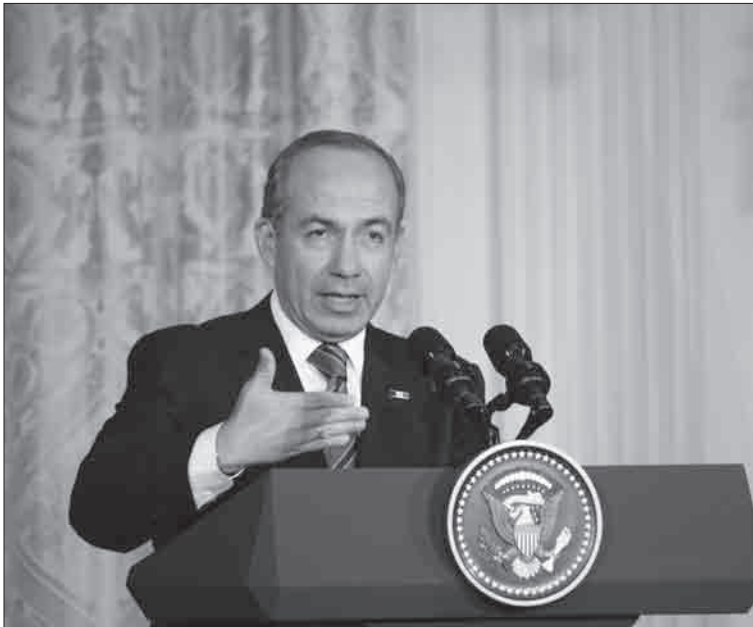


**DOWNTOWN
720 TEXAS AVE.
532.5322**

Monday
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(for new donors only)
Tuesday - Friday
7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Saturday
7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Nation

Mexican President Calderón projects optimistic future for U.S.-Mexico relations



DAVID ACOSTA / SHF Wire

Mexican President Felipe Calderón and U.S. President Barak Obama held a joint press conference following their summit in Washington March 3.

BY DAVID ACOSTA

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON – Mexican President Felipe Calderón expressed optimism about Mexico’s economic progress, its fight against narco-trafficking and organized crime, and U.S. - Mexico trade relations during his visit to Washington March 3.

“In terms of the border, both President Obama and I agree that we must turn this area into a land of opportunities and not conflict,” Calderón said

ons to the south without slowing trade or commerce.

“It’s a challenging task,” Obama said. “We have a big border. We have a lot of people going back and forth. It’s very important economically, but it is something that we have to continue to work on.”

Obama and Calderón also announced they have reached a proposed agreement on international trucking, which would allow Mexican trucks to operate in the United States. Obama said that the proposed agreement will strengthen safety, expand exports to Mexico and create jobs on both sides of the border. Mexico is the second largest importer of U.S. goods—a fact, which Obama pointed out, provides one million American jobs.

At a public forum, which followed the press conference, held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Calderón said that while he is committed to his current policy in Mexico’s war against organized crime, there is a need for “co-responsibility” by local authorities.

“The worst case we have in Mexico is Ciudad Juárez, in terms of violence,” Calderón said.

He also said that he has kept federal police in Juárez and “they are regaining control step by step.”

His administration has also used an aggressive social policy, building new schools and university campuses as well as providing health care to the citizens of the city, which had more than 3,000 murders in 2010. The Mexican government is currently

at a joint press conference with U.S. President Barack Obama held at the White House.

Calderón said that the bilateral committee, which the two leaders created last year, has agreed to a plan of action to create a “21st century border” and prevent violence along the U.S. - Mexico border.

Obama said he and Calderón discussed strengthening security on both sides of the border to stop the flow of drugs to the north and weap-

Despite these conditions, some students believe traveling to Mexico during spring break is worth it.

“Personally, I believe that the violence in Mexico is occurring in certain conflicting areas. However, I feel there are safe places to visit, especially during spring break and other vaca-

tion seasons,” said senior communication studies major Marcela Aguirre. “This year I am going to spend my spring break in Cancun, which I feel is a highly touristic site and a safe place to go compared to other areas of the country.”

Diana Arrieta may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

MEXICO from page 1

in the state of Chihuahua and Ciudad Juárez.

However, Mexican authorities said that tourism rates have not decided substantially.

“The violent situation going on in the northern part of the country is of special concern, however, the general tourism rates in Mexico have only declined about 10 percent over the past year,” said Claudia Villanueva, director of the Chihuahua Department of Tourism. “Overall, it remains strong, even in Chihuahua, where more than 200,000 international tourists visited last year.”

Villanueva also said this 10 percent decline in tourism has been the product of the global economic crisis, the country’s drug-related violence the natural events that have affected some international destinies.

Yet, despite these circumstances, international students continue to visit the country’s most attractive sites during spring break.

“The Mexican beaches continue to be the central attraction for spring breakers traveling to Mexico,” said Mayela Cornejo, director of the Macaro Travel Agency in Juárez. “Cancun, Mazatlán, Puerto Vallarta, and Acapulco are some of the most sought-after spring break locations. Right now, almost every hotel in Mazatlán and Puerto Vallarta is sold out for that week.”

While many spring breakers will flood the Mexican beaches in the days to come, no special security measures will be implemented by Mexican authorities.

According to the Puerto Vallarta local police department, no specific security operations will be implemented during the spring break week, continuing with their normal schedule.

GO MINERS!

