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OCCUPY BEST BUY

Consumers set to camp out night before Black Friday

BY KRYSTAL
OBLINGER

The Prospector

For last year's Black Friday, Matthew Montana, junior computer science major and Best Buy employee at the Viscount location, stood and watched the hoard of people squish together outside the doors of the store. The manager began his march with key in hand and once the doors were opened, people pushed, shoved and found anyway to get to the item they wanted first.

"We always open at three in the morning on Black Friday," Montana said. "My first time working on this

day, I was greeted with having to wake up earlier in the morning since we open at three, and just a wave of people running in."

Described as one of the busiest days for shopping, Montana said that Black Friday is a day filled with stress because of how many people come in and out of the store looking for low-priced-popular gifts for the holidays. People will camp out in the coldest of weather and wait just to get their hands on whatever they are looking for.

"Most of the stores have really good deals on different things," said Luis Einaudi, sophomore business major. "I always go to Best Buy first. Last year, I was in California working at Disneyland and right after work on Nov. 24 I went straight to Best Buy

to get into the line, which lasted until the next morning."

Einaudi said the line started small, but even at 5 a.m. on Black Friday, he couldn't believe the amount of people still camped out for the sale and how many of those people cut in front of him.

"It's frustrating," Einaudi said. "If the weather isn't nice, it gets even worse, but most people have figured out that they can bring tents in order to stay warm. The issue with that now is some stores do not allow people to bring a tent."

Weather is a big factor for Christian Heredia, junior education major. Heredia said cold weather and the

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Community

Students divided on the future of Asarco site

BY JASMINE AGUILERA

The Prospector

A group of El Paso citizens now have one year to try to save the Asarco smokestacks.

Previously, demolition of the smelter was scheduled to be completed by early 2012. Instead, the Save the Stacks group is trying to raise enough private funding to keep the stacks up.

As controversial issues surrounding Asarco have been a hot-button topic for decades in the sun city, the question of what to do with the remaining smokestacks has many El Paso and UTEP community members divided.

"I think tearing it down would mean justice for the people who were negatively affected by the smelter," said Roger Canales, freshman education major. "I don't think saving the stacks is a good idea at all, even if they have been in El Paso for a really long time."

For some students, while Asarco represents an era of bad history in El Paso, some say it is, nevertheless,

a historical landmark that should be preserved.

"The stacks have been in El Paso for a long time. I don't think we should all be so quick to dismiss the option of preserving them," said Christian Monzon, junior digital media production major. "I know most students think it's a better idea to just tear them down, but I think because of how long the stacks have been here, and because of the economic effects the plant had on El Paso, we should seriously consider keeping them up."

History aside, for many the pain and struggles Asarco brought to many of the workers and the community is enough reason to tear down the smokestacks.

"Asarco didn't do any good to El Paso," said Isai Saenz, sophomore psychology major. "I have family members that have been in El Paso for generations and they say that they never saw anything but sickness come from the plant. I think tearing it down would avenge those who got sick because of it."

The decision to delay the demolition of the stacks was made by Robert Puga, Asarco site custodial trustee.

"I don't really have an opinion on whether or not the stacks should stay up," Puga said. "I just want to know that it would be safe if it stayed up. It should be understood that the bar for the folks wanting to save the stacks is very high."

The trust in charge of the demolition of the smokestacks created a list of four conditions the group would have to meet within a year in order to preserve the stacks.

One, the group has to provide a legal entity that can take possession of the stacks. Two, the legal entity in possession of the stacks must prove that it has the financial strength to support their ownership. According to Puga, it costs about \$14 million in the long term to support the largest stack alone. The cost to tear down the stacks would be about \$10 million.

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Columns

Lessons to be learned from Asarco

BY CELIA AGUILAR
The Prospector



When I first heard about the delay in the demolition of the Asarco smokestacks, I was a bit uneasy. It seemed like one step away from the company once again asking for a permit renewal. It almost seemed like a scheme I didn't even want to conceive, but now I can see that completely demolishing the Asarco site would be like trying to erase its history entirely—like trying to pretend it never happened.

Asarco is one of the many sites that contribute to El Paso's rich history. Its inception in 1887 was due to the need to handle lead ores from Mexico, a perfect demonstration of the characteristic capabilities of a border town.

For me, the most interesting aspect of Asarco's history is its ability to capture the tenacity and sheer power of people uniting for a cause.

In 1949, United Mill, CIO (Congress of Industrial Organizations) and smelter workers organized a strike that lasted several weeks, resulting in contract negotiations. Again, in 1974, United Steelworkers of America led a 154-day strike at Asarco ending in a union contract.

Still, more recently, there was the successful campaign led by Get the Lead Out, a coalition of community organizers, student activists and local politicians. I remember being at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's offices in Austin in February 2008, when busloads of El Pasoans traveled to Austin to protest at Asarco's permit renewal hearing. To our dismay, the permit was renewed.

While it may be difficult to decide what efforts should be made in regards to the Asarco site, I think the most valuable lesson we should retain is the determination of a community in its struggles. It should be an example of the type of efforts the city should be focusing on presently.

The vast pollution and health risks thrust upon the community were something that citizens and politicians – from Texas, New Mexico and Mexico – would no longer put up with. With Asarco gone, what amazes me is the giant elephant in the room, Western Refining.

According to a 2009 article published in Environmental Health, asthma and allergy prevalence increased with prolonged residency in El Paso. The study determined that the high levels of pollution in El Paso caused these respiratory problems.

In 1999, the Environmental Protection Agency conducted a study to determine if mobile emissions were to blame for these respiratory condi-

tions, but the 2009 study showed that mobile emissions were not a major contributor to the health issues, even during high traffic seasons.

If we look at the emissions of Western Refining as described by the EPA, we can see that their main pollutants – nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds and benzene – all have adverse health effects on the respiratory system, especially in young children, whose development may be affected.

According to the EPA, Western Refining has previously violated the Clean Air Act for elevated levels of all four of their main sources of emission. While more studies need to be conducted, for me, living by Western Refining – and previously Chevron – for most of my life, I only need to drive by the area for any proof of environmental damage. The emissions are clearly visible, the sky is often a different color and the stench is unbearable. Also, my sister, her children and I all have asthma.

Although Western Refining's chairman and CEO, Paul L. Foster, is a huge contributor to El Paso, including a \$50-million donation to establish the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, I don't believe money is enough of an incentive to place a whole city's health at risk.

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Holiday giving on a tight budget

BY BEATRIZ A. CASTAÑEDA
The Prospector



With the economic crisis and high unemployment rates in El Paso, this holiday season could be especially tough on a lot of students' budgets.

When money is tight, that's when you should be creative and think about gifts that have more meaning to the person you're giving it to.

With a budget in mind, you should make a list of the people you want to make or buy a gift for, what you want to buy them and the amount you want to spend. Take the list when you go shopping in order to avoid impulse shopping.

I'd recommend looking online for good sales. The National Retail Federation stated that online retailers this year expect their company's online sales to grow at least 15 percent more than last holiday season. With our busy schedules and finals approaching, online shopping makes it easier to look for items and avoid the hassle of crowds and long lines at local retail stores.

