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Obama proposes new plan for free higher education

BY MARIA ESQUINCA

The Prospector

President Barack Obama recently unveiled The American College Promise, a proposal to make the first two years of community college free.

The president proposed his plan in Tennessee, where the state has begun its own program for free community college—the Tennessee Promise. It is a last-dollar scholarship, which covers the cost of tuition and fees that are not covered by Pell Grants or other forms of aid.

Any high school senior can apply regardless of socio-economic background.

“The single most important way to get ahead is not just to get

a high school education, you’ve got to get some higher education,” Obama said in a speech at Tennessee, when he introduced the plan.

In its first year, 57,000 students applied for the Tennessee Promise, representing almost 90 percent of the high school graduating class.

The Tennessee Promise also includes mentorship, college counseling and community service requirements.

“Even students that have been able to access higher education do not complete their program, in large part because of a lack of mentoring and support,” said Christina Convertino, assistant professor in education at UTEP.

“It’s not enough to get students access and enrolled.”

A White House fact sheet said the American College Promise program would consist of a partnership between the federal government and individual states.

Students getting their tuition waived by the program would have to maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Federal funding would cover three quarters of the average community college cost, while the participating states would cover the rest.

Before states get to decide whether they want to participate, a bill would have to be drafted and approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

But, with a divided Congress, the chances of a bill getting passed seem dismal.

“It’s such a partisan atmosphere—it almost seems that any proposal made by the president is going to be immediately attacked by the Republican majority in the House and the Senate,” said Rep. Beto O’Rourke, D-Texas.

If Congress were to pass a bill, the Republican-dominated Texas Legislature would also have to vote on its approval.

“Texas has not historically approved anything that this administration has left to their discretion,” O’Rourke said. “Grants, expanding Medicaid connected to the Affordable Care Act, those are huge investments that the state

passed on because of political disagreements with the president.”

Texas state Senator Jose Rodriguez, D-El Paso, said that state leadership has shown an unwillingness to work with Washington.

Both O’Rourke and Rodriguez said they would support Obama’s community college plan.

However, very little is known about the president’s proposal.

“There’s just a whole lot of unanswered questions,” said Richard Gutierrez, associate professor of political science at UTEP. “On the surface, it sounds good, but nothing is free. Somebody is going to pay for it, but who’s going to pay and what are they going to pay for?”

If all 50 states were to opt in, an estimated nine million stu

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February people, is it relevant?

BY BEN WOOLRIDGE
The Prospector



As Black History Month quickly approaches, I ponder its relevance in today's America. In 1926, black Americans were still suffering from the lingering and damaging effects of slavery.

The Emancipation Proclamation and reconstruction efforts did very little to combat the inequality, injustice, blatant prejudice and systematic discrimination blacks continued to face under the southern state's Jim Crow America, which lasted well into the 20th century.

Fearing that blacks would suffer the same fate as the American Indian, historian Carter G. Woodson established Negro History Week to promote teaching the history of black Americans in public schools.

He decided in the second week of February that the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass would be recognized—both being celebrated in many black communities decades prior to the establishment of Negro History Week.

In February of 1969, black students at Kent State University proposed an expansion of the event to a full month, and the first celebration of Black History Month was held at Kent State the following year.

During America's bicentennial celebration, the United States government made the expansion to Black History Month official.

Let's fast forward 39 years to January 2015.

The United States has twice elected, who many perceive to be, America's first black president (a biological impossibility given the fact that President Obama's mother was white—but I digress) and for whom many voted for under the guise of making history.

I believe the noble efforts of Carter G. Woodson to educate America on the historical contributions of some of its most neglected and mistreated citizens were absolutely necessary—especially decades prior to the Civil Rights Movement.

In the present day, I fail to see the relevance of setting aside a single month to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of certain black Americans, when history is made all year round.

Some older generations, who are apt to cling to tradition, may disagree about believing that Black History Month is essential in educating the next generation of black youths, or at least those without Internet access.

Unfortunately for Black History Month, history does repeat itself.

Once the month of February arrives, it is a cultural ambush of sorts that includes, but is not limited to, nonstop commercials, television programming and special events that highlight or showcase black achievements.

It's as though black people only exist during the month of February.

Of course, I exaggerate to a certain extent.

I agree with Academy Award winner Morgan Freeman that black history is American history and should not be confined to a month.

However, I would take it further than that.

Black history is human history.

Personally, I do not consider myself African American, a minority citizen of this country, a perpetual victim of white privilege, or least of all, a person of color.

Are there persons without color?

