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**IT'S BEEN AWHILE**  
Rugby will be making its return to UTEP next fall

SPORTS 11



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**BY AARON MARTINEZ**  
The Prospector

As the congressional race gets closer, four of the candidates turned up the fire on incumbent U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes (D-El Paso), who didn't show up at the scheduled Democratic primary congressional debate April 10 at UTEP. The theme of the night became the empty chair with Reyes' name.

"To your far right, at the end of this table, the empty seat that should have Silvestre Reyes seating in it, that represents the statue quo. Even though Congress is not in session, Silvestre Reyes could not be bothered to be here with you tonight," said Beto O'Rourke, former city councilman and candidate for Reyes' position. "This is not a singular event. This has happened over and over for over a dozen debates and forums. Not only

is the seat empty here in El Paso, it is empty in Washington D.C."

A statement released by the Silvestre Reyes' campaign said "unfortunately, due to a previous commitment scheduled before the UTEP University Democrats debate, Congressman Reyes was not able to attend."

Ben Mendoza, Jerome Tilghman, Paul Johnson and O'Rourke participated in the debate held by the

University Democrats at the Union Cinema.

The candidates, looking to represent El Paso for 16th Congressional District seat, debated in front of a small audience with no more than 30 people.

Mendoza stressed the importance of the U.S. Constitution and the role it should play for every elected official when it comes to representing their

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## Activism

# Rally for farmworkers

**BY REBECCA GUERRERO**  
The Prospector

International Peasant's Day Struggle will take place April 17 and the Centro de Trabajadores Agrícolas Fronterizos in El Paso is calling on the community to join them for a food sovereignty call to action rally. Food sovereignty is the right to produce food on one's own territory. The rally and other events will take place at CTAF, located at 201 E. Ninth Ave.

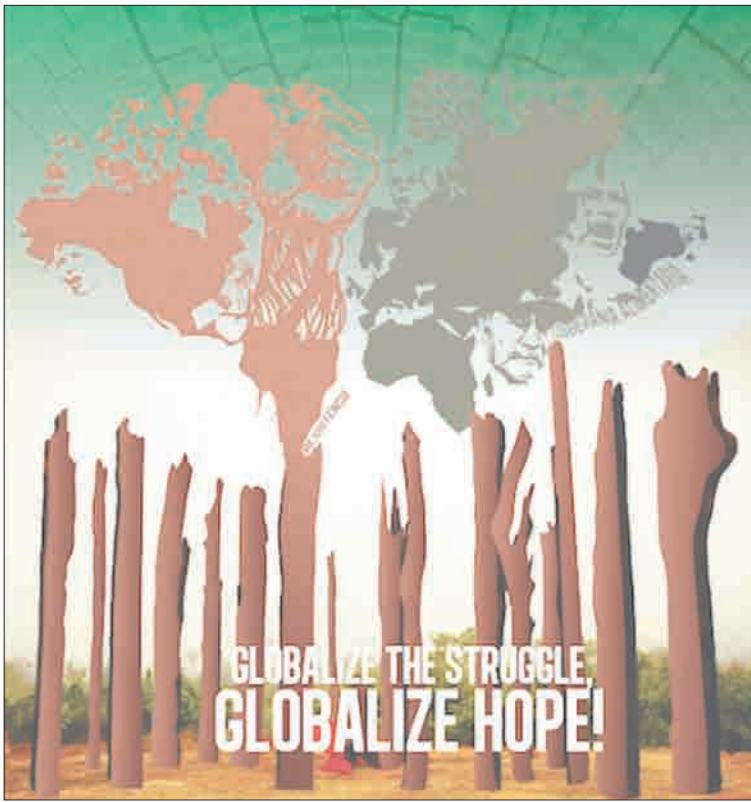
CTAF is a regional organization that feeds, houses and advocates for the welfare of farm workers in the border region. The International Peasant's Day of Struggle was started by La Vía Campesina (The Peasants' Way), an international organization that was founded in 1993 by farmers' organizations from Europe, Latin America and Africa.

One of the biggest issues that La Vía Campesina is fighting against is land grabbing.

According to La Vía Campesina, land grabbing is a global phenomenon led by local, national and transnational investors and governments to control the world's most precious resources. It has resulted in the concentration of land and natural resources into the hands of large-scale investors, plantation owners, tourism agencies and real estate developers. This has led to the eviction and displacement of the local populations, which La Vía Campesina claims is a violation of human rights, an increase in poverty and pollution of the environment.

"Students need to be aware of this movement because it highlights the mobilization happening in this current scenario of the right to life, land, labor, freedom and peace, which historically, people of the fields have been excluded from," said Adrian Rivera, president of the UTEP student organization Cultural Artist United for Social Action.

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LA VÍA CAMPESINA / Special to The Prospector

## Campus

# Problematic pipes fixed

**BY HENRY ARRAMBIDE**

The Prospector

Driving down University Avenue or hanging out in Union East, students are encountering a variety of construction sites around campus. UTEP is growing, but with new additions come growing pains for old buildings.

On Feb. 28, an email from Union Services to university staff reported that there were water problems on the corner of Randolph and Kerbey.

"What happened is a leak developed," said Jorge Villalobos, director of Facilities Services. "We had to go in and repair it, and we actually found two small leaks in the area. Pipes are typically coated to prevent this, what we assume happened was a rock fell on this pipe and damaged the coating and over the years, corrosion developed."

According to the email, repairs were to start March 2 and be done by the end of the weekend. What happened when work began prolonged repairs until April 5.

"When they replaced one section of the line, we didn't realize a little ways up stream there was more damage," Villalobos said. "When they returned pressure to the system, we realized there was more damage, so we decided to keep the site open to repair the line. It's expensive to be digging holes like that, so we decided to capitalize on that."

