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CAMPUS CARRY BECOMES LAW

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BY ALONSO MORENO

The Prospector

After much deliberation surrounding the controversial bill, the Texas Legislature has approved the campus carry bill, which is now on its way to the governor's desk to be signed into law.

On May 31, Senate Bill 11 was approved by the Texas House in conjunction with the approval of the state Senate the previous day. The Senate approved the bill by votes of 20-11, with all of the chamber's Democrats opposing it, and the Texas House added its approval with a vote of 98 to 47.

The bill is now on the desk of Gov. Abbott, who has previously expressed that he will sign the bill into law.

"I look forward to seeing the way that legislation works its way through both the Senate and the House, and I will sign whatever legislation reaches my desk that expands Second Amendment rights in Texas," Abbott

said in a press conference at the state Capitol in February.

Although the bill managed to pass, it received significant changes from its original version and will now allow universities to have some control over how to implement the measures.

The final version of the bill will allow universities and colleges to establish their own rules on where handguns are allowed and how to best store them based on public safety concerns. Private universities are able to opt out of the measure altogether.

Only individuals with a concealed handgun license, who must be 21 years old and have gone through the proper state measures to receive said license, would be allowed to carry firearms on campus.

According to information listed by UTEP, in 2007 the average age of undergraduate students was 23, graduate students 32 and doctoral students 35.

Although the passage of the bill is hailed as a victory for gun rights advocates, University of Texas System

President William McRaven, an opponent of the bill, expressed some relief about the amendment to the bill in a statement he issued following the bill's approval.

"It is helpful that the bill was amended to allow our campus presidents to consult with students, faculty and staff to develop rules and regulations that will govern the carrying of concealed handguns on campuses," he said.

Gary Edens, vice president of student affairs at UTEP, said that the university has been following the legislation process closely and will now begin to discuss the issue.

"We will (discuss policies) now that legislation has been approved," Edens said. "The nice thing is that it is not going into effect until fall 2016, so we have over a year to talk to students, faculty, staff and the community to see how this affects UTEP."

A similar view was shared by Ryan C. Holmes, assistant vice president and associate dean of students in the Office of Student

Conduct and Conflict Resolution, who said that we have yet to see how this would affect UTEP.

"In the event that we actually were to experience any issue regarding the new legislation, we have to understand that each case is different," Holmes said.

When asked if guns on campus would change university policies, Holmes said that the same standards would apply to any situation and that decisions would be taken with the proper measures and deliberation.

Campus carry will take effect in August 2016 at universities and August 2017 at community colleges.

Although no decisions have been made yet, Edens said the university will take advantage of the last-minute amendment that would allow universities to carve out gun-free zones.

"We will probably not have guns in our labs, where there might be chemicals or flammable materials, we probably will not have guns in our judicial office, where students are being disciplined," Edens said. "We haven't

determined where those places are, but that will help."

Edens also said there would also be fiscal implications for the university as well, as there will have to be re-training of staff and personnel, in addition to the possibility of gun lockers being installed for gun storage, along with other possible costs.

No official timetable was provided as to when an official university response can be expected, but Edens said it will be done once ample analysis and consideration has taken place.

"I don't think we will have anything soon," Edens said. "We will probably spend the fall semester speaking to student government, our law enforcement, our faculty and probably wait for more stuff from the UT System. We will probably not have something until next spring."

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PERSPECTIVES

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In Texas guns prevail

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

The Prospector



Face mask on, backpack strapped tight, clothes mid-night black. As I sat inside the Prospector office working on my story for the day, I noticed a man frantically pacing up and down the first floor of the Union Building.

As I looked at the man outside of the door, my heart dropped, I gasped and told our advisor about what I had just seen.

Concerned she got up locked the office door and the UTEP Police were called.

Just by observing the man's clothing, I freaked out, assumed he had a gun and was going to hurt anyone in his path.

Needless to say, nothing ended up happening that day, but the fear that I felt at that very moment made me shiver.

On May 31, when Senate Bill 11 was approved, a million different thoughts began running through my head.

First off, why do I live in a state that would allow students to carry guns on a university campus?

As a student myself, I can personally say that this is a disaster and will turn institutions of higher education into institutions of higher vigilance.

Although the bill has been amended, which now allows universities and colleges to set their own rules on where handguns will be allowed, this still has me on edge.

In a place where you have young adults beginning to find themselves, deal with high stress levels, party all week and vary in personalities, guns just don't make sense.

Depression and anxiety are two everyday issues that college students have to cope with.

In recent years, the number of Americans diagnosed with chronic depression has doubled.

