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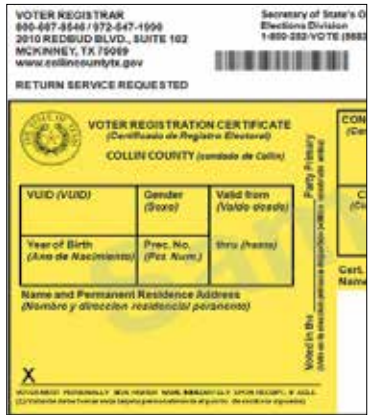
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# Interest rates for Stafford loans double

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The Prospecter

Starting this July, more than 40 percent of UTEP students will be hit with a 3.4 percent increase on all future subsidized federal Stafford loans.

According to U.S. Department of Education estimates, students participating in the Stafford Loan Program can expect to pay an additional \$2,600 on a regular 10-year period loan. This balances out to an additional \$24-27 per month for students to pay after graduating.

"We're still hoping that the legislature, Congress, the president, can come to a resolution," said Craig Westman, associate vice-president for Enrollment Management. "It will impact students coming in the fall."

Approximately 9,600 UTEP students received Stafford loan support for the academic year of 2012-2013, according to UTEP officials. With positive growth in admissions, it is expected that more students will apply for assistance in the fall.

On campus, some students are concerned because of the increase.

"I'm screwed because I have loans," said Rene Matteo, junior marketing major. "I don't know what to say. It's nuts."

Other students have taken the increase in stride.

"I'm almost done with school, so it doesn't really impact me," said Melissa Martinez, senior psychology major. "It doesn't seem like that much of an increase."

The increase will not impact students taking summer coursework because UTEP includes these classes in the previous year's financial aid package.

"UTEP does give a lot of aid out," Westman said.

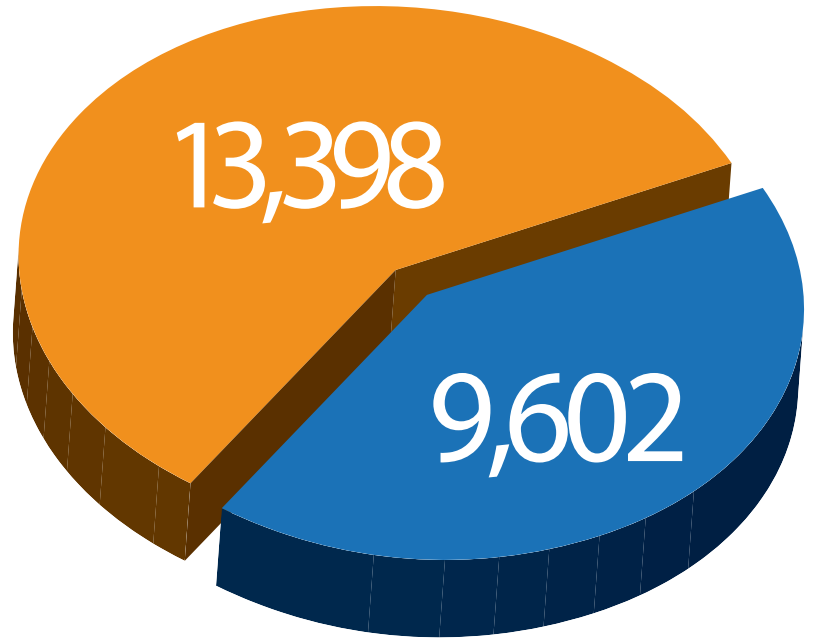
He added that students often take Stafford loans to offset transportation, housing and other associated living costs.

UTEP was recently ranked—by a 2012 Washington Monthly survey—as the number one school in the nation for social mobility. Among the criteria were the amounts of aid granted and number of graduates from traditionally underserved communities.

"They may see less grants and free money coming in and may have to take more loans to offset those needs."

— Craig Westman,  
associate vice president for  
Enrollment Management

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UTEP's Estimated Total Attendance

23,000

Percentage of  
Students on Loan  
Assistance

41%

Students with  
family income  
below \$30K/yr

13,000

GRAPHIC BY DIEGO BURCIAGA / The Prospecter

# New graphic novel for centennial year

Adan Contreras' graphic novel has been selected to be released during the centennial celebration. Contreras, who graduated in May with a degree in graphic design, named the novel "Miner Things" and it will be based on UTEP's 21st century student demographic and their educational experiences.



