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## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

**3.3 MILLION**  
breast cancer survivors are alive  
in the United States today.

**1 WOMAN**  
dies of breast cancer  
every 13 minutes.

**EVERY 2 MINUTES**  
a woman is diagnosed with breast cancer.

**230,000**  
women are diagnosed with breast cancer every year  
according to The National Cancer Institute.

**2ND LEADING**  
cause of death among women.

**2,470 MEN**  
will be diagnosed with breast cancer  
and 460 die each year.

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**BY CLAUDIA FLORES**  
The Prospector

Every October turns pink as different local, national and international charities join the annual breast cancer awareness campaign to raise money for cancer research and offer support to those who are or have been affected by breast cancer.

Breast cancer starts when the cells grow out of control, often forming a tumor that can be seen through an x-ray or be felt as a lump. It is more

common in women, but men can get it too.

"When I discovered the little lump, it wasn't on my breast, it was more on the side of my ribs" said Maria Magdalena Rubalcava, 53-year-old breast cancer survivor. "Within weeks the little lump became larger and moved to the lower portion of my right breast, that was when I decided to go to the doctor, and after a mammography and a biopsy, they told me it was cancer."

The Zeta Tau Alpha sorority on campus focuses on different activities

throughout the month of October to educate others, promote awareness and do fundraising for breast cancer patients such as Rubalcava.

"We want to educate our women, our UTEP students and anyone else who is willing to listen," said Andrea Luna, senior organizational and corporate communication major and director of philanthropy. "Each semester we try to hold a workshop provided by our nationals and our national partnerships, where it gives a basic rundown of what signs and

symptoms to look for and how to perform a breast exam."

Luna said she found her passion in volunteering for breast cancer awareness from the significant statistics of people who are affected.

"Since 1992, Zeta Tau Alpha has been actively creating awareness for breast cancer through breast health tip cards, self-examination stickers and pink ribbons to create awareness," Luna said "Our various partnerships with BrightPink, NFL and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer have allowed us to do more than

pass out ribbons. We've had the opportunity to interact with survivors and learn their stories, the struggles of their families and how they have had to cope with this illness in their lives and their loved ones."

According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is more common among women, with one in eight diagnosed.

An early diagnosis and early treatment are the most important strategies, as this can prevent deaths and the cancer is easier to treat successfully. see BREAST CANCER on page 4

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Top ways to study for midterms

BY RENE DELGADILLO  
The Prospector



Most students find themselves pulling all-nighters, downing coffee and energy drinks during the most stressful weeks of college. With mid-term deadlines coming up, one might think that the best thing to do is drop a class because you can't remember a single word inside your textbook.

Here are some quick tips that may help you during this stressful week:

1. No social media

The most important tip for studying is to simply put your phone away. You'd be surprised by the amount of time you lose while watching pointless videos.

Also, stop posting videos of how tired you are of spending hours in the library. They're boring and people are just laughing at you.

2. Stop using a highlighter

If you feel that highlighting your text while studying is pointless, you are probably not among the group of students who believe this technique does work. According to the Association for Psychological Science, "two techniques that students frequently report using for studying—highlighting (or underlining) text and rereading text—were judged to be ineffective."

3. Stop eating burgers

According to a study by the University of Oxford, students who ate a balanced and nutritious diet performed better on tests of attention and thinking speed than students who ate high-fat and low-carb foods. Plan meals out before going out to study and stick to more nutritious diets.

4. Stick to one location

According to the Penn State York Success Center, "when you study in the same place every time, you become conditioned to study there. Your mind will automatically kick into gear, even when you don't feel like studying." This is very important because it stimulates the mind into a routine and makes you trained to think how to operate.

5. Take multiple breaks

Try to take a 10-minute break for every hour you study. Avoid having to pull all-nighters as your brain won't be able to retain all the information you need for the exam. Plus, all-nighters are very detrimental to one's health and can cause fatigue, loss of appetite or even early stages of insomnia.

6. Ask for help

While many students might hate working with their classmates, it is always good to ask other students to pitch in ideas while studying for a big exam.

Talk with your professors and explain to them what you need help with. They can clarify simple doubts that can save you from a failing grade. If there is an emergency or personal problems, you have to deal with, let your professors know. In many cases, they'll usually take your side and work with you.

7. Stop complaining

Have a positive mentality and tell yourself that you'll get a good grade. The last thing you need in these types of situations is your negative attitude. Stop telling your best friend how hard your exam review is. Just do it.

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It's time to turn off and tune in

BY JASON GREEN  
The Prospector



I am a liberal. I am anti-Trump. I am pro-LGBTQ. I am an atheist. I am pro-gun control.

Those are all things that I stand for and up until about two weeks ago, all my Facebook and Twitter accounts really showed that as I posted meme after meme affirming my opinion. I argued with anyone who didn't believe in the same things that I did, usually to the point that those people unfriended me.

I'm no longer friends with my sister or mom on Facebook. I usually claim that it was their fault. I've been told more than once by people that I know that I went too far on Twitter with someone that they know.

I say all of this as a way of showing why I quit Facebook and Twitter. I couldn't handle it. I didn't want to hear all of the stupid opinions of stupid people and I didn't want to hear what they had to say. I wanted to write my opinion and tell them to shut up because they're wrong.

Now, without social media in my life, I'm left to talk to actual people. I recently wrote an article about a country music festival at Ardivino's Desert Crossing sponsored by Sportsman's Elite gun store.

As a liberal, I went into the writing of the article with an opinion in mind about the gun store and everyone involved, seeing as how the concert was mere days after the Las Vegas shooting.

Without Facebook and Twitter to help me build my anger prior to heading to the venue, I feel like I went in a little more open-minded than usual. Add in the fact that nobody that I interviewed was as I

expected, and I can honestly say that I am even more of a changed man.

The gun store owner, Don Pendergras, who I had pictured as a huge, rootin'-tootin' redneck with a MAGA hat and a sub-machine gun under each arm, was very thoughtful and generous in arranging the entire concert for hurricane relief.

Additionally, even as an NRA member who doesn't support gun control as much as I do, we found a nice middle ground when we discussed mental health and how much more the government can do in this area.

Instead of being on the internet and just typing my opinion over and over, while someone else types their opinion over and over in no real semblance of conversation, Don and I were able to converse and really find things that we both could agree on. We also were able to acknowledge that maybe the guys in Washington could find a way to do the same.

Once I began interviewing the country musicians, I realized that maybe even playing country music doesn't mean that they are that different from someone like me. Interviewing a band, like the El Paso-born Dirty River Boys, also helped me see that even a successful music act is not that different than America as a whole.

If they can make it work, why can't I?

Marco Gutierrez from The Dirty River Boys is a lot like myself when it comes to his political beliefs. The entire time we were talking, I found myself nodding in agreement and responding in the affirmative. Gutierrez is a liberal and believes in gun control, in almost direct opposition to the beliefs of his bandmate Colton James. After Gutierrez and I finished our 10-minute interview, I tracked down CJ, as his bandmates refer to him.

Although, CJ and I didn't have any of the same beliefs politically, the fact that he owns so many machine guns, which I am very familiar with from my time in the Army, gave us plenty of middle ground to talk from.

Eventually our conversation took us to sleepless nights on the road for him and in the Army for me. Thirty or 40 minutes later, I found myself exchanging numbers with him and searching for The Prospector photographer to apologize for taking so long.