According to the National Institute of Mental Health, 16,000,000 U.S. adults have had at least one major depressive episode.

Now, I'm not saying that everyone who is depressed would harm anyone. I am just saying that carrying a gun onto campus and having an episode may lead to an unfortunate circumstance.

A study conducted in 2012 titled College Students Speak: Survey Report on Mental Health by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), found that almost 73 percent of students living with a mental health condition experienced a mental health crisis on campus.

An alarming 34.2 percent reported that their colleges did not know about their crisis.

In addition to mental health, college students also deal with drugs and alcohol being present at college campuses throughout Texas.

About 45 percent of college students binge drink and nearly 21 percent of students abuse prescription or illegal drugs, this is based on a report conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA).

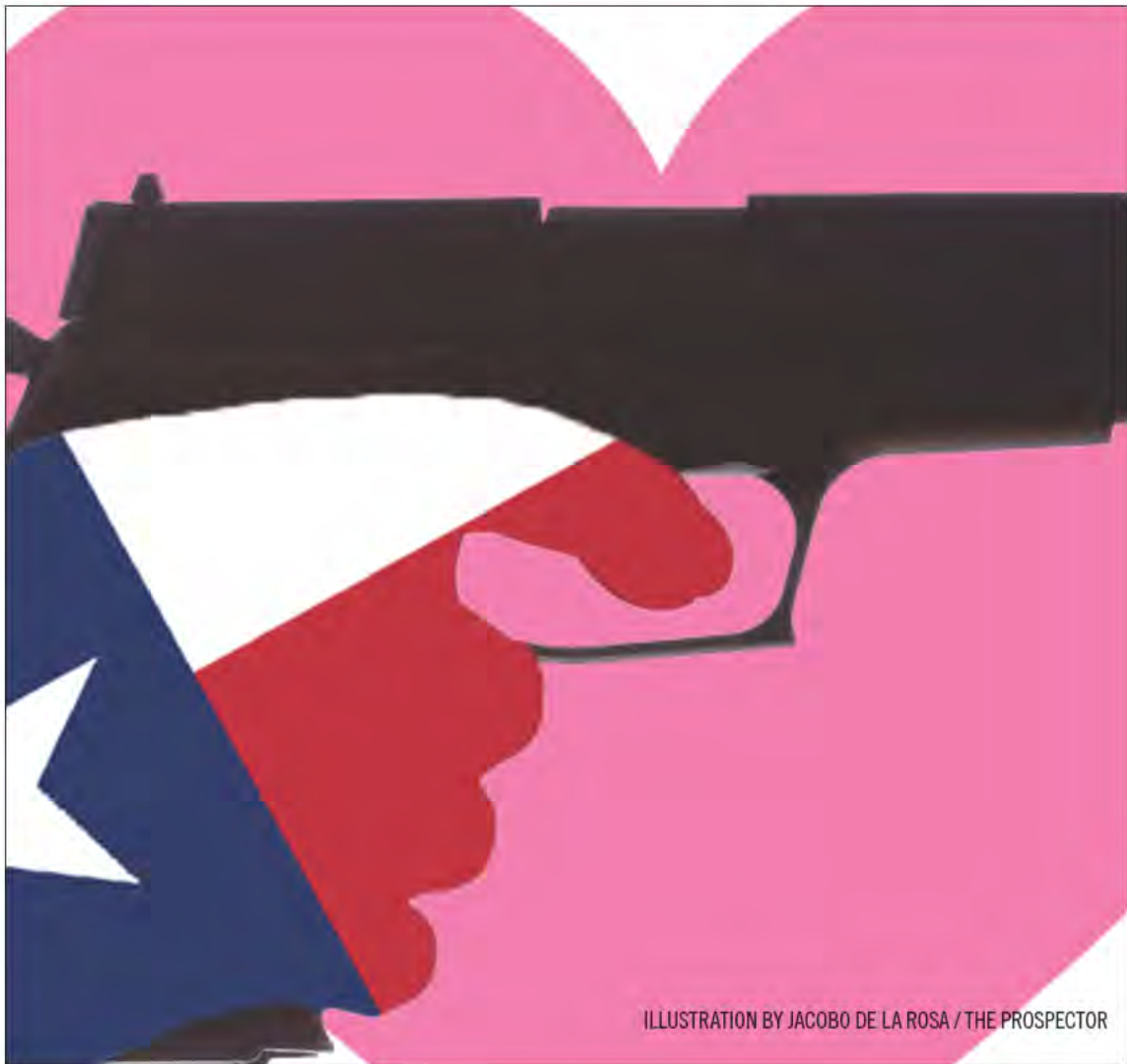
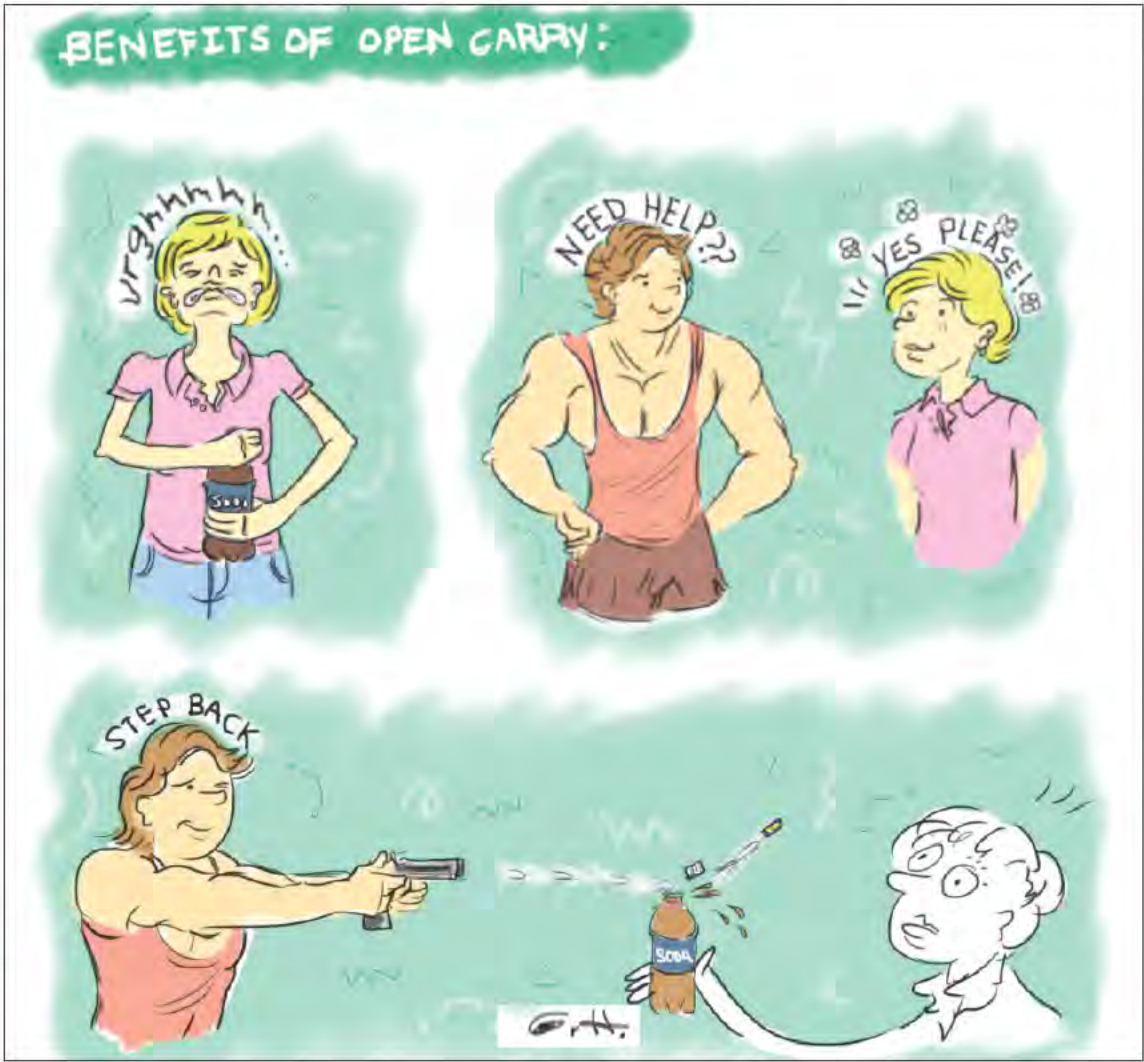
Fights, verbal arguments and disagreements are part of everyday existence. If you mix that with drugs, alcohol and a handgun, things can get violent pretty quickly.

With these alarming statistics and reports supporting what many people fear, it is surprising that Governor Abbott and the other supporters of this bill still see the need to sign it into law.

There is more to this issue than just the opportunity to "expand Second Amendment rights in Texas," there is the right of the students to pursue an education without fear.

Governor Abbott instead of looking for ways to please the red majority, try looking out for the future of your state.

