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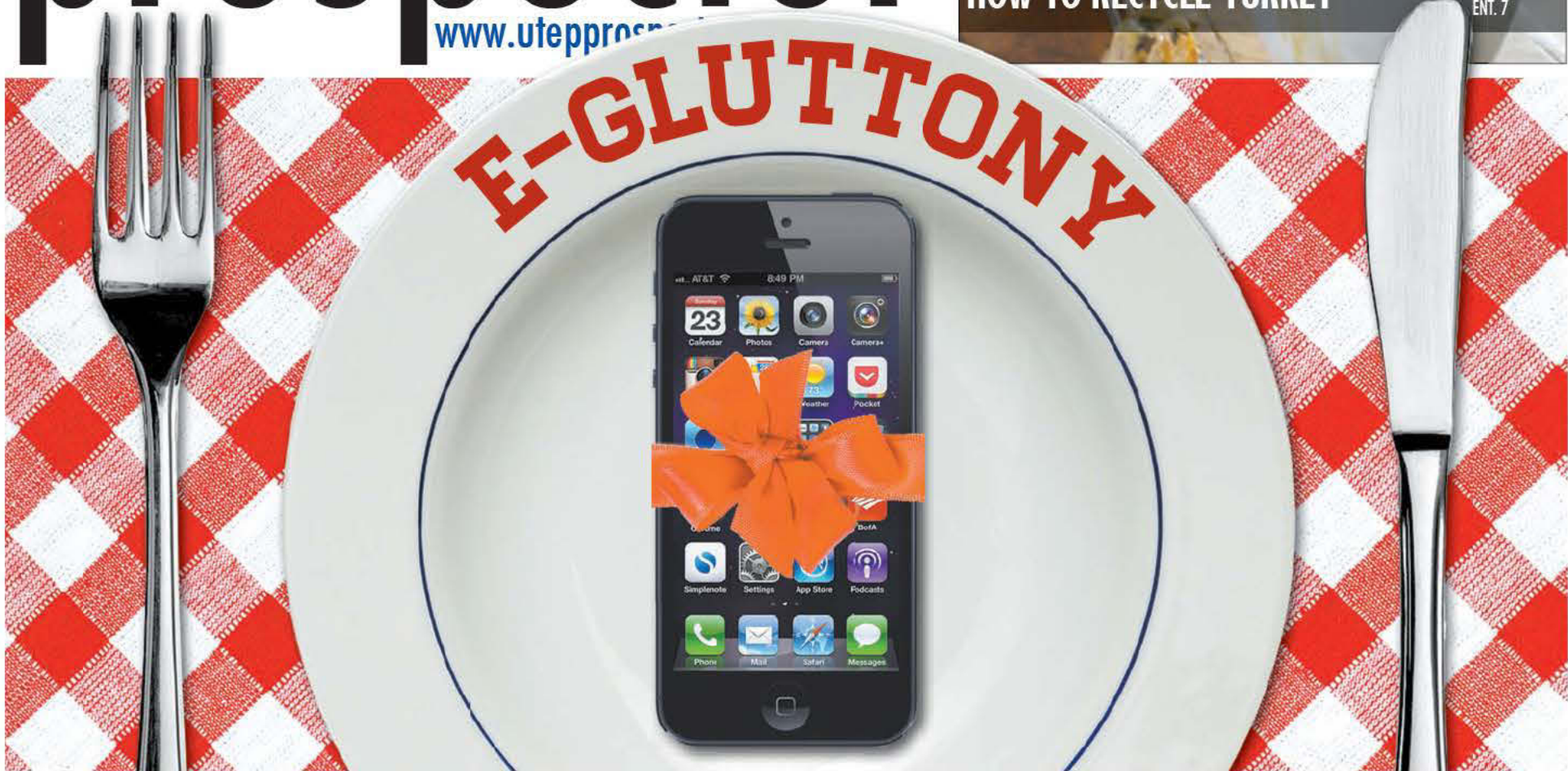


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Students prepare for the holiday shopping season

BY REBECCA GUERRERO
AND LORAIN WATTERS
The Prospector

Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, is known for being the most extreme shopping day of the year. The cherry on top of an already consumer-oriented society, Black Friday calls to mind not only images of big sales and popular new items, but chaos, conflict and violence as people push

and shove their way to the best possible prices. "Last year I was on what seemed to me a combat mission with my brother, sister-in-law and cousins when we went to the Super Target on Joe Battle," said Michael Vasquez, junior engineering major. "I say that because while we were outside waiting to be let in, we were deciding who was going where and what they were going to get and where to meet to pay. Even though it looked like it was going

to be complete chaos with all of the people that were there, the employees and the store had things under control with an organized way that they were going to be letting in customers." Though Target may be a fairly organized Black Friday spot, the same may not be true of Walmart stores, as some of the more extreme cases of violence have occurred in Walmarts. In 2011 as merchandise was being unveiled at a Walmart in the Los Angeles area, one woman sprayed pepper spray at

other customers gathered around her, affecting at least 20 people. According to the Los Angeles Times, authorities say that the woman was just seeking a competitive edge. Pepper spray was also used at a Walmart in Kinston, N.C. when an off-duty police officer used pepper spray as an unruly shopper was being subdued. Another case occurred in 2008 when crowds of frantic Black

"Ridding of retail and generating as much cash flow money is the main goal, especially when getting ready for the holidays."
- Art Diaz, marketing and management lecturer

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Money Spending on a tight budget

BY LORAIN WATTERS
The Prospector

With gift-giving season quickly approaching, UTEP students may hold onto their wallets a little closer, careful with spreading the holiday cheer on a short budget—or lack of one. Students who are on a budget can keep a look out for specials at several eateries, such as the Pizza Joint or Chipotle, that offer a 10 percent student discount on the entire purchase. Best Buy offers students discounts when purchasing a laptop. One can also qualify to obtain reward points and redeem them for items with reward cards available at many clothing and appliance stores. "I always look for the cheap stuff but that's of decent quality. I usually shop at AGACI, Melrose, sometimes

at Kmart, Forever 21, Picara and Target," said Susana Diaz, junior psychology major. "My sister has a rewards card and after we buy so much, we accumulate money that we can later use to buy something from that store—the same with Kmart." However, big stores which claim to offer big savings like Walmart cause smaller businesses in that location to die because they cannot keep up with the competition, according to Humberto Duron, sophomore accounting and computer information systems major. "Walmart has low prices and to be honest it is almost like a monopoly," Duron said. "If another store, let's say Albertsons, has the same item for a lower price, Walmart will give it to you for a penny less. They have pretty much everything as well and it is

open 24/7. I tend to buy clothes from Armani Exchange though, because they fit me well and surprisingly it is not as expensive as people think." Savers, Goodwill and Ross are also places students go to shop on a budget. These thrift stores accept donations and mark down prices to an affordable range that will allow one to stretch their dollar. Melrose and Marshalls are retail stores that receive clothes from name brand stores, such as Dillards, JCPenny and even Gucci. "When I'm completely on budget and I need clothes, it'll always be Target, Melrose and Marshalls, and for all other necessities it'll be Walmart," said Krystal Soto, junior psychology major.

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Students shopping on a budget can shop at places that offer a student discount, like The Pizza Joint, Chipotle and Best Buy.

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Column

Black Friday sales, or Black Friday rip-off?

BY LORAIN WATTERS
The Prospector



It's 2 a.m. and you hit the snooze button for the third time. In a hurried frenzy, you rush to put on the clothes from yesterday, find some chewing gum and cram into the family car with the rest of your relatives.

Your mom flips through store catalogs, while your dad speeds along the highway passing other Black Friday shoppers. But despite your early efforts, you arrive at the shopping center to find a full parking lot.

