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# CAMPUS HEATS UP

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## Season fashion trends

My favorite summer garment is shorts. You can wear them casually in flip flops, or dress them up with a nice blouse."

-Rebecca Morales,  
senior organizational  
and corporate  
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## Weekly Events

### Movies on the Lawn offers free outdoor entertainment

BY ALEJANDRO ALBA

The Prospector

With only the second night into the summer movie series event Movies on the Lawn, the turnout has been great, according to special event's assistant director, Eileen Laidler.

"First night we got a little over 100 people," Laidler said. "Now there are more people, and it will hopefully keep growing."

Movies on the Lawn is a brand new event hosted by UTEP's Office of Special Events. Every Thursday from June 9th to July 28th, a movie will be played on the lawn in front of the Geological Sciences building.

"We tried picking a bunch of blockbusters," technician Gustavo Barraza said. "Most are from the 80's."

The idea of this event had been under development for some time, but it was until Earth Week that their idea was executed, said Laidler. During that time, Special Events had set up their big, inflatable screen and played Disney's "Oceans" for the crowd to watch.

"We had a great turnout with 'Oceans' that we decided to organize this summer movie series as a continuation to the Cinema Novo," Laidler said.

Flyers are to spread the word about the event said Laidler. In the meantime, the Office of Special Events has promoted the event through Facebook, its website, and the online newsletter that is sent through email.

"I have also done my part to promote the event," Barraza said. "I have posted the calendar on Facebook in order for all my friends to know about it."

Eight movies will be played over the summer on the 8 feet by 15 feet screen that is up on the lawn. "Toy Story 3" was the most recent showing.

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## Campus

# Reduced shuttles affect students

BY ANOUSHKA VALODYA

The Prospector

The summer has brought changes to the Miner Metro shuttle service. The four routes, consisting of East, West, Campus Loop and College of Health Sciences, all end their service at 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and begin as early as 6:30 a.m. for the East and West routes.

Paul Stresow, director of Parking and Transportation Services, said that the shuttle service in the summer is based on the number of riders and their annual budget of \$1.1 million. In the summer, each route has one shuttle bus, compared to four during the regular semesters for the East and West routes. That means the waiting period between buses during the summer ranges from 15 to 25 minutes.

"It's a little inconvenient that buses are not running as frequently as they do during the regular semesters," said Joshua Gonzalez, senior political major. "The shuttle stops get really packed, so there's a whole bunch of people who cram inside the bus. And if you miss it, then there's a possibility of missing class."

Gonzalez said he was late recently because of that situation, but luckily the teacher was also late to class.

Monica Rodriguez, freshman business major, said that she would rather walk to class than wait for a shuttle bus.

"It's not too convenient waiting for the buses. I park in the P-4 lot (on Schuster Avenue) and I usually catch the Campus Loop shuttle, but because in the summer I would have to come earlier, like half an hour to an hour to catch the shuttle, I just walk to class instead," Rodriguez said.