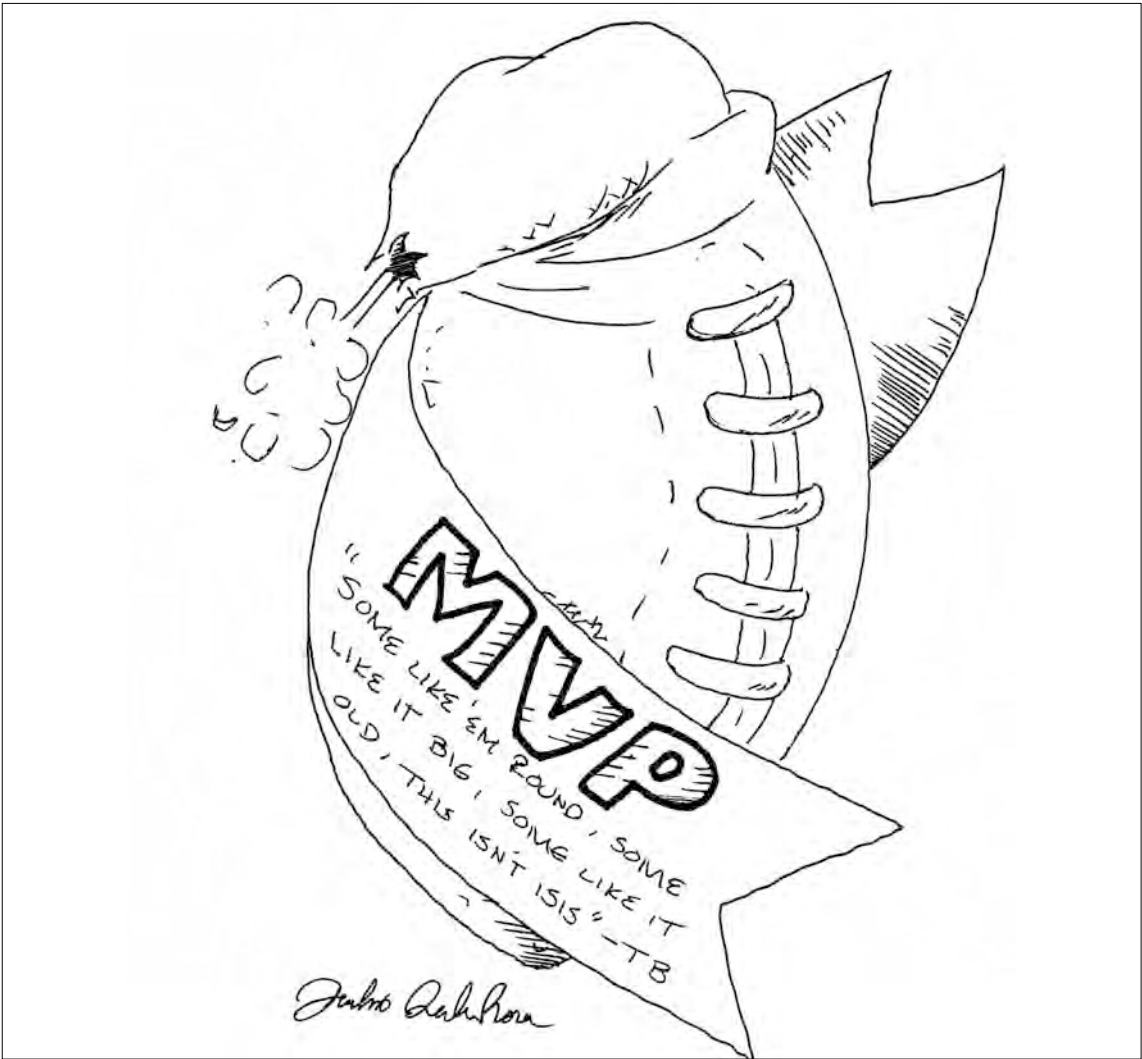
I am an American, who has been labeled black for the sake of political correctness that fuels America's obsession to brand, sort and categorize.

We, as human beings, possess the same capacity for greatness like Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Teresa.

Unfortunately, we also have the same capacity for evil like Adolf Hitler, Osama Bin Laden and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones (just kidding about the latter... sort of).

After all, history is human beings just being human.

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dents could benefit from the plan, and save an average of \$3,800 per semester.

Fabian Barragan, senior kinesiology major, took classes at El Paso Community College to save money. Barragan said a class at EPCC cost him \$200, while one at UTEP cost him \$600.

Statistics from the Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research and Planning show that 1,193 students transferred from EPCC to UTEP in fall 2014.

"A proposal to create additional opportunities for students to access higher education through community college enrollment will certainly have benefits for the Paso del Norte region," said UTEP President Diana Natalicio. "We look forward to learning more about President Obama's plan."

Barragan is currently debt free, but he said a friend graduated from UTEP \$42,000 in debt.

"After hearing her story, it's kind of scary and she's not the only one," he said.

A report done by the Institute for College Access and Success showed that 71 percent of students, about 1.3 million, graduated from four-year colleges with debt in 2012.

The average graduate's loan debt in 2012 was \$25,550, a 25 percent increase from 2008.

The Consumer Financial Projection Bureau said that by 2013, the U.S. would hit the \$1.2 trillion mark in total student loan debt.

"Education is increasingly less affordable and less possible for a higher number of students," Convertino said. "It's making it harder for students to attempt and complete a degree."

In his speech, Obama also stressed the importance of a college degree in order to achieve economic security.

"A college degree is the surest ticket to the middle class. It is the key to getting a good job that pays a good income," Obama said. "And that is the key—not just for individual Americans—that's the key for this whole

country's ability to compete in the global economy"

A report by Georgetown University, "Recovery: Job Growth and Education Requirements through 2020," said that there will be 55 million job openings through 2020 and 35 percent of those jobs will require a bachelor's degree.

"We have one of the lowest higher-education rates in the country," O'Rourke said. "El Paso's per capita income today is also the lowest in the country and it's no coincidence that those two are connected. El Paso, more than almost any other community, has a lot at stake in this proposal."

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Tennessee was the first state to introduce free community college for students after Obama proposed his new bill during his state of the union address.

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The Student Health center is located in front of the east entrance of the student union building.

BY BEN WOOLRIDGE

The Prospector

Although all UTEP students are eligible for health insurance through the university’s Student Health Insurance Plan, getting them to enroll is not an easy task.

The UT System plan is part of the Preferred Provider Organization, and has a monthly premium of \$125, which is coupled with a \$500 yearly deductible. It provides students with primary care at the Student Health Center and is compatible with the Affordable Care Act.

Unlike ACA and other health insurance providers, the deductible and the co-insurance are waived, and

there is no co-pay for students receiving care at the health center.

However, enrollment in the plan remains low.

“Technically, there is no out-of-pocket for the student to get primary health care if they come to the Student Health Center,” said David Porras, business manager at the health center.

Porras also said the center averages an estimated 6,000 visits annually from mostly uninsured students with health issues ranging from sore throats to chest pains.

“Eighty percent of the student population that comes here does not have any type of insurance,” Porras said. “They’re thinking about their academic issues and health care is way in the back.”

He said that students also have different priorities when managing the remainder of their financial aid money.

Alex Rascon, senior forensic science major, works part-time at the Student Health Center and is also uninsured. “I’ve been working here as a part-timer for about three years, but then again you’ve got books to worry about. You’ve got transportation to worry about,” Rascon said. “Sadly, it is an expensive life for a college student.”

Sonia Rhein, senior art major, receives coverage through Tricare, a military insurance provider. She was not aware of the UT System plan.

“I didn’t even know there was something like that,” she said.

Porras said he not only informs students at UTEP about the importance of health insurance, but also speaks to students about the UT System plan.

“I go to every new student orientation. I go to every health science class that they have. I go to different colleges and talk to the students about health care in general, and the importance of having medical insurance and what’s available to them,” Porras said.

He said that the underwriters of the UT System plan, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, send out notices to students.

The only UTEP students automatically enrolled in the UT System plan are those registered in various

programs offered by the College of Health Sciences. It is a requirement when training or doing internships at medical facilities, unless proof of comparable coverage is made known.