Yet again, I had set aside the differences that I wouldn't have even allowed a friend to have on Facebook in order to talk, and found a very good new friend and broadened my horizons at the same time.

In getting away from the fake news of Facebook and Twitter, I have been forced to find new and more secure news sources. I have also been forced to get out and engage with actual people.

Most importantly, I've been forced to just be a better person. I have to listen to people and give them time before speaking. I have to consider their opinion and then have a genuine conversation, all things that you really don't do online.

I can honestly recommend this change to everyone, even you backwoods, redneck conservatives.

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## Garcia brings legal perspective to Congressional race

BY EDDIE VELAZQUEZ

## The Prospector

Immigration attorney and El Paso native Enrique Garcia announced his bid for Texas' 16th United States Congressional District earlier in the summer. Garcia joins a crowded Democratic Party slate, as he is one of five candidates to run as a Democrat.

Garcia, the son of a seamstress for Levi Strauss and a taxi driver, decided he wanted to go beyond his parents' professions at an early age.

“Early on, I kinda knew that I needed to do something. I had to better myself and I had to basically take a step further than my parents did,” he said.

His summers were spent in Ciudad Juárez with his grandmother, where he learned to perfect what he referred to as “street Spanish.” While the binational relationship between the United States and Mexico was different during his childhood, García’s personal exposure to the border and the relationship between both countries is something that would later resonate with him once he became an immigration attorney.

“You didn’t really think about it, and in fact it didn’t dawn on me until I became an attorney that I said ‘okay, this is really an issue that affects our community,’” he said.

After graduating from UTEP with an bachelor's degree in finance and marketing, and a graduate degree in computer information systems, Garcia decided to attend Capital Law School in Columbus, Ohio, a place where his perception of national ethnic tensions shapeshifted.

“My brother had just gotten out of the Marines and we were out there trying to rent an apartment. We waited for about 30 minutes for somebody to come help us and we had some lady come up to me and say ‘we don’t need our lawn cut today’ and she was very upset,” he said. “I said ‘okay I’m not here to cut your lawn, I’m here to rent an apartment.’ At that point, she was shocked that first of all I spoke English, and then I told her I am going to law school so I needed a play to stay.”

Garcia also experienced a Ku Klux Klan rally outside the state capitol in Ohio, which opened his eyes to the racial division faced in places outside of El Paso.

"We drove right by it and I just couldn't believe my eyes. It was a KKK rally with people in their full garb. I realized then that I understood why we were treated so differently in Ohio," he said. "So we weren't either black or white, we were the gardeners of this city. I really just wanted to finish my education and get back here as soon as I could."

Once he came back to El Paso, he struggled to find work as an attorney and bounced around jobs in the financial and tech sectors. He even went on to work as a plant comptroller at a Phillips maquiladora plant, where he learned to speak a more “professional Spanish,” and started to

develop the idea of delving into immigration law.

"I first started with the business immigration side of it and then got into the family and the litigation side, and then that's how I started seeing how immigration affects everything that we do in this community," he said.

His cases and prior experience were a couple of factors that led to his decision to run for the spot soon to be vacated by Congressman Beto O'Rourke, as he takes on Ted Cruz for the Texas Senatorial spot. His perception of local government made him also decide to run for a position at the federal level.

“I would keep looking at how city council, the little meaningless things that they would do, like ‘I don’t wanna sit next to this person because they’re doing this,’ and it was just petty things in the way they city was running,” Garcia said. “What I’m doing now is more federal, so I said this is the opportunity because it is an open seat—basically it is for everybody.”

Despite running against opponents with established political careers, Garcia believes that his experience with law interpretation and understanding is one of his strengths for the 2018 race.

“You got to most importantly understand the consequences that these laws will have on the country as well as your community, so I have been doing that for over 10 years,” he said in reference to his career as an immigration attorney. “If you are looking for management, if you are looking for IT or accounting, I’ve done that. I’ve managed it as well, but this for me was the best opportunity because my ideas and my plans that I want to implement are on a federal level.”

In terms of the policies that he would like to see implemented at a federal level, Garcia believes an affordable higher education is a priority. He pointed at student debt and the lack of jobs in tech and engineering fields as setbacks for local growth.

"I understand once you graduate from UTEP, how difficult it is to come out and there is nothing waiting for you. You have to leave, and if you like El Paso and you want a better job, you have to leave El Paso. All the people I graduated with have left El Paso. They love it, but they can't come back here because there are no jobs," he said.

The military sector is another one of his focuses—more specifically on veteran's welfare.

"I want to make sure Fort Bliss remains a viable force for our country, meaning no budget cuts so that they can remain strong," he said. "I also want to take care of the veterans and look at the systems that are running the VA (Veteran Affairs), because with the system's background and talking to the people that I've talked to, it is clearly a system problem, and I don't understand why it hasn't been fixed seeing that you need to streamline the process."

Being an important element in his everyday job, Garcia also wants to bring his proposed immigration reform.



EDDIE VELAZQUEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

**Enrique Garcia hopes** to bring transparency and insight to the Texas 16th Congressional District seat.

“What I’m doing now is more federal, so I said this is the opportunity because it is an open seat—basically it is for everybody.”

**- Enrique Garcia**  
**Democratic candidate**  
**Texas 16th Congressional District**

“A lot of the candidates like to throw those words around (immigration reforms) just to get political ploy. The fact of the matter is if you don’t understand how the immigration system works, how are you planning to fix it? As an immigration attorney I’m kinda boots on the ground. I actually know how the immigration system operates and I know that it is broken and I know how to fix it,” he said.

While he welcomes the competition, Garcia also lamented low voter turnout in El Paso.

"I talk to people and they say they don't vote because nothing ever changes. You need to get out and vote," he said. "If it is for me, great, if it is for somebody else that's okay, but you need to get out and vote because something is happening and when you don't vote you allow this 10 percent of the population to make the decisions for you."

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“I was in my 30s when I was diagnosed and even though I was young, it is a very tough process,” Rubalcava said. “After the biopsy, I had surgery and they placed a catheter in my chest, then they started the che-

motherapy. For my second session I started to lose my hair.”

Breast cancer can be treated in different ways. Some of the treatments can be given orally or through the bloodstream, depending on the type of cancer and the type of treatments. Chemotherapy, hormone therapy, target therapy and even alternative

treatments such as herbs and special diets can be used to treat breast cancer. Most women receive more than one type of treatment for their cancer.

“I had four to five sessions of chemotherapy in a year, and after that they checked the size of the tumor, it got smaller so the doctors decided it was better to remove it,” Rubalcava said. “They said they would try to save my breast, but it was better if they removed it, so they did.”

A mastectomy consists of the removal of breast tissue and possibly the removal of tissue surrounding the breast area.

“After a couple of months, the doctors found another lump, this time in my left breast, I didn’t want it to get more advanced, so I decided to remove my left breast too,” Rubalcava said.

There are different types of procedures when it comes to the removal of breast tissue. A total (simple) mastectomy for example consists of the removal of the entire breast including the nipple, and in some cases both breasts are entirely removed as a preventative measure in women who are at high risk for breast cancer.

Another procedure is the radical mastectomy, which is the removal of the entire breast, underarm lymph nodes and chest wall muscles under the breast. This procedure is mostly used for large growing tumors under the breast.