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Centennial transformation brings new changes to campus life

BY VALERIE HERRERA
The Prospector

Since its unveiling in April, the Centennial Plaza has been utilized as a pedestrian-friendly space for students and the public to enjoy. However, regulations regarding the area's usage has students wondering what they can expect for traditional UTEP events.

ing rather than going all the way around it (construction), which took me longer." Nestor Infanzon, director of UTEP's Department of Planning and Construction, said the Centennial Plaza portion of the Campus's Transformation Project is fully complete, but there are other areas of the university that still need work.

Gary Edens, vice president of student affairs, said Minerpalooza will no longer be held on campus and will continue to take place in the Sun Bowl parking lot since moving there a few years ago. "Minerpalooza will remain there moving forward because the event is so large that the Sun Bowl parking lot is really the only place it can be held," Edens said.



RUBY CERINO / THE PROSPECTOR
UTEP hopes the new the new improvments to Centennial Plaza will provide an innovative and modern space for students to study, recreate, dine, and build community.

Martin Lofts to open in August, apartments are part of downtown revitalization



ADAM ZIEGENHALS / THE PROSPECTOR
The old historical Martin building will now be restored for apartments, located at 201. N. Stanton in downtown El Paso.

BY JUAN RAYGOZA
The Prospector

As part of the downtown revitalization program, El Paso businessman Lane Gaddy and a group of investors renovating an area of downtown El Paso. There will now be a new set of apartment buildings at the old historical Martin building, located at 201. N Stanton.

Lofts webpage, will start at \$690 per month for single bedroom units. The lofts will include a keyless entry system, onsite restaurants and top-of-the-line appliances. As the grand opening nears, the buzz surrounding the lofts has created a strong momentum around town and also with UTEP students as well.

"I definitely would consider moving in. I'm a big fan of downtown El Paso and its architecture," Garcia said. "Coming across the chance to live in one of those buildings would be an honor." Not everyone was as eager as Garcia about the new lofts. Philosophy major Guillermo Estrada currently lives in Cd. Juárez, Mexico, and crosses daily to attend classes at UTEP. He said that the prices are extremely high for a student.

weekends, which are the slower days of the week for her. UTEP economics professor James Holcomb said that any investment in the downtown area is bound to improve property value and the activities downtown, and examples of that can be seen in the revitalized Plaza area and the ball park, which have brought recent developments and new restaurants.

"Retail areas become more successful as more businesses relocate there," Holcomb said. "(It) is question of having more people moving down there, but I think we are seeing the beginnings--this doesn't happen overnight."

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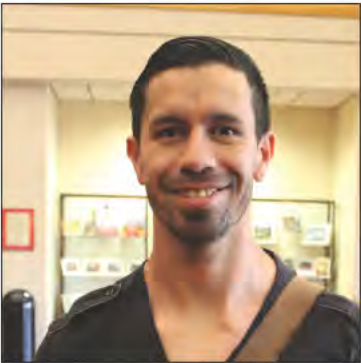
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ANGEL VEGA
Freshman electrical engineering major
"I really look at the world scientifically, so when I think about psychics it does not make sense to me."



ANA RAMOS
Junior special education major
"I believe in psychics but I dont believe they work under the power of good."



CHRISTOPHER MCKAYE
Senior computer science major
"Im in the middle, we have not discovered the human brains capability, so there is a possibility of it being true."



DANIEL TREEWOOD
Sophomore computer science major
"I don't believe in them because I think its one of those things that it's both unprovable, and you cant disprove it so I think it leaves out science."



MARIANA LOPEZ
Junior enviromental science major
"I don't because I've never encountered one that got to predict correctly."



APRIL ZACARIAS
Sophomore forensic chemistry major
"No I don't because I went to a hand reader once and none of what she said happened."



JESUS CANTILLO
Freshman electrical engineering major
"I hardly believe in psychics, I believe in ghosts more than I believe in psychics."



THELMA LUJAN
Junior forensic science major
"I believe in psychics because my tia is one and she helped me talk to my grandpa I hardly knew."



CYNTHIA BARRAZA
Senior psychology major
"No I don't believe in psychics. They can't tell the true future. They are good at what they say, but it's not real."



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‘Viva! El Paso’ returns after year-long hiatus



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‘Viva! El Paso’ will begin Sat. Aug. 8 at McKelligon Canyon.

BY JULIA HETTIGER
The Prospector

An El Paso tradition that uses dancing, singing and narration to illustrate El Paso’s culture and history is returning to the Sun City after a year-long absence.

“Viva! El Paso” began running in 1978 when it was first performed by the Los Pobres Bilingual Theatre Repertory Company, and is now back after being suspended last summer, revamped to suit a younger audience.