Cyber Monday begins Nov. 28, which is the online equivalent to Black Friday. With Internet popularity increasing, shoppers are now going online to find their gifts. Cyber Monday can remove the stress of having to go to stores and find the products that you want instead of having to spend the night out in the cold, especially when there's a chance you might not even get the product you want.

There are a lot of deals you can find on Cyber Monday, which makes shopping an easier, more efficient and convenient for us. Visit cybermonday.com to find coupons, special prices and free shipping for some orders.

You may not be in the mood to shop early for the holidays, but you can gain a major advantage by starting now. You can compare prices and find good sales because if you wait until the last minute, you're less likely to find the selection you want and perhaps grab something more expensive out of desperation.

Personally, I enjoy making homemade and creative gifts. Making something special for someone takes time and effort, and that has more meaning to me than just going and buying something. In previous years, I've made photo collages for a friend, baked specially detailed cupcakes and even cooked a good meal. To me,

there's no greater way to express your love and creativity to the ones you care for than making a personalized gift.

I'm a coffee lover, so I always enjoy buying vintage items like coffee mugs at secondhand stores, decorating them and including cookies, biscotti or chocolate spoons. Gift baskets are always good to give out during the holidays. Think about the person you want to give several items to. I'd put a portrait, candy, Nutella and maybe a CD with a playlist of their favorite songs. Think about any random items that you know the other person will enjoy and that could make a meaningful and inexpensive gift.

Consider your family members and what they enjoy doing most. My family has a love for books and I am always happy to buy my Dad a war-themed book since he loves history. I always enjoy giving out books I've read and dedicating them to that person. This year, I plan on making gifts for my family and friends.

So start early. If you're a poet, photographer, good cook or an artist, think about compiling a selection of your work so you can share with friends and family who have enjoyed, inspired and encouraged your efforts. Happy Giving!

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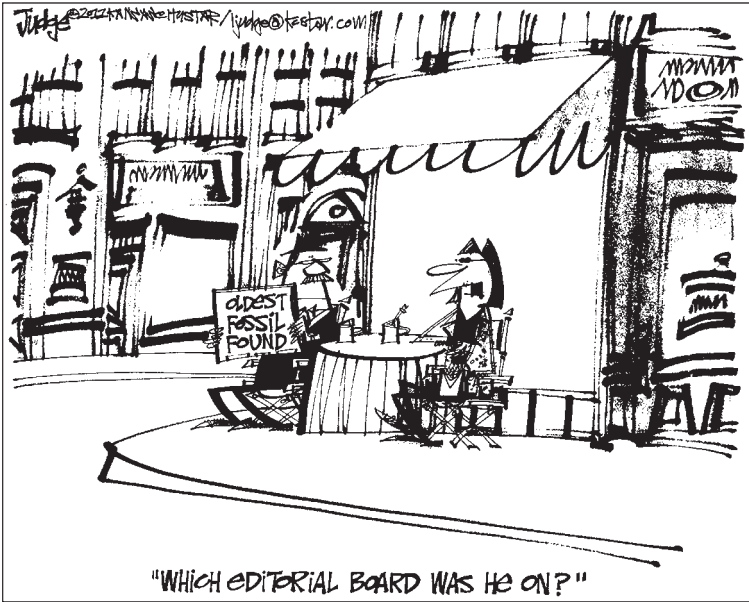
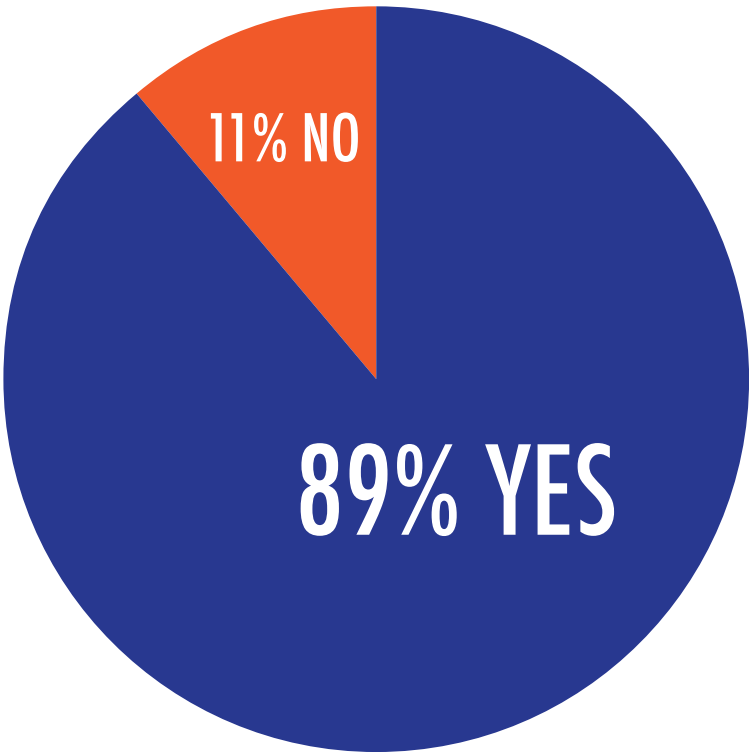
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crowds are what keep her inside on Black Friday.

“I’m more of a Cyber Monday kind of person because I don’t like to get up early and get in line on a cold morning,” Heredia said. “I’m sort of claustrophobic so having some stranger push me around just to get a skirt or something isn’t my cup of tea. I also know it gets really cold in the early mornings and I just don’t want to deal with that.”

Despite the downsides to Black Friday, Marco Lopez, sophomore electrical engineering major, said he enjoys the experience because it pulls him out of the norm. Lopez said there are a few tips to being successful on Black Friday.

“People are crazy on Black Friday, but there are a few things you can do to prepare yourself,” Lopez said. “First, go to bed early so that you can be up early for the sales. If you want to get in the lines, do it a day in advance. I will normally go to Cielo Vista or Sunland Park first with something very warm in hand, such as a Snuggie, hot chocolate or coffee.”

Lopez said to be ready for people acting like the world is going to end. Panicking and pushing are among the situations people encounter and there have been reports of people being severely injured from the mass of people. Stores like Best Buy have established organized systems over the last two years.

“We now hand out tickets for certain items,” Montana said. “The tickets depend on how many of the

item we have in stock. So if you know what you want, you have to be one of the first few to get that item’s ticket. By doing this, you don’t have to be in the store to get your item. You can have it in hand and ready to check out and never have to deal with the struggle to get to the item first.”

Montana said if people are not looking for something specific then they are free to go crazy and run around the store looking for whatever they want and, hopefully, have fun.

“I usually work 23 hours that day, but honestly, I don’t think I’d ever want to do it,” Montana said. “Just the mass amount of people that come in the store is overwhelming and I can only imagine what the mall looks like. I’d rather wait till the crowd dies down later then see what I can find.”

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Activism

El Paso joins national bank protest movement

BY HENRY ARRAMBIDE
The Prospecter

As many grow frustrated with their banks and the economic situation facing the U.S., a grassroots event recently began, encouraging people to move their money out of big banks and into local credit unions.

