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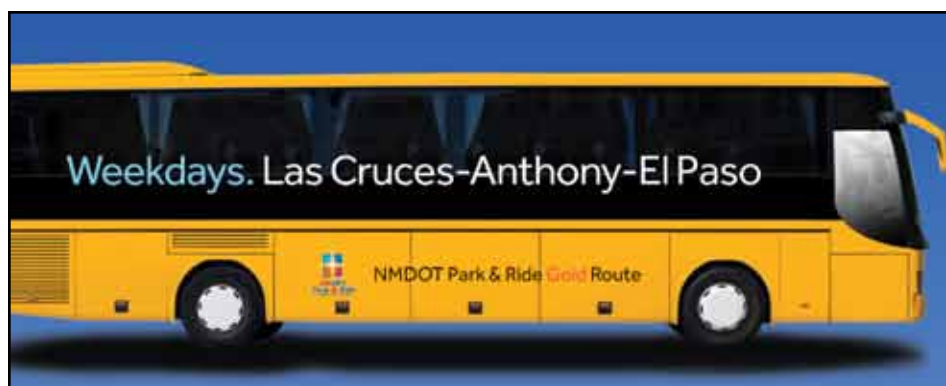
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COLUMN

Healthy person equals healthy planet

BY JOSE SOTO

The Prospector



Earth Day comes and goes just like any other holiday without much consideration or acknowledgment from many students.

It's usually a handful of individuals who actively celebrate Earth Day, and to them, I give my honest kudos.

The blatant truth is that many simply brush it off as any other mundane date because they do not know enough about it or what it entails. The hard-to-swallow facts and statistics on how badly our Mother Earth is aching and the essential steps needed to reduce and avoid an environmental catastrophe should not be brushed under the rug.

But what is one individual going to do about it, right? That was my mentality a few years back as well. It wasn't that I was insipid or naive. I just thought that my contribution one day out of the year wouldn't make a substantial difference, since I was an unstoppable juggernaut of consumption and consumerism the rest of the year. It wasn't until I started taking my own health into consideration that I took a different approach to the planet's health as well.

I realized I was at a point in life where I seriously needed to be diligent about what I consumed. I cut down on a lot of things that weren't doing my body any good. That included sodas, sweets and refined food. It wasn't that I wanted to lose weight and look great, although it was a plus, but I wanted to preserve my body so that it could continue to allow me to be active and pursue the many adventures I still had to undergo.

I began to notice all the unnatural ingredients that go into a lot of the food that we consume. I couldn't pronounce half of them. If I couldn't understand how the product was made, why would I expect my body to process it?

I began to purchase products that were organic, natural or close enough. In turn, I did lose weight, but even more importantly, I began to decrease my contribution to processed foods and factory-raised animals. I also greatly reduced my consumption of fast food, which contributes immensely to the deterioration of the environment overall.

I noticed that I was eating at home more, where I obviously used less

paper and plastic products. I also began drinking a lot more water, which is essential to both the body and the Earth. Water became such a significant part of my change. That's when I did the most substantial, yet simplest contribution to the Earth: I bought myself a water bottle.

I was going through bottled water like babies' diapers. It dawned on me that I could simply invest in a good water bottle and eliminate my use of plastic bottles. Although I did recycle, I was still using up unnecessary amounts of plastic.

I bought myself a Brita water bottle that came with an installed filter. I simply refilled my water bottle and the filter gave me the same quality of taste that bottled water had. A small step, yet a great contribution to the planet.

Instead of getting my water through means of consumption and consumerism, I would source my water locally and allow it to be recycled through the proper measures. It was my small contribution to a huge problem.

Aside from those particular changes, I also started sporting TOMS shoes. I can see how this might seem comical, but the idea of using less fabric and, obviously, far less plastic and leather, was ideal.

The philanthropy of my contribution was the real catch. For every shoe bought, TOMS matched it by providing shoes to children in undeveloped, impoverished counties, who can't afford footwear.

As an employee at Starbucks, I started using the same cup for every beverage I consumed: from the water I drank to the black iced coffee I enjoy. A side note for you coffee enthusiasts, Starbucks sells reusable cups for \$1, which you can take in for a discount every time you use it instead of using their usual plastic cups.

Yes, I'm not out planting trees, nor am I entirely vegan or protesting factories, but if the small measures I have taken were to be taken by most, we could reduce our carbon footprint substantially as a whole.

It's merely a matter of you thinking about yourself. What is it that you want to do for yourself? Are the things you are doing now making you happy? The answers might lead you to treating the planet, and yourself, a little better.

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TIPA AWARDS 2014

Student Publications students win 27 TIPA awards

Students from The Prospector, in print and online, and Minero Magazine won a total of 27 awards from the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association at this year's annual conference April 10-12 in San Antonio.

NEWSPAPER DIVISION 2

FIRST PLACE AWARDS

Overall Excellence to The Prospector Staff
Page One Design - Asarco Demolition, Diego Burciaga, Aaron Montes, Alejandro Alba
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SECOND PLACE AWARDS

News Story - Pass the Budget, Jasmine Aguilera
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Information Graphic - Cheap Eats, Diego Burciaga, Veronica Enriquez, Aaron Montes
News Photo - Asarco Dust, Andres Rodriguez
Sports Feature Photo - Miner Maniacs, Aaron Montes
News Feature Story - In Memoriam, Andrea Acosta, Kristopher Rivera, S. David Ramirez

THIRD PLACE AWARDS

Sports Column - Conference, Edwin Delgado
Honorable Mention Awards
Special Edition - Career Issue, Prospector Staff
News Story - Drinking Penalized, Sabrina Nuñez
Sports Page Design - Football Issue, Diego Burciaga, Edwin Delgado, Aaron Montes
News Photos - City Hall Demolition, Aaron Montes
Picture Story - Flagpole Ceremony, Aaron Montes
Sports Feature Story - Ereng, Edwin Delgado
Feature Story - Drumming, Kristopher Rivera

