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SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA, ANDREA ACOSTA AND S. DAVID RAMIREZ

The Prospector

From attending school at UTEP to experiencing the culture on the border, Achim Schweighofer, 23, of Austria was enjoying his stay in El Paso, Texas.

On Nov. 15, Schweighofer was walking through the Miner Village parking lot when a vehicle driven by another UTEP student hit him, UTEP officials said. He was transported by ambulance and taken to University Medical Center.

Schweighofer was pronounced dead on Nov. 16, but his body remained on life support after his family decided to donate his vital organs, said UTEP officials.

The driver of the vehicle can face a manslaughter charge which is a sen-

tence of between two and 20 years in a state prison and/or a fine of no more than \$10,000 according to Penale Code, Title 5, Chapter 19.

UTEP police have not filed an incident report. The accident is still under investigation and no further details were available as of Nov. 18.

"Achim had a passion that I had never seen before in anyone else," said Amaris Castañon, cellular and molecular biochemistry major. "He was incredibly comprehensible and had a loving heart. He was inspired by insightful events and amazing people."

Castañon, Achim's girlfriend, said she had a last moment with him on the night of Nov. 17.

"I was holding his hands the whole time and he shed a tear from his left eye. The nurses had told me he had not shed tears until yesterday," Castañon said. "I felt his pulse accelerate even more when I played a video that

## IN MEMORIAM ACHIM SCHWEIGHOFER

### Student hit by car at Miner Village dies from injuries

his friends from Austria asked me to play for him and he continued to cry. I wiped his tears about four times."

An official at the El Paso Medical Examiner's office confirmed on Nov. 18 that Schweighofer's body was in the morgue.

An international programs coordinator had put Schweighofer and Castañon in touch with each other since she had studied abroad at Graz University of Technology in Austria a year before Schweighofer came to UTEP.

After constant communication from April through July, Schweighofer finally came to El Paso in August to study at UTEP.

"When he arrived, I picked him up from Miner Village and took him for some yogurt and to the mall, where we conversed about Graz and the cultural differences that we both experienced," Castañon said. "We then realized, through our conversations, that we

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Anyone that met him can agree that he had a profound love for life and was truly enjoying his stay here.

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- Oscar Banuelos,  
senior electrical engineering major

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## Prescription drug abuse an 'epidemic'

BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA

The Prospector

*Editor's note: This is part two of a three part series examining student abuse of prescription drugs, Adderall and Ritalin.*

Lydia Carranco has had a difficult time focusing in school since she was a child.

Carranco, a senior clinical laboratory science major, was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder during the transition from her senior year in high school to her freshman year in college. After seeing a psychiatrist, Carranco was given a prescription for Adderall, a prescription stimulant, and she began taking it.

In May, Carranco decided to stop taking the drug. She wanted to see if she could go on without the medication while keeping an academic performance of straight A's, which she said began as soon as she was on Adderall.

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I wish I would have never taken Adderall, just because I didn't know what it was to be on it.

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- Lydia Carranco,  
senior clinical laboratory science major

"This semester I'm not on (Adderall) and I get really, really bad anxiety. It just feels like it's in my bones, it's horrible," Carranco said. "I get so anxious with class and the stress. I'm having a really hard time dealing with it"

Carranco is one of many who have legally obtained the prescription medication, but an increased abuse of pharmaceuticals is concerning drug enforcement officials.

"Prescription drug abuse, unfortunately, is on the rise," said Diana Apodaca, spokeswoman for the Drug Enforcement Administration in El Paso. "It's been categorized by the (Centers for Disease Control) as an epidemic."

Painkillers like Vicodin (hydrocodone) and oxycodone are opioid based

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## CAMPUS LIFE

### The Prospector's 2013 Pick Awards: Best places to work on campus

BY AMBER GOMEZ

The Prospector

From the UTEP Bookstore to the Academic Services Building, there are many jobs available around campus so that students can earn money while attending school. Although each job pays well and has manageable hours, according to students' votes in the Prospector's Pick Award survey, the best places to work at on campus are at the UTEP Library and the Office of Special Events.

"I love my job," said freshman kinesiology major Jorge Esparza. "I work as a Miner guide in the library."

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The Special Events office is a great place to work.

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- Carlos Leyva,  
senior finance major

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Stephany Vega, graphic design major, is a student who works at the library..

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COLUMN

Why you should choose local over chain

BY LORAIN WATTERS

The Prospector



Golden arches, cuddly pandas and erotic mermaids are all etched into society and are a few of the things that come to mind when we want a quick fix for our hunger or thirst.

The Prospector conducted a survey for the 2013 Pick Awards, where students could vote on their favorite places to eat, drink and shop.

Over the last few years, the Pick Awards have consistently shown that students prefer to dine and drink

at chain restaurants. Whether it is pizza, burgers or coffee, local eateries have hardly made an appearance with this survey.

A popular reason for this phenomenon is that chain restaurants such as McDonald's, Panda Express and Starbucks are conveniently priced and more familiar. Instead of visiting a local restaurant and running the risk of over-priced food or food that simply isn't appetizing, students would rather get what they know for their dollar.

But is fast food really the way to go?

Eatlocalgrown.com, a website dedicated to finding locally grown food in your area, released a review of 10 foods that are still consumed in the U.S. but are banned in other countries.

Banned in 196 countries across Europe, Russia, mainland China and Taiwan, ractopamine is still used in animal feed across the U.S.

A commonly used drug found in asthma medications, ractopamine is a dividing agent that increases protein synthesis, ultimately increasing the muscle mass in livestock and decreasing fat.

The U.S. does not test for ractopamine in meat and according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the use of it was approved in 1999 since there was no environmental impact or significant impact on the quality of the human environment by using this drug.

The FDA also said that since there is no impact, the use of ractopamine

will continue to be fed to beef cattle at 30 grams per ton of feed 42 days before slaughter.

However, according to the Center for Food Safety, the presence of ractopamine in foods eaten is linked to elevated heart rates, the sensation of heart pounding, skeletal muscle tremors, high blood sugar and low levels of potassium in the blood.

This is just one drug that is present in one of the foods that most of us eat on a daily basis.

Other foods banned in the world but that are still eaten in the U.S. are farm-raised salmon, chicken laced with arsenic, bread with potassium bromate and dairy products that are present with rBGH, or Posilac—re-

cently named by Monsanto as a new version of rBGH.

But if you purchase and eat locally grown foods, then the above does not apply to you and you are probably patting yourself on the back for making the right choice.

If you don't eat local, you can still make the change. Eatlocalgrown.com allows you to input your zip code and see the available markets in your area that sell locally grown food.

Yes, locally grown food may be pricier than your typical Big Mac, but your money will stay in the community and you will physically feel better after taking up this habit.

The choice is yours, bon appétit!

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CAMPUS LIFE

Rec center voted best gym in EP, some disagree



▶ 1 UTEP students workout at the UTEP recreation center. 1. Frank Ayala, junior criminal justice major, gets some reps on the bench press. 2. Albert Reaux, freshman criminal justice major, does squats. AARON MONTES / THE PROSPECTOR

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BY AMANDA GUILLEN  
The Prospector

In this year's survey for the Prospector's Pick Awards, students chose the Student Recreation Center as the No. 1 best gym in El Paso, but this new and improved facility isn't something that all students take advantage of.

Each semester, students are automatically charged with a recreation fee of \$70. This fee covers the cost of the recreation facility, which includes an indoor running track, indoor soccer court, three levels of workout machines and weights, a juice bar, locker rooms, a swimming facility and a 39-foot climbing wall.

Although this gym can beat any other in cost—given that the average gym membership is about \$28 per month—some students opt out of taking advantage of its offerings.

Students such as freshman criminal justice major Albert Reaux said that the hours of the recreation center played a big role in his decision to pay for a membership at EP Fitness on the Westside of El Paso.