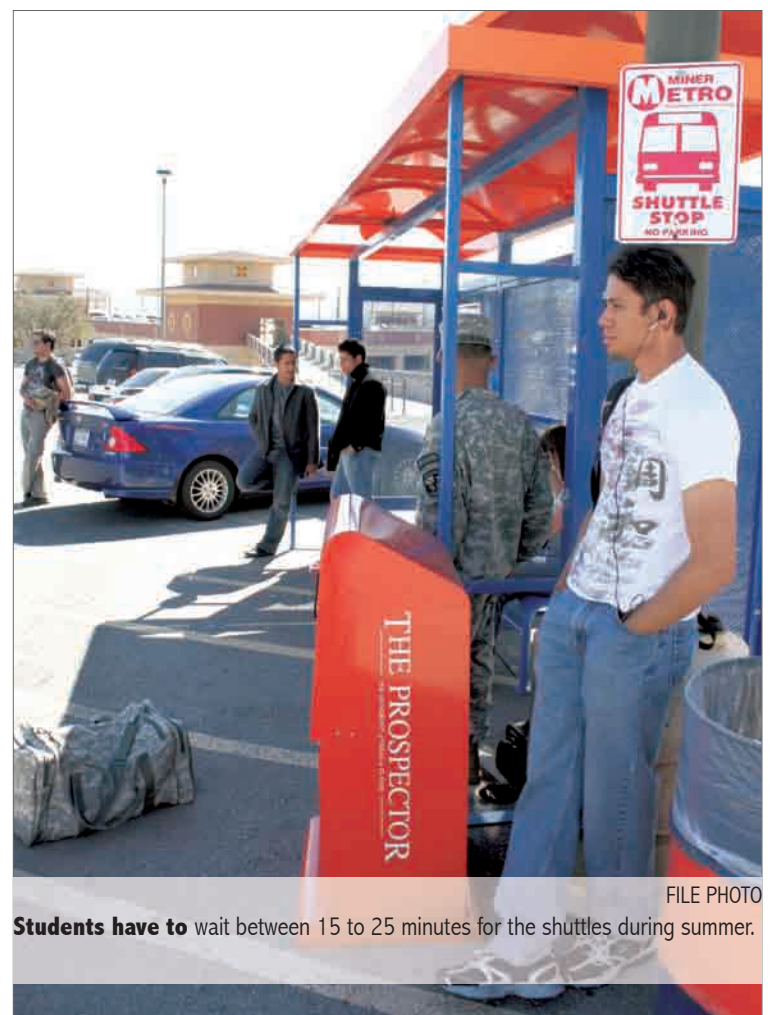
Mercedes Olivas, junior English and American literature major, works in the engineering dean's office and she said that the East shuttle route that she uses doesn't work well with her morning schedule.

"I start work at 8 and the shuttle shows up at 7:30 or 7:50, so either I'm really early or I'm late," Olivas said. "It would be better if they added another East bus."

Stresow said that he's heard the negative feedback from students about the shuttle schedule, and that it's possible the number of summer shuttle buses will increase during the morning.

"We'll be looking into these issues," Stresow said.

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FILE PHOTO

Students have to wait between 15 to 25 minutes for the shuttles during summer.

## Energy

# Summer work schedule provokes mixed feelings

BY ANOUSHKA VALODYA

The Prospector

The long summer days are even longer for some UTEP employees. The university instituted a four-and-a-half-day work schedule for most departments this summer. The schedule, which still requires 40 hours per week, was initiated as a way to conserve energy, said UTEP President Diana Natalicio in an email message sent to employees.

Academic departments, such as the history department, are open Mondays through Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon.

Cynthia Villa, vice president for business affairs, said that last year's summer employees also followed this schedule and UTEP saved an estimated \$45,000—a cost saving that adds to UTEP's budget.

"This is a win-win situation. It allows the university to achieve some modest cost savings on utilities, which are really important in our current fiscal situation," Villa said. "It also provides a nice benefit to our employees giving them Friday afternoons off, a two-and-a-half day weekend, to spend with their families over the summer."

Villa said some of the offices that operate under the normal work hours

of Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. include financial aid, all deans' offices, the president's office, and the scholarship and academic advising offices.

"We ensure the majority of the needs, primarily of students, are addressed and they can take care of issues they may have on a Friday afternoon," Villa said.

Michael Baily, assistant director of judicial affairs in the Office of Student Life, said he prefers working the normal schedule of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"I'm not a big fan of this (summer) schedule for a couple of reasons," Baily said. "One, I'm not sure it actu-

ally saves the university money. We still have to have buildings open. The other reason, for me, it lengthens the four days and even though we get off a half-hour later, it seems to throw everything off."

Erika Portillo, coordinator for Student Development, said she loves the summer work schedule.

"Even though I'm not a morning person – starting work at 7:30 a.m. is not ideal – I love getting off early on Fridays," she said. "I feel like every weekend is a long weekend."

