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Shut down may defund GI Bill

BY JASMINE AGUILERA

The Prospector

Rep. Beto O'Rourke, D-Texas, said students should not be impacted by the partial government shutdown as long as it reopens before Oct. 17, which marks Congress's deadline to raise the debt ceiling that could prevent a default.

In an Oct. 5 interview, O'Rourke said those who receive assistance through the GI Bill might see a delay

in funding should the shutdown extend past October.

"This adds urgency to our efforts to resolve this," O'Rourke said. He also said he is certain Congress can reach a compromise before Oct. 17.

Holly Denney, director of the Military Student Success Center, said this could have a detrimental affect on the 1,500 to 1,600 UTEP students who receive GI Bill benefits.

"If students don't have other resources to pay their bills, mortgages, installment plans for tuition and fees,

then they will feel the impact if GI Bill funding ends in October," she said.

Denney said there are other options for students on the GI Bill, including federal financial aid, state resources and Hazelwood benefits if students aren't using them already.

Muhammad Saad Sheikh, sophomore media advertising major, was in the Army from 2004 to 2013 and served two combat tours in Iraq. He said veterans need the government paycheck to maintain their living while going to school.

"I just hope it doesn't come down to that because we feel, as veterans, we've done our time. We've been through the military, we know how it is now," Sheikh said. "As students, we heavily depend on it and I would hate to see it go that way."

Sheikh said veterans with disabilities would find it hard to work an extra job and others who experienced a learning gap between high school and college need to concentrate solely on school.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Former Football player a finalist on X Factor



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR
Former defensive lineman and UTEP student Isaac Tauaefa wows the judges of the X-Factor.

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector

UTEP senior media advertising major Isaac Tauaefa is making his mark on this season of Fox's hit talent competition The X Factor. Tauaefa also played football for the Miners for two seasons before suffering a knee injury.

"Playing football in front of a lot of people and being in front of a crowd and an audience that big sort of helped me prepare for this," Tauaefa said.

Tauaefa auditioned in Colorado on May 14 and ever since then has been progressing in the competition. He is now among the top 40 contestants and is in the top 10 of his category.

The singing competition features four groups for which each judge is responsible: over 25s, girls, boys—which Tauaefa is in—and groups of more than three.

This week, the public will find out who made it into the final four in each category. These contestants will then be a part of the live shows.

Although the fate of these contestants has already been determined, the viewing audience at home doesn't know who will make the cut to the top 16.

Tauaefa will be on the show Oct. 9. If he does make it, Latin superstar Paulina Rubio would be his mentor.

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HEALTH CARE

Students react to glitches in insurance exchanges

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series on the Affordable Care Act's impact on UTEP students.

The Health Insurance Marketplace launched on Oct. 1 despite a partial government shutdown. Since the opening of the Marketplace, the website has been inundated with glitches, traffic overload and temporary shutdowns for maintenance.

According to information released by the Department of Health and Human Services, which administers the Marketplace, the website has been swamped by tens of thousands

of people attempting to access the site. During peak hours, the website has logged more than 200,000 individual IP addresses attempting to create an account.

These issues have made the adoption of the individual mandate difficult for anyone attempting to purchase insurance before the year-end deadline.

For students, the issue of health coverage can be even more tricky.

An earlier Affordable Care Act mandate extended family healthcare to cover individuals, up to age 26, on their parents' insurance.

For those without family insurance or who will be 26 or older in 2014, the

individual mandate requires insurance or they may face a tax penalty.

"This doesn't even take into consideration that I may not even want, need, or even afford to have health insurance. This is another choice of mine taken away," said Rudy Alarcon, senior media advertising major.

There are subsidies available for individuals purchasing health coverage, but these start at a \$45,960 income level for individuals and \$94,200 for a household of four. Full-time students may not be able to afford individual coverage and might have to pay the full face-value of a premium without the much-hyped tax-breaks. Some students may have been eligible for

“This is another choice of mine taken away.”

- Rudy Alarcon, senior media advertising major.

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Construction plays no favorites