The store has been flipped upside down and you're suddenly being squeezed between people you've never seen in your life. "Big Sale" signs are plastered on all of the merchandise while two elderly women fight over a food blender. Two men begin to shout in the distance and a security guard is running by, shouting commands on his walkie-talkie.

It's just struck three and your shopping list has yet to be touched.

Black Friday is the biggest shopping day of the year, renowned for saving you bundles on appliances and clothes. Have your eye on that new 42-inch screen plasma television? Just wait until Black Friday and you'll be

robbing the store with the savings you'll walk out with.

Or is that really the case? Are you really saving "bundles" of money or is it just another marketing strategy to fool the customer into walking into the store and buying merchandise at "marked down" prices?

Talking with Art Diaz, lecturer in the Marketing and Management Department, he revealed to me that most stores, like Walmart, use the strategy of luring customers into the door. So long as they walk in the door, they are bound to purchase something, even if it is not advertised as a sale.

Because you did not wake up at 2 a.m. for nothing, just to stand in line with other, not-so-clean people, only to find out that all of the sale items are gone, and you're left empty handed. So might as well just stock up on other items that say "Sale," right?

Maybe not. By using this strategy, the store rids their shelves of old retail and generates enough cash flow money that will help them get ready for the new year. It is a way of selling merchandise that has gained popularity over the years by helping stores with the process of getting rid of the old and making room for the new.

So if these are just strategies, then you are probably not really saving money.

Sales occur at the change of seasons, such as the end of July for summer clothes, August for back-to-

school items and January for winter clothes. These sales occur in all stores and will definitely save you money on items that were previously marked at a higher price.

Of course, many have different beliefs or choose to jump on the bandwagon without really knowing how much they will be saving.

Black Friday comes with the connotation of big savings, but only the first few people in line (and those who manage to grab the sale item in time) will be the ones saving any money. It comes down to strategy— getting rid of the old stock to make room for the new stock.

If people don't know this prior to walking into a store on Black Friday, then they will probably be falling for the consumer trap and spending more money than they should on items that they don't really need.

So what should you do? Sleep in. Stay safe over the holidays and avoid the crazed rush that follows this shopping frenzy. Sales come and go, but this is surely one you will want to miss. Stay informed with the sales during the change of seasons and really think about your purchase and how far your penny will take you.

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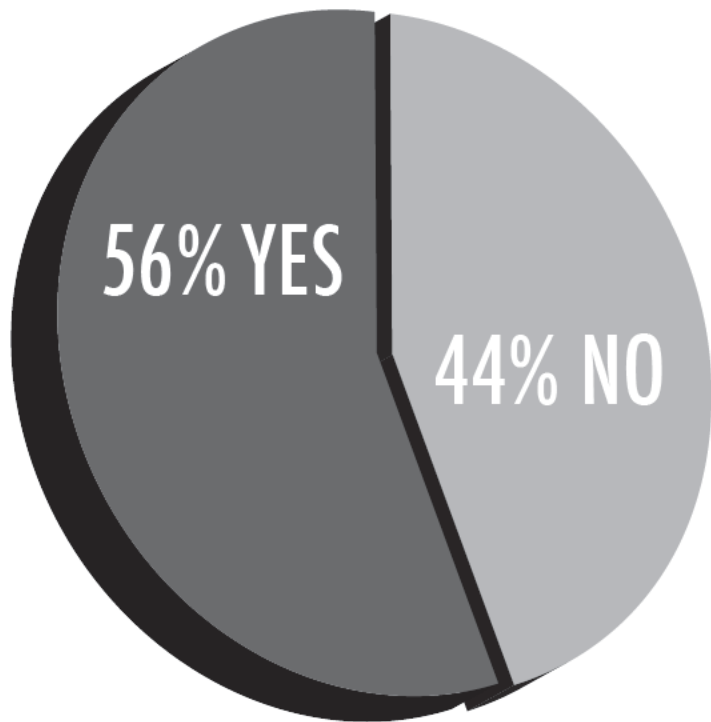
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Letter to the editor

Student promotes disability awareness

I would like to respond to your 10-11-12 "Accessibility an Issue at Union" article.

Job well done in reporting the accessibility and safety concerns of the UTEP disabled students.

As a disabled veteran residing at Miner Village, I am reminded daily of the plight of overcoming hazardous obstacles. For disabled persons, crossing the street can be a journey. I have witnessed UTEP students parking in designated handicapped parking with handicapped placards, only to see the student running from their vehicles to the building of their destination. I decided to investigate what has contributed to the invisible attitude toward disabled UTEP students. In doing this I hope to improve my stay at UTEP and to my surprise, I found no mention of the Center for Accommodations and Support Services in the Veteran Affairs, Future Students and New Students UTEP website.

I found only one UTEP website link that identifies the Center for Accommodations and Support Services website, the Student Support Services Program website.

I question UTEP's sincerity in making all UTEP students and staff aware of the services offered to disabled students. I'm displaced by the fact that the Veterans Affairs website makes no mention of Center for Accommodations and Support Services website.

So, I asked myself and concluded that UTEP's living and learning environment makes no attempt at educating students of the importance or awareness of disabled students.

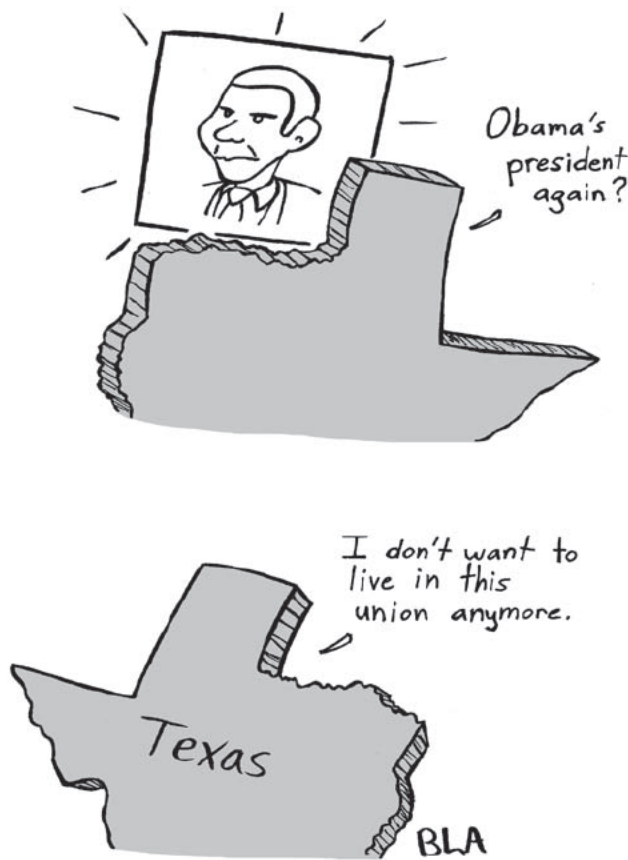
As a law-abiding disabled veteran and UTEP student, I make the following two recommendations to the UTEP administration on improving life for disabled persons on campus. Daily, UPS, FedEx and

UTEP facilities trucks park in front of or next to handicapped designated parking spots. Can UTEP faculty and staff persons be trained to not obstruct a handicapped parking area? Daily, UTEP construction of roads and sidewalk areas are obstructed by construction vehicles and uneven grounds that make it impossible for wheel chair access. Can UTEP construction vendors and staff be educated to not obstruct street crossings and walkways?

Student awareness of disabled persons should be outlined in the New Student Orientation and UTEP Website via real time technologies.

Again, thank you for publishing this article on the disabled student's daily journey at UTEP.

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Community

Local shelters begin plans for Thanksgiving festivities

BY MARILYN ALEMAN
The Prospector

The Thanksgiving holiday is a time of bonding within the shelter community and many of them are getting ready to celebrate with their guests. This year, Annunciation House is going to prepare a multicultural dinner besides the traditional American Thanksgiving turkey.