The event originated when Los Angeles art gallery owner Kristen Christian, dissatisfied with her Bank of America experience, created a Bank Transfer Day event on Facebook and invited her friends to close their bank accounts too. The movement exploded into a national event that even found its way to the borderland.

“Not only did I participate in Bank Transfer Day by closing my account at Wells Fargo and opening an account at GECU, but my family and I also picketed Bank of America on Mesa and Bartlett on the Westside,” said Lina Murillo, history graduate student. “My husband, Guillermo Morales, worked with MoveOn.org in organizing Bank Transfer Day here in El Paso.”

While not directly related to the Occupy movement, Bank Transfer Day was intended to be a form of protest that would send a message to big banks. The Texas Credit Union League reported that, statewide, 47,000 new accounts had been opened by Nov. 2 and, nationwide, 650,000 people had opened accounts within the same period.

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“We had to send a message to B of A (Bank of America), Wells Fargo and Chase, who have been at the root of the economic disaster that has befallen this country,” Murillo said. “They have exploited the American people and have helped to create a larger gap between rich and poor.”

While Nov. 5 was the official date of the event, the protest is ongoing.

“I currently have withdrawn funds from my bank, but have yet to transfer them into a local credit union,”

said Maria Gomez, creative writing graduate student. “I think it is an excellent form of protest, maybe a more efficient course of action for a place like El Paso than the Occupy movement.”

Many people believe that changing to credit unions will not have a dramatic effect on saving customers any money.

“I have not transferred my money,” said Ernesto Chavez, associate professor of history. “I’ve always done my business with a bank. I travel a lot and I feel it’s more convenient. I feel what-

ever I save on bank fees, I’m just going to have to pay when using ATMs and the like while traveling.”

The opinions may be divided, but due to protest, Bank of America called off their plans to charge a \$5 fee on debit cards because of negative attention.

“I think events like Bank Transfer Day are important because we begin to understand that our money is our power,” Murillo said. “The banks do not own us and cannot dictate how we invest and save our money.”

Murillo said it not only shows big banks that the people will not tolerate their fees, but also helps the local community.

“It shows us that we need to reinvest in our communities and to act locally while thinking globally,” Murillo said. “We must realize that the disaster created by Wall Street affected millions of people on this planet, and we must all stand in solidarity and unity against this economic assault.”

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The third condition is that the entity must be able to provide the trust with insurance. Four, the entity has to get a certified structural engineer to prove that the stacks are strong enough to remain on the site without causing damage to others.

“The trust will promise that 12 months from now, if these conditions are not met to our satisfaction, the stacks will come down and no further delay will be tolerated,” Puga said.

According to Puga, Gary Sapp and Robert Ardovino from the Save the Stacks group were able to gather 50 supporters, and for that reason they were granted a one-year moratorium.

“A lot of people want to see the stacks stay up because they think they have historical significance in El Paso, but I don’t see it that way,” Canales said. “I think Asarco has a history of making people sick and that is enough reason to tear them down.”

Puga’s original plan for the stacks was to only conserve 15 feet of the tallest stack and create a monument that included the depiction of the protesters, who were instrumental in having the plant closed.

“If the stacks had positive memories associated with them, then by all means keep them, but that is not the case,” said Christine Favela, forensic science major. “They’re historic for polluting El Paso and making people sick. If it doesn’t serve a purpose anymore, then I think they should just be torn down.”

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Battle of I-10 hits the hardwood

Men's Basketball

Trash talking precedes latest matchup

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector

When UTEP and NMSU meet for the first time in the 2011-12 season, some added heat will be brought to the rivalry. After the Miners fell to Eastern New Mexico in their first exhibition 75-64 Nov. 3, one Aggie player had to give his two cents.

"#UTEP fans betta go hide in Juarez wen #NMSU slide through they just list to a team we beat by 50.. That's disgusting if you ask me (SIC)," tweeted senior forward Wendell McKines Nov. 3 following the loss.

Shortly after, McKines tweeted: "#UTEP is a disgrace to the south-west.. They should all go to Juarez and hold up signs that say we hate mexican food (SIC)."

UTEP fans responded with a trending topic on the social network called #under10wen (SIC) that was aimed at McKines for their game Nov. 19 in Las Cruces.

NMSU defeated the same Eastern New Mexico team 115-64 the day before in Las Cruces and McKines finished with a team-high 19 points and nine rebounds. He missed all of last year with an injury, allowing him to redshirt and gain a fifth year of eligibility. In their regular season opener, McKines had 18 points against Northern Colorado Nov. 12 at the Pan American Center.

McKines was third on the team in scoring in 2009-10 and is surrounded by 10 returning players from last year's 16-17 team. One player that is not returning is junior forward Troy Gillenwater who led the team in scoring and rebounding last season. He hired an agent prior to the NBA Draft in May

2011 making him ineligible to return to school.

Senior guard Hernst Laroche is back, however, as the No. 2 scorer from last year's team with 11.5 points per game. Also returning is sophomore guard Christian Kabongo who was fourth on the team with 8.9 points last season but had 18 against Eastern New Mexico and a game-high 20 against Northern Colorado.

UTEP swept the season series last year winning 73-56 Nov. 23 at the Don Haskins Center and 74-72 Nov. 30 at the Pan American Center. For this year's Miners, only sophomore center John Bohannon and sophomore guard Michael Perez saw playing time in the two games. During the match in Las Cruces, Bohannon finished with two points and four rebounds in 18 minutes. In El Paso, Perez had just one assist in 15 minutes.

UTEP picked up their first win of the season Nov. 13 at the Don Haskins Center against UC-Riverside to improve to 1-1.

Both teams struggled offensively to start the game, but UTEP got on the board first when freshman forward Julian Washburn hit a jumper with 17:30 to go. The Miners missed their first

four shots and turned the ball over twice before scoring the game's first points.

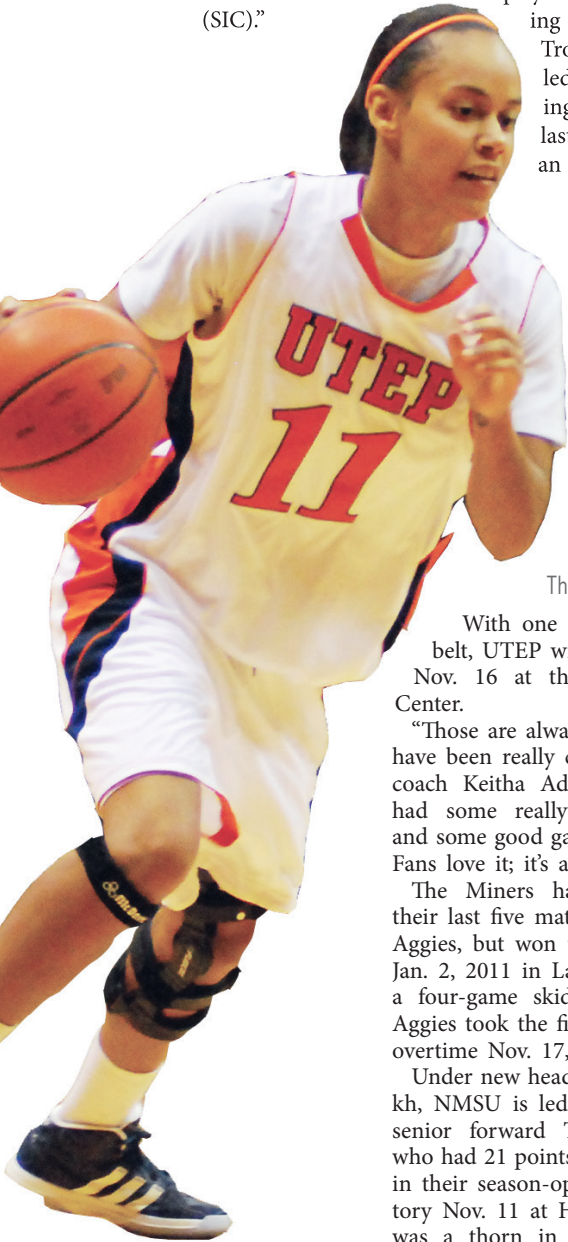
UC-Riverside missed their first nine shots and had three turnovers until senior guard Phil Martin gave the Highlanders their first points at the 13:13 mark. UC-Riverside went another 7:18 until their next field goal.