In a follow up email, Union Services explained the incident and said Facilities Services was working quickly to repair it. No expected completion date was stated in the email.

"I think repairing these things that have been damaged for so long is crucial to keeping these buildings up," said Michael Garcia, freshman microbiology major. "The water pipe incident would probably happen a lot as the campus is growing."

Villalobos said one of the main concerns during construction was that IT systems are housed in the Union Building West, which need to be kept cool. Facilities went so far as to bring a portable water chiller to Union West in order to keep the campus' IT up and running during the repair period.

Garcia said that as a freshman he feels that the construction doesn't get in the way of his schedule too much, but he understands that others might

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Esteban Marquez, Yasmin Marquez, Javier Villanueva

BEST ONLINE NEWSPAPER PROMOTION AD - 3RD PLACE

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Esteban Marquez

During the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association conference, held in early April, students from The Prospector and Minero Magazine won 21 awards for their work in 2011.

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SPORTS FEATURE STORY - 2ND PLACE

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PARAMORMAL ACTIVITY

Henry Arramibide

BEST MULTIMEDIA PACKAGE - 2ND PLACE

UTEP LACKS VEGGIE OPTIONS

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IN-DEPTH REPORTING - 3RD PLACE

CARRY ON

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NEWS PHOTO - 3RD PLACE

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COMMUNITY PROTEST POWER

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EARTH WEEK

Yasmin Marquez

GENERAL MAGAZINE

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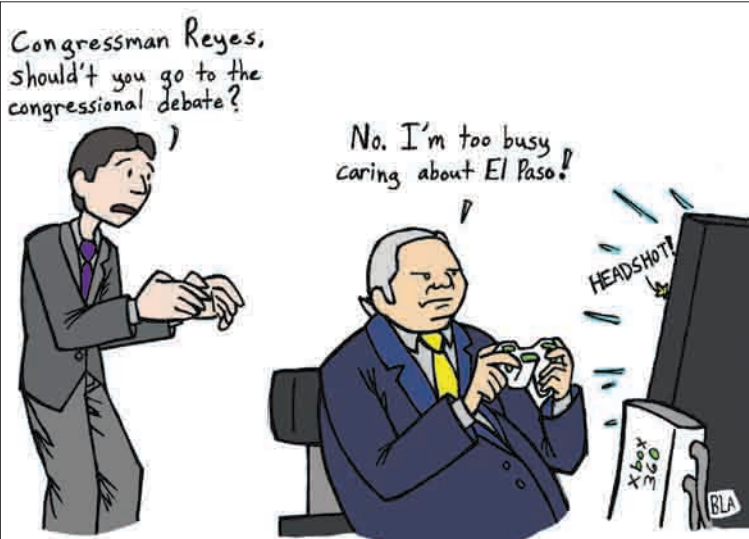
POLL RESULTS

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Did you vote in this year's SGA elections?

47% YES

53% NO



Race and the American Media: A Conversation with Author Joseph Torres

The book cover for "News for All the People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media" by Juan Gonzalez and Joseph Torres. It features a black and white photo of a man holding a newspaper.

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Joseph Torres will explore this charged history in a discussion this Tuesday at the University of Texas.

Torres co-wrote the New York Times bestseller News for All the People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media. He is the senior external affairs director for Free Press, a nonpartisan organization building a nationwide movement for media that serve the public interest.

What: Discussion of News for All the People: The Epic Story of Race and the American Media. Book signing and reception to follow.

When: Tues., April 17, at 5 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Where: Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, University of Texas at El Paso

Who: Joseph Torres, Free Press senior external affairs director

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In response to the land grabbing, La Via Campesina is calling on all of its allies, including agricultural workers organizations and social activism groups around the world, to display massive popular resistance actions April 17.

"This movement is particularly important for El Paso because farm workers place food on all of our tables, but are not properly remunerated or protected in what is one of the most hazardous occupations in the U.S.," said Dennis Bixler-Marquez, director of the Chicano Studies program. "It is the only industry that allows minors to work to the detriment of their safety. CTAF has assisted that population effectively, in spite of a lack of financial support from the city or county."

CTAF supports the La Via Campesina's movement because they advocate for the same human rights for farmworkers regionally. They operate with the help of volunteers, who keep the center clean and open every day of the year to assist those in need. The center provides various types of services to farmworkers and low-income residents of the area such as English classes, arts and recreation for children and adults, as well as housing and a cafeteria. Because the center receives very little funding from the city, social activism groups at UTEP such as CAUSA do what they can to support their efforts.

"CAUSA does volunteer recruitments, cooking and serving of lunches, clothing drives, movie showings, building up-keep and any other work our farmworker center needs," Rivera said. "We feel compelled to support the center because

of the help it requires and the role that farmworkers play in our daily life. We share many of the same principles, so CAUSA members and farmworkers exercise the freedom to strengthen and value each other's abilities and ideas."

CTAF will participate in the International Peasant's Day of Struggle by displaying an exhibit of farmworker documentation dating back to the 1930s, as well as symbolic murals. They will also host tours of the center's facilities.

"If people choose to attend CTAF's celebration April 17, their consciousness will be raised about the moral obligation we have to improve the standard of living, working conditions and earnings of farmworkers," Bixler-Marquez said. "It is a distinct approach to giving back to those people in El Paso that need the most help."

CTAF welcomes visitors, not only for the International Peasant's Day of Struggle event, but every day of the week to come and learn about their mission to help struggling farmworkers.

"We should celebrate one of the largest groups of the world, who grow most of the food we eat," Rivera said. "The access to food is a basic human right and therefore food should not be subject to the regulations imposed by transnational corporations."