"I prefer to go to EP Fitness because they are open for 24 hours and they have a bigger selection of weights," Reaux said.

The Student Recreation Center is open Monday through Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

The atmosphere is something that Reaux says makes other gyms more comfortable than the Student Recreation Center.

"Everyone is really quiet (at the recreation center) and it feels more like a family center rather than a gym," Reaux said. "So when I would work out I felt like I had to yell, slam

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If you compare this gym to EP Fitness or any other gym like that, it is not on the same level.

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- Nico Stender, sophomore in the German Abitur Program

some weights, or just make it feel like more of a gym.”

Nico Stender, a sophomore in the German Abitur Program, chooses the recreation center over any other gym.

"The gym is in perfect condition. It is brand new and you meet a lot of nice people," he said. "If you compare this gym to EP Fitness or any other gym like that, it is not on the same level."

Sophomore pre-education major Consuelo Martinez is a sales representative at Roca Fitness on El Paso's Eastside and said that she often sees UTEP students attending the gym where she works.

"I know a lot of the reasons why they do is because they say UTEP is too far of a drive just to go to the gym, so they come down this way," Martinez said.

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Students give condolences to loved ones of Achim Schweighofer

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**ABEL RODRIGUEZ**  
Sophomore computer science major  
"I am terribly sorry for your loss, the UTEP community offers its support."



**ALEJANDRA MEDINA**  
Senior biological science major  
"There aren't enough words to be able to comfort a family in these times, but find comfort in God and knowing his soul is in a better place."



**DANIEL JURADO**  
Senior civil engineering major  
"I am so sorry that this happened, I can't fathom how hard this must be."



**AIRAN GONZALEZ**  
Senior education major  
"I am sorry for the loss, UTEP sends love and prayers."



**EDGARDO PEREGRINO**  
Graduate mathematics major  
"As someone who has cheated death twice, I send my condolences and to the family all the best."



**AMBER HERRERA**  
Sophomore education major  
"I am really sorry I feel awful about what happened and I offer condolences to his family."



**ALI JALAL-JAMALI**  
Graduate computer science major  
"I can't believe it, I hope that I would never hear about something like this again."



**DAISY GARCIA**  
Junior social work major  
"I am sorry to hear about this tragedy. I offer my condolences and the UTEP community is here for support."



**JAMES NEWSON**  
Senior mechanical engineering major  
"I am sorry for your loss and I hope UTEP will be there for you"



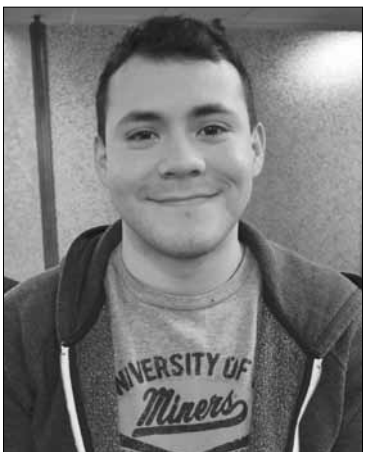
**ERICA ALCALA**  
Senior psychology and sociology major  
"I am really sorry, the whole UTEP and El Paso community is here to support you."



**LUIS HERNANDEZ**  
Senior multimedia journalism major  
"I would like to offer my most heartfelt condolences to you and your family. I would like it to be known that the UTEP community is here for support."



**IRENE GARI**  
Sophomore international business major  
"I am really sorry for him. I hope this never happens again."



**ERIC BRAVO**  
Sophomore digital media production major  
"Hopefully the outcome of this is that this will not happen again."



**JOHANNA LOPEZ**  
Senior multidisciplinary studies major  
"I'm sorry for new recent developments and we will all keep you in our prayers. God bless."



**VICTOR GARCIA**  
Junior organizational and corporate major  
"I'm sorry for your loss and I give you my deepest sympathies."



**KARINA GOMEZ**  
Freshman psychology major  
"I'm really sorry that this happened so far away from home. Here at UTEP we're here to support you."



**JOSE CASTILLO**  
Sophomore sociology and french major  
"I'm really sorry for what you're going through, as hard as it may be, stay strong."



**DENISE GARCIA**  
Sophomore civil engineer major  
"Hopefully this is a wakeup call to all drivers to be more careful. No one expects this to happen but I'm sorry that it did."



**ISRAEL RAMIREZ**  
Freshman kinesiology major  
"Just know that he's in a better place now. He'll be watching over all of us and taking care of his family."



**STACIE AGUILAR**  
Junior organizational and corporate major  
"My condolences go out to you. May God give you peace and comfort during this time."



WORK from page 1

I help students if they have trouble on the computers, or if they have a question finding a book. I help them as well with directional questions such as if they don't know a location of the library."

Students may assume that the staff has a lot of free time to do homework and relax since the library is generally quiet and a good place to study.

Despite the misconceptions, working in a library with six floors can be busy according to Esparza.

"I always have to be rearranging and maintain books, so I don't really have a lot of free time, but the good thing is that I can work at my own pace," Esparza said. "I spend my whole time in the library and it's calm. I love my job."

On the other side of campus at the Don Haskins Center, the Office of Special Events Office was also voted as the best place to work. Senior fi-

nance major Carlos Leyva is a work-study student, who manages the billing and paperwork there.

"I manage money and do billing. Even on events like concerts, I help with settlements with promoters," Leyva said. "Working here, we organize events, make rentals on equipment such as lights and we do other services."

The staff members are especially busy since they plan out all UTEP-related events. According to Leyva, the only disadvantage to working there is that he doesn't really have time to study because it is very busy.

"The Special Events office is a great place to work," Leyva said. "Everything is organized and everyone is really friendly here. It's great for your resume and since my job involves my major, it gives me experience. I love the place."

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FILE PHOTO



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ACHIM from page 1

lived two streets apart in Graz. Perhaps we had met each other before."

Achim was working on a master's degree in computer engineering—taking classes in both the electrical engineering and computer science departments.

He planned to stay at UTEP for a year before returning to his home university to finish.

"As all his professors could be able to testify, he proved to be an incredible student, always eager to learn," said Oscar Banuelos, senior electrical engineering major. "He constantly expressed the fascination and interest he had in his classes and how much he was learning."

Schweighofer never showed any symptoms of culture shock. He was quick to acclimate and always demonstrated the eagerness and willingness to learn and adapt, Banuelos said.

After Schweighofer's fluency in English improved, he began to express interest in learning Spanish and was working toward that goal, Banuelos said.

He also said Schweighofer discovered his love for cooking while staying in El Paso.

"He never had cooked before," Banuelos said. "But as always, his predisposition for success led him to become an amazing cook in a very short amount of time."

Schweighofer was a member of Miner Trotter, an international student organization. The organization recently held an international dinner, where he was voted best Miner Trotter cook with his famous Austrian plate, "Wiener schnitzel," Castañon said.

"Anyone that met him can agree that he had a profound love for life and was truly enjoying his stay here," Banuelos said.

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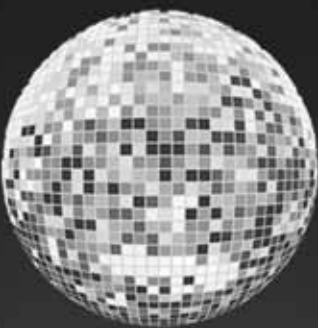

On Nov. 19, UTEP's W.M. Keck Center for 3-D Innovation—a state-of-the-art laboratory focusing on the advancement of 3-D printing, or additive manufacturing—will send the first-ever 3-D printed electronics into space. Preparations for the launch will begin at 6:30 p.m. EST. The mission is set for liftoff between 7:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. EST.

LATIN AMERICAN EXPERT TALKS ABOUT MEX.