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## Covering the Ciudad Juárez election

BY ANDRÉS RODRÍGUEZ

The Prospector



The Ciudad Juárez elections for mayor were held July 7, with Enrique Serrano Escobar of the Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI), Partido Verde (PVEM) and Nueva Alianza (PANAL) coalition, taking the lead with 52.91 percent of the votes, according to preliminary results from the Instituto Estatal Electoral de Chihuahua.

The campaign, which ran from May 30 to July 3, never quite took off because it never really deviated from being the PRI's and PAN's (Partido Acción Nacional) game. The distinction, between the two leading candidates and the rest of the parties, was made clear from the onset. At the debate, in rallies, the PAN and PRI always had the greater numbers and it was the lack of organization of the PRD (Partido de la Revolución Democrática), PMC (Movimiento Ciudadano) and PT (Partido del Trabajo) that prevented them from attracting the voters.

Serrano Escobar of the PRI-PVEM-PANAL coalition and Maria Antonieta Perez Reyes of the right wing party PAN were the candidates that played social media the best, and the inclusion of online campaign sites with mostly specific platforms helped them get the word out.

Campaigning revolved around improving the police force—offering them a better pay and raising morale for the tainted profession—improving the city's infrastructure and offering better security. However, the political scientists that I spoke to said that campaigning this time around was superficial, and lacked any sort of real proposals to better the city.

Voter turnout in Juárez was at 35.98 percent according to the IEEC preliminary results, meaning that less than four of every 10 possible voters participated in the election.

While covering the elections for Newspaper Tree, I was disheartened to realize how little power the mayor yields in issues such as trade and immigration in the border region. It's virtually none, but the candidates

demonstrated interest in influencing decisions at the federal level.

Serrano Escobar wasn't available for an interview at the time, but his proposals to revitalize U.S. investment in Juárez included the maquiladora industry and increasing tourism by targeting the downtown revitalization project.

Perez Reyes, who finished second with 37.78 percent of the votes, said that although it wasn't in her power as mayor to handle immigration, bridge waits and the ecological concerns of the Rio Grande, the mayor's job is to promote solutions and bring about awareness at federal levels.

Still, Perez Reyes said, Juárez should be concerned with their immediate problems—lack of security, infrastructure, for example—before worrying about bringing in tourism and commerce, from El Paso or elsewhere.

The strongest platform in bettering El Paso-Juárez relations came from PRD's, Graciela Espejo Alvidrez. Among her proposals was an El Paso-Juárez historical trail that would touch upon both cities' downtown and increase tourism in the area.

As sister cities, El Paso and Juárez share responsibilities and problems that should be handled in cooperation and I saw little to no proposals that concretely address a joint effort to tackle border concerns, or that at least offer to promote them at a federal level.

As the new leaders of these sister cities, El Paso mayor, Oscar Leeser and Juárez mayor-elected, Serrano Escobar have the opportunity to strengthen the collaboration between the cities and to develop a strategic plan for the border region. that should be carried through and not abandoned because of frustration and detachment at the federal level.

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Policy

# New Texas law requires photo ID to vote

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Texas' restrictive voter ID laws have taken effect after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on a key provision regarding the Voting Rights Act. The Texas Secretary of State will now commit to ensuring that citizens have a form of identification when it comes to voting.

The 2011 Texas Senate Bill 14 created the necessity for voters to show identification when voting. The law was temporarily suspended until the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on the case of Shelby County v. Holder on June 25. "It might help get people to vote," said Adrian Chavez, senior psychology major. "But it might not. There is a lot to be seen."

The opinion issued by the court stopped requirements for pre-approval of measures that could potentially hurt or disenfranchise groups of voters. The decision reversed section four of the Voting Rights Act, and a day later, the requirement for a Texas Election Identifier Certificate was in place.

"Supporters of this law—mostly Republicans—claim that this will prevent voter fraud and make the election process fair, whereas Democrats believe that voter fraud is non-existent and this is merely an excuse to disenfranchise minority and low-income voters," said Abha Singh, lecturer in political science. "It is no surprise that it did not take Texas long after the recent Supreme Court ruling to move forward with this law."