Porras said that uninsured students should give higher priority to their health and realize that they are not indestructible.

“What I tell students is that you have to make a determination on how much health insurance you need,” Porras said.

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Latinos join March for Life, but also face other issues

BY JOSE SOTO

SHFWire Intern

WASHINGTON – Priscilla Trastaway and Jair Vergara, both 20, from Paterson, N.J., are a young couple who have decided that chastity is the best way to prevent difficult situations, including a possible abortion.

“We decided that we were going to be pro-life,” Trastaway said. “It’s a difficult decision to make as a young couple, but we did.” Vergara said that being pro-life is like a ratio of one to a hundred. “There is a lot of opposition,” Vergara said. “Especially with being the age we are. But we have to be prudent when speaking about being pro-life.”

The couple, who have been dating for a year, was among the Latinos X La Vida – Latinos for Life – organization that took part in Thursday’s March For Life, the leading movement for anti-abortion groups.

It began as a small demonstration Jan. 22, 1974, on the first anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

Based in the Bronx, N.Y., LXLV is a coalition that educates young Latino adults on abortion to mobilize their efforts in the anti-abortion movement while creating leaders in the Latino community.

According to the Guttmacher Institute a sexual and reproductive health institute, 25 percent of women having abortions in the U.S. are Hispanic.

“The Latino community is a complex one,” Torres said. “We decided to cater a collective Latino community because of the many different aspects of our culture. We needed a true expression of what our community needs – education and truth. There are many factors that aren’t addressed within the Latino pro-life movement.”

Among those factors is that Latino communities are targeted in favor of abortion instead of helping to prevent it.

Eliana Perez, 24, assistant program director for LXLV, said Latino communities need to understand that sexuality isn’t their totality.

“Amongst Latino families, sexual activity, including abortion, is taboo,” Perez said. “Therefore, we don’t have a lot of help preventing sexual activity.”

Perez said Latinos also need to realize that this isn’t just a Latina issue, but also a male issue.

“We are trained to think that the pro-life movement is all about Latinas,” Perez said. “There was a man involved in making the baby. What

about his right and his privilege to be a father? That is a human right too.”

Giovanna Romero, 27, LXLV director of operations, said Latino communities are targeted for being among the highest with single-parent households. This is also part of the pro-life movement and LXLV wants to change that.

“In the Bronx,” Romero said, “70 percent of the community is single-parent homes. That is a very high number. Because of the conditions, women are made to believe that abortion is an option.”

Romero said community members need to help each other to become educated, build careers and earn decent wages to change those statistics.

“Acknowledging that there is help out there for unwanted pregnancies only makes it easier for the community to get to that point,” Romero said.

Torres said that LXLV tries to maintain family values and religion as key factors of the movement.

This was LXLV’s second year at the march. Aurora Tinajero, 66, director of Spanish Ministry for the Catholic Committee of North Texas, gave the keynote speech then.

“What they are doing is something lacking in the United States for many years,” Tinajero said. “Latinos stand



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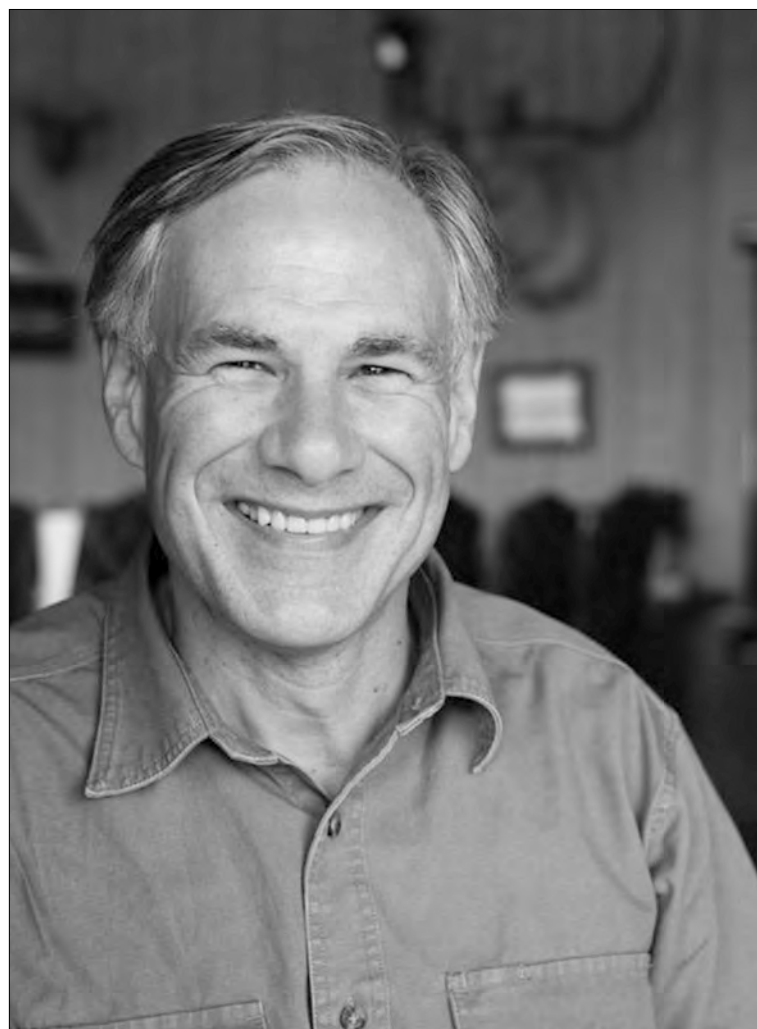
Eliana Perez, 24, and Willy Rodgriguez, 30, a Dominican Republican from the Bronx, N.Y., hold up the Latino X La Vida banner during the March for Life on Thursday.

for life, family and faith. However, there is a lack of awareness in understanding what abortion really is. They are victimized. Many come from countries very far away and are very vulnerable by the huge effort put forth by the abortion industry. We want to

make them aware of what abortion really is. We want our Latino community to stop becoming victims.”

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Texas welcomes new governor—Greg Abbott sworn in



The Prospector

After more than 14 years, Texas swore in its first new governor, Greg Abbott, R-Texas, Jan. 20 on the south

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lawn of the Texas Capitol building in downtown Austin.