Jose E. Troche
Attorney at Law

UTEP Lecturer
Criminal & Civil Cases

FORMER JUDGE
409th District Court
168th District Court

1216 Montana Ave
El Paso, Tx 79902
josejudge@aol.com
tel: (915) 838-8114
fax: (915) 542-2341
cell: (915) 241-9610

One call could save you hundreds. Do the math.

- Convenient local office
- Money-saving discounts
- Low down payments
- Monthly payment plans
- 24-hour service and claims
- Coverage available by phone

GEICO Local Office

CALL FOR A FREE RATE QUOTE.

6560 Montana Ave., Suite 6. El Paso 915-779-2489

Some discounts, coverages, payment plans, and features are not available in all states or in all GEICO companies. Government Employees Insurance Co. GEICO General Insurance Co. GEICO Indemnity Co. GEICO Casualty Co. These companies are subsidiaries of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. GEICO auto insurance is not available in MA. GEICO Washington, DC 20076. © 2007 GEICO. The GEICO gecko image © GEICO 1999-2007

HOME OWNERS - RENTERS INSURANCE AVAILABLE
FREE QUOTES 6560 Montana Ave., Suite 6. El Paso 915-779-2489

THE ADVERTISING FEDERATION OF EL PASO PRESENTS:

STUDENT CONFERENCE 2011

REGISTER TODAY: ELPASOADFED.COM
DEADLINE MARCH 27, 2011

YOU ARE HERE.

WHAT'S YOUR DESTINATION?

FRIDAY, APRIL 1st

UTEP
El Paso Natural Gas
Conference Center

Questions:
Gabriel Acuna
acunag77@yahoo.com

our view March 8, 2011
editor
Diana Amaro, 747-7446

Wind couldn't stop UTEPIA



DANIEL ROSAS / The Prospector



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector



GREG CASTILLO / The Prospector



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Despite high speed winds, students still came out to the Geology Lawn March 7 for UTEPIA. The event included food, information and student organization tables, rides, games and fun activities.

**HERITAGE
COMMISSION**
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Open House

Tuesday, March 8, 2011
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Open To All Students

**Free Refreshments and a
Chance to Win a \$50 Prize!**

Come tour the Heritage House
and learn about UTEP's history and heritage!

Heritage House
(corner of Randolph and Kerbey)

**Romance
attack™**

- Romantic Gifts, Games & Cards.
- Bachelor & Bachelorette Party Supplies.
- Hosiery, shoes, club wear, dance wear.
- El Paso's one stop Romance Shop!

**20 to 50% off on
selected items!!**

Bring this ad in for lipstick
while supplies last!

@romanceattackep

2230 Texas Ave. | El Paso, Texas 79901 | 915-532-6171
www.romanceattack.biz code: C10IJ0

Theatre



PHOTOGRAPHER / The Prospector

Faculty member **Chuck** Gordon and UTEP senior Selena Navarez star in Harold Pinter’s ‘The Homecoming’ at the Fox Fine Arts Theater.

Pinter’s ‘The Homecoming’ staged at UTEP

BY JAZMIN SALINAS

The Prospector

The critically-acclaimed play “The Homecoming,” written by Harold Pinter, will be performed by the UTEP Department of Theatre and Dance.

“It’s one my favorite plays written by one of the greatest playwrights over the past 100 (plus) years,” said Joel Murray, director of “The Homecoming” and chair of the Department of Theatre and Dance. “Until his death a few years ago, he was considered by most as the greatest working playwright. The play is true craftsmanship.”

“The Homecoming” is about an American professor, Teddy, who takes his wife, Ruth, and two sons to meet

his family in northern London, but the play twists with sexual tensions and an odd outcome.

“Of Pinter’s plays, I would put it pretty near the top (of the list). A lot of people say it is his best,” said Tony Stafford, English professor. “In the English language, Pinter is recognized, of course, as one of the major playwrights along with Shakespeare and Shaw.”

Murray also said “The Homecoming” falls into a group of plays that have been called comedies of menace, which have a dark side to them and are painfully funny.

“It’s all about dominance and territory--human and material,” Murray said. “The winners are often those who appear to be victims, and in the

end nobody really wins anyway, who wins means who wins the game.”

This semester’s performance is not the first attempt to stage the play. Murray said they had tried to bring “The Homecoming” to UTEP before but rights to the play couldn’t be acquired.

“We tried to do it a couple years ago to celebrate Pinter’s Nobel Laureate award,” Murray said. “But it was being done in London and was headed for Broadway, so Pinter froze the rights. He was one of the few playwrights who kept close watch on who was doing his plays.”

The unique aspects of the play excite Murray to speak about them.

“Its structure is as air tight and linear as any of Ibsen’s well-made, realistic plays,” Murray said. “It’s also

very funny and still unique in many ways—especially in its use of language. Generally, three of the main considerations for play selection are audience, director and materials.”

The entire play lists a total of six characters, a sparse cast compared to more traditional multi-character plays.

“I find that the play only having six characters is interesting, but I don’t know why (he did that),” Alejandro Lopez, freshman theater major, said. “My guess would be because Harold Pinter loved the number six itself or because he wrote the play in the ‘50s and that was customary during that era.”

see **HOME**COMING on page 12

Exhibition

Online publication gives El Paso art a new voice

BY CANDICE MARLENE DURAN

The Prospector

El Paso Art Alive, a new online publication created by the El Paso Art Association, features stories on art events, exhibitions and promotes artists within El Paso and the surrounding areas.