For more information on the day's events, contact CTAF at 532-0921.

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AUDREY RUSSELL / The Prospector

After a month-long delay, a water leak on Randolph and Kerbey was fixed. During that time, many students had difficulties making their way around that area.

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have problems when dealing with it every day.

"It's a bit ridiculous," said Daniel McKee, sophomore criminal justice major. "As a student it's kind of frustrating because I'm not even sure what's going on or why some days no one is even doing anything around where the construction is."

McKee said he frequents both Union Building East and the Education Building, passing the site multiple times a day.

"There's all these newer construction projects going on, but if some-

thing like this takes so long, I don't know how to feel about those," McKee said.

Student traffic wasn't the only problem Facilities Services had to worry about. Union Services warned staff using lot IC-7 that they would have to find alternate routes to parking.

Villalobos said one of the biggest concerns was working with the Union in order to help incoming delivery trucks get in and out as quickly as possible.

According to Villalobos, one reason for the delay was that the purchasing process takes time. He said they wanted to be as cost effective as possible

and so taking all the necessary steps was time consuming. Another reason was that Facilities Services wanted to make sure that sand was packed in around the pipes properly in order to prevent sinkholes from forming, and therefore prevent future problems.

"Our objective is to always have these systems running," Villalobos said. "When these events occur, we try to do it safely and to ensure we do it in a cost-effective manner for the university. That's the mindset that we take."

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# UTEP creates task force to help engage community

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

Community engagement and international collaboration have been made a top priority by UTEP's Provost Junius Gonzales, through the creation of two task forces that aim to increase the academic experiences for students, faculty and staff.

"These two task forces were brought up because of the growth trajectory, both the quantity and quality of things going on – it is very exciting," Gonzales said. "It's time to focus, however, so as to not lose the strengths that already exist and to keep the potential."

The task force for community engagement was created to promote a

major involvement of the university with the border community. Members of the task force have the responsibility of recommending ways to achieve this goal.

"Task force members were chosen for their experience and passion around community engagement," said John Wiebe, associate provost and associate professor of psychology. "My own work has been heavily influenced by community organizations, and it is clear to me that UTEP and their larger communities have a symbiotic and mutually beneficial partnership that must flourish for each partner to succeed."

The community engagement task force is also working at clearly defining community and engagement, and,

seeing whether UTEP fulfills those qualifications and what may be needed to improve their methods.

"Our next meeting will be on April 19, where the members will split into two subcommittees," said Kate Bonansinga, co-chair for the task force and director of the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts. "One will be charged with the task of assessing how UTEP is currently succeeding at engaging our community, and the other will analyze this data and write recommendations for increased community engagement to be presented to the task force and then to the provost."

More specifically, efforts are being made to involve the campus community with the border region in order to help them increase their social capital, as well as attract other components to stimulate the region – such as opportunities for employment.

"This is a complicated issue. Our plans consist of regional economic development, for example," Gonzales said. "Social capital is a critical component of economic develop-

ment and even a way of life. UTEP is a clear and potent driver of economic development."

However, even with the increased efforts of the task force in engaging the community, there are still many students who are unfamiliar with these efforts.

"These task forces seem like a good idea to bring people in and get people to understand that there is more outside El Paso than they think. The only problem is getting students in the know," said Joe Medrano, junior psychology major. "People are just in school and feel like they have to be here. Community engagement seems like a good way to involve the students."

The second task force deals with global reach or increasing the international collaboration with UTEP's partners around the world, which include Chile, Spain, Mexico, Italy, Kenya, Korea, Brazil, China and Indonesia.

"We have international faculty, staff and students and we are looking to expand our impact and our message

strategically," said William Robertson, associate provost and associate professor of education. "We envision the task force expanding to have affinity networks that will include students, faculty, staff and community members. It will benefit UTEP with the expansion and development of international education and research activities that promote the enrichment of the international academic experiences."

With 16 members on the committee, primarily made up of UTEP staff and faculty, students are welcome to join and represent the student body on campus, in the community and on an international level.

"We put out a call through Student Affairs for student members, and we have one student member on the task force," Wiebe said. "Students are welcomed to be involved or provide suggestions by contacting the co-chairs or any other member of the group."

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## National

### D.C. police arrest two occupiers in front of Bank of America

BY SALVADOR GUERRERO

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON – Two members of the Occupy DC movement were arrested in front of a Bank of America branch at Vermont Avenue and L Street April 10 for blocking the sidewalk.

Haris Ntabakos, 30, and Rodolfo Roberts, 45, were given three warnings to leave the sidewalk before D.C. Metropolitan Police arrested them.

A small group of occupiers spent the last five nights in front of the bank with sleeping bags and signs protesting banks in the United States. This new tactic is dubbed "sleepful protest" and it involves occupiers sleeping in front of the Bank of America and a Citibank on K Street at the other end of the block.

The Citibank is across the street from McPherson Square, one of two sites Occupy D.C. has used since last fall. Police have prevented protesters from sleeping in the park, which is illegal, for the past several weeks.

Police arrived to warn protesters they needed to leave or be arrested. Most of the Occupiers complied and packed up their gear, but Ntabakos and Roberts decided to stay and get arrested.

"I'm sitting here, not breaking any laws and letting people walk freely," Ntabakos said to a crowd of onlookers.

A dozen officers waited for a little over an hour before they were given the order to arrest the two Occupy protesters at 10 a.m.

James Hill, 45, who has been with Occupy since the end of September, said for five nights they have slept in front of the two banks, which he said does not break any city laws.