"They usually watch football, play movies, they even make a warm Champurrado," said Taylor Levy, a sociology graduate student at UTEP, who has been a part of the Annunciation House since August 2009. "They also eat tamales and enchiladas because the guests there are primarily Hispanic."

The Annunciation House, located at 1003 E. San Antonio Ave. is a shelter that serves victims of domestic violence, refugees from Africa and mostly caters to Mexican immigrants fleeing from the violence in Ciudad Juárez and central Mexico.

The Annunciation House was established in 1978, and consisted of two main houses, which in total serve about 50 to 60 guests, half men and the other half women and children.

Levy heard about Annunciation House from her travels and studies in the border region from Boulder, Co.

"I really loved working directly with people because I got to know them," Levy said. "Playing with the kids, I liked the fact that I was directly involved and hopefully I was a positive influence with them."

The Annunciation House is not run with government assistance and is completely sustained through donations by the El Paso community. According to Levy, fresh foods and toiletries are always in demand year-round.

The Reynolds Home of El Paso, located at 8023 San Jose Road, also shelters women victims of domestic violence or who are economically unstable to support their children on their own. The safe house has been running for 23 years.

According to Dorothy Truax, director of the Reynolds Home, the guests that stay in the shelter have a simple Thanksgiving celebration.

"We do have an in-school group that is going to come in and help, but our Thanksgiving is a bit informal," Truax said. "Some families take off for lunch and come for the dinner, and others stay for lunch and come back for the dinner."

The shelter helps about 30 to 35 children and about 10 to 12 mothers. The home is completely funded by donations and private donors.

The Reynolds Home is planning to have a traditional Thanksgiving dinner consisting mostly of turkey and mashed potatoes.

Truax believes that while working with families, it is important to see the significance they play, especially during the Thanksgiving season.

"All families struggle, the holiday season is a beautiful season but it would be nice to have focus year-round."
- Dorothy Truax,
Reynolds Home director

"I enjoy working with the families, I get something out of it when I see families coming in with nothing and after working with them for a couple of months I see them get a savings (account), a job," Truax said. "To see a change in the moms and their children, it's like our work is worth it."

The Rescue Mission of El Paso, located on 1949 W. Paisano Drive, is preparing to serve the largest Thanksgiving meal as opposed to other shelters in El Paso for 60 years.

The Rescue Mission of El Paso runs on donations and of the budget they obtain, about five percent comes from government assistance.

During Thanksgiving the meal is free. Regularly meals are \$1.50 for lunch and dinner.

"We will probably serve about 250 people here at the Mission and another 500 at the Civic Center on Thanksgiving day," said Blake Barrow, CEO of the Rescue Mission of El Paso. "The Mission prepares all of the turkey, dressing and gravy for the Mayor's feast at the Civic Center."

Currently, the Rescue Mission of El Paso is seeking donations to increase the size of their facility for family centers and their respite care facility.

All three shelters offer unlimited stays at their facilities, on average guests stay about six months. All shelters focus on the betterment of their guests and focus on helping them pursue better economic interests.

"We want to see that the person is doing all in his capacity to help himself," Barrow said.

As for the holidays, all shelters see an increased amount of food donations during the later fall season due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Most are able to save some of the stock, others are asking for toiletries and fresh produce.

"All families struggle, the holiday season is a beautiful season but it would be nice to have focus year-round," Truax said.

Volunteering opportunities during Thanksgiving Day are not available in all three shelters due to complications with procedures. However if interested, students, faculty, staff and the community can reach all three locations through their websites.

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AARON MONTES / The Prospector

The local Annunciation House, a shelter for refugees, is completely sustained through donations by people in the El Paso community. Toiletries like razors and toothpaste are donated to the shelter.

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Health

Third annual Smokeout promotes healthy habits for students

GUERRERO GARCIA
The Prospector

On Nov. 15 the Women’s Health Initiative will be hosting the Great American Smokeout on the third floor of Union Building East.

“The Great American Smokeout is a day to either encourage smokers to stop smoking or to encourage them to make future plans to quit smoking,” said Lizette Sidransky, senior health promotion major and coordinator of the event. “We are not going to attack smokers or force them to quit, this event is more to let them know what kind of help is out there if they ever do decide to stop.”

The event was created by the American Cancer Society in the late ‘70s, when smoking and secondhand smoke were common place.

“In the late ‘70s there was not much regulation on tobacco, even doctors were endorsing it,” said Samantha Aportela, senior health promotion major and intern at the Texas Department of Health State Services. “There were rising numbers of incidents with lung cancer, so of course they linked it to smoking and brought awareness to the issue.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there are an estimated 45.3 million American smokers. Smoking is responsible for one in every five deaths in the United States, that’s more than 430,000 deaths per year.

“The event challenges people to stop using tobacco and it brings awareness to the effects it has on the

body,” Aportela said. “It also helps people know about the tools they can use to quit and stay smoke-free.”

Johnny Cruise, freshman criminal justice major, has been smoking for about three years now and said he has not tried to quit because most of the people he hangs out with are smokers, but said he is open to hear about the options there are for when he decides to stop.

“Obviously I know smoking is not good for me, I know what I’m doing to my body,” Cruise said. “I am not a string smoker, I only smoke when I am stressing out and want to relax, that’s the only reason I smoke.”

Like Cruise, there are many occasional smokers around campus who decide to light one up to calm the nerves caused by school and everyday stress. According to UTEP’s Prevention and Treatment in Clinical Health Lab (PATCH), people who are light smokers now are more likely to be regular smokers later.

UTEP’s Human Resource Department in collaboration with the PATCH Lab provides a program for faculty, staff and students who smoke and who are seeking to quit their habit. They will be in attendance at the Great American Smokeout, along with other organizations, providing information about their programs.

“We have invited many health organizations that specialize in disseminating information about tobacco products, such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco and hookahs and who offer free services for those smokers who need help quitting,” Aportela said.

“You cannot have someone stop smoking in just a day—it takes a while—because it is an addictive substance.”

According to the American Cancer Society, smokers are most successful in kicking the habit when they have support. The organizations at the event will offer information on counseling, stop-smoking groups, telephone smoking-cessation hotlines and nicotine replacement products among other information.

Marcela Castrejon, a freshman liberal arts major, has been smoking for over two years now and admits she has tried to quit numerous times.

“I just can’t quit, I try to stop but somehow always end up smoking,” Castrejon said. “I can’t explain it, I know smoking is bad for me, but I just can’t stop.”

Along with health organizations there will also be student groups at the event with different tobacco related topics, informing all those who attend through interactive games.

“To encourage student participation there will be interactive games but they will also be educational towards bringing awareness of the different kinds of tobacco and what affects those different kinds of tobacco cause,” Aportela said.

Castrejon shared a cigarette with her friend Joe Vera, a freshman pharmacy student who also agreed that kicking the habit is something he has considered before.

“I only smoke socially, on the weekends or when someone else is smoking, but I know I am addicted,” Vera said. “I know it is bad for my body

and I am also aware of the damage the smoke has on others around me.”

According to the CDC about 50,000 people die each year from exposure to secondhand smoke. The Great American Smokeout also aims to inform about the dangers of secondhand smoke.

Brian Garcia, junior criminal justice major does not smoke but is allergic to cigarette smoke. He said that most smokers do not consider the people around them when they are smoking.

“It makes my throat close up,” Garcia said. “I’m walking sometimes to class and the people in front of me are smoking and I am like walk faster or move to the other side, they don’t realize that the smoke affects others.”

The Smokeout event is open for everyone but smokers are encouraged to attend.