Robert Brown, creator of the website and a board member, said the idea for an online newspaper came from making EPAA’s newsletter, which was only being mailed to members and subscribers, accessible to everyone by putting in online.

“They (El Paso Art Association) used to have a newsletter but only the members would receive it in the mail,” Brown said. “And eventually the idea for the website to promote the arts came to be. It (the website) promotes art more than to just members, now it’s available to the community.”

Brown initially created the website to fulfill his own internship.

see **ART** on page 12



DANIEL ROJAS / The Prospector

El Paso Art Alive features local artists showing their art at the Cross 9 gallery.

Column

Second year at SXSW

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA

The Prospector



It’s that time of the year again, when classes cease for a week and we get to enjoy a well-deserved break. Spring break means it’s time to relax, do some partying and escape intensive class work.

As I’ve been looking into where students are planning to relax this year, travelers seem to be avoiding the traditional vacation hot spot – Mexico. With violence in Mexico escalating for the past two years, traveling to certain beaches is now out of most vacation plans and I would not encourage students to expose themselves to the dangers that may exist.

It also seems that many students are staying home due to hard economic times. Many simply don’t have the financial ability to travel anywhere this year. Fortunately, I will actually be able to make it to the South by Southwest Music festival that takes place annually in Austin – and for students with a tight budget and limited transportation options, this may be a good vacation idea.

South by Southwest is expected to be particularly special this year because it marks the 25th anniversary of the festival and will feature bands from all over the world like A Place to Bury Strangers, Asobi Seksu, The Bees, Klaxons, MSTRKRFT and more.

This will be my second year attending the festival and I am ecstatic to go once again. But it seems like the lineup is not as great as I thought it would be.

Last year, I got to see some great bands like Dr. Dog, She & Him, Jakob Dylan, Neon Indian, Easley and Lucero, among others.

The bands that really drew me in were last year were the Local Natives, The Orion Experience and Easley. I got the privilege of meeting Local Natives here in El Paso before they got famous when they previously played at the Black Market bar two years earlier.

The one unfortunate thing about SXSW is that music badges and wristbands get admission priority at the venues. The music badge runs about \$750 and the wristband costs \$165, prices that are a little too steep for me. Still, you can hear tons of great music for free. Many parties are free and open to the public with an RSVP. I never got either of those badges and I still got to see some cool bands last year.

For those who are staying in town, there are plenty of things to do. Those who only have a few days off from work and life’s other demands could take a nice day trip to Las Cruces, Ruidoso, Carlsbad Caverns or Alamogordo. Whether you decide to stay in town or leave, take the time to blow off some steam and relax. After all my friends, it is spring break, so put the books away and let’s have a little fun!

Beatriz A. Castañeda may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

New Releases

Hitting store shelves

BY MATTHEW MUNDEN
The Prospector

“Dragon Age 2”
360, PS3, PC
MSRP: \$59.99
This is the age of dragons...and dwarves...and elves...and a lot of fantasy shit. No, we aren’t “The Lord of the Rings.” See all the blood... that gives us street cred.

“Pokemon Black and White”
Nintendo DS
MSRP: \$34.99
Can they open a store that I can buy this in without feeling like the cashiers are thinking that I’m only one step away from being on “To Catch a Predator”?

“The Walking Dead: Season One”
DVD/Blu-Ray
Best Deal : Amazon.com/Best Buy \$22.99 (Blu-Ray), \$17.99 (DVD)
Walk Dead Walk. Forty minutes an episode. 7 episodes a year. Walk Dead Walk.

“Morning Glory”
DVD/Blu-Ray
Best Deal: Not buying it.
A woman in a news room? How original!

“The Next Three Days”
DVD/Blu-Ray
Best Deal: Phone to the head!
I’ll take the time to apologize to Russell Crowe: Sorry I said

you threw phones in my joke column on Charlie Sheen, when you only threw one phone. I’m sorry to offend you, dear gladiator, and your inability to understand the artistic use of hyperbole.

“Hannah Montana Forever: The Final Season”
DVD
Best Deal: Burn it
I loved the final season that had Miley/Hannah smoking pot and having the pictures uploaded on the internet.

“Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind”
Blu-Ray
Best Deal: Who cares?
Anime, anime, anime. Miyazaki, Miyazaki, Miyazaki.
Nature, nature, nature. Now in HD!

Matthew Munden may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

Best spring break films

By Matthew Munden

Spring break has a lot of terrible movies made about it every few years. Be it “The Real Cancun” or its ilk, few movies are able to tackle the week that students do a lot of dumb things and forget everything they learned from the first half of the semester. So take this list with a grain of salt. Only one has anything to do with spring break, the others are just about people being stupid.

- 1** **“Piranha 3D”** - the lone spring break film. “Piranha 3D” was a film that honored the drunken stupidity of spring break, while adding tons of gore.
- 2** **“Jackass” (any of them)** - Any of these films (including part 3 which is released on March 8 on DVD/Blu-ray) are about a bunch of idiots doing really dumb things and catching it on video. Just like all the videos you will find if you google Spring Break on Dailymotion with the safe search off.
- 3** **“Grindhouse”/“Machete”** - Films that are fun to laugh at the sheer audacity and violent glee of them. Want to see someone repel down a building using an intestine? These are the way to go.
- 4** **“The Room”** - So awful, it is great. “You’re tearing me apart, Lisa!”
- 5** **“Rango”** - Not spring break, not stupid. This has nothing to do with spring break other than being in theaters during it. Please see this movie. It’s funny and original, everything that most movies this year won’t be.