5 p.m., Nov. 19 at UGLC, room 106  
Shannon O'Neil, a senior fellow for Latin American Studies with the Council on Foreign Relations, will give a talk titled "Mexico, the United States, and the Road Ahead" as part of the Centennial lecture series.

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# Survivors of Typhoon Haiyan share their story

BY ZARAH FARAH  
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WASHINGTON – All Phoebe could do was pray.

Phoebe Advincula, at 59, has witnessed more typhoons than she can count. But when Typhoon Haiyan tore through her town with wind gusts of up to 235 mph, she found herself caught in the eye of one of the strongest storms in recorded history.

When Super Typhoon Haiyan smashed through the Philippines on Nov. 8, Advincula and her family escaped to the highest mountaintop in their village, a neighborhood two hours away from the City of Tacloban. The storm destroyed everything in its wake.

“When I was on the mountain I asked God for a second chance in life,” she said in a phone interview from Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte, Philippines, where she sought refuge at her sister’s home after the storm.

Her family hadn’t heard from her in seven days. They were finally reunited on Nov. 14.

“I was so happy to hear they were still alive,” said Evangeline Vickers, 58, a cashier in Mandeville, La.



1. Juni Mendoza, 67 of Chevy Chase, Md., listens to sermon Wednesday at St. Thomas Apostle Church. 2. The Blessed Sacrament Choir sings at the service. The church held an evening prayer service for people affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

Vickers said she “cried so hard,” because she thought her first cousin was dead.

From her mountaintop perch, Advincula said she saw waves moving inland at an unprecedented rate. They smashed through homes and swallowed the neighborhood whole. Many people in her village evacuated with only the clothes on their backs.

Avincula said they were trapped with no food or water. Their sole source of food came from the coconuts that grew in their village.

When Advincula went to go check on the home she had lived in for 24 years, she found it completely demolished.

“The whole ground was covered with fish,” she said.



2. The Blessed Sacrament Choir sings at the service. The church held an evening prayer service for people affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

Even though Advincula lost everything, she knows she is lucky.

“Even though we have no house, I still have my family,” she said.

Advincula said she plans to go back to her village and help. Even though she doesn’t have much left, she said many people in her neighborhood are starving and are in need of food.

According to a Nov. 15 report from the Republic of the Philippines National Disaster Reduction and Management Council, more than 3,500 people were reported dead, about 12,500 are injured and close to 1,200 people are still missing. Those numbers continue to rise, one week after the storm. Approximately 9.1 million were ultimately affected by the typhoon.

Jose L. Cuisia Jr., ambassador from the Republic of the Philippines to the U.S., said at a Wednesday evening prayer service at St. Thomas Apostle Church that he came to pray for the people who have lost everything in the storm and for, “God to give them the courage to move forward with their lives despite setbacks.”

The church was raising money for people who were affected by the super storm.

A spokesperson for the ambassador later said that everyone should learn lessons from Typhoon Haiyan, not just the Filipinos.

“We have to do more in terms of preparations as experts have predicted that the world will see more storms similar to Haiyan in the future,” he said.

Rev. Richard A. Mullins of St. Thomas Apostle Church said that 10 percent of his congregation is Filipino, but they make up most of his charitable volunteers.

“They’re people of great resilience and they have listed war, occupation, internal political strife, vast poverty, other natural disasters,” he said. “Yet they’ve risen above it, and I just hope that they have one more little bit of resilience in them to overcome this devastation.”

Many nations have come together to pour financial aid into the Philippines.

Bing Cardenas Branigin of the Asia America Initiative said his organization has already sent \$600,000 worth of medicine to the Philippines in conjunction with Direct Relief. On Friday, they plan to send a second shipment of medicine worth about \$1.2 million.

Branigin said many Filipinos in Washington were shocked by the photos they’ve seen in the media and want to help anyway they can.

The size of the contribution is not important, she said. What matters is, “how we as humans come together.”

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and fall in the same category as heroin. Prescription drugs such as Ritalin and Adderall are stimulants that can lead to cardiac issues and paranoia. They fall in the same category as cocaine and Ecstasy. Depressants are medications such as Valium and Xanax, which depress the central nervous system and reduce stress, anxiety and fear. All can have deadly side effects.

“The most common methods of trying to get prescription drugs that are not prescribed to you are either by altering or forging a prescription, or by doctor shopping—which means you go to several doctors to get the same prescription,” Apodaca said.

She also said that the DEA arrested about 30 people a month-and-a-half ago for getting a prescription by fraud.

“Especially with Adderall, they’re usually diverted from a legitimate prescription,” Apodaca said. “In other words, somebody was written a prescription for Adderall and instead of taking their medication, they sell it.”

Those charged with prescription fraud may face a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years, or a second-degree felony, punishable by up to 20 years.

Carranco received a warning from her internal medicine doctor about a conflict to taking Adderall.

“He told me, ‘you need to be careful because this goes on your medical record and if you ever want to get a job with the FBI, they go back on that,’” Carranco said. “So I was really thinking about it, but I really needed it, especially being in college.”

Adderall will more than likely affect anyone trying to get into medical, law enforcement and teaching professions, Apodaca said.

Prior to taking the medication, Carranco said she couldn’t keep her attention and focus on school, but she did not know that life could be different.

“It helped a lot and made a really big difference,” she said. “I really did like it, the only thing is that when you take Adderall you have to take it first thing in the morning. It keeps you up, it gets you wired.”

Carranco has stopped seeing her psychiatrist, but she is considering getting back on Adderall or Xanax.

She said her body has grown dependent on the medication and is possibly going through some sort of withdrawal.

“I wish I would have never taken Adderall, just because I didn’t know what it was to be on it,” Carranco said. “When I was on it, it was great. It was easier to pay attention and get everything done.”

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Bowie Bakery shares guilty pleasure through six decades of experience



**BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ**  
The Prospector

Bowie Bakery has been active since 1971 and was recently voted as the best bakery in El Paso by UTEP students.

Juan Marquez, current owner of the Bowie Bakery, continues the family tradition and said that he is very fortunate to have inherited his parents' bakery of Mexican "pan dulce" (sweet bread), cakes and more.

"I became owner of the bakery when my parents passed away in 2005 and 2012, and I think I'm fortunate because this is where I have been all my life and I am proud," Marquez said.

Bowie Bakery was originally established in 1951 in El Paso's Segundo Barrio, and was later sold to

the original owners Angel and Maria Marquez. His son said his father began baking bread at the age of 13 in Mexico and later moved to El Paso and continued to work at his art.

"I was raised in California, but in 1971 we moved back to El Paso, where I learned everything about a bakery," Marquez said. "The bakery used to be a house, with only one oven and one mixer. We basically started from the bottom."

According to Marquez, the Bowie Bakery we know today was formed thanks to the hard work of the people behind it. It is still not an easy job.

"Back then we used to always wake up really early in the morning, take the bus and come to the bakery to make the bread every day," Marquez said. "And since we closed at 10 p.m.,

“  
You have to love what you do, and making bread is an art and you have to take pride in it.  
”  
- Juan Marquez,  
The Bowie Bakery owner

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The Bowie Bakery was established in 1951 and continues to be students favorite bakery according to the Pick Awards survey.

## Holidays call for shopping and travel

**BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ**  
The Prospector

The first wave of holiday shopping promotions début as the Prospector announces the official Miner Picks for retail.

This year's choices for best shopping center are Cielo Vista Mall, the Outlet Mall of El Paso and Sunland Park Mall, ranking first through third respectively.

Within these shopping venues, Forever 21 took top place with Ross and Express trailing closely after.

"I agree with Forever 21 being the top store," said Amber Jipson, freshman dance major. "Yeah, definitely Forever 21, everyone loves cute clothes at a low price."

UTEP students are gearing up for the veritable insanity that accompanies the shopping season heralded by Black Friday.