Abbott served as attorney general for more than a decade, and as governor, he has vowed to fight the Obama

administration's reach into the state and said he will secure the border.

“As governor I will continue my legacy of pushing back against Washington, if they spend too much, regulate too much or violate our state sovereignty,” said Abbott during his acceptance speech. “Any government that uses the guise of fairness to rob us of our freedom will get a unique Texan response: ‘come and take it.’”

Abbott is expected to be a prominent player at the national level.

“Almost by definition, the governor of Texas is going to be a national actor, particularly if that person is a Republican,” said Mark Jones, chair of the political science department at Rice University, in an interview with Reuters.

On his agenda, Abbott said he wants to improve Texas education—from pre-kindergarten to higher education.

“Texas is exceptional, and our education system must be too. As Governor, I want next year’s Pre-K class to

graduate from high school in the top ranked school system in the country. That means setting expectations of excellence for our children, our teachers, our principals and our parents, and then giving educators the flexibility to achieve them," said Abbott, in a message on his website.

Abbott's plan for Texas education focuses on four key areas—improving graduation rates, leveraging technology for greater access and affordability, exempting military families from tuition and increasing Texas' national research standing.

The plan details a series of recommendations under each of the four dif-

ferent sections, which can be found at <http://townhall254.gregabbott.com>.

Denisse Villavicencio, junior
Spanish major, said that she hopes the new governor and his plan for education does well, regardless of his political identity.

“Perhaps we may have different views, but for the good of the state let’s hope that change comes in positive manner that benefits us all,” Villavicencio said. “As students, we must understand that this is not only the future of one group of students, but the future of everyone who currently is and will be a university student.”

Moises Blankenship, senior history major and president of the College Republicans, said that Abbott was a positive asset for UTEP.

"He is going to be doing good, he is going to continue some policies that have shown to work and hopefully the state continues to grow," Blankenship said.

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Who do you think is going to win the Super Bowl?

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Freshman finance major

"I want the Patriots to win because they are my favorite team."



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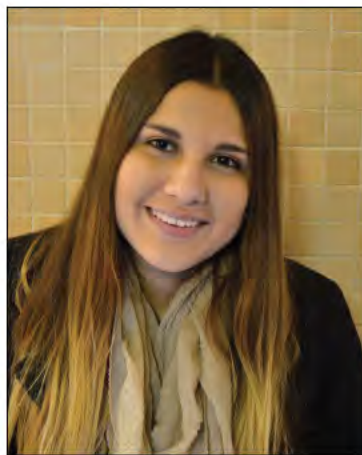
"I want the Patriots to win the Super Bowl."



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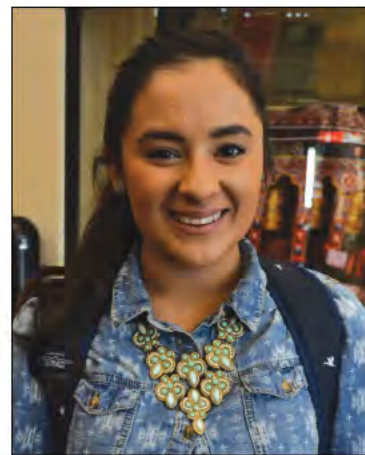
"I want North Korea to win because Kim Jong-Un can do anything and he can obviously win a Super Bowl with no problems whatsoever."



JOCELYN TORRES

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"I think the Patriots will win the Super Bowl this year."



AMBER JIPSON

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"I believe the Seahawks."



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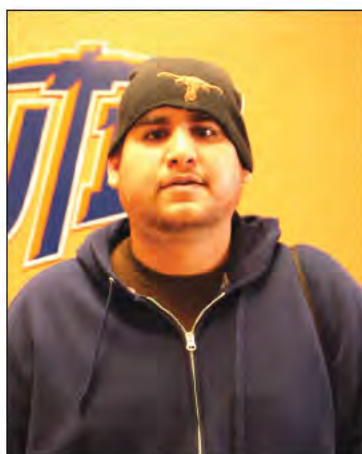
"Patriots, because I don't think the Seahawks have a chance."



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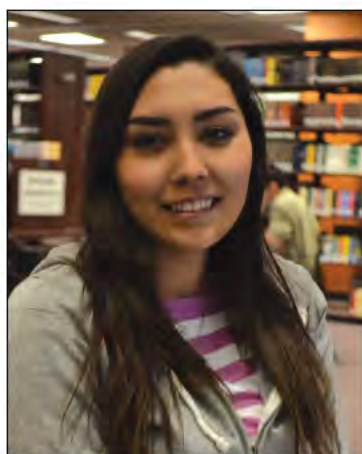
"I really have no interest in the teams, but I watch the Super Bowl for the halftime show."



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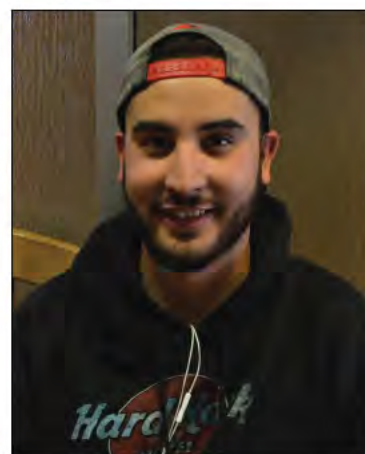
"The Seahawks are rivals to my team the 49ers, so I'm going for the Patriots this year."



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"The Patriots."



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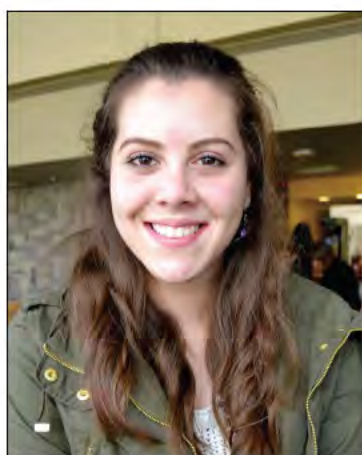
"Seahawks."



BIANCA MARTINEZ

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"I'm going for the Seahawks only because I really dislike New England."



ALEJANDRA ABURTO

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"I want the Seahawks to win because I really like their uniforms."



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"I'm thinking the Seahawks are going to win. They're not only defending champs, but they're also riding a high at the moment. So that will probably give them momentum to win the Super Bowl this year."