ONLINE AWARDS - ALL DIVISIONS

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Third place for Best Breaking News Video - Bomb Threat, Aaron Montes
Honorable Mention for Best Audio Slide Show - Asarco, Aaron Montes
Honorable Mention for Best Video Package - Asarco, Aaron Montes
Honorable Mention for Best Breaking News Package - Bomb Threat, Alejandro Alba, Aaron Montes, Kristopher Rivera, Lorain Watters

GENERAL MAGAZINE - ALL DIVISIONS

Second Place for News Feature Story - Sorry, I don't Speak Spanish, Guerrero Garcia
Second Place for General News Photo - Balinese Dancer, Alejandro Alba
Honorable Mention for Column/Essay - Early Awakenings, Alejandro Alba
Honorable Mention for Feature Photo - No Spanish, Jesus Medrano

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Green Fund increases student environmental initiatives



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

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The Miner Heights garden was a project proposed by UTEP's Permaculture Society and funded through the Student Government Association's Green Fund.

Up to \$40,000 in funds are raised every year for sustainability projects through the Green Fund.

According to William Hargrove, director of the Center for Environmental Resource Management at UTEP, the strength of the Green Fund is its ability to create funds for sustainability projects and its significance to student leadership.

"It's not something that came about because of the administration or the faculty or anything like that," Hargrove said. "It was students who wanted to do it, and now who are also proposing the ideas for projects."

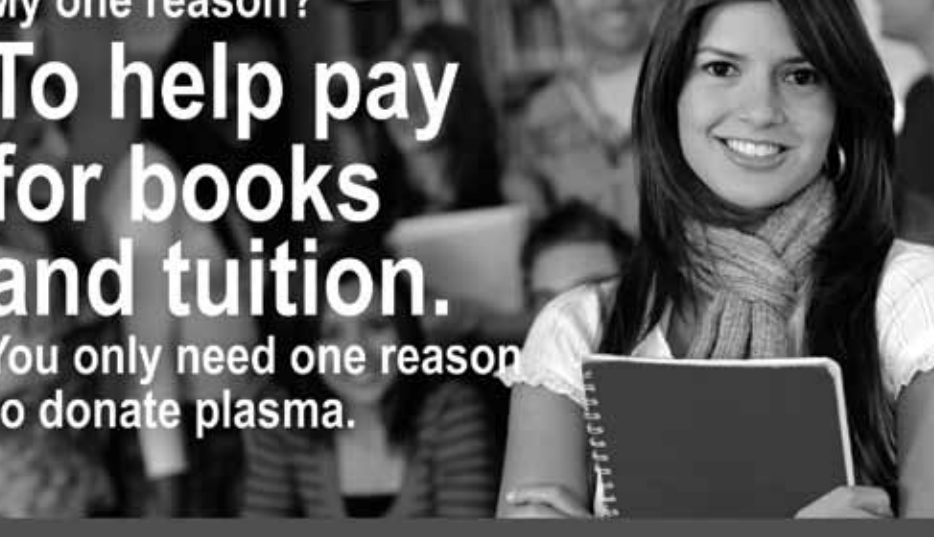
After a proposal is submitted, the committee considers different factors for approval.

Some other proposals that have been funded through the Green Fund include the recently imple-

- Paulina Lopez, SGA president

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What do you do to go green?

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AISHA RUSSELL
Senior kinesiology major
“I don’t really go green. It has never crossed my mind to. I try not to litter, but that is pretty much it.”



ALFREDO ALEMAN
Junior art education major
“I take short showers, like, five minutes max. I don’t waste much gas and water. I ride my bicycle everyday, I walk and I try not to buy plastic stuff or any waste that is going to turn into a hazard for the environment.”



JESSICA BARNEY
Senior music major
“I try not to get receipts ever or I get things emailed to me, but other than that I don’t really go green because I haven’t really looked into it and learned about it as much as I should.”



CARLOS ACEVEDO
Freshman digital media production major
“I take the bus, I recycle, I don’t litter, I walk everywhere.”



MAJORIE INGLE
Graduate mechanical engineering major
“What I do is try to recycle all my mail and the things that I don’t use. Also, instead of keeping a lot of papers around the house just digitize everything, I think that is a lot more environmentally friendly.”

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GABRIELA CONTRERAS
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“I turn off all the electronic devices that are not being used in my house.”



GABY HERRERA
Freshman business major
“I always use my water container and not plastic water bottles.”



VALERIA RODRIGUEZ
Freshman education major
“I recycle my notebooks and use both sides of my papers.”

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CRYSTAL DOMINGUEZ
Freshman forensic science major
“I recycle a lot of my used notebooks I have, I take them to a recycling plant or give them to my niece and I try and buy organic makeup that’s not synthetic.”



OSCAR GARCIA
Sophomore nursing major
“I try to save water when I shower or brush my teeth.”



LAURA ZAYAS
Senior education major
“I buy ebooks instead of regular books.”



MARTIN CHAVEZ
Junior pre-business major
“When I go out I try to turn off all the lights and try to use less water when I use the dishes.”

CAMPUS LIFE

Engineering students participate in international off-road extreme challenge

BY HELEN YIP
The Prospector

UTEP's chapter of the Society of Automotive Engineers International will take off-roading to another dimension. College of Engineering students will show off their ingenuity and capability in automotive design from April 24–27 at the 2014 Baja SAE Competition.

SAE International is a global organization, comprised of engineers and technical experts in the aerospace, automotive and commercial-vehicle industries.

UTEP will host a variety of schools from all over the world including teams from Mexico, Canada, South Korea and United Arab Emirates.

It's been 16 years since this competition has been held at UTEP. This is the first of three regional competitions that will be held nationwide—the other two will be held in May in Kansas and on June in Illinois.

UTEP, along with students from 96 universities, will participate in the collegiate design series, and they will be tested in design, engineering, marketing, building and finally the testing of a one-person, off-road vehicle that they built.