“Viva!” was created and directed by Hector Serrano, head of the El Paso Community College drama department. It was performed annually for 36 years before being suspended.

Along with the University of Texas at El Paso, the production will be offered in partnership with El Paso Live and the El Paso Community Foundation.

“It was a big job,” said Carol McNeal, director of sales and marketing at the El Paso Community Foundation. “It took over two years of planning with El Paso Live and being able to collaborate with UTEP’s theater department was a big endeavor.”

The show was suspended in 2014 after the managers declared they could no longer afford to produce it.

“The people who managed the show could no longer carry it forward due to financial restrictions so they disbanded it,” said McNeal.

The new “Viva! El Paso” is rumored to be more creative and better than before.

“I think it will fare better than it ever has because it’s promised to be a much improved with new good theatrical creativity,” McNeal said.

McNeal also said that it may take some time for the musical to create a new following, but the show will soon become an El Paso favorite again.

“El Paso loves this series, and they will come over and over again,” McNeal said.

The show will be directed by Chuck Gorden, associate professor of theater at UTEP.

“I’m hoping to put on an entertaining show for the community,” Gorden said. “I like responding to people’s concerns like the show being too long or they like this but they don’t like that in order to put on as entertaining a show as possible.”

Gorden also said that in previous years, the musical relied heavily on narration and impersonal stories, but he plans to change that.

“We’d like to incorporate more relationships, dramatic emphasis and

new stories to intertwine with the older, same stories,” Gorden said.

To make up for the lack of narration, Gorden plans to add a few more touches to the musical, including more dancing and singing.

“I’m very excited to be working with such creative talent.”

— Chuck Gorden, associate professor of theater

“This year’s musical is actually going to include ‘The Legend of La Llorona,’ something that it hasn’t before,” Gorden said. “There will also be new songs and dances and even new costumes.”

Gorden also plans to incorporate the audience more.

“This time we’re working with engagement of the community,” Gorden said. “With the three-way partnership between UTEP, El Paso Live and the El Paso Community Foundation, we’ll have more production value and spectacle.”

Auditions were held for paid positions in April. Approximately 85 people auditioned, with only 42 being chosen for roles in the musical.

“I think the people who are in the play and even everyone who auditioned represent some of El Paso’s most talented people,” Gorden said.

In addition to the talent on stage, Gorden said he looks forward to working with his colleagues to direct the musical.

“I’m very excited to be working with such creative talent,” Gorden said. “The musical will be entertaining for the entire family.”

“Viva! El Paso” will begin June 19, with the final performance being on Aug. 8. For more information, visit <http://elpasolive.com/calendar/1035-viva-el-paso-returns-to-mckelligon-canyon> or call 915-534-0600

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Chuco Soul Project gives local music a fresh vibe



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Chuco Soul Project performs at the State Line.

BY JULIA HETTIGER

The Prospector

Many bands form through mutual interest in music amongst friends and acquaintances. Others bands are brought together by talent scouts. Some bands simply get together at someone's garage and jam out on their instruments, not looking to pursue anything substantial.

The formation of one local band started off as informal playing sessions, but has lead to something more.

"Chuco Soul came to be through fate, ability and good timing," said Selina Nevarez, lead vocalist of the band and a UTEP alumna, who graduated in 2011 with a degree in music..

The Chuco Soul Project is a local reggae and Latin rock band whose creative fusion of both musical genres has given them a unique yet mature sound.

The band has presented a younger face in a crowd of typically older bands at many of the local music events, including the Cool Canyon Nights concert series.

The band was started two years ago by Nevarez and David Angerstein, on electric violin and backup vocals. Cynthia Guiterrez, on flute and accompanying vocalist, Christian Charles, on electric guitar, Mario Ramirez, on keyboards, Fred Porras, on bass, and J.J. Hernandez on drums.

"All of us in the band have professional playing experience and we were meeting regularly to jam," Nevarez said.

The band started by writing songs and booking smaller gigs, con-

tinuously adding more gigs to their schedule.

"Now after two years, we're still at it, writing better songs and booking bigger gigs," Nevarez said.

Nevarez attributes the creation of their music to the ever-changing and unique culture of El Paso.

"We love El Paso and work to represent the combining of different genres and styles to create this unique blend that is El Paso," Nevarez said.

Although their music encompasses a mixture of reggae and Latin rock, they never truly decided what genre of music the band would play.

"Who we are and what we know really comes through in our playing," Nevarez said.

Not having one set genre to compose music to, their songs tend to range within a large scale of genres. This has allowed them to play a com-

There are some incredible musicians in El Paso.

