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# The irony of printing a newspaper during Earth Week

BY AMANDA GUILLEN  
The Prospector



Every year we celebrate Earth Day and this year it will be celebrated on April 22. The Prospector dedicates an issue to Earth Day and every year someone on staff asks about why we have an issue dedicated to this day if we print thousands of issues on paper.

I agree, this does seem a little hypocritical, but it is also something that can be argued as good. Here is my attempt to make myself feel better about printing this Earth Day issue.

Since 1989 publishers have attempted to print on recycled paper in order to go green and cut costs. The New York Times published an article on December 18, 1989 that stated that New York State pledged to increase their use of recycled paper by 40 percent by the year 2000.

But newspapers are close to becoming extinct because of the increase of online publications, and newspapers are becoming more green in a last ditch effort to save the paper.

Personally I am torn when it comes to whether or not publications should switch to online or stick with print. I think that conserving paper and switching to online is definitely more effective and efficient. I also wouldn't miss the smell of newsprint or the dirty hands that come along with clinching onto a newspaper.

On the other hand, the physical paper helps me learn more. Instead of

just clicking on what I want to read, with the newspaper I am more inclined to read the entire paper. I learn more and I also don't use as much data.

When I lived in Washington D.C. it was much easier to pick up a newspaper and read it on the Metro since my service was slow underground and would at times cut off when I tried to load new stories.

When I sit down and think about it, I come to the conclusion that it is a good idea to still have our Earth Day print issue for the following reasons:

Like me when I was in Washington, students are more inclined to read the paper when they pick it up from the stands, instead of looking for our weekly stories online.

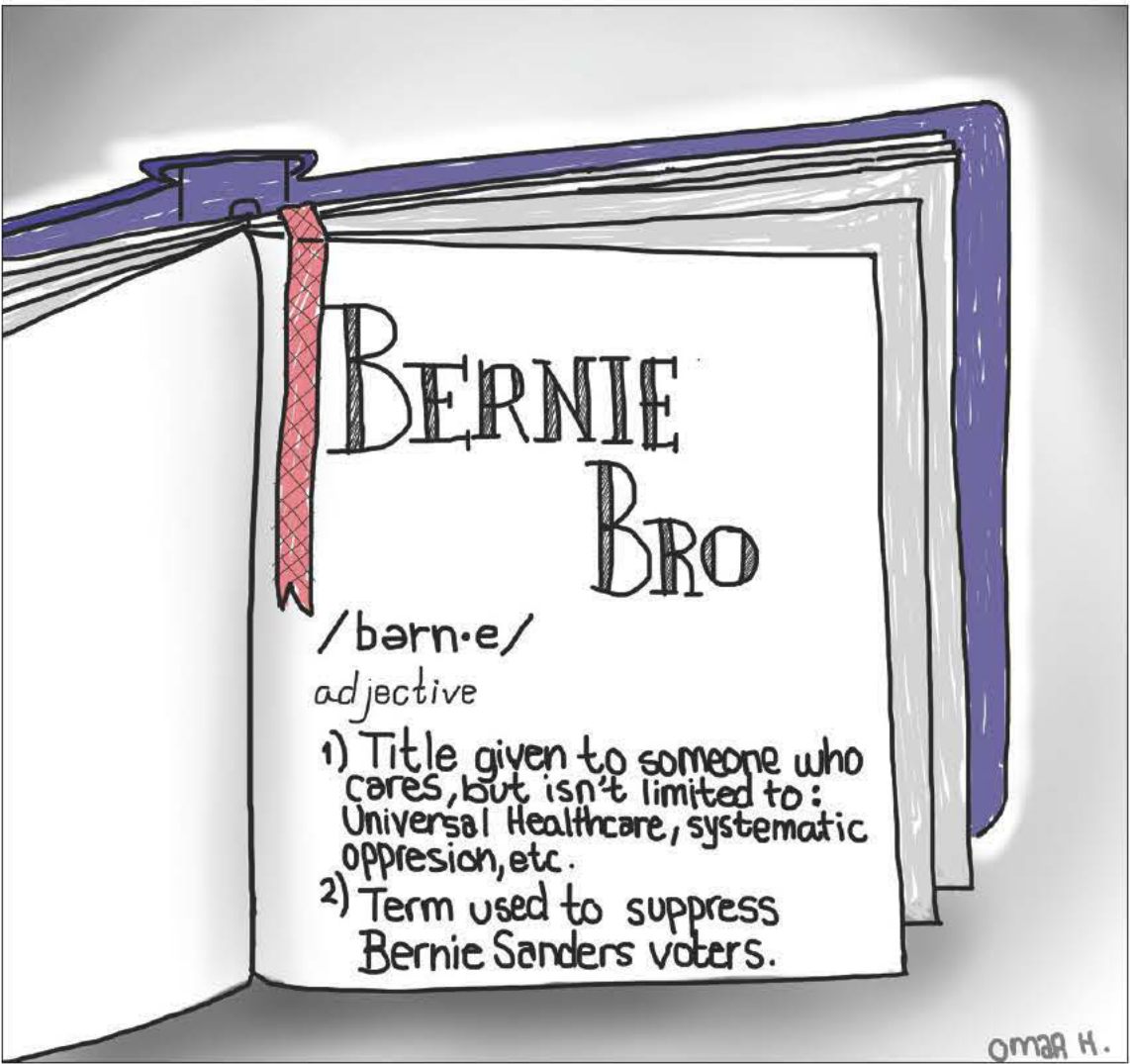
Our stories this week are informative, covering topics and people that are important for students to learn about.

So instead of keeping this issue online, having a printed issue might do more good instead of bad.