Ash Wednesday Services

March 9th

12:10 pm, Mass with Bishop Ochoa
Tomás Rivera Conference Center
(Union East, Room 308)

5:15 pm, Communion Service
with Distribution of Ashes
El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center
(On Wiggins Rd., next to the UGLC)

¡Bienvenidos! Welcome!

Catholic Campus Ministry
838-0300



SEAN MATHIS / Special to The Prospector






SXSW, long considered a music and film industry event, is quickly becoming a popular tourist spot due to the success of the festival, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary this year.

SXSW from page 4
the hundreds of music artists from around the world who play in various venues across town. In 2010, almost 2,000 bands performed on 89 stages within a five-night period in Austin.
By working in conjunction with the conference, SXSW offers local businesses the opportunity to book international acts. Besides the official SXSW venues, there are also multiple after parties where artists often play past 4 a.m. This year, Moby will be playing at 2 a.m. at The PureVolume House.
While for most students, going to SXSW is an opportunity to party during spring break and take in some live shows, Elizabeth Derczo, publicist for SXSW, said the conference isn’t just about attracting tourists.

“This is a music industry event, not just a spring break destination,” Derczo said.
The event is designed to showcase up-and-coming talent and provide networking possibilities for individuals within the music, film and technology industries. Still, the festival continues to be a hot destination for spring breakers.
Though money may be an issue for Cristobal Chavez, sophomore civil engineering major, he said he is going to Austin to catch the free shows.
“I’m going because Levi’s is having a free Strokes show. Last year I got to see Kanye West,” Chavez said.
Indeed, SXSW features free outside shows at Auditorium Shores, located on Lady Bird Lake every year. This year’s lineup includes The Strokes, Bright Eyes and Ozomatli, among many others.
Those who favor hip-hop may be interested in the Atlantic and Elektra Records show featuring Cee Lo Green, Lupe Fiasco and Wiz Khalifa, whose recent hit single “Black and Yellow” topped the Billboard Hot 100 chart. The full schedule of events is available at www.sxsw.com.

Celia Aguilar may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

Career Connections



REVISITED

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Tomas Rivera Conference Center
3rd Floor, Union East Building
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Open to All Majors

List of participants available at www.utep.edu/careers
Professional business attire recommended. Bring copies of your résumé.

Economy

Juarez business finds new life across the border



Special to The Prospector

Ke'Flauta is one resturant that has made the jump across the border to find better business in El Paso.

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA

Originally published by Borderzine /
Special to The Prospector

EL PASO – Drug-war violence has crippled the economy of Cd. Juárez, sending many business owners packing along with their customers to the safer sister city across the border.

El Paso has become the beneficiary of that middle-class migration since the criminal activity began to escalate in 2008.

Ke' Flauta, a restaurant in west El Paso, is one of many businesses that has fled from its original location in Juárez.

“Unfortunately, Juárez has gotten hit very badly with the violence,” said Raul Aguilar, owner of Ke' Flauta. “The economy is greatly affected and there are scary threats from extortionists against businesses all the time.”

Aguilar started his Juarez business about four years ago and February marked its second anniversary in El Paso. At Ke' Flauta, customers have their choice of typical Juarenses delights – flautas and a selection of tacos and different tortas (sandwiches).

Juárez Chamber of Commerce President Daniel Murguía said that at least 6,000 city businesses closed in 2010, according to Mexican Interior Ministry figures.

Aguilar said many Americans used to travel to Juárez and enjoy the Mexican eateries, but now, he said, restaurants are coming across the border to find their customers.

“People are finding an alternative. Most do not travel to Juárez anymore, so the practical thing is to offer them our product here in El Paso,” Aguilar said.

Other types of businesses, which have not been greatly affected by the violence in Juárez, have also moved or

expanded to the U.S. Those who used to shape the entertainment scene in Juárez have kept the party going by bringing their businesses to El Paso.

Pockets Billiards & Fun opened up shop in El Paso three years ago on Zaragoza Road and a second location on North Mesa Street has been in business for two months. Pockets also successfully expanded to other Mexican cities such as Tijuana, Mexicali and Mexico City.

“We came to El Paso for the expansion,” said Franz L. Ortega, general manager of Pockets. “It wasn't so much because of the violence, and it's nice because people can have fun without going to Juárez anymore.”

La Red, an organization made up of Juárez business owners who are now doing business in El Paso, provides support to Mexican exiles so they can begin their business activities a new.

José Luis Mauricio, president of La Red, said this immigration is also bringing lawyers, architects and engineers to El Paso.

“I believe this opportunity is contributing much with entrepreneurs and this situation will make El Paso better,” Mauricio said. “With the incorporation of these new businesses, El Paso will be expanded and will create much opportunity and innovation, which will have creativity as well as competition.”

Local real estate broker and developer Walter Passero said this is something beneficial for El Paso's community.

“Regardless of the circumstances, we are very fortunate for people to be coming to El Paso, investing their money, hiring people and venturing into our economy,” Passero said. “(This migration) Definitely puts more money in our economy and there is no question about that.”

Beatriz A. Castañeda may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

peaceNbowl

Charity Bowling Tournament

3-31-11

Register at: www.PeaceOfArtShow.org

Benefiting

PEACE of ART

DESIGN FOR CHANGE

Thursday
Mar. 31
1-4 pm

Oasis
Lanes
1660 N.
Zaragoza Rd.