Portillo has three children, ages 1, 2 and 3, but she says she doesn't have

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## Warning: not for consumption by minors

BY SAL GUERRERO  
The Prospector



So I was sitting in my room trying to drown out Conan and attempting to think of the next amazing idea (yeah right) for a column. I needed something good, something real good, something that would catch, and hold the attention of the best damn demographic out there: The 20-something-year-old male. I could have gone as clichéd as it comes, writing about baseball, the all-American sport or even about the opposite sex—like my advice is really going to help anyone out there. No, no, I will write about something that everyone has tried and I love the most. It isn't food and it surely isn't the other things you're thinking of. It's that tasty beverage that is always there on those hot sunny days or on that

Friday night when you so desperately need it. It's that gift that keeps on giving, even the next morning if you've had too many. It's beer. I should warn you, I do not condone underage drinking, drinking and driving, or for that matter, drinking and flying. With that out of the way, let us begin. With the summer months well in effect here in El Paso, it is important to choose the right beverage for all occasions. Your standard American beers will do, but if you want to stay fresh and as hip as a beer drinker can be, choose anything from the Spetzel Brewery company, also known as Shiner. I am a bit of a homer for anything Shiner, so you can see why this would be my first suggestion. Shiner carries a small, but tasty, variety of specialty beers that has been around for a little over 100 years now. On average, you can find their Shiner Bock, Shiner Light, Shiner Blonde, Shiner Hefeweizen (my favorite) and Shiner Black Lager at any grocery or liquor store around the city. Shiner Bock is their flagship beer, which unlike most bocks (type of beer), won't

give you that punch-you-in-the-face-type flavor of true German beer. Personally, I recommend the Hefeweizen, as I would regard it as a light-Hefe that leaves the distinct taste of lemon and orange peel, but doesn't linger like most wheat beers. If Shiner is too mainstream, another of my favorite beers for the summer is Monty Python's Holy Grail Ale. It is made by a UK company called Black Sheep Brewery PLC and the name is just as great as the taste. Like the Shiner products, Holy Grail Ale is a dark beer (pale ale), but with a light aftertaste. It has a hoppiness to it, but the flavor is not overpowering. If a lighter flavored beer isn't for you, then I suggest trying anything from the Stone Brewing Co. Their most popular beer would be the Arrogant Bastard Ale, which is rated as a "strong" beer because of the hoppy flavor that sticks around the back of the tongue as well as the nose. This is a fairly popular brew because of the strong taste and high alcohol content (7.2 percent). If that still does not suit your palate, then pick up a pint of their Double Bastard Ale with

an alcohol content of 11.2 percent. Stone Brewing Co. also makes Stone Imperial Stout Russian Ale that has a dark-bitter chocolate taste, unlike Guinness, but with the same aromatic smell of coffee. Of course, these great beers come with a price, but to the aficionado, cost is no object. Now if flavor and sipping isn't your thing, but you also want to shy away from the standard Budweiser and Miller Lite, then pick up a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon (PBR). This has been a standard in the Midwest for 150 years and still continues to this day. The beer itself is light with a crisp taste that dissipates quickly. The best part is that it is cheaper than most bottled water, but twice the fun. Even without a drink special, PBR can be found at most bars for no more than \$1.50 to \$2 a can. I could go on and on about beer and the hundreds, if not thousands of types, but these are just a few of my favorites that are great compliments to El Paso's hot summer months and are readily available in El Paso.

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Will you be going to the Movies on the Lawn this summer?

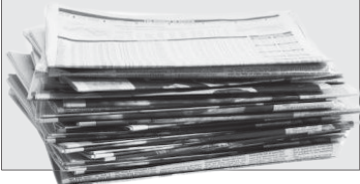
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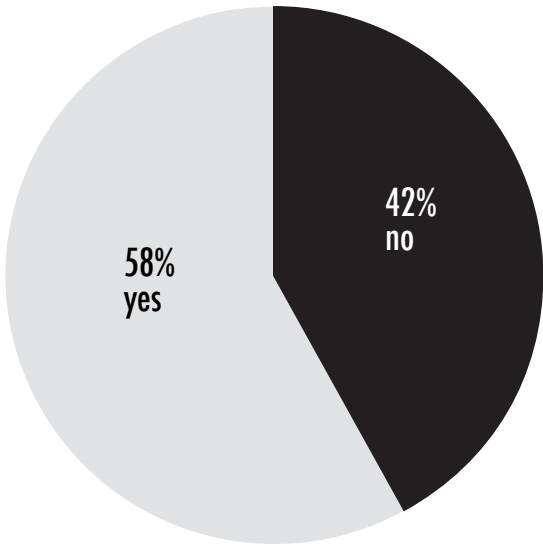
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Science

# Professor re-discovers lost species of frogs

BY CANDICE MARLENE DURAN  
The Prospector

After more than 60 years of being considered extinct, four species of the frogs in the Democratic Republic of Congo were re-discovered by UTEP assistant professor Eli Greenbaum and his colleagues.