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ENTERTAINMENT

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It's fresh, it's healthy, but might hurt your pocket



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Mom's fresh juice is located at two locations 518 W. San Antonio Ave. suite C and 12115 Montwood Dr. suite 105.

BY KIMBERLY VALLE

The Prospecter

El Paso is gradually keeping up with fitness trends and following a healthy meal plan. You frequently see fast food restaurants on every corner and might even be tired of constantly consuming these types of foods. However, buying burgers and fries with a large drink might be the most convenient meal to buy when you are on the go.

Mom's Fresh Juice, originally The Juice Chick, started in a home kitchen in 2012 and has evolved into a full-fledged juice shop that started in November 2014. It serves original cold-pressed juice that is made in their shop for people to see.

Their main shop is located in the downtown area at 518 W. San Antonio Ave. suite C. Their second location is inside Just Fit Foods on 12115 Montwood Dr. suite 105.

As you walk inside Mom's Fresh Juice's main location you automatically feel a cool, calming vibe. To your left you'll see two comfortable cushioned seats and a wooden table that welcomes you to sit as you sip your fresh juice.

Their friendly staff is attentive to your needs and asks you what you'd like. Once they hand you their menu they explain what each of their 16 cold pressed juices consist of and what their ingredients are good for. Their staff has good nutrition knowledge when it comes to explaining to their customers the best juice if you want to lose weight, cleanse your body for a week or if you'd like to start a healthy life style.

Some of their many cool pressed juices include, the "green-aid," which contains kale, cucumber, celery, parsley, apple, lemon and ginger-this is an all-around health boosting drink. You'll feel energized, refreshed and filled with good feelings.

The "spicy lemon", which has lemons, cayenne pepper, maple syrup and alkaline h2o is ideal for alkalizing your body, boosting your immunity, curbing your cravings and kick-starting your metabolism.

If you'd like to remove toxins and cleanse your liver, the "charcoal lemonade" is highly recommended, which includes activated charcoal, lemon, maple syrup and alkaline h2o.

The most popular drink is the "golden girl", a tropical blend that contains pineapple, apple, mint and chia seeds.

If you aren't into juices, Mom's Fresh Juice also contains three fresh blend and drinks that substitute milk. These drinks are "almond milk," which have activated almonds, vanilla, cinnamon, maple syrup, sea salt, alkaline h2o. It is a great addition to any cleanse.

"Café con leche" is a creamy, smooth combo of cold brewed coffee, MF almond milk and maple syrup. It will spark up your day. Detox your digestive tract and freshen up your whole body with the "emerald water", which has alkaline water, chlorophyll and mint oil.

Mom's Fresh Juice staff created a seven-day cleanse package where customers can choose a pack of six juices. Customers are more than welcomed to call ahead of time and make their order a couple of days before their pick up. You are able to order more than six juices. These juices are not meant to treat, prevent diagnose or cure.

The juices are raw and have not been pasteurized and, therefore, may contain harmful bacteria that can cause serious illness in children, the elderly and persons with weakened immune systems. Always consult a physician if you need help determining whether raw juice is appropriate for you. Raw juice is highly perishable and should be consumed by the expiration date.

These juices are fresh and taste much like they are homemade, which they are and you may feel healthy right after consuming one juice. Yet, you may feel it is something you can make at home. Each juice cost on average seven to nine dollars, which does not make the trip or wasting money worth it. If you have the time to go to a local grocery store and purchase these fruits, vegetables and follow the steps on how to create your own juices you will save yourself from having a financial burden in your pocket.

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Co-founder and UTEP alumn Farz Farrokhnia sorts through fruits before blending juices.

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‘Cocktail Hour: The Show’ brings nightlife to El Paso



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‘Cocktail Hour: The Show’ will take place Fri. Jan. 30 at the Plaza Theatre in downtown El Paso.

BY JESUS LOPEZ

The Prospector

Ballets With a Twist, a group from New York City that does ballet performances, will be presenting “Cocktail Hour: The Show” at 8 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Plaza Theatre. The original and intoxicating ballet piece brings the viewers into an unforgettable experience.

The performance aims to reach every member of the audience as if they were part of the show.

It features UTEP alumni Michael Dominguez, who studied dance un-

der former dance instructors Andree Harper and Ingeborg Heuser.

“I’m excited to come back to perform at El Paso,” Dominguez said. “This is where my eyes were opened to different styles and levels of dance, the unique culture of the city and its art unlocked opportunities for me that helped me grow. I feel like I am going back home to give a little piece of me back”

“Cocktail Hour: The Show” features dancers who will be performing for the audience and create the illusion of dancing with the audience.

“We do invite them in, as if they could taste the drinks represented

before them,” Dominguez said. “Through our costumes and movements, we want them to recall personal memories, experiences they might have had in the past with this many flavors. If they haven’t savored it before, by watching, they will be able to feel it pouring in the back of their mouths and experience their various sensations.”

Each of the moves, from the toes to tip of the head, have all been thought out and planned as a collaboration of the entire team of talented artists.

“We want to reconstruct the experience of what New York City nightclubs used to be,” said Marilyn Klaus,

artistic director of the show. “Bringing back the era of the colorful American nightlife, in which, through energetic dancing, people were able to step out of their skin and actually get to feel. We want everyone to feel part of the ‘Cocktail Hour.’”

The passion and their dedication of the dances comes through in their descriptions of the production.

“For instance, we have Zombie, a drink that gained its popularity as an L.A. cocktail, characterized by its ability to bare humans with the power of Rum,” Klaus said. “After drinking Zombie, people simply aren’t human anymore.”

Klaus said that the character Zombie, an African spirit, represents the fear of death walking on Earth. The associations of each drink and character to its exclusive flavor, its culture and the ideas and history behind them, is part of the performance.

Visit balletswithatwist.com for more information on the artists behind the performances. For ticket information, visit ticketmaster.com.

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Wise Family Theatre welcomes unique blend of artistic collaboration



FILE PHOTO

“Dreamscapes: a Multimedia Dance Event” will run from Feb.6 to Feb. 15.at the UTEP Wise Family Theatre.

BY ALEXANDRA CARDWELL

The Prospector

The Department of Theatre and Dance will host their latest production, “Dreamscapes: a Multimedia

Dance Event,” from Feb. 6 to Feb. 15 in the UTEP Wise Family Theatre at the Fox Fine Arts Center.