Teams of 4
\$25/person

Registration
Visit our site
www.peaceofartshow.org
or contact
Millie Garcia
millie_garcia@sbcglobal.net

INTERFRATERNITY COUNCIL PRESENTS

GREEK UNITY

VOLLEYBALL TOURNNEY

MARCH 26, 2011

4 ON 4 2 ALTERNATES

\$40 ENTRY

DAME LA MANO

PHILANTHROPY

LOCATION: MINER VILLAGE
TIME: 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.
DEADLINE: MARCH 24, 2011
CONTACT: OMAR @ 915.255-7547

ADVERTISE
WITH
THE PROSPECTOR

WHY?!

GLAD
YOU ASKED.

73% of students have read
their campus newspaper in
the past three months.

78% of students use coupons
or promo codes from their
campus newspaper.

65% of students interviewed
answered that the campus
newspapers' advertisers
advertising content is
relevant to them.

CALL 747.5161

HOMECOMING from page 9

Murray said the play’s language structure and use of silence will test all six cast members.

“This is a challenge for even seasoned performers—one must know/learn sensitivity to language, economy of movement, making absolute sense out of pauses and silences, learning the rules of the game,” Murray said. “These characters use language in bizarre ways that seem almost surreal—pauses and silences pack more punch than words.”

The play is considered pinteresque and describes Pinter’s playwright characteristics.

“He has a unique style. Very terse, very minimalistic and understated,”

Stafford said. “Lots of silences and lots of pauses. It’s really different, but he’s been very prolific over the years.”

The mysterious posters advertising the show plastered all around campus have posed many questions about the content of the play. The poster, depicting red lettering, a glass of water only filled a third of the way and a woman’s red lipstick stain set against a black background, has been generating some interest.

“They’re interesting and attractive enough to where you want to read them,” Lopez said. “I think they attract people.”

Others feel the poster may be aesthetically pleasing but doesn’t give

viewers an idea of what the play is about.

“The fliers are not intriguing if I am walking down a hall or driving,” said Iris Soriano, senior multi-disciplinary major. “This poster portrays a vampire image; the glass being 1/3 full might symbolize a deceiving aspect, or something definitely missing. But it would not lead me to what this play is about.”

The prices for the tickets are \$8 for the general public and \$6and UTEP students with a valid I.D.. The play will run from March 9 through March 13 at the Fox Fine Arts Theater.

Jazmin Salinas may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.



DANIEL ROJAS / The Prospector

The publication, El Paso Art Alive, feature stories about local artists, exhibitions, and events..

NEWSPAPER from page 9

“I went to talk to the El Paso Art Association about it, and to the president, and she liked the idea, had me present it to the board, they liked the idea, and they told me to go for it,” Brown said.

The number of applicants to the online newspaper caused Brown to become editor-in-chief of the project. However, Brown explained that it would be a conflict of interest to apply and then be the boss at his own internship site, so he hopes that more students will apply to the internship soon.

“We definitely need more applicants,” Brown said. “Our departments are our three intern students. We need more students involved because it allows them an opportunity to not only be involved in news but also to be involved in creating a newspaper and establishing it. So they get many benefits. We do everything for the paper.”

To raise funds for the website, El Paso Art Alive will hold a fundraiser event on April 2, which will display art from UTEP students. EPAA believes this is a great opportunity for both the website, which will get more funding for their newspaper, and the students, who will attract more publicity by displaying their art.

“My staff came up with the event,” Brown said. “They came up with the idea of a fundraiser so we can get equipment and supplies that we need. So we got the go-ahead from the president of the art association to have our own fundraiser for our newspaper. We decided for it to be for UTEP students. Because they need a place to exhibit their art work.”

El Paso Art Alive is in need of reporting, marketing and design interns.

“The internships definitely made me interested in working for the website,” said senior Zyanya Dickey, multimedia journalism major. “When I read it was going to be an art newspaper I thought that would be really cool because I am very passionate about art. I want to base my career on writing, but I’ve always secretly wanted to be an artist.”

Dickey is the reporter for the website and is responsible for covering all stories.

“The best part of working here is getting to meet the artists,” Dickey said. “Getting to talk to them and definitely getting the experience.”

In the future, Brown hopes to expand El Paso Art Alive and create a television broadcast that would air once a week.

“We’re going to need anchors and co-anchors and reporters,” said Brown. “I would allow students to get a diversity of experience; it doesn’t have to be just in the studio. We’re going to need to create the sets and we’ll need video-editors and this opportunity should give interest to many students.”

The exhibit and the fundraiser will take place April 2 on the second floor of the Art Junction, located at 500 W. Paisano. Deadline for artists to participate in the event is March 25, and all proceeds will go to the website.

Information on internships at El Paso Art Alive is available on elpasoartalive.eznuz.com.

Candice Marlene Duran maybe reached at prospector@utep.edu.

DIFFERENT TEMPER

JEWELRY & BLACKSMITHING

ON VIEW: JANUARY 27-MARCH 26, 2011

ALSO ON VIEW: ENRIQUE JEŽIK: LINES OF DIVISION
FERNANDO LLANOS: REVOLUTIONARY IMAGINARY: DEATH OF VIDEOMAN

Different Tempers explores the distinctions and commonalities between jewelry and blacksmithing, two realms of metalsmithing that rarely interact despite their shared medium, including 40 objects by 14 national artists.

