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BY REBECCA GUERRERO
The Prospector

News happens constantly, and most of the stories that occur are relevant for a little while but quickly fade away. However, every year there are a few stories that manage to capture people's attention more than most, and this year was no exception. Here are some news stories that made the top of the list.

SUN BOWL BOXING MATCH

This summer, El Pasoans went on a rollercoaster ride when officials from the University of Texas System decided whether or not the UTEP Sun Bowl could host a high-profile boxing match between Julio César Chávez Jr. and Andy Lee. When the UT System Chancellor Francisco Cigarroa announced that they did not think El Paso would be a good location for the match because of security issues, the city was outraged. UTEP President Diana Nalicio said she was told that one reason the fight was canceled was because Chávez was reportedly in a relationship with the widow of Sinaloa drug cartel leader Joaquín Chapo's son.

William Blaziek, general manager for the El Paso Convention and Visitors Bureau, believed that the decision to move the fight based on border violence would be harmful to El Paso's image and claimed that El Paso was one of the safest cities in the United States. He called upon the UT System to reconsider their decision, which

they ultimately did with the provision that no alcohol was to be sold at the match. The ban on alcohol may have affected ticket sales, as only 13,467 fans attended the event, compared to the more than 45,000 that attended the 1998 match, featuring Oscar De La Hoya and Patrick Charpentier. Still, the match is viewed as a success by the city as it was televised worldwide and produced \$1.84 million in ticket sales and TV revenue for Top Rank, Inc.

"I like to focus on the positive; and we were able to host a safe and enjoyable night of world-class boxing as we have done in many other occasions throughout the years," said Jorge Vazquez, executive director of UTEP Special Events. "Every event that we host in our venues is unique, bringing new challenges and lessons learned. This particular event was no different. This was an intricate production and we were able to make it happen in a relatively small window of time. Many parts came together to present a quality event and do it in a way that was financially successful."

TRIPLE-A BALLPARK

Of all of the local news this year, perhaps nothing ignited as much passionate debate as the decision to build a new Triple-A baseball stadium in the heart of downtown El Paso. The proposed stadium would cause the tearing down of city hall and the Insights Museum, among other structures. On Nov. 18, El Paso's City

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The best books I read this semester

BY ANDRÉS RODRÍGUEZ
The Prospector



I approached my fifth semester as an English and Spanish major with confidence, thinking that no, it wasn't ridiculous that I was working towards two liberal arts degrees, and that yes, indeed I have got this. Then I noticed the reading requirements for my English and Spanish classes, roughly 32 novels, novellas, short-story collections, explorer's journals and poetry collections and I was a little taken aback at the amount of material. I admit I didn't read all the books cover to cover, but along the way I was introduced to so many interesting voices in and out of different literary canons; here's a brief snippet of some of which I thought were among the best.

In "What Night Brings," Carla Trujillo presents the coming-of-age story of Marci Cruz, a young girl dealing with domestic abuse and struggling with her sexual identity. The novel, set in 1960s California, is narrated in first person by Marci, with an inquisitive childlike view of the world, with which Trujillo explores issues of religion, masculinity, gender roles

and sexuality. This is done all very innocently through Marci, who has a humorous voice and establishes herself as the most sound of the novel's characters. She says early on that she only wants two things from God—to change her into a boy and to get rid of her father. And, although a funny read, the novel above all succeeds in positioning a young Chicana lesbian as a focus, not as a means to simply diversify the narrative, but to offer an honest take on a young girl coming to terms with herself.

Written by Arturo Islas, a native El Pasoan, "The Rain God" surveys the lives of a Mexican-American family, the Angels, living in what is implied to be El Paso. Islas' novel is full of the quirks and intricacies of the Mexican-American experience, which he expands on with a look into the familial relationships, all interconnected. They make for telling portraits of the individuals living under the extended family headed by Mama Chona. Much like "What Night Brings," Islas explores issues of sexuality and the idea of crossing borders, whether they are national, within the United States or within the characters themselves.

In "Leaving Tangier," Tahar Ben Jelloun also examines borders, very much as physical spaces, but also as abstract spaces that the characters cross, defying social and religious norms. The novel, I think, surveys

best, and with a beautiful mix of realism and folklore, the migrant state of longing. Azel, one of the protagonists, is educated but has little job prospects in Tangier. He along with just about everybody in town, are constantly thinking about life abroad in Spain, across the Strait of Gibraltar. Once he arrives there, however, things don't pan out as he wished. Ben Jelloun offers a range of migrant stories here, and the way in which he handles the migrants' and wishing migrants' struggle with an altogether crushing reality, makes for an involving string of accounts.

I know it seems silly to complain about having too many books to read, but as the semester draws to a close, I find myself at the other end of 32 or so texts and I feel glad to have chosen to study literature. Other works that I enjoyed reading this semester include "Martin Fierro" by José Hernández, "La Visión de los Vencidos" by Miguel Leon-Portilla, "Zigzag: Stories" by Manuel Muñoz, "Small Island" by Andrea Levy, "Sor Juana's Second Dream" by Alicia Gaspar De Alba, "Brick Lane" by Monica Ali and Sor Juana's letters and poetry, among others.

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BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

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Business

Survey reveals students prefer chain eateries over local

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

During the last few weeks, The Prospector asked students to fill out a survey to select the best places to eat and drink in and around UTEP. Some of the categories included best sports bar, best coffee and best Chinese and Mexican food. The results revealed that most UTEP students preferred chain restaurants to local eateries.

The best coffee winner was Starbucks, while locally owned Kinley's House of Coffee and Teas came in second place.

"With chain restaurants, like Starbucks, there is more advertisement. It is well-known, big and part of a major franchise," said Kathy Rivera, senior multidisciplinary studies major. "I have a busy lifestyle and I wouldn't know about local restaurants unless I was told by someone else."

Many students revealed that they would go to a well-known franchise as opposed to a local restaurant. Students such as Kim Edwards, who is a senior psychology major from Ha-

waii, said she did not know any local places to eat.

"If I have a craving, I don't want to drive. I just go to Taco Bell, which is in the area where I live," Edwards said. "It is ignorance on my part, not knowing what is locally owned."

Edwards also said she patronizes Aloha Hawaiian BBQ, which opened their second branch on the West Side after opening their first one on Zaragoza Road.

"It is locally owned and serves authentic Hawaiian food. I'll eat there when I get homesick," Edwards said.

Panda Express was voted as the best place to eat Chinese food. Students, such as Edwards, believe that this is because it is authentic enough to cure the craving. Second and third place also went to chain eateries, Grand China Buffet and P.F. Chang's.

"I do eat more food from chain restaurants because it is served quickly and you can take it on the go," said Oswaldo Modesto, junior psychology major. "For locally owned, they usually take longer and you don't know what to expect from the food."