William Shakespeare, Rene Magritte, Salvador Dali, Remedios Varo and Edgar Allan Poe inspired the

combination of original and contemporary choreography used in the play.

“All of us, no matter how successful or sane, we are deemed by society, have strong personal mythologies of self-image aspiration, grief, joy, ter-

ror, community and sense of purpose,” said Andrea Vazquez, visiting assistant professor of dance. “‘Dreamscapes’ is a world where these mythologies are illuminated and celebrated. Their cast is comprised by 14 danc-

ers—all of them dance majors. The choreographic process started earlier in the fall semester. The dancers have been very open, committed, playful and disciplined. I am interested in highlighting their uniqueness as dance artists.”

This performance aims to captivate audience members with different movements that are found on a conscience or subconscious level.

Andrea Saucedo, senior dance major and performer in “Dreamscapes,” said the music will be both recorded and live music.

“The performance will be diverse with many different kinds of styles in dance which include ballet, contemporary, jazz and improvisation,” Saucedo said.

Tickets are available at the UTEP-Ticket Center for \$13 for general admission and \$9 for students.

For more information about the production or the Department of Theatre and Dance, visit the attendance.utep.edu. For information about tickets, call 915-747-5118.

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Residents are now able to enjoy lunch while shopping

BY JULIA HETTIGER
The Prospector

The Goat House, a café and sandwich shop, opened Jan. 6 at 820 N. Mesa in the same building as The Red Door Vintage, Boogie Woogie Boutique and West Texas Tattoo.

The café has been open for two weeks and the owner said it has been doing well so far.

“We’ve been seeing some students, but it will probably pick up more when classes start,” said Jesse Maynes, owner of The Goat House.

He said business will bloom even more once they put a proper sign up to advertise The Goat House.

“The only downfall is we don’t have any signs yet, so as of now, people hear of us through word of mouth,” he said.

Kelli Stauffer, junior accounting major, shops at The Red Door Vintage, but has not eaten at The Goat House. She said she would like to.

“I’m friends with the person who sells them their tea and shop at The Red Door, so I would like to go,” Stauffer said. “I’ll eat anything, really, I’m not picky. As long as it’s vegan.”

Maynes said some of the items on the menu include turkey wraps with chipotle jam and red chicken pizza, which helps keep up with the vibe that was previously set by the tattoo parlor and store.

“I wanted to be consistent with the weird vibe—something fitting,” he said.

Although his food is suited for the atmosphere of the building, Maynes said the current establishment of The Goat House is not what he had previously imagined.

“Honestly, it’s not even close to the restaurant I had in mind,” Maynes said. “I’m friends with the tattoo people and I thought it was the best place for a sandwich shop.”

Being friends with the artists from the tattoo shop also helped him choose his location.

“It used to be a small coffee shop, but it wasn’t running too well, so the owner closed it and left and they needed someone as soon as possible,” Maynes said.

Before Maynes opened The Goat House, he owned a music venue under the same name.

“I got the name from the TV show ‘Blue Mountain State,’ he said. “The jocks (in the show) had a frat house called The Goat House.”

On Jan. 16, The Goat House featured the bands Blessed Be Man and Eric & The Romeros for a small concert. Maynes said it went well and he hopes to have similar concerts in the future.

“We’re trying for every Friday to have acoustic artists come and perform around 10:30, so you still have time to do your thing,” he said.

Along with concerts, he wants to have other regular events, such as horror movie screenings and other sources of live music.

“I’m talking to some people from Mother of Pearl, the record store, to come spin on Sundays,” Maynes said. “We are also thinking of doing a speed-dating event for Valentine’s Day and are talking to some people from the El Paso Horror Society to come down and do screenings of B-rated horror films here.”

Other regular events include palm and tarot card readings.

Maynes said he wants to attract students and customers with these events to help both The Goat House and the other businesses flourish.

Brittany Huerta, junior health promotions major, said she has been to



PHOTOS COURTESY THE GOAT HOUSE

The Goat House is located at 820 N. Mesa in the same building as The Red Door Vintage, Boogie Woogie Boutique and West Texas Tattoo.

the establishment and likes how it’s a combination of a store, a tattoo parlor and a café.

“My first impression was that it was a vintage shop with a twist of being a tattoo shop and café,” Huerta said.

“I thought it was pretty awesome that they had so much to look at for such a small place.”

Huerta enjoys the vibe that The Goat House and its fellow businesses give off.

“The vibe is pretty mellow and comfortable. I feel like I am back in Berkley, California,” Huerta said.

The Goat House is open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to

4 p.m. For more information, call 915-922-7055.

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A touch of Ireland bistro makes it to the city

BY VALERIE HERRERA

The Prospector

The Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery, a Scot-Irish-themed sports pub, was originally scheduled to break ground in West El Paso September 2014, but the opening is scheduled for late February or early March at 1501 N. Zaragoza.

The Phoenix-based restaurant chain has 94 locations in the U.S. and Canada, including five Texas locations. The sports bar will be opening its first prototype of the new design in El Paso.

"It will still tie into the original theme, but with a more modern Celtic design," said April Cano-Medina, director of marketing and hiring for the pub.

The new restaurant will feature an outdoor patio, and they will showcase professional and college sports action year-round on all of their HD screens throughout the pub.

Their website said the Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery offers a delicious menu with more than 30 draft and bottled beers to choose from.

The food menu will consist of classic items, such as burgers and wings, but will also feature signature selections such as fish and chips, shepherd's pie, Dublin Irish stew, and a variety of pizzas, sandwiches and seafood items.

The website did not say if they will continue with their plans of opening their West side location, but they plan to open three future sites in El Paso within the next few years.

Cano-Medina said they are still holding interviews for new applicants and are looking to hire about 100 new employees.

"We are excited about bringing the brand of the Tilted Kilt to El Paso,"

she said. "Our fun, festive atmosphere makes us the go-to place to watch sports, enjoy a cold beer and hang out with friends."

Some might question what will make this sports bar more appealing than other restaurants that follow the same concept, such as Hooters and Twin Peaks.

We're more than just a restaurant and so much more than a sports bar

- Cano-Medina, marketing director

"We're more than just a restaurant and so much more than a sports bar," Cano-Medina said. "What makes us different is the great food menu, friendly service and unique environment."