We inform students and the UTEP community about important environmental stories and hopefully help increase participation and awareness of going green.

There is always a little bit of sacrifice in everything you do and I guess this Earth Day issue is one of ours.

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**Political science professor** Irasema Coronado now teaches at UTEP after serving as executive director of the Commission for the Environmental Cooperation in Quebec, Canada.

## The Prospector

In 2010, she was appointed by President Barack Obama to the Joint

"The environment has a huge problem with pollution in water, animal species, habitats, ecosystems, elec-

Coronado was born in Nogales, Arizona, and got her doctoral degree from the University of Arizona. As a graduate student, she worked on a

From border to border, Coronado has been aware of the inequalities people face each day. She said her hometown of Nogales was the

Coronado said her father and mother became an inspiration because of their love and compassion

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# SGA candidates announced, hold debate

BY GLORIA HEREDIA  
The Prospector

Candidates running for Student Government Association positions held a debate at the Union Breeze-

way on April 18 to introduce themselves and their platforms. The debate began at 12:30 p.m. and ended at 2:30 p.m. A total of seven students are running for the highest positions in SGA.

This year, two parties emerged to unite candidates among all positions, the UNITED party and DAB (Dedicating. Achieving. Believing), and one student running independently for SGA president. Here are the candidates and what they had to say to The Prospector:

## PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES



**Yussef F. Luna**  
19, junior

“You don’t need a title to be a leader.”

- UNITED party
- Political science major
- Current senator at large
- Member of Lambda Chi Alpha
- Hobbies include going to church and CrossFit.



**Hector Quintero**  
23, senior

“SGA has a lot of potential and it can still prosper and grow, we can still give more to the university and that’s why I want to be president.”

- DAB party
- Double major in accounting and human resources
- Current senator at large
- Member of Lambda Chi Alpha
- Hobbies include hanging out with friends, going to the gym and playing soccer.



**Sergio Baltazar**  
21, sophomore

“I really want to make a change. I have vision. I have actually being doing research on the things we need and things that will generate an impact on the students.”

- Independent
- Operations chain supply major
- President for Visión México
- Alpha Psi Omega- National Theatre Honor Society
- Delta Sigma Pi- Professional Business Fraternity

## VICE-PRESIDENT OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS CANDIDATES



**Mariana Prieto**  
21, junior

“I’m a breath of fresh air with my new ideas and I’m going to go in there and start making changes because sometimes when you fall into a routine it becomes a circle and you need someone to break that circle and change things.”

- Organizational communications major
- Alpha Xi Delta
- Alpha Phi Omega- Treasurer and pledge up
- College Republicans- Treasurer and Executive Assistant
- Hobbies include singing in St. Matthew’s Choir



**Holly Abdel-Jaber**  
20, junior

“VP of internal affairs is that mom figure, that one person you go to when you are stressed out about school, or life or anything and I want to be that person for other people. I want to help people grow.”

- UNITED party
- International politics major
- Alpha Xi Delta- Vice President
- Hobbies include hang out, watching Netflix, crafts, riding horses and shooting.

## VICE-PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS CANDIDATES



**Justin Cruz**  
22, junior

“I do feel like I have the leadership qualities to do this role and do it well.”

- UNITED party
- Political science major
- Student engagement activities



**Andie Norte**  
24, senior

“All my experience, and everything that I’ve learned in my four years are going to help me be a better communicator to be able to let them know what’s good, what’s not good here at UTEP.”

- DAB party
- Double major in English and American literature and history
- Student ambassador
- Collegiate Liberal Arts senator
- Hobbies include reading, photography and writing.

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toward anyone who crossed their paths.

“The main difference in my house is that my dad was a feminist. He really believed in the empowerment of women,” Coronado said. “He was a very encouraging person, and he taught us to believe that we could do anything we wanted to do, he just had this great ability to empower you and make you feel you could do anything in the world.”

While her father worked as bread distributor in Arizona, Coronado’s mother took her and her five siblings to volunteer at orphanages in the area.

To this day, her mother is an active volunteer who helps deportees in Nogales, Sonora.

“She wanted us to feel compassion and gratitude. My mother would say, ‘be compassionate that poor people have to suffer this way, and be thankful that you have a good life,’” Coronado said.

Coronado hopes that the involvement of Hispanic students can grow to better help the entire community.

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“I want more people like me to be in decision-making positions and to be in positions of leadership.”

— Irasema Coronado,  
professor, political science

in positions of leadership,” Coronado said.

Kathleen Staudt, a fellow political science professor, is both a friend and colleague of Coronado.

“She is a brilliant political analyst and dynamic leader. We have co-authored several research publications, including a book, articles and chapters. UTEP and the border region are fortunate she has chosen to be with us,” Staudt said in an email interview.

Some students said Coronado’s teaching style makes learning fun.

“She is more than willing to stop the class and go more in depth to help students want to learn,” said Jimmy Covarrubias, junior history major. “She works very well with you—very non-traditional teaching types of methods. She is different, her style is refreshing.”

Guillermina Gina Nuñez-Mchiri, interim director of the Women and Gender Studies Program, said Coronado has motivated her in many ways.

“She’s been a friend, a colleague, a researcher—she has been a mentor to me,” Nuñez said. “She has taught me valuable lessons. She’s been a key member in my life and in my son’s life. I’m so delighted she is back.”

Coronado will be speaking at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley on April 20 and 21. She said wants to make a difference in people’s lives by talking about political and environmental activism on the U.S./Mexico border.

“We need to re-inspire people,” Coronado said. That is our goal.”