The EIC is a free photo ID available to any Texas resident. To obtain one, a resident must be eligible to vote and be at least 17 years and 10 months old. However, any other Department of Public Safety or federally issued photo identification is generally sufficient to vote. The EIC was designed for Texans without a driver's license or other documentation.

According to the Texas DPS website, an EIC is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for certificates issued to citizens 70 years of age or older.

"Anything that makes it more difficult to vote is, in my opinion, simply a smokescreen to keep certain groups of persons—mostly minorities and

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			CITY (Ciudad)	CITY DIST (Ciudad dist.)
			ISD (escuela)	ISD DIST. (escuela dist.)
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Texas Senate Bill 14 will require all Texans to have an identification when voting. Those without a license will have to take out an Election Identifier Certificate beginning at the age of 17 and 10 months.

"So what we have is essentially a waiting game, though I would expect longer, slower lines at the polls in the forthcoming elections."

-Todd Curry, assistant professor of political science.

poor—from voting," said Richard Gutierrez, lecturer in political science.

There are specific exemptions to the new voting requirement, however. If you are voting by mail or have a disability, there are allowances that can be applied for through the county voter registrar.

"The law that is going into effect in Texas, while more extreme, is not dissimilar to other laws which are in effect in other states," said Todd Curry, assistant professor of political science. "South Carolina has a similar law, which was approved by a panel of federal judges before the Supreme

Court recently. (It) eliminated the need for pre-clearance under the Voting Rights Act."

Curry said based on Justice Department information and number briefs to various courts, minority voters are 20 percent less likely to have a photo ID than white voters.

This could potentially turn away voters and meddle with election processes. However, part of the concern is proof of disenfranchisement or violation of laws, according to Curry.

"It will be difficult to establish any legal harm until individuals are harmed by being denied the right to vote," Curry said. "So what we have is essentially a waiting game, though I would expect longer, slower lines at the polls in the forthcoming elections."

According to Curry, new procedures for voting could increase the amount of time it takes to cast a ballot.

Election officials will now be expected to cross-reference the name on the ID with the official list of registered voters.

If there is a significant similarity to the voter registration card infor-

mation, voters may sign an affidavit guaranteeing their identity.

Voters who decline to show photo identification will be allowed to vote provisionally.

According to the DPS website, "refusal to show ID is not a valid ground for casting a provisional ballot, and it is likely that the voter's ballot will be rejected by the ballot board."

For more information about obtaining a photo ID or EIC, contact the Texas Department of Public Safety at 512-424-2600 or dps.texas.gov.

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According to UTEP numbers, around 13,000 students reported a family income below \$30,000 a year. "They may see less grants and free money coming in and may have to take more loans to offset those needs," Westman said.

UTEP's Financial Aid office and the U.S. Department of Education are preparing to send out a notification of the rate increase before the end of the month.

Stafford loans were named after Senator Robert T. Stafford with the passage of the 1986 Compact of Free Association.

There are several possibilities that may resolve the increase in loan rates. Legislators are debating the merits of matching the interest rate to everything from treasury bonds to bank-lending rates. However, if no resolution is found, the rates will stay at the current level.

The rate change is automatic. Westman said that FAFSAs, even those completed before the ruling, do not require changes. Every student who is eligible for the Stafford loan will be offered one. Award letters will not change, but new interest rate will simply be tacked on to existing billing.

Students can still consolidate loans after graduation to decrease the number of payments and lock in an interest rate. There are also options to opt-in to income-based repayments.

The current Stafford interest cap of 8.25 percent has not changed.

The U.S. Department of Education has not made any announcements regarding the change.

"We're like the students," Westman said. "We're just waiting to hear what's going to happen."

Students interested in specific details regarding the change in policy should contact the or their state legislator.

Students may contact the UTEP Department of Financial Aid office at 747-5204 or by email at financial@utep.edu.

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Question of the week

# What are your thoughts on voter IDs?

Photos by Veronica Enriquez



**ANDREA RAMIREZ**

Sophomore psychology major  
"I personally don't have a problem with it, but I'm sure it's going to discourage people from voting."



**ARTURO RAMIREZ**

Senior geology major  
"It discourages me (to vote). What's the reason for it?"



**DANIEL QUIÑONES**

Graduate student, education  
"I don't mind it being implemented as long as it's implemented properly. I would have a problem if it's from one day to the next."



**GLADYS TELLES**

Freshman biochemistry major  
"It will be harder for everyone to vote. Without the ID, anyone can vote."