After giving up the lead and down 16-15, junior guard Jacques Streeter hit the half's only three-pointer to give the Miners the 18-16 advantage at halftime.

Both teams picked it up in the second half and, with the game tied at 20 with 17:27 left in the game, UTEP scored on their next seven possessions. The Miners took a 37-27 lead but it was cut back to two with 6:07 left at 39-37. UTEP built some separation going on an 11-0 run led by freshman forward Hooper Vint's back-to-back three-pointers.

The Highlanders went over five minutes until making their next field goal, falling to UTEP 52-41.

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Women's Basketball
Miners looking for second win at NMSU

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector

With one game under their belt, UTEP will take on NMSU Nov. 16 at the Pan American Center.

"Those are always fun games and have been really competitive," head coach Keitha Adams said. "We've had some really good matchups and some good games, no question. Fans love it; it's always fun."

The Miners have lost four of their last five matchups against the Aggies, but won their last meeting Jan. 2, 2011 in Las Cruces to snap a four-game skid to NMSU. The Aggies took the first game 80-75 in overtime Nov. 17, 2010 in El Paso.

Under new head coach Mark Trakh, NMSU is led by 6-foot 1-inch senior forward Tabytha Wambler who had 21 points and 18 rebounds in their season-opening, 63-62 victory Nov. 11 at Houston. Wambler was a thorn in UTEP's side last season, finishing with 14 points and

nine rebounds in their win and 12 points, 10 rebounds in their loss.

"They play extremely hard and (Wambler) went to work. That was a great win for them to start the season off," Adams said. "We're going to have to play really hard, we're going to have to play really good defense and we're going to have to do a really good job rebounding."

To combat her, UTEP has 6-foot 2-inch senior forward Gloria Brown who led UTEP in their first victory of the season with a game-high 18 points and 11 rebounds. Last season, Brown had 20 points and seven boards in the loss to NMSU, but just two points and one rebound in the victory.

In their first game of the 2011-12 season, UTEP had to regroup at halftime to come back from a 12-point deficit to defeat the Idaho State Bengals 79-63 Nov. 12 at the Don

Haskins Center.

"The second half I got in a groove. We all started playing good," Brown said. "We just mainly started getting physical with them because they were physical with us."

Trailing 35-26 at the half, the Miners opened the second with a 17-2 run off a free throw by junior guard Melisa Mendes. Mendes sparked the run with a three to start the half and had seven of her 12 total points during that span.

After four-consecutive free throws by Idaho State that cut the Miner lead to 50-47, UTEP went on a 10-2 run with all 10 points coming from freshman guard Chrishauna Parker

and sophomore forward Kayla Thornton.

"What we had planned wasn't really executed and what she told us on practice, we weren't doing it," Thornton said. "It came to a sense of urgency that we had to pick it up or we would not have won the game."

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Special to The Prospector

UTEP looking for bowl eligibility on senior night

BY DANIEL ORNELAS
The Prospector

The Miners will play their final home game of the 2011 season Nov. 19 at the Sun Bowl against Tulsa with the chance of earning a second-consecutive bowl berth.

UTEP is coming off a 22-17 win against East Carolina, the first against the Pirates since joining C-USA in 2005. The Miners have now beat all other 11 C-USA teams at least once in school history.

The Tulsa Golden Hurricanes have yet to lose a C-USA game (6-0) this season and are coming off a 59-17 rout over Marshall.

First year head coach Bill Blankenship has led Tulsa to a 7-3 record with all three of their losses coming against ranked opponents: No. 7 Oklahoma State, No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 4 Boise State.

This will mark the 20th meeting between both squads, with Tulsa holding an 11-8 advantage over the Miners. Even though the Golden Hurricanes hold a 5-4 advantage in the Sun Bowl, they have yet to beat a Mike Price-coached team in El Paso.

"I think having the game here makes a big difference. There's just a lot of excitement involved this week because of our seniors. This is their last game in the Sun Bowl," Price said. "We know that this gives us a chance to be bowl eligible so there's all kinds of reasons to be motivated for this game."

The last time both teams faced each other, Tulsa edged the Miners 31-28 Nov. 20, 2010 in Tulsa. Senior quarterback G.J. Kinne threw for 325 yards and two touchdowns in the meeting.

Kinne recently surpassed the 10,000-yard mark in total offense becoming only the second player in school history to do so behind former quarterback Paul Smith.

"He's one fantastic quarterback, one of the highest recruited quarterbacks in the state of Texas," Price said. "He can run, pass, makes great decisions. He's competitive, tough and an experienced veteran. He's really the heart and soul of that offensive team."

Aside from dealing with Kinne, the Miners will attempt to stop a

Tulsa running attack that is averaging nearly 210 yards per game.

"They have two speed backs. (Sophomore) Ja'Trian Douglas is the guy who's going to take most of the fly sweeps that they run and (sophomore Trey) Watts, (former Oklahoma quarterback) J.C. Watts' son, is the other running back that's kind of an inside runner, really elusive," Price said. "Then they have a big 250-pound fullback/tailback Singleton that they bring in short yardage and goal line and he runs over people."

UTEP's junior quarterback Nick Lamaison was sidelined during the game against East Carolina with a groin injury.

Sophomore Carson Meger stepped in leading the Miners to the victory all while completing 18-of-27 attempts for 155 yards. If Lamaison can't play, Meger will make his second start of the season.

Junior kicker Dakota Warren suffered a groin injury and his status is still uncertain for Tulsa. Senior kickers Mike Scott and Kevin Lopez, along with freshman Steven Valadez, will handle the kicking if Warren can't play.

"We'll just see how Dakota is going to be. If he isn't the kicker, we would probably use Scott or Lopez in extra points and Steve would kick the long ones, but we're not in that position right now," Price said. "Going into the game, I would think Dakota would be our kicker and Nick would be our starting quarterback."

It will be senior day at the Sun Bowl when the Miners take the field at 1 p.m and a total of 22 senior players will suit up for their final home game.