"Since the park police raided us on Feb. 5, many of the Occupy D.C. have been sleeping on the sidewalks out of necessity, which is within the law," Hill said. "Since that time, we've studied the ordinances and talked to our lawyers, and sleeping on the sidewalks in D.C. is not against the law."

Hill said the sleepful protest movement has spread to other cities through social media.

He said members of the Occupy New York movement found a court ruling that protects sleeping as a form of free speech.

The ruling Hill was referring to was a 2000 case in federal court in New York, Metropolitan vs. Safir, in which Judge Kimba Wood ruled that protesters had the right to sleep on the sidewalk in front of the mayor's house as long as they took up no more than half the sidewalk and did not impede pedestrian traffic.


Akridge, the company that manages the building where the Bank of America branch is located, released a statement saying it was pleased that the protesters had been removed. The statement said Akridge officials had met with bank officials and police. The statement said police assured the company that officers will continue to patrol the area.

A D.C. police spokesman said the department would have more information later in the day about the next step in the men's case.

Three and a half hours later Ntabakos was released and went back to the corner of Vermont Avenue and L Street to continue protesting. Ntabakos said he has an April 26 court date.


"I told them I plan on getting arrested every six hours because I'm not breaking any laws," Ntabakos said. "When I told them that, they just looked at me and laughed."

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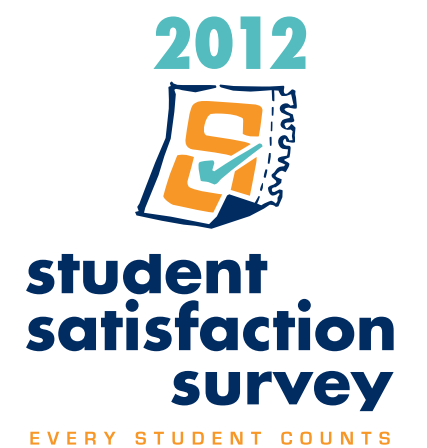


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**Union:** Increased attention on cleanliness of bathrooms in the Union.

**Student Publications:** Created a comprehensive marketing campaign to promote "special editions" of Minero Magazine and The Prospector including the websites that included increased tabling and give-aways such as free food and a chance to win an iPad2.

**Copy Center:** Improved the process for preparing course packs. Implemented training for better customer service.

**Safety of Students:** Expanded the information available to students regarding campus safety and emergency response through the Student Safety Website.

**Student Business Services:** Redesigned training to be more customer-service oriented. Adjusted staffing to meet customer demand. Currently redesigning the website, based on comments from surveys

**Special Events:** Implemented training for better customer service. Used student feedback about interests to plan events. Installed new signage and improved appearance of facilities.

**Ticket Center:** Initiated process for purchasing tickets online. Implemented a training program to promote customer service. Opened a new location at the Bookstore and at the Union Annex (Room 111). Increased the number of cashiers. Providing extended hours of operation.

**Bookstore:** Implemented a Rent-a-Text Program. Initiated new program to cross-train Bookstore associates to improve customer service. Opened a ticket center at the Bookstore. Adding more cashiers.

**Parking and Transportation:** Implemented training for better customer service. Created more parking capacity with the new garage opened in January. Shared student responses with Sun Metro to implement bus route from far East El Paso. Currently re-designing the website.

**Miner Gold Card:** Used student feedback to select design of the new Miner Gold Card. Implemented training for better customer service. Implemented standards for professional appearance of employees.



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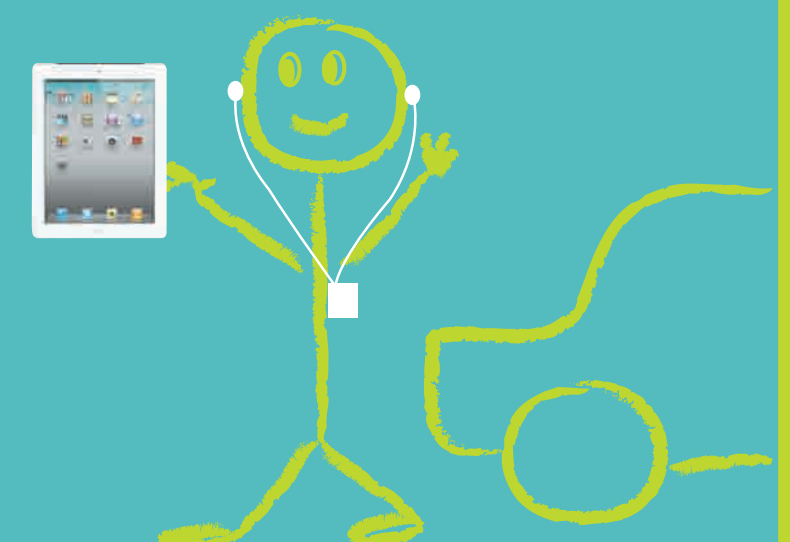
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constituents. He went after Reyes on how he did not attend this debate, but has come to other debates when Congress is in session.

"It's a travesty today that our congressman is not here. The seat is vacant here and in Washington," Mendoza said. "The irony here is that Mr. Reyes attends some of the forums when Congress is in session, when he should rightfully be in Washington. Congress isn't in session today, so I don't understand why he isn't here today."

When it came to helping the El Paso economy, Johnson questioned why Reyes was getting donations from large companies, but was not bringing

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those companies to the city to help improve employment rates.

"Our current congressman gets special money in this election from top people in industries like Raytheon and Boeing," Johnson said. "Why can't he advocate for these businesses to come here and build plants here in El Paso to help provide jobs to our city?"

Another issue O'Rourke used against Reyes was the voting record he has had as a congressman.