Jipson said that she has a few items in mind for the big holiday shopping rush and hopes to get some items after Thanksgiving. She has set her personal

shopping budget at \$500 but anticipates a few impulse buys for herself.

But not all students are keen on shopping and doorbusters.

"I'm not a fan of crowds or people," said Margarita Ortega, senior economics major.

Ortega opts for experience rather than retail items. She hopes to gather friends for a trip to Cuba.

"I'm really more into traveling," Ortega said. "I'm not a materialistic person."

Whether buying experiences or items, the economic outlook of this holiday season is on a definite upswing.

According to reports from the U.S. Department of Commerce, the personal consumption expenditure increased by a tenth of a percent. The nominal disposable personal income increased by half a percent. This, compared to last year, indicates an increase in the amount that shoppers are willing to spend on non-necessary items.

The National Retail Federation (NRF), an international trade organi



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Karina Soto shops at Forever 21, the best shopping venue according to UTEP students.



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- 2nd - Pockets Billiards & Fun
- 3rd - Border City Ale House

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- 1st - Cabo Joe's and Black Market
- 2nd - Hope and Anchor
- 3rd - Liquor Dicks

## INTERNATIONAL FOOD:

- 1st - Rulis' International Kitchen
- 2nd - Jerusalem Grill
- 3rd - Sinbad

## MEXICAN FOOD:

- 1st - Carnitas Queretaro
- 2nd - Barrigas Restaurant
- 3rd - El Taco Tote

## CHINESE FOOD:

- 1st - Panda Express
- 2nd - Grand China Buffet
- 3rd - Lin's Grand Buffet

## BURRITOS:

- 1st - Crisostomo
- 2nd - Rafa's Burritos
- 3rd - Bonny's Cafe

## BUFFET:

- 1st - Golden Corral
- 2nd - Grand China Buffet
- 3rd - Cici's Pizza

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## PHONE SERVICE:

- 1st - Verizon
- 2nd - AT&T
- 3rd - T-Mobile

## SUPERMARKET:

- 1st - Walmart
- 2nd - Albertsons

## BAKERY:

- 1st - Bowie Bakery
- 2nd - Valentine's Bakery

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- 2nd - Shuttle
- 3rd - Bus

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- 1st - Hope and Anchor
- 2nd - Palomino
- 3rd - Black Market and Hoppy Monk

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- 1st - Los Bandidos de Carlos & Mickeys
- 2nd - Cabo Joe's
- 3rd - Applebees

**WINGS:**

- 1st - Wingstop
- 2nd - Buffalo Wild Wings
- 3rd - Wing daddy's

**COFFEE:**

- 1st - Starbucks
- 2nd - Kinley's House Coffee & Teas
- 3rd - Dunkin' Donuts

**VEGETARIAN FOOD:**

- 1st - Souper Salad
- 2nd - Ripe Eatery
- 3rd - The Green Ingredient

**LATE NIGHT FOOD:**

- 1st - Whataburger
- 2nd - Applebee's and Village Inn

**SUSHI:**

- 1st - The Sushi Place
- 2nd - Katsura
- 3rd - Okazuri Floating Sushi

**PIZZA:**

- 1st - Pizza Hut
- 2nd - Peter Piper Pizza
- 3rd - Ardovino's Pizza Restaurant

**BREAKFAST:**

- 1st - IHOP
- 2nd - Village Inn
- 3rd - Wendy's

**ROMANTIC DINNER:**

- 1st - Ardovino's Desert Crossing
- 2nd - Café Central
- 3rd - Olive Garden

**ICE CREAM:**

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**BOWLING ALLEY:**

- 1st - Fiesta Lanes
- 2nd - Bowl El Paso
- 3rd - Oasis Lanes

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- 1st - Pockets

**CLOTHING STORE:**

- 1st - Forever 21
- 2nd - Ross
- 3rd - Express

**CARWASH:**

- 1st - Mister Carwash
- 2nd - Splash and Dash

PLAY AND SHOP

**TATTOO SHOP:**

- 1st - House of Pain
- 2nd - Golden Goose and Sun City Tattoos

**BANK:**

- 1st - Wells Fargo
- 2nd - Bank of America

**PLACE TO BUY TEXTBOOKS:**

- 1st - Amazon
- 2nd - CBA
- 3rd - Chegg

**HAIR SALON:**

- 1st - Barragan's Salon & Spa
- 2nd - Super Cuts

SERVICES

**PLACE TO WORK:**

- 1st - Library
- 2nd - Special Events

**PLACE TO EAT:**

- 1st - Union
- 2nd - WOW
- 3rd - Pete's Pizza

**PLACE TO HANGOUT:**

- 1st - Union
- 2nd - Leech Grove

**PLACE TO STUDY:**

- 1st - Library
- 2nd - Union (2nd floor)

CAMPUS



REVIEW

# App picks for November

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑEZ

The Prospector

With more than two billion iOS apps that are downloaded each month and 2.5 billion from Play Store, the following are the best picks for the month of November, according to Apple and Android app markets.

“Cameo” is a cloud-powered app that allows the user to create short films with their iPhone. Unlike apps such as “Vine,” “Cameo” supports up

to a two-minute short film without eating away the storage of the iPhone thanks to its cloud memory and, of course, instantaneous share on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Tumblr. It has an unlimited video creation and supports 720p HD videos within the app. But what makes it different from many of the others is its editing capabilities that allows you to work with the creative side of a short film, such as trimming and adding filters, music or soundtracks from the owner’s iTunes library.

“Cameo” also allows you to see other people’s creations and follow other users. It can be downloaded for free at the Apple Store and is 13.3 MB. “TuneIn Radio” is for Android devices and makes listening to the radio on the go much easier with live stations, including music and other shows.

The app is free and according to the Play Store, it has over 100,000 live stations and two million podcasts, concerts and shows for Android phones and tablets. “TuneIn Radio” features all genres of music, talk shows, comedies, sports, news talk and has the option to recommend stations and record a show to listen to later. Also, “TuneIn Radio” has a website that allows users to listen to any of their live stations at any time with a search box to look for specific stations while also giving some recommendations. Visit [tunein.com](http://tunein.com) for more information. The “TuneIn Radio” app requires Android 2.3 and up and has a size of 8.6 MB and can be downloaded for free.

“Adobe Photoshop Express” is an editing app with the most basic and useful tools to correct and enhance photos. It allows cropping, straightening, rotating pictures and has auto-fix options, a one-touch fix for white balance, exposure and contrast, which for many can be a real relief. The app allows the user to freely make their desired adjustments.

“Adobe Photoshop Express” has classic one-touch filters with more than 20 different themes and over 15 frames or border for the pictures. This

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CAMPUS LIFE



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Starbucks coffee was voted as best coffee place, while Kinley’s Coffee and Tea House came in second in the Pick Awards survey.

## Coffee, a daily self-energy reboot

BY JOSE SOTO

The Prospector

A good cup of joe in the morning is always a great way to start the day or reboot yourself from an exhausting one at school or work. At times, it is even essential.

According to the Prospector’s Pick Award survey, students such as Nicole Font, a junior English major, prefer the giant coffee company over the rest of the offerings in town.

“Everywhere else tastes bad to me, I prefer the quality of Starbucks. Even with their higher prices, you get what you pay for,” she said.

On average, Font said she spends roughly \$15-\$20 a week at Starbucks.

“And that’s if I go easy. Sometimes, I like to also order a pastry or lunch Panini to keep me full so I can concentrate more.”

A lot of students said they spend their time away from home visiting their local Starbucks, catching up on their reading and working on schoolwork.

One perk that students prefer is the Starbucks card—which could either be used physically or through an App version—that allows registered customers to receive free refills on coffee and teas, either hot or iced. This is definitely a perk for students, who need to spend multiple hours tackling the many assignments they receive while in college. It periodically offers promos, which include free or half-priced free drinks and deductions on their food items.