"Senior day can cause a distraction to some kids. I saw (former Notre Dame head coach) Lou Holtz talking about it on TV the other day. I hope the seniors don't get tears in their eyes and get all emotional before the game because when that happens, they don't play very good," Price said. "We have to take this one game at a time and prepare for it the same way...We know the importance of the game."

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Long snapper looks to glory

BY WILLIAM VEGA
The Prospector

With all the success UTEP has been experiencing at the punting game this season, one can not over look where each process begins. Senior long snapper Matt Camilli is that guy who initiates each punt, extra point and field goal in one of the most underappreciated positions in all of football.

"It's the most un-glorified, pressurized position you could imagine," Camilli said. "People don't understand it and don't notice you until you mess up, but I've enjoyed it because it's a challenge."

Camilli has been the Miners' long snapper for the last three years. As a sophomore in 2009, he had one tackle and was the main snapper after the first game. Last year, as a junior, he had four tackles and did not have a punt blocked all year. This year, Camilli has started in every game he's played, adding two tackles to his career totals.

After redshirting his freshman year in 2007, Camilli became the team's kick snapper in 2009 and the permanent long snapper his junior year. He said he made the full transition because Price did not want to risk him getting hurt.

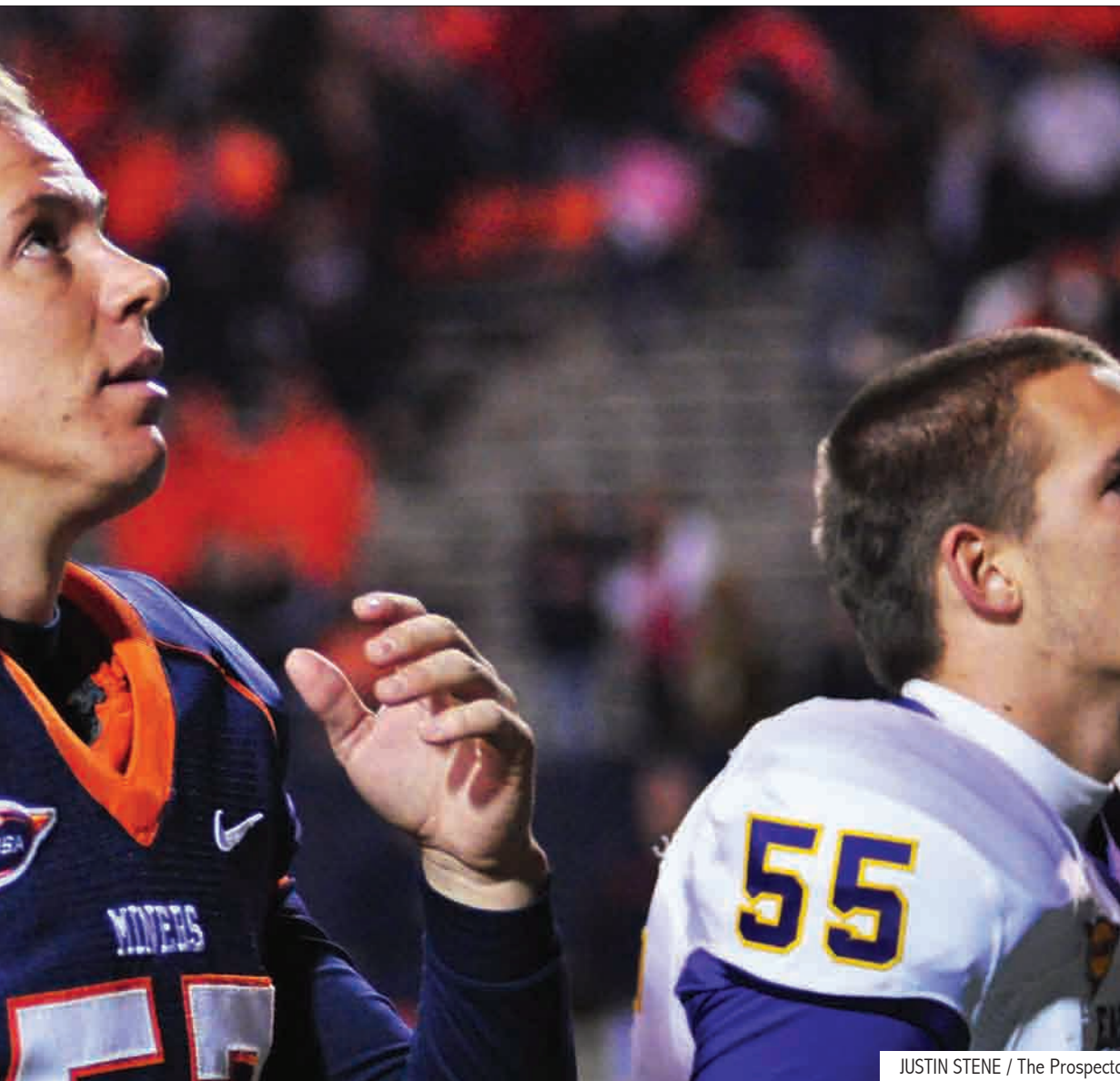
"I was perfectly content with it because long snapping was the main reason that I got recruited (to UTEP)," Camilli said. "That's what I used to send films out to other schools."

The only time Camilli has dealt with injuries was this year when he missed three games in September after breaking his arm Sept. 10 at SMU. According to junior punter Ian Campbell, he could tell the difference in receiving snaps those games.

"It was really bad when he went down at SMU," Campbell said. "We found out really quickly that Camilli is a key part of our game. Going into survival mode at SMU is really tough."

Camilli left the SMU game during the contest, meaning the first game he missed entirely was against NMSU in his home city of Las Cruces. He graduated from Mayfield High School as a defensive end and long snapper, winning two state cham-

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pionships with them in 2005 and 2006. His move to El Paso and UTEP came with mixed emotions.

“I had a lot of love and hate from the people in (Las) Cruces, but they still supported me in the years I’ve been here,” Camilli said.

Since then, and the entire year, Camilli has been a part of Campbell’s campaign for the Ray Guy Award—the nation’s best punter. Campbell was first in average punting yards in the nation up until this last game Nov. 12 against East Carolina. He is now in second with a 46.84 average, just 0.16 yards shy of the lead. On Nov. 11, Campbell was named one of 10 semifinalists for the award. Campbell said that had it not been for his long snapper, he would not be where he is now.

“It’s one of the positions where they are literally perfect the whole year and he’s only had one bad snap his whole career here and that was at Texas, and it’s just really under radar,” Campbell said. “I tell him every day that I appreciate him. He’s

just such a quality long snapper and he goes under the radar almost.”

Head coach Mike Price has also come to appreciate his consistent long snapper and awarded him by making him one of five captains on the team as the lone special teams leader.

“Making me a leader of the team, I didn’t really know how to explain how I felt to the team. I was just so happy they elected me to that,” Camilli said.

Camilli will step on to the Sun Bowl one last time Nov. 19 with 21 other seniors for senior night against Tulsa. Camilli said the night will be full of emotions for him. Weeks prior, he was already thinking of his last game.