"Your congressman has one of the worst voting records in the entire U.S. congress. Ninety-five percent of his colleagues show up to vote and attend congress more often than he does," O'Rourke said. "Our rep there must reflect the ambition, aggressive vision

and quest for greatness that we have exemplified here in El Paso."

Tilghman questioned both Reyes and O'Rourke's track record and co-operation during their time in office.

"If you take a look at the track record that has been amassed by persons who have been elected to public office, Mr. Reyes and Mr. O'Rourke have a combined total of 22 years in office," Tilghman said. "The issues we face didn't just surface over the past six months. The acrimony that existed between these two is the exact problem at the national level. We compete instead of cooperate. Had the two of them been in tandem, working for the common good and best interest of this community, many of these issues would be in the history books of accomplishment."

**Higher education**

A key issue for all the candidates was higher education, but each one had a different take on how to help students finance their education and pay off their loans once they graduated.

"A big part of the American dream is being able to go to college, get a great education and put that education to use throughout your career," O'Rourke said. "I would not have been able to attend the college of my choice if it were not for financial aid. I had a combination of grants, loans and work-study jobs throughout my four years. Those options should be available to all students."

One of the proposals Mendoza wants to make to help students that graduate with massive debt is a bill that would allow more time for them to find a job related to their major before they had to pay their loans off.

"The first bill I will submit when I am elected is that all student loans will not have to be paid until that student gets a job in their area of study," Mendoza said. "If you are working at a job that doesn't pay enough for you to make ends meet, you will not have to pay your college debt until you secure a job in the area of study you earned your degree."

Johnson favored a bill that would help eliminate any debt a student accumulated once they started working in their area of study and contributed to society.

"A program I envision is one that once you enter the workforce and have been there for six months, let's take away that debt," Johnson said. "You served society by earning that education and working in that field to better the United States. Let us give back to you and wipe out that debt."

The role higher education plays in the economy was the priority for Tilghman.

He stressed the importance of how public schools are the key to building strong undergraduates, who will then succeed in the job market after graduation.

"We need to be invested in quality in our secondary education, so you can get a great start in undergraduate school," Tilghman said. "We are under serving the business community by not properly educating our students to succeed in college and gain the skills they need to be successful after they graduate."

The statement released by Reyes' campaign said that part of Reyes' higher education goals has been to continue to work on the availability of grants and work-study program.

"As a product of local educational institutions like EPCC and UTEP, Congressman Reyes values the work and preparation that our local classrooms have to offer," the statement said. "He is proud to have voted to increase the maximum Pell grant award, expand the federal work-study program and decrease interest rates on student loans."

**Military**

When asked what congressional committee the candidates would like to serve on if elected, Tilghman, O'Rourke and Johnson all said they would want to be on military-related ones.

"I believe Congress needs someone who has a very integrated knowledge of the inner workings of the military. The flagship of this (El Paso) economy is Fort Bliss and the United States military," Tilghman said. "I have 21 years of active federal service and several times a member of the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce. I would like to serve on the Armed Forces Committee to make sure we don't continue to deploy soldiers ad nausea and continue to swipe the national credit card when it comes to deploying soldiers."

O'Rourke said the current Veteran Affairs system is what he thinks is one of most important issues facing the nation, especially in El Paso.

"I would like to serve on the Veteran Affairs Committee. We have over 70,000 veterans who live in our community, yet in 2008, our (El Paso) V.A. system ranked worst in the country and it hasn't got much better," O'Rourke said. "They cannot receive medical care when they need it. They cannot, in many cases, receive that care here in El Paso because the nearest V.A. hospital is in Albuquerque. We need to fix our V.A. system nationally and here in El Paso."

The V.A. system was also a priority for Johnson and he stressed the impact Fort Bliss has had on El Paso.

"Our veterans, being a veteran myself, have suffered many wars and our benefits are always being cut. When our government is looking to cut the deficit, our veterans are always the ones feeling the cuts," Johnson said. "This must stop. El Paso has one of the largest military bases, so it has a large active-service force and veteran community. They are an important part to our community and we must make sure they get the proper care."

**Border / immigration issues**

O'Rourke was the only candidate at the debate to discuss border issues affecting the El Paso community. He briefly discussed the problems of waiting times while trying to cross the border.

"There has been a lot of talk about the wait time at our international ports of entry. Those international bridges support 50,000 jobs in this community. We will lose an estimated 10,000 jobs over the next five years if we don't find a way to cut down those lines," O'Rourke said. "We need investment, we need staffing and we need infrastructure. We need to build a common cause with legislatures across the country to make them understand that it benefits their own districts because Mexico is the United States' third-largest trading partner."

The 16th Congressional District Democratic primary will be held May 29.

The Republican primary will be held the same day between Barbara Carrasco and Corey Roen. The general election will be Nov. 6.

Included on the ballot will be Junart Soday as a Libertarian candidate, and Robert Cameron and Rodney Darcy, both running as independents.

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## STUDENT ART SCREAMS

2012 annual exhibition features work focusing on multiple themes

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

Sex, politics and religion are just a few of the topics on display at the Stanlee and Gerald Ruben Center for The Visual Arts.

The 2012 Annual Juried UTEP Student Art Exhibition and Eli Arenas Middle Ground opens April 12 to May 11 and it is free to the public.

On display will be a broad selection of art, such as paintings, drawings, sculptures, ceramics, metal work and graphic design by UTEP students and themes vary based on the artist.

"There is no theme for the student show," said Elvira Quintana, senior studio art-painting major. "You submit your pieces,

it could either be metal, sculptures, or paintings, graphic design, and any medium. From there they (jurors) choose what they like."

Two major artists were brought in from out of town to serve as jurors and to choose the art that would be displayed at this year's exhibit.