Sergio Maldonado is the project director of Baja SAE 2014 and is working on his graduate degree in mechanical engineering.

"We have 100 teams registered to compete and in the first time of the history of the SAE competition, the first out of the three events sold out," Maldonado said. "The point of this event is to simulate real-world engineering and design projects. There are many elements involved in this competition that create a real-world professional environment."

Maldonado said it is more of a challenge to build and manufacture the vehicle than just participating in the en-

durance race. Students must develop a business plan, design a cost-effective model and deliver a sales presentation.

Baja SAE challenges students to develop a vehicle and be able to sell it using a variety of skills that will give them a competitive edge.

The kick off will begin with presentations given by each team, who will deliver their business plan. The plan includes things such as market analysis; the cost of the car from start to finish, and the cost to mass-produce the vehicle.

The company Briggs and Stratton donated all of the engines for the competition.

"At the end of the day, all of the engines are the same, so really depends on the competitors and their design," Maldonado said.

Maldonado said the competition being held at UTEP means the terrain will be a unique one.

"We are seated in a desert that has a lot of rocks and mountains, where the cars can drive in a natural setting,"

Maldonado said. "Most of the other tracks in the country are man-made."

This gives UTEP a bit of an edge in designing a top-performing Baja car, which must have the ability to handle extreme and tough terrains, which the cars are built for.

UTEP has two teams in the competition this year. Chris Caviglia, graduate student in mechanical engineering, is the captain for the upper-level team.

Caviglia said sponsors donate most of the parts they use to build the cars and that the sponsors are an important part of making this event happen.

"We always go back to Armor Metals," Caviglia said. "They always help us out with the metal for the frame, along with other companies who donate."

The toughest part of the design for the competition is the technical inspection of the car, Caviglia said. He also said there are a lot of specifications that go into making an off-road vehicle certified.

"There is a rule book of about 60-70 pages with specifications we need

to meet to even have our car considered," he said.

The inspection consists of about 30 judges from Honda Research and Development, who will inspect every car from top to bottom.

According to Maldonado, Honda Research and Development judges are rigorous and the planning must be done methodically.

"If they believe the car is not safe, your team will get disqualified," Maldonado said.

The Static Events for the competition will take place at the Rudolph parking lot on Sun Bowl Drive. The Dynamic Events, which include hill climb, acceleration, suspension, traction and maneuverability and a four-hour endurance race, will take place Saturday and Sunday at the Recreational Sports Complex.

For more information, visit baja-sae2014.utep.edu.

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AMANDA GUILLEN / THE PROSPECTOR

The Baja SAE competition tasks engineering students with designing a dune buggy that can withstand harsh terrains.

INBRIEF

ANNUAL NATIONWIDE INITIATIVE TO ILLUMINATE THE DARKNESS OF SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

UTEP in collaboration with the "Take Back The Night Foundation" and 9 other key campuses and communities across the nation are pleased to announce the annual "Take Back The Night" initiative to be held on Wednesday, April 23 at UTEP's Union Cinema. "Take Back the Night" is a movement started in the 1970s to combat sexual violence and abuse on campuses and in communities around the world. This national initiative has assembled community organizers, campus advocates and student leaders to illuminate the darkness of abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault.

Monday, April 14 – Thursday, April 24

Clothesline Project: A visual representation of violence against women. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at the University Library, 3rd floor.

Wednesday, April 23

Advocacy Fair: highlighting the "Hijas de su Madre" project, designed to combine health education with healing art practices, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at the Union Plaza.

Wednesday, April 23

"Take Back the Night" and Candlelight Vigil: Keynote Speaker Emilano Diaz De Leon has freed himself from the destructive cycle of violence and is an ally who works alongside women to support survivors of intimate partner violence. Followed by a Candlelight Vigil from 7–9 p.m. at the Union Cinema.

Thursday, April 24

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CAMPUS LIFE

Top 5 eco-friendly myths debunked

BY JAVIER CORTEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

Everywhere you go it seems like environmentally friendly people, places and things keep sprouting up. Whether it is a marketing scheme or genuine belief, the craze of being environmentally friendly is here to stay. In the United States, words like environmentally friendly, or green, are not as clear-cut as they seem. The exact definition of environmentally friendly is to not harm the natural environment. With such an ambiguous term, there is room for imagination on what is and isn't environmentally friendly. Here are five of the biggest eco-friendly myths.

5. GREEN MEANS GOOD

Green is another vague term that can be applied to many things. Just because a product has the words "green product" on it does not necessarily mean that it is eco-friendly. The Federal Trade Commission last revised its guidelines for what businesses can call green in 1998. For example, fluorescent light bulbs are one of the most marketed eco-friendly products in the United States, but the problem is that fluorescent light bulbs contain mercury. The light bulbs also contain a lethal neurotoxin that cannot be disposed of with other garbage because of the mercury contamination.

4. HYBRIDS TRUMP REGULAR CARS

Regular cars are not the devil. Having your car regularly examined and maximizing fuel efficiency is on par with having a smart car. Even though hybrid cars do have the advantage of being safer for the environment and more efficient, they come at a hefty price. According to carsdirect.com, the leading multi-brand online car buying service, hybrids may cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 more than regular cars. Not to mention, the cost of maintenance on a hybrid is much higher. They might be efficient on road, but not on your bank account.

3. ORGANIC IS THE BEST CHOICE

A survey in the United Kingdom asked why consumers buy organic food, and the results showed the top reason was to avoid pesticides. Organic foods supposedly do not use pesticides and fungicides. According to the National Center for Food and Agriculture Policy, copper and sulfur were the top two fungicides used in organic foods in 1971. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, there are 20 commonly used chemicals in the growing and processing of organic crops by the U.S. organic standards. Nearly half of the pesticides that are currently approved by organic farmers in the U.S. failed to pass in the European safety evaluation by the European Commission.