BY LORAIN WATTERS
The Prospector



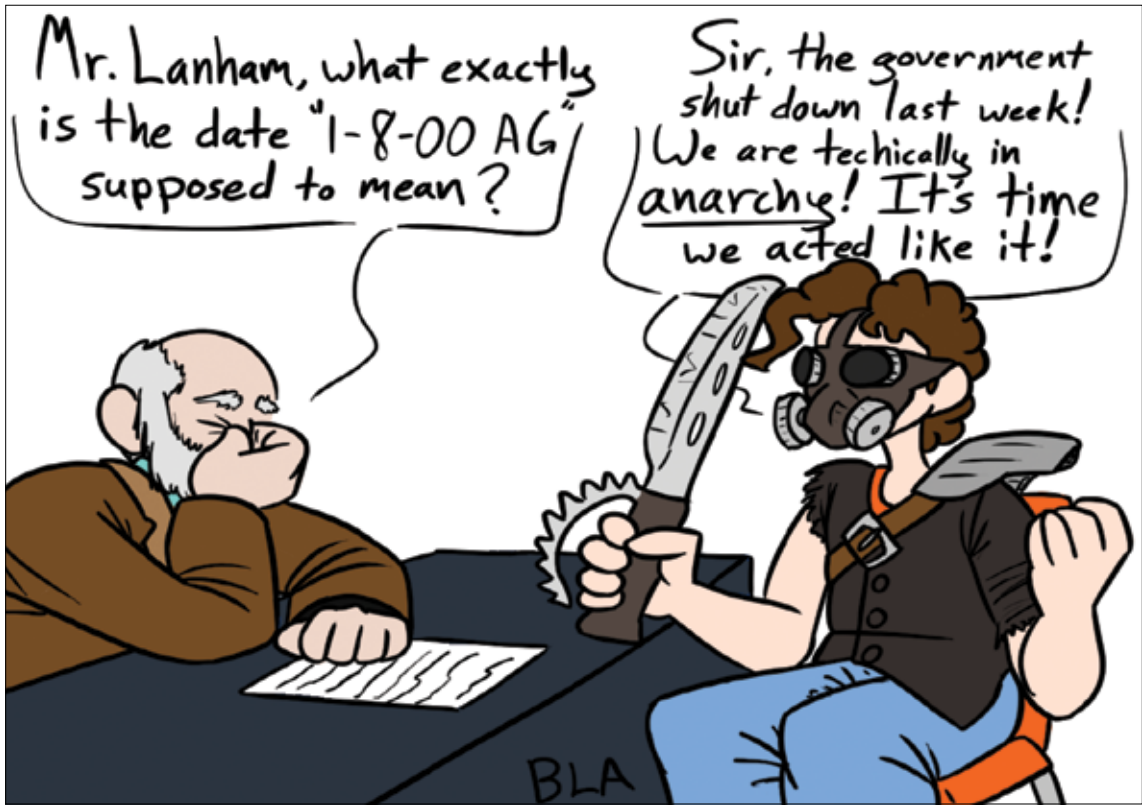
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It seems like all anyone can talk—or complain—about is construction. “It takes me twice as long to get to class now” or “I have to go all the way around campus just to get to Quinn Hall.” Yet, has anyone stopped to really think about how much time it takes to get to class for someone with a disability? Whether they have a mental or physical disability, these students are just like everyone else trying to get to their class on time. But whether they are in a wheelchair or use a cane to guide them along the sidewalks, things can get a little tricky. We’ve all seen how small the pathways are next to the Administration Building. No one wants to be caught in the human traffic jam when classes break, but it is inevitable. Add someone who uses a walker or has a guide dog to the mix and it is a formula for danger, especially if students don’t dismount their bikes when they are in this area. According to Bill Dethlefs, director of the Center for Accommodation and Support Services, there are 300 disabled students who are directly impacted by construction.

This means that the only way to reach their class involves going through the construction maze or the construction affects their disability in a harmful way. For example, a military veteran who has post-traumatic stress disorder can identify as a disabled person by the American Disabilities Act or a disabled student under CASS. Should a student with PTSD have to be reminded of gunfire while walking through the maze when a jackhammer is going off for construction? Will they feel unsafe as the bulldozers pound away at the cement? Currently, there are 70 military veterans registered with CASS, Dethlefs said, and most have been afflicted with PTSD. This number increases every year, increasing the need for awareness to help alleviate the stress of these students. Risks such as these are something that CASS has to anticipate and prepare for beforehand by helping these students register for classes away from the construction zone. So how can the campus help rid of some of these inconvenient factors for students with and without disabilities? CASS currently has a partnership with a paratransit system, offering students with disabilities a service of picking them up from their house and dropping them off at the building where their class is located. If this system had more shuttles available, or was more accessible for students, then those with disabilities could take these shuttles to each of

their classes and avoid the construction zone altogether. However, these services are paid for by the school. Increasing the amount of shuttles or the hours of operation would mean increasing tuition or having the students that are using the shuttles pay for them directly. Unless UTEP decided to one day stop all campus transformation and end construction for good, students with disabilities will continue to struggle. Had the campus spaced out transformation projects then maybe it would not be so messy and inconvenient right now. Sections of the campus could have been closed off and we could have seen a gradual change, instead of entire parts closed to complete the transformation in time for next semester. UTEP’s firmness in trying to achieve Tier-1 status has affected its students through this trial-and-error mentality. In the process of trying to improve campus life for students with disabilities, officials are causing more stress than necessary. Many changes still have to take place in order to make campus safe and to meet ADA regulations, such as replacing the underground plumbing that is currently underway by the Administration Building. Until then, we can only keep a lookout for our peers, both with or without disabilities, and keep each other from getting a headache.

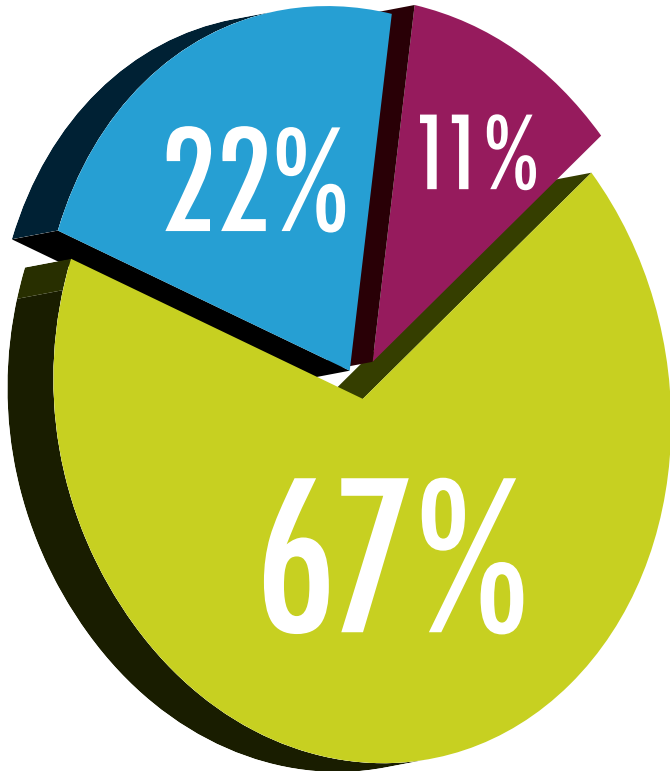
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- It's the Congress' fault
- It's the Democrats' fault
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NATIONAL
Political extremism led to shutdown, authors say