Taco Tote was also voted as one of the best places to eat Mexican food, but Flor Flores, junior multimedia journalism major, disagrees with this statement.

"I like going to Moe's and (El) Tejano, which are Mexican restaurants on the East Side," Flores said. "It is cultural going to local places and I prefer going to a place that is only in that city, rather than going somewhere to eat where you could find it anywhere, like McDonald's."

For Flores and Edwards, their experiences with local cuisine come from visits to the eatery or word of mouth from family and friends.

"I love going to Burritos Crisostomos. I would have never been able to find that place if my friends didn't tell me about it," Edwards said.

Many local restaurants offer unique styles and tastes for the community, but may remain hidden gems among the many chain restaurants that populate the city.

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Panda Express was voted as the best place to eat Chinese food by UTEP students.

Food

Vendors make their way to the streets

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector

As restaurants and some fast-food chains close for the night, some students choose the food vendor trucks that have popped up all over El Paso for a reminiscent midnight snack.

"The food trucks remind me of Mexico," said Oswaldo Modesto, junior psychology major. "The food is good and it is cheap versus restaurants. They sell tacos, meat and tortillas, usually, and are open late."

Most food vendor trucks stay open until 3 or 4 a.m., later than bars and fast-food chain restaurants.

"They are easy to get to and some of them remind me of Juárez," said Mariana Corona, freshman cellular and molecular biochemistry major. "I would prefer them over chain restaurants like McDonald's."

Little buses, sparkling with neon lights, sprinkle across Zaragoza Road and Alameda Avenue, the most populated spots thus far.

"I stop by food trucks every once in a while because they tend to be very conveniently placed, such as at parks," said Lorenzo Tena, junior art major. "I think the food trucks are like one of the last bastions of locally owned and independent businesses, and to me that draws me in."

The food served at food trucks are homemade, making them a unique choice as opposed to ready-made food sold in stores or restaurants.

Bridgette Montgomery, senior English and American literature major,

described her first-hand experience with working in a food truck.

Montgomery's grandfather used to sell scrap metal and her grandmother worked for the El Paso Times. However, once they decided that they wanted to start their own business, they worked on obtaining a food truck since food was their specialty.

"They ended up buying a small working school bus that had the seats removed and built it into a food truck from scratch, essentially building it from the ground up," Montgomery said.

The food truck was eventually inspected and registered Montgomery, along with her grandparents, all received their food handler's cards after going through training.

"We basically sold tacos of brisket and barbecue, hot dogs, tamales, menudo on some days, tortas de brisket and barbecue, and quesadillas," Montgomery said.

Depending on the location, the menu would change to fit the needs of their customers. Montgomery also said the location also determined their success, in regards to sales and the type of clients they would receive.

"Working in the food truck with my grandparents was an experience different than anything I've done," Montgomery said. "I like dealing with customers on a personal level and not having to worry about a manager getting mad—you befriend customers so you can keep them returning to you."

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Best photos of 2012. (Top left) Miners walk off the UTEP football field after the 31-24 loss to UCF Nov. 10. (Top right) nominee for the Republican Party Ron Paul visited the UTEP campus in April. (Bottom left) Air Method Michael Cassady awaits orders from Sierra Providence Health network. (Bottom center) students selling food outside the Union Breezeway for the International Food fair. (Bottom right) UTEP campus experienced thunder storms around the Halloween season.

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Council voted to uphold the decision to bring the Tucson Padres to the Sun City in 2014, making El Paso one of only 30 Triple-A cities in the nation.

El Pasoans were torn about whether this decision was the best thing for the city. Some claimed that the park would make for terrible traffic downtown and that no one would go to the games. Humberto Duron, sophomore pre-business major, said he could see both sides of the debate.

"I believe that the culture in El Paso plays a very important role. We have always had the Diablos, but people rarely went to the games and it was never a big thing here," Duron said. "I think the ball park can bring some good things to El Paso, though. We are a growing city and we are slowly making our way among top metropolitan cities like Los Angeles, Chicago or New York. I think the ballpark is a stepping stone to our continued growth and will allow for more investors and bigger companies to come and invest in our beautiful city of El Paso, which will make us more prosperous and ultimately raise the standard of living for many El Pasoans."

RON PAUL MANIA

When the presidential nominee for the Republican Party was still in question, the candidate who generated a major following on the UTEP campus was Ron Paul. There were many who did not understand this phenomenon and who believed that Paul was a bad choice for students because one of his stances was to completely get rid of federal student aid over time. Yet, support for his campaign was so great among students that not only was a Youth for Ron Paul group organized, but they also started a petition that resulted in Paul paying a visit to the UTEP campus.

On April 25, Paul held a town hall meeting at Magoffin Auditorium, which had approximately 1,000 attendees.

"I think there was student excitement and involvement with Ron Paul's campaign for several reasons," said Isabel Gonzalez, president of UTEP's Youth for Ron Paul group. "Personally, I was attracted to his honesty because, aside from being an attractive quality, it is extremely rare in a politician. Ron Paul says exactly what is on his mind regardless of whether it will get him votes or not. Being able to hang out backstage with him was a dream come true."

Even though Paul did not win the Republican nomination, Gonzalez believes his ideals are still going strong.

"He did not get the number of delegates needed to win the Republican nomination because of his stance on foreign policy," Gonzalez said. "Even though he did not win, that has not stopped many liberty organizations from forming. For example, Young Americans for Liberty, a nonpartisan student political organization, was created as a result of Ron Paul's 2008 presidential campaign. So, I think Doug Wead, Ron Paul's campaign manager, put it best. He said, 'Ron Paul may have not won the nomination, but he already won the future.'"

OBAMA RE-ELECTED

Perhaps the biggest and most widely publicized event of the year was the presidential election between incumbent President Barack Obama and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney. Up until the presidential debates, Obama had a significant lead in the polls, 49 percent to 44 percent according to Gallup polls. However, after what many called a weak performance by Obama during the first presidential debate, Romney took a slight lead and the race stayed virtually neck and neck for the duration of the election.

Obama came back swinging after the second presidential debate, sporting a more confident demeanor. However, Obama went on to win the election, winning 50 percent of the votes compared to Romney's 48 percent, according to the Gallup poll.

"Obama's performance at the first debate was a little disappointing because he wasn't as aggressive or energetic as Romney was but I didn't think he would lose because of that," said Marcela Aguayo, sophomore pre-education major. "I was really nervous on election night because I started watching right at the beginning and Romney had the lead, but once they announced that Barack Obama had just been elected as the 44th President of the United States, I literally felt a weight—that I didn't know I had—lift off my chest. I couldn't be happier."