2. TREES ARE THE SOLUTION

Trees provide many benefits such as providing vegetation and being a habitat for animals, and of course they breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. However, trees are not the solution to global warming. Studies have shown that it is where you plant trees that will benefit the environment. A tree planted in the wrong place is a waste of time, money and effort. Trees planted in cold winter areas offset any cooling from carbon-reduced areas.

1. BETTER ON THAN OFF

Turning lights off is something engrained from a very young age, but that might not be the solution to conserving energy anymore. Compact fluorescent light bulbs have replaced incandescent light bulbs within the last five years as the most popular light bulb, thanks to green marketing. According to the Department of Energy, it is cheaper and more energy efficient to leave fluorescent light bulbs on if you will be out of the room for 15 minutes or less. Constantly turning off and on CFL bulbs only wastes more energy. On average a CFL bulb costs \$2.50 more than an incandescent light bulb. If a CFL bulb is used correctly, it can save \$5.41 compared to an incandescent bulb.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Businesses join the eco-friendly bandwagon

BY JOSE SOTO
The Prospector

El Paso is a pulsating mecca of flourishing businesses and entertainment establishments that are eager to please the masses. Everywhere throughout the city, we have a multitude of locations trying to make their mark on the local scene.

Many of these establishments are taking measures to be eco-friendly. While it may be an option for businesses, it is not one that is easily chosen. Luckily, there are some businesses that apply eco-friendly factors to their company's mission, which ultimately improves the community and its clientele.

"Businesses are interested in saving money and furthering their bottom line just as much as we at the city are," said Lauren Baldwin, member of the El Paso Green Initiative. "We want to help businesses learn how they can cut costs while still promoting themselves as a 'green' business."

There are now studies that show that consumers are starting to care much more about how socially re-

sponsible businesses are, and it is affecting their buying decisions.

Packaging, waste and recyclable materials are important to consumers and we all know that energy efficiency and cost savings are important for businesses, Baldwin said.

The term eco-friendly is also quite vague itself. It is used quite frequently and often without any indication of it's meaning. According to envirotols.org, being eco friendly means, "employing the use of practices, principles, and policies in an effort to provide a product that will positively impact the environment."

As the hype of being eco-friendly rises, so does the pressure for companies to comply. Therefore, the current generation of consumers are becoming more environmentally aware, which in turn creates a pressure for companies to live up to their demands.

According to eco-efficiency.com, the main goals of becoming an eco-sustainable company include enhancing brand and increasing competitive advantage, increasing productivity and reducing costs, improving financial and investment opportunity,



TANIA MORAN / THE PROSPECTOR

Tom's Folk Cafe is one of the many local businesses that are practicing the eco-friendly initiative. They are using biodegradable boxes and silverware.

minimizing carbon risk and improving energy efficiency. However, the most appealing benefit for these companies is joining the movement toward environmental sustainability.

Some local businesses are already on the bandwagon, and some are even conducting it. The Groovy Smoothie Nutrition Bar, located at 702 Wyoming Ave., takes an innovative approach to their water usage and waste.

"We figured since we use non-toxic cleaners and organic, natural fruit

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COMMUNITY

Artists in the El Paso community get trashy



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR
Aaron Martinez displays one of his art pieces. He focuses on ceramics and uses materials such as clay, wood, moss, seed, beans and crushed up snail shells.

BY LESLY LIMON
The Prospector

One person's trash is another person's treasure and artists in the El Paso community are giving that phrase a whole new meaning.

Ceramic artists, projection artists and even fashion designers throughout El Paso are showcasing trashy work, and that's meant in a good way.

Aaron Quinn Martinez is a teaching assistant at UTEP, who works mainly with sculpture art.

"I'm a ceramic artist. My art is not normal art work, I try to be as fresh as I can by using found materials," Martinez said. "I take trash and turn it into a form of interest."

Martinez goes by the name One Star Artist on Facebook. Although Martinez primarily uses ceramics in

his art, some of the found objects he also uses are clay, wood, moss, seed pods, beans and even crushed up snail shells.

Martinez handles these items and turns them into art.

Adriana Oñate, a senior art major at UTEP, has her work on display at the Rubin Center for the Visual Arts in the "10 Squared 100 Artists Celebration UTEP's Centennial" art show. Oñate works on different mediums and she produces a variety of artworks. Recently she's been working primarily as a projection artist.

"Being a projection artist is a bit earth-friendly because I don't use paper or have much waste," Oñate said.

She said she also experiments with film in her artwork—it's performance art that she films, then she exhibits it

in ways that get her artistic message across.

Ana Dieguez is a local fashion designer who loves to experiment with trash in her clothing.

"It started as a project for school. We had to make a garment for Earth Day. After that, I found that I actually enjoy it. Plus, it's different and makes people think twice about the environment and how bad it's getting," Dieguez said. "Seeing clothes made of trash just brings a smile and a 'wow' on people's faces. It makes me happy and proud that I can make wearable clothes out of recycled trash."

Dieguez has had her work displayed in a few art and fashion shows around the city.

Although she isn't currently working on a big project, she does take

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FASHION

Students design outfits made from used materials

BY AMBER GOMEZ
The Prospector

You may have seen clothing made from silk, fine fabrics or cotton, but chances are you’ve never seen clothing made from recycled materials. In honor of Earth Week, Union Services will put on a unique fashion show that will take place at noon, April 23 at the UTEP Union Plaza.

Union Services will also have an art exhibit that features the work from

artists on campus. In order to have a place in the exhibit, participants had to create either clothing for the fashion show, a sculpture, paintings or jewelry that incorporated the theme of Earth Week and be constructed from recycled materials. The exhibit will be housed in the gallery at Union Building East on the second floor. The exhibit will be open from April 21-May 4.