“It’s hard to choose which (emotions) I’ll be feeling,” Camilli said. “I’m sure I’m going to feel sorry because I won’t be able to come back next season, but I’m going to be happy at the same time because I’ve had a good three years starting. It’s been a lot of fun and I’ve had a lot of good opportunities.”

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The Miner lead was extended to 14 points on several occasions, the first coming off a three by senior guard Kim Smith with 3:30 to go. UTEP went 4-of-11 from three-point range, as compared to Idaho State who went 0-for-11 from the perimeter.

The first half went in the Bengals' direction almost from the start. After going down 7-6, Idaho State went on a 19-6 run to give them

their largest lead of the game. The Miners were able to cut the deficit down to four at 25-21 when junior forward Kristine Vitola hit a layup but the Bengals closed the half on a 10-5 run to give them the nine point advantage.

UTEP will also face Houston Baptist at 7:05 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Don Haskins Center.

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Cross-Country

Two qualify for NCAA Championship

BY KRYSTAL OBLINGER
The Prospector

The Miners traveled Nov. 12 to Provo, Utah for the NCAA Mountain Regional in the team's final attempt to qualify for the NCAA Championships. However, only one individual from each team qualified for the championships that will take place Nov. 21 in Terre Haute, Ind.

The men had the opportunity to qualify as a team but could not get that fifth runner to make the cut. Because of that, only one athlete was taken as an at-large for the championships. Junior Elkana Rotich will be representing the men's team after finishing 14th in the 10k run and posting a time of 31:03. The 2011 Conference-USA

champion and junior Justice Chirchir followed him closely by coming in 20th with a time of 31:12. The team finished in 11th place with a score of 232 and a 1:48.8 spread. They have yet to qualify together since their 2007 meet Nov. 17 in Ogden, Utah, where they placed 10th overall in the race.

This will be Rotich's second time at the championship. The first was in 2009 when he placed 102nd with a time of 24:42 his freshman year. Earlier this season, Rotich placed first in the Kachina Classic Sept. 17 and a second-place finish at the C-USA Championships. So far, his best time of 21:42 was clocked in at the 7k run on Sept. 10 at the Lori Fitzgerald.

In 2009, Rotich joined the women's team after they qualified together

for the first time since 1987, when they finished fifth for the overall championship.

Junior Risper Kimaiyo will head to the championships for the third time in her career. This season, she became the first woman to claim the title at the Mountain Regionals twice in program history. The first time Kimaiyo qualified was last year when she clocked in at 20:02 Nov. 13 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Kimaiyo qualified for this year's meet with a first place finish at a time of 20:35.

The women's team finished the meet with 367 points and took 14th place. Junior Karin Garcia was the second Miner across the finish line, grabbing the 57th spot with a time of 22:43. Senior Kitria Stewart finished the 6k run at 24:34. UTEP gained a spread of 3:59.6 for the overall meet with all five runners finishing.



Last season, Kimaiyo finished fourth in the 2010 NCAA Championships, which was her second consecutive top-10 finish. She was awarded her second cross-country All-American honor of her career.

Junior Kathy Garcia, who did not make it into this year's championships, also competed at the 2010 championship and took the 127th placing, improving her time to 21:32 from the previous season of 21:35 during the meet.

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Campus

Festival of Lights celebration to kick off the holidays

BY REBECCA GUERRERO
The Prospector

Many UTEP students may remember when the university used to celebrate the holidays with Season of Lights, an extremely popular event that lit up the entire campus in twinkling white lights. Season of Lights ran for 16 years before its abrupt end due to financial trouble, leaving no replacement in its place.

But this year, discussions began to implement a new holiday celebration on campus, an idea that may not only bring back some of the excitement Season of Lights provided, but allow students, faculty and staff to participate in the process themselves.

Bill Dethlefs, director of the Disabled Student Services Office, said that though UTEP is a predominantly Catholic university, it is a public institution and therefore home to many different cultures and ethnicities that also celebrate various holidays during the winter months. His idea was to implement a multi-cultural tribute to the holidays around the world in Festival of Lights, a name chosen because of its relation to many different holidays.

"We saw this as an opportunity for students to experience different traditions and do some learning outside of the classroom," Dethlefs said.

He said he has had the privilege to participate in Christmas, Hanukkah

and Kwanza celebrations and knows firsthand the value of learning about different cultures.

"I see this as an opportunity to make UTEP feel a bit more like home to students who do not share the majority culture here," said Carol Martin, assistant director of the Office of International Programs.

Students, faculty or staff members were able to submit an application by Nov. 14 in order to create a display for the celebration. Those displays will be shown on the second floor of the Union Building East from Nov. 28 and running until Dec. 22.

Coordinators hope to see a wide variety of cultural decorations, from crosses and menorahs to luminarias and Hindu relics. The displays do not have to be religious so long as they follow the program's one rule; no display can be derogatory toward any other religion or culture.

"I like to think of this as a statement on inclusion rather than exclusion," Dethlefs said. "It is inclusive of any group that wants to showcase their culture."

The idea is steadily growing in popularity among the UTEP community. Neelam Agarwal, assistant director of the Disabled Students Services Office, said she is excited about the opportunity to highlight her Indian heritage.

"When I was a little girl we would celebrate Diwali, a holiday to celebrate the triumph of good over evil," Agarwal said. "We would exchange sweets and light many clay lamps with mustard oil and leave them outside all night."

Diwali will be one of the holidays that the Indian Students Association plans to display at the festivities.

"In India, we celebrate Diwali, Bakrid, Christmas and Sankranti in and around the month of December," said Vamsi Pinnamaneni, ISA vice president and civil engineering graduate student. "We've titled our display Indian secularism because India is the largest secular country and follows many religions."

Pinnamaneni said that ISA's display promises to embrace the very goal of Festival of Lights, to incorporate the many faces of winter festivities into one huge celebration.

Dethlefs, Martin and Wendy Kane, assistant director of the Student Development Center, are excited about the holiday displays of other cultures.

"This is a testing year for Festival of Lights," Dethlefs said. "We're going to see if people enjoy and respect the idea and hopefully it will come back even bigger and better next year."

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Holidays

Cuddle, relax and enjoy these movies over the break

BY ANDRES RODRIGUEZ
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During the holidays, seasonal films might just give off enough cheer to answer the age-old question, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" A question Charlie Brown asked with arms wide open amid a chaotic Christmas play.

These five movies are perfect for cuddling up in front of the television with a candy cane-printed mug full of hot chocolate to find out what good old Chuck was asking about.

5. "Elf" (2003)

Directed by Jon Favreau, "Elf" tells the story of Buddy (Will Ferrell), a human raised as an elf in the North Pole, who travels to New York City in search of his real family.

The film's warm-hearted feel has made it a modern-day holiday must-watch, carried greatly in part by Ferrell. A little bit of Ferrell goes a long way,



but the overblown performance he delivers as an overgrown wannabe elf fits perfectly with the slapstick and charm of the film. Ferrell's signature physical comedy is hilarious throughout and ultimately is strengthened by his charisma as an outcast searching for the love of his family.

The premise is rather outlandish; nevertheless, it works thanks to the goofy humor and Ferrell's perfect-fit shtick.