EPISD SCANDAL

The city was shocked when former superintendent of the El Paso Independent School District, Lorenzo Garcia, admitted to creating a scheme that pushed some students out of EPISD schools, stopped others from enrolling and manipulated grade levels to keep students from taking the test that count toward federal accountability. Garcia was also convicted of committing mail fraud when he steered a \$450,000 no-bid contract to his mistress. Garcia is currently serving a three-year sentence, and three others who were involved in the scandal are currently suspended with pay.

As a result, new bills have been proposed by state Senator Jose Rodriguez, which if passed into law would do more to protect whistleblowers in similar cases, give The Texas Education Agency expanded powers to subpoena records and testimony from witnesses and add school board trustees to the list of elected officials who can be removed from office for dereliction of duty. The bills, which will go before the Texas Senate this spring, would also force EPISD to create a program that lasts at least two years to recover students who were cheated out of a proper education.

Political science professor Kathleen Staudt said she does not believe other people involved in the scandal will serve jail time, but she hopes the scandal will produce more civic oversight of the district and its trustees.

"While corruption is not unique to El Paso, the case was extreme given the blatant corruption of Superintendent Garcia and his team on this issue," Staudt said. "I think the national attention on El Paso has peaked given Garcia's conviction, but if the EPISD school board trustees are removed that will bring not only local attention, but also statewide and perhaps national attention."

Staudt said oversight is necessary for school districts and trustees and she also thinks that future candidates, who run for school board positions, will be more ethical.

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Manchitos is located on Montana and Cotton and sells flautas, hamburgers and hot dogs.

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Despite the food truck often becoming a cramped space, it allowed Montgomery and her grandparents to monitor the food easily. They have adapted to their customers' needs by continually updating their menu and maintaining the trust of their customers.

"My grandparents had never sold food before, they were just looking to start a business with food," Montgomery said. "They had never expected to like it so much."

However, Montgomery said not all food vendors are fully qualified to sell food.

"A lot of people who work as food vendors are from the other side of the border and some don't qualify to sell food," Montgomery said. "They need a job and they do not go through all of the documentation that is needed to pass inspection for a food vendor, or they do not have their food handler's card."

Plenty of food truck vendors are popular with the locals and give El Pasoans an alternative to McDonald's.

"I think it's probably as simple as people around here liking the familiarity of homemade food," Tena said.

"I think it's great that people who own food trucks find a little success as long as they stay sanitary and keep on top of health and safety regulations."

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O'Rourke gets preview of house member life in D.C.

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

Scripps Howard Foundation Wire

WASHINGTON—Rep.- elect Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, in the capital during the week of Nov. 12 for new-member orientation, said he was surprised with the warm welcome veteran colleagues had for the freshman class of the 113th Congress.

"The surprise has been how nice everyone has been, including incumbent members, senior leadership, and they've been doing a great job taking care of us," O'Rourke said Nov. 15 in an interview outside the Capitol. "I hope that continues, and I'm under no illusion that it will. But for right now, at least this week, it's been really wonderful."

O'Rourke and his newly elected Democratic peers had lunch Nov. 15 at the Smithsonian Institution, hosted by Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif.

O'Rourke is one of 82 new House members, pending the outcome of a few close races, 47 of them Democrats. He attended some orientation sessions with all the new members and some just for Democrats.

"They really go out of their way to welcome you and try to make sure that you understand some of the challenges ahead," O'Rourke said. "Like your family and making sure you spend time with your family, some of the hurdles you'll have to jump over when you first get here, some of the things you need to know about managing your budget within your office."

O'Rourke and his family plan to live in El Paso, and O'Rourke said he will rent an apartment close to the Capitol.

"What I think is important for me to do in this job is to come up here for the votes, certainly, to build relationships with other members," O'Rourke said. "And then to be back in El Paso as often as I can to be hearing directly from my constituents and also to be holding myself accountable to them."

Legislative priorities for O'Rourke include reducing the high unemployment in El Paso and creating economic growth.

The El Paso metropolitan area's unemployment rate was 8.7 percent in September. It ranked 291 of 372 metropolitan areas—with Yuma, Ariz., the worst at 29.7 percent and Bismarck, N.D., the best at 2.2 percent. The national rate in September was 7.8 percent.

Part of improving the economy will start at the ports of entry and working with customs and Border Patrol.

"Getting more CBP officers so that we can get people through our bridges more quickly and still securely, those things will create more jobs, more economic activity in El Paso," O'Rourke said.

O'Rourke's agenda to have an adequately staffed border is also in the works with the Mérida Initiative's mission to build a 21st century border.

"So my job, and I'm already starting on it right now as I talk to both

senior members and incoming freshmen, is to let them know how an investment in our bridges in El Paso is really an investment in their home districts and in the U.S. economy," O'Rourke said.

As O'Rourke completes his transition to Capitol Hill and is sworn in Jan. 3, he will seek to join several committees.

Living on the border where Customs and Border Protection, trade and security all come together, O'Rourke said Homeland Security is a place where he thinks he can be effective.

Because the El Paso region is home to Fort Bliss, one of the largest military installations in the U.S., O'Rourke will seek a seat on the Armed Services Committee.

"We want to protect the investment that's already there," O'Rourke said. "We'd like to make the best case of continued investment, and then when the investment occurs, we want to make sure that the local community benefits from it, so making sure that our local small businesses have an opportunity to contract at Fort Bliss, which up until now has not really been the case."

O'Rourke is also interested in the Veterans Affairs Committee.

"Veterans Affairs is a very important committee for El Paso, considering how many veterans live in our communities," O'Rourke said. "So I would like to do what I can to improve the level of service at the VA,



KRISTOPHER RIVERA / The Prospector
House Member Beto O'Rourke was elected by El Pasoans on Nov. 6 and is preparing for his new position in Washington D.C.

and I think sitting on VA would be able to help us do that."

During his visit to the Capitol, O'Rourke did not meet with Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, whom he beat in the primary. But he said he did meet with Reyes on a trip to D.C. during the summer.

"I told him ... I want to make sure that, even if he and I don't have a closer or warm relationship, I'd really like to work together for the sake of the community," O'Rourke said. "Make sure we don't drop any constituent

issues, make sure that we don't drop any important project work that his office has been working on. I know that he cares about El Paso, I care about El Paso, so we need to be able to drop our personal differences and work together to that end."

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The best apps in the market

BY ANDREA ACOSTA

The Prospector

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The following are the most popular social networking, games and productivity apps paid for by users, according to Apple and Android app markets.

WhatsApp

WhatsApp messenger has become a popular application among students, especially because all features are included without the need for extra in-application purchases. The app utilizes push notifications to allow users to instantly get messages

from friends and family. As a result, WhatsApp delivers approximately 10 billion messages each day, according to bgr.com, an online website dedicated to mobile technology.

Similar to Skype, users have a chance to connect with people out of town. However, WhatsApp can switch from SMS to exchange messages, pictures, audio notes and video messages at no cost.

Adrian Gutierrez, freshman psychology major, finds WhatsApp very useful and practical.