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INBRIEF

ROBERT DEVEREUX

Brian Downen, UTEP visiting assistant professor of music, performed in the New York Metropolitan Opera’s production of “Robert Devereux.” The performances began in mid-March and lasted through April 19th. On Saturday, April 16, the performance was shown in cinemas around the world through the “Live in HD” series. While he spent time in New York, he continued teaching at UTEP through Skype.

ALAMO DRAFTHOUSE CINEMA

Alamo Drafthouse Cinema – Montecillo will host a soft opening from Monday, April 25 through Thursday, April 28. Movie tickets will cost \$2 and food and non-alcoholic beverages will be discounted 50 percent. The movies showed during the soft opening will be E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial, Mad Max: Fury Road, Back to the Future, Star Wars: The Force Awakens, Kung Fu Panda 3, Aliens, The Revenant and The Invitation. The theater will officially open on Friday, May 6.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Brad Udall, senior water and climate research scientist/scholar at Colorado State University’s Colorado Water Institute, will speak on campus at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 as part of the “UTEP Centennial Lecture” series. The lecture, titled “The Evolving Water Crisis in the American Southwest,” will take place at the Undergraduate Learning Center Room 116, and a reception will follow after.

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# Do you believe in global warming? Why or why not?

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**JACKIE QUEZADA**  
Junior psychology major  
“I do believe in global warming because global warming and climate change is very real.”



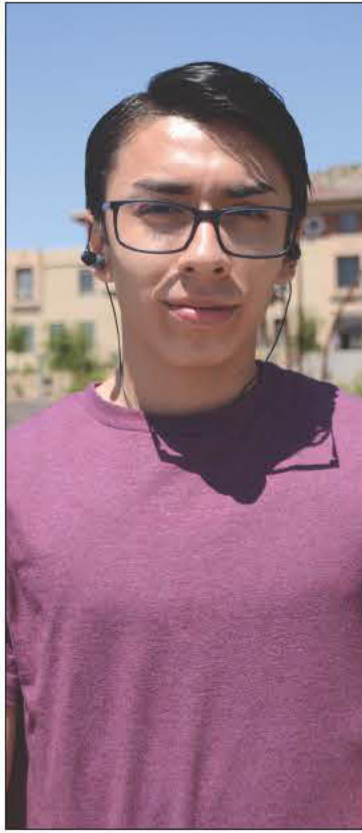
**DANIEL REYES**  
Freshman business major  
“Global warming is something democrats made up.”



**DIANA DE LA ROSA**  
Freshman social work major  
“I do believe in it, because there’s a big difference between the climate in my moms generation and the climate in my generation now, and I believe that technology is also changing our earth.”