“The theme R3: Re-Create, Re-Think, Re-Discover really focuses on

not just recycling, but also rethinking the choices we make daily in regards to what we consider trash,” said Nicole Aguilar, assistant director for Union Services. “It’s easy to see just how easy it is to turn a coffee pot into art, empty water bottles can light up a room as a decorative chandelier and aluminum can create the latest fashion apparel.”

The event was open to students in March and April. Many submitted their work to participate and went through a judging committee prior to being allowed to participate. Among the students whose work will be featured is freshman art major Briana Martinez, who works for Union Services.

“My co-workers and I started using a lot of recycled materials from around our office to create collaborative pieces,” Martinez said. “I became inspired to do my own piece with

leftover labels that we had printed for the fashion show, which we are also hosting Wednesday (April 23).”

Martinez took leftover fashion show labels that Union Services had printed and painted over them with watercolors, to make them an interpretation of Mother Nature.

“I believe that I was able to capture the Earth Week theme with my drawing,” Martinez said. “As an office, we built a lot of pieces made from recycled materials, but I wanted to draw an image that captured the beauty of nature and what it can look like if everyone helps to take care of the world.”

This is the second time that Earth Week has been a theme in the Union Gallery.

“This exhibit is very unique in its own right. We see just how creative someone can get using ordinary, used pieces we see in everyday life to create a work of art. It’s a reflection of

creativity, effort and really gives the audience a different perspective on items they might think of as only trash,” Aguilar said. “Most of the materials used are recycled, which makes the pieces even more impactful. The fashion show is new, so we’re super excited to show the talent of students and artists here locally.”

Aguilar said the exhibit will showcase several artists, as well as work from a group of students taking an art class at Loretto Academy.

“People should come out to the gallery to see how recycling can not only benefit the environment, but that it can also be used to make beautiful things,” Martinez said. “All of these artists used basic everyday materials and transformed them into amazing works of art. Hopefully others can be inspired to do the same.”

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Outfits will be displayed at the Union Gallery, located on the second floor of Union East, until May. 4.

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and vegetables, then we can use our used water to hydrate plants,” said Vanessa Mendoza, owner of the business.

With city permission, they recycle their water usage by watering plants across town.

They also use it to water their own fruits and vegetables, mostly leafy greens.

If they don’t have produce, they buy it from Sprouts, which is also where The Green Ingredient, located at 201 E. Main Drive, gets their organic ingredients. They also buy from La Semilla, which is dedicated to building a self-reliant region throughout the city and southern New Mexico.

“It’s important for us to get our stuff locally,” said Lara Ramos, general manager and chef at The Green Ingredient. “We get everything organic and natural, and both Sprouts and La Semilla allow us to offer this to our customers. By sourcing locally, we can help the community and local farmers while maintaining the business here in El Paso. We are also becoming more dedicated to conserving energy by not using gas or flyers, and we are developing our own compost.”

Craft and Social, a local craft beer and wine location, also utilizes composting.

“What we basically do is add the leftover beer from the night to the compost and whatever leftover food scraps as well,” said Rafael Terrazas, one of the owners of the establishment.

Adding beer to compost provides a good source of nitrogen and the good bacteria found in the compost will benefit from the yeast. Craft and

Social furnishes its location with recycled and reused furniture, making it a good example of an eco-friendly business. Terrazas also said that a business recycling bin will soon be available at Craft and Social, which will be shared with neighboring restaurant, Pot Au Feu.

Another location that practices eco-friendly measures is Tom’s Folk Café, located just across from the UTEP campus.

“Here at Tom’s Folk Café, we believe in trying to reduce our carbon footprint and support the industries that do so as well,” said Lawrence Acosta, owner of the eatery. “We’ve taken measures such as using biodegradable boxes and silverware for all to-go orders, purchasing as much organic and local product and food as we can, giving our used fryer oil to a company to make bio-fuel.”

Acosta said Tom’s Folk Café purchases all their produce, beef, bread and nuts locally.

“We also try to get dairy from a local source as well. It is important to us to not only support other local and small business in the area, but to maintain a good environmentally safe mindset for our business,” he said.

Baldwin encourages more businesses to join the movement, which she said will make these businesses more sustainable.

“We help our economy by encouraging local purchasing, encouraging progressive social corporate responsibility, which can help protect our environment and reduce waste,” Baldwin said.

Learn more about the El Paso Green Initiative by visiting elpasogbc.org.

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BUDGET

Miner Recycling System initiated on campus

BY LORAIN WATTERS
The Prospector

By the summer, students can expect to see multi-colored recycling bins all over campus.

On May 8, the Miner Recycling System will present the data collected since Jan. 21 to President Diana Natalicio, Dr. Gary Edens, Vice President of Student Affairs and Cynthia Vizcaino Villa, Vice President of Business Affairs and decide on the investment for UTEP to have a recycling program.

Pedro Diaz, project manager for MRS, has been ecstatic with the results and the amount of waste and recycled materials that have been collected from the bins in the Union complex and the College of Business Administration.

UTEP currently has a 8.47 percent diversion rate, Diaz said. Only 8.47 percent from total waste of UTEP is being recycled. The multi-stream system has tripled and quadrupled those rates.

According to Diaz COBA has increased the diversion rate from 8.47 percent to 42 percent in the first month of this spring semester and for the Union we have increased the 8.47 percent to a 34 percent rate in that same month.

When the program was first initiated in January, 6.3 tons of secondary commodities or recyclables was collected from both buildings.

“We are definitely growing, the Green Fund has already sponsored the infrastructure cost (for the Health and Nursing building and (the compactor) that allows (us) to manage and sell our inventory efficiently,” Diaz said. “We need to have this system campus wide for UTEP to have sustainable recycling program.”

Maite Martin, senior environmental science major and president for Environmental Advocates, believes that recycling is an important part of reducing the impact on the environment.

“Everyone should try as much as they can to be more involved in it,” Martin said. “I do try to recycle everything I can. I am even willing to carry things with me until I reach a recycling bin, and take others items as well.”