"This app has been very handy at times when I run out of minutes on my cell," Gutierrez said. "I also use WhatsApp to talk with friends that live out of town at no charge, which is great."

WhatsApp also offers the ability to keep the user's phone number, rather than having a temporary pin or username to use the service, making it

simpler for users to integrate contacts in current address books.

"Apart from many other features, WhatsApp lets me broadcast messages and media to many contacts at once," Gutierrez said. "And the best thing is that I don't need to log out since this app is always on and always connected."

Pinterest

Pinterest is the second-most popular and downloaded social network

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Column

Best clothing stores on the web

BY STEVEN MANSFIELD

The Prospector



"Tis the season for buying lots of gifts.

While for some going to buy the next gift on their list may be a daunting and horrifying endeavor,

there is an alternative. Shopping online can be a great substitute to sifting through clothes and standing in long lines. Here are some of the most popular online clothing stores that can't be found established in El Paso.

Urban Outfitters

For the more eccentric person on the gift list, Urban Outfitters is a great place to begin your online shopping. While Urban Outfitters can be found all over the country, it is not in El Paso.

Malorie Guerrero, sophomore pre-nursing major, said she loves shopping at Urban Outfitters.

"It is unique from anything else we have here," Guerrero said. "Urban is very vintage and industrial."

Apart from selling very distinct styles of men's and women's clothing and accessories, Urban Outfitters sells unique novelty gifts such as

home decor, books, cameras, films, toys and art. Although a little pricey, there are many items on sale and many opportunities to save money on items or with shipping and handling.

Topman

Catering to men, and only men, Topman has a wide variety of styles and pieces for buyers to pick from. Similar to Urban Outfitters, Topman offers a more sophisticated and polished look while still being unique with styles and patterns. The website is also a place for men to go and see examples of how to put different outfits together and how to pick the perfect fit of pants for them. Shirts, pants, jackets, shoes and accessories are all for sale on this site at a reasonable and affordable price.

Modcloth

Described by the website as "Cute, Unique & Vintage-Inspired Clothing," Modcloth is a place for women to go and find a one-of-a-kind outfit for themselves or someone else. Even someone who does not like shopping online can be found scrolling through the pages of this website for a new look.

"I don't see the point in online shopping when you can go to the store and do it and I don't think it is safe with

the credit cards, but I love Modcloth and I'll shop there sometimes. I really like the vintage stylish clothes they sell there," said Karina Tobias, freshman history major.

Modcloth offers a wide range of tops, bottoms, skirts, dresses, outerwear, shoes and more. All of their pieces have a different and interesting style, pattern and fit that will add some variety to the buyer's closet. Although the clothing can be a bit pricey, it is guaranteed that you will find a unique outfit that will last a long time.

Zara

For a classy and upscale look for both men and women, Zara is the place to go. Also with a very unique style, Zara offers clothes that can dress up any outfit.

"I like to shop online due to the fact that I do not have to deal with the crowds and I often use it as a way to kill time," said Jaqueline Padilla, sophomore education major. "I like the style of clothing they (Zara) have for a reasonable price and I always manage to find various items that I like and that are often on sale."

Zara has shirts, pants, dresses, shoes, outerwear and accessories for men, women and children.

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Online shopping has become a modern alternative to traditional ways of purchasing clothes.

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BEST PLACE TO DANCE

- 1ST PLACE**
LITTLE BIT OF TEXAS
- 2ND PLACE**
THE PLUM
- 3RD PLACE**
BLACK PEARL

BEST SPORTS BAR

- 1ST PLACE**
POCKETS
- 2ND PLACE**
BUFFALO WILD WINGS
- 3RD PLACE**
WING DADDYS

BEST DRINK SPECIALS

- 1ST PLACE**
APPLEBEE'S
- 2ND PLACE**
BLACK MARKET
- 3RD PLACE**
OLD MESA

BAR TO END THE NIGHT

- 1ST PLACE**
HOPE AND ANCHOR
- 2ND PLACE**
LITTLE BIT OF TEXAS
- 3RD PLACE**
OLD MESA

BEST MARGARITAS

- 1ST PLACE**
CARLOS & MICKEYS
- 2ND PLACE**
APPLEBEE'S
- 3RD PLACE**
BIKINI JOE'S

BEST WINGS

- 1ST PLACE**
WINGSTOP
- 2ND PLACE**
BUFFALO WILD WINGS
- 3RD PLACE**
WING DADDY'S

BEST COFFEE

- 1ST PLACE**
STARBUCKS
- 2ND PLACE**
KINLEY'S
- 3RD PLACE**
JAZZMAN'S

INTERNATIONAL FOOD

- 1ST PLACE**
JERUSALEM GRILL
- 2ND PLACE**
RULI'S
- 3RD PLACE**
P.F. CHANG'S

MEXICAN FOOD

- 1ST PLACE**
CARNITAS QUERÉTARO
- 2ND PLACE**
EL TACO TOTE
- 3RD PLACE**
BARRIGAS

CHINESE FOOD

- 1ST PLACE**
PANDA EXPRESS
- 2ND PLACE**
GRAND CHINA BUFFET
- 3RD PLACE**
P.F. CHANG'S

VEGETARIAN FOOD

- 1ST PLACE**
SOUPER! SALAD!
- 2ND PLACE**
DELI STREET
- 3RD PLACE**
THE GREENERY

LATE NIGHT FOOD

- 1ST PLACE**
WHATABURGER
- 2ND PLACE**
CHICOS TACOS
- 3RD PLACE**
THE PIZZA JOINT

BEST SUSHI

- 1ST PLACE**
THE SUSHI PLACE
- 2ND PLACE**
YAMATO
- 3RD PLACE**
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BEST PIZZA

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GRAND CHINA BUFFET
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LIN'S BUFFET

BEST FAST FOOD

- 1ST PLACE**
WHATABURGER
- 2ND PLACE**
MCDONALDS
- 3RD PLACE**
WENDY'S

BEST BREAKFAST

- 1ST PLACE**
IHOP
- 2ND PLACE**
VILLAGE INN
- 3RD PLACE**
CRAVE

BEST ROMANTIC DINNER

- 1ST PLACE**
CAFÉ CENTRAL
- 2ND PLACE**
OLIVE GARDEN
- 3RD PLACE**
ARDOVINO'S DESERT CROSSING

BEST ICE CREAM SHOP

- 1ST PLACE**
COLD STONE CREAMERY
- 2ND PLACE**
BASKIN-ROBINS
- 3RD PLACE**
DAIRY QUEEN

BEST MUSIC VENUE

- 1ST PLACE**
THE LOWBROW
- 2ND PLACE**
TRICKY FALLS
- 3RD PLACE**
SPEAKING ROCK

BEST MECHANIC SHOP

- 1ST PLACE**
FORD
- 2ND PLACE**
SHAMALEY
- 3RD PLACE**
FIRESTONE

BEST BIKE SHOP

- 1ST PLACE**
CRAZY CAT
- 2ND PLACE**
HARLEY DAVIDSON
- 3RD PLACE**
EL PASO BIKE CENTER

BEST HAIR SALON

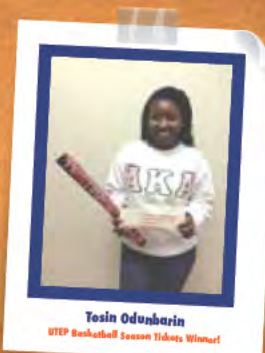
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SHOPPING CENTER