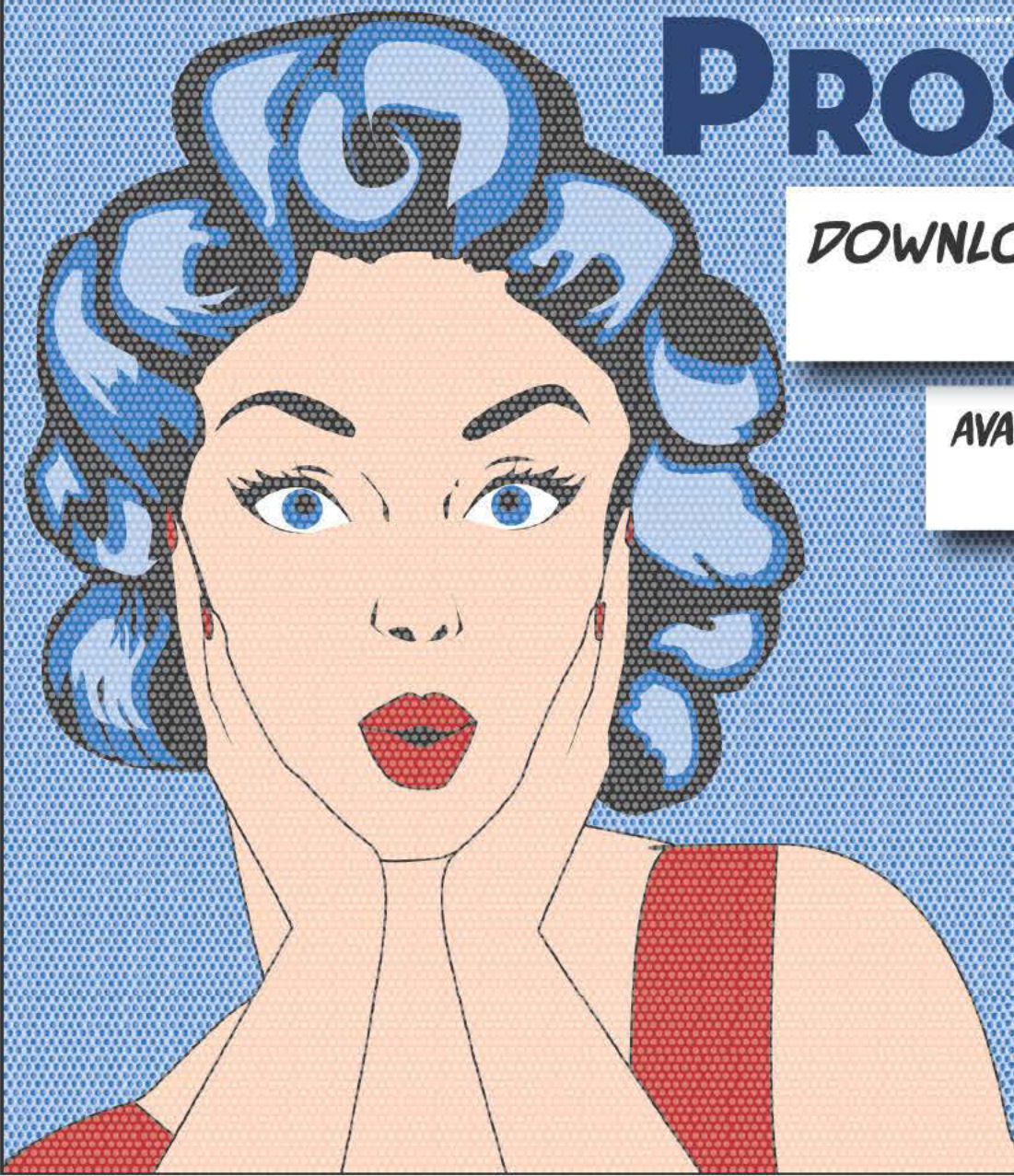


**GABRIELLA RAMIREZ**  
Freshman nursing major  
“Quite frankly, I don’t really care if global warming is real or not, because it’s not affecting me at the moment.”



**JOEL RAMOS**  
Freshman civil engineering major  
“Yeah I do, I think global warming is changing our seasons—winter is feeling like summer and spring is still feeling like winter.”

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# Centennial Plaza designed to be eco-friendly



CHRISTOPHER ZACHERL / THE PROSPECTOR

The Centennial Plaza saves between 30 to 35 percent more water from what a traditional landscape would use, according to Bruce Erhard, UTEP grounds supervisor.

BY JAVIER CORTEZ  
The Prospector

The Centennial Plaza, which opened one year ago this month, is a reflection of the region's natural environment, and has become a tool in UTEP's plan to save water.

"The university wanted, in their long-term plans, to create a more pedestrian-friendly campus and eliminate as much automobile traffic from campus as possible," said UTEP grounds supervisor Bruce Erhard. "The real keys were to make the landscape fit more suitably to the environment around us, the desert, and we wanted a landscape that would use less water over time."

According to Erhard, Centennial Plaza saves between 30 to 35 percent more water from what a traditional landscape would use.

"The (grass lawns) might work quite well in Pennsylvania, but it's out of character out here," Erhard said.

UTEP students and faculty alike will all eventually have to say goodbye to the grass lawns and tall trees of Cotton Memorial and Benedict Hall and say hello to the Southwestern-style landscapes of the future.

Staying in character is the plan, while saving water is the game that will get easier over time. All the plants that surround Centennial Plaza require more watering on a consistent basis, and are what Erhard calls in the "establishment phase."

According to Erhard, in three to four years irrigation can be reduced by as much as 50 percent as the plants move out of the establishment phase. The path to sav-

ing more water requires no regulations, no invasive planning and no strict guidelines to adhere to. All is that is needed is time.

On top of that, it will save money, in a city where water costs a pretty penny.

"As these plants get well-established over time we can reduce that amount of irrigation they get quite significantly," Erhard said. "Water is quite expensive in El Paso and it's not going to get any cheaper, it's going to get more expensive and using less water means less being spent."

For all the talk of water conservation and eco-friendly adaptation, the goal of Centennial Plaza was to create a more hospitable pedestrian area. The environmental benefit was an important side note that Erhard happily admits.

"We want to save water, we want to be ecologically friendly and we want to be sustainable," he said. "We want to be all of those things, but first before anything, we wanted to create a space that was truly superb for the user. That was our goal more than anything."

A more inviting space might have been the top goal of the campus transformation, but the positive environmental benefit is what some UTEP students are most pleased with.

"I think it's the loveliest addition to our campus," said Fernanda Lugo, sophomore biological sciences major. "I am proud to be a UTEP student because of it. Having a semi-not so wasteful plaza for people to reflect in is the best way to advocate for what we wish to achieve as a college community and as a green growing place."

Lugo, president of the Students Green Team, a UTEP organization that aims to promote environmental activism, is happy about what Centennial Plaza represents and hopes it jump starts a stronger student movement to make UTEP a cleaner and greener campus.

"I wish UTEP students took more ownership of the campus and have more interest in taking part in activities like Earth Week," Lugo said. "The road to change is always hard, changing a whole culture's morality regarding money, trash, plants, animals and man's relationship with nature will be tough."

Senior environmental sciences major Daniel Chacon said he

thinks the Centennial Plaza is a step in the right direction, but believes the university can do more when it comes to green issues.

"I strongly believe that UTEP doesn't do nearly enough as it could be doing and as it should be doing in regards to environmental initiatives," he said. "UTEP needs to focus a little less on the immediate financial returns on their eco-friendly investments and focus on the long-term social change and financial relief that comes with reducing your overall ecological footprint."

Chacon said UTEP needs a better recycling program, for example, and the university needs to do a much better job of communicating environmental projects.

Nevertheless, UTEP is on the right path to becoming a more eco-friendly campus, which will get better as time goes on, according to Erhard.

"When I first saw the blueprints (for the Centennial Plaza) I said this is going to be one of the great public spaces in the state of Texas," Erhard said. "It has exceeded my expectations, and it's going to do nothing but get better over the next 10 years."

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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OUR VIEW

## El Pasoans celebrate the reopening of San Jacinto Plaza



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1. An elderly couple dances in front of the iconic “Los Lagartos” statue. 2. Attendees enjoy local art during the grand reopening. 3. The newly installed ping pong tables are enjoyed by two attendees. 4. A young girl plays with a water sprinkler at San Jacinto Plaza. 5. Three attendees sit down and enjoy some food from food trucks at the reopening. .