"It was really exhilarating to see frogs alive that people thought were extinct," said Greenbaum, who teaches biological sciences. "People had not seen these things since 1954. People were asking themselves if they were extinct."

Greenbaum, who specializes in evolutionary genetics, began his efforts through a program with Conservation International. Its worldwide initiative is to look for 100 species of lost amphibians.

"They had a grant program that was set up to do that project so I helped my African colleague apply for that money," Greenbaum said. "He used that money to go back just a few months ago to look for more of these things, but he didn't find any."

Greenbaum's expedition was partially funded by the National Geographic Society's Committee for Research and Exploration. This was his fifth trip to the Congo and the second time he and his team re-discovered a frog species.

Greenbaum said that the trip to the Congo was filled with hardships and tough challenges. Some of the problems they faced included health hazards, tough economic conditions and the difficulty of just trying to make their way through the jungle.

"There were a lot of tropical diseases such as malaria, and I caught dengue fever while I was looking for these things (frogs)," Greenbaum said. "Dengue fever is basically like a really bad flu and in a place like Congo, being sick is no fun."

Greenbaum said that he believes one of the main reasons why the frogs remained undiscovered was due to its habitation.

"It was really difficult for us to walk in there to find these frogs," Greenbaum said. "And that's why nobody had done it before, because it's physically very demanding and there are problems with infrastructure and other stuff."

After re-discovering the frogs, the next big challenge was proving they were the missing species. Once at UTEP, he took the frogs to the Biological Sciences building to examine their DNA. He compared them to their descriptions in the scientific data recorded in the 1940s.

"You have to go back into this literature that was published by the Belgians in the 1940s and '50s, when they described these frogs for the first time," Greenbaum said. "And then we confirm, okay is this frog in my hand—does that match what this Belgian guy is talking about in French in 1950?"

One of Greenbaum's students, Nancy Conkey, junior biological sciences major, assisted with the identification of the frogs. She said they were not sure their primers for testing DNA would work with the frog samples. Primers bind to the DNA so it can be cloned multiple times, which will lead



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UTEP professor Eli Greenbaum and his colleagues re-discovered four species of the frogs in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

to less errors when they do the DNA analysis.

"Sometimes, when it's new, the primers that are known don't work for something new," Conkey said. "And we don't have primers for something that we don't know anything

about. With PCR (polymerase chain reaction) being around for about 20 years, and the frogs being extinct for over 60 years, we didn't really have anything to work with except for the primers that were known. So we just

took what we knew and applied it to something we assumed would work."

Fernie Medina, senior biological sciences major, said the project

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to worry about day care because her husband takes care of them.

"I could see how this schedule would be a problem for parents who use daycare because of opening and closing hours. So it would take negotiating and research," she said.

UTEP's day care center is open from 6:45 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The summer schedule will end Aug. 19, but Villa said she's unsure if this schedule will be repeated next summer.

Jorge Villalobos, director of Facilities Services, said he thinks UTEP can save more money from employees leaving at noon on Fridays.

"It would help if they turn off their computers, monitors, printers and lights," he said.

Villalobos added that air conditioning is set for most buildings to save energy by having the temperature increase from 73 degrees to 85 at night.

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Question of the week

# Do you believe UTEP is an enviromentally friendly university?

Photos by Greg Castillo, Audrey Russell and Esteban Marquez



**ANA GRAJEDA**  
Sophomore education major

UTEP really is environmentally friendly. What I've noticed the most is recycling around campus. There're recycling bins in almost every classroom.



**RYAN RODRIGUEZ**  
Political science graduate student

No, I don't really see people trying to make a difference in energy conservation. The university could try to turn off lights when they're not in use and implement more recycling measures.



**MICHELLE BITAR**  
Freshman health science major

I think the place looks clean and, although I just got here, I can tell the university cares about helping conserve the environment.




**ERIC MARTINEZ**  
Junior biological sciences major

As of recently, yes, because UTEP has gone paperless for many things. A lot of questions or paperwork can now be done online. The catalog is now online also.