STANLEE & GERALD RUBIN
CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO
500 West University Ave.
El Paso, TX 79968
Phone: 915. 747. 6151
Fax: 915. 747. 6067
<http://rubincenter.utep.edu>
www.facebook.com/rubincenter
www.twitter.com/therubincenter

Gallery Hours:
Tuesday–Friday: 10A.M. –5 P.M.
Thursdays until 7 P.M.
Saturday: 12 noon –5 P.M.

Natasha Wozniak, Baroque Wrought Cuff 1, Blackened silver, 2008.

Congratulations to all El Paso Marathon participants from

Your UTEP “Miner Country” water station. Thank you for making us the #1 water station!

UTEP “Miner Country” water station: Alpha Sigma Alpha, American Marketing Association, Bhutanese Student Association, Designers and Ad Reps in Print, Texas Nurses Student Association, Medical Professions Organization, individual Alumni/Staff, Alumni Pep Band and Pay Dirt Pete.

***WHERE’S PETE?**

Crisostomo

Burritos y Quesadillas

The Best Burritos in Town!

NOW OPEN!

Mon - Sat:
From 7 am to 9 pm

Saturdays:
From 7 am to 8 pm

Sundays:
From 7 am to 4 pm

5658 N. MESA

5658 N. Mesa
Close to Channel 26

30 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

Basketball

Conference USA Tourney kicks off

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector

With possibly the only NCAA tournament invitation residing on the automatic bid, this year's Conference USA Men's Basketball Championship may shape up to be just as tight as the regular season panned out.

"I think we all feel that this year's league is the best it has ever been. This league deserves two or three teams in the NCAA Tournament," UAB head coach Mike Davis said. "It's going to be a very exciting tournament, maybe the best tournament in recent memory—in terms of overall talent of the teams and coaches in this league. Any team has a chance to win it."

The C-USA regular season title wasn't decided until the final day of the regular season, a feat that has not been seen since the first year of realignment. In the 2005-06 season, Memphis finished a game ahead of second-place UAB and just two games ahead of third-place UTEP.

For the first time in C-USA history, the men's tournament will be without an AP top 25 school. Memphis was the national star from 2006 to 2009 and UTEP placed in the top 25 last season. UAB will receive the honors of a number one seed as the potential tournament favorite, but because of this year's close race, they also had the most conference losses for a top seed at 12-4.

"We are in the position we want to be in, but now we have to finish," Davis said. "Ask any coach and they would tell you they want to be able to control their own destiny and that's



BOB CORRAL / The Prospector

Marshall head coach Tom Herrion and his team are coming into the tournament a sixth seed. The Thundering Herd will face Houston at 7:30 p.m. March 9 at the Don Haskins Center.

the position we are in. It's our job as a coaching staff to keep our players focused on our next opponent and simply getting better every day."

Over the past four years at least one team that played in the opening round (seeds 5-12) has advanced to the semifinals. The number six Mar-

shall Thundering Herd have shown improvement over the last month, winning six of their last seven contests by an average of 10.3 points. Their only fall back was a loss to UTEP in El Paso but their road may not have to run through the Min-

ers unless both teams make it to the semifinals March 11.

Another possible dark horse could come out of the seventh seed, the same seeding last year's Houston team made their run from. SMU finished the season on a three-game skid, losing by a combined eight

points but did post wins against Memphis, Southern Miss, and at Tulsa. The Mustangs racked up their most wins since 2002-03, and won their most C-USA games ever behind the possible C-USA player of the year, senior forward Papa Dia.

"My opinion is (Dia) is the best player in the league. I wouldn't trade him for anybody else. He's the heart and soul of our team," SMU head coach Matt Doherty said. "He's the emotional leader of our team. He has really matured as a player and as a person. That comes across in grand fashion with his leadership on and off the court. He's tough to stop inside, is a willing passer and improved his defense as a shot blocker."

Another possible player of the year candidate could be this year's scoring leader, senior guard Justin Hurtt of the Tulsa Golden Hurricane. Tulsa is locked in as the number two seed and will be looking to make the semifinals for the fourth time in a row.

Similar to last season's player of the year, Randy Culpepper, senior forward Gary Flowers finished third in scoring and led his Southern Miss Golden Eagles to a number five seed. Southern Miss, however, finished the season on a three game losing streak and dropped from a tie for first Feb. 23 to their current position. Along with Flowers, head coach Larry Eustachy thinks his starters deserve much more than just a team award.

William Vega may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.