“In the past we have noticed that smokers try to avoid the Smokeout because they feel they are going to be attacked for smoking,” Sidransky said. “We try to be positive with them, we are not judging them or attacking them, we want smokers to know this is more of a safe place for them to go and inform themselves about smoking.”

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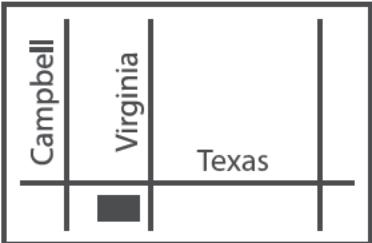
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Friday shoppers trampled a Walmart employee to death in New York City as he and other workers tried to unlock the door at 5 a.m.

Yet Victor Candelaria, assistant manager of the Walmart store on Alameda and Americas, claims that Walmarts are no worse than any other department store on Black Friday.

"I've been with the company for about five years in total and I've never seen any violence or incidents going on," Candelaria said. "We pretty much try to anticipate everything and what might happen, and we strategically place certain items in specific parts of the store. We have extra security throughout the day and I hire officers to make sure that everything is falling into place pretty early on."

Another extremely Black Friday favorite, Best Buy, has employees prepare early for shoppers looking to stock up on all the latest electronics. Michael Juárez, manager of the Best Buy on Viscount, said Best Buy employees have learned from experience how best to deal with restless crowds.

"We get people camping out either Tuesday or Wednesday night if not Monday," Juárez said. "I remember four years ago we had an issue out in the line. They were giving people the TVs through the line so there was a lot of fighting and that's when we went to a ticket system. To be honest I started preparing for Black Friday two weeks ago. We start preparing months in advance, we get everything ready, we know exactly what's coming in, how much is coming in and it makes it easier for our customers to come in and know what they're going to get."

According to Art Diaz, lecturer with the Marketing and Management Department, Black Friday is

a tremendous selling day that has a specialized process for advertising that varies from store to store. Timing is important, knowing when to advertise for Black Friday, what advertisement is used and how much money will be brought through that advertisement.

"Social media works well with advertisement and it is a lot easier, but it provides less return for advertising dollars," Diaz said. "Facebook pays less on investment than print media. However, using a combination of sorts, as well as the product, will benefit the way of advertisement."

With the economy down, potential customers will not be seeking to buy a car or heavy equipment. However, entertainment and technology items are heavily advertised because they are in trend. These help prepare the rest of the merchandise on the shelves and make excellent gifts, technologically speaking, Diaz said.

"You really are never satisfied with Black Friday—with carrying so much cash and especially your own safety," Diaz said. "The idea is to get the customer in the door. Walmart is good at doing this; other stores try but are not as profitable. Ridding of retail and generating as much cash flow money is the main goal, especially when getting ready for the holidays."

However, some students still decide to shop on Black Friday.

"I have been shopping on Black Friday for the last couple of years but honestly I don't think it's worth it for most of the stuff. Electronics is pretty good; they have some really good deals but I'm not really into electronics—I don't have to have the latest things," said Daniela Dominguez, sophomore management. "I usually buy clothes for Christmas but you

don't see that many deals and then the lines are so long. It's like the tax-free weekends. You have to deal with a lot of people and it takes a lot of your time, then you just end up saving a couple of bucks."

Yet, other students feel that shopping on Black Friday has no benefits, and choose to stay far away from any shopping center that day.

"I hate crowds. I am not going to be out shopping when I know that everyone else and their mother is going to be shopping at the same time," said Cindy Ulloa, senior biological sciences major. "There's a reason I usually go to the store at 12 a.m. It's too much of a hassle for something that is not guaranteed that it will be mine."

Juárez believes that the Black Friday shopping experience varies from store to store, but concedes that Walmart may be one of the most intense locations.

According to the National Crime Prevention Association, there are a few tips that people should follow if they plan on shopping on Black Friday. These tips include carrying your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket to deter pickpockets, having your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle and not leaving packages visible in your car windows as it could be an incentive for someone to break into your car. The NCPA also suggests that if you are shopping with children you should make a plan in case you get separated.

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New exhibit at Centennial and Rubin Center

Brothers Ivan Puig and Andrés Padilla Domene opened a different kind of exhibit at the Centennial Museum and the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts.

Sonda de Exploración Ferroviaria Tripulada focuses on rural Mexican communities that were affected by the 1990 decision to shut down the country's privatized and unprofitable passenger rail system. It will remain open until Dec. 21.

"Disorder on the Border" book presentation at Library

A discussion and presentation on the book "Shaping the Immigration Debate: Contending Societies on the U.S.-Mexico Border" by Cari Lee Skogberg Eastman will take place at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 13 the UTEP Library Blumberg Auditorium.

The event is sponsored by UTEP's Department of Political Science and Department of Communication.

Diabetes awareness day hosted by UTEP

Activities including presentations on the Go Blue on the Border Campaign and breastfeeding and diabetes prevention, among others, will take place to raise awareness about diabetes.

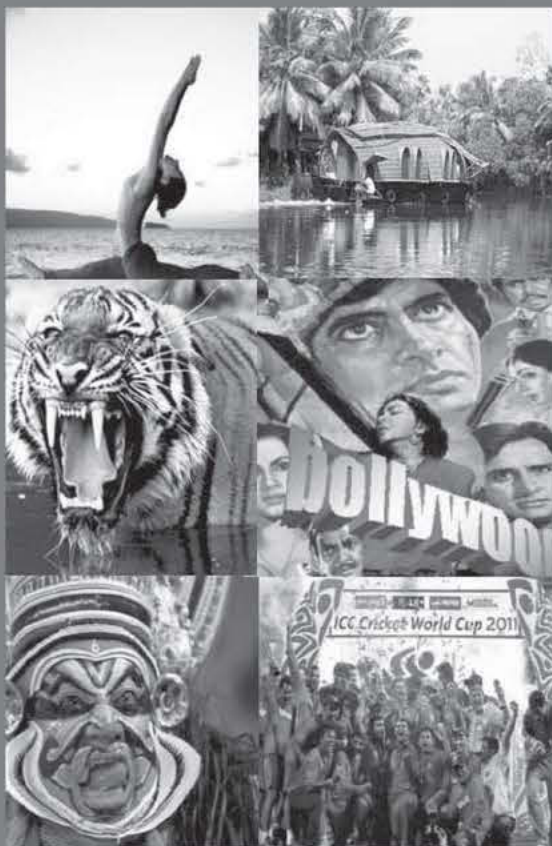
The event will be from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Health Sciences and Nursing Building, Room 217.

English professor presents new book

Maryse Jayasuriya, assistant professor of English, will present "Mourning Terror in Sri Lankan Anglophone Literature." The presentation will be based on her recently published book, "Terror and Reconciliation: Sri Lankan Anglophone Literature, 1983-2009."

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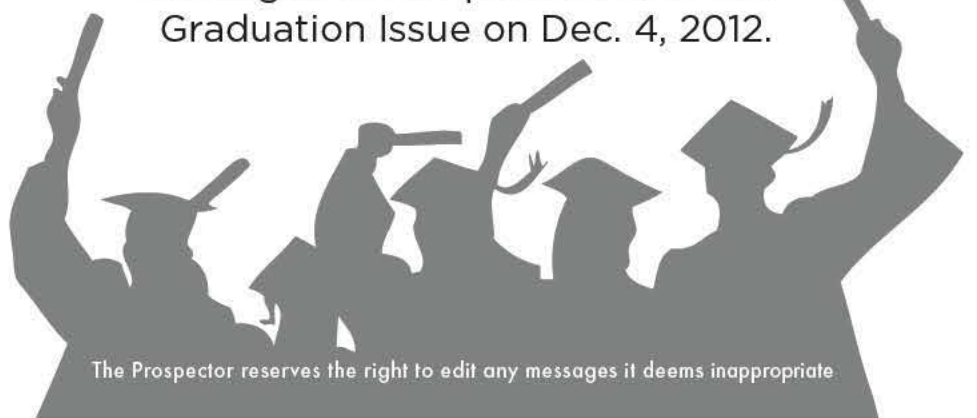
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President addresses looming fiscal cliff, jobs and growth a priority

BY KAMREL EPPINGER

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WASHINGTON—President Barack Obama said Nov. 9 that he would meet the following week with congressional leaders to discuss major decisions surrounding deficit and avoiding the so-called fiscal cliff.