**DENISSE HERNANDEZ**  
Freshman health promotion major

I do think UTEP is an eco-friendly university. The campus is clean, open and well preserved. Maybe there is more work to be done, but overall I consider it environmental.

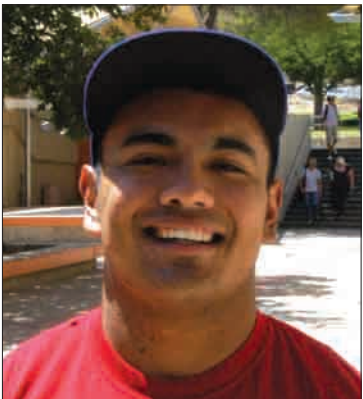


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**JUAN BARRON**  
Junior American literature

I like the changes the campus has made. However, I would like to see more recycling bins.



**JOCELYN GARCIA**  
Sophomore engineering major

I feel the campus is energy friendly. Electricity is being taken more into consideration. "We might even have solar energy soon.



**ROBERT CUEVAS**  
Freshman digital media production major

They have talked about going paperless but I have seen little effort. Given they made some changes with their on-line documents now, which is somewhat green, I have yet to see this as a major move toward environmentally friendly.

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was a great step for the conservation movement.

"Thanks to his research and thanks to what he does, we are taking a step further to conserving the species around the area that we haven't yet explored and that's a really good thing," Medina said.

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- Eli Greenbaum ,  
assistant professor  
of biological sciences

Greenbaum hopes that his re-discovery may bring more awareness about endangered frogs around the world.

"Overall, it's really good news for frogs in Africa because we are just starting to figure out what's going on in Africa because so few people are working there," Greenbaum said. "But in places in the near tropics like Central America and South

America, there are lots of biologists working there and the story is horrible."

According to Greenbaum, frogs are going extinct for many reasons with one of the causes being a fungus that has recently spread worldwide through trade. Greenbaum said that frogs are like babies, and when they are exposed to something new they get sick very easily.

"They have never been exposed to the fungus before," Greenbaum said. "So for some species, they get exposed to it and they just die."

While there isn't a solution for the problem, Greenbaum said that scientists need to go into the wild, take living frogs and bring them back to a zoo.

"What you can do is give them fungicides and keep them in captivity to kill the fungus and then hope that they breed," Greenbaum said. "But in the wild, they have not figured out how to stop the spread of the fungus and for many species of frogs, it's too late."

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Fashion

# Summer fashion trends beat the heat

BY NATALIA AGUILAR

The Prospector

Summer has officially checked in to the city of El Paso bringing along its blazing temperatures that only seem to be getting higher. But along with the heat rise is a wide set of mod fashions and trends for both men and women to wear this summer season.

“Gold is what’s really in right now as far as jewelry,” said Paula Garza, sales associate at Luka 7. “There’s also a trend with hints of feminine looks going on.”

Lace, sheer neutrals and whites are playing a major role in fashion right now, but in contrast is the look of brights, color blocking, bohemian patterns and florals.

“Color blocking is really popular right now. We are currently suggesting color combinations such as orange with purple and electric blue with a bright red,” said Soraya Moctezuma, owner of Fasha. “There’s a contrast between color and big and delicate jewelry.”

Whether it’s free flowing or tight, skirts are definitely always in for the summer. High waist skirts have made a major comeback and paired with a chic pair of sandals they complete a feminine summer look.

“I love to wear bright colors during the summer and just try to mix and match flimsy skirts with cute tops and sandals,” said Ana Lopez, senior finance major. “I also love patterns and big bangles for summer.”

Shorts are another classic for the summer. Not only do they alleviate



**Senior education major** Sara Lopez, an employee at Luka 7, organizes an assortment of bracelest. Luka 7 is one of several boutiques around campus.

from the heat, but they also play a stylish role when worn with long bohemian blouses.

“My favorite summer garment is shorts. You can wear them casually in flip flops, or dress them up with a nice blouse,” said Rebecca Morales, senior organizational and corporate communication major.

Aside from skirts and shorts, more of the romper is being seen now than in recent years. It is a one-piece garment that has become one of the latest trends and women are wearing it for its commodity and stylish look.