BY NICK PRETE
SHFWire

WASHINGTON - With the government shut down now for eight days, people all over the nation have been asking, "What is wrong with Congress?" Two congressional scholars pointed to political extremism as the answer Oct. 3 in a discussion at American University.
The problem - "tribalism."
Norman J. Ornstein and Thomas E. Mann, authors of "It's Even Worse Than it Looks," spoke about political deadlock and what can be done to fix it. Ornstein is a resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, and Mann is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a member on the Council on Foreign Relations.
Ornstein and Mann said the government shutdown was caused by a disappearance of moderates in Congress and a widening divide between the parties. The same divide could also lead to an unprecedented default.
They both emphasized that if Speaker of the House John Boehner, R-Ohio, proposes a clean continuing resolution, then the nation will just be back in this situation in another few months.
"Worse than a public default would be a short-term extension," Ornstein said. "What's out there is the longer-term solution to the debt problem, taking it off the table permanently."
They propose to take the debt ceiling off the table with the "McConnell rule," which is an option proposed by Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. It would allow the president to unilaterally raise the debt limit, unless a supermajority in Congress opposed.
Mann said that the debt ceiling is no longer needed.
"Just get rid of it! It's like an appendix; it has no useful purpose anymore. Just cut it out and we'll all be better as a consequence," he said.



NICK PRETE / SHFWIRE
Thomas E. Mann speaks at American University about the future of Congress - how extremism has created a rift that separates parties and eliminates compromise.

Most developed countries do not have debt ceilings as the United States does. According to Moody's, a major fiscal credit rating and financial market research firm, the one country that has any similarity to the U.S. system is Denmark. The last time Denmark raised its debt ceiling, it was raised much higher than the actual debt to keep it out of political discussion for several years.
The negative to the McConnell rule is that it may weaken congressional power under the system of checks and balances. However, by using that power, Republicans in Congress are at risk of losing more than they'll gain.
"That's why it's absolutely critical for the president to maintain the position he's taken," Mann said.
Breaking the impasse is up to Boehner. He could offer up a clean resolution for a vote to end the shutdown, but doing so could cost him his position as Speaker of the House.
"If he doesn't give up the notion that he has to run ahead of his crazies to stay in charge, so he can keep the perks of the speakership, then I don't see a strategy here that's leading us in a positive direction," Ornstein said.

While the default seems ominous, Mann said that he believes Obama still has a trump card that he could play to protect the American economy.
"In the end, if Republicans are crazy enough to let it go forward he should exercise what I believe to be his Article II powers," Mann said, referring to a part of the Constitution that he said may give Obama the power to declare the debt ceiling "null and void."
"He would be beloved by the country and the world for taking the initiative," Mann said, but it would also invite impeachment proceedings.

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"Now if that is affected you'll see a lot of veterans pretty much not getting good grades because they have to get a job to support themselves," he said. "They need to live somewhere, and it would heavily, heavily affect their grades on campus."
Sheikh said veterans would lose GI Bill benefits if grades start to sink, while balancing work and school.
The shutdown has put 800,000 government employees temporarily out of work, including 43,000 in El Paso-13.6 percent of all workers-placing the city at No. 5 of the top 10 metro areas with a high share of federal employees, according to an Oct. 2 study by The Washington Post.
Most federal employees in El Paso work at Fort Bliss or for Customs and Border Protection and many are now working without knowing when they will receive their next paycheck.
This could have an impact on the local economy if the shutdown persists because the high percentage of federal workers not making money means less is spent within the community, O'Rourke said.
On Oct. 5, the El Paso Congressman voted for a bill approving back pay for workers who are not being paid during the shutdown, which was passed unanimously in the House.
The government shut down on Oct. 1 when the House and Senate could not negotiate a funding bill due to the House's added provisions that would delay the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

The funding bill must pass in order for the government to reopen, but some House members do not want to remove the Affordable Care Act provisions.
"All of us, including Republicans, want to find a solution for this funding bill," O'Rourke said. "The solution is a bill that doesn't have any strings attached."
O'Rourke also said he is willing to vote on a House bill that contains significant cuts in order to reopen the government.
"They are more than what I am comfortable with, but I'll vote on it if it means having a working government," he said.
Sheikh said he hopes politicians can resolve their differences before veteran students feel the impact.
"I just hate to see that when two parties don't agree they try to take money from people who really deserve it," he said. "Now, what they should do is they should cut their own paycheck. They should not have that clause where members of Congress-where their pay is not affected because they're not able to make rational decisions because it is not directly affecting them."
For more information on GI Bill funding, contact the Military Student Services Center at 747-5342 or visit academics.utep.edu/mssc.
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CAMPUS LIFE

Students say more bike lanes needed around campus



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Freshman pre-engineering major Robert Portillo is one of many students that have opted to ride their bicycles in order to efficiently get around campus construction.

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
The Prospector

Bike lanes have been added to El Paso’s streets in recent years. This has led to the presence of more bike riders around the city. Although more bike lanes have been added, bike riders say there is still need for more, especially around UTEP and surrounding areas.

Campus transformation projects include a proposed idea to add bike lanes to the Sun Bowl Drive widening project. The project will add two additional lanes in each direction.

Currently, the closest bike lanes to the university are located throughout Prospect Street starting from North Santa Fe Street to Heisig Avenue.

In 2011 a proposed Bike Master Plan was made public, it displayed the city’s proposed lanes and current lanes. Currently, there are 61 miles of bike lanes around the city, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Zaida Padilla, sophomore biological sciences major, said there is need for bike lanes around the university area.