- 1ST PLACE**
CIELO VISTA MALL
- 2ND PLACE**
SUNLAND PARK MALL
- 3RD PLACE**
THE OUTLET SHOPPES AT EL PASO

BEST GYM

- 1ST PLACE**
UTEP STUDENT RECREATION CENTER
- 2ND PLACE**
EP FITNESS
- 3RD PLACE**
PLANET FITNESS

BEST SPA

- 1ST PLACE**
BARRAGAN'S SALON & SPA
- 2ND PLACE**
MASSAGE ENVY

MOVIE THEATRE

- 1ST PLACE**
TINSELTOWN
- 2ND PLACE**
CINEMARK
- 3RD PLACE**
PREMIERE CINEMAS

T BOWLING

- 1ST PLACE**
OASIS LANES
- 2ND PLACE**
FIESTA LANES
- 3RD PLACE**
BOWL EL PASO

T BILLIARDS

- 1ST PLACE**
POCKETS
- 2ND PLACE**
915 SPORTS BAR
- 3RD PLACE**
BORDER CITY ALE HOUSE

BEST CLOTHING STORE

- 1ST PLACE**
FOREVER 21
- 2ND PLACE**
EXPRESS
- 3RD PLACE**
NEW YORK & COMPANY

BEST CAR WASH

- 1ST PLACE**
VINTAGE CAR WASH
- 2ND PLACE**
H&H CARWASH

UTEP TRANSPORTATION

- 1ST PLACE**
CAR
- 2ND PLACE**
WALKING
- 3RD PLACE**
UTEP SHUTTLE

BEST UTEP MAKEOUT SPOT

- 1ST PLACE**
LEECH GROVE
- 2ND PLACE**
LIBRARY
- 3RD PLACE**
CHIHUAHUA DESERT GARDENS

BEST UTEP PLACE TO NAP

- 1ST PLACE**
LIBRARY
- 2ND PLACE**
DORMS
- 3RD PLACE**
UGLC

BEST UTEP PLACE TO PARK

- 1ST PLACE**
PARKING GARAGE
- 2ND PLACE**
P-5
- 3RD PLACE**
INNER CAMPUS

BEST UTEP PLACE TO WORK

- 1ST PLACE**
UTEP LIBRARY
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UNION SERVICES
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BEST UTEP PLACE TO STUDY

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GEOLOGY LAWN

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- 2ND PLACE**
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INNER CAMPUS

BEST PLACE TO WORK

- 1ST PLACE**
ATHLETICS
- 2ND PLACE**
STARBUCKS
- 3RD PLACE**
BANK

BEST PHONE SERVICE

- 1ST PLACE**
T-MOBILE
- 2ND PLACE**
AT&T
- 3RD PLACE**
VERIZON

BEST SUPERMARKET

- 1ST PLACE**
WALMART
- 2ND PLACE**
ALBERTSONS
- 3RD PLACE**
RANCH MARKET

BEST BAKERY

- 1ST PLACE**
VALENTINE'S BAKERY
- 2ND PLACE**
BOWIE BAKERY
- 3RD PLACE**
DUNKIN DONUTS

BEST TATTOOS

- 1ST PLACE**
RENEGADE TATTOO
- 2ND PLACE**
GOLDEN GOOSE TATTOO
- 3RD PLACE**
HOUSE OF PAIN

BEST BANK

- 1ST PLACE**
WELLS FARGO
- 2ND PLACE**
CHASE
- 3RD PLACE**
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American Apparel, like other stores, offers special perks when

shopping online, such as free shipping upon reaching a certain price limit.

"I like shopping online because it's cheaper than going to the store," said Kathia Munoz, freshman creative writing major. "You can find plans for the shipping and handling so it is cheaper and you can find more than what is at the store."

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ing app, currently having more than 25 million users online.

Running for almost three years, Pinterest is a social bookmarking site where users collect and share photos and videos of their favorite interests and hobbies.

Leslie Sotelo, junior cellular and molecular biochemistry major, said that Pinterest is ideal to find the perfect recipes.

"It is such a useful application. I find very interesting and delicious recipes that I've tried to recreate myself," Sotelo said. "Another one of my interests is arts and crafts. Pinterest provides me with not only photos, but with a link that directs me to more information and other related crafts."

Pinterest can also upload, save, sort and manage images, known as pins, which are generally themed and may be discovered by other interested users.

The Search Engine Journal, a website dedicated to marketing, states that American users spend about an hour and 17 minutes a day on the site, and that 80 percent of them are women interested in learning about crafts, interior design and fashion collection. **"Temple Run"**

Reaching 100 million downloads in less than a year, "Temple Run" continues to be in the top three game charts, competing against its rival, "Angry Birds."

This game centers on a group of wandering explorers. One of the characters steals an idol from an ancient temple and is then chased by malevolent monkeys thus initiating a temple run. The object of this game is

to survive while also getting the most points and coins possible.

"Apart from being a free app, 'Temple Run' is a very exciting game; it has a lot of unexpected challenges," said Alvin Garcia, junior media advertising major. "I enjoy it because anyone is able to practice their reflexes and is very fun to play."

Rather than having a finish line in any of the levels, “Temple Run” measures how fast the player can control the character to attain as many coins possible. The score is determined by the distance and coins collected. “Angry Birds”

Debuted in 2009 by Rovio Entertainment, "Angry Birds" has maintained its popularity on the leaderboard, currently reaching over one-billion downloads by users.

"This game is very easy to play and can be very addicting at times, especially since it provides a bunch of levels," said Denisse Mendoza, sophomore theater arts major. "The many upgrades that 'Angry Birds' has makes it even harder to stop playing."

The game consists of players using a slingshot to launch birds at pigs stationed on or within various structures.

According to Ask Your Target Market (aytm.com), gamers play "Angry Birds" 200 million minutes per day, which equals to 16 years of gameplay every hour of every day.

Paper by 53

Paper by 53 has become a popular productivity app, which allows users to create sketches, diagrams, illustrations, notes and drawings, and share them with friends across the web.

Winning the Apple Design Award, Paper by 53 is a personal digital

sketchbook with the implementation of a variety of brushes and pens for anyone to doodle with.