**GRACE CHAVIRA**

Sophomore marketing major  
"I think for most people, it will be a hassle because it's going to take much of their time."

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**JOSE CORTEZ**

Senior digital media production major  
"(The ID) wouldn't be in my priorities. If I already have work and other things to worry about, I doubt I would go for that (ID). It wouldn't discourage me to vote, but it would make it harder."



**LEAH STEED**

Senior digital media production major  
"I just think that if people want to vote they're going to find a way to vote, and if they don't want to vote they're not going to vote."



**OSCAR GAMA**

Freshman engineering major  
"It discourages me. I don't see the problem, but it discourages (me) because now I have to do an extra step to vote."



**DAVID CARO**

Sophomore history major  
"I think it encourages (me to vote) because it will probably give (other) people a chance of voting (that can't)."

# entertainment

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## Japanese Crepe House's second annual 'Tanabata Matsuri'



BY OSCAR GARZA

The Prospector

From its opening in 2012, the Japanese Crepe House has attracted and delighted citizens of El Paso with its authentic crepes and unique events, such as the celebration of "Tanabata Matsuri," or the Japanese Star Festival. "Tanabata Matsuri," celebrated on July 7, is a festival dedicated to the only day star-crossed lovers are allowed to meet. It originally started in China and it was eventually imported to Japan as well.

Sharon Hsu, representative of the restaurant and the owner's wife, said that one of the reasons she started to partake in this ancient Japanese celebration is because she wanted her daughters to know more about Japanese culture.

"We started last year with our first 'Tanabata Matsuri' and that was a huge success," Hsu said. "I want my children to be able to carry the heritage of the Japanese culture, so why not here where everybody will enjoy it."

Hsu also said that she wants to bring a cultural awareness about authentic Japanese traditions and activities to El Paso.

"We (had) several activities, they're each for different ages," Hsu said. "For the children we (had) goldfish scooping, which is a typical Tanabata activity. We have origami and more."

Several other activities included "watermelon cracking,"—which Hsu described as a Japanese piñata, manga merchandise and cosplay.

The inclusion of various types of activities for different ages is something that customers who have visited Japanese Crepe House support.

Kimberly Garcia, UTEP multimedia journalism graduate student, said she had a good experience when visiting the restaurant for the first time.

"I think involving the public to a Japanese cultural festival is the best way to showcase the culture," Garcia said. "I think an event that incorporates all these elements (manga and cosplay) is a positive thing for the community."

Garcia said that by allowing people to try different things and letting them experience something that they might not be familiar with gives them a new opportunity that encompasses food, activities and a new aspect about Japanese culture for them to learn about.

"I would like to see more people attend these events," Garcia said. "In order for these events to thrive, they need the support of the community. With the backing of the community, who knows how big these events can get."

The food, especially the desserts of the Japanese Crepe House, are some of the aspects that people like the most because of their originality and authenticity.

John Paul Juárez, senior biological sciences major, said that the Japanese Crepe House offers something new and different to the El Paso community.

"This restaurant offers diversity to the community," Juárez said. "A light lunch/dinner and or dessert or a little snack, not very many places offer light foods that can fill you up."

Juárez also said that their events are something to look forward to, the inclusion of something like manga, among other Japanese traditions, are something that give new opportunities to El Paso.

"It's something that a handful of El Pasoans know about and are willing to meet new people, discover and learn something new," Juárez said. "Those who do know can come and participate in these events and enjoy themselves and teach others what they represent."

Hsu said that the restaurant wants to show the city of El Paso a different side to Japanese culture that teaches the public its many traditions, various foods and important festivals.

"We want to show them different sides of the culture, I mean Japan doesn't just mean sushi," Hsu said. "So I hope to show a different aspect of the culture, the idea of this country and the opportunity to learn."

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VERONICA ENRIQUEZ / The Prospector

Japanese Crepe House hosted their second annual "Tanabata Matsuri," a festival that celebrates an old tradition of star-crossed lovers meeting only on the day of July 7.



## Technology

## RPG Maker VX Ace allows gamers to create video games

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

RPG Maker VX Ace, a program that lets users create video games at their most basic structure, offers enough tools for anyone to start programming on their own.

At the beginning of a new project (game developing), the program provides the user basic or generic characters, items, classes to start, music, sample maps and more.