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# Growlers a green alternative to aluminum cans and glass bottles

BY JULIA HETTIGER  
AND MIKE VASQUEZ  
The Prospector

Many local breweries have started to use growlers, specialized jugs made for carrying 32 or 64 ounces of beer. Growlers allow customers to purchase large amounts of beer to take home. They are also an alternative to purchasing aluminum cans or glass bottles, which in turn helps the environment.

Growlers are airtight and can be made out of ceramic, glass or stainless steel. The idea of growlers is to be able to move draft beer from one place to

another without worrying about the quality of the beer degrading. They also help the environment by helping reduce waste.

Craft & Social, a bar downtown, began selling beer in growlers to align with their unique business model. According to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission website, those who obtain a liquor license are not permitted to sell alcohol for customers to take with them, but those who do not have a liquor license and brew their beer on-site are permitted to sell beer to go in containers such as growlers.

"We're pretty much focused on craft beer, and we decided to implement growlers here because we can do beers to go, which a lot bars cannot do," said Omar Vasquez, manager of Craft & Social.

Although growlers have made their mark in other cities, Vasquez waited to sell them at Craft & Social until the timing was right.

"If you go to any big city, growlers are established in the sense of everyone knows what they are, and it's one of the things that's opening up here for us, and it was kind of a no-brainer," Vasquez said.

Since incorporating growlers into the menu options, Vasquez has seen a positive reaction from his customers. On the business side of things, Vasquez said growlers have helped save money in more ways than one.

"We definitely do make a profit, and it does save the consumer money as well," Vasquez said. "Rather than buying a pint in-house for a certain amount, you can go ahead and take 64 ounces of this beer with you, so it does benefit the consumer for sure."

Whether or not growlers are a good fit for everyone, Vasquez said it depends heavily on the person consuming the beer.

Another bar that serves growlers is Ode Brewery. Annabelle Ramirez, manager at Ode, said using growlers has given her customers a different way of consuming their beer, especially during the holidays where growlers helped accommodate her customer's needs.

"It's definitely a way to have people take the product to their homes," Ramirez said. "Ode is here, but we have a lot of people buying growlers



CHRISTOPHER ZACHERL / THE PROSPECTOR

Ode Brewery, located at 3233 N Mesa St., serves growlers which allow customers to purchase large amounts of beer to take home.

to take home for their family gatherings or parties."

Josh Forester, a bartender at Ode Brewery, said the brewery will refill the growler containers for \$10 regardless of where they are from.

Growlers also help Ode's customers have better access to their products.

"We're a microbrewery, and right now we haven't really implemented a bottling system," Ramirez said. "So you can't find our stuff anywhere else unless you go to local restaurants, but you can't take it home with you."

Nestor Durán Nunguray, an avid beer drinker and graduate student in linguistics, said he uses growlers.

"It's a small price reduction, but it adds up," Nunguray said. "It comes out to like 5.5 beers in the growler, so it lasts me a good while. Best part though is I get to take home seasonal brews that are only sold in the brewery."

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# Newly remodeled San Jacinto Plaza reopens to the public



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Visitors enjoy eating at the new tables located in San Jacinto Plaza at the grand opening on April 16.

BY JULIA HETTIGER  
The Prospector

San Jacinto Plaza officially re-opened on April 16 after three years

of construction. The restoration includes ping pong tables, a splash pad and preservative measures for the famous Luis Jimenez alligator sculpture, “Los Lagartos,” after it suffered

deterioration from sun and weather damage. The celebration began with streamers, dancing mascots and an opening speech from Mayor Oscar Leeser,

who said the inspiration for the restoration project came directly from the people.

Although San Jacinto Plaza was supposed to be finished in 2014, Leeser believes the extra time it took to complete it was important to achieve quality.

“It exceeded my expectations, which is the important part, and we wanted to make sure we didn’t take any shortcuts,” Leeser said. “It took us longer than we anticipated, but the finished product, you can tell we didn’t take any.”

Multiple food trucks and booths lined the park at the celebration, including a booth by Destination El Paso, that passed out alligator hats. Amanda Gutierrez, events staff at Destination El Paso, said she was impressed with the new park.

“I think they made some really good improvements, and I’m glad they kept some of the features that were there before, like the little alligators and some of the vegetation as well,” Gutierrez said. “What I like

about this one is it seems a little more open and family friendly, and it seems bigger even though I know it’s not.”

Some of El Paso’s iconic mascots, including Amigo Man and Gus and Goldie, joined the celebration as well.

Brittany Huerta, senior health promotion major, said she really enjoyed the new park and that she would return with her friends.

“I really like that they kept the alligator sculpture,” Huerta said. “I think the landscape is nice because it’s definitely more modern, but it has that Southwestern, desert look, so I like it.”

At first, Huerta was skeptical about the restoration, fearing it would take away from an El Paso landmark, but was pleased with the end result.

“I thought the park was nice before,” Huerta said. “It had a different feel to it, but I definitely like it more now.”

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# How to be fashionable and eco-friendly at the same time



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Most clothing stores sell fast-fashion clothes, which means production is excessively expedited to keep up with the most current trends and get them into department stores as quickly as possible. This process can mean a large amount of sweatshops using the cheapest material, which isn’t always the safest for the environment. It can be difficult to consistently

purchase and wear clothes designed and manufactured under reasonable work conditions and made out of environmentally conscious material. However, there are a few options:

1.) H&M Conscious Collection—Although this is a fast-fashion brand, H&M now offers the Conscious Collection after being accused of using cheap labor and material in

production. The line uses sustainable fabrics purchased locally from their manufacturers. Most of the line’s fabrics are recycled from older clothes. Conscious Collection still looks as trendy and fashionable as the rest of H&M’s clothing. There are two stores operating in El Paso, one at Cielo Vista Mall and the other at The Outlet Shoppes at El Paso.