Obama said he is committed to solving the fiscal challenges. A White House spokesman said he spoke in the White House East Room to an audience of about 200 middle-class Americans.

"As I said on Tuesday night, the American people voted for action, not politics as usual. You elected us to focus on your jobs, not ours. And in that spirit, I've invited leaders of both parties to the White House next week, so we can start to build consensus around the challenges that we can only solve together," Obama said.

He said he would also consult with business and labor leaders.

The president did not take questions from reporters.

"At a time when our economy is still recovering from the Great Recession, our top priority has to be jobs and growth," Obama said.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said he would work with the president—within limits.

"Raising tax rates is unacceptable," Boehner said on Nov. 8 in an interview on ABC. "Frankly, it couldn't even pass the House, I'm not sure it could pass the Senate."

Boehner said Republicans would consider raising revenue by closing loopholes, but would not raise tax rates.

Obama said on Nov. 9 that new revenue is necessary.

"But as I've said before, we can't just cut our way to prosperity. If we're serious about reducing the deficit, we have to combine spending cuts with revenue—and that means asking the wealthiest Americans to pay a little more in taxes," Obama said.

Obama said that if Congress fails to agree on an overall deficit-reduction package by the end of the year, taxes will increase for everyone, including those who make less than \$250,000 a year.

If the government fails to act soon, the fiscal cliff will come into play, fueling automatic tax increases and federal spending cuts, which could send the economy back into a recession, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

Congress and the president agreed earlier this year to the fiscal cliff if they could not agree on a budget.

The steep across-the-board spending cuts and tax increases could cut the deficit by \$560 billion and would go into effect early next year. Temporary payroll tax cuts and certain tax breaks for businesses will end. The alternative minimum tax would also hit thousands of taxpayers for the first time.

However, continuing the current tax breaks would lead to a greater accumulation of government debt.

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-President Barack Obama

The Congressional Budget Office report released Nov. 8 said if the immediate spending cuts and tax increases occur, revenues will fall short of federal spending, causing the economy to shrink by 0.5 percent next year and send the unemployment rate to 9 percent.

"Each problem matters. Avoiding a recession matters, and getting the

deficit under control matters. But getting the deficit under control means having a balanced deficit reduction package that's sustainable and that does not put an excessive burden on low-income households or spending in general," Chad Stone, chief economist at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, said.

Stone said there needs to be a balance between revenues and taxes and suggested the following policy: to help the economy recover allow a larger deficit until the economy gets better, then put deficit reduction in place.

While Democrats continue to favor letting the Bush-era tax cuts lapse for those making \$250,000 and up, Republicans insist on keeping tax rates the same.

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She said her dollar stretches further at discount stores.

"If I were shopping for brands I'd be spending at minimum \$80 for a single dress where I can get three dresses for that same price without a brand logo."

Like Soto, students who are willing to find alternative methods for shopping and can sacrifice the brand name on their clothes, can save \$40 to \$60 ideally. However, for those looking for brand name clothes, the Outlets Shoppes at El Paso can provide some savings on clothes. These outlets, along with Melrose and Marshalls, receive merchandise from other name brand stores and mark them down.

"The outlets are the only place where I can find my shoes. The drive is far but the shirts there are cheap," said Ernesto Ortiz, sophomore criminology major. "On a budget of \$150, it should be enough since the same articles can be found at a quarter of the price compared to name brand items."

Flea markets, such as El Bronco in the Lower Valley, and consignment stores, such as Plato's Closet, can also help students who are on a budget. Flea markets can offer students bargain priced items, unique to the community that cannot be found in stores.

"It's cheap, the clothes are not that bad, they are pretty, and you can get more clothes for less money. I usually save around \$40 to \$60," said Mariana Corona, freshman cellular and molecular biochemistry major.

Yet, for students who do not have a budget to spend, being creative comes to a close second for the giving season. Maria Rachel Gonzalez, sophomore anthropology major, chooses to save her money and make her own Christmas gifts for others.

"With all the extra expenses that come with school, being frugal is key to getting by. I try to stay in and play video games with my friends instead of going out," Gonzalez said. "Instead of shopping for Christmas presents this year, I'll be making homemade snow globes out of jars. They're simple to make and make nice, unique gifts."

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Thanksgiving is fast approaching and after a delicious evening feast spent with family and friends, the concern of what to do with the leftovers always rises the next day. The following recipes will help with ideas on how to recycle turkey leftovers and cook delicious and practical dishes for the weeks to come, without having to prepare turkey sandwiches.

TURKEY HASH

This dish will be perfect to cook the morning after Thanksgiving, accompanied with a scrambled egg. Not only does this hash include healthy vegetables and the addition of thin, sliced red potatoes, it also includes spicy seasonings such as green and red bell peppers and two diced jalapeños, topped with diced tomatoes and lime juice.

Servings: 6-8
Start to finish: 50 minutes

- INGREDIENTS**
- 4 ounces olive oil
 - 2 red onions, diced
 - 1 red bell pepper, julienne
 - 1 green bell pepper, julienne
 - 2 jalapeños, diced and seeded
 - 2 pounds ground turkey breast
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper
 - 2 pounds red potatoes, sliced thin
 - 1/2 cup Roma tomatoes, diced
 - 1/2 lime

PREPARATION METHOD:

In medium sauté pan, add 2 ounces of olive oil, onions, peppers and sauté until translucent. Add turkey and brown on all sides. Season with salt and pepper.

In a separate pan, add 2 ounces of oil, and fry potatoes in oil until crispy. On a serving plate layer the turkey mixture top of the crispy potatoes.

TURKEY JAMBALAYA

With a colorful combination of veggies and spices, this dish not only includes turkey but also smoked and spicy sausage.

Servings: 8
Start to finish: 30 minutes

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 1/2 cups chopped onion
 - 1 teaspoon bottled minced garlic
 - 1 cup chopped green bell pepper
 - 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
 - 2 1/2 teaspoons paprika
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon oregano
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1 cup uncooked long-grain rice
 - 2 cups fat-free, less-sodium chicken broth

- 1 (14.5-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 cups shredded cooked turkey
- 6 ounces andouille sausage (or smoked sausage), chopped
- 2 tablespoons sliced green onions

PREPARATION METHOD:

Heat oil in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Add chopped onion and garlic; sauté 6 minutes or until lightly browned. Stir in bell peppers and next five ingredients; sauté 1 minute. Add rice; sauté 1 minute. Stir in broth and tomatoes; bring to a boil. Cover and reduce heat, simmer 15 minutes. Add turkey and sausage; cover and cook 5 minutes. Sprinkle with green onions.

TURKEY ENCHILADAS

Refreshingly light and tasty, these enchiladas will give a different and unique seasoning with the addition of garlic, red pepper and courgette. Perfect for those with Mexican food cravings, these can also include pinto or kidney beans.