Another reason why Font prefers Starbucks is for their Wi-Fi experience.

“It’s always working properly and is easily accessible,” she said. “I’ve had

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# To adapt or not to adapt to the future of shopping

BY ANDREA ACOSTA  
The Prospector



Once upon a time, before phrases like “add to cart” and “shipping and handling” were an option, people used to look forward to the weekend to go to the mall, where they could relieve their stress, enjoy the art of shopping with a friend or to simply use a 20 percent off coupon that was delivered to you by a mailman at your doorstep.

Nowadays, however, people have adopted online shopping as the preferred way to shop. Online shopping has become a trend and it has become so popular over the past decade that US e-commerce sales alone totaled an estimated \$225.5 billion in 2012—a 15.8 percent increase from 2011, according to the United States Commerce Department.

Although it might be a time saver, this new way of buying definitely takes away from the experience.

In the past, real shopping—at the mall—was a place where you were greeted by an incredible amount of clothes and enveloped by all types of fabrics—cashmere, wool, cotton, polyester and suede—the minute your feet entered the store. This calmness, however, would usually last for just a minute, until you would see a sign of hope, of excitement, anxiety,

a big red rectangular sign with the words “SALE 60 percent off all merchandise” plastered in front of you, and your instinct for survival of the fittest would kick in.

Online shopping encourages you to shop comfortably in your PJs, lounge around on the couch or bed and buying garments and accessories with just the tips of your fingertips—who would of thought?

With Black Friday just around the corner, however, shopping online might sound better than ever, since long lines and getting hit by desperate customers are non-existent in this virtual world, but have only increased online sales up to 23 percent in 2012.

Thanks to this fast-paced growing commerce and the evolution of the Internet, shopping has been able to transform itself into a stress-free digital mall—a quick, simple and effective way to get what you want. During these times of holiday shopping, the Internet provides us with a wider range of options, becoming a life-saver, literally.

Long gone are the days when in order to buy a dress you had to stand in a long line at the dressing room, only to find out that you didn’t like it or had grabbed the wrong size. Online shoppers, however, don’t have to worry about any of this anymore.

They are able to stay at home under a cozy blanket, in comparison to the millions who decide to camp out in front of stores, freezing in the

cold temperatures, all in hopes of getting that great 15 percent Black Friday discount.

The only downside of ordering online, however, is that shoppers have to trust their instincts and rely fully on the retailer to deliver the right garments and pray to God it fits. Surprisingly, the e-commerce world keeps on providing new ways to persuade the costumer by giving into online, that they have launched retail websites where shoppers can try on clothes virtually.

Fitiquette.com is an example of this, and it is a virtual fitting room, where shoppers can create a personalized virtual representation and use this replica to try on different styles and sizes of items offered on the platform. Shoppers also get to see a 3-D representation of their model and clothes—so now you don’t have to worry about the clothes fitting you physically, but you just have to make sure the clothes fit the 3-D model on your screen.

Another shopping media outlet that has been a result of the rapid adaptation to online shopping is Otteny.com, where a personal shopping team assembles the perfect look for your special occasion—without having to leave your room. If you are running low on cash, there is another option that lets you rent high-end garments and return them after the reserved date. RentTheRunway.com allows you to borrow high-end pieces by

brands such as Proenza Schouler and save up to 10 percent from the total retail price.

So, whether or not online shopping is better or not, if more options like these are made in order to persuade shoppers to go online there might be a chance that in the future we will only have virtual malls, where we can create our own avatar and shop with our other avatar friends. Although I am skeptical this may appeal to many shoppers who may not have the time to spend at an actual mall.

It is expected that by the end of this year, there will be a 13.3 percent increase on sales online and that by 2017 online shopping will reach \$370 billion, which represents a nearly 10 percent compound annual growth rate from 2012.

Until this happens, however, we shall see if more shoppers give in to this new manner of shopping—deciding whether to save a drastic amount of time by not going to a mall or buying online and risking having to return items and pay shipping and handling fees.

I can only imagine what a future Black Friday will be like.

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app also allows for sharing on social networks.

“Adobe Photoshop Express” is a free app, but it offers more tools and packs for paying users and has a size of 1.3 MB for Android and 38.3 MB for iOS.

“Super Hexagon”  
A highly addictive app game for Android and iOS, “Super Hexagon” involves spinning the pointer around a hexagon that is coming toward the player in a spiral fashion with walls. The objective of the game is to avoid these walls.

As simple as it may sound, the game is a lot of fun with incredible arcade-like music by Chipzel. As a mark of its worthiness, “Super Hexagon” was the runner up for best app game of 2012.

“Super Hexagon” not only offers addictive gameplay and epic retro music, it is, weirdly enough, a marvel to see thanks to its many different colored hexagons and it has received great reviews from video game companies such as IGN, who gave it a 9 out of 10 and Destructoid, who rated it a 10 out of 10.

It has a price of \$2.99 for both devices and a size of 23.3 MB for iOS and 26 MB for Android.

The all-access premium services cost \$11.99 and are 7.8 MB on iOS and 3.8 MB for Android.

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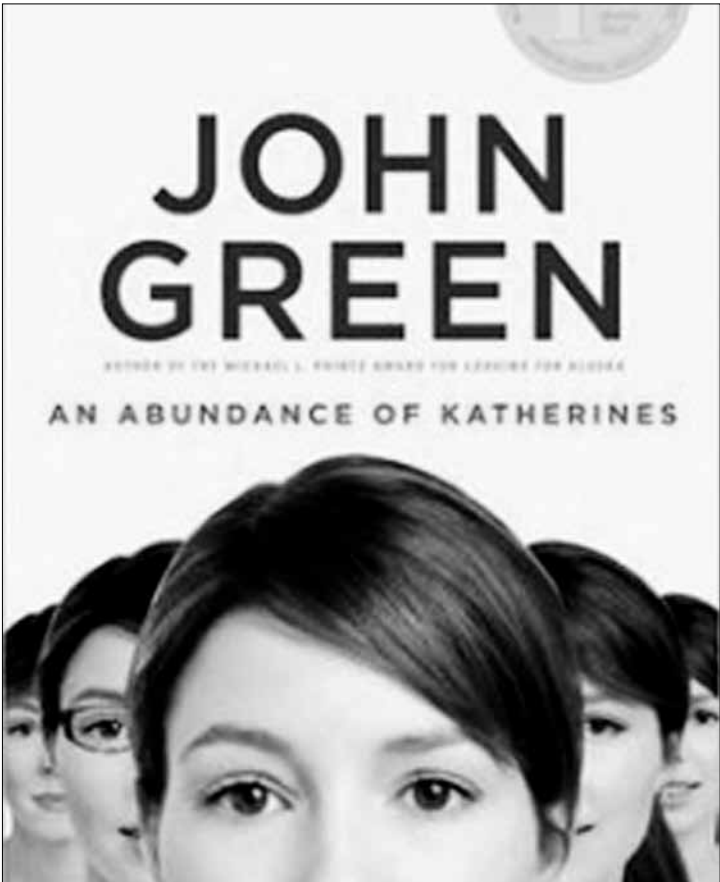
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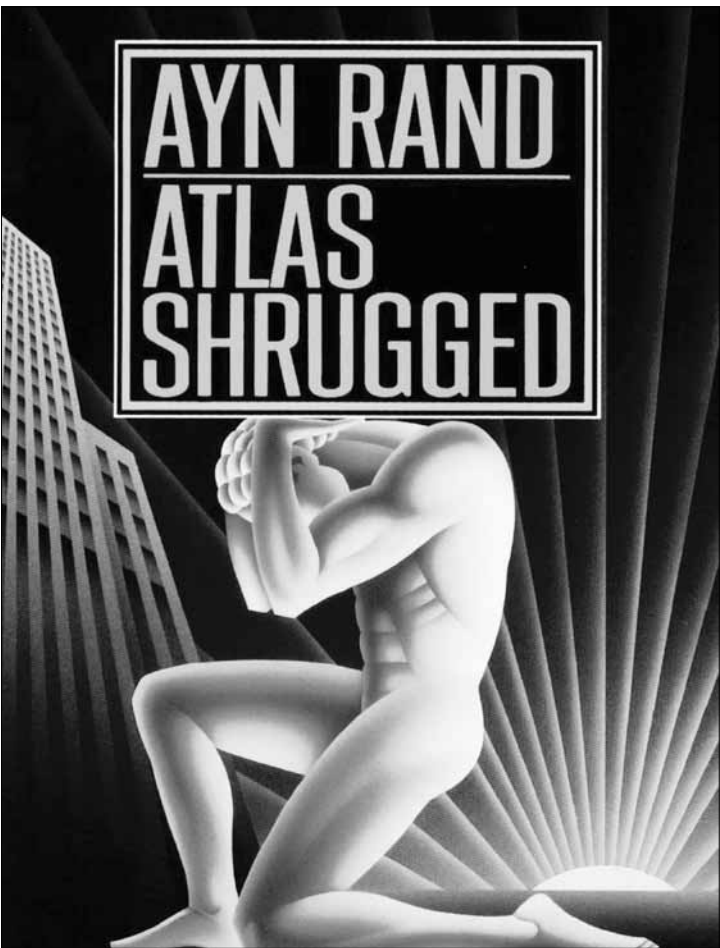
“You don’t remember what happened. What you remember becomes what happened.” We’ve all experienced love and we have all had our hearts broken, but how many of us can say we have been there and back 19 times? In “An Abundance of Katherines,” we follow Colin’s broken heart as he tries to figure out a mathematical theorem to the art behind the dumper and the dumpee. His journey takes him to Tennessee with his friend Hassan where they encounter some unusual people and a lack of Katherines for Colin to fall in love with—but this does not turn out to be such a bad thing. “An Abundance of Katherines.”