- Selina Nevarez, lead vocalist

ination of many types of music.

"We enjoy a wide variety of music, and during our sets, you'll be able to hear that in an original mix of reggae, rock, funk, jazz, R&B and even a little bit of country," Nevarez said.

Chuco Soul Project has played at multiple venues and will be playing

at the Cool Canyon Nights concert series at the McKelligon Canyon Amphitheatre on June 18. The different bands at the month-long event tend to appeal to an older crowd, but Chuco Soul Project stands out by playing music targeted to a younger audience.

"There are some incredible musicians in El Paso," Nevarez said. "The older generations inspire the young and, if we're lucky, the cycle goes on and on."

Performing together as a band has been a rewarding experience for Nevarez and the other members of Chuco Soul Project.

"What I love most about performing is being able to connect with an audience," Nevarez said. "To watch a crowd get up and dance or shed a tear to music that you created is a thrilling experience."

The members of Chuco Soul Project plan to continue playing music and writing new songs in the future.

"We'll continue to do what we do for as long as we can," Nevarez said. "As individuals, we are all constantly growing and evolving. So while we have each other, we'll keep practicing, record more albums, tour when we can and be ready for all opportunities that may arise."

Along with their performance at Cool Canyon Nights, Chuco Soul Project will also be playing at the Mountain Music Festival in Cloudcroft, New Mexico, and on the Durango Stage at the El Paso Downtown Street Fest on June 26.

"If you haven't seen us yet, come check us out," Nevarez said. "We have our freshman album 'Chuco Soul Live' for sale at all our gigs and at All That Music."

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Psychic fair invites public to learn about their future



FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

BY FERNANDA LEON

The Prospector

It is not uncommon for people to wonder about their future, relationships or marriages, and finding the answers to these and many other daunting questions is another story. However, there are some people out there who claim to have the answers for you.

The El Paso Psychic Fair will invite people to engage with those people, from palm readers and clairvoyants to astrologists and numerologists from all over Texas and New Mexico. The fair will take place from June 13-14, and will be held at the Hawthorn Inn, located at 6789 Boeing Dr. near the airport. The fair will feature 14 psychics, who will provide readings and personal advice for the curious. It will also host various vendors that will offer different products related to the fair.

Fair vendors will have different metaphysical and new-aged products such as incense, crystals, hand-made jewelry, tarot cards and scented oils .

"This fair has been around for about 30 years, run by different people, but the readers have always been from all over the Southwest," said Gene Martin, El Paso Psychic Fair director.

Readers will offer their services in different categories including numerology reports, Reiki healing and aura photography, among other psychic fields. Clients will be able to ask the readers about the areas of their life that they interested in. These areas can vary from love, money, travel, and business.

"Some people come to the fair to discuss their love life and relationships with the readers. They can talk

to the reader and see what path they should change to get where they want to be," Martin said. "Some come to the fair to talk about business ideas and see what the Tarot cards say about them doing that."

Robin Gile, palm reader and author of "Complete Idiots Guide to Palmistry," is one of the readers who will offer his services at the fair.

"The size, shape, texture, color of the hand as well as the lines in the hand are indicators of a person's character, capabilities and choices," Gile said.

Some people come to the fair to discuss their love life and relationships with the readers.

- Gene Martin, El Paso Psychic Fair director

Gile has worked at the El Paso Psychic Fair since 1986 and said he appreciates the opportunity to connect with old friends and clients as well as to interact and offer guidance to new clients.

"People who come to the fairs in El Paso are open and receptive to using a psychic's abilities to facilitate their choices and decisions," Gile said.

The fair will also offer aura photos, which according to the fair's website portray the forces that are affecting someone at a certain time.

"We offer aura photos-coming from Dallas and (who) operates the only true and professional aura camera," Martin said. "We also offer many types of new age and metaphysical things, jewelry and crystals. A smorgasbord of metaphysical things, all in one place."

For Gile, the fair represents an opportunity for people to work with professionals who have deep understanding of the art of prediction.

"These people are also in touch with the local cultural and social mores, which enables them to have more precise insights," Gile said.

The entry fee for the fair is \$5 at the door for both days. For more information, visit the El Paso Psychic Fair website at www.elpasopsychicfair.com.

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Track and field ready for nationals



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Samantha Hall, Rasmus Maukonen, Anthony Rotich and Jallycia Pearson will all compete at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.