EA does not currently have a plan to work with the recycling program, but are willing to participate in initiating more recycling around campus.

“Implementing the system campus wide will set UTEP on a net zero waste path (75 percent recycling rate), setting the standard for all institutions across the UT system, and help UTEP reach to a tier one status,” Diaz said.

Raul Armendariz, senior environmental science major and president for the Permaculture Society, does his best to recycle as he realizes the benefits that can come out of recycled material and reducing waste.


“I think the benefit...is the knowledge that your small contribution of recycling is a solution to a very large problem. We may not be able to fix the problem in just one run, but recycling small materials doesn’t add to the problem of having more waste in landfills,” Armendariz said.

“We (Permaculture Society) recycle things like dead plant material and put those in a compost pile to be decomposed into nutrients, that are then put back into our garden soil that help provide nutrients to the plants we grow next season,” Armendariz said.

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Student recycles at a multi-colored recycling bin, which will be placed all around campus by summer 2014.



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TECH

Top 5 eco-friendly apps

BY ASHLEY MUÑOZ
The Prospector

The following apps show a few eco-friendly ways to keep Mother Earth safe and clean.

“My Recycle List”

This app helps you manage and discover how to get rid of old TV’s, or unused products at home. “My Recycle List” helps you find recycling centers in your area. You simply put the description of the recycled item and search for centers that are convenient and ready to help you keep the environment clean. You can also share your findings with friends via Facebook, Gmail, Twitter or text. This app is compatible with GPS—a great way for you to spend more time recycling and less time wasting gas.

“My Planet”

“My Planet” helps you find ways of keeping our planet green. Little choices can help make the environment cleaner and human friendly. You can create and personalize your own world. This app will quiz you on how clean and green you are. Based on your answers, it will determine the fate of your world. Each time an eco-friendly choice is made, you earn points to make your humble virtual world into a better place.

“EcoCharge”

“EcoCharge” is a powerful but environmentally safe app that rings an alarm when any electronic device is fully charged. The app helps increase battery life and prevent unnecessary

charging. There might be times where we have to leave our devices at home to charge; “EcoCharge” cuts off the charging once the battery has fully reloaded. With this app, overcharging will not hurt our devices anymore and keep the environment safe.

“GreenMeter”

This app is designed to help you increase efficiency and decrease fuel consumption. “GreenMeter” calculates any vehicle’s power and fuel usage characteristics while evaluating your driving. While driving, the results on the app are displayed in real time, instantly giving you feedback. You can also learn from “GreenMeter” even before you start the car. Using these tips can help you choose a more eco-driving speed and help you moderate your acceleration as you drive.

“Green Outlet”

“Green Outlet” is designed to help you save money on your electric bill and give you tips on how to conserve. Using this app, you can search the devices you have and “Green Outlet” will show you ways on how to reduce on each item. As you watch your electric bill decrease, “Green Outlet” predicts your monthly bill based on the energy you save with moderation and tracking. You’ll save money and be save the environment as well.

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SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR
Esteban Marquez displays his boots sculpture made of found objects and human hair.


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custom orders and requests for clothing.
“Sometimes it just comes to me. I try to use something that hasn’t been done before, so then I look at what to use and I ask all of my friends’ families to save them [trash] for me,” Diaguez said. “At first, people think it’s weird that I collect trash, but when they ‘aww’ at the end results, they change their minds and like it.”
Esteban Marquez is a senior graphic design major at UTEP. Marquez also focuses in making sculptures. His work has been featured in past art shows at the Rubin Center, and his work is currently on display at the student art show. His most recent piece is a sculpture made of found objects and human hair.

“I think there’s already a lot of material out there that’s ready to be utilized, instead of creating new material,” Marquez said. “So with the boots I wanted to play on the contrast of having an aggressive element (the boots) with something more delicate (like hair). I think the piece also has a lot of room for people to make their own interpretation.”
These artists have discovered that utilizing found materials is an excellent way to be aware of the environment and utilizing resources instead of adding waste to the environment. For more student art visit the Rubin Center.
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APRIL 22, 2014

Track set to impress at Drake Relays



MICHAELA ROMAN /THE PROSPECTOR
Sprinter A-Shawni Mitchell sprints at Kidd Field during the UTEP Invitational on April 12.

BY LUIS BARRIO
The Prospector

Being a little less than a month away from the Conference USA Outdoor Championships, the Miners are headed to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete at the 105th Drake Relays April 24-26. The competition is actually a week-long event, but the Miners will not be arriving until later in the week because of the events they are competing in.

The Miners most recent success came at their final outdoor meet at the UTEP Invitational, which was held April 12 at Kidd Field. It was the venue for top finishers wearing blue and orange. In the latter portion of the season, the track and field team has given head coach Mika Laaksonen plenty to boast about before they get into the nitty-gritty part of their season.

“Performances really showed us a team that could be a threat at the Conference USA Championships,” Laaksonen said. “The team is performing well to what we know they’re capable of and I am pleased with the meet’s outcome.” El Paso native Daniel Tarango is coming off of a gold medal finish at the UTEP Invitational in the 800-meter run. UTEP’s Sven Zellner achieved overall victory in the 110-meter hurdles. Tarango said he likes that the meet will be outdoors and that the weather at the UTEP Invitational has helped in preparing for the Drake Relays. “It’s a good meet because it’s a big meet. There is a lot of really good athletes,” Tarango said. “A lot of people (will be) watching, so it’s a great meet to do good things that you can use for the conference championship. It’s a good meet to get mentally prepared.” Tarango said that he understands the process of being an athlete and the changes an athlete’s body undergoes year in and year out. Senior Mark Jackson will be competing in the 4x100-meter relay along with Tarango as well as in the triple jump. Jackson won the triple jump gold at the Drake Relays a year ago. “I can defend my title in the triple jump and try to win a new pair of Oakley’s (sunglasses) and a shirt. That’s the prize if you win,” Jackson said. “I’m hoping for the team to have lots of good performances that will improve us in the rankings nationally as well as for conference.” Among the women, one of the strongest competitions for the Miners is the 100-meters with hurdles. Senior Janice Jackson will be one of the strongest competitors at the meet, and her teammates Great Karekes, Bria Love and Aisha McDavid follow closely with their running times.