“Mostly we need bike lanes on Mesa,” Padilla said. “There are some lanes but the roads are narrow and small.”

Padilla also said she thinks biking is something that everyone should take part in despite the scarcity of designated lanes.

“For one, you get a workout, you are doing something healthy for your body and you don’t have to worry about paying for parking—now that is a burden,” she said.

Alexis Maldonado, junior health sciences major, rides her bicycle every day from her home in Central El Paso to UTEP. She said that bike lanes have made it easier for her when she rides around the city.

“I feel a lot safer with bike lanes because I have my own space and the cars can’t interfere with that,” she said. “So either way, I know I have a space and that I am free to ride and it is wide enough.”

Maldonado also said that a lack of bike lanes has caused her stress when she is trying to ride around town and has forced her to work around the lack of resources for bikers.

“When I would go to EPCC I would find bike lanes and they were very useful, but now coming to UTEP I don’t see any around the area,” she said. “I always try to take the streets that are a one way, and so I am always riding on the contra that way I can see what cars are coming my way.”

Maldonado also said riding on the side of the street makes her feel safer even without bike lanes in place because unkempt sidewalks are difficult to ride on and can damage her tires.

Both Maldonado and Padilla said that an increase in bike lanes would result in more bike riders on campus and around the city.

“If we have our own lanes I think a lot of us will have more confidence and we could ride more safely and easily,” Maldonado said. “It would actually take a lot of weight off our shoulders, and a lot of people would start riding their bikes because it would be a lot safer.”

For more information on bike lanes in El Paso, visit home.elpasotexas.gov/epdot/resources-links.php.

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Special guests and speakers were asked to come and be a part of a kick-off for the annual Ability Awareness week. Top left: One of the keynote speakers was Dana Bowman, Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army Special Forces, Retired. Top right: Psychology major Brett Conerly-Hartmann received the Student Emerging Leader Award. Bottom left: Director of the Center for Assisted Student Services Bill Dethlefs awarded Mary Castillo the Community Member Diamond Amigo Award.

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SPECIAL THE PROSPECTOR
Isaac Tauaeafa on stage of the X Factor, without his usual ukulele.

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“Everyone has been really nice and just being able to travel and to meet all of these great people and to meet the celebrities it is a dream to me,” Tauaeafa said.

He explained how his experiences at UTEP helped him prepare for the big competition.

Tauaeafa played defensive line for the Miners for two seasons before suffering a knee injury.

“I believe more in my abilities and I also wanted to believe that I was a person who took advantage of opportunities and didn’t just let them pass by,” Tauaeafa said. “Now it is a real thing, now I can actually say that I pursued something that I believed in doing and I am finally on the road to being successful.”

Tauaeafa said that he wants to continue to pursue music and hopes that his participation in the competition will help him succeed in the industry.

“Now that I did this and made the top 10 of the boys category when there have been thousands of people that auditioned, to be able to do this kind of on a whim and then to be able to see that it was a real thing and that I can do it really inspired me to pursue this 100 percent,” Tauaeafa said. “I think I am going to be able to capitalize on this and put stuff out and hopefully use some of this exposure to bring music to people.”

Tauaeafa began to find an interest in music in the 6th grade when he heard the song “Flake” by Jack Johnson; he remembered how he loved the song and how it made him feel. From then on he wanted to be a musician. He began to teach himself how to play the guitar which led him to write his own music.

“I wanted to be able to bring music to other people and make them happy and to inspire something in them and make them think of something when they hear the music,” Tauaeafa said.

Tauaeafa wanted to thank the UTEP community for their support throughout his X Factor experience.

“I really am representing the university and I don’t know if it is going to show a whole lot but I did talk about UTEP and UTEP football,” he said. “I am honored to be a part of this university, to have gotten a scholarship to play football here and since I am grateful for that I want to represent them, I am just proud to be getting the chance to represent for the other students.”

X Factor airs every Wednesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Mountain Standard Time.

For more information on the competition visit thefactorusa.com.

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Medicaid, but Texas has opted not to expand the Medicaid program.

“As far as how students will be impacted is very unclear, especially here at UTEP,” said Tanya Sue Mae-stas, senior biological sciences major. “Hopefully, forums will be provided to help both students with and without insurance to understand the logistics behind changes to their current plans or if they will have to enroll in a different plan of some sort.”

Individuals will have until Jan. 1, 2014 to obtain coverage through employers or the marketplace before tax penalties are incurred. The Healthcare Marketplace states that there is a grace period of three months before the individual mandate is fully required in 2014.

Citizens who have not purchased health insurance will be taxed \$95 or 1 percent of their household income, whichever is higher.

This level of interest has been a double-edged sword for the fledgling program.

Attempts to create an account or input information often result in errors on the website. Still, based on HHS-reported traffic patterns, thousands of individuals have registered and begun their search for health coverage.

Exact numbers of registrants have not been released and reported registrations greatly vary by state.

HHS offers a call center solution for individuals having problems with the system.

Tanya, a Healthcare Marketplace telephone operator who would not provide her last name, said that difficulties arise due to “high volumes of people trying to apply, so it is giving people an error.”

She also said that individuals who do not wish to wait for the digital Marketplace may request a paper application online through a navigator or by phone.

Paper applications are almost identical to their electronic counterparts and typically take two to three weeks to arrive.

The Prospector’s Guide to Navigating the Marketplace

Without preparation, the Marketplace sign-up can be a daunting experience.

The Prospector staff attempted to register in order to better understand how students would navigate the site.

It can take a significant amount of time to access the website. Attempts

to register frequently lead to a holding page that informs users about the traffic issue and refreshes when an open space is available.