“With rompers you can still look good while being comfortable,” said Lorena Martinez, visual merchandis-

ing at Ella Blu. “Bright colored tunics that can be worn with leggings or over bathing suits are also perfect for the summer.”

As for men, above the knee instead of below the knee shorts are becoming a major trend.

“I like to wear short shorts above the knee,” said Pablo Delgadillo,

sophomore advertising major. “I like to wear lots of color, especially neon or pastels.”

The bright color trend goes the same for men as well. So perhaps a pair of bright red pants could go great with a beige or nude v-neck. Cotton v-neck t-shirts are excellent for the summer because they are thin and they always come in a variety of colors or with artsy designs.

Jeans are an item that never go out of style but for summer it’s best to wear light denim. There is also a recent trend of rolling the bottoms of the jeans up in order for the inside of the jeans to show.

“Men always look for comfort and jeans are always in,” said Raquel Cuaron, owner of Pure Denim.” Skinny and boot cut are always in style.”

To dress up an outfit, a blazer can be worn with skinny jeans or even above the knee shorts.

“Blazers are going to continue to be in style but in light colors such as white and in linen,” said Gloria Carrasco from Homework.

Fedora hats and feathers are two other stylish accessories. Both men and women are seen wearing a fedora whether it’s during the day or at night. Feathers are being worn as earrings or as part of a hair extension.

So even with this unbearable heat, it is still possible to look mod and stylish with this summer’s fashion essentials.

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Technology

# Nintendo and Playstation unveil next gen systems

BY JERRY ALDAZ

The Prospector

This year’s Electronic Entertainment Expo (E3), which took place at the Los Angeles Convention Center from June 7 to 9, once again evolved into video gaming’s proving ground.

Driven by innovation and entrepreneurship, industry giants Sony, Microsoft and Nintendo continually redefine virtual entertainment by showcasing their state-of-the-art consoles.

During Nintendo’s official press conference, Reggie Fils-Aime president of Nintendo America unveiled the company’s next-generation console.

“It’s a system we will all enjoy together, but also one that’s tailored made for you,” Fils-Aime said while presenting the Wii-U.

Satoru Iwata, president of Nintendo Global, showed the audience the versatility of Wii-U’s revolutionary controller. Featuring a 6.2-inch touch screen display, rumble capability, accelerometers, a gyroscope and a front-facing camera, the controller not only interacts with the TV but it provides broader mobility by func-

tioning as a monitor for continuous game play.

“I think the Wii-U is going to be a very interesting console” said James Hicks, junior theatre major and long-time gamer. “Nintendo is known for shaking up the game industry with its innovations and the Wii-U’s remote is no different. Sony and Microsoft will definitely pay attention to the successes and failures that the Wii-U endures.”

Although Sony digressed from announcing an upcoming PS4, it challenged Nintendo’s DS portable dominance by introducing the technologically-superior PSPVita.

Kazuo Hiari, considered father of the Playstation, announced PSP Vita’s availability this holiday season. With competitive pricing starting at \$249 for the Wi-fi model and \$299 for a Wi-Fi/3G version, PSP Vita comes standard with a 5-inch Organic Light-Emitting Diode (OLED) screen, Siaxis motion sensing and Dual cameras, touch Pads and analog sticks.

Will this portable generation be another case of impressive hardware eclipsing quality software? Not likely. Beyond remarkable specs, Sony plans to release acclaimed franchise titles



**Nintendo’s Wii-U is** not expected to hit shelves until late 2012.

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“There were mainly families on the first night,” Laidler said. “However, I think UTEP students are starting to be aware of the situation and coming out.”  
The event is free of charge, but Special Events teamed up with Sodexo

and created a movie combo pack providing popcorn, drinks and a hot dog. “We know times are still a bit hard so we are offering a convenient, economical combo pack for families to enjoy,” said Adriana Ruiz marketing specialist for UTEP Food Services.

Students and families set up picnics on the lawn ready for the movie to give into the night.  
“I really enjoyed the atmosphere,” said Pilar Guerra, senior pre-education major. “It really gives people something to do.”