Andrew Lewis, an internationally known Canadian art director and graphic designer, served as the graphic design juror.

"I love that culture and very much respect and embrace the Latino sensibility of life, laughter and creativity," Lewis said. "Indeed, there were some elements being introduced into the artwork I saw, but perhaps I would like to see more and also for students from Mexico to not shy away from their own culture and visual language."

Cheryl Hartup, chief curator of the Museo de Arte de Ponce in Ponce, Puerto Rico served as the fine arts juror.

"I was struck by three re-occurring themes I saw in the work that don't necessarily have to do with living on a border that blends two cultures," Hartup said. "But (the themes) were Catholic religion, sex and sexual abuse... stereotyping and prejudice toward 'the other'."

Quintana, who won best painting in the 2011 student art show, will display an art piece inspired from personal experience.

The painting is an image of a bedroom, as though looking from the outside in.

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UP Coming Springtime events

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**THIS WEEK**

**Thursday**

  
Tejano singer Michael Salgado will perform April 12 at Speaking Rock Entertainment Center. The event is free for all ages and begins at 8 p.m.

**Friday**

  
The Binational Independent Film Festival starts April 13 and will take place at multiple venues in Ciudad Juárez and El Paso. For more information, go to [binationalfilmfestival.org](http://binationalfilmfestival.org).

**Saturday**

  
Have an awesome stash? You could win a prize at the fifth-annual Mustache bash April 14 at 1914 lounge. DJ Amer will be spinning the tunes.

  
Tickets are on sale for the UTEP Dinner Theater's production of the Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls." Shows run from April 13 - May 6. Tickets range from \$22-\$48.

**April 13 - May 6**





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“Well...the meaning behind it is feeling limited and about being in a certain space for so long you become claustrophobic,” Quintana said. “And it’s just about the two panels of walls depicted as if the space is closing in on you, spending so much time in one space. I guess it was a hard time.” Brian Beasley, senior studio art-drawing major, tackles social political material on religious figures such as Tom Brown and Jerry Falwell. “We need to look at what they’re saying, too, and not just follow these people blindly,” Beasley said. “Not every religious icon is a good person.

Not saying that there aren’t...a lot of them are wonderful people.” Beasley’s piece includes statements from Falwell designed with a floral, old-English font on a lace background. “He’s basically stating that all the alternative life styles or whatever you want to say, the gays, the lesbians, the abortionists, the pagans, you know stuff like that, made or it’s their fault 9/11 happen,” Beasley said. “It’s their fault these thousands and thousands of people died. If they didn’t have this lifestyle the terrorists wouldn’t have attacked. We all know that’s a lie, but he believed it and there’s a lot of people that follow that.”

According to Beasley, this shows how living on the border affects art and molds it visually, not just concerning the violence in Juarez, but as a whole cultural experience. “We’re a pretty deeply religious city, pretty Catholic-based and everything like that so...I think it’s a good influence to tell you the truth, I mean it’s terrible what’s going on across the border and everything like that,” Beasley said. “It does give us a lot of social and political ammo for our art so we can tell people, ‘El Paso...it’s a backwoods little city, but there’s a lot going on down here’ so yeah I do believe the border has a lot to do with the artwork around here.”

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Review  
Union East’s food hits and misses taste buds

BY KRYSTAL OBLINGER

The Prospector

**AFC Sushi Bar**  
The definition of sushi is not a pound of rice rolled around bitter-tasting fish, but according to the methods of AFC Sushi Bar on the second floor of Union East, that is exactly what it means. American-style sushi tends to be bite sized if it is the basic kind of sushi such as a roll with only crab, cucumber and avocado. When purchasing the California rolls, which is said basic kind, it takes more than two bites just to get past the rice portion of the roll. The rice itself is bland and contains little flavor; this is depressing since it is probably the easiest thing to make when constructing a roll. What made me gag was the bitterness of the eel in the dragon roll. Cooked eel should have a sweetness to it such as filet mignon or even a slightly bitter sweet cake. Maybe it is the fact that many of the rolls sit in a refrigerated box for who knows how long (there is a stamp on the label that states when it was made). It’s great that the campus is trying to expand its food choices, but something like sushi needs a lot of care, time and even love, which at the moment I don’t think is happening. **Mein Bowl**  
Mein Bowl, next to AFC Sushi Bar, is definitely a step up from Chopsticks, but the choices have diminished drastically. The row of food that Chopsticks once offered has been reduced to about less than 10 choices. This, however, allows more attention to detail when it comes to how each dish tastes. The food is cleaner and less sauce heavy (unless you get the BBQ pork), giving more flavor a chance to shine. The only concern is the set up of the serving station. After ordering and paying for food, individuals are forced to walk back to the end of the line to get utensils. This can pose a problem if there is a lot of people. In retrospect, Mein Bowl is better than what was there before because it focuses on simple items instead of a rushed plethora of food.

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At the Drive-In takes EP stage

Continuing their slew of spontaneous and secret shows, At the Drive-In has returned to the music scene as an unpredictable force. Forty minutes after At the Drive-In announced on their Twitter April 11 that the band would be playing April 13 at Tricky Falls, tickets sold out. Rumors about the band setting up a special performance in El Paso have been speculated ever since the band announced their reunion Jan. 9 and after they began touring. Tickets sold out in less than 14 minutes for the Austin show April 9.

Android 4.0 finally updates

Samsung Galaxy Nexus S phone users may have been greeted with a new system update April 10. The Android 4.0 (Ice Cream Sandwich) update, which originally launched in March, but was halted due to issues with the service, is now available for Samsung phones.