Users must register, then verify with an email before attempting to log in.

During “non-peak” hours the Healthcare.gov site is taken down for maintenance. The published hours are 1 a.m. Eastern Time, though users may experience it earlier.

The best hours for access are during the early morning hours.

With menus sliding around, the website must access additional resources, which put even more lag on already overtaxed servers.

After completing a standard questionnaire of demographic information, the website asks a series of “proofing questions” that establish identity. These questions are meant to prevent computerized bots from registering automatically. The questions may seem redundant and some are nonsensical.

Users then must verify their citizenship status with social security information.

There are additional subsidies available for individuals who are caretakers, receive alimonies or pay student loan interest.

The site asks about income, which may require pay stubs and W-2 forms. There is a prompt that asks for the user’s permission to allow the Marketplace to use income data, including tax returns, to establish premium information. There is an option to opt out of this tracking program, however significant changes in income could affect subsidies and eligibility for household members.

All of these questions are rewarded with another loading screen before a PDF becomes available for download. The “Eligibility Notice” is a 12-page document that further explains the separate processes for applying for Children’s Health Insurance Program, Medicare, Medicaid or other health programs.

After more than an hour of loading screens, menus and demographic listings, the insurance exchange finally opens up. For the state of Texas, data.Healthcare.gov reports only about a dozen companies offering plans. Major providers like Blue Cross Blue Shield and Aetna are represented with smaller companies like Molina Marketplace, which also have offerings.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Thursday I'm in love: The Cure world tour stops in El Paso



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

The Cure will stop in El Paso for the first time to perform on 8 p.m., Oct. 10 at the Don Haskins Center.

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Eyeliner, lipstick and unruly hair will set the stage Oct. 10 at the Don Haskins Center when The Cure stops in El Paso for the first time.

The British alternative band's Great Circle Tour is stopping in El Paso between stints headlining at the Austin City Limits Music Festival (ACL).

The group has been touring globally, recently completing their Latin American tour and on the tail-end of a new tour. The Great Circle Tour focuses on major music festivals with recent performances at the Fuji Rock Festival (Ja-

pan), Osheaga Festival (Montreal) and Lollapalooza (Chicago).

This marks a return to the U.S. with some of their first shows stateside since late 2011 and the first show in El Paso ever.

"They're a legend, that's why I want to see them," said Eric Chavez, senior psychology major. "I'm pretty stoked. Just the fact that they're here is great."

The Cure, fronted by Robert Smith, has been performing a signature combination of goth, alternative and electronic music since the late 1970s.

The most recent incarnation of the band features the addition of Reeves Gabrels on guitar. Gabrels

joined the band in 2012 and previously was a collaborator with David Bowie. Roger O'Donnell, keyboard, rejoined the band in 2011 after working on side projects including new wave band, Berlin.

For decades Simon Gallup and Jason Cooper have performed, respectively, drum and bass for The Cure.

The band will be coming from a show in Mexico at the Santander-sponsored Monterrey Arena.

After the El Paso show The Cure will return to ACL's main stage. The band will then travel eastward to perform at the Voodoo Music and Art

Experience (Voodoo Festival) in New Orleans, La.

The center of the Don Haskins arena will host a prominent general admission area that is standing room only. These seats were among the first to sell out.

Set-lists from other shows on this tour have included hits such as "Friday I'm in Love," "Lovesong" and "Just like Heaven." The eclectic mix of music has led to concerts lasting almost two hours with some concerts including as many as 25 individual songs.

The Cure has not released a new album since the Bestival Live record in 2011.

According to Ticketmaster, about 100 tickets remain unsold, leaving the only available spaces in the eaves of the seating chart.

Remaining tickets cost between \$35-\$47, plus tax and fees.

Doors open at 8 p.m.

There is currently no announced opening act.

Tickets are still available at The University Ticket Office, ticketmaster.com or by phone at 1-800-745-3000.

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FEATURE

Drumming to his own beat

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

At the age of 15 years old, Lawrence Brown, a sophomore music performance major, was at the Reno Jazz Festival. He saw a performance by Roy Haynes, an American jazz drummer who played with musicians such as Miles Davis, Sarah Vaughan and Charlie Parker.

From then on jazz always had a special place.

"The reason is that it allows the most room for expression. Improvisation is the language, you can be as expressive as you want to be," Brown, 20, said. "That doesn't mean you play as much as you want, it just means that you use your expression to the best of your abilities. That's really where great musicians can shine if they are given the opportunity."

An opportunity is what Brown desires the most at this point of his life. That will be a challenge. He was born with optic nerve hyperplasia — a condition where his optic nerve is a tenth of the size it should be. Though it's not physically visible in his eyes, the condition originates from the brain, therefore making him blind.

Playing music requires the ability to read music, but Brown has adapted to learning his own way.

"That's a very important thing about being a musician, you have to

“I’ve had faculty members here tell me that because of my disability I need to come to terms with the fact that music isn’t the right major for me.”

- Lawrence Brown, sophomore music performance major

read music. Obviously he can't read, so what he does is he goes home, he takes the track and he listens to it," said Edgar Evitia, senior commercial music major. "I'm talking about four or five pages of music. He memorizes it. To memorize that much music and to play it well, it takes something else. There are very technical things that you have to be able to do. Not that many people can do that here in town."

Shaun Mahoney, a lecturer in the music department, has worked with Brown and describes him as one of



AARON MONTES/THE PROSPECTOR

Lawrence Brown was born with optic nerve hyperplasia. He's passionate towards jazz music and hopes to attend the Berklee College of Music after his graduation.

the most talented drummers in town who he's worked with.