Guerra mentioned that “Toy Story 3” was one of her favorite films and that is why she went to watch it. “Now that I know how it is, I will definitely keep coming,” Guerra said. The next film will be Steven Spielberg’s “E.T.” at 8:30 p.m.

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such as “Uncharted: Golden Abyss,” “LittleBigPlanet” and “Street Fighter VS Tekken” shortly after the system’s release.  
Arturo Guzman, sophomore kinesiology major and current PSP owner, believes Sony is heading in the right direction.

“I am really excited about the PSPVita’s dual analog and powerful processor. It will handle my LittleBigPlanet and first person shooters without any latency. The main thing I am waiting for is “Call of Duty” so I can eliminate the competition,” Gusman said.

During the event, Sony also introduced a PlayStation-branded 3D Display. Arriving in fall, this \$499 bundle will contain a 24-inch screen, a pair of 3D glasses, an HDMI cable and a copy of “Resistance 3.” “Split-Layer Technology,” as Sony termed it, allows for two players to simultaneously access separate video layers within the screen, while playing at the same time.

While Microsoft failed to dazzle spectators with next-gen hardware, E3’s conference solidified XBOX 360’s role in the gaming and entertainment industry. Initiating fall 2011, the seamless integration of popular outlets such as YouTube, Bing and UFC will transform the Xbox 360 into a one-stop shop for all entertainment preferences.

By developing titles such as first-person shooter “Ghost Recon: Future Soldier,” driving simulator “Forza Motorsport 4” and fan-favorite “Mass Effect 3,” Microsoft took full advantage of Kinect’s body-tracking technology and remains loyal to its hardcore fan-base by providing exciting sequels to their most successful franchises.

In the last part of the convention, Microsoft revealed a short teaser for their most anticipated title “Halo 4.” Michael Gomez, senior history major and devoted “Master Chief” follower, was among those who rejoiced as the iconic Halo name materialized above the pitch-dark background.

“It’s in my top five picks definitely. The graphics look great and I am looking forward to playing with the new system control,” Gomez said.

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21 Brewery product  
23 — Lanka  
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25 Pod dwellers  
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Baseball

# Making his mark in the minor league, 11 years later



At age 33, first baseman Kyle Nichols continues to reach for his dreams of playing in the Major League in his 11th minor league season.

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BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Prospector

First baseman Kyle Nichols has never played on a major league team. He was drafted by a big league team but never made it to the Arizona Diamondback's roster. Instead, Nichols is still playing the game he loves as he awaits that golden opportunity in his 11th minor-league season at the age of 33.

"My mom always told me that there is no expiration date on your dream, so it is my dream to still get to the big leagues," Nichols said. "I know there is a long shot and I know I'm a very small-percentage guy, but as long as I have a uniform on, you never know."

The average age on this year's roster is 27. Nichols is not only six years above that standard but he is the oldest and has played the most minor-league seasons out of anyone on the team.

After spending three years at the University of Alabama from 1996-99, Nichols sat out his senior year from 2000-01 when he was drafted by the Diamondbacks. He played rookie baseball that first year then was moved up each season until he landed with the Diamondbacks' Double-A affiliates: the El Paso Diablos.

Nichols joined the Diablos in 2004 but his time was short in El Paso. After just a month with the team, he was promoted to Triple-A and in 2005, he joined the Philadelphia Phillies minor league system. In 2006, he

signed with the Cincinnati Reds' organization, left all major league farm systems to play independent ball and has stayed in unaffiliated leagues ever since.

After bouncing from club to club, Nichols came back to one of his first organizations and is now a Diablos for the second straight season.

Nichols has had his opportunities with a few major league teams over the years. He said that a couple of years ago, he and his agent were in negotiations with the Los Angeles Dodgers and Texas Rangers but both teams decided to go in the direction of a "younger kid."

Still, Nichols has no intentions of leaving the game anytime soon. He does not have a wife or any children and still keeps his primary residence at his hometown in Southport, Florida. Rather, Nichols feels that when that time comes to settle down and raise a family, it may be time to quit. On the other hand, his teammates still think that time is nowhere near and that his time in the majors will come.

"As far as Proball goes, you can take a guy at any age. I can name probably half the guys in the major league that are over 30, right around (Nichols') age, that are in their prime and doing really well," pitcher Adam Rowe said. "The difference between major leaguers and most of the guys at these levels is just that they've stuck with it. He could land anywhere."