“After they removed my breast, I had a couple more sessions of chemotherapy and it was hard for me because my family didn’t seem to care that much, I had to go through it alone with my children,” Rubalcava said. “I remember my youngest son at the time was scared, especially when I didn’t go to pick him up after school because he was afraid of me not being there anymore.”

The positive attitude that is necessary when coping with this disease was crucial for Rubalcava, who found her strength in religion.

“God is where I found my strength, my family wasn’t there, but I had friends and support from other people that got me through it,” she said. “My children and God made me fight.”

Rubalcava said that after she was diagnosed with breast cancer, she stopped helping the different organizations that claim to support cancer patients.

“I went to different organizations here in El Paso and none of them granted me the help I needed,” Rubalcava said. “They told me that because my husband made enough money, they couldn’t help me. One time they told me that if I wanted the help I had to sign in the forms that I was divorced in order to get the help.”

The expenses for cancer treatments are high, some starting as little as \$100 per month, to as much as \$65,000 per month, depending on the type of medication. But there are also unforeseeable expenses, as Rubalcava discovered.

“My insurance paid most of my treatment, but these organizations,

who claim to help patients, didn’t even help me to get me a wig or a mastectomy bra,” Rubalcava said. “A wig can cost up to \$70 and a bra up to \$85 for just one bra, and the clothing is expensive too.”

Cancer changes the life of person, not only physically, but also psychologically, she said.

“It affects your self esteem in so many ways, I felt embarrassed of not being able to wear my old clothes, sometimes I thought to myself ‘I’m fine, I got through it,’ but it stills affects me,” Rubalcava said. “I got breast implants, but I still get x-rays just to check everything is okay.”

Even though there is no sure way to prevent cancer, making some lifestyle changes such as being physically active, staying at a healthy weight and limiting the ingestion of alcohol can lower the risk of developing cancer.

To Zeta Tau Alpha, promoting awareness about breast cancer is a main focus during the month of October as this is a topic of importance for women to know about.

“We all chose to take part of this sorority because of how inspiring it is to see women empowering one another,” Luna said. “We’ve all fallen in love with our philanthropy because as women, we understand what a great risk this could be in our futures.”

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## Ability Awareness Week Oct. 16-20

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College of Education, Rm 302  
9 - 10:20 a.m. or 11 a.m. -12 p.m.

### Wednesday

8:30 - 10:45 a.m.  
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Special program will feature keynote presentations from Dr. Jeanine Cook from Sandia National Lab and Dr. Dean C. Hines from Space Telescope Science Institute

### Wednesday

Centennial Plaza, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Employers, disability support and technical assistance exhibitors will be present with information, activities and prizes

### Friday

Natural Gas Conference Center  
10 a.m. - 12 p.m. “Pillow Talk”  
Topics- online dating, body image and more  
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## IN BRIEF

### LEADERS JOIN TO TALK HIGHER EDUCATION FOR HISPANICS

Local and regional leaders in the fields of business, government and academia will converse on the importance of educating the Hispanic population at the 2017 Southwest Diversity Summit on Friday, Oct. 20, from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Tomas Rivera Conference Center, located in Union East.

### MIKE LOYA WEEKEND STARUP RETURNS THIS WEEKEND

To serve as an entrepreneurship education initiative, UTEP’s Mike Loya Center for Innovation and Commerce will host their weekend startup in the College of Business Administration from Oct. 20-22. The objective of the startup is to give students a hands-on experience involved with creating a company. They will also hope to start technology companies over the three days and show students real-life experiences to develop abilities through business strategies.

### HOMELAND SECURITY TALKS STOPPING CRIMINAL NETWORKS

On Wednesday, Oct. 25, Brandon Behlendorf, Ph.D., and assistant professor in the College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security and Cybersecurity at UTEP, will present the university’s Homeland Security Symposium. This presentation is titled “Disrupting and Dismantling Transnational Criminal Networks,” which will discuss the reason why criminal networks fail and new strategies for law enforcements to destroy these criminal organizations.

### UNIVERSITY RESEARCHER MOVES FORWARD WITH LUNG CANCER STUDY

Rachid Skouta, Ph.D, research assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry, was given \$109,300 from the Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnologia with the UT system in a two-year study. He will focus his study on the identification of small molecules that inhibit proteins in non-small cell lung cancer. His goal is to understand the proliferation of lung cancer cells using medicinal chemistry.





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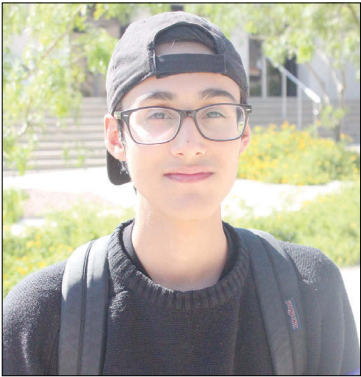
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**ALEX HERNANDEZ**  
Freshman communication studies major  
“I haven’t had a midterm yet, but I know all of my friends in class will get together and study. I hope it works.”



**DAYANNA HUERTA**  
Freshman communication studies major  
“I’m a very independent person, so I usually study on my own in a very secluded area.”



**DILAN TORRES**  
Freshman studio art major  
“I try to change technical or difficult concepts into more simple words.”



**JONATHAN MCKEE**  
Senior operations and supply chain management major  
“I go over all my notes and study my previous exams.”



**KAREN ROCHA**  
Freshman public relations major  
“I am a very big procrastinator, so I’ll probably have a cram study session the night before.”



**KASSANDRA LOPEZ**  
Sophomore education major  
“I like studying with a group of people because they motivate me to focus and help me when I don’t understand the problem.”



**CANDY CASTELLANOS**  
Freshman molecular biochemistry major  
“I’ll just study and not try to freak out. I study better if I study by myself.”



**JAVIER RODRIGUEZ**  
Senior creative writing and psychology  
“You have to study but you cannot cram. So, you’ll have to study two weeks prior to the midterm.”



**RYAN MARTIN**  
Freshman computer science major  
“I usually go over the assignments that we already have done and quizzes that we have available.”



**VIANEY ANCHONDO**  
Senior bilingual education major  
“Going over my notes. I take out my highlighters, my pens and I just start underlining important information from my notes.”



**SARA ISASI**  
Freshman graphic design major  
“I made a study group with my friends and I try to memorize concepts through comparing them with more simple elements.”



**TASHA BERGSTRAND**  
Junior rehabilitation sciences major  
“I go over the important things. If there is something I do not understand, I go over it in depth.”



**VANESSA SANCHEZ**  
Freshman graphic design major  
“I listen to peaceful music. I also study saying everything aloud. What I also do is re-write my notes in order to memorize every concept.”



**MANUEL ROCHA**  
Junior mechanical engineering major  
“I like to find time in my schedule to go to the library and study on my own.”



**ANDREW ORTIZ**  
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Kaedama looks to expand on ramen success story



ELENIE GONZALEZ/THE PROSPECTOR

Kaedama is crowdsourcing the opening of their first location through Kickstarter.

BY ELENIE GONZALEZ  
The Prospector

It's 6:30 p.m. on a Saturday night and multiple cars begin pulling into an empty parking lot across the street from the Monarch and Prickly Elder bars on Rio Grande Avenue just off Mesa Street—except people are not going to the bars.

Instead, they begin forming a line right in the middle of the lot, but there's nothing there.

If you happen to be passing by, you might find yourself wondering what these people are lining up for. It must be something important, especially if the people are practically running to get in line and it continues to grow.