In the women’s 200-meter sprints, the fastest women’s competition, Florence Uwakwe and Janice Jackson contributed to a one-two finish at the UTEP Invitational. Of course, All-American Anthony Rotich is not only shining, but flourishing as well this year. On April 16, he made his fifth appearance on the Bowerman Watch List. This list encompasses the top 10 student-athletes of the country from all over the nation from every sport. With the Miners producing success all season, they feel ready for their biggest competition so far in the outdoor season. “With the Drake Relays, it’s a good way to prepare because it’s a good meet in front of a lot of people and it has a lot of good competition,” Jackson said. “It’s similar to what Conference USA is going to be like. Everyone is going to be gunning for us because we are the defending champions.” Jackson said being an athlete is a process, and the meets, especially the UTEP Invitational, have helped him to improve. “It was another track meet for me to get better and for what I have to come later on in the season. I’m looking to only improve from what I started with. I don’t like to take steps back, I like to get better,” Jackson said. “This year, I have been patient. Coach has a plan for me and the plan has been working for me.” The Miners will send different athletes to two different meets on May 3, the Red Raiders Open in Lubbock, Texas, and the New Mexico Tailwind in Albuquerque before looking to defend last year’s conference title in Houston May 15-18.

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COLUMN NBA Finals rematch not a sure deal

BY JAVIER CORTEZ
The Prospector



The 2014 NBA playoffs are now underway, and it is no surprise that the favorites to meet in the finals are the Heat and the Spurs.

Even though the Heat-Spurs rematch would be very exciting, it is a safe pick. It would not be a shock if one of the two teams is not playing in early June and here is why. The Spurs will have a harder road, as the Western Conference is always the deeper conference with more quality teams. The Spurs will most likely get through the Mavericks in round one, but the next two rounds are up for grabs. If the Spurs meet the Houston Rockets in the conference semis, an upset is very possible. The Rockets swept the season series and averaged 106 points per game in those four games. Houston’s frenetic pace and youth can trouble the Spurs just like the Warriors did last year. The same thing goes for the following round, where they would most likely meet the Thunder. Just like the Rockets, Oklahoma City swept the season series. The Spurs captured the top spot in the West on the basis of consistency, and playing well when injuries occurred. The Spurs’ biggest problem is that they are old. A slight ankle roll, or hamstring pull could easily take the Spurs out of contention. It does not help that the three best players on the team are over 30.

Whether it is the ambiguity of the NBA playoffs or the 82-game regular season, the Spurs have shown the ability to suddenly deflate once the playoffs start. In 2009, the Spurs finished third in the West and lost to the Mavericks in five games. The next year, the Phoenix Suns swept the Spurs after a year of being dominated by San Antonio. The most shocking upset came in 2011, when the Memphis Grizzlies triumphed in six games. The Spurs are the favorite to come out of the West, but an upset is very possible. Two-time defending champions, the Miami Heat will be the favorite on the other side of the bracket in the Eastern Conference. With an anticlimactic end to the regular season, the Heat does not look so hot coming into the playoffs. The biggest question for the Heat is the health and productivity of Dwyane Wade. Coming off his worst season since his rookie year, at times Wade has looked like a shell of himself. If the Heat want to three-peat, Wade will have to pull out one more vintage playoff run. Miami opens the playoffs against the Bobcats, a team that they have dominated since the beginning of time. The conference semis will be a different story. The Heat will most

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INBRIEF

UTEP BASKETBALL SIGNS FOUR FOR NEXT SEASON

MARQYWELL JACKSON, GUARD, 6-5, 180 LBS., DETROIT, MICH. (EAST ENGLISH VILLAGE PREP ACADEMY)

Rated a four-star recruit by Rivals, Jacson is regarded as the No. 4 player in the state of Michigan and a national top-150 player by 247sports.com—listed as the No. 53 high school prospect in the country by Hoop Scoop—top player at his position in Michigan by Prep Spotlight, as well as the most versatile player in the state—three-time All-State, All-City (first team as a junior and senior) and All-Metro honoree and two-time team MVP. Played for coach Juan Rickman at East English Village Prep Academy. He posted a double-figure scoring average all four years of his prep career 26 points per game as a junior and 24 as a senior.

LEW STALLWORTH, GUARD, 6-1, 175 LBS., NEWHALL, CALIF. (WILLIAM S. HART HS)

Appointed the 2014 Foothill League Player of the Year, Stallworth was selected to the All-CIF Southern Section Division 2A team. He was a three-time first team All-Foothill League and led Hart High School to a 26-3 record and its first league championship in seven years as a senior, while averaging 20 points, four rebounds, four assists and two steals per outing. He shot 50 percent from the field and 85 percent from the line, averaged 18 ppg, four rebounds, three assists and two steals as a junior for a 25-3 team. He was tabbed second-team All-CIF and first-team All-Santa Clarita Valley, three-year varsity letter winner and also played for the Aim High travel team.

EARVIN MORRIS, GUARD, 6-4, 175 LBS., MEMPHIS, TENN. (EAST HS/KENT STATE/TALLAHASSEE CC)

A transfer from Tallahassee Community College, Morris will have two years of eligibility with the Miners. He was second team All-Panhandle Conference in 2014, started 22 games for the Eagles, as he led the team in scoring (14.4 ppg), shot 50.5 percent from the field, 46.9 percent from 3-point range and 75.3 percent from the line, he also scored in double figures 19 times. He played at Kent State during the 2012-13 season, and appeared in 17 games for the Golden Flashes. Rated a three-star prospect by Rivals and a McDonald’s All-American Game nominee.