2011 C-USA Men's Basketball Championship				C-USA Women's Basketball Championship			
March 9-12				March 9-12			
Wednesday 3/9 11 a.m.				Wednesday 3/9 11 a.m.			
8 East Carolina 16-14				7 UAB 15-14			
9 UCF 19-10				10 Marshall 9-20			
Thursday 3/10 11 a.m.				Thursday 3/10 11 a.m.			
1 UAB 22-7				2 UCF 19-10			
TV: CBS C				Friday 3/11 11:30 a.m.			
Friday 3/11 2 p.m.				Friday 3/11 11:30 a.m.			
Wednesday 3/9 1:30 p.m.				Wednesday 3/9 1:30 p.m.			
5 Southern Miss 21-9				6 Memphis 19-11			
12 Tulane 13-16				11 Southern Miss 10-19			
Thursday 3/10 1:30 p.m.				Thursday 3/10 1:30 p.m.			
4 Memphis 22-9				3 Rice 18-12			
TV: CBS C				TV: CBS College Sports Don Haskins Center			
Saturday 3/12 8:30 p.m.				Saturday 3/12 6 p.m.			
Wednesday 3/9 5:30 p.m.				Wednesday 3/9 4 p.m.			
6 Marshall 21-10				5 East Carolina 15-14			
11 Houston 12-17				12 Tulsa 5-19			
Thursday 3/10 5:30pm CT				Thursday 3/10 4 p.m.			
3 UTEP 23-8				4 Tulane 20-9			
TV: CBS C El Paso, Texas				TV: CBS College Sports Don Haskins Center			
Friday 3/11 4:30 p.m.				Friday 3/11 8 a.m.			
Wednesday 3/9 8 p.m.				Wednesday 3/9 6:30 p.m.			
7 SMU 17-13				8 SMU 14-15			
10 Rice 13-17				9 UTEP 15-13			
Thursday 3/10 8 p.m.				Thursday 3/10 6:30 p.m.			
2 Tulsa 18-12				1 Houston 25-4			
TV: CBS C				TV: CBS College Sports Don Haskins Center			

Basketball

UTEP draws SMU in first round of tourney

BY SAL GUERRERO
The Prospector

With the opening round of the Conference USA tournament right around the corner, the UTEP wom-

en's basketball team has been preparing for the opening round match up against the SMU Mustangs March 9 at Memorial Gym.
"We're very excited about the tournament. It is great that it can be held

in El Paso," head coach Keitha Adams said. "SMU is a great team and we know we are going to have to play extremely well."
The Miners (15-13, 7-9 C-USA) have not fared well against the Mustangs (14-15, 7-9 C-USA) this season, dropping both meetings. Their last match up came only a week and a half ago (Feb. 27) on Senior Night when the Mustang's guard Raquel Christian shot 8-of-12 from the 3-pointer, leading SMU to a 70-64 victory.

With less than two weeks removed from the last meeting with the Mustangs, the Miners will have to rely on better defense to get out of the first round C-USA tournament.
"We have to get out there and guard a little better," Adams said. "(Christian) was in the zone—there's no question about that. They (SMU) have several guards that can shoot on any given single day. We understand that we have to guard and get a hand in their face."



DIANA AMARO / The Prospector

Junior forward Erika Warren has played a key role for the Miners this season filling in for the injured starters.

The Miners have fared well in the last few seasons of the C-USA tournament. Last year they beat Rice in the opening round and lost in a close 57-55 battle against Houston in the quar-

terfinals. In the 2008-09 season they lost in the quarterfinals to Marshall in a 72-70 overtime game.
This year El Paso has vied for the C-USA tournament, giving UTEP the home-court advantage, which should prove well for the Miners in tough situations down the stretch.
"It is a home game for us, so we'll have the crowd on our side," junior guard Dietra Caldwell said. "The sixth man is always important, with them cheering us on and the fact that we've lost to (SMU) twice already, that is enough said right there."
Caldwell didn't seem like herself in the last meeting against the Mustangs,

see SMU on page 16

Delicious Gifts & Café

Frozen Chocolate Banana

Energéticos
diced fruit with yogurt, granola, and honey

Aguas Frescas
various flavors

Mangoneada

Café

Walk-In Menu

Come in to our store at 3800 N. Mesa • Ste. C-10 and get refreshed with these healthy items

Chilindrinás

Nachos

Pastel

Fruit Salads
with lemon and chile available

Elote en Vaso

www.deliciousgiftsep.com
(915) 772.0451

We are more than SUSHI....

Treat yourself today!

ALL UTEP STUDENTS & FACULTY
RECEIVE 10% OFF
WHEN YOU BRING THIS COUPON

2500 N. Mesa • 915-351-2415
Mon-Thurs. 11:30-10:00, Sat-Sun 11:30-11:00, Sun 12:30-7:00

IT'S HERE.

UTEP STUDENTS: \$10 STUDENT TICKETS FOR UTEP GAMES WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH YOUR MINER GOLD CARD THE DAY OF EACH SESSION AT THE UNIVERSITY TICKET CENTER ONLY. BE SURE TO GET THERE EARLY EACH MORNING FOR YOUR SEAT TO THE 2011 BUICK C-USA BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS! CALL 915-747-5234 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Basketball

Home court advantage plays into Miners favor

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector

With a number-three seed and first-round bye, the UTEP Miners will enter the Conference USA Men's Championship with momentum and home-field advantage on their side.

"Of course we feel like (a number one team). We have home court advantage," senior forward Jeremy Williams said. "It's always great playing as the home team. Our fans are looking forward to it and we're looking forward to it."

From Feb. 16-23 UTEP lost three out of four games. However, the Miners immediately rebounded from the losses, finishing the regular season with a three-game winning streak.

"We had some ups-and-downs... everyone has some by this time of the year," Williams said. "We had a few lapses but we got it together over the last couple of days and we've been successful. If we play the way we've been playing over the last few games I feel like we'll be fine in the postseason."

The Miners may get to witness that success if history is able to repeat itself. UTEP will enter the C-USA tournament hoping to win a post-season event for the first time since they won the Western Athletic Conference tournament in 2005, having never won or hosted the C-USA tournament. UTEP held three WAC postseason playoffs, making the fi-

"We know that momentum is everything. We know if we're playing well everything will be going good for everybody. We know the things we have to do like defending, rebounding and getting the ball moving, and when we do that we're really hard to beat."