ON THE WEB

**MEN’S BASKETBALL:** ACCORDING TO MULTIPLE REPORTS ONLINE, HEAD COACH TIM FLOYD’S NAME HAS BEEN LINKED TO THE LSU MEN’S BASKETBALL HEAD COACHING VACANCY.

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Rugby



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Former club sport attempts a return to UTEP

BY RUSTY BURNS

The Prospector

UTEP Athletics and rugby are no strangers to each other and may become acquainted again as there have been talks of bringing back the sport. Leading the negotiations is Doug Park, the current director of El Paso Area Rugby Union and a UTEP graduate. According to Park, a new club rugby team may take its residence at UTEP this coming fall, where they will be on a one-year probation before competing at the division-1 level as all new sports must abide by. Park said he has “plenty” of players for a full team, adding that, where they will be on a one-year probation before competing at the division-1 level as all new sports must abide by. Park said he has “plenty” of players for a full team, adding that, where they will be on a one-year probation before competing at the division-1 level as all new sports must abide by. Park said he has “plenty” of players for a full team, adding that, where they will be on a one-year probation before competing at the division-1 level as all new sports must abide by. Park said he has “plenty” of players for a full team, adding that, where they will be on a one-year probation before competing at the division-1 level as all new sports must abide by.

That’s when we started the team,” Park said. “We were ranked in the top 10 in the nation in the collegiate side.” The inaugural team got its start during a time when Park was nowhere near the sport, but was still using his athleticism to his advantage—as a bounce. “I was working for a place below Mesa Street Bar and Grill,” Park said. “I was wearing my New Zealand rugby t-shirt and a bunch of guys came in the bar and said, ‘hey, you play rugby?’ and I said yes, but I didn’t expect rugby to be here. They said, ‘well come out, we’re starting a team.’ So I went out. They were horrible.” Despite the rough beginning, Park said the team managed to turn itself around and won three tournaments in 1974. When the members of the team graduated from UTEP in 1978, they decided to start the Scorpions. The Miners would have a rugby team on and off during the mid 1980s and mid ‘90s. The feeder for those teams was UTEP’s physical education program, which began to play the sport so students could try something different. The Scorpions still exist and are currently in the Rio Grande Rugby Union, where they play teams from Albuquerque, Santa Fe and other New Mexico squads. The El Paso rugby association is also looking to build an adult team to feed into the Scorpions. Park thinks now would be a great time to bring rugby to the school again because of the successful past and the talent from the city. “We have such a strong high school program now that we find it necessary to get the UTEP team going again,” Park said. “The collegiate program is very strong in the United States. In the local area, schools like New Mexico State, the University of New Mexico and New Mexico Tech all have a team, and we’ve been wanting to get in that competition.” Park is trying to build the program from the ground up, starting with local high schools. Currently, the rugby

association plays three games every Friday night at Cohen Stadium with teams from the Westside Crusaders, the Eastside Rebels and the Northeast Spartans. There is also a team with players only from Cathedral and Del Valle High School (the Bluedevils). The high school league has been around for five years. One Franklin High School student and wing for the Crusaders, Alan Martinez, is expected to enroll at UTEP next year, hoping to major in architecture. “I think (bringing rugby back) would be extremely important,” Martinez said. “We have a lot of kids right now going to UTEP (on the Crusaders) who are probably looking forward to playing rugby next year. A lot of us have been asking about it, since we’ll be going to UTEP.” Martinez said that if the Miners do get a team together, the team he’d look forward to playing the most would be

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Softball  
Cold-hitting Miners take break from C-USA play against Nevada

BY WILLIAM VEGA

The Prospector

On the heels of a 13-game losing streak, the Miners will take a brief break from Conference USA play hoping to get back to their winning ways. UTEP will take on the Nevada Wolfpack in a doubleheader April 12 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex. The Wolfpack (12-24, 3-3 WAC) will enter the contest coming off a loss to San Jose State April 7 in the series finale. The two teams split the first two games of the series before heading into the deciding game. San Jose State, as they did in game one, run-ruled Nevada at home for the second time in the series during game three. While the Miners have no plans to look past the Wolfpack, getting back to C-USA play was already in their minds following their recent three-game sweep to UCF April 6-7 at home. “We’re still trying to get to the (C-USA) Tournament,” co-head coach James Rodriguez said. “Even though we’re tied at the bottom (of the standings), we have Memphis and getting a couple of victories there, the way they’re playing and the way we’re playing, might be all that we need. We still have a lot to play for.” UTEP is currently tied with Memphis in last place in the C-USA standings and they are looking to make the postseason tournament after missing it for the first time last year. Some players, are also looking forward to that three-game matchup set for April 14-15 in Memphis but are still anxious to get back to the field. “We’re just going pitch by pitch. We can’t think ahead and go from point A to point C, we have to go A-B-C,” sophomore utility Kayla Black said. The Miner bats struggled against UCF, when they had a total of seven runs, while giving up 36 over three games to the Golden Knights. Junior infielder Kayla Oranger said she was surprised the UCF offense was hitting so well and shocked the conference-leading Miner bats were silenced. “They were just getting big hits when runners were on base and that’s something we struggled with. We had runners, just couldn’t get that big hit,” Oranger said. The Wolfpack are batting worse than the Miners but have a much stronger pitching staff. Nevada has a batting average of .256, as compared to UTEP’s .301, but have an ERA of 3.98, with the Miners’ coming in at a league-worst 7.42. Over their past six games, the Wolfpack have struggled to get runs across in losses. During their three losses in WAC play, they have a combined two runs while during their three wins, they have averaged four runs each outing. During the whole season, Nevada has found a way to score runs by playing small ball. Just 27.7 percent

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Football

Price hopes to overcome injuries, offensive line issues

BY DANIEL ORNELAS

The Prospector

As most teams did in Conference USA, head coach Mike Price tried out something new this spring by starting practice sessions Feb. 28, three weeks earlier than years past. The 2012 spring season concluded after 15 practice sessions with the annual Blue and White Game April 6 at the Sun Bowl. Despite having a plethora of injuries, specifically along the offensive line, coaches believe it will ultimately benefit the team. “I think it’s going to be a great thing for a couple of reasons,” defensive coordinator Andre Patterson said. “One, we’re going to have more time with Kirk (Davis) our strength coach, so they’re going to have three weeks before finals start to really get in there and grind with him before they get a couple of weeks off for vacation. Number two, the guys that have some injuries are going to be able to get rehabbed better and be healthy.”