Around 30 minutes later, a white van pulling a green 1976 VW bus with Japanese lettering and the word "Kaedama" plastered in the center pulls up and cheers erupt from the crowd.

Three young guys jump out of the white van and into the green bus and get to work.

Anticipation fills the air, along with the sound of a noisy generator. The hunger is real, as Kaedama creators Gabe Valencia and Andres Romero and their employee Luis Hernandez began preparing their

famous ramen that draws fans from across El Paso and Juárez.

Kaedama is El Paso's first authentic Ramen shop—only it's not a shop, it's a food truck.

Romero and Valencia, both El Paso natives, met in 2013 when they began working at Sabertooth Food Co., a small eatery located next to Hope and Anchor patio bar on the westside. Immediately, they formed a friendship that would change the course of their future. The two men, who were once roommates, began talking about their dreams of one day opening their own restaurant.

Today, that dream is almost a reality. In 2015, Romero bought the VW bus simply because he liked the vehicle. It was actually his second bus he had purchased after the first one burst into flames on the freeway.

After buying the second bus, Romero and Valencia had come across some pictures of other food trucks that were made out of the same vehicle and that sparked an idea.

They began transforming it into a food truck before even knowing what type of cuisine they would serve.

"We turned it into a food truck before we even knew what we were going to sell, what our menu was, what our concept was," Romero

recalls. "We thought, you know what, let's cut the bus open, turn it into a food truck, and we'll worry about the rest later."

Valencia, 30, has a background in culinary arts after obtaining an associate's degree from Le Cordon Bleu, the world's largest culinary and hospitality institution.

Romero, 23, has been serving at restaurants since he was 16 years old.

They began experimenting with traditional Japanese-style ramen and made the decision to serve the dish because there was nothing like it in El Paso.

They began experimenting with traditional Japanese style ramen and made the decision to serve the dish because there was nothing like it in El Paso. According to the guys, El Paso didn't need a Ramen food truck, they just needed ramen.

As for the name of the food truck, Kaedama, it has a meaning behind it that ties right into their ramen concept. It means an extra portion of noodles to finish off the broth.

"The bus took us about six months to build and we were still working while that was happening," Romero said. "Once it was ready and we decided what to serve, we took the steps to get it open."

After getting approval from their former boss, together they left Sabertooth Food Co. about a month prior in order to focus on their business.

"We left at the same time with the blessing of the owner, who is a great friend of ours," Valencia said.

On April 18, 2016, after having passed their inspection, they launched the food truck that same night.

"We didn't sleep the night before because we were so nervous," Valencia said. "On the day of, we woke up, got inspected, we passed—'Alright! We're selling tonight.'"

These owners were about to see their dream unfold after two years of envisioning it.

Valencia, who was excited but also anxious about what had just occurred, tried talking his friend out of his crazy idea.

"We hadn't planned everything out yet," Valencia said. "But he (Romero) convinced me. I literally launched our social media pages as we were driving away with our inspection pass. That's when everyone found out. We went out that night, and posted up at Blackbird (Cantina), and it took us about two hours to set up before we could sell our first bowl."

Romero said they had parked on an incline and that caused the generator not to work.

"We only had about 10 people that first day, but it took us hours to set up and prepare," Valencia said. "After a few weeks of going out there, we got our system going and each week got smoother. Now it takes us 10 minutes to set up."

The first day may have started with just 10 people, but now the lines have grown longer and longer, and most nights they sell out. Junior psychology major and regular customer, Vanessa Caraveo, loves coming out to support the food truck.

"All the food is delicious," Caraveo said. "The prices are great for the amount of food you get and everything tastes fresh and flavorful. The spicy miso ramen and sushi burrito are my favorite."

Aside from the four different types of ramen they serve, Kaedama is also known for their monster sushi roll called the sushi burrito. A 6 by 3-inch roll packed with cucumber, cream cheese, carrot, purple cabbage, crab and served with their homemade eel sauce.

About a year and a half has passed since the duo launched their food truck, but their dream isn't over yet.

Now that they have drawn in a cult fan base, it is time for Romero and Valencia to open up a standing restaurant, the one they were originally planning for before the food truck came to life.

On Oct. 13, 2017, they officially announced on their Facebook and Instagram pages, that they will be opening a restaurant. It will be located

where Tom's Folk Café once stood on 204 Boston Ave. near UTEP.

Although, a lease has been signed, they still need help with funding to ensure they can open their doors by the end of the year.

A campaign to raise funds for the restaurant was launched through Kickstarter, a crowdfunding website. The donations made through Kickstarter will only be collected if the goal is met within 30 days.

"We won't keep a penny if we don't meet our goal, which is \$15,000," Romero stated. "We have over 13,000 followers on our social media pages, so we're hoping that we do meet our goal."

So far, the campaign has raised \$2,250 in three days with 28 backers.

The money they raise will go toward paint, decor, bowls, plates, plumbing costs, inventory, a sign, a noodle cooker and various other things that are necessary to be able to open the restaurant.

They want their restaurant to become a hangout spot during lunch and dinner, and even after hours when the bars close.

"Being so close to the dorms at UTEP and the bars in the area, we want to be a place for people to come have fun and eat good food," Valencia said.

Opening a restaurant will also help serve a larger customer base.

"Selling out is a good problem to have, but we hate turning people away," Valencia said. "We're maxed out on manpower and fridge space, and taking this from a food truck to a restaurant will help remedy that."

If they don't meet their goal within 30 days, they plan to relaunch a fundraising campaign immediately to keep the momentum going.

"It's going to be an awesome thing for everyone, especially in the university area," Valencia said. "Any support in getting us there is greatly appreciated, even the smallest amount helps. If everyone who follows us just donated \$1, we would be most of the way there."

You can find the green 1976 VW bus in a lot across from Monarch and Prickly Elder on 204 E. Rio Grande Ave. every Wednesday through Saturday from 7 p.m. until sell out, which usually happens around 9:30 p.m. or sooner.

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Comedic variety and notable performances make ‘The Addams Family’ shine



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“The Addams Family” will run from Oct. 18-22, Oct. 25-29 and Nov. 1-5.

BY EDDIE VELASQUEZ  
The Prospector

Despite the themes of “darkness, grief and unspeakable sorrow” that Morticia Addams mentions during a scene with her husband Gomez, the UTEP Dinner Theatre’s rendition of “The Addams Family” musical dazzles thanks to its commitment to comedy and some standout performances.

“The Addams Family” is an adaptation of writers Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice and musician and lyricist Andrew Lippa’s 2009 Broadway production. The musical bloomed after producers obtained the rights to the epony-

mous comic strip in 2007 from the Tee and Charles Addams Foundation.

The musical tells the tale of the eccentric Addams family and their unusual familial interactions. Conflict arises when the anomalous Wednesday Addams, played by senior English major Lauren Pena, starts to fall in love with Lucas Beineke, a less idiosyncratic boy, played by Hugo Arreola.

She tells her father Gomez—played by Danny Lopez—to keep it a secret from her mom, Morticia—played by Josey Mitchell, doctoral student of teaching, learning and culture.

Hilarity ensues when the family of misfits tries to host a normal dinner for the Beinekes, with Wednesday’s secret starting to tear her parents’ marriage apart running parallel.