AMERICAN SNIPER:  
THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
OF THE MOST LETHAL  
SNIPER IN U.S.  
MILITARY HISTORY  
BY CHRIS KYLE

Step into the world of the late U.S. Navy SEAL, Chris Kyle. He shares his experience in the Navy, his journey to becoming a SEAL and his four deployments in the second Iraq conflict. Throughout the book, Kyle tells his story with honor, humor, honesty and heart.

It provides an insight to what the men and women in the service go through on a daily basis. There’s no censorship as to the gruesome images he saw and the battles he fought in.

He depicts a mission to protect oil rigs in Iraq during Operation: Iraqi Freedom. He shares his thoughts while they were dropped in a hot zone, between hundreds of Iraqi soldiers and the oilrigs.



ATLAS SHRUGGED BY AYN RAND

“If I had staged it intentionally, I would have beaten the record of Emperor Nero. What’s a burning city—compared to tearing the lid off hell and letting men see it?” Ayn Rand, Atlas Shrugged, 1957.

This book centers on the idea of big business’ role in society and just how much right one man has to change the world. Through this fiction, Rand develops an entire subject of philosophy (objectivism) and keeps you questioning your own morals. Be prepared for a very convoluted plot line with extremely complex characters. It’s not a light read, but if the reader has an appreciation for economics, politics and philosophy, Atlas Shrugged is worth picking up.

THE STORY OF A SHIPWRECKED SAILOR  
BY GABRIEL GARCÍA MARQUEZ

Before he became a novelist, Marquez was a journalist and he revealed the hidden story of how a Colombian Navy vessel’s shipwreck “occurred because the boat contained a badly stowed cargo of contraband goods that broke loose on the deck.” García Márquez compiled this story through interviews with a young sailor Luis Alejandro Velasco who survived the shipwreck. It was originally published as a 14-consecutive day series of installments in El Espectador newspaper in 1955. The publication of the articles resulted in public controversy, as they discredited the official account of the events, which had blamed a storm for the shipwreck and glorified the surviving sailor.



MICHAELA ROMAN / THE PROSPECTOR  
(above) Fernando Gonzalez finishes a Starbucks order.

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bad experiences with other free Wi-Fi coffee shops.”

Among students favorite beverages are the caramel Frappuccino, white chocolate mocha and, a seasonal favorite, the peppermint mocha.

“The peppermint mocha is perfect for when the temperature drops and it gets chilly out.” Font said.

The traditional brewed coffee is always in season, making it the preferred drink for college students. Brewed coffee can be personalized with cream and sugar, and served either hot or iced.

Some other students, however, aren’t as into the Starbucks hype as others.

Marcos Garcia, senior biology major, prefers to spend his time and money at places like Kinley’s Coffee- and Tea House, which was voted second on the list.

“I like to support locally owned businesses. Kinleys has a much more

unique aesthetic and you can tell it’s owned by people who actually base their lives here, and I like that,” Garcia said. “Besides, the prices are decent and it’s definitely smart to use your money wisely.”

According to Garcia, supporting locally owned business is integral for our city, and Kinleys is a great place to do so as a UTEP student.

“It just doesn’t have that corporate feel to it like Starbucks does. I like that it’s a coffee house for the people by the people. Everyone that goes in meets Kinley himself,” Garcia said.

Coffee has become more than just a shot of caffeine. According to the National Coffee Association it has become a \$30 billion-a-year national industry, resulting on a 83 percentage of adults consuming this beverage in 2012.

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we sometimes couldn’t catch the bus back home. At times like this, we used to stay at the bakery and sleep on cardboard and blankets and the next day my father would wake up really early to have the bread ready at 6 a.m.”

Bowie Bakery also sells different types of food such as menudo and tamales on Saturdays and Sundays.

Marquez said that for him, making bread is a form of art that he is proud of and has helped the business grow.

“You have to love what you do and making bread is an art and you have to take pride in it,” Marquez said. “We are grateful for those who support us and we strive to keep the quality of our pastries and we would like to invite all of the UTEP students who haven’t visited us to try our always fresh products.”

Bowie Bakery remains at its original location at 901 S. Park and have an additional location on Doniphan and Mesa. According to Marquez, Bowie Bakery is trying to expand further.

“It is always on my mind to try and expand the business. I’ve been trying to open a bakery on the Eastside, but it is not always easy,” Marquez said.

Alberto and Octavio Macias, brothers and both sophomore music majors, said that Bowie Bakery is one of the best bakeries in El Paso.

“I remember that our mother used to tell us about how our great-grandmother used to buy bread from there and give us some,” Octavio said.

Although they have never been to the store itself, they said that they have enjoyed their bread and said that it is hard to find good “pan dulce” here in El Paso.

“We come from Juárez and it is not hard at all to find some good bread over there, but here in El Paso is a whole other story,” Alberto said. “I especially enjoy this bread because it is always fresh.”

The bakery located is open Monday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and the second location is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m.–8 p.m. and on Sunday from 6:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

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zation, is predicting a positive growth in holiday shopping.

A recent NRF release forecasts a sales increase of 3.9 percent, which would raise retail sales for 2013 to \$602.1 billion. These numbers show hope that this year’s Christmas sales will return with a growth rate higher than the 10-year average of 3.3 percent.

Despite this outlook, some are holding off until the very end to buy.

“I do go shopping, but it is mostly last minute,” said Stephen Flores, senior psychology major.

Flores disagrees with the top retail stores and choses instead to shop at Target, hopefully to avoid the crowds.

Whether entering the madness of Black Friday or shopping from home on Cyber Monday, Miners have spoken and retail is in.