For more information, visit their Facebook page, Tilted Kilt El Paso, or call (480) 456-5458.

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The Tilted Kilt Pub & Eatery is located at 1501 N. Zaragoza in East El Paso.

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Lady Miners look to get back on track



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The Lady Miners have lost their last three games by a combined 11 points.

BY JASON GREEN
The Prospector

The women’s basketball team will hit the road this week to face the University of Alabama-Birmingham on Thursday, Jan. 29, and Middle Tennessee State on Saturday, Jan. 31.

Winning on the road in Conference USA is never easy. Winning on the road can be even harder when your team lost three senior starters to graduation, the 2014 C-USA Sixth Player of the Year to pregnancy and, more recently, the team’s leading rebounder and one of two senior starters to concussions.

A team could definitely get down on itself after losing three in a row at home. However, there were plenty of bright spots for head coach Keitha

Adams to convey to her young team. The three losses, to UT-San Antonio, No. 24 Western Kentucky and Marshall, were by a combined 11 points. The high-pressure games saw several players who had yet to fully find their role on the team, step up.

Freshman guard Lulu McKinney had a few very good games during the home stand that ended with her scoring a career-high 16 points against Western Kentucky on Thursday and against Marshall on Saturday. As the team fought valiantly against nationally ranked WKU, junior guard Anete Kirsteine dropped in a career-high 15 points. The team has also been able to remain ranked in the middle of the pack when it comes to offensive rebounds—13.1 per game, ninth in C-

USA—and defensive rebounds—26.5 per game – sixth in C-USA.

Coach Adams is hoping that her team will find a way to bounce back on the road this week.

“We’re going to find out what we’re made of,” Adams said following her team’s loss to Marshall. “We’ve got to be resilient.”

The first stop for the Miners is in Birmingham to face the UAB Blazers. The Blazers are currently eighth in C-USA—two spots ahead of the Miners—with a conference record of 3-3 and overall record of 9-9. The Blazers rank near the middle of almost every statistical category, much like the Miners do. Where UAB excels is in 3-point field goal percentage and defensive rebound percentage—they

rank second in the conference in both categories.

The Miners have been streaky from beyond the arc, shooting 1-6 against UTSA, 11-24 against WKU and 9-26 against Marshall. It may take a performance like the team had against WKU to keep up with a hot shooting UAB team. While UTEP has struggled at times on the offensive glass, any advantage that UAB may have, thanks to their defensive rebounding percentage, could be negated by their league-low 10.4 offensive rebounds per game.

“We’re going to find out what we’re made of. We’ve got to be resilient”

- Keitha Adams,
head coach,
women’s basketball

UAB is led by senior forward Janae Smith, who averages 17.2 points per game to go along with 7.2 rebounds. Smith is a transfer from Illinois State University and has the ability to dominate the paint with her 6-foot-2-inch frame.

UTEP’s second stop on the road trip will be at C-USA leading Middle

Tennessee. The Blue Raiders have an overall record of 12-5 and are 6-1 in Conference USA. Where UAB may only have one major threat to contend with in Smith, MTSU has a combination of threatening players. Sophomore guard Olivia Jones and senior forward Cheyenne Parker are ranked as the top two scorers in C-USA at 21.3 and 17.4 points per game, respectively.

Jones is an outside threat, shooting 37 percent from beyond the arc, and an inside threat, averaging 9.2 rebounds per game. Parker, much like Smith at UAB, gets most of her points in the paint. The Blue Raiders have a very formidable inside-outside threat that could very likely prove to be too much for the young Miners.

On the season, UTEP is four for five away from home. To make matters worse, MTSU leads the conference in home attendance, with a 5,055 average. Both games will be a tremendous test for the inexperienced Miners.

The Miners will need to hit on all cylinders to keep pace with two very good offenses. Senior guard Stacie Telles, averaging 6.8 points per game, will be needed to hit big 3s, junior guard Cameasha Turner, averaging 14.1 points per game, will need to slash and drive her way to the basket and McKinney, averaging 8.6 points per game, will need to continue her development into a reliable scorer from inside and outside.

Perhaps more important than any of this—coach Adams will need her team to be resilient.

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Super Bowl XLIX, who wins?



BY JASON GREEN
The Prospector

I know that it will be trendy to pick the Seahawks in this year’s Super Bowl because they won last year. The Patriots are old news. Their uniforms are prettier, etc., but it’s not going to happen. As much as I would like that to be the case, it’s just not going to happen.

Let me start off by saying that I am a Carolina Panthers fan. You probably don’t remember, but it was the Panthers who lost the Super Bowl to the Patriots—

the most recent of the three won by Brady and the boys.

No one could blame you for not remembering since it was the Super Bowl that became known for Janet Jackson’s breast being exposed. Luckily, people have forgotten how our kicker kicked the kickoff out of bounds with a few minutes left and set Brady up with a short field to drive and score.

But I digress...

Needless to say, I would love for Russell Wilson and the gang to win another one, but this isn’t the year. The Patriots have the best coach in football—probably the best coach of our lifetime. Whether he cheats or not, he’s still good. “Deflate-gate,” whether real or imagined, will make

great bulletin board material for the Pats as they get themselves even more fired up for the big game.

The Patriots are coming into the game healthy and clicking on all cylinders after a 45-7 beat down of the Colts. The Seahawks on the other hand needed several miracles to squeak by an injured Aaron Rodgers and the Green Bay Packers.

In the process of performing miracles, they also had two significant injuries with cornerback Richard Sherman’s strained elbow and safety Earl Thomas’s dislocated shoulder. They will both play in the Super Bowl, but will undoubtedly be hampered by pain, no matter how much Toradol and possibly

Adderall, they are receiving.

Tom Brady will eat the Seahawks’ defense alive with short passes in the flat that will force Sherman to try to tackle with his bad arm. The Seahawks will try to prevent this by blitzing a lot, but it won’t matter. Brady completed more passes against the blitz this season than he did without any pressure.

As much as I’d like for it not to be the case, the Patriots will win this one by a touchdown and more.

Patriots 30, Seahawks 20.

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BYJUAN CARLOS NAVARRETE
The Prospector

This time of year, a question always seems to catch fire in the midst of winter, who is going to win the Super Bowl? Despite the controversy looming around them and the missing two PSI in the Patriots’ NFC Championship game balls, the Pats are still favorites in my book.