Estefania Perea, sophomore media advertising major, said that Paper by 53 has helped her become a better artist and student.

"I'm currently taking graphic design courses and this particular app has improved my design skills as well as my drawing skills," Perea said. "It is also a very fun app to use with friends."

Apart from its special features, such as the custom ink engine, Paper by 53 also reacts to user movements in order to optimize each tool. Users can share their creations with other people through Tumblr, Facebook or Twitter.

Clear

Clear has become popular for its user-friendly features and organization. With quick and satisfying results, Clear creates personal to-do and shopping lists as well as guest lists for a party.

"This particular app can make any person's life so much simpler, it just records and reminds you of all the tasks you need to do," said Leo Orea, junior mechanical engineer major. "The nice thing about this is that it has a very clear format when it's time to review your lists, being able to add more tasks in a non-confusing manner."

Clear also lets users store lists in other devices so that they can be managed no matter where they are.

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Column

Oscar nomination predictions

BY OSCAR GARZA
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The season in which likely Academy Award contenders are released is here and predictions of the nominees are beginning to arise. Here are my predictions for some of the major categories.

Best Picture
At this point, it's pretty clear that Ben Affleck's "Argo" is one of this year's Best Picture frontrunners; and his third directorial run will probably score multiple nominations.

Another of this year's most acclaimed films and one that has been garnering a lot of buzz since its appearance in festivals is "Silver Linings Playbook," directed by David O. Russell.

"Lincoln" from Steven Spielberg, has also been receiving instant critical acclaim, and it seems a given that it will score numerous nominations.

Another possible contender for this category could be "Django Unchained." Not only does it have Quentin Tarantino's name on it, but a terrific cast as well.

Paul Thomas Anderson's "The Master" applauded for its ambition may also be nominated based on some reviews, which considered the film ecstatic.

"Les Misérables" is also a prime contender given the source material. Tom Hopper's work, once again, might be nominated due to a celebrated cast that includes Russell Crowe, Hugh Jackman and Anne Hathaway.

One that could get recognized as well might be "Zero Dark Thirty" directed by Kathryn Bigelow. Her and Mark Boal, on their second collaboration after "The Hurt Locker" could strike Oscar gold twice.

Finally, although it's been a while since its release, "Moonrise Kingdom" could score nominations as well, since Wes Anderson's '60s-inspired love story proved very popular with critics in the summer.

Best Director
While already receiving praise and a win at the Venice Film Festival, director Thomas Anderson could get nominated for his work in "The Master."

Another director who could return as Best Director nominee is Spielberg. His work as a director for "Lincoln" has been positively received, with many saying that it's his best film in years.

Affleck could receive his first director nomination for "Argo." While his first two films were acclaimed, they didn't get him a nomination.

If "Zero Dark Thirty" ends up being a worthy follow up to "The Hurt Locker," then Bigelow could get nominated again.

"Django Unchained" could land Tarantino his third directing nomination.

Two other possible nominations may be Ang Lee for "Life of Pi" and Hooper for "Les Misérables."

Best Actor
This category will be the one to watch, as this year we have seen a lot of exciting performances from a very diverse set of actors.

One of the most talked-about performances of this year has been Joaquin Phoenix's turn in "The Master." He gave a physically and emotionally demanding performance that will surely be recognized by the Academy.

Daniel Day Lewis should be considered a frontrunner as well, and he will surely get nominated for his transformation into Abraham Lincoln.

John Hawkes, Oscar-nominated for "Winter's Bone," might also receive recognition for his performance in the indie drama "The Sessions."

With "Flight," two-time Oscar winner Denzel Washington delivered what many critics say is one of his best performances and the Academy may recognize him once more for his work in the Robert Zemeckis' drama that had him playing an airline pilot.

Best Actress
One of the most celebrated performances this year has been Jennifer Lawrence in "Silver Linings Playbook," with some declaring it a scene-stealing turn.

Keira Knightley's performance as the titular character in "Anna Karenina" from the Leo Tolstoy novel has also been praised. Her work in this costume drama status could be something that the Academy voters consider.

A hit with the Sundance crowd this January, "Beasts of the Southern Wild" could score multiple nominations. The indie drama was praised for its performances and critics

agreed that Quvenzhané Wallis was a winner in her debut role.

After being tremendously successful in 2011, Jessica Chastain might score a Best Actress nomination as the one tasked with capturing Osama Bin Laden in "Zero Dark Thirty."

Marion Cotillard could also score a nomination as well for the French drama "Rust and Bone," where she plays a trainer of killer whales.

Best Supporting Actor
This category always includes multiple actors delivering scene-stealing turns.

With a very impressive turn in Thomas Anderson's "The Master," Phillip Seymour Hoffman's performance has been praised since his win at the Venice Film Festival.

Another veteran actor who will probably score a nomination is Tommy Lee Jones in "Lincoln," with critics praising his performance as Thaddeus Stevens.

Cinema legends such as Robert De Niro, and Alan Arkin may also receive nominations for their performances in "Silver Linings Playbook" and "Argo," respectively.

Other possible nominees might be Leonardo DiCaprio as a villain in the upcoming "Django Unchained" and Javier Bardem as the villain in the new Bond movie, "Skyfall."

Best Supporting Actress
One of the definitive frontrunners may be Sally Field as Mary Todd in "Lincoln." Acting opposite Daniel Day Lewis, critics have been praising her very human performance.

Another choice is Amy Adams with her subtle performance in "The Master," with many praising her commanding portrait of Hoffman's wife.

Helen Hunt may also score a nomination with many critics praising her comeback performance in "The Sessions."

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5	Total										
8	"That's a relief!"										
12	Volcanic outflow										
13	CAT scan alternative										
14	Exceptional										
15	Type of tennis stroke										
17	Paquin or Fells										
18	Allow										
19	Brooklyn center fielder Duke										
21	Pismire										
22	Novice										
23	Blond shade										
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The Prospector's fall reading picks

1. "THE CASUAL VACANCY"

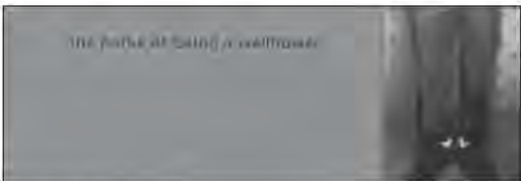
BY J.K. ROWLING



"Definitely not a children's book with witches and a golden snitch, this book is intended for mature readers only. This new Rowling novel is no spell-binding story, but one with lust, remorse and avarice. This book is sure to fill the casual vacancy on your bookshelf."
- Alejandro Alba

2. "THE PERKS OF BEING A WALLFLOWER"

BY STEPHEN CHBOSKY



"This coming-of-age novel is more than just a high school drama. Deeper than a diary's pages, Charlie's letters addressed directly to the reader will always keep a special place in your heart."
- Jasmine Aguilera