Servings: 4
Start to finish: 60 minutes

- INGREDIENTS FOR THE SAUCE**
- 1 table spoon olive oil
 - 1 onion, chopped
 - 1 garlic clove, crushed
 - 200 milliliters/7 fluid ounces passata (tomato purée)
 - 1 teaspoon chopped fresh oregano
 - 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper

- INGREDIENTS FOR THE TURKEY**
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 garlic clove, crushed
 - 1 red onion, chopped
 - 1 red pepper, seeds and core removed, finely chopped
 - 1 courgette, diced
 - 170 grams/6 ounces turkey mince
 - 85 grams/3 ounces low fat cheddar cheese, grated
 - 4 wholemeal tortillas

PREPARATION METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.
2. Have the sauce heat the olive oil in saucepan over a medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and sauté for 4-5 minutes, until softened.
3. Add the passata, oregano and black pepper. Cover, reduce the heat and leave to simmer for 10 minutes.
4. Meanwhile for the turkey, heat the olive oil in a separate pan over a medium heat. Add the onion, garlic, red pepper and courgette. Sauté for 5 minutes then add the turkey mince. Cook for around 5-7 minutes, or until the turkey mince is browned and cooked through.
5. Add half of the cheese to the turkey mixture and continue to cook until the cheese has melted.
6. Divide the turkey mixture between four tortillas and roll up into parcels. Place into an oven proof dish, spoon over sauce and sprinkle with remaining cheese. Place into the preheated oven to bake for 15-20 minutes, until golden.

TURKEY STILTON PIES

This turkey Stilton pie will not have to stay in the frying pan for long since the turkey has already been cooked. The dish includes chestnut mushrooms, sweet potatoes and one tablespoon of brandy.

Servings: 4
Start to finish: 70 minutes

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 50 grams butter / 1 table spoon olive oil
 - 450 grams British turkey breast fillets, cut into chunks
 - 3 sweet potatoes, cut into chunks
 - 225 grams chestnut mushrooms
 - 2 garlic cloves, crushed
 - 2 sprigs fresh thyme, leaves only
 - 1 tablespoon brandy
 - 100 milliliters chicken stock
 - 150 milliliters double cream
 - 75 grams Stilton, crumbled
 - 375 grams pack ready rolled puff pastry
 - 1 small egg, beaten / rock salt

PREPARATION METHOD:

1. Heat the butter and oil in a large frying pan and fry the turkey for 2-3 minutes until lightly browned. Stir in the sweet potatoes and cook over a low heat for 8-10 minutes until it begins to soften. Stir in the mushrooms, garlic and half the thyme and cook for another 4-5 minutes.
2. Preheat the oven to 180 C/Gas 6. Pour the brandy over the turkey mixture and allow to bubble for 1 minute, then add the stock and cream and warm through gently. Remove from the heat and stir in the Stilton.
3. Unroll the pastry. Cut four pastry lids slightly larger than the 400 milliliter dishes you are using. Divide the filling between the four dishes. Wet the rim of the dishes with water. Lay the pastry circles over the top and press to the rim firmly. Brush with beaten egg and scatter with rock salt and remaining thyme. Bake for 20 minutes until golden.



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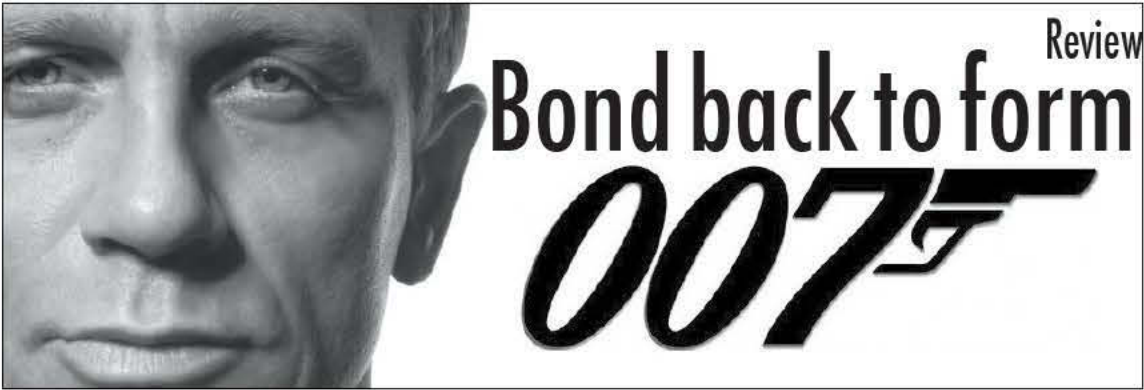


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With director Sam Mendes, a compelling script by Neal Purvis and Robert Wade, and an electrifying cast anchored by Daniel Craig, the latest James Bond film celebrates the franchise's 50th with a fresh, exciting and relevant offering. "Skyfall," an instant Bond classic, breathes refreshing life into the series.

An exciting opening sequence sees Bond (Craig) along with agent Eve (Naomie Harris) chasing a criminal who has stolen MI6 technology, across the streets of Istanbul. This perfectly introduces us to the film before the main titles roll. The stunning and psychedelic opening credits roll after that, set to Adele's "Skyfall," a classy and great tune that sets the tone for the rest of the film.

The main plot kicks in when Bond is put back into field work and finds out that a terrorist named Raoul Silva (Javier Bardem) is targeting not only MI6 but M (Dame Judi Dench) as well. The film deals with the idea of the old and new clashing, rebirth, and the ties to the past while moving forward. In that way "Skyfall" feels refreshing while it also harkens back and nods to previous entries in the franchise.

Visually, Mendes ("American Beauty," "Road to Perdition") and cinematographer Roger Deakins ("The Big

Lebowski," "True Grit") have crafted a beautiful and seductive film. The scene in Shanghai with Bond investigating atop a building or the hypnotic sequence in Macau are both filled with striking imagery. Everything from the tight editing, the big scale action sequences, to Thomas Newman's thrilling score, make "Skyfall" a superb addition to the Bond canon.

Mendes proves more than capable of handling a big spy thriller like this. The action sequences are marvelously orchestrated, suspenseful and engaging. Mendes' experience with story and character ultimately provide "Skyfall" with its heart, and it is Bond's and M's core relationship that is tested in the film. The writers also get to explore Bond's character and his place in the world with enough weight while giving him that fun and charisma that Bond is known for.

Craig, truly at the top of his game, brings his brooding, suave and charismatic portrayal of 007 with expertise in a fantastic performance. Dench, provides the presence and gravitas to the film while Bardem's Silva is without a doubt one of the most memorable, deliciously twisted, compelling and fascinating Bond villains of all time. An interrogation scene between Bond and Silva that happens in Silva's lair is unnerving, beautifully staged, brilliantly acted and will definitely become one of the most talked about

scenes of the film, thanks in large part to the sublime performances by Bardem and Craig. The entire cast is fantastic, from Ralph Fiennes' Mallory (the less we say about him the better), Ben Whishaw's young Q, to the fast and witty banter between Harris and Craig and even Albert Finney.

There are some parts of the film that could've benefited from more screen time to get to know a little bit more of the character. For example Severine (played with lethal sexiness by Berenice Marlohe), who leads Bond to Silva, could've used more screen time. Or maybe cutting up 10 minutes of running length would've benefitted as well, but they truly are minor issues since everything else that is great about the film overcomes it.

There is a lot to enjoy from "Skyfall" as a Bond movie, but most importantly it works perfectly as a standalone entry though it provides nods (Istanbul, Q, Aston Martin DB5) and surprises that Bond fans will be able to recognize, creating a thoroughly entertaining and vibrant near reimagining of the Craig Bond era. They have brought back Bond in a bold, refreshing and wholly satisfying manner that definitely stands at the top with the likes of 2006's triumphant reboot "Casino Royale."

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Long gone are the days of flip flops and cargo shorts as the change in the weather turn to a shivering reality. With a change of weather comes a change of wardrobe, often a difficult task for some guys out there, but it doesn't have to be. Winter time is the perfect chance to really dress up one's wardrobe and express style and individuality.