"As far as him being blind and a musician, that's pretty difficult because he can't read music," Mahoney said. "So he's extremely fast at memorizing music and adapting to his disability."

His character doesn't dwindle in a space of negativity. To be recognized as one of the best drummers in town is a reputation that comes through his commitment.

"My favorite gig is when I get to play with musicians who are better than

me. That's my favorite type of gig in the world," Brown said. "When I get to hire guys who are better than me and then kind of get my a** whooped and learn things, you know what I'm saying?"

see BROWN on page 8

CAMPUS LIFE
Chalk the Block expects to draw more than 40,000 people

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ
The Prospector

Celebrating its sixth year, Chalk the Block, a three-day art event, takes place from Oct. 11-13 at the Arts Festival Plaza Cleveland Square Park and San Jacinto Plaza in Downtown El Paso.

The event begins on Friday at 6 p.m. and continues until 10 p.m. and features more than 40 pop-up galleries by different artists. The events continue throughout the weekend and open at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

This year, the poster for Chalk the Block was designed by a UTEP student and will be announced during the event.

Anne Giangulio, graphic design professor at UTEP, asked her students to design a poster for the event.

“In the spring semester, I assigned five students to do a poster for the event,” Giangulio said. “Then the city of El Paso will be judging and will select one of them for the event.”

According to Giangulio, this assignment will help her students to get recognition in El Paso.

She added that Chalk the Block is attended by almost 40,000 people—this will help them network and to make a name for themselves in the area of El Paso. Her students will also be selling their posters.

Andrea Vick, senior graphic design major, is one of the participating students in Giangulio’s assignment and her artwork revolves around the culture surrounding El Paso.

“The Chalk the Block poster that I came up with had to combine the culture that is around us here in El Paso, as well as incorporating Chalk the Block in some form,” Vick said. “I decided to use a mariachi theme for this poster.”



FILE PHOTO

Chalk the Block will take place Oct. 11-13 at Downtown El Paso.

According to Vick, the experience will help her learn more about her career after graduation.

“This whole experience was very useful for me,” Vick said. “It allowed me the practice I would need in order to interact with future and/or potential clients after I graduate.”

Giangulio and her students will have their pop-up gallery at the event, which will be located at 116 Mills by the San Jacinto plaza.

According to Kaycee Dougherty, Downtown Arts District coordinator for the city, the event has something for everybody.

She also said featured highlights include sidewalk chalk art, installations and performances by nationally renowned artists, pop-up galleries, live music performances and children’s art activities.

Each day, Chalk the Block will have special events throughout the day. On Oct. 11, the event takes place at Tricky Falls.

Tricky Falls will have a One-Night Only Art Installation open from 6 p.m. until midnight, curated by Erica Marin. Also, the official Chalk the Block launch party, featuring Mikey G from the Fox Jukebox will take place Friday night in front of Tricky Falls starting at 9 p.m.

The pop-up galleries and artwork installations and performances by artists from New Mexico, Colorado and Texas will be featured on Sunday, Oct. 13.

Dougherty said artists such as Christian Ristow from New Mexico, Jen Lewin from Colorado, the Austin Bike Zoo from Austin and fire and dance performances by Project in Motion from Las Cruces will be at the event, all starting at 11 a.m.

The event will also feature many different vendors on Sunday and Saturday.

Food, drinks and art vendors will be selling their art all day throughout the event.

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BROWN from page 7
At UTEP, however, Brown has felt limited and said the university has been “not so accommodating.” The main reason he said is because of brailmusic. He wants to learn how to read and write music just as other music majors. He does not want to depend on just his hearing.
“I’ve had faculty members here tell me that because of my disability I need to come to terms with the fact that music isn’t the right major for me,” Brown said. “I’ve had a lot of opposition here. I do think I’ll have to leave. I’d like to come back, but I do think I’ll have to leave as soon as I am able to finish my degree somewhere else.”
He’d like to attend school at Berklee College of Music, which he said is the best, but will cost him about \$60,000 a year. The school has several professors who are blind and a drummer who is blind and deaf.
“For me, right now, that’s not possible,” Brown said. “My parents never saved for my college. I’m very lucky here in Texas that the state can pay for most everything I need.”
Brown auditioned for North Texas this past semester but didn’t make it in. He was competing for one of two positions available for transfer students.
Through all his adversity, Brown gets real inspiration from musicians such as Ray Charles and Stevie Wonder.
“(Ray Charles) and Stevie were able to get paid more than sighted musicians of their time,” he said. “They were excellent businessmen,

they had excellent people around them who would guide them and take care of them.”
To get around town, Brown uses public transportation, usually the bus. But having to get to gigs is a challenge considering he has his drums and guide dog, Halo, trailing with him.
“It’s a big production every time,” Brown said well humoredly.
He enjoys getting around with Halo, a female yellow Labrador. He got her at the Guiding Eyes for the Blind dog school in New York.
“It makes getting around a lot easier. A dog is very organic, it’s this whole bond between dog and person,” Brown said. “If one of you is off then the whole thing is off. When one of you is on, man, you literally feel like you’re flying to places.”
“You can ask any guide dog user. If you went up to anyone with a guide dog and asked them, ‘when you’re using your guide dog, does it feel like you’re flying?’ They wouldn’t think that’s a weird question because that’s what it feels like.”
There are challenges awaiting Brown in the distance. He will have to hurdle through several more trials. Nevertheless, he will remain persistent.
“He picks it up real quick,” Evitia said. “He may not be able to get it the first time because of his disability, but by the time the concert comes he’s going to be right on.”

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Brown and Halo walk together through the Fox Fine Arts hallways.