4. "Die Hard" (1988)

To label it the best action movie would be a dubious call; a more appropriate label would probably be best holiday action film. Directed by John McTiernan, "Die Hard" made a tough-guy out of an emerging Bruce Willis, who played John McClane, a cop who takes on a group of terrorists in order to save his wife whose been taken hostage.

Set in Los Angeles during Christmas time, the film's thrills and action sequences are powerful and explosive.



Overall, it's simply escapist fun, something that its following sequels never lived up to.

3. "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993)

Probably the only dual-holiday classic, Henry Selick's stop-motion animation, "The Nightmare Before Christmas," is a beautifully crafted and haunting tale full of Christmas spirit with a touch of the Halloween creeps.

Written in part by Tim Burton and his knack for dark, yet emotionally poignant storytelling, the film tells the story of Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King, who after an accomplished Halloween becomes bored of his duties in Halloweentown. After discovering Christmas Town, Jack attempts to incorporate Christmas into his town, which results in a twisted holiday.

It's a wacky, inventive and successful take on Christmas with catchy tunes and painstakingly crafted academy



award-nominated visual effects that remain timeless.

2. "Home Alone" (1990)

If there ever was a film that wrongly inspired countless of kids to ingeniously rise against home intruders, this is it. Directed by Chris Columbus and starring Macaulay Culkin as Kevin, a young boy left home alone by accident during the holiday season, the film is filled with dark laughs and heart-tugging family bonding.

Kevin encounters a couple of burglars who intend to rob his house. To say the least, Kevin deals with them. The film finds its strength in Kevin's use of remarkably original and crafted traps that protect his house. Toy cars, paint buckets and the memorable imprinted iron on the burglar's forehead are all comical touches to an underlying emotional film. A particularly touching scene, where Kevin meets a shoveling old man, portrays the Christmas theme of family.



1. "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (1965)

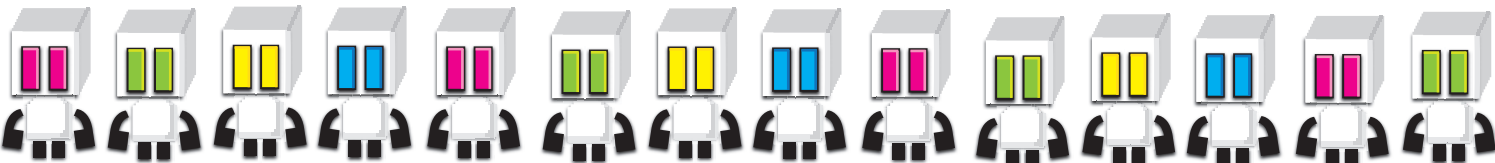
The half-hour animated special is without a doubt a Christmas staple. First televised in 1965, "A Charlie Brown Christmas" marked the first television appearance of Charles Schulz' "Peanuts" characters. Directed by Bill Melendez, the short has been aired at least once every year during the season since it first appeared.

The "Peanuts" gang's mature offbeat humor is quirkily funny in the short, where Charlie Brown is depressed for the Holidays. "I almost wish there were no holiday season," Charlie Brown said. "I know nobody likes me. Why do we have to have a holiday season to emphasize it?" Ultimately, however, Charlie Brown, through the help of his friends, finds the true meaning of Christmas: friendship.



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Guide

Shopping for trendy and affordable gifts

BY NATALIA AGUILAR
The Prospector

As the holiday season is approaching, it is important to be prepared and begin shopping before all the good gifts are taken and only the scraps are left. The closer we get to the holidays, the more chaos abounds, so it's best to have

a shopping guide to find the best clothing gifts at great bargain prices. During the holidays, most shops and department stores have great gifts that are not usually seen during the rest of the year. Dillard's Department Store always has great sales and gift sets for almost anyone, and every year there are innovative ideas.

"In Bobbi Brown cosmetics, we do have limited edition palette boxes, free gift wrapping and we have limited edition brushes," said Laura Collazo, Bobbi Brown make-up artist. "And in the perfume area (Dillard's), they do gift sets with gel, they give candles and a lot of things for customers' expectations. It's fascinating and elegant."

Kohl's is another place to find great holiday gifts for men, women and children. Brands like Vera Wang and Lauren Conrad are sold for very affordable prices. "I like going to Kohl's because I can use my Kohl's charge and I save a lot," said Jeanette Galvan, junior education major.

Target is also an affordable and trendy option when searching for gifts. Several designer brands, such as Missoni and Proenza Schouler, have had their collections sold at Target, but whether it is designer or not, there are various considerable ideas for fashionable clothing items and shoes.

Some classic gifts that never go out of style are cardigans or knit sweaters, jewelry, whatever the trend of the season may be - could be anything lacy or leathery for women and luxurious fabrics and neutral tones for men. Going out clothes are always appreciated, and so are stylish shoes. Purses are women's favorite and men will always be thankful for a nice watch.

Forever 21 is known for men and women's fashions and their affordable prices year long. One must be prepared to do some serious searching, but there is a very high possibility to find fashionable clothing for the kind of prices needed.


There is always the option of online shopping to prevent long lines, wait for others and simply be surrounded by hundreds of people looking for the same thing.

"Asos.com is super affordable and it's a really good site. They have great items under \$10 and they range to really cool stuff," said Rafael Gonzalez, senior creative writing major. "It's free shipping worldwide and it's great for men's pieces, since it's so hard to find affordable men's fashion."


Zara is also a new place to shop that has recently opened its online store in the U.S. The prices vary between the garments, but they are always good quality and fashion forward.

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Guide

Five worthy gadget-stuffers for the giving season

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Festivities are upon us, and if you are walking aimlessly through shopping mall aisles in search of the perfect gift, never fear. We've got you covered. From the smartphone aficionado, to the cultured reader or the sweaty-palmed gamer, these gifts will digitally enchant those dearest to you.

5. Xbox Kinect (\$100-\$200): November 2010



are now the controller. With its interesting approach to virtual interaction, not to mention the limitless possibilities through careful hacking, the Xbox Kinect reinvents the way people approach video games. From the kid-friendly "Sonic: Free Riders," sweat-inducing "Kinect Dance Central" or heart-racing "Ghost Recon: Future Recon," Kinect's versatility offers something for the whole family. While it might not have the precision of PS Move, or a standard directional pad, the feeling of using your body to interact with virtual worlds excites senses a controller simply stimulate.

4. "The Elders Scrolls V: Skyrim" (\$59.99): November 2011

The highly-anticipated sequel for 2006's "Elders Scrolls IV: Oblivion," Skyrim, delivers a virtual realm loaded with breathtaking vistas, boundless exploration and assorted



objectives. Capable of consuming precious hours on side quests, from strolling through snowy mountains, decapitating foes with distinctive swords or igniting them with magical fire balls, the colossal freedom this role-playing game offers is truly unprecedented. Gamers will surely miss beautiful winter sunsets as they try to uncover the mysteries hidden throughout the land.