Outerwear

Although El Paso may not be the coldest city in America, it is important that every man invest in a nice, thick coat. Peacoats, letterman jackets and leather jackets are a good addition to any man's closet. Wear the peacoat with jeans or slacks to dress up any look. Leave the letterman jacket for more casual occasions, with a simple tee and some jeans. The leather jacket can add a more edgy look to any kind of outfit. With each of these options the jacket should be tailored and fitted according to body type.

Blazers and cardigans are also good outerwear options. Both of these can be worn with casual or formal outfits, and even together. For blazers, look for black, blue, grey, brown, or tweed. Cardigans are great for casual looks, but can also be used for more formal events as a substitute for a sweater or vest and come in all patterns and colors. Do not be

afraid to be a little adventurous with cardigans because they can be used for a wide range of outfits and are great for days that start out cold and warm up around midday.

Sweaters

Sweaters and sweater vests are a must for every man's closet and can be worn in many ways. Focus on simple colors such as black, grey, brown or blue in solid or stripe patterns to match with everything in your closet. Be careful with crazy patterns and colors. Use the sweater as an accent to the outfit, not the main focus. Worn over a button up shirt, it can instantly change the outfit, and because certain colors can be mixed with many different shirts, they help to add variety to the outfit. For more casual outfits, sweaters with or without an undershirt and jeans are an easy and comfortable option.

Shirts

For the shirt that goes under sweaters and jackets, there are many options. Typically, dark colors are associated with winter but wearing a bright color is a nice stray from the norm. Colors and patterns are definitely in this winter. They are also a great addition to one's closet because they can be worn year-round. Although plaid is a tired out pattern, it is an easy choice among the others. Try to go for a pattern that really stands out. If the pattern is too busy, try throwing a sweater or cardigan on top to cover up some of the pattern and add some accent to the collar and sleeves.

Pants

The right pair of pants is crucial to make the outfit look its best. When it comes to jeans, try on some slim or skinny fit jeans for a clean and crisp look. Stick to dark colors and avoid any rips or tears. Shorts weather is over, so there is no need to keep showing leg. Jeans can be worn for casual or formal events, but I challenge all men out there to start looking for other alternatives. Skinny or slim fitted slacks or chino pants are good substitutes to jeans and come in great colors besides black, blue and brown. Worn with a T-shirt, these pants can add a unique touch to more casual outfits.

Shoes

Boots are the best thing for this winter season and are very versatile for any outfit. Wear boots with pants, a T-shirt, and a sweater or cardigan for a dressy and unique casual look. Depending on the event, boots can be added to a formal outfit for a more edgy look. I recommend sticking to black, grey, or brown leather boots for a long lasting shoe and avoid suede boots because they are harder to take care of. Boots are a great addition to any closet because they are great all year.

It is also necessary to own at least one pair of dress shoes, also in black, grey or brown. Black is easier to wear with any outfit, but any of those colors are acceptable for formal events. Worn with slim jeans or pants can immediately dress up any outfit for a nice night out on the town. I recommend some simple, lace-up dress shoes to be prepared for those more formal events. Avoid animal skin shoes though. The animals will not like them, and neither will anyone else.

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Gadgets

Technology just in time for holiday season gifting

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

Every year, new technology is brought up to the market, especially when the holiday season arrives.

This year, big companies like Google and Apple have released or plan to release new technology such as the anticipated Wii U, iPad Mini, new iPods and Samsung's Galaxy Note II and SIII.

Wii U—Nintendo's most recent console will be released Nov. 18. The console's most announced gadget is the new controller or Wii U Game Pad, which contains plenty of new features such as a 6.2-inch touch screen and its stylus, a camera that can be used in games and to chat between consoles, a microphone, speakers, motion controls and a TV control button. Another feature that kept Nintendo fans waiting is the addition of the new HDMI (High Definition Multimedia Interface), which gives Nintendo games high definition graphics. The Wii U comes in two presentations, a white console and a black console. The white console is the basic set with an 8GB capacity at a price of \$299.99, the deluxe set with a black console and a capacity of 32GB has a price of \$349.99.

iPad Mini—The smaller version of the iPad, according to apple.com, is 23 percent thinner and 53 percent lighter than the original iPad. It features a 7.9-inch screen, with a five-megapixel camera that can FaceTime in HD and record in full 1080p. The gadget features an AirPlay setting, which allows the users to play videos on the iPad and watch them on the TV. The mini also includes Wi-Fi and now Apple prepares to ship the iPad mini with 4G LTE included, meaning that people will be able to access the Internet without a Wi-Fi connection. According to Apple, it has over 275,000 apps to download and a 10-hour battery life. Its price begin at \$329.

Samsung Galaxy Note II—Samsung's Note II is thinner than the last Samsung's Note and some of its features include a 1.6 GHz quad-core processor, with a memory ranging from 16GB, 32GB and 64GB of capacity, plus a 2GB of RAM. It offers Android 4.1 Operating System (OS), a 5.5-inch HD screen and an eight-megapixel, auto focus camera. It works with 4G LTE, Bluetooth and Wi-Fi. The Note II also features the S Pen that allows users to send handwritten emails, and quick commands, with which users can place calls, send text messages, or emails by writing the command with the stylus. Other functions of the Note II are the Multi Windows to do multiple tasks on one screen, and Air View which allows the user to manage pictures and other files without having to open any folder. Prices vary among carriers and begin at \$159.99.

Samsung Galaxy SIII—The SIII, known for its tagline, "the next best thing is already here," includes Android 4.0 OS (Ice Cream Sandwich), a 4.8-inch HD screen, an eight-megapixel camera in the rear and a 1.9-megapixel camera with HD recording on the front side of the phone. Its memory capacity varies between 16GB and 32GB. The phone can also connect to Wi-Fi and supports 4G. The Samsung Galaxy SIII includes Google services such as Google Plus, YouTube, Google Search, Google Maps and more. Galaxy SIII comes in two colors: pebble blue and marble white. Prices vary among carriers.

iPod Nano—According to Apple, the iPod Nano is the size of a credit card and it's the thinnest iPod ever made. The iPod Nano now features a 2.5-inch widescreen to play videos and/or movies. It also features Bluetooth 4.0 capability that is compatible with a car's sound system, when Bluetooth enabled. FM radio is also built in to iPod Nano with a live pause and rewind option. The new iPod Nano is sold in various colors and prices begin at \$149.

Google Nexus 10—Google's latest multi touch tablet contains a 10-inch screen with 2560 x 1600 pixels. The memory ranges from 16GB to 32GB, and has a 2GB RAM. Some features are GPS, Wi-Fi, Android 4.2 OS, a five-megapixel camera and applications like YouTube, Google Maps and Gmail. Nexus 10 is expected to be released in November. The price will start at \$299.

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New technology like the iPad Mini, Samsung Galaxy S III and the Wii U could be on everyone's Black Friday and Christmas list this holiday season.



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Dancing for Kids' Sake at The Plaza



The Plaza Theatre hosted the annual Dance for Kids' Sake, where many high profile El Pasoan's danced to gather funds for the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring program. The event took place Nov. 10, celebrity Mario Lopez co-hosted the event with local news anchor, Estela Casas.

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Football

Motivated despite losing record

Miners playing for pride as season winds down



JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector

Senior wide receiver Michael Edwards and the rest of the team walking off the field after the 31-24 loss to Central Florida Nov. 10 at the Sun Bowl.

BY EDWIN DELGADO
The Prospector

Despite a 2-8 record and without a chance to play in the post season, the Miners are looking to close their 2012 season on a winning note when they face Southern Miss and Rice Nov. 17 and 24.

Defensive coordinator Andre Patterson, said he's told his players what is expected of them every single game, even if there isn't a bowl to play for.

"I tell them that the reason you play this game is to win," Patterson said. "So there shouldn't be a need for extra motivation, you are a competitor, you are a football player, that's what I expect from my players."