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WEBFIRST

Homecoming wraps up with no happy ending



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(Top) Louisiana Tech quarterback Ryan Higgins scrambles for a 7-yard touchdown run to put the Bulldogs ahead in a 38-35 win over UTEP. (Bottom) Bulldogs wide receiver Andrew Guillot stretches to reach the endzone on a 5-yard touchdown run to tie the game in the first quarter.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ

The Prospector

Editor's note: Make sure to check for the Tulsa vs. UTEP game preview at theprospectordaily.com later this week

As homecoming came to a close, the Miners fell to the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs 38-35. UTEP fell short of a near comeback after falling behind by 17 points in the second quarter.

The story of the game was once again the Miners' shortcomings on defense, with the offense carrying the load.

Head coach Sean Kugler said the Louisiana Tech running backs are possibly the best UTEP has faced all season. The Bulldogs rushed for 386 yards, averaging 7.1 yards per carry. Running back Kenneth Dixon led the Bulldogs in the rushing attack with 206 yards, averaging eight yards per carry.

"We didn't execute, we didn't tackle and that's the story defensively," Kugler said.

The Miners have had worse showings statistically on defense, but Saturday's game was undoubtedly the worst game the defense has played all year. The two biggest mishaps came on third downs. Twice the Miners had the Bulldogs at third and 21 and in both occasions they gave up huge runs. The first was a 30-yard run by Kenneth Dixon, and the second was a 62-yard run also by Dixon—the Miners simply missed tackles all night long.

"We had them pinned back deep in their territory two times, but the end result with those two long runs killed us," Kugler said.

After the game the UTEP defense was withheld from talking to the media. Through five games, UTEP has one of the worst defenses in Conference USA and one of the worst rush defenses in the nation.

Despite the bad play on defense, the Miners offense again had a good showing. The Miners racked up 440 yards of

total offense with a balanced attack, running and passing the ball.

Freshman running back Aaron Jones had his second 100-yard rushing game of the season, rushing for 127 yards on 18 carries, averaging 6.7 yards per carry.

Although the Miners offense carried the load, starting quarterback Jameill Showers was not satisfied with the offense's showing.

"We came out and scored on the first drive, but then we stalled for two drives; we have to score," Showers said. "If we don't get scores, we're going to lose."

The offensive success the Miners had was overshadowed by another great showing from the opposing team's running back. Louisiana Tech head coach Skip Holtz was all praise for his star running back Kenneth Dixon.

"Kenneth is a horse. I'm really proud of him," Holtz said. "We challenged him. I'll tell you this, you got to tackle him. You're not going to hit him and knock him down. You got to tackle him."

After the loss the Miners fall to 1-4 and 0-2 in conference play. Coach Kugler addressed the fact that UTEP's home attendance has significantly dropped since the home opener.

"To be honest, if the fans are upset they have every right to be, but just know we're going to go back to work and work hard at getting this thing corrected," Kugler said. "I can't go out tomorrow and bring in new players, coaches or a new scheme and everything is fixed. That's not how it works. You have to go back and work. We have a lot of work to do."

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SOCCER

Finding success on the field and in the classroom

BY LUIS BARRIO

The Prospector

A native of St. Albert, Alberta, Canada, senior midfielder Tori Martyn is in the final season of her soccer career at UTEP.

Martyn's perspective is simple—this season for her is about playing well and soaking it all in.

"Trying to hold onto the moment, enjoying it and playing to the best of your abilities and knowing this is the last time on the field," Martyn said. "I'm a kinesiology major and I will be applying for the master's program in occupational therapy."

Her teammate, senior forward Jade Babcock, admires Martyn's dedication to her education and to the team.

"If our apartments were on fire, the thing she would grab would be her textbooks," Babcock said. "She carries a 4.0 GPA. Tory is one of the most respected players on the team by far. When she says something, everyone shuts up and listens. She succeeds at everything she does."

A member of the Canadian Women's National Soccer team, Kelly Parker recruited Martyn to UTEP.

“Tori is one of the most respected players on the team by far...She succeeds at everything she does.”

- Jade Babcock, senior forward

In the western portion of Canada during the summer time, the National Training Center for the Prairies (NTCP) hosts soccer games for all the best soccer players from the area. This is where Parker first caught a glimpse of Martyn.

Parker is a former standout soccer player for UTEP and graduated in 2004. She's been on the Canadian National Team since 2003. She played in the FIFA Women's World Cup in Ger-



FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

(Top) senior midfielder Tori Martyn dribbles and attempts to elude two Utah State defenders on Aug. 30 at Univeristy Field.

many in 2011 and London Olympics football tournament. In her brief stint as an assistant coach, she did heavy recruiting in her native country, par-

ticularly in her hometown of Saskatchewan. She spotted Martyn and convinced head coach Kevin Cross that she deserved a full scholarship

to play soccer at UTEP. If Martyn was going to play soccer 1,651 miles from home, she wanted to be all in.

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IN BRIEF

UTEP SOFTBALL DOMINATES EPCC

El Paso, Texas – A day after losing to New Mexico State twice in Las Cruces, the UTEP softball team bounced back after defeating the El Paso Community College softball team 24-5 in game one and 7-1 in game two Sunday afternoon at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex.

“It was nice to see them get out and play and, obviously, we still need a lot of work to do, but we had some positive things happen,” said head coach Tobin Echo-Hawk. “Our pitchers rebounded nicely from Saturday after getting beat up little bit, but did a great job keeping (EPCC) off balance.”

Senior Alanna Leasau connected on two grand slams, both to left center in the second inning of game one. Leasau is no stranger to the feat as she hit two grand slams a win over Mississippi Valley State on March 15. Her eight RBI in that game is currently a school record. Leasau finished with nine RBI on that day.