BY JUAN CARLOS NAVARRETE
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Four members of the UTEP track and field team will be in Eugene, Oregon from July 10-13 to compete in the NCAA Outdoor Championships. The Miners travel to Eugene with a few fresh faces in sophomore Samantha Hall and freshman Rasmus Maukonen, along with a couple of seniors, Jallycia Pearson and Anthony Rotich. Rotich will be looking to close out his legendary collegiate career on a high note. For Hall, who will be competing for a national championship in the discus throw, it will be her first time competing in nationals. She has improved week in and week out since the beginning of the season. "It's really exciting," Hall said. "Last year, I went to regionals and I didn't

do well, but I'm really happy that I made it this year." Fellow thrower Maukonen will also be competing for the first time at the national level. The Finland native has quickly become a fan favorite and a must-watch because of his eccentric yell after he throws the javelin. He is the 11th best in the nation and will look to improve on that ranking at the national tournament. "I have dreamed that I can throw still over 75 (meters) and that's my goal," Maukonen said. "Hopefully the competitions are great and competition will be high level. I think if I can throw that 75, I can be top five. At the NCAA West Preliminaries, Maukonen recorded a 67.89-meter throw. Pearson is another Miner who will be looking to close out her career on a strong note.

She placed second in the heptathlon at the conference tournament and ranks 10th in an event, where the top eight receive All-American recognition. At the conference tournament, held at UTEP's Kidd Field, the senior tallied 5,576 points with her performance in each of the seven events that make up the heptathlon—100 meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200 meters, long jump, javelin throw and 800 meters. The Coronado High School alum's conference tournament total flirted with the school record of 5,834 in the event. She has now set her sights on finishing with the school record as well as recognition as one of the nation's best heptathletes. "It's really exciting," Pearson said. "I'm really glad that I made it my senior year, as well as my junior year,

so it's really exciting to go to back to Oregon." Finally, Anthony Rotich, the UTEP athletic legend, will look to close out his illustrious career the way it began, as a national champion. Rotich will go to Oregon with the task of defending his title of two-time national champion in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. Throughout the season, Rotich has won the steeplechase every time he has run it with the exception of one race, where he was trying to pace a fellow Miner. He is the Conference USA champion in the event and at the regional championships, the native of Kenya came in first with a time of 8:42.90. "I felt really good in that race because I was just trying to do what my coach told me: to relax in the race," Rotich said. "This week, I'm just try-

ing to relax a little bit and gain everything because in conference I did three races and that was a lot." Rotich, who is already among the elite in UTEP track and field history, can only add to his tremendous legacy wearing the orange and blue, but will be running in Eugene with much more than just himself in mind. "Right now, I can just say thank you to my coaches, my training men and the entire UTEP fraternity that have been there for us even when we did not run really fast," Rotich said. "They have always been there, so I just say thank you to the UTEP family. They are cool people."

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Chihuahuas look to right the ship

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El Paso will be hosting the Triple-A Championship game come mid-September, and in order for the Chihuahuas to play in that game, they must win the Pacific Coast League title. With a third of the season now gone, the Chihuahuas have a 27-30 record that currently has them out of a playoff picture. Their 4-10 record over the past two weeks has prevented them from taking advantage of a myriad of opportunities to take over first place in the Pacific Southern Division. "It's been a struggle the last couple of weeks," said team manager Pat Murphy. "That's all I can tell you, it's been a struggle."

The Chihuahuas are currently in the middle of a four-game series with the division-leading Las Vegas 51s. On Sunday, El Paso was able to break a four-game losing streak with a 15-8 win after losing the opening game of the series 4-9 in the Sin City. It is a huge opportunity to close the two-and-a-half gap between El Paso and the 51's, but the Chihuahuas have had opportunity after opportunity to close said gap before traveling to Vegas. The 51's were on a 10-game losing streak until they beat El Paso on Saturday. El Paso was at home for most of those 10 games that Vegas dropped, playing an eight-game home stand at Southwest University Park against Iowa and Omaha. It was the perfect opportunity for Murphy's team to

take over first place, but the Chihuahuas went 2-6 at home and 2-8 over the 10-game Las Vegas losing streak. The missed opportunities are the last thing Murphy wants his players to be worried about though. "I hope the players aren't. They've just got to worry about getting it going," Murphy said. "We really haven't been on a great run since early in the season." Both of the series during the home stand began with wins for the Chihuahuas and both wins were followed by three-straight victories for the visitors. Against Iowa, El Paso opened the series with a 14-2 romp. Starting pitcher James Needy won his fifth see CHIHUAHUAS on page 8

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Ding dong the witch is dead!
What Joseph Blatter's resignation means for world soccer

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He had to resign, there was no other way. But, then again, how many times do we actually see people do the right thing.

I thought the only way the world of soccer would get rid of Joseph Blatter would be with him in handcuffs. And that's the real story here.