3. "THE LIFE OF PI"

BY YANN MARTEL



"Pi's unforgettable journey through the Pacific Ocean will leave you breathless and wanting more in the end."
- Lorain Watters

4. "CLOUD ATLAS"

BY DAVID MITCHELL



"This is a story that explores the interconnections between people past, present and future. You will not be the same person when you finish it. Mitchell manages to create a mind-boggling novel constructed like a Russian doll."
- Jasmine Aguilera

5. "THE ROAD"

BY CORMAC MCCARTHY



"A father and son faced with horrific encounters and tragic ordeals, all while trying to survive in a post-apocalyptic world. McCarthy captivates readers until the very last page, leaving you heartbroken."
- Lorain Watters



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GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

Now that you've resolved all doubts about an important decision, you can surprise a lot of people by defending your stand with your strong and well-reasoned arguments.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

The holiday mood stirs your need to nurture everyone from the family cat to great-grandma. But don't overdo it, especially with teens, who like to feel grown up.

LEO

(July 23 to August 22)

Enjoy basking in the warm love of family and close friends. But don't fall into a prolonged catnap yet. There's still much to do before you can put up your paws and relax.

VIRGO

(August 23 to September 22)

Avoid pushing others to work as hard as you do on a common project. Instead, encourage them to do their best, and they might well reward you with a pleasant surprise.

LIBRA

(September 23 to October 22)

Like the sensible Libra you are, you no doubt started your holiday shopping already. But be careful to keep within your budget. Shop around for the best buys.

SCORPIO

(October 23 to November 21)

Love and friendship remain strong in your aspect over the next several days. This is a good time to develop new relationships and strengthen old ones.

SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 to December 21)

A beloved family member has news that will brighten your holidays. Also expect to hear from friends who had long since moved out of your life.

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(December 22 to January 19)

Family and friends are in for a surprise when you accept the need to make a change without being talked into it. (Bet it surprised you, too — didn't it?)

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On Oct. 3, 2009, the Miners faced the No. 12-ranked team in the nation and Conference USA rival Houston. The 3-0 Cougars entered the game as heavy favorites against 1-3 UTEP. The game turned out to be one for the ages as then running back Donald Buckram rushed for a career-high 262 yards and four touchdowns en route to a 58-41 victory for UTEP. Fans rushed the field after the game.



UTEP ATHLETICS / Special to The Prospector

Head football coach Mike Price took over a UTEP program in 2004 that had won six games in the previous three seasons combined. The Miners began the season 1-2 before going on a seven-game winning streak, finishing with a 8-3 regular season record. The team accepted a bid to the EV1.net Houston Bowl where they faced Colorado and fell 33-28 Dec. 29, 2004 in Reliant Stadium.



FILE PHOTO

This would be the first time Price experienced the I-10 rivalry between the Miners and NM State. UTEP fans were treated to a 45-0 win over the Aggies Oct. 2, 2004 at the Sun Bowl.



FILE PHOTO

Price's first season at UTEP took the college football world by storm as the Miners earned a top 25 ranking in the Associated Press poll for the first time since 1988. UTEP was ranked No. 25 after beating San Jose State and improving to a 6-2 record.



UTEP ATHLETICS / Special to The Prospector

UTEP faced the Texas Longhorns Sept. 6, 2008 in front of a sell-out crowd of 53,415, breaking the previous record set in 2000. The Miners would fall 42-13 in a game televised on ESPN.

Football

Final season for Price ends with poor record



JUSTIN STENE / The Prospector
Senior wide receiver Michael Edwards (6) was emotional during the post-game video presentation honoring all seniors and the retirement of head coach Mike Price.

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector

The Miners closed their 2012 season with a 3-9 mark, one that turned out to be the very last in Mike Price's 31 years as a head coach, including nine with UTEP.

"It was a disappointing year, people say it's about wins and losses and in a way it is, but I think we got so much better at so many positions," said linebackers coach Robert Rodriguez. "It was disappointing not to win games."

Things didn't go as planned for the Miners who wanted to contend for the Conference USA title before the season started. Their only wins came against rival NM State, Tulane and Southern Mississippi—teams that had a combined record of 3-32 during the season.

However, the Miners came close to pulling off upsets against Oklahoma and Wisconsin early on in the sea-

son, but mistakes late in those games doomed the team in the end.

"We needed to do better finishing plays and not allow big plays," said Greg Watkins, senior defensive lineman. "Most of the time we were doing great during the course of a game, but they would pick up four, five plays and we just blew it and it cost us a couple of games. We needed to be more detail oriented during the game and not lose focus."

After starting the season 1-3, the effort that the team displayed against the Sooners, Rebels, Badgers and the Aggies had the players and coaches expecting great things for their conference games.

When conference play began, the Miners' offense went through two and a half games without an offensive touchdown and lost consecutive contests against ECU, SMU and Tulsa. The Miners were 1-6 and on the verge of losing bowl eligibility.

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Column

Coaching search is now underway

BY EDWIN DELGADO

The Prospector



On Nov. 24, head coach Mike Price led the Miners out on the field one last time after doing so for nine seasons. Now the program will need to move in a different direction

and the first step to achieve that is to hire Price's replacement.

In his last two media appearances, Price took the time to endorse defensive coordinator Andre Patterson as his replacement.

Patterson spent 10 seasons as defensive coordinator with a number of teams in the NFL and has been part of several college programs throughout the country including Washington State, Cornell and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he was the head coach. For some, Patterson seems to be an obvious choice.

Director of UTEP Athletics, Bob Stull is in charge of making the hire for the Miners. Stull said that he wants to announce Price's successor by the time Christmas comes around.

I believe Patterson, Oklahoma defensive coordinator Mike Stoops and Pittsburgh Steelers offensive coordinator Sean Kugler would be great choices, and I hope Stull will pick the one that can do the best on the short and long term to help the program keep moving forward.

The El Paso Times and Sbnation.com reported several of the possible candidates.

There are four coordinators currently working in the NFL—and three of them were part of the coaching staff when Stull was the head coach for the Miners—Marty Mornhinweg, currently with the Philadelphia Eagles, was a graduate assistant between 1986-87 for the Miners.

Kugler is also a UTEP alumnus and former offensive lineman (1984-1988), and between 1993-2000, he worked as a graduate assistant, tight ends coach and offensive line coach.

Dave Toub is another former UTEP offensive lineman, who was part of the coaching staff under Stull (1986-1988). Toub is currently the special teams coordinator for the Chicago Bears.

Dirk Koetter worked eight years as an offensive coordinator under Stull, three of them at UTEP and five at Missouri. Koetter has been part of several college programs such as Boston College, Oregon and Boise State until getting to the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2007. This year, he became the offensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons.