In game two, junior Tahla Wade, senior Colleen Hohman and sophomore Kawehiokalani Netane each notched an RBI, while Laura Ramos contributed two. Kawehiokaiani Netane, Ashley Eldridge and senior Miraya Montiel each stole a base.

The Miners return back to action on Oct. 11 against Midland at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex. Game one of the doubleheader is set for a 3 p.m. start and game two is slated for 5 p.m.

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FILE PHOTO

The UTEP tennis team is preparing for their toughest challenge so far this season at the University of Arizona tournament in Tucson.

UTEP tennis set for Arizona test

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector

The UTEP women's tennis team will go to Tucson to compete in the University of Arizona Tournament Oct. 11-13. The Miners are looking forward to the competition ahead as they get ready for their second tournament of the year.
"Were excited to get another tournament in," said head coach Mark Roberts. "We're excited to get back in high-pressure matches that really count as opposed to practice. We've had a real good week of practice so we're excited, expectations are high. There's some really good schools playing in this tournament, so it should be a good test for us."
Sophomore business major Davina Meza said that the team is expecting to do their best in Tucson.
"We want to get good results and everyone on the team is really competitive and wants to do well," Meza said.
The Miners opened the 2013-14 season with a good result at the New Mexico State Aggie Invitational, which took place Sept. 14-15. Senior communication major Rebeca Calvillo made it all the way to the Isleta flight final before falling, 6-3, 6-3.
In the Taos flight bracket, the Miners had a good showing as freshman health promotions major Matilda Rose Tench made it all the way to

the final and junior business major Anastasiya Sylenko won the consolation final.
Freshman communication major Daphne Visscher also won the consolation final in the Zia bracket. The best result came from Meza, who won the Acoma flight championship, only dropping one set in the championship match.
Going into this 2013-14 season, the Miners are led by three seniors Calvillo, nursing major Marie LeBlond and biological sciences major Gabi Vazquez.
Coach Roberts said the seniors are important to the team and that Calvillo and Vazquez led the team in wins last year, combining for a 43-21 record in singles and a 42-22 record in doubles.
"They're three very important seniors—all three are great players with a lot of experience," Roberts said. "They're very important leaders for the team, they set the example. Overall, they're all good leaders for the team."
Calvillo will most likely be the number one player on the team this season as she had the best singles record last year as a junior at 23-9 and was named to the All-Conference USA third team last season.
She said she is looking to maximize her talent and mature as much as possible to be successful this season.

"As a senior, I want to win all of my matches," Calvillo said. "I'm a really competitive person and I don't like to lose. I really appreciate this team and coach Roberts and how he supports us; so I really want to do great this year and give my best."
Although the Miners' season isn't in full flux until the spring, the team has been working hard trying to improve their 12-12 record from last year. The Miners' 12 wins last year were their most since 2009. They also had an undefeated home record of 6-0.
This Tucson tournament will be a gauge of how good the Miners may be this year. They are returning three of their four leading singles players, and with the addition of transfer Meza and Visscher, the Miners' pool of talent only gets bigger.
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"I always had an agreement with my mom," Martyn said. "If I was going to get a scholarship, it was going to be all or nothing."
Upon entering as a freshman, it was Martyn's humility that helped her create the mindset for her career at UTEP.
"I didn't know what to expect. I convinced myself that it's going to be hard for me to prove myself on the field," Martyn said. "That was the biggest thing I wanted to do was prove myself and set myself into a rhythm."
She wanted to use her scholarship to play sports and make the most of her education. She described her character in one word—consistency. She has been consistent in her academics along with her soccer skills.
Last season, she earned All-Conference USA Second Team honors and maintained her high GPA. The team has an 8-3-1 record and they are tied with UAB for most wins in C-USA, 2-1-1 in conference, which has the Miners currently fourth in the West Division of Conference USA.
Senior midfielder Gina Soto, Martyn and Babcock all said that the biggest improvement the soccer team has accomplished was achieving the strong team chemistry, which the players said they have not felt before.
"The team is completely different from last year. We're a lot more connected in ways than ever before in the past," Martyn said. "Off the field, we've always been great teammates, but on the field, we've always been missing that extra something and this year we have it."
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Resource Fair 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. UTEP, El Paso Natural Gas and Conference Center Demonstrations and Services; Door Prizes
Thursday October 10
From Combat to the Classroom, Veterans in College 10:00-11:00 a.m. UTEP Library
Tour of Military Success Center 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. UTEP Library
"Don't Dis My Abilities" Ability Awareness Walk and Roll 2:00-3:00 p.m. Meet at Memorial Gym
Sports Ability Showcase Which sports can be adapted to include people with disabilities? Learn what it feels like to have a visual or physical challenge. 3:00-6:00 p.m. Memorial Gym
Friday October 11
Are you undecided about your major? Come to the First Annual Interdisciplinary Symposium: 21st Century Developments in Health Promoting Fields Union Building East
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Miners pick up two conference wins at home

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UTEP dominated early, led by Herrera, Malia Patterson and other key contributors such as Taylor Nix, Madison Morrison and Lindsey Larson, who helped to combine for a to-

"Definitely, we need to keep our intensity up," Patterson said. "We know



Senior middle blocker Xitlali Herrera forced 10 kills against the Florida International Golden P

UTEP will return to Memorial Gym on Oct. 20 to take on Rice. Watts said

“Going forward, we are going to continue to work on execution. I think, overall, our game plan is good, our system is good, so we just have to keep working on making our system

better," Watts said. "I thought the intensity was really good, and certainly with the compact and the two serves, we had to have some intensity so that we don't give too many things away."

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