Just like FIFA being corrupt was nothing an even casual soccer fan didn't already know, we all knew Blatter was the mastermind and ringleader. The story was that somebody actually went after FIFA and that Blatter stepped down on his own. Even when the whole world he had built over the past 30 years was crumbling all around him, Blatter reacted defiantly and disgusted at the allegations that he and FIFA were anything other than pure. Now, let's say we give him the benefit of the doubt and believe that he was not aware of what those directly see CURE on page 4



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The El Paso Chihuahuas went 2-6 over their last home stand at Southwest University Park.

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game of the season, working six full innings and allowing just one run and striking out eight.

“It’s about going out there and pitching with conviction,” Needy said. “Our starters have been pitching well and we have a veteran staff that has a lot of experience.”

The Chihuahuas lost the next three games and were outscored 20-11. They stopped the three-game losing skid with a win in the series opener against the Omaha Storm Chasers.

Starting pitcher Jason Lane gave up three runs in a first inning that seemed to foreshadow another loss for the canines. The offense, however, came right back and scored three runs of their own in the bottom of the same inning.

“As a starting pitcher you set the tone of the game, and to put us in a hole right out of the gate is the last

thing I want to do,” Lane said. “When you can’t be perfect all the time and you do and they bounce back, it’s like a second life.”

Lane settled down after the rough first inning and went on to pitch 26 of the 27 outs.

Lane’s box score was not impressive, allowing 10 hits and four earned runs on the night with just two strike outs, but he controlled the opposing offense, providing an impressive start—the longest of the season for any Chihuahua.

“There were not very many hard-hit balls after the first inning,” said Chihuahuas’ infielder Tommy Medica. “Anytime you have a starter who can go that deep into a game, it just helps you for the rest of the series as well as the next series, keeping that bullpen fresh.”

After the 7-4 win, the Chihuahuas went on to lose three straight again.

They were outscored 20-8 by the Storm Chasers.

Once the Chihuahuas are done playing in Las Vegas, they will return home for a four-game series with the Sacramento River Cats starting on Thursday, June 11.

Lost opportunities have been the theme of the last few weeks for the El Paso Chihuahuas. Murphy and company hope this trend can be turned around, and they will continue to aim for the first-place spot in the division, while looking to achieve what is perhaps the toughest part of all minor league baseball—consistency.

“It’s embarrassing to play this poorly over the past 25 games,” Murphy said. “(To be) two (games) out of first is really fortunate (for us). We just got to keep going here and hopefully something will click.”

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under him were doing in terms of corruption.

I’m not sure what would be worse, this scenario or the real one in which he was part of the whole thing. He would either be completely incompetent, allowing those directly under his watch to corrupt the game, or the criminal he is slowly being proven to be.

Either way, his resignation was the only action that made sense.

Now what? Does this mean soccer is now free? We’re back to the sport being the focus and not playing second fiddle to money? Can Dorothy now get back home?

Not so fast, she still has to get to the Emerald City and find the Wizard.

Yes, it is huge that FIFA and all of its officials are being run down, but there is still a lot of work to be done.

First, we have to realize that nobody is clean at FIFA. Not Luis Figo, not Michel Platini, not even the Americans who are leading the charge for change. All these people knew what was going on, they were part of the system and all of a sudden they want it to change. Why?

Here is my theory: Blatter and company got too cocky. It’s not that the U.S. all of a sudden had enough evidence to go after FIFA, they always did. But that’s the way the world works—it’s not black and white—most everything is operated in a grey area, and the powers that be will let you operate as long as it does not affect them negatively.

Blatter forgot about the powers that be, he thought he was above them, and in giving Qatar the World Cup in 2022, he pissed off the ones that could make the most damage.

It’s not that the U.S. is concerned about the health of world soccer, they just really wanted and thought they deserved a World Cup. Blatter played them and now they are making him pay for it.

I hope real change does come, I hope new blood is infused into FIFA and it fixes the biggest problem in soccer—the system.

As of right now, the system remains the same and the fact that FIFA’s 209 members all have the same weight begs for corruption. As long as a country like Haiti has the same power as World Cup winners such as Brazil and Germany, it does not matter who is running FIFA.

I hope the U.S. continues to pressure for reforms and doesn’t back off once they get their World Cup.

Qatar and Russia should automatically be stripped of their right to host the world’s biggest tournament. Giving the 2018 tournament to someone other than the U.S. would be flirting with the possibility of that country not being ready.

The U.S. is ready to host a World Cup tomorrow. We have the infrastructure, the stadiums and the desire.

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