In terms of musical numbers, “The Addams Family” doesn’t rely on heavy prop usage, or inventive production tricks. However, the great chemistry between the characters and the witty, confident and organic performances make up for what otherwise feels like a safe-but-solid set of musical numbers.

For example, the second musical segment “When You’re An Ad-

dams,” which features all but three members of the ensemble, manages to showcase every character’s personality. It is impressive to balance that many characters on stage and establish a sense of relevancy for all of them with just one song. This is also was aided by stylish choreography, which even included an homage to Michael Jackson’s “Thriller.”

The production values are simplistic, but do just enough to keep the atmosphere immersive. The set designs, both interior and exterior, blend well with the symbolic use of shadows and spotlights.

One of the more meticulously crafted scenes inside Addams manor features fog and a more sinister color palette, as the family plays the game of “full disclosure.”

Pena is one of the early show stealers, thanks to an early soliloquy in which she starts to discover how her love for Lucas is changing her wretched personality. She questions whether she is now just supposed to like nice things such as puppies and her overall new brighter outlook.

Some of Pena’s scenes with Mitchell really strengthen the family dynamics, with Wednesday organically using the same mannerisms as her mother, further adding to the immersion factor.

Lopez delivers some of the better, surprisingly sober jokes in the whole production, with constant cracks at political alignment, bureaucracy and his sex life.

One of the more surprising performances is Ivan Cano as Uncle Fester. Fester acts as a play director and spiritual guide, who constantly breaks the fourth wall and

interacts with the audience, while also delivering witty lines along the way.

Thematically, the musical takes a broad approach, but never loses sight of what it wants to convey and how it wants to do it. It normalizes crazy in the nonchalant delivery of ludicrous dialogue and the outrageous onstage antics of the family members. It offers social commentary on family stereotypes, such as the drunk uncle who watches football all day and the caring mother who loves cooking. It also explores the lunacy of love and how it offers an equilibrium to all the romantic relationships in the musical.

However, it also deals with heavier subjects, such as Morticia finding comfort in the suddenness and unpredictability of death as a problem solver, suggesting that she doesn’t have to deal with her problems because “death could just be around the corner.”

While the production values may not rival those usually found in previous Dinner Theatre productions, and while not all the musical numbers are memorable, the family dynamics between all the characters, the hilarious script complemented by consistently great delivery make “The Addams Family” a production worth checking out.

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Staff Picks: 7 of the best seasonal beers to enjoy during the fall

BY PROSPECTOR STAFF  
The Prospector

Fall has rolled through and most brewing companies are taking advantage of the season to showcase their respective collections of fall beers. From pumpkin twists, to fruit filled craft beers, fall brings forth some of the brewery’s most anticipated seasonal beers. It also calls up on the breweries themselves to make a unique drink that will create a cult-like following for it. Below are the best fall beers to try before the season ends:

**Samuel Adams - Octoberfest**  
**ABV: 5.3%**

Samuel Adams’ Octoberfest selection is the granddaddy itself in fall beers. Even though it has a lower ABV percentage than most, this beer is one of the longest running fall selections and is a consumer’s favorite each year. When getting a six pack sampler at the nearest store, this beverage is a must-grab.

This beer fuses five different roasts of malt, which then makes for an appetizing fall drink. Its short-lived traces of caramel and toffee add the extra incentives to make a lasting impression on taste buds. The bitterness derived from Bavarian Noble hops also brings forth a different taste that can be best paired with an orange slice.

**Rating: 4/5**



**Six Point Brewery-Autumnation**  
**ABV: 6.7%**

Low in calories and rich in taste—Six Point Brewery did itself with its fall creation of Autumnation. For any pumpkin fans, this New York beer is a tough taste-grabber that satisfies any fall beer cravings.

The ale has a spicy pumpkin dominant flavor with a twist of ginger and cinnamon flavor. The gold orange beverage is one of the top in its kind of pumpkin beers if the consumer doesn’t mind paying a little more. However, anyone looking for a lighter taste should steer clear of this heavy hitter.

**Rating: 4/5**



**Ballast Point Brewing Co. - Dead Ringer Oktoberfest**  
**ABV: 5.7%**

Found at local Whole Foods and Sprouts is the autumn famous beer from Ballast Point best known as Dead Ringer Oktoberfest. This lager is an old-fashioned beer with a reddish brown look.

The beverage features a nice caramel taste with a spice and stone fruit kick. At just 5.7 percent ABV, the drink is a definite day-drinking beer while watching some sports or a movie.

**Rating: 3/5**



**Founders Brewing Co. - Harvest Ale**  
**ABV: 6.50%**

Rooted in Michigan, Founders Brewery has been generating some of the top ale beers in recent history, and this fall they are bringing the Harvest Ale. This beer is one of the most anticipated beers due to its hefty taste and seasonal appearance.

The beer itself is orange in color and has a sweet, almost herbal taste. The kicker to the Harvest Ale is its fresh hint of tangerine citrus and humble grass note, with an after taste featuring bits of toasted malt. It is sold in most liquor stores starting in October.

**Rating: 3/5**



**Saint Arnold’s Oktoberfest**  
**ABV: 6.6%**

Combining three different types of Munich-style malts, this beer has a rich caramel taste to it without being too sweet.

The Houston-based brewery’s website recommends to consume this beer at 40 degrees Fahrenheit.

The malty taste of this beer and sunburst color are perfect to pair with a nice book and a Reuben sandwich as the sun sets.

**Rating: 3/5**



**Harpoon Brewery Flannel Friday**  
**ABV: 5.7%**

Harpoon Brewery is known for their tight and crisp beer selections, and their Flannel Friday fall selection doesn’t shy away from what they are notorious for. Everything about this amber ale feels like the fall season.

The crisp ale features a distinct taste of citrus and pine. This is a great social beer to take with a group of friends to sip on and enjoy. Even the fun plaid-printed cans are worth adding to the cart before checking out at the grocery store.

**Rating: 3/5**



**New Belgium + Ben & Jerry’s Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Ale**  
**ABV: 6%**

Despite having iterated on this formula with different ice cream flavors, popular Colorado brewery, New Belgium and Ben & Jerry’s created a tolerable, an nuanced ale in their original beer+ice cream fusion.

This ale pours clear, if with a little carbonation. It is a smooth beer, with a hint of brown sugar and a mild bitterness that is meant for curious collectors of both brands, which have some sort of cult following in terms of collection.

**Rating: 3/5**



**Blue Moon Mango Wheat**  
**ABV: 5.4%**

Brewed under the prominent Blue Moon selection, the Blue Moon Mango Wheat is probably the most standout beer of the fall. The brewmaster of the drink, Keith Villa, spent a good amount of time working on this drink, deriving inspirations from Puerto Vallarta, Cancun and other Mexican beaches. This fall beer feels nostalgic of the summer with the present-day taste of the autumn weather.

What makes Mango Wheat so special is the distinct mango taste it delivers to the consumer. But what most wouldn’t expect when tasting the drink is the modest presence of honey added to the beer to make the drink a little sweeter. Its loud yellow-orange color makes it look like the drink is a light beer, but upon taste the wheat haze makes it clear that Mango Wheat is far from it.

**Rating: 4/5**



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# Miners looking for answers heading into bye week



FILE PHOTO/ THE PROSPECTOR

The UTEP football team remains winless at 0-7 heading into their bye week.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

It seems pretty unlikely that a bye week is what the dismantled Miners need going into this week, but facing another team in seven days is the absolute last thing the Miners want after their recent loss.