Another option would be to hire FCS (Football Championship Sub-division) coach, Willie Fritz, who is currently in charge of the Sam Houston State Bearkats. Last year, the Bearkats lost in the FCS national championship game against North Dakota State. Fritz, after 15 years as a head coach, has a 117-53 record.

Stoops has been mentioned as another possibility for the Miners. The younger brother of Sooner's head coach Bob Stoops, spent eight seasons as a head coach for the Arizona Wild

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Women's Basketball

Adams setting the tone for the Miners

BY SABRINA NUÑEZ
The Prospector

Two NCAA tournament appearances, two conference titles and over 300 wins later, head coach Keitha Adams has led the Miners to receive the most accolades in the program's history.

Before joining the Miners, Adams coached on the junior college level, making UTEP her first Division I experience. During her debut season with the Miners, the team went 3-25.

"That first year (was) one of the longest years of my life, but the great thing is that in the beginning years, there had never been a championship in the history of women's basketball here at UTEP," Adams said. "The third year I was here, we won 16 games and by 2008, we won the championship and went undefeated, making the NCAA tournament. That group (of players) was the first that made special history."

Assistant coach Ewa Laskowska played for Adams at Independence Community College and later coached alongside her. Adams brought Laskowska along to coach the Miners and the two set out to build the program up from what it had previously been.

"What came from the program was great because we know how hard it was to start, where we started and where we were at now seeing all the great things that happened in between, they didn't happen overnight and it took a lot of people," Laskowska said. "It's always great to see the production of your work...I couldn't be happier for her (Adams) to be part of building this program and now we're creating the history of the program, which is great."

Leading the Miners to 15-1 in conference play, Adams was named the C-USA Coach of the Year.

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FILE PHOTO
Women's head coach Keitha Adams has led the Miners to a 5-0 start for the 2012-13 season, a year after leading them to a program-best 29-4 mark and a NCAA tournament appearance.

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"We didn't do so good," said sophomore running back Nathan Jeffery. "We were not the team that we thought that we were going to be this year, but we should have. We've been playing so much better than in the past."

A close win against Tulane Oct. 20 in the Sun Bowl gave the team some confidence back, but a week later in Houston, things went wrong from the very beginning of the game and senior quarterback Nick Lamaison and junior quarterback Carson Meger combined for six turnovers.

Trailing 45-7, freshman Blaire Sullivan was given the opportunity and aided the team to score 28 unanswered points, but the Miners still fell 45-35.

"In Socorro (New Mexico), I was fighting for a job and I got it," Sullivan said. "As the season came I just focused on helping Nick and Carson in any way I could. And in the end of the season, getting to start and getting to play, it's definitely fun."

With Sullivan as a starter, the Miners lost a close game at home against UCF and later defeated Southern Miss, 34-33, on the road, the last win in Price's career.

Price announced that he was retiring after the game against Rice on Nov. 19. Five days later, the Miners fell in the season finale, 33-24, to the Owls.

"Our defense got so much better, it showed improvement and we came into the games and for some reason we couldn't get the win," Rodriguez said. "I'm disappointed in the outcome of the games, but I'm really proud of the effort and the work we've done as a team."

After the game, with tears in their eyes, Lamaison, sophomore wide receiver Jordan Leslie and senior linebacker Josh Fely thanked Price for everything he has done for them.

According to director of UTEP Athletics, Bob Stull, the announcement of a new coach will likely come by Christmas.

"It's going to be tough any time there is change, people kind of have different feelings and emotions toward it," Sullivan said. "I think we'll respond well to it, and whoever is brought in, I think we'll do good."

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FILE PHOTO

Left to right: Sophomore Chrishauna Parker, senior Anete Steinberga and junior Kayla Thornton have played key roles for a team that's lost starters Kristine Vitola and Jenzel Nash for the season due to injury.

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"It's a great honor to be coached by coach Adams. She's a great woman, she knows a lot about what she's doing (and) she's had a lot of experience with championships so it's great (playing for) somebody that knows the game, loves the game and honors the game for what it is," junior forward Kayla Thornton said.

Laskowska said the difference between being coached by Adams and

coaching in conjunction with her lies in the connection she can bring between Adams and the players.

"As a player, I got to learn the system and learn the way (Adams) coaches, and now I have the opportunity to help her be on the same page and help the players to understand better because I've been there," Laskowska said.

Adams said she prides herself on the type of student athletes she recruits for

UTEP, seeking prowess in academics as well as on the court. Her goal is to bring players who meet the teams' needs and will compete within the conference and on a national level.

"We've done a great job with our players. Every player I've had that's exhausted their eligibility has graduated, so when they're finished playing, those kids have all graduated so I'm really proud of that," Adams said.

Having spent two full seasons with Adams, Thornton said Adams is the most unique coach she has ever had.

"Everything she does, she has a purpose and behind that purpose is a great outcome to it," Thornton said. "She always talks about these three little words—get it done. That's what her main goal is, just getting it done."

Embarking on her 12.th season coaching the Miners, Adams said she loves the city and has learned from the men's head coaches over the years, including one El Paso icon in particular.

"It's a great fit. We're in a great conference, we've competed against some really great teams and through those experiences I've learned a lot," Adams said. "It all started with coach (Don) Haskins. I got to be really good

friends with him and he shared a lot with me about basketball. With Billy Gillispie and Doc Sadler, I watched (their) practices and it's been really fun getting to know (men's head) coach (Tim) Floyd. If you want to call me anything, I try to be a student of the game and try to constantly learn."

Despite falling to Penn State 85-77 in the first round of the NCAA tournament last year, the Miners earned their automatic bid to play. They were also ranked second in the

C-USA preseason poll by the league's 12 head coaches.

"We're in a position now (where) we are very respected throughout the country and hopefully we can be in a position to compete for championships every year, be in a top bracket, compete for championships and be able to bring the kind of players to help us do it and continue making the tradition of this program," Laskowska said.

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cats, where he accumulated a record of 41-50.

There are many other coaches who have been mentioned for the opening, among them are coaches who no longer have jobs or coordinators who want to become head coaches. There are some unlikely candidates such as Gene Chizik, who won a national championship with the Auburn Tigers in the 2010 season and was recently fired. Also, former Colorado

head coach Dan Hawkins and Louisiana Tech coach Sonny Dykes are also in the non-official discussions.

According to Yahoo Sports, coordinators such as Paul Petrino from Arkansas and Les Koenning from Mississippi State are seeking opportunities as head coaches.

Stull has said that UTEP will not break the bank to bring in a new coach.

The least expensive choice would be Andre Patterson, who is likely to

keep most of the current coaching staff and is very familiar with the current players.

I think the program needs whoever is more capable in the area of recruiting, as it's hard to convince prospects to come to El Paso and hopefully the recruiting will get better as time goes by.

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