- Christian Polk, senior guard

nals in all three and winning two of them. This will be El Paso's first post-season tournament since the Miners won the 1990 WAC tournament.

Head coach Tim Floyd is well acquainted with the Miners' accomplishments during the first three WAC tournaments from 1984-86. He was an assistant coach under former head coach Don Haskins and saw UTEP take home two WAC tournament titles while making all three finals. The first two postseason playoffs were held in El Paso where Floyd has succeeded in his first year.

"We've played well at home and we'll be coming back (in the tournament)," Floyd said. "But I don't think it'll have anything to do about anything. It'll have everything to do with who we're playing and how we match. That's how tough this league has become."

The Miners' guards have stepped up as of late against some streaking conference teams. UTEP snapped

the Marshall Thundering Herd's five-game-winning streak March 2, behind seniors Randy Culpepper's 24 points and Julyan Stone's 12 points, 12 rebounds and seven assists. Against an SMU team that had previously lost their last two games by a combined five points, senior guard Christian Polk caught fire en route to a 59-56 victory March 5. He finished with a team high of 18 points going 7-for-11 from the field including 4-for-6 from 3-point range.

"We know that momentum is everything. We know if we're playing well everything will be going good for everybody," Polk said. "We know the things we have to do like defending, rebounding and getting the ball moving, and when we do that we're really hard to beat."

Floyd doesn't see the recent turnaround as a measurement for success in the conference tournament,

see ADVANTAGE on page 16



BOB CORRAL / The Prospector
Senior guard Julyan Stone dunks over a Marshall defender March 2 at the Don Haskins Center.

**LUNGS BURNING.
QUADS BURNING.
CALVES BURNING.**

Have we lit a fire in you yet?

crazy cat
crazycatcyclery.com

University 2625 N. Mesa St. 915-577-9666 El Paso, TX 79902	Redd Rock: 5650 North Desert Blvd. 915-585-9666 El Paso, TX 79912	Airport: 6625 Montana Ave. 915-772-9666 El Paso, TX 79925
---	--	--

cannondale **TREK** **GIANT**
SCOTT USA **SPECIALIZED** **GARY FISHER**

CLASSIFIEDS

To advertise call (915) 747-5161 or email prospectorclass@utep.edu

EMPLOYMENT

Join Jafra in March and increase your income!! Today!!
Call me today and receive a gift
(915)449-1130

HIRING TUTORS

\$12 an hour. Early Childhood, Chemistry, Physics, HS Math
Email Resume to Office_mathmobile@yahoo.com
MathMobile Tutorials
(915)585-6284

CLASSIFIED AD RATES

Local ads - 40¢ per word. Local businesses - 45¢ per word. Out-of-town businesses - 60¢ per word. Bold or caps - 15¢ extra per word. UTEP students, faculty, staff and alumnimembers - 30¢ (for personal use only, does not include business related advertising.)

The Prospector is published on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the fall and spring semesters and on Wednesdays during the summer sessions.

the prospector
www.utepprospector.com

Ads may not be phoned in. They must be faxed to (915) 747-8031 or by e-mail: prospectorclass@utep.edu

SERVICES

Help with your English?

Tutoring and written or spoken English by experienced New York book editor. Also available to **copy edit theses or dissertations.**
Reasonable rates.
(915) 587-7956

R. V. Construction, new roof & repair, additions, concrete, electrical, plumbing & tile.
(915) 920-9936.

Did your parents come to UTEP during 85-86? Free yearbooks 85-86 Pick them up at Union East 105

FOR RENT

Rooms for rent. Large, luxury home. \$380 to \$440 each plus utilities and maid service cleaning. Deposit, must qualify
(915)549-7715

BRAIN ZONE

King Crossword
Answers
Solution time: 27 mins.

T	S	P		H	E	W	S		P	A	U	L
A	W	E		A	T	O	M		I	N	T	O
B	A	L	L	Y	H	O	O		A	Y	E	S
U	P	T	I	M	E		T	E	N			
			N	O	R		H	O	O	P	L	A
S	H	R	E	W		P	E	N		E	E	L
L	O	I	N		B	A	R		L	O	G	O
A	B	C		C	R	Y		S	E	N	S	E
Y	O	O	H	O	O		Q	U	A			
			A	P	T		U	N	S	U	N	G
W	H	I	P		H	O	O	S	E	G	O	W
H	E	L	P		E	R	I	E		L	O	Y
O	N	L	Y		R	E	N	T		I	N	N

Answers to 3-3-11

BRAIN ZONE

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

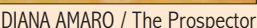
© 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

"I think we're playing well right now, but I don't know how big of a deal that is right now," Floyd said. "I've never understood the word momentum. I think more often than not it has a lot to do with how hard you're playing on defense."

William Vega may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.



UCF sophomore guard Marcus Jordan dribbles around UTEP point guard Julyan Stone.



Sophomore forward Kristine Vitola passes the ball to a teammate against SMU Feb. 27 at the Don Haskins Center.

SMU and Houston are the only two teams in conference that UTEP has lost to twice this season. But even with that, the Miners are self-assured in their game.

For her efforts this season, Willingham has been tabbed to one of five spots on the C-USA all-

"Third time's a charm. We've played them twice and know what mistakes we made," Caldwell said. "We're getting prepared for them here...we should be ready."

Sal Guerrero may be reached at prospector@utep.edu.