However, RPG Maker VX Ace offers the customizable creation of characters, classes like wizards or gunners, maps, towns, enemies, skills,

animations, items, weapons, quests, storyline and more.

RPG Maker VX Ace is mostly a fantasy setting and runs on 16/32 bit graphics.

The game you create using the RPG Maker is similar to "EarthBound" or "Mother." Yet, the program allows the user to enhance and modify their game to a greater extent. With the scripts, one can turn their turn-based RPG to an action RPG or change the battle system to a "Final Fantasy VI" look-alike – where the characters appear to the right side of the screen in line and the enemies to the other side. The user can even change the game

engine to correct bugs and add a variety of features.

The scripts can also transform the whole game interface and HUD (head-up display) to their preference. They can also add secondary classes or jobs, such as an alchemist, blacksmith, or break limitations, such as level and money capacity.

Scripts are done primarily by people who already know about programming, but they can be found on Internet blogs as tutorials. Scripts are not associated with the creators of the program.

The game created can be used for both commercial and non-commercial use, but if the game uses Internet

scripts, the user needs to make sure to check the terms of use by the script writer for commercial use.

The game creation and development is based on events. The user creates an event and then decides on how to trigger this event so that a story can develop. For example, programming an NPC (non-player character) as a mother who asks the user to go and look for her son can trigger an event, a quest or a quest chain.

This gives the opportunity for great creativity when making not only a quest and a storyline, but also side quests, animations, character development and even introductory movies and clips, if the user has them.

There is also the option of quick events, which helps create events that would normally be tedious, like an inn to restore the party's health or treasure chests.

Be forewarned, although the program helps create a game with the most basic tools, it is difficult to get used to it in the beginning, especially if the developer gets too ambitious with advanced scripts.

The game is available at steampowered.com or at rpgmakerweb.com and costs \$69.99. The price is worth it for gamers, who enjoy developing and are looking to try something else related to videogames.

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## Film Review

## 'World War Z,' another zombie movie

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

"World War Z," the apocalyptic horror/action movie directed by Marc Forster, promised so much and delivered so little with very monotonous and predictable scenes.

"World War Z" starts with the daily life of a U.N. employee, Gerry Lane (Brad Pitt), and his family. He and his wife and two girls are enjoying a normal morning when, out of nowhere, a zombie apocalypse erupts and it is up to the protagonist to save his family and, ultimately the world.

The Lanes are rescued by the U.N. after surviving a whole day in an infected city and are transported to a cargo ship of the same agency, where every agent is trying to find a solution to the world's crisis.

Soon, it is up to Gerry Lane to travel the world in search for a cure for the zombie pandemic, while the family stays in the cargoship.

This is where the movie starts its rise-and-repeat formula. Every time Gerry Lane reaches his destination everything is perfectly fine, then a portion of the storyline is revealed and then zombies attack. That's how it goes for the rest of the movie.

Almost halfway through the movie we meet Lane's sidekick, Segen (Daniella Kertesz), an Israeli soldier who is given the task of escorting our hero. She has very few lines and shows us how weak character development is in this movie.

The movie focuses way too much on the infection, the situation at hand and even zombies, rather than the main characters of the movie, who seemed one-dimensional and difficult to identify with.

There's no character development whatsoever and minor characters, like Tommy (Fabrizio Zacharee Guido), do not really contribute anything. With or without minor characters, the film could have been the same.

To be fair, "World War Z" did a pretty good job presenting a variable and a classic view for a zombie apocalypse. The zombies in this feature film are not gory monsters that take five to 10 minutes devouring a body. Instead, they act as spreaders who only attack once and move on to the next one, which makes for more intense situations. Yet the virus is only spread by the very well-known method of biting, the true essence of zombies.

"World War Z" has some decent action scenes. For example, when the zombies start piling up to climb a huge barrier where survivors were allocated. Showing there's more to the undead, other than just brain-eating fiends.

"World War Z" felt much like any other action movie out there but with zombies. It really evokes a feeling of the "Resident Evil" movies where horror is not such a big deal with just a jump scare or a screamer here or there. This is not really a problem, but at the same time, it felt out of place for a movie that was expected to be a real horror movie. It works really well for an action movie, but if gory scenes and blood is what you're looking for, this is not the movie.