So, a week to get healthy and find some much-needed solutions to their problems will have to do for the Miners, who are 0-7 for the first time since 1973.

They are coming off their most recent loss on the road to Southern Miss, 24-0, and looked completely unmatched to the Golden Eagles.

Below are the keys for the Miners to focus on during their bye week:

Rectify their rushing game

Last week, the Miners rushed for 22 carries and most would think the Miners would at least amass over 75 yards on the ground. The Golden Eagles stumped the Miners to just 17 yards total on the ground.

With the loss of Quadraiz Wadley due to an injury sustained against Western Kentucky, the rushing game is definitely going to be a challenge. But under no circumstances should a “run-first team”—as offensive coordinator Brian Natkin likes to refer to his team—gain such few yards in one standing.

The Miners handed the ball off to three rushers in Kevin Dove, Ron-

ald Awatt and Joshua Fields but none of them could get anything going offensively.

Throughout the next week, the Miners need to find an identity in the rushing game, whether it’s giving the ball to Dove more and riding him out, or splitting the carries between the three and placing them in opportune running situations—not formations that their opponents obviously read as a running play.

If the Miners get Wadley back by their game against UTSA on Oct. 28, the Miners might be in luck because of how strong he is as a player.

Score more points

UTEP is back to the bottom five in all of FBS in scoring points, averaging just 12.3 points per game. With a shutout delivered by Southern Miss, the Miners have to evaluate each position and see what’s causing them to not score points.

One component, not being able to gain first downs, has a lot to do with it. They are actually the third-worst team in the nation for first-down offense, gaining only 83 this year.

On Saturday, the Miners had just six first downs from 147 yards of offense.

The bottom line is that they have been calling conservative plays all season. Natkin said early on that he would be switching the offense up to be more fundamentally sound and simple. But how much more simple can you get?

This is where interim head coach Mike Price comes in. He called his offense “awful” after the 24-0 loss, so there’s no doubt he’ll be stepping in and giving feedback

about Natkin’s scheme to help improve it.

Get healthy

Just before former head coach Sean Kugler resigned from the team, he indicated that 11 players suffered season-ending injuries. Now, that list seems to have gotten larger and players have been banged up even more since then.

The team needs a break. Price said it himself, “You can’t have one of your best players hurt every game of the season.”

If they rest up, get key players like Wadley and quarterback Ryan Metz back healthy, they have a chance to get back into a better groove. But it seems like any time they get things rolling offensively or defensively, a player goes down.

“This team needs a break, you can’t have one of your best players hurt every game of the season.”

Mike Price  
-Interim head coach

Be consistent on defense

The only speck of light in this disarray of a season comes from the Min-

ers’ highly improved defense that has been full of effort in each game.

They held the Golden Eagles to just 14 points through three quarters, until they scored 10 points in garbage time. They also forced three turnovers, which is also a season high for the Miners.

Now, defensive coordinator Tom Mason needs to continue that good play on the defensive side and keep it going. Led by senior linebacker Alvin Jones, the Miners are really becoming able to understand their opponents better than they did at the start of the season and adjust their defense accordingly.

“A lot of kids stepped it up (on defense),” Price said in a press release after the Southern Miss game. “Man, at times our defense just played wonderful. They never gave up the whole game and just gave everything they’ve got.”

Play to win

A win for this team would do wonders, even if they are more than likely out of any bowl game’s reach. The Miners agreed that they are playing for one another, especially the seniors and want to go out in a respectable manner.

With UTSA at home and then Middle Tennessee and North Texas on the road, the Miners have a chance of playing competitively against these top Conference USA teams and making themselves look impressive among the better teams.

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# Men’s basketball returns in Orange versus White scrimmage

BY MIKE FLORES

The Prospector

The UTEP men’s basketball team will host their seventh-annual pre-season scrimmage of Orange versus White at the Don Haskins Center on Oct. 21 at 5 p.m.

For Miner fans, it will be a chance to catch four of the starters from last year’s team back in action with the eight newcomers from the 2017-18 squad.

The returners from last year’s third-place Conference USA UTEP team include senior guard Omega Harris, senior center Matt Willms, senior forward Jake Flaggert, junior forward Paul Thomas, junior guard Trey Touchet and sophomore forward Kelvin Jones.

They will be accompanied by freshmen Evan Gilyard, Tirus Smith, Kobe Magee, Trey Wade, Deshaun Highler, graduate transfer Keith Frazier and sophomore transfer Isaiah Osborne.

A lot of the workload and leadership responsibility will fall on the shoulders of Harris this season. Last year, Harris led the Miners with 17 points per game and was second on the team with 66 total assists.

What guided the Miners to clinching a first-round bye in last year’s C-USA tournament was not only the play of Harris, but the other guard position that was manned by C-USA’s second team selection, Dominic Artis, who graduated last year. Now it’s up to some of the new faces on this year’s roster to fill the big shoes Artis left behind.

Artis was first on the team in assists (187 total assists), first in minutes played (1,168 minutes), first in steals (60), first with 6.5 rebounds per game and second in scoring (15 points per game).

It’s safe to say head coach Tim Floyd will take a close look during the Orange versus White scrimmage to see which guard is climbing ahead of the others for minutes before the regular season takes place. It’s a toss-up between Frazier, Gilyard or Magee.

Frazier is a transfer from SMU and North Texas. He’s a former All-American guard and a four-star prospect coming out of high school. At SMU, Frazier averaged 7.8 points per game, 2.8 rebounds per game and shot 43 percent from the field.

Gilyard comes from one of the best high school basketball programs in the nation—Simeon Career Academy—where he led his team to a 125-11 record in his career and was recognized on the first team All-State and first team All-City. During his senior year, Gilyard averaged 17 points per game and six assists per game.

Magee is a San Antonio product and Brandeis’ all-time leading scorer with 1,876 career points scored. He recorded 334 career assists and won a total of 93 games in high school. During his junior year, he paved the road for his team’s 31-2 record.

All three newcomers will begin their UTEP careers at the pre-season scrimmage.

For the meantime, Harris said he’ll be running the point guard position until things become more clear. And he’s more than ready to be the leader of this team as he begins his senior campaign starting Saturday.

“I’m going to be a combo guard this year until the freshman are fully ready. And once they’re ready—everybody knows what I can do at the two position,” he said. “I’m very excited to be a senior leader. Our three senior leaders—me, Willms and Flaggert—are three different positions, so we have a good foundation right now.”

Another thing that will be apparent to Miner fans come Oct. 21., is the depth they added to their front-court play.

The frontcourt players, which was one of the weaknesses for UTEP last year, will be accompanied by 6-foot-9 forward Smith, who was recognized as one of Mississippi’s top 12 players coming out of Petal High School in The Clarion-Ledger’s “Dandy Dozen.”

Smith was an Ole Miss commit before changing his mind to come play for Floyd. In high school, he averaged 14.2 points per game, 9.5 rebounds per game and posted 10 triple-doubles his senior season.

Floyd already had the opportunity to figure out how his team will play together for the first time in a pre-season Costa Rica trip from Aug. 15 to Aug. 20. In Costa Rica, the team played three games and got an extra 16 practices out of it.



FILE PHOTO/ THE PROSPECTOR

The UTEP men’s basketball team will be back on the hardwood Oct. 21 at the Don Haskins.