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# Miners face old rival Colorado State



Senior center John Bohannon attempts to make a layup against New Mexico State on Nov. 15. UTEP lost 86-73. AARON MONTES / THE PROSPECTOR

BY JAVIER CORTIZ  
The Prospector

The Miners begin the hardest portion of their schedule as they host the Colorado State Rams on Nov. 19 at the Don Haskins Center, after two underwhelming performances by the UTEP men's basketball team against New Mexico State and West Alabama. Early in the season, both teams stand at 2-1 and are looking to gain momentum going into conference play.

"They are a team in transition. They lost five starters from a year ago, but they have a transfer from Arizona who is playing an expanded role for them," said head coach Tim Floyd. "(junior Jon)Octeus is a guard that played very well against Gonzaga. I thought they rebounded pretty well and responded very well after that loss and got a big win over Weber State." Colorado State is coming off a 21-point win over Weber State Nov. 16. In the Rams' biggest test early in

the season, they faced No. 15 Gonzaga and lost 93-61. Coming off a 26-9 record and a NCAA tournament berth last year, the Rams are predicted to be a 20-win team and will make it to their third-straight NCAA tournament. In his second year at Colorado State, head coach Larry Eustachy has made the Mountain West and the rest of the nation know about the Rams' physical defensive presence and great rebounding abilities. Junior guards Daniel Bejarano, Jonathan Octeus

and J.J. Avila will lead the way for the Rams. The three guards lead the team in scoring through three games. "I know Larry (Eustachy) likes his new guys and I know he is trying to get them together to play here very quickly—it will be a challenge for us," Floyd said. "We haven't beaten them in the previous two contests. We played them pretty well up there a year ago. We are going to have to play better than how we played in Las Cruces and today (Nov. 17) to have a chance to win." Where the Rams might have an advantage over the Miners is in guard play, UTEP's height inside will loom on the undersized Rams' frontcourt. The Rams' three tallest players are 6-feet-7-inches, 6-feet-9-inches and 6-feet-10-inches.

Coming into tonight's game, the Miners are fresh off a win against West Alabama on Nov. 17, topping the Tigers by 21-points. Same as New Mexico State, the Rams will be another tough early test for the Miners. Early this season, Floyd has played with the starting guard rotation. Against West Alabama, El Paso native Tevin Caldwell made his first start, replacing C.J. Cooper and bypassing the consistent play of Justin Crosogle. The biggest question surrounding the Miners is Julian Washburn, who refused to return to the game against West Alabama. The two most consistent players for the Miners early on this season are junior guard McKenzie Moore and freshman forward Vincent Hunter. The two players' biggest strength is their athleticism, which Colorado State will not have a problem matching up with. Last year the Rams were known for their great athleticism and for tiring out teams. So far this season, the Miners still haven't found their identity and an-

“  
They are a very physical and very well coached team.  
”  
- John Bohannon, senior center

other tough opponent like Colorado State is only the beginning of a tough non-conference schedule. After the game against the Rams on Nov. 19, the Miners will host New Mexico State in the Battle of I-10 rematch. Then they will play Tennessee in the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament. "They are a very physical and very well-coached team," said senior center John Bohannon. "Against NMSU we didn't play UTEP basketball. These couple of games coming up for us are going to help us show what kind of team we really are." In their first three games, the Miners have struggled with the stricter fouling rules implemented by the NCAA. UTEP committed 41 fouls against New Mexico State in Las Cruces and struggled in the second half of their only exhibition game against Southeastern Oklahoma. Good guard play and UTEP's big men staying out of foul trouble are the keys for winning this game. Javier Cortez may be reached at theprospectordaily.sports@gmail.com.

## FOOTBALL

# UTEP seeking third win against the Green Wave

BY EDWIN DELGADO  
The Prospector

The UTEP Miners are focused on keeping the momentum alive against their next opponent, the Tulane Green Wave. After claiming a win in their final home game of the 2013 season, the Miners will face the Green Wave on Nov. 23 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome in New Orleans, La. The Miners are coming off their second win of the season after they defeated Florida International University, 33-10, a victory that left head coach Sean Kugler satisfied. He said he hopes the effort and improvement carries on for the final two games of the season. "I'm extremely happy with the overall effort of the team, especially on the improvement of our secondary," Kugler said. "We have a lot of young guys in the secondary that have played more aggressively." Tulane (6-4) is coming off a bye week and they lost to Florida Atlantic and UT San Antonio in their last two outings. The Green Wave offense is led by quarterback Nick Montana, son of legendary San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana. He has completed

53 percent of his pass attempts this season for a total of 1,386 yards, 10 touchdowns and nine interceptions. Possibly the biggest concern for the Miners will be Tulane's running backs—senior Orleans Darkwa and junior Rob Kelley have combined for 1,026 yards and 10 touchdowns. Both players average 4.5 yards per carry with Darkwa carrying most of the load. "They have two big backs, which has been a problem for our defense to stop them," Kugler said. "They are very efficient on offense. Their quarterback doesn't put up big numbers, but they can score." Tulane ranks 102nd in the nation in passing yards, averaging 181 yards per game and 104th in rushing yards, averaging 123 yards per game. The Miners, however, have not been able to stop the run all season long. UTEP ranks 116th in the country in rush defense, giving up 239 yards per game. Offensively, there's good news for the Miners after the performance from running back Nathan Jeffery against the Golden Panthers. After freshman running back Aaron Jones was ruled out for the rest of the season with broken



Junior running back Nathan Jeffery bursts a 54-yard touchdown run on Nov. 16 to lead the Miners to a 33-10 victory against FIU at the Sun Bowl. AARON MONTES / THE PROSPECTOR

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RECRUITING

# International athletes adjust to new setting

BY JAVIER CORTEZ  
The Prospector

On a year-to-year basis, UTEP athletics might not have success as a whole, but one thing women's sports has a monopoly on is recruiting international players and doing it with great success.

In eight of the nine women's sports programs, there are a sprinkle of international players. So much so that UTEP has one of the most diverse athletics programs in the nation.

Being that UTEP is located in such close proximity to another country—so close that you can literally see Mexico—it's only fitting that UTEP has players all across the globe.

"I like it," said junior golfer Camino Sardinero. "I come from Spain, so there is no way I could do what I'm doing now (back home). I think it's a great opportunity that the university gives us a chance to play for them."

Sardinero is one of four international students in the golf team, along with seniors Emma Burman, Emma Edin and junior Nathalie Gallacher, who are all from Sweden.

Women's basketball also recruits a good number of European players, including sophomore forward Agata Drobowska, who is one of two Polish players on the team—which has six European players. The other Polish teammate is junior forward Marta Oledzka.

"I really like El Paso," Dobrowolska said "I love the weather. The weather is great—it's not cold compared to back home. Overall, I love the program, the athletes, softball, football, everything. That's really nice to have all these athletes around, we're all like a nice huge family."

Unlike student athletes who are from the United States, international players have to deal with the long and sometimes painstaking process of playing college sports. One thing that helps is when you have coaches who know the process and understand the situation.

Tennis head coach Mark Roberts, who is from Durban, South Africa, and women's basketball associate head coach Ewa Laskowska, who is from Poland, both know and understand the recruiting process and what it takes to come to the United States and play collegiate sports.

“We have great diversity...I think it helps them. They have someone that they can relate to.”

**- Ewa Laskowska, women's basketball associate head coach**

"I think knowing the process makes it easy for me," Roberts said. "I did the exact same thing as them, I was recruited by a coach and came over as an international kid, so it has its benefits."

When a player comes from another country, the biggest change is culture and language. Learning how to assimilate into another culture is never easy.

"The important thing for them to understand is that it is a bit different," Laskowska said. "With our team we have great diversity, not just one international player but a few and I think that helps them. They have someone that they can relate to and our kids from the states do a great job with taking them in."

Many UTEP students have a strong connection with Mexico, due to the proximity of El Paso to Mexico and that unique blend of cultures helps some of these athletes.