TERRY WINN, FORWARD, 6-7, 235 LBS., MONROE, LA. (MELROSE HS/WESTWIND PREPARATORY ACADEMY)

Winn averaged 24 points, 13 rebounds, two blocks and three assists last season at Westwind Prep and shot 51 percent from the field and 76 percent from the line. He earned second-team All-Tournament honors at the Southwest Prep Showcase in Gilbert, Ariz., in Jan. 2014—collected 9.1 ppg and 7.1 rpg as a senior at Melrose High School in Memphis, shooting 55 percent from the floor. He played his junior year at Ouachita High School in Monroe, La., where he was a second-team All-District pick.

PROFILE

Fan club president to be inducted to EP’s Hall of Fame

BY LUIS BARRIO

The Prospector

Hall of famers can come in many forms, shapes and sizes. It isn’t just for the tall and athletic, or just for the coaches.

Larry Rodriguez stands at 5 feet, 6 inches tall, but don’t let his size fool you. He became an Army officer after graduating from UTEP. As a “hawk officer” he was part of an air defense system designed for the purpose of shooting down enemy aircraft.

Rodriguez came to UTEP after spending his first two years at New Mexico Military Institute. He graduated in 1977 and was an officer in the U.S. Army for eight years, three in Germany, and he then finished his military career at Fort Bliss.

Now a contractor for Fort Bliss, Rodriguez lives a simple life, where he works and organizes a consistent UTEP fan base. Now, he will be inducted into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame at their banquet, which will be held April 30 at Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino.

“It’s quite an honor. To be chosen is an honor for the work that I’ve done—things we’ve done for UTEP,” Rodriguez said. “I appreciate that the members thought that much of me and the committee felt that much of me to let me into the hall of fame.”

Before Rodriguez got involved, the UTEP Miner Fan Club was one large organization that was broken into four different El Paso regions: the Westside, Eastside, Northeast and South Central.

UTEP Athletic Director Bob Stull created the fan club in 1999. With the lack of a large number of participants in each sector, Stull combined the regions into one organization.

When the four regions of the fan club merged, it needed a president, someone who was committed to UTEP and the fan club.

“I was the one that took charge and wanted to be responsible. It takes time. Everyone has volunteer work, it takes somebody that’s got time,” Rodriguez said. “I volunteer to keep the club going. Someone had to be responsible or the club would fall apart or there wouldn’t be one.”

As president of the Miners Fan Club, Rodriguez is in charge of out-of-town trips. He tries to have meetings once

“To be chosen is an honor for the work that I’ve done—things we’ve done for UTEP.”

- Larry Rodriguez, president of the Miner Fan Club

a week for the fan club to know what the athletes are doing and get to know them. They have tailgates for every home football game.

“I enjoy doing it together with friends. As long as we keep getting people to participate, I’ll be doing this. It is fun,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez and the fan club reach out and help with all the athletic programs. Just last week, the fan club hosted a cookout for the softball team when they played against Middle Tennessee State.

“(It’s) the only university here in town and what represents the city of El Paso,” Rodriguez said. “To help the athletes, to be helping the university anyway I can, whether it be ticket sales, or supporting the fan club with fundraisers is great.”

To be inducted into the hall of fame, nominated members must do a presentation and show why they should be inducted into the hall of fame. The members then vote on the nominees.

Rodriguez was nominated in 2013, but missed the final cut. For his nomination in 2013, retired football coach Mike Price wrote, “Larry Rodriguez is the ultimate Miner fan...He has given great support to several generations of UTEP players and coaches.”

Now in 2014, he will be inducted. Rodriguez said he is proud that the fan club traveled to Austin with 20 members when the football team played against the Longhorns in 2009. Rodriguez was also there with fan club members when the UTEP men’s basketball team made the NCAA Tournament in 2004, 2005 and 2010.



LUIS BARRIO /THE PROSPECTOR
Miner Fan Club President, Larry Rodriguez, will be inducted in the El Paso Hall of fame on April 30.

“We sign people to go on trips with us when the Miners are out of town,” Rodriguez said.

When the UTEP women’s basketball team returned from Memphis as 2012 Conference USA Champions, Rodriguez was at the airport to greet and welcome the champions back.

In his letter of recommendation Stull wrote, “Larry is a great person and a great Miner. He pours his heart and soul into UTEP athletics. He constantly bends over backwards to accommodate us. We are fortunate to have him as a fan and supporter.”

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likely match up with the Brooklyn Nets, a team that has had the Heat’s number all season long. Unlike the Spurs, the Heat has always seemed to pull off a role reversal once the playoffs begin. For the past three years, the Heat has struggled with the Bulls and Celtics in the regular season, but in the playoffs they have always come out on top.

One benefit that Miami has coming into the playoffs is that their conference rival is playing some of their worst basketball of the season. The Pacers have shown an inability to score within the past month and have lost to teams that are a shade above mediocre. The Heat has the advantage of knowing how to play its best basketball in the playoffs.

As history has shown, the Heat could possibly fall and fall hard. The Heat will look to become the third team in NBA history to reach for consecutive NBA finals and the first team to do it since the Los Angeles Lakers in 1984-85 season.

This playoff run should not be looked at as a run at a third consecutive championship, but the fourth consecutive trip to the finals. That in itself will be an amazing feat. Teams that have tried to win three championships in a row, let alone back-to-back, have failed miserably.

During the 2010-11 season, the Los Angeles Lakers were embarrassed by the eventual champions, the Dallas Mavericks in the Western Conference semis. In 1990-91, the Detroit Pistons were dismissed by the Chicago Bulls in four games, and in 1988-89, the Lakers were dethroned by the Detroit Pistons in four games in the NBA finals. The Heat will have a fighting chance, but history shows it will not be easy.

From a betting aspect, the Heat and Spurs are the odds-on favorite to meet in a rematch for the NBA title, but the NBA playoffs are always unpredictable and the possibility of two different teams playing for a championship in June is very possible.

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