3. Galaxy Nexus: (\$200+): Late 2011
- Welcoming Google's Ice Cream Sandwich (4.0), the Galaxy Nexus is perhaps the most anticipated Android-based phone since the original G1. Through the combination of Samsung's powerful hardware with Google's software sensibility, Android slips into a more capable and user-friendly interface. Flaunting this elegant design on a monstrous 4.65-inch HD Super AMOLED display, the lock screen introduces facial-recognition unlocking. The boring font undergoes a "Roboto" lift and



the improved Instant Voice accelerates voice-to-text messaging.

2. Nintendo 3DS (\$169.99): March 2011



Having seen several price drops throughout the past few months, the Nintendo 3DS is a must-have for individuals seeking portable delight. With first-party adventures from franchises such as Zelda, Metroid and Mario Brothers, the 3DS is sure to be a hit with both casual and hardcore gamers. The panoramic top screen offers wider

viewing angles while the 3D slider cam adapt to gamers' style by being able to turn off 3D entirely. Newly-introduced joystick and third-party attachments prove for improved precision and game control mechanics. For its bargain price, the Nintendo 3DS is a pleasant alternative from those who occasionally enjoy a well-made game to those who can't wait or afford 2012's PSP Vita. Backed by an impressive software library, both from old and new titles, Nintendo 3DS is a portal to hours of entertainment.

1. Nook Tablet (\$249): November 2011

If late to enroll in Kindle Fire's massive pre-order waiting list, those in search for a multi-purpose e-reader might turn towards Barnes & Noble. Beyond the identical frame as last year's Nook Color, including the 7-inch dis-



play (equal to Kindle Fire), the Nook Tablet contains double onboard storage, 16 GB versus Kindle's 8 GB, and it offers memory extension, up to 32 GB, whereas the Kindle offers no expandability. Pre-loaded with Hulu and Netflix apps, besides thousands of other games and apps, the slightly-higher priced Nook Tablet is best suited for those whom entertainment is a priority when searching for a low-end tablet.

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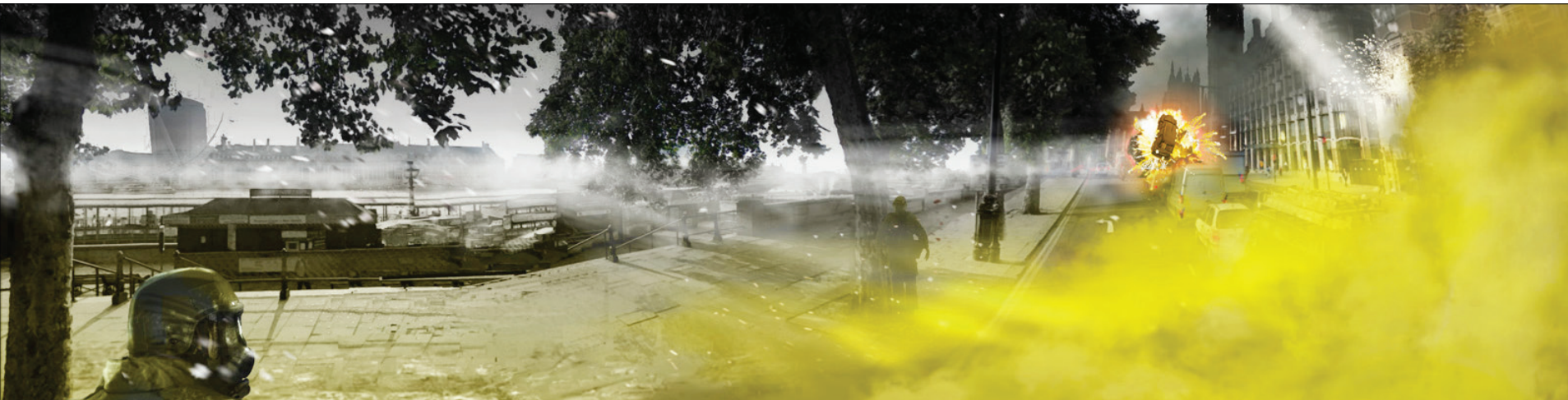
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Game Review

Modern Warfare 3: Destroying all expectations



Special to The Prospector

‘Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3’ sold 6.5 million copies its first 24 hours on the shelves. According to Activision Blizzard, that adds up to more than \$400 million in sales in North America and the U.K.

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With a relentless campaign, heated multiplayer and hair-raising co-op missions, Modern Warfare 3 is the greatest installment of the “Call of Duty” franchise. Fusing the solid me-

chanics of previous Modern Warfare titles with the customization flair of Black Ops, MW3 delivers a comprehensive first-person experience.

From zero-gravity duels 30,000 feet above the ground, aerial pursuits through New York’s busy streets and escape sequences through exploding trails, MW3’s fast-paced narrative

style is an adrenaline shot from start to finish.

Taking place immediately after the concluding events of Modern Warfare 2, the ensuing journey follows Yuri, John Price and John “Soap” MacTavish. Situated in the typical storyline, a deadly conflict between Russia and America, the heroes must prevent returning-villain, Vladimir Makarov, from obtaining Russian ammunition and causing wide-spread chaos.

Although the storyline is predictable, MW3 avoids shooter redundancy by fluently mixing an assortment of objectives and methods of completion. Whether it is shooting an enemy from afar with a silenced rifle, mortally stabbing them within the confined dimensions of a submarine or pursuing them through the electric rainfall of a congested stock exchange, the balanced combat encourages players to continue onto the next assignment.

As in most shooters, enemies remain shadowy figures with low-grade precision and inadequate teammates will leave you feeling alone in the battlefield. While graphics haven’t improved significantly since MW2, improved weapon and sight/scope modeling generates a heightened

sense of authenticity when switching guns.

In terms of multiplayer, weapons feel well-balanced and the controller’s synchronized vibrations emulate bullet recoil. Dedicated weapon levels, which stand separate from a player’s overall rank, are the key components to unlocking attachments and modifications. Through constant use and completion of weapon-specific challenges, optional attachments and skins can be utilized.

Modifications to the red dot sight are a welcome addition and thematic kill streaks add a new level of strategic reasoning. Being a team player has an added advantage. While team-aiding “support” kills streaks are cumulative, regardless of deaths, offensive “assault” streaks remains resettable upon death.

Enhancing perks have also been reorganized. Weapons have gained individual perks, ranging from dual attachments to decreased recoil, while general perks, examples being increased explosive resistance or prolonged sprinting, modify characters’ abilities.

Rewarding dedicated players, the prestige shop offers enticing offers for those adventurous enough to con-

quer all 800 levels. Consisting of 10 prestige ranks, each consisting of 80 levels, players will be granted a prestige token for upgrading to the preceding rank, which requires them to surrender all unlocked attachments, perks and weapon levels. These tokens may be redeemed for special titles/emblems, double experience points and other rare benefits.

For the ultimate experience, the “Call of Duty” Elite membership (\$49.99/year) grants access to tournaments and formulates an in-depth analysis based on playing style. Additional features include free downloads on all future map packs, usually priced at \$15 per pack, clan exclusivity and extended HD game play recording.

Although Black Ops was utter garbage, Infinity Ward has delivered the quality fans come to expect. Even if it lacks the realistic grounding from competitor “Battlefield 3,” the explosive impossibilities MW3 presents makes it an adventure worth embarking.

5 out of 5 picks.

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