Of the 18 injured players who didn’t participate in the Spring Game, senior center Eloy Atkinson and senior tackle James Nelson were among four other offensive linemen who missed significant time. Atkinson’s absence was felt when his back ups, redshirt freshman Paulo Melendez and sophomores Kyle Brown and Paul Santillan, all struggled to consistently deliver good snaps from shotgun formations. Price said the issue will resolve itself once Atkinson is back from injury and by “recruiting” more talent. “I can’t wait for our offensive line to get better,” Price said. “Coach Natkin showed a lot of patience this spring.” Senior receiver Mike Edwards missed the last three weeks of spring drills including the game, which helped the focus turn to the tight ends. Sophomore tight end Eric Tomlinson and juniors Kevin Perry and Craig Wenrick saw increased production in scrimmages and during the Spring Game.



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**Sophomore wide receiver** Jordan Leslie misses a catch by his finger tips during the Miners’ Spring Game April 6 at the Sun Bowl.

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**El Paso Area** Rugby Union founder Doug Park overlooks his high school team, the Westside Crusaders, during a practice April 5 at Thorn Park.

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NMSU, UTEP's rival in all of their other athletic sports.

The Crusaders, who practice at Thorn Park on the Westside, are not just comprised of high school players, but UTEP students and even UTEP alumni. Among the alumni players is open-side flanker Anthony DiNapoli, who played for the Miners in 1992. That roster was on the collegiate-select side, when UTEP was a part of the Western Athletic Conference. He was a member of the All-American team.

"(Rugby) is a much needed thing because if you go to all the top universities, they all have rugby teams and why don't we?" DiNapoli said. "It's going to bring more students to the school, so recruiting for new out-of-state students would be great. It would also help with out-of-state tuition, increase revenue and bring more people to El Paso."

DiNapoli mentioned that the team he played for had some sports celebrity ties.

"(Pittsburgh Steeler safety) Troy Polumalu's brother played at UTEP as a fullback for us. He also played with us on the Scorpions," DiNapoli said.

UTEP alumnus Mike Loya, who recently donated \$10 million to the university and had the Academic Services Building renamed after him, also played rugby as a Miner from 1975-78.

Park is not only looking to start a competitive rugby team, he has also expressed interest in starting an intramural co-ed touch team. He said that it would give everyone a chance to play the sport, as that form of the game is popular in rugby nations such as New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

Anyone interested in joining the Scorpions or high school leagues can visit the association's main website at [www.elparu.info](http://www.elparu.info). They can also contact Park at the league's office phone at 833-1322.

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of their hits have stretched into extra bases or home runs. Their 19 home runs this season are not only 11 less than UTEP's total, but are outmatched by senior utility Camilla Carrera's NCAA-leading 24. Carrera is currently 13 away from breaking the NCAA's single-season home run mark.

The Wolfpack are led by two stand-out hitters in sophomore shortstop Karley Hopkins and junior first baseman Lauren Lastrapes. Both are the only two on the team with a batting average greater than .300, with Hopkins leading at .318.

Nevada uses a three-pitcher rotation, led by senior Darby Mallary

and sophomore Karlyn Jones, who have both appeared in 23 games this season. Darby has the majority of the starts, 19 to be exact, including eight complete games. She has a team-best ERA of 3.39, which is also 10th in the WAC.

Jones has started five times with one complete game and an ERA of 3.68, which is 11th best in the conference. She has all three of the team's saves, allowing a team-low 37 earned runs, six walks and 83 hits.

The only opponents the Wolfpack have on their schedule that UTEP does, too, is NMSU, which they will play in a three-game series April 13-14 in WAC play.

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**Sophomore utility Kayla** Black slides back to second base between two UCF players April 6 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

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Price was pleased with the way things went throughout the spring and said players are focused on the season to come. The 2012 schedule includes a season opener against Oklahoma Sept. 1 at home, a road contest against SEC-foe Ole Miss the next week and a matchup with last year's Big 10-champion Wisconsin Sept. 22 in Madison.

"I think the emphasis with our schedule the way it is has been great because kids took it serious," Price said. "They worked really hard, they need to prepare just like they're playing Oklahoma, I mean everyone."

Sophomore running back Nathan Jeffery missed seven practice sessions with a knee injury, but returned in time to prepare for the Blue and White Game. Jeffery solidified his role as the starter with a 122-yard performance in the Spring Game.

Price added that Jeffery can be the type of running back to carry a heavy load, if needed, next season.

"He doesn't look as big as he is because he's got those skinny legs, but he's 205, he'll be 210 pounds," Price said. "He's a heavy-duty running back, he's a good 20 (carries) a game guy."

In addition to looking for a new running game with their three starters from last year graduated, the team also welcomed two new assistants in safeties coach Tom Williams and offensive line coach and former UTEP All-American tight end Brian Natkin.

As the Miners now take time off the field, they will await for drills Aug. 6 at Camp Socorro.

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