Both players and coaches said the main objective for their last two games is to play for pride and help the players that are on their final season with the team leave with at least two more wins under their belt.

"We are just trying to play for the seniors, trying to help them make some memories in the last couple of games," freshman safety Shane Huhn

said. "We want to end this season with a positive note."

Huhn got the starting safety position after Richard Spencer suffered a knee injury when playing Wisconsin. He and other young players on the team said they have an opportunity to show

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"If I'm a boxer, it doesn't matter what my record is. When I go in the freaking ring, I better go to compete because the other guy is going to knock my head off. It's the same thing in football, you play to win the game."

-Andre Patterson, defensive coordinator

Women's Basketball

Walk-on finds a new family on the court

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It isn't very common for athletes to have a developed relationship with their collegiate head coaches before the end of their high school careers. But sophomore guard Marissa Rodriguez was able to acquire a relationship with head coach Keitha Adams at the age of 8 through the first UTEP Mini Miners' Camp. The camp was held 12 years ago during Adams' first year with the Miners.

After two summers at the camp, Rodriguez and her family relocated to San Antonio, but Rodriguez returned to the teen camp as a sophomore and junior. As an El Paso native, Rodriguez also has ties to the city that most of her teammates did not have before joining the team.

"I grew up around UTEP, had season tickets to the football games, season tickets to the basketball games so (UTEP)'s always been a dream school for me to attend. My father graduated from here and got his master's from here," Rodriguez said. "I like the community, I like the city. (Adams) was kind of like a second mom to me. She looked after me, helped me with little things in basketball that helped me be a better player, so that's why I came back."

When she moved to San Antonio, Rodriguez said she continued prac-

ticing the tips, drills and skills Adams taught her, and the two kept in contact.

"Her family is from El Paso and a dream of hers was always to go to UTEP," Adams said. "So it's pretty neat that she was at my camp my first year here and that she's with us."

Rodriguez differs from her fellow teammates in that she was a walk-on to the team, not a scholarship athlete. Because of that, she braced herself for what she might encounter as a walk-on.

"My coach from high school, (who) played at Kansas and was a scholarship athlete there, told me, 'being a walk-on, you're going to be the bottom of the food chain. You're going to always be trying to work harder than everybody else.' I thought I was going to be hazed, but I wasn't, which was so great," Rodriguez said. "The (team) took me in as one of them."

The walk-on status also means Rodriguez' participation at practice is not mandatory, but she attends all of the team's practices because she enjoys the experience.

"What makes me come every day is having sisters. We call each other sisters but we really are a family, they're a part of me. If I weren't to come to practice, I'd probably sit in my room

and twitch and not know what to do with myself," Rodriguez said. "These girls on my team, every teammate that I'm going to have, is going to be a lifelong friend, and the coaches are going to be lifelong mentors, and that's why I come."

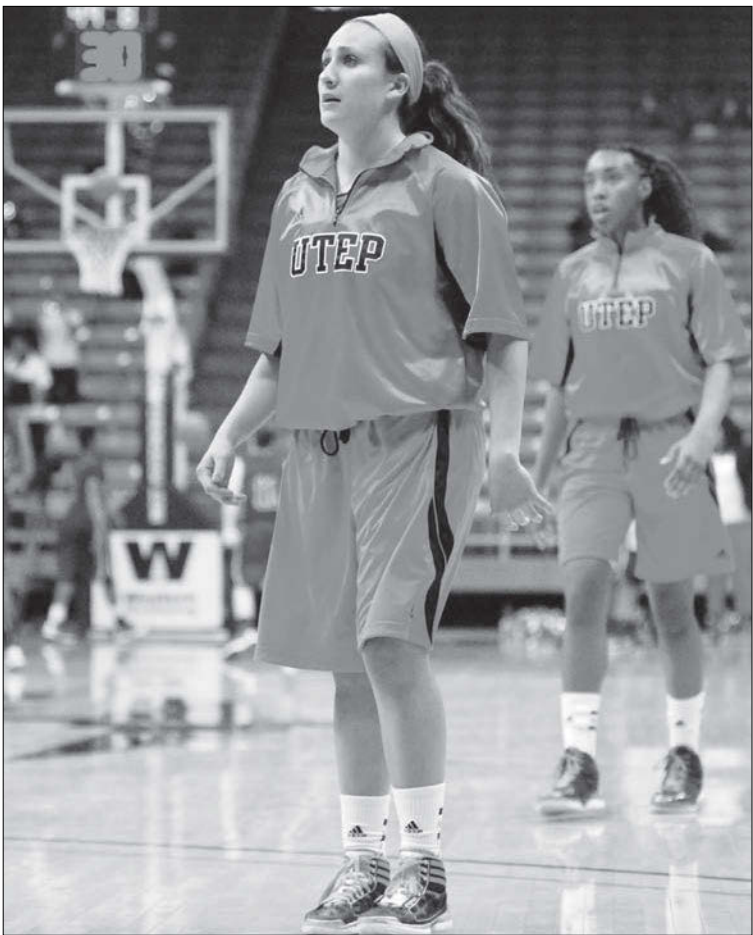
Junior forward Kayla Thornton said she appreciates Rodriguez' efforts and contributions.

"Marissa's a hard working girl," Thornton said. "Even though she doesn't have a scholarship, she still works like she does, and that's one thing I like about her. She comes in (and) does what coach wants her to do."

Support also comes from Rodriguez' parents who make the 10-hour drive to see most home games as well as games closer to the San Antonio region.

"(My) parents try to come for every game and I give them so much credit because a 10-hour drive is not easy," Rodriguez said. "Not only do they get to watch me with my games, but they get to be with my grandparents, so it's (like) coming home. It's pretty cool that we can come and watch a game, but then we can go to my grandparents' house and have dinner. It's kind of like a family reunion."

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Sophomore guard Marissa Rodriguez, a native El Pasoan, participated in UTEP's Mini Miners' Camp as a child before relocating to San Antonio with her family.

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what they can do and prove they can become pillars for the football program for the next couple of years.

"It's great seeing these guys continuing to fight every game," offensive line coach Brian Natkin said. "Even though the season is not going the way we wanted to, it's a great thing to see their best effort."

Head coach Mike Price's contract will expire at the end of the 2012 season. Director of UTEP athletics Bob Stull, will then address Price's contract and determine whether he is to remain as coach or go in a different direction.

Patterson said that he will continue to prepare his players with the same intensity as in any other games.

"If I'm a boxer, it doesn't matter what my record is. When I go in the freaking ring, I better go to compete because the other guy is going to knock my head off," Patterson said. "It's the same thing in football, you play to win the game."

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Rodriguez also has friends who travel to watch her play on the road, including some former teammates.

"My friends will go to the games when I go out of town, like Houston, they'll travel there. I have an ex-teammate from high school, she plays for Rice, and so I see her all the time," Rodriguez said. "One of my other ex-teammates plays for Tulane (and) we're really good family friends, so

our parents will get together and go to the game, or they'll drive up together to New Orleans and go watch us play."

Despite enjoying her time with the team, Rodriguez is making plans for her future off the court.

"I want to attend law school when I graduate and I want to get my master's after law school, so I have to make sure I have all the requirements. I'm trying to keep a 4.0, 3.8 at the lowest," Rodriguez said.

She also said she'd like to become a tax attorney and will continue her studies at UTEP.

The fan base at UTEP and the support from the city are part of what motivates Rodriguez to keep going and allows her to appreciate her experience as a Miner.

"I can walk into a store and (the fans) know who I am. The community backs us up so well and no other

school has that. My friend (at) Tulane (says) she doesn't have the city backing them up," Rodriguez said. "I feel like we're kind of the pro team here and I love having the support of the city, the support of the community, the school, the student body, and that's what I love about the program."

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