UTEP went 1-2 during their trip with both losses coming to the hands of McGill University and their lone victory coming against the University of British Columbia, 78-73.

During the newcomers versus veterans game earlier this year on Aug. 12—one that pitted the returning players against the new talent on the team—it was the veterans pulling away for the 80-70 victory.

In that game, both Thomas and Wade scored a team-high 21 points. Osborne chipped in with 19 points after going 4-for-4 from deep, and Jones added in 15 points for the veterans. Gilyard went 0-for-10 that

game, while Magee ended up with eight points and two assists.

Now, UTEP will be prepping for the regular season.

If last season’s Orange versus White scrimmage was any indicator of the level of competition it brings, this will be a must-watch game to find out where the team stands.

Last year, Harris orchestrated a 17-point comeback in the second half, as he connected on eight 3-pointers and finished with a team-high 34 points to lead team White to the 70-61 victory.

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# Top memorable moments in Price’s coaching history



FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR  
Mike Price coached at UTEP for nine years before returning as interim coach in 2017.

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS  
The Prospector

Interim head coach Mike Price is now embarking on his third week with the Miners, and although he hasn’t helped the team record a win, he has helped the team regroup from the departure of former head coach Sean Kugler and grow more as a team.

Before his return, Price was one of the most storied coaches in program history, being the second coach to lead the school to three bowl bids in 2004, 2005 and 2010, and also the second in total wins with 48 from 2004-2012.

Here’s a look back at some of Price’s top moments while he was head coach for the Miners:

**Going from 2-11 to 8-4**

Under head coach Gary Nord, the Miners were abysmal, posting a 6-30 record from 2001-03. Along with the decision for the program moving from the Western Athletic Conference to the Conference USA in all sports, the Miners decided to hire Mike Price, the former Washington State head coach, to help revitalize their program.

During his inaugural season, Price coached the Miners to a shocking 8-4 record and a bowl appearance. The team struggled at

the beginning, but went on a seven-game winning streak to close out the year. Sophomore quarterback Jordan Palmer emerged as a threat through the Miners’ passing game toward the end of the season and the team made a complete 180-degree turnaround.

Although the Miners lost to Colorado in the 2004 Houston Bowl, 38-28, they earned their first-ever ranking in the AP Poll during the season, ranked at No. 23. Price was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award and the Paul “Bear” Bryant Award for Coach of the Year.

**The defining 2005 team**

In 2005, Price had gotten his feet wet with the program and now it was full steam for the Miners.

They kick-started their campaign with huge wins over New Mexico State, Houston and New Mexico at the start. They climbed up the rankings again and were ranked No. 24 nationally.

However, they fell to UAB just as the Miners had established themselves in the polls and then lost their last game to SMU. Nonetheless, the Miners still received a bowl bid for their record, and traveled to the GMAC Bowl to take on Toledo, which they lost 45-13.

The back-to-back bowl-berth seasons were the first time in 50 years that the program had achieved such an accomplishment, which then led to a contract extension for Price.

**2006 talent**

Although the 2006 team barely missed what could have been a three-peat of a bowl appearance, the Miners had one of the most

talented teams in years. They were fifth in the nation in passing offense with 312 yards per game and 18th in the nation for passing efficiency with a 149.25 rating under quarterback Palmer.

Price also coached standout receiver and returner Johnny Lee Higgins, who became the Miners’ first All-American in six years. He was second in the nation in receiving yards per game, averaging 100.9 per contest, and third in all-purpose yards with 156.1 per game. He also finished as the C-USA Special Teams Player of the Year due to his electric punt returns.

Other top talents on the team included Troy Collavo, safety Quintin Demps and placekicker Reagan Schneider.

Palmer, Higgins and Demps all ended up having careers in the NFL.

**Upset over No. 12 Houston**

It seemed as if the 2009 Miners were going to make another bowl appearance under Price. Take away inconsistencies within the team and add wins over Buffalo, UAB and Rice, and the Miners could have been a bowl-bound team.

However, one of the best games, possibly in a decade, the Miners had was when they knocked off No. 12 Houston, who was undefeated at the time and chasing national recognition under standout quarterback Case Keenum.

Price’s running back Donald Buckram rushed for 262 yards against the Cougars to help lift the Miners over Houston, 58-41, which was the school’s first win against a ranked team since 1997. Buckram finished the season with

1,594 yards and broke the UTEP season rushing record that had held for more than 60 years.

**2010 bowl appearance despite a plethora of injuries**

At the start of the 2010 season, it looked like it was going to turn into another disappointing season by Price after a big loss to Houston in the second game of the season.

However, Price coached his team to a four-game winning streak against New Mexico State, Memphis, New Mexico and Rice.

Then, they dropped three in a row to UAB, Tulane and Marshall, which was credited to the team’s inconsistency.

They had bowl game hopes on the line when they squared up against SMU for the last game of the season, which they won 28-14. They then took on BYU in the New Mexico Bowl, but lost 52-24.

Price coached another gunslinger in Trevor Vittatoe, who broke Palmer’s school records for career passing yards (12,439) and touchdown passes (97). Vittatoe also set school records with his 12,291 yards of total offense.

Price also boosted this team in defense efficiency, only allowing teams to garner less than 300 yards of total offense and eight of 13 teams to 24 points or less.

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# Men’s soccer club builds winning tradition as a close-knit group

BY DANIEL MENDEZ  
The Prospector

Although UTEP doesn’t offer an official athletic men’s soccer team, the men’s soccer club, a close-knit group, offers an opportunity for male students to play organized soccer competitively.

The club has also built itself a dynasty in the Recreational Sports Department.

They compete in the sixth region of the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association tournament each year. The club competes against the likes of Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Grand Canyon University, Northern Arizona University and New Mexico Tech.

After dropping their only home game of the season on Oct. 1 to Arizona State (2-0), the Miners hosted the best and worst team in the league this past weekend.

On Saturday, Oct. 14, the Miners hosted league leader Grand Canyon. The match consisted of the top two clubs in the league against each other and it was the Miners who came out on top with a 4-1 victory. Yousef Alenzi scored his first goal of the season in the win.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Miners faced off against last-place Northern Arizona, but the Miners were unable to put together a strong two days, falling 2-1 in a surprise loss to the last-place Lumberjacks. Despite this loss, the Miners were able to tally a total of six points over the weekend.

The club’s winning tradition is based on their

coach, Gustavo Ponce. He is a 2014 UTEP graduate and former player of the club. Ponce will use his semiprofessional background as the foundation to continue to push his club into championship form after not coaching in 2016.

“I was a player for four years,” Ponce said. “Two years ago, I was helping coach here, but last year I wasn’t, the coach from last year, he had to go out, so I came back for this year. So, it’s my first experience as coach, but I play semiprofessional soccer.”

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**Alejandro Marquez**  
-Men’s soccer club president

Nathan Luke, senior psychology major and vice president of the club, had a decision to make two years ago, when he was going to transfer out of Houston Community College. Luke was looking for something that satisfied him not only academically, but on the pitch as well. It was between two universities that had respectable

soccer programs, but when he got on the line with Ponce, he knew he would be going into a winning and competing culture that would make him grow as a player.

“So, I was in contact with both coaches. But then Ponce, whenever he called me, he was saying that they were champions in the district for five straight times,” he said. “That talent was welcomed, so once I got here, I tried out and I think I’ve really grown as a player under him.”