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## Feature



## Ride Your Bike El Paso! pedals into downtown scene

BY JAIME QUESADA

The Prospector

Chuck Lauser, a bicycle enthusiast and owner of Chuck's Bicycle Repairs, hosts a weekly downtown bike ride that has been dubbed, Ride Your Bike El Paso!

The ride starts at 7 p.m. at the San Jacinto Plaza and takes riders through the downtown areas of El Paso. The free event will take place every Tuesday at the same time for the remaining month of July.

It initially began as an El Paso bike month event to bring bike awareness to the community, but with its growing support and interest, Lauser continued to host the rides through June. "When I started this, I wanted to present El Paso with an alternative, not just to the stationary bike at the gym but also as an eligible form of transportation," Lauser said.

The Franklin Mountains provide some of the nation's best technical mountain biking. The stretch of back roads from El Paso to Las Cruces also offer a safe environment for

road cyclists. With plenty of bike shops near the UTEP area, such as the Bicycle Company and Crazy Cats, cyclists are turning their interests into riding in the city.

"Because I live in Juárez, my family can drop me off from the different bridges and I use my bike to get to school and work," said Fernando Diaz, freshman art major.

Having been hit by a car two years ago when he was riding his bike, Diaz said he has seen a distinct improvement in etiquette from both drivers and cyclists sharing the road.

When riding in the city, Lauser recommends taking as many side roads as possible, such as Stanton Street instead of Mesa Street since it has less traffic.

"I joined this group because a bunch of guys on bicycles showed up to a party and invited me to join them on this ride," said Satya Gullapalli, graduate environmental sciences major.

Although the ride provides a great health benefit and general bicycle

safety, it remains a fun ride where you can meet new people.

In total, the ride is a bit over an hour with a 15-minute break in the middle at Memorial Park and ending at the SOHO Lounge. The manager, Tony DiNapoli, is another cycling enthusiast and he allows the riders to bring their bikes inside.

Ride Your Bike El Paso! is only one of the rides that take you downtown. Those feeling a bit more ambitious can try Critical Mass, a monthly ride that goes from the San Jacinto Plaza to Bassett Place, Ascarate Park and finally back into the plaza.

Critical Mass originated in San Francisco in 1992 as a passive protest for cars to share roads with cyclists. Today, the event takes place on the last Friday of every month in more than 300 cities. Similarly, anyone can join this group of usually a hundred or more riders who merely want the city to know that cyclists exist and the road needs to be shared.

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(Top and bottom) Ride Your Bike El Paso! is a bicycling group that Chuck Lauser, owner of "Chuck's Bicycle Repairs" began. Lauser stemmed this new group from El Paso's bike month that happens every year during May.

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# A new chapter of UTEP rugby history begins

BY EDWIN DELGADO

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After becoming an official club earlier this year, UTEP students are trying to revive Miner rugby and make it as popular as it was in the mid '70s.

"It's an important milestone for us, but we are hoping we can get the numbers and the finance to eventually compete as an official UTEP rugby team," said junior mechanical engineer major and club vice president Hector Frias.

The team is currently led by 1978 UTEP graduate, Elbert Arnold. In 1974, Arnold and a group of students began the first official rugby team in UTEP history. After graduating, the same core of players began the El Paso Scorpions, which still exists today.

Arnold is holding practices for the team twice a week and is trying to teach them the skills for the challenges coming their way.

The season began on June 29, when the UTEP team fell, 24-16, to a collegiate team from Chihuahua, Mexico.

"We know the game and have the talent to do better, I think we are a good team," Frias said. "What is holding us back is the conditioning. Actually, our tactical level was better, our skills are better, just the conditioning needs to improve and that's our emphasis right now."

Rugby dates back to the early-19th century and developed along with soccer and it wasn't until 1871 that the Rugby Union was formed. Rugby is very popular in the United Kingdom, France, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand—the current world champions. The sport is set to receive more attention as part of the Summer Olympics.

The next Rugby World Cup will be played in England in 2015 and Japan in 2019.

"Rugby is where soccer was long time ago before it exploded. It's simply going to be enormous, there are a couple of networks that are already showing rugby and with the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in 2016, rugby will get a lot more exposure," Arnold said.

As of now, the club's objective is to get more people involved to have a complete team. The team is also trying to find a field to play in El Paso, but for now the team is currently holding their home games in Chamberino, New Mexico about 25 miles away from campus.