2.) ASOS—Although a fast-fashion online store, ASOS has a Eco Brand section where they offer clothes made out of upcycle material. This is particularly interesting for women because ASOS offers jewelry that is hand-made and uses recycled

material. The website also sells men’s clothing, and just like H&M, it is committed to offering the most trendy items in fashion.

3.) Loomstate—This clothing brand uses organic cotton in all of their clothes. They collaborate with farm workers to implement an eco-friendly method of growing and picking cotton that supports their farm worker community and the environment. Their farms do not use synthetic chemical fertilizers and pesticides. Once picked, the cottonseeds are then used to feed cows.

4.) Urban Renewal by Urban Outfitters—This line of vintage, re-worked apparel is one of the most creative and innovative clothing brands around. Urban Outfitters tailors old, recycled materials and fabrics into fashionable, trendy pieces. Not only is this good for the environment, it’s good for the world. Some of the money from Urban Renewal goes to Anachal, a nonprofit organization that hires women in India who have turned to sex-work to support their families and gives the new careers in the textile business. Order online.

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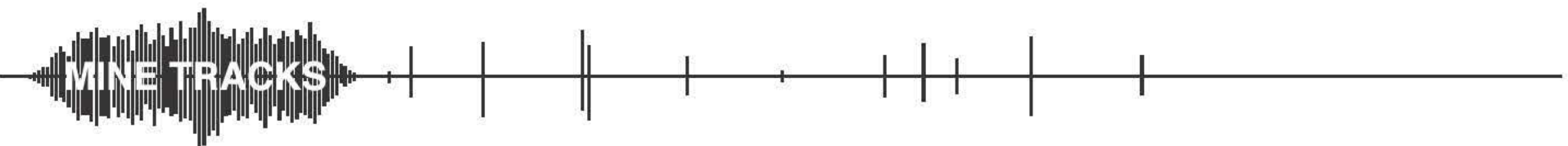


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‘Road to Victory’ finds Kilo and the Dew with new sound and new members



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Kilo and the Dew prepare to release their third EP on Saturday, April 24 at Tricky Falls.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

Two new members, embarking on a new sound and releasing an EP, “Road to Victory,” — this sums up the new, revamped version of local band Kilo and the Dew. The once duo turned four-man band will release their new project on April 23 at Tricky Falls.

“It’s a fuller album and has more structure,” front man and vocalist Jason Daw said. “We needed to add two more and it brought a new meaning.

Our new album, we named it ‘Road to Victory’ because we have our goals set in stone and we can either take it and run with it or stay here and just become like everyone else. We don’t want to be just like all the other local bands.”

Throughout their first two releases, “Kilo and the Dew” and “Serotonin,” the band progressed significantly within nearly three years of existence. Throughout “Kilo and the Dew,” band members Jason Daw and Daniel Ri-

vera, their drummer, give an introduction to who they were as artists.

Songs such as “Yellow Lines” and “Til the Night Ends” continue to be top songs and crowd favorites that the band continues to play at shows. While “Kilo and the Dew” was a promising introduction into what the band could be, “Serotonin” was an experimental album where the duo truly found their sound. The single off the album, “Worst Enemy,” featuring Vincent Marcus, local Vine celebrity,

uses thrashing keys and bending vocals to make for an exceptionally solid track.

“It’s been a crazy ride seeing our writing style evolve,” Rivera said. “Our first EP touched on the basics of the melodies and groove we wanted to establish. With “Serotonin,” I feel that we really put a spotlight on the kind of diverse sound we try to achieve. Bringing two new people into the fold for “Road to Victory” really changed a lot but at the same time, it felt very familiar.”

At the start of 2016, after the duo toured the western United States, they decided they were looking for a change. That is when Daw and Rivera decided to bring along two new members — bassist Fred Porras and guitarist Braedon O’Shea.

“Joining Kilo and the Dew was unlike any experience I’ve ever been apart of,” O’Shea said. “They were so open to my style of playing and let me take the reigns and incorporate so many ideas into their music. It meshed so well and I have never felt so welcome and comfortable with any other band as I am with them.”

Porras said he always wanted to be a part of the band.

“I had always told them, ‘let’s jam!’, so when that first rehearsal happened, I didn’t know what to expect,” Porras said. “They brought in a guitarist (O’Shea) as well, who straight up dazzled me with his pedal board and FX

work, and we all kind of fit together and made good music.”

The band allowed The Prospector to take an exclusive sneak preview of their first hit off their new EP. The track, titled “You’ll Never Be a Rockstar,” completely redefines the band.

The intro immediately clashes heavy drums, guitar and delivers a spine-chilling bass line, and then transitions to soft vocals by Daw. Then the song climaxes at the hook, bringing the song full swing. This track will undoubtedly be a crowd favorite because of its catchy hook, “They said you’ll never be a rock star with that hair...”

“We didn’t take a lot from the song at first, but we played it at a show and everyone loved it,” Daw said. “Now we want to keep going with it and get it down.”

The EP will feature six tracks that will show their fans the development and newfound sound, Daw said. Tickets for their EP release are \$5. Opening for Kilo and the Dew will be other local acts, such as Alabama Deathwalk, Avindale and If We Were Turtles. Visit [kiloandthedewmusic.com](http://kiloandthedewmusic.com) for more information.