"The fact that there are so many people from Mexico here, I felt that it was more similar to my culture," Sardinero said. "It also helps that there were three girls from Spain already playing on the team when I got here. So that really helped me. I didn't feel lonely at all knowing that someone from my country was here."

Whether the players like the weather, have similar cultures, or have players from their own country playing at UTEP, nothing is more attractive than playing for a winning team.

"We all want to win and when you want to win, at the end of the day, all the differences we have come to be not important because we all want to win—so were going to do what we need to do," Laskowska said.

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(Top) sophomore forward Agata Dobrowolska joined the Miners this year. She is from Lublin, Poland.  
(Bottom) senior center Kristene Vitola (left) is one of several players from Latvia who have played for the Miners.

## IN BRIEF

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UTEP senior forward Kayla Thornton was named the Conference USA Women's Basketball Player of the Week, the league office revealed Nov. 18. It marks her second weekly honor by the league office of her career, as she was a C-USA Co-Player of the Week on Dec. 17, 2012.

Thornton posted a pair of double-doubles and the Miners routed NM State, 94-69, and Kansas State, 84-39, to improve to 3-0 on the year.

Thornton set the tone early against the Aggies with the first six points in an eventual wire-to-wire win. She finished with 22 points and 12 boards, while also recording three assists and two steals.

She was instrumental in guiding UTEP past the Wildcats, piling up 15 points, 11 rebounds and three assists in just 19 minutes of action. In the first half alone Thornton contributed 10 points and eight rebounds, with her energy setting the tone for the Miners and aiding them to their largest halftime lead (33) against a Division I foe in program history.

### FOOTBALL

Thomas Howard, who was a standout linebacker at UTEP from 2002-05 prior to enjoying a lengthy NFL career, has passed away in a car accident in California.

Howard tallied 296 tackles in 48 games for the Miners. He ranks third in school history in tackles for losses (34) and tied for seventh in sacks (13). He was a member of UTEP's 2004 Houston Bowl and 2005 GMAC Bowl teams.

He was chosen by Oakland in the second round of the 2006 NFL Draft, making him UTEP's highest selection in 37 years. He played for the Raiders from 2006-10 and for Cincinnati from 2011-12. His career totals were 492 tackles, six sacks and seven interceptions in 93 games.

For the last two years, Howard has presented scholarship awards to UTEP walk-on student athletes through his foundation.



VOLLEYBALL

# UTEP to take on Southern Miss in C-USA Tournament

BY LUIS BARRIO  
The Prospector

It was a whirl of emotions in Memorial Gym when the UTEP Volleyball team swept the East Carolina Pirates 3-0 (30-28, 25-20, 25-23) in their season finale along with celebrating its five seniors in their final regular season as Miners. The team is now headed to Murfreesboro, Tenn. to take on the Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles on Nov. 21 as part of the Conference USA Tournament.

"It was an emotional day," senior Malia Patterson said. "I know we have more games, but it was still an emotional day and a good day. We are all definitely looking forward to the tournament now."

The win on Nov. 17 was a way to gain momentum, but now the Miners are geared towards winning the conference tournament that begins on Nov. 21.

UTEP finished the regular season above .500 at 14-13. They are the No. 9 seed in the tournament. The winner of the game between Southern Mississippi and UTEP will play No. 1 seed, the Texas-San Antonio Roadrunners on Nov. 18.

Head coach Holly Watts said that the team is capable of beating the top teams in Conference USA. The Miners finished their regular season facing Tulsa and East Carolina at Memorial Gym.

UTEP went up two games to zero before the Golden Hurricanes stormed back and took three straight games in a bitter defeat for the Miners.

"With our conference it's one of those things where any team can beat any team. It gives us hope, especially with a team that close to No. 1. It gives us confidence. We have a really good shot," said freshman Lindsey Larson. "We have to be confident in ourselves, our team and be positive."

"Certainly against Tulsa we knew we had to play well because they are at the top of the conference. We kept playing hard and never gave up. We just didn't end up on top," Watts said.

With the tournament just around the corner, Watts talked about what she wants to see from her squad at the Conference USA championship.

"I expect us to fight and compete every rally. We need to give ourselves a chance to do well. We are going to go in with a lot of intensity and fire and play hard," Watts said.

Despite finishing the season with a 1-4 record in its previous five games, Watts wants to be ready for any team they face in the tournament.

"We've already done a game plan for each team. We can find out the tweaks that need to be adjusted when facing these teams," Watts said. "We're going to re-look at our game plan and find the breakdown as to what we need to do."

In the regular season the Miners fell to Southern Mississippi 3-0 (17-25, 20-25, 19-25) in Hattiesburg, Miss.

The team that finished eight in conference, just one spot ahead of the Miners, the winner will face the Texas San Antonio roadrunners on Nov. 22 in the quarterfinals.

The Miners go into the tournament sweeping the Pirates and more importantly, they go in with momentum at a time of the season when momentum can make all the difference going to the conference championships.

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- Malia Patterson,  
senior setter



UTEP defeated East Carolina in three straight sets on Nov. 17. Xitlali Herrera is one of the seniors on the team.

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## 2013 WINTER COMMENCEMENT

### Commencement Ceremony Times:

**9 a.m.**  
Morning Commencement  
-College of Liberal Arts

**2 p.m.**  
Afternoon Commencement  
-College of Business Administration  
-College of Education  
-School of Nursing

### Commencement Ceremony Times:

**7 p.m.**  
Evening Commencement  
-College of Engineering  
-College of Science  
-College of Health Sciences

\*All Ceremonies include graduate degrees corresponding to these Colleges.

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**1.** In order to experience an enjoyable Commencement ceremony, please arrive at Memorial Gym at least an hour prior to the ceremony. Check-in will begin inside of Auxiliary Gym (room 120) at the following times:

- For 9 a.m. Ceremony: 8 a.m. (doors open at 7:30 a.m.)
- For 2 p.m. Ceremony: 1 p.m. (doors open at 12:30 p.m.)
- For 7 p.m. Ceremony: 6 p.m. (doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

\*Please ensure that you have checked-in and picked up your reader card during these times.

**2.** Arrive early and have a photo taken in Memorial Gym prior to the ceremony.

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**5.** Wear regalia and comfortable shoes, and out of courtesy for your fellow graduates, please remain for the duration of the ceremony.

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WEEKEND SCORES

FOOTBALL

Nov. 16  
Florida International 10, UTEP 33

VOLLEYBALL

Nov. 15  
Tulsa 3, UTEP 2

Nov. 17  
East Carolina 0, UTEP 3

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Nov. 16  
Kansas State 39, UTEP 84

MEN’S BASKETBALL

Nov. 15  
UTEP 73, New Mexico State 86

Nov. 17  
West Alabama 46, UTEP 67

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ribs. Jeffery, who has been battling with injuries all season long, came through against FIU and rushed for 130 yards and two touchdowns.

Kugler said that freshman quarterback Mack Leftwich is getting more comfortable as the starting quarterback after taking a beating against North Texas Nov. 9. Defensively speaking, Tulane and North Texas are very similar.

Tulane ranks seventh in the nation in interceptions with 16 and seventh in fumble recoveries with 12, same number of total turnovers as North Texas.

“They improved a lot from last year, mainly because they got three big guys in their defensive line who are transfers,” Kugler said.

The Miners will keep Leftwich as the starting quarterback, but will give sophomore Blaire Sullivan a bigger role on the team. The same goes for the Miners’ offensive line, as Jerel Watkins is expected to return against Tulane.

Kugler said that Sullivan is too good of an athlete to keep on the sidelines and that the team needs to work a lot during the week to be ready for Tulane.

“I was happy with the way we played. The players came out and played hard for each other, they played like a team that was 8-1 instead of 1-8,” Kugler said. “If we go out there with a lot of energy, then good things will happen for us.”

The Miners, 2-8, will finish their 2013 campaign on the road when they face Middle Tennessee State on Nov. 30 in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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