(Top) Junior Mike Samaniego receiving a backward pass during practice at the Sun Bowl. (Bottom) Junior, Hector Frias acting as a blocker to cover the loose the ball from Coach Arnold.

"Our goal is to be get a body of players that are committed and devoted to it and also get a field that is close to UTEP so people can watch the games," Arnold said. "We may have to share a field, but we don't know yet. There is a lot of issues that we have to

overcome and hopefully partnerships will be developed."

The club has reached agreements to have home-and-home matches against New Mexico, New Mexico State, New Mexico Tech, Texas Tech and the fourth squad of the National runners up the Arizona Wildcats.

Any students interested in joining the team may get in touch with coach Delbert Arnold at 915-691-5979 or junior management major and club president Mike Samaniego at 303-261-7670.

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## Column The U.S. should bid for 2026 World Cup

BY EDWIN DELGADO

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After FIFA selected Qatar to host the 2022 World Cup ahead of the United States in December 2010, American soccer fans were quick to accuse FIFA president Joseph Blatter and the executive committee for being bribed by Qatar.

I followed the entire process, from the day it began in Jan. 15, 2009 to the day it concluded in Dec. 2, 2010, and I can say that Qatar and Russia worked harder than anybody else, and FIFA rewarded them.

What many people don't realize is that a huge opportunity will come for the United States in 2026. FIFA rules in bidding for the tournament will make all European and Asian nations ineligible to bid in 2026.

Colombia and Venezuela are the best options from South America. Colombia hosted a very successful Under-20 World Cup in 2011, while Venezuela vastly improved its infrastructure when it hosted the Copa America in 2007.

Within CONCACAF, Canada and Mexico have already expressed interest in bidding for the tournament. New Zealand is the only nation in Oceania capable of even intending to bid, but they still have a long way to go, as most of the stadiums will need major renovations.

In Africa lies the biggest threat a possible joint bid between Morocco and Algeria. Both nations have started to invest in stadiums. In the past 18 months, Morocco completed stadiums in Marrakesh, Agadir and Tangier that comply with FIFA requirements. In two years it is expected that four more stadiums in Algeria will be finished in Douera, Tizi Ouzou, Baraki and Oran.

It is still too early to tell if Morocco and Algeria will try to join forces, since they could potentially do it on their own. FIFA, tends to move away from hosting tournaments in places that are similar to recent previous tournaments. With Qatar hosting the World Cup in 2022, several members of the executive committee would think twice before voting for another Arab country with very high temperatures during the summer.

Despite having the odds on their side, the U.S. needs to be careful and avoid making the same mistakes as last time. Chicago, the third-largest city in the country, was not included in the final list because Soldier Field had the smallest capacity than all the other stadiums being considered, while cities with little or no soccer connections like Baltimore, Indianapolis and Nashville were included.

The FIFA Evaluation Report on the United States' 2022 bid, made it clear that a lot was accomplished in the U.S., but more needs to be done for the next bid. One of the main issues that the report talks about is that the evaluation group didn't fully understand the hosting concept of the country and lacked an explanation on how the U.S. was going to use the World Cup to further increase the soccer footprint in this country.

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### Holly Watts appointed head volleyball coach at UTEP

Holly Watts, who served as associate head coach for a Florida State team that averaged 26 wins the last five seasons, has been named UTEP's new head volleyball coach.

Watts brings 19 years of Division I coaching experience to the Miners, including lengthy stints at Arkansas (1996-2008) and with Florida State (2008-13), where she worked with head coach Chris Poole. Together Poole and Watts were instrumental in producing 13, 20-win seasons in 17 years, with 13 NCAA Tournament appearances during that span.

"Holly will be a tremendous addition to an exceptional group of UTEP head coaches," said Director of Athletics Bob Stull. "She was an outstanding player at the University of Texas and has enjoyed a phenomenal collegiate coaching career under the tutelage of Chris Poole, one of the nation's top volleyball minds. She has extensive knowledge of the game and is well connected in recruiting. First and foremost, Holly is a quality person. We welcome Holly and her family to UTEP and look forward to the future of Miner volleyball under her leadership."



## Baseball

## Diablos strike early to win, even series with Air Hogs

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The Prospector

On July 7, the El Paso Diablos recovered in game two of the four-game series against the Grand Prairie AirHogs, this was after a 11-3 loss in game one.