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Chihuahuas split series with Aces



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The Chihuahuas traded two wins and two losses with the Reno Aces. Next, the Chihuahuas will take on Tacoma on Tuesday, April 19.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS  
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The Prospector

Coming home after only winning one of five games on a road trip and experiencing two rain outs, the Chihuahuas split their first home series against the Reno Aces 2-2.

The series was a battle won by the superior slugger. On Friday, April 15, and Monday, April 18, the Chihuahuas out-hit the Aces 14 and 19, respectively. The Aces beat the home team in slugging on Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17 with 16 and 11 hits, respectively. The team who out-hit the other ultimately won.

Next, the Chihuahuas will take on Tacoma on Tuesday, April 19.

Opening day rally

After an abysmal first inning, where they allowed three runs, the Chihuahuas rallied behind starting pitcher Daniel McCutchen and had a come-from-behind victory, defeating the Aces 10-3 on Friday, April 15. The home opener featured a sold-out crowd, where 9,635 fans witnessed the Chihuahuas snapping a four-game losing streak.

“Little scary start at the beginning, giving up three in the first, but McCutchen is a competitor, I knew he was going to go out there and try to

make some adjustments,” manager Rod Barajas said. “He did a great job, not just on the mound, but also gets the base hit. He did a lot of great things today, well deserved to get that.”

Second day slumps

While the Chihuahuas hit well on Friday, April 15, it was the Aces who dominated the slugging board with 13 runs off of 16 hits. Reno took the 13-5 win over the home team.

The visiting team scored four times on five hits in the first inning, then another two runs in the second inning. The Aces led 11-1 at the top of the sixth inning and then the Chihuahuas attempted a comeback with four runs of their own. However, the run was not enough and the Aces ended up tallying two more runs at the top of the ninth to cap the 13-5 win.

Five unanswered was not enough for game three

For the third game in a row, the Aces scored three or more runs in the first inning—this game featured five runs at the top of the first. With strong pitching and gradual scoring, the Chihuahuas scored five unanswered points through six innings to tie the game. Despite the impressive comeback, the two relief pitchers for the Chihuahuas, Leonel Campos and Derek Eitel, ended up blowing the

game for the home team as they allowed three go-ahead runs at the top of the ninth inning. The Chihuahuas could not get anything going offensively in the bottom of the ninth and fell to the Aces 8-5.

“I feel like early on, the defense let us down a bit,” Barajas said. “You have to make plays defensively, and if you don’t, you put yourself, your team, your pitcher, in a bad spot. When they give you outs, you have to take them. Right now I feel like we lack that.”

Split the series

The Chihuahuas got back in the swing of things as they took care of business on Monday, April 18. As they defeated the Aces 14-4. With the victory, the Chihuahuas improve to 5-6 on the season.

The home team gave 6,087 fans a real slug-fest in their victory over the Aces. The Chihuahuas made up for their poor performance from the previous two nights with 14 runs, 19 hits and no errors.

“No errors and no walks—we have been struggling with walking guys, giving free bases,” Barajas said. “Obviously the defense—giving these guys more opportunities to score runs. The fact that those two parts of the game were solid kept away the big innings.”

The Chihuahuas got on the board early in the game. They broke the lead

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- Rod Barajas  
El Paso Chihuahuas  
club manager

open in the first when they went up 3-0. A home run by Austin Hedges gave the Chihuahuas the 4-2 lead early in the third.

Jemile Weeks was the Chihuahuas impact player of the game. He was one home run away from hitting a cycle and hit four of six in the game.

“I was reaching for it a little (home run in the eighth). I would’ve been okay with a hit or a walk, but I was a little more aggressive for this at-bat,” Weeks said.

Though he did not get the cycle, this game was enough to help make

up for the woes that the Chihuahuas felt early in the year.

“It was a good team win. Everyone got their self-esteem’s boosted and that’s what you want to see,” Weeks said. “There might be something big for us going forward.”

Renfroe on fire

Through the four-game home stand, outfielder Hunter Renfroe was a key factor in the batting lineup and defensively. Through the first two games, Renfroe batted .600. He put up six doubles in three games—two Friday night, three Saturday night, and one Sunday afternoon.

“I’ve been seeing the ball well right now—seeing the ball well this whole season,” Renfroe said.

One of Renfroe’s top moments of the weekend was assisting with an out on Sunday, April 17, when he gunned down a runner going to third from right field.

Next, the Chihuahuas will begin a four-game series against Tacoma beginning on Tuesday, April 19, and continuing through Friday, April 22, at home. After this 10-game homestead, the Chihuahuas will be on the road until May 2nd.

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# Defense shines while offense stumbles in spring game

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS  
The Prospector

The Miners' football team finished their spring training season on Friday, April 16, with their annual spring game. This game may have left more questions than answers for the UTEP offense that struggled to move the ball against a revamped defense.

The Miners' offense was headlined by the quarterback battle that spilled over from last year. With quarterback Mack Leftwich ruled out for the season, all eyes were on the quarterback battle between Kavika Johnson and Ryan Metz. The quarterbacks really struggled to move the ball with the new 3-4 defense that has been implemented.

"Well the defense had our number. There were a lot of miscues on my part. I don't think we clicked the way we wanted," Metz said. "A lot of guys did some good things, and there's a lot to clean up—especially on my part."

Metz and Johnson were both able to decipher the defense with the goal line drill. That was when the offense looked its best.

Johnson has improved as a quarterback in the off-season, and he proved it during the spring game. He finished the game, completing 10-of-22 for 66 yards and one interception. Johnson, who is notorious for being a running quarterback, showed that he could also play in the pocket and throw when he has to. However, Johnson always brings with him the ability to run.