Luke is a Trinidad native, but is not the only Miner to represent a different nationality and race.

As a matter of fact, the club is very diverse, ranging from all parts of the world and cultures such as Congo, Saudi Arabia and more. You can hear different languages being spoken, but the one thing they all universally speak is their love of the game.

“So, I think football (soccer) represents society in many levels,” Luke said. “I think it shows that we can all be one unit. To go further with all the drama going on right now with different religious views, political views, national views. You have me from Trinidad, we have teammates from Saudi Araba, we have a Moroccan teammate, who has a Belgium passport, so he’s says his from Belgium not Morocco. Little things like that. You find all that type of mix in only one sport. And that’s the world’s game.”

In addition, the club has become its own family. They travel together, come up with ideas to fund-



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The UTEP men’s soccer club opens an opportunity for students to play soccer competitively.

raise for the club, as well as make sure that the UTEP men’s soccer club continues to thrive.

President of the club, Alejandro Marquez, a senior and mechanical engineering major, said the club has become a close-knit group throughout the years.

“Besides the team, I’ve got to say that it becomes a family, pretty much,” Marquez said. “We get really involved with each other. We get to know each other, we get to travel and since we’re all students, we all have something in common.”

Any male can try out for the team as long as they are a UTEP student.

“I think UTEP soccer gives us a good football (soccer) background, gives us good life lessons that we can carry on with us in

life, especially being on a team that has teammates with different opinions,” Luke said.

The men’s soccer club are students who decided to join for the love of the game. The love of the game is what drives and fuels them to continue to get better at this higher level of competition.

“A lot of these guys, they play because they love the game. No one on this team has a scholarship, so it’s for the love of the game, which is better,” Marquez said. “I feel like players have heart for the game, which is something I admire. I myself do have heart for the game.”

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INBRIEF

VOLLEYBALL TAKES ON WESTERN KENTUCKY

The UTEP women’s volleyball team (4-16, 1-6 C-USA) will hit the road to take on Western Kentucky this Friday, Oct. 20, and Sunday, Oct. 22, against Rice. The Miners have lost their last six games since beating Rice on Sept. 22.

WOMEN’S GOLF IN SECOND AT FAU INVITE

The UTEP women’s golf team will conclude the Florida Atlantic Fall Invitational today in Boca Raton, Florida. On Monday the team shot 280 as a team and currently sits in second place heading into the final day.

MEN’S GOLF COMPETES IN LAS CRUCES

The UTEP men’s golf team will wrap up the Herb Wimberly Intercollegiate today in Las Cruces, New Mexico. On Monday, the team shot 284 and currently sits in third place.

RIFLE TRAVELS TO TAKE ON UT-MARTIN

The UTEP women’s rifle team will hit the road to take on UT-Martin in Murray, Kentucky on Saturday, Oct. 21, in an all-day event. The team is coming off a 4,656-4,566 road loss to Nevada on Sunday, Oct. 15, in Reno.

Women’s soccer looks to finish season strong



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The UTEP women’s soccer team sits at 6-10 overall with three games remaining.

BY JEREMY CARRANCO

The Prospector

The 2017 season for the UTEP women’s soccer team thus far has the feel of a roller coaster ride.

At the beginning of the season, the team dropped their first five

games, with the first four going into overtime—a program first. The struggles for the Miners came from a simple lack of being able to finish in the clutch, although some called it being unlucky.

After the 0-5 start, the Miners surprised fans with five straight wins. The streak carried over into Conference-USA play when the Miners beat Southern Miss 1-0 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Since then, UTEP (6-10, 2-5 C-USA) has gone the other direction again. The Miners have lost four consecutive games, five of their last six, and have just three games remaining.

The star for the Miners this season on defense has been junior goalkeeper Alyssa Palacios, who has a total of 98 combined saves in 16 games this season.

Palacios tied her career high in saves with 10 against New Mexico on Aug. 27 and Old Dominion on Oct. 1. Ironically, Palacios is coming off her roughest outing of the season, where she has allowed the most goals in a single game this season with three to Middle Tennessee. The junior made just one save in the 3-1 loss to the Blue Raiders.

Offensively, it has been two freshmen who have led the way for the Miners so far in 2017—forward Vic Bohdan and midfielder Anna Jimmerson. Both players tie for the lead with five goals scored this season.

Two of Bohdan’s five goals this season came 12 minutes apart in the second half against Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 10. Bohdan’s two goals helped give head coach Kevin Cross his 200th win and sealed her team’s come-from-behind 2-1 victory.

Jimmerson scored all five of her goals in September. She scored a goal in three straight games from Sept. 1 through Sept. 7, with the remaining two coming in a single game against Division 2 New Mexico Highlands on Sept. 13. The Miners defeated the Cowgirls 8-0.

Palacios, Bohdan and Jimmerson, as well as the rest of the Miners’ squad, will try to take their positives and turn their season in the other direction again when they take on Marshall at home on Thursday, Oct. 19 for Senior Night before heading on the road to take on Florida Atlantic on Sunday, Oct. 22, in Boca Raton, Florida.

Three seniors will be playing for the final time as a Miner at home this Thursday against Marshall—midfielders Devyn Hunley and Kennadie Chuaudhary and forward Jeanna Mullen.

The Thundering Herd are currently 5-9-1 overall and 3-4-1 in Conference USA play and are coming off a 3-0 loss to Florida Atlantic. Meanwhile, the Owls are now 8-7-2 overall and 3-4-1 after the shutout win against the Thundering Herd.

Opponents of the Miners have set up for a total of 281 shots, with 123 coming on goal, while the Miners themselves have earned just 201 shots and 94 on goal. That is 29 less opportunities for a UTEP team that, had this statistic been flipped, would tell a much different story.

Kickoff against Marshall is set for 7 p.m. at University Field.

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OPENING SESSION

Monday, Oct.16

Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Union Bldg. East  
8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Welcoming Reception  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Program and Recognition awards.



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Monday, Oct.16

Don Haskins Center  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
El Paso Air Wheelers vs the Wounded Warriors  
Halftime: UTEP Cheerleaders & Paydirt Pete.



EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

Tuesday, Oct.17

College of Education, Room 302  
9:00 - 10:20 a.m. Domestic Violence  
11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Service and Assistance Animals.

Thursday, Oct.19

Acacia Room, Room 102A, Union Bldg. East  
9:30 – 11:00 a.m. “My Disability is not an Inability”  
2:00 - 6:00 p.m. NASPA Grant funded “CapABLE Voices: The Photovoice of Students with Disabilities” Reception.



SPECIAL PROGRAM

Wednesday, Oct. 18

8:30 – 10:45 a.m.  
Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Union Bldg. East  
Building STEM Pathways for Students with Disabilities  
Engaging talks and activities along with a keynote presentation by Dr. Jeanine Cook, Principal Member Technical Staff, Sandia National Laboratories and Dr. Dean C. Hines, Scientist, Space Telescope Science Institute.



RESOURCE & CAREER FAIR

Wednesday, Oct.18

Centennial Plaza  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Employers, disability support and technical assistance exhibitors.  
Information, activities and door prizes.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SEMINARS

Friday, Oct.20

El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center (EPNGCC)  
10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. “Pillow Talk”  
Topics: Online dating, body image & health disparities.  
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. “State Violence & the Disability Community”  
Panel: Patterns of state violence in disability communities.