The three-time NFL champion Patriots are the boring pick because they always win—unless they play Eli Man-

ning and the Giants, which they won’t.

With an offense as dangerous as the Patriots there is no question they are favorites. What the defense has lacked this season, they have made up in resurgence of players like Tom Brady and LeGarrette Blount.

The Patriots are too dangerous on offense for the Seahawks, especially when considering the Seahawks were all but going home after their game with Greenbay. The game was won for the Packers, who neutralized Russell Wilson and the Legion of Boom until around four minutes on the clock left, when everything went wrong for the Packers. The Patriots, who have put up at least 35 points in their last playoff games, are

not going to give up a lead like the Packers did.

Don’t worry, I’m not forgetting about the Legion of Boom, who is at the top of the league in opponent passing yards. Tom Brady is just too dangerous when he runs first with Blount, and passes second with Julian Edelman and Gronkowski. If the Patriots can run the ball, there is no shortage of plays for a veteran like Brady, playing his sixth Super Bowl.

Edelman is always beating whoever is on him at the line of scrimmage. He also provides the offense with yards after the catch, breaking tackles and gaining cheap yards that enable the passing game to continue. Add a physical receiver like Gronkowski and the

Patriots can really put a beating on the Legion of Boom.

The Patriots are not just impressive offensively, their defense is not too shabby. A good secondary with the return of Revis Island could trouble Russell Wilson and a young receiving team. A good run defense with fan favorite Vine Wilfork could stop beast mode and keep the Hawks from running effectively.

Despite the controversy, Tom Brady as MVP, lifts the Lombardi, silences critics and cements his legacy as the top quarterback of his generation by a final score of 35-14.

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Miners come home after long road stretch

BY LUIS GONZALEZ
The Prospector

The UTEP men's basketball team has allowed the opposing team to reach 70 points in only six of the 17 games they have played before this weekend.

Undeclared on the road in conference play, the Miners went to Western Kentucky and Marshall, and allowed more than 70 points and recorded their first back-to-back losses in Conference USA play since late February 2014. Now they return home to host UAB and Middle Tennessee on Thursday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 31, respectively.

In Western Kentucky, UTEP faced the Hilltoppers with the opportunity to grab a share of the lead in the Conference USA standings. The Miners had plenty of opportunities to score an important victory on the road, outplaying the home team for long stretches, but ultimately they failed to close the deal in the second half and in overtime and lost 71-66.

"They were better than we were in the overtime," said head coach Tim Floyd. "We were not efficient and you give them credit."

Floyd's squad played a fantastic first half, limiting a team that has averaged almost 74 points per game to just 28 on 28.6 percent shooting. They were also able to completely shut down the league's leading scorer in T.J. Price, who was averaging over 17 points per game and went scoreless throughout the first 20 minutes of play.

In the second half, the Miners' good defense continued, but offensively they struggled mightily from the field and the free-throw line. UTEP missed every one of the 17 attempts from beyond the arc and were just 50 percent from the line, including 6-14 in the second half.

"We had great looks. We got to the line, did things we wanted to do," Floyd said. "We got into the double bonus early enough to where we should've been in command of the game and been able to go play, but couldn't get it done."



MICHAELA ROMAN / THE PROSPECTOR

Freshman guard Omega Harris led the team in scoring against Marshall with 18 points.

Miner forward Vince Hunter overcame a sprained knee and managed to record his 11th double-double of the season with a 13-point and 13-rebound performance.

After the disappointing loss in Kentucky, a win at winless Marshall seemed like the perfect bounce back, until it wasn't. The Herd's Justin Edmonds scored a career-high 20 points, which included five 3-pointers, and handed UTEP its third conference loss by a score of 78-71.

UTEP freshman guard Omega Harris led the Miners in scoring with 18 and was one of the few bright spots of the day. Harris was 6-9 from the field, including 2-3 from beyond the arc, 4-4 from the foul line and recorded three assists.

"I thought we got a really good performance from Omega Harris," Floyd said. "He was terrific."

After three straight road games, the Miners are back within the walls of the Don Haskins Center looking to regroup and bounce back in front of their fans.

First up are the Blazers of UAB, who come in to town with a 10-10 record, but just one loss in conference play. After losing to Louisiana Tech on Jan. 15, the Blazers are on a three-game winning streak. Their most recent victory came at the expense of Old Dominion, who at one point was ranked among the top-25 teams in the nation. It was the second game in a row in which UAB scored more than 80 points.

Statistically, the Blazers do not look very impressive, appearing in the middle of the pack or lower in almost every category except for free-throw percentage, in which they lead the league. Still, it is a team that has plenty of experience boasting a very impressive out-of-conference schedule, having played teams like No. 5 Wisconsin, No. 16 Florida, then No. 22 UCLA, No. 13 North Carolina and LSU. Although they were all losses, it must have left some positive impact judging by their 6-1 Conference USA record, which is good enough to be tied for second place.

Offensively, the Blazers are led by junior guard Robert Brown. Brown is averaging 13.5 points per contest. Freshman forward Lee William leads the team in rebounding, averaging just under Five per game.

UAB leads the series against the Miners, having won eight of the 15 games between the two.

After UAB, the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee come to town after they play UTSA on Thursday. Middle Tennessee enters the weekend in fourth place, just a game behind Louisiana Tech and UAB, who are tied at second. With an overall record of 12-8, the Blue Raiders struggle on the road—they are 3-6 when playing away from home.

Head coach Kermit Davis and his team are among the worst teams in the league offensively, averaging 61.8 points per game, but among the best when it comes to defense. Middle Tennessee ranks second in the league in scoring defense, allowing opposing teams to score an average of just more than 60 points per game.

This will be just the second time the Miners and Blue Raiders square off. The game took place a year ago at the Don Haskins Center and UTEP prevailed by a score of 81-52.

After a couple of disappointing losses on the road, where the Miners had been very good during the last couple of years, the upcoming home games might be crucial toward the team's aspirations come March. Improving at the foul line will be a focus during the week for the coaching staff.

"We have just plummeted at the free-throw line here of late. That's no different really than a turnover, it's a lost possession," Floyd said. "We'll have to spend some time there and see if we can't improve a little bit."

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Sophomore forward Vince Hunter has recorded 11 double-double's so far this season.

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