"I just use my ability as best I can," Johnson said. "Coach always told me if I see two high safeties, I have to take off and run because there were some holes, but I definitely have to do a better job at stepping up into the pocket and delivering the ball down the field."

While both quarterbacks did well in the red zone play, Metz finished 4-of-11 for just 19 yards.

The quarterbacks were not the only ones who struggled during the spring; the wide receivers may have



Quarterback Kavika Johnson led the quarterback core by completing 10 of 22 passes for 66 yards and one interception. MICHAELA ROMAN/ THE PROSPECTOR

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“We got a lot of progress to do between now and training camp.”

— Sean Kugler  
UTEP football head coach

through routes—those types of things. Those are things we have to clear up.”

If there was a positive to take from the spring game on the offensive side of the ball, it is the running backs. UTEP started Trayvon Hughes at running back—since day one of spring football he has been hailed as the eventual back up to Aaron Jones.

Hughes ran the ball well and caught a lot of passes. Most of the time he got the ball, he advanced it, and it always took the team to bring him down.

“I think Trayvon Hughes ran really well,” Kugler said. “I think he kind of established himself as the number two back. TK did a lot of nice things too.”

Defensive standouts included Kalon Beverly, who recorded three tackles and three pass break-ups, Brandon Moss, who had a pair of

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Miners football team finished their spring season and now await the fall season.

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tackles, one tackle for a loss and one interception, and Brendan Royal, who finished with three tackles and a sack.

"I think we played real fast and real hard," Royal said. "We've been making improvements all spring, so I think we played good today."

Kugler was extremely impressed with Royal's progression from the start of spring ball until now. Although he was not projected to start, Kugler believes that he has taken a big step this spring.

"All spring, Royal has established himself as a part-time starter," Kugler said. "He's going to be an impact player on the defense."

UTEP lost a lot of their identity on defense last year after the graduations of playmakers like Jimmy Musgrave and defensive captain Roy Robertson-Harris. Those positions are being filled by Cooper Foster and Brian Madunezim.

"It was a great day," Madunezim said. "We all executed, we all played fast, we played hard, we played physical, we executed on every end, we did everything coach asked of us—it was a great way to end spring

ball and head into the summer and put in the grind."

Under new defensive coordinator Theron Aych, the Miners' defense put on an impressive showing in the spring game. Players who used to be in different positions have adjusted to new spots, which Kugler admits is becoming a solid transition.

"That's back-to-back scrimmages they have come out and lit it up all phases—short yardage," Coach Kugler said. "I'm really pleased with the defense—more excited about the guys we are going to get back after the spring."

The Miners will continue their off-season when they head for camp later this year. Overall the spring game will give younger players a chance to play and a way to gauge where the team is.

"We got a lot of progress to do between now and training camp—it starts in the weight room, it starts in the classroom," Kugler said. "This gives us a starting point of where we need to be."

UTEP football will start their season in the fall against New Mexico State on Sept. 3 in the Sun Bowl.

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# UTEP soccer stunts PAC-12 teams



Bri Thomas scored the go-ahead goal against the Arizona Wildcats on Sunday, April 18.

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BY CHRISTOPHER PIÑONES

The Prospector

The UTEP Miners' spring exhibition games ended successfully over the weekend, making their presence felt against two PAC-12 teams and showcasing their strengths on the field.

The Miners (5-1 exhibition) had an impressive 2-0 win over Arizona State on Saturday, April 16. Goalkeeper Alyssa Palacios had significant stops in the win, and in the second half, UTEP had the Sun Devils back peddling, scoring two goals and stealing a 2-0 spring exhibition win over the visiting team.

On Sunday, April 17, the Miners controlled a valuable win over the University of Arizona, who was a previous sweet 16 team, at University Field, winning 2-0 in a competitive match.

"We did very good," head coach Kevin Cross said. "We beat two PAC-12 teams, and Arizona made it to the sweet sixteen last year and was ranked 20th in the country, so this was a huge performance for us."

In the first half, the Miners' tough defense moved the Wildcats out of their comfort zone. Palacios had another impressive game defending against several big shots that the Wildcats had early on in the game. The Wildcats were aggressive at the start of the first half, but UTEP's tough defense pressured Arizona and left them scoreless.

In the second half, the Miners were the stronger aggressors. Junior midfielder/defender Bri Thomas took control on offense quickly, and at the 15-minute mark, she scored the first goal of the game to give the Miners a 1-0 lead.

With time ticking down the last 10-minute mark, the Wildcats again had a strong offense moving down the field, but again, the Miner's strong defense prevailed as Palacios saved two goals. On the first save, Palacios made a diving catch to save a potential game-tying goal at the five-minute mark.

To cap the game, senior forward Angela Cutaia dribbled down the field, avoiding two Wildcat defenders, and scored another goal for the Miners with 2:20 remaining in the game.

The Miners had Arizona panicking for a goal with the final minutes remaining in the game, but the Miners' defense held on and they pulled off a shutout victory 2-0 win over Arizona.

Although the game may not count in the record books, Cross believes that the exhibition season helps him scope out the ins-and-outs of his team.

"This is where it starts," Cross said. "We showed that we can beat two PAC-12 teams, so there's no reason we shouldn't beat Conference-USA teams. This should only motivate us and help to train harder because we can do it. Some people might say one good performance was maybe lucky, but two wins against these teams shows a sign of a good team and we've shown it all spring. This team has character and heart and they've proven they can get the job done this coming fall."

The Miners' last spring exhibition game will be Saturday, April 23, against Eastern New Mexico at University Field. Kick off for the game is slated at 5 p.m.

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