In the first game, the AirHogs dominated. After a slow start, the AirHogs scored four runs in the fifth inning to take a commanding 5-0 en route to a 11-3 win on July 6.

"Yesterday's loss is in the past (now)," said Diablos right fielder Bryan Joynt. "Going into this game we just wanted to go out, play hard and take it one inning at a time."

For game two, the Diablos began the first inning well under pitcher Kevin Cooper, who allowed only one run and forced, the Airhogs to make two errors early.

The Airhogs scored once in the first by a hit from infielder Juan Richardson that brought Brandon Pinckney across home plate, but the Diablos still dominated offensively.

Both catcher Jonathan Cisneros and center fielder Oscar Mesa were able to get into scoring position in the bottom of the first. Cisneros then scored off of a hit from shortstop Maikol Gonzalez that tied the game at 1-1 heading into the second inning.

Although close, The Diablos came alive defensively in the second inning holding the Airhogs to only one run under Cooper and boosting the Diablos morale.

In the third inning, the Diablos looked to be in full control putting



Diablos shortstop, Maikol Gonzales driving the ball toward the left outfield to open the score.

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both infielders Joynt and Murray Watts in scoring position. Although their drives were unsuccessful in producing any runs, the Diablos continued to dominate offensively, outscoring the Airhogs 5-3 in hits to start the fourth inning.

The fourth inning sparked the Diablos' offense, left fielder Rogelio Noris got in scoring position at third base, when a base hit from Gonzalez to helped Noris to score and put the Diablos up 2-1. Later, the Diablos scored again with a hit from infielder Devin Thaut that brought Gonzalez to the plate and put the Diablos up 3-1. The Diablos would continue to dominate the Air Hogs both in offense and defense, outscoring the Airhogs 9-5 in hits and scoring another run off of a

base hit from Cisneros that brought Murray Watts home.

The Diablos, holding the Air Hogs to only one run, continued to lead going into the sixth inning.

The sixth inning remained the Diablos game. Continuing to lead, the Diablos held the Airhogs defensively with a double play to put an end to the AirHogs threat and get the Diablos at bat.

With the Diablos still leading 4-2 in the sixth, infielder Devin Thaut was scoring position, and with an RBI triple by outfielder Jose Garcia, Thaut scored, bringing the lead to 5-2 after six innings.

Despite several attempts by the Airhogs to regain the lead up until the ninth inning, the Diablos proved

to be too much to handle offensively, a performance that the Grand Prairie Airhogs coach, Rick Van Asselberg acknowledged.

"That's just baseball, they played a great game under pitcher Kevin Cooper and we didn't," Van Asselberg said. "We gave up a lot of runs and they forced two errors and were able to get some hits and took over."

The Diablos held the 5-1 lead until the ninth inning, when the Airhogs were able to score once more, but it wasn't enough and the Diablos held on to win the game 5-2

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Unlike the U.S., Qatar and Russia had very clear concepts. Russia was about integrating the different areas and ethnic groups of the country and bringing Europe and Asia together, as they will be the first Eastern European nation to host a World Cup. Qatar committed itself to investing in new carbon-free technologies, donating modular elements of the stadiums to 22 developing countries after the tournament and bringing the World Cup to the Middle East for the first time.

So, what needs to be done for 2026? First of all, The U.S. needs to get the best 24-25 venues and evaluate which are the best options, then trim the list to 18.

Secondly, FIFA likes to see a vision beyond the tournament and that should be the priority. The U.S. should have a plan on what legacy the World Cup will leave in the country. The MLS is the legacy of the 1994 tournament.

Also, the U.S. could try to do what Qatar did, get a couple of soccer legends to endorse the tournament. The Qatar bid was supported by legends Michel Platini, Zinedine Zidane and Pep Guardiola.

Jürgen Klinsmann a German legend, and now is now the U.S. national team's head coach. Pele retired playing for the New York Cosmos. David Beckham played the last stretch of his career with LA Galaxy. Thierry Henry is now playing for the Red Bulls. All of them are perfect potential soccer stars to get behind the bid.

There are no official dates for the bid process yet, but it's likely to start in 2015. The winner should be announced in late 2017 or early 2018. U.S. Soccer president, Sunil Gulati and company should already start to think about the bid, or at least getting some brainstorming done.

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