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Baseball

# Diablos fall to first place Grand Prairie

BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Prospector

The El Paso Diablos continued their season-long struggles with the Grand Prairie AirHogs, falling to the division leaders for the seventh time in seven tries this season 4-1 June 19 in Grand Prairie, Texas.

The Diablos added to their troubles from the mound despite the performance from newly-acquired pitcher Scott Hodsdon. Hodsdon, who joined El Paso during their most recent road trip June 11-19, pitched seven innings, giving up three earned runs off seven hits.

Hitting did not help the starter in his third game for the Diablos as they stranded at least one runner on base for each of the first six innings.

The Diablos showed promise when they took an early 1-0 lead off an RBI single by first baseman Kyle Nichols in the first inning. El Paso did not allow a run the next two innings but gave up the lead in the third off a two-RBI single by first baseman Greg Porter.

Then the hitting problems took on a whole new form. The Diablos were unable to pick up another hit the next

three innings retiring all nine batters in a row. Even the lone batter to get to a base, second baseman Antoin Gray who was walked in the eighth inning, found himself on the wrong end of a double play to end the inning.

The other two runs for the AirHogs came off the bats of second baseman David Espinosa and Porter. Espinosa homered in the fifth and Porter in the eighth to complete the dominant performance for both hitters. Espinosa went 3-for-3 from the plate with two runs and one RBI. Porter finished the day going 3-for-4 with one run and three RBIs.

El Paso has yet to defeat Grand Prairie this year as they were swept for the second time. The Diablos started the recent four game series strong as they took a 5-1 lead into the seventh. The AirHogs scored nine times that inning finishing off El Paso in game one, 10-6, June 16.

Game two was the closest contest all season between the two as the game came down to the final inning. Center fielder Danny Figueroa hit a sacrifice fly to center field that scored catcher Chris McMurray to defeat the Diablos 5-4.

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BOB CORRAL / The Prospector

The El Paso Diablos remain in last place of the American Association after losing to the Grand Prairie AirHogs for the seventh time this season.





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named "El Capitan" (the captain), he has accepted that name along with the responsibility of recruiting new players for the team.

Nichols scouted one of the Diablos' most recent recruits in pitcher Adam Rowe. Rowe used to play with Nichols in the Northern League and was contacted by Nichols on May 27th.

"He had been talking to me since January and asked if I still wanted to play knowing that I was a free agent," Rowe said. "(Field manager) Jorge (Alvarez) had everyone already locked in for the year so he just told me to stay healthy. Then (Nichols)

called me and said, 'Hey, what are you doing? Get out here.'

Rowe pitched his first game with El Paso June 1 at the Shreveport-Bossier Captains and has been a regular in the rotation ever since. Rowe said that Nichols was one of the first to greet him when he arrived in El Paso, just as the veteran did when he met first-year manager Alvarez.

"He was probably the second guy I talked to when I got the job. We talked about it and he was happy I was here," Alvarez said. "I wish we could have a little more fun to be winning but he still wants to be out here and likes to be here. He's doing his job."

Despite a lackluster season so far, Nichols has been one key player for the Diablos gaining recognition from the American Association. He was named the league's Batter of the Week for the week ending May 29. Nichols is also leading his team with 34 RBIs and six homeruns while hitting .371.

"He worked hard and deserved (the award). He came early and did what he's supposed to do," Alvarez said. "He's a good player and I'll be looking forward to more (awards) this year."

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Prior to the current series, the Diablos have drawn even with Amarillo winning four of the eight meetings this season. After sweeping the Sox in a three-game series then winning the next contest, El Paso has lost the last four games including a three-game sweep during their last meeting in Amarillo June 13-15.

After blowing a six-run lead that resulted in a 7-6 game-one loss, the Diablos nearly found themselves on the other end of the stick in game three. Following an 11-0 defeat on day two, El Paso almost saw the same result coming in game three when they fell behind 8-4.

The Diablos, down 9-6 heading into the ninth, scored twice in their last attempt then loaded the bases for center fielder Kory Drew. Drew struck out swinging to end the game and tally up another loss for El Paso.

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