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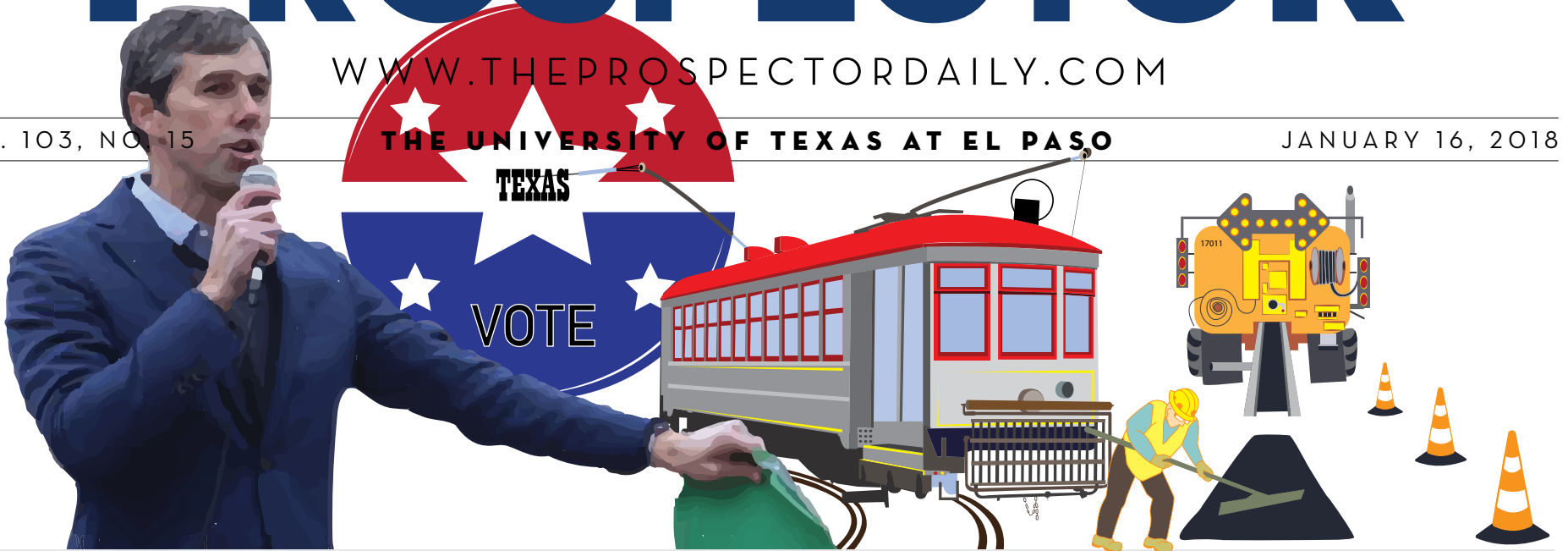
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A look at 2018 on the border: government, construction and more

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

Growth and development have been no stranger to the city of El Paso in recent years.

With construction expansions, political races and so much more being planned out, 2018 could be a monumental year in the city's evolution.

Here are just some of the most important topics arising in 2018:

1. O'Rourke vs. Cruz: Who will Texas vote for?

Beto O'Rourke, the El Paso native, is Texas Democratic Party's big hope to unseat Ted Cruz in the 2018 U.S. senate race.

O'Rourke will endure his biggest challenge yet against Cruz. The Tea Party icon has been senator since winning in 2012.

Cruz, who also tested Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election, could see a reflection of his success following the results of this race.

"Tonight, the eyes of the nation were on Alabama. Tomorrow, Texas

and 2018," O'Rourke told thousands of email subscribers and donors after Alabama's Republican-nominee Roy Moore lost the senate race to Democrat Doug Jones.

O'Rourke prides himself on a grassroots campaign and does not accept corporate donors to fund his campaign. His areas of political preferences include immigration reform, giving back a voice to smaller communities across Texas and his opposition to the war on drugs.

Nonetheless, come Nov. 6, we will

know whether Texas has swayed toward the left or if it will reign red.

2. Streetcar project runs its first cars

The El Paso Streetcar plan broke ground in 2017, ripping up streets throughout the downtown and UTEP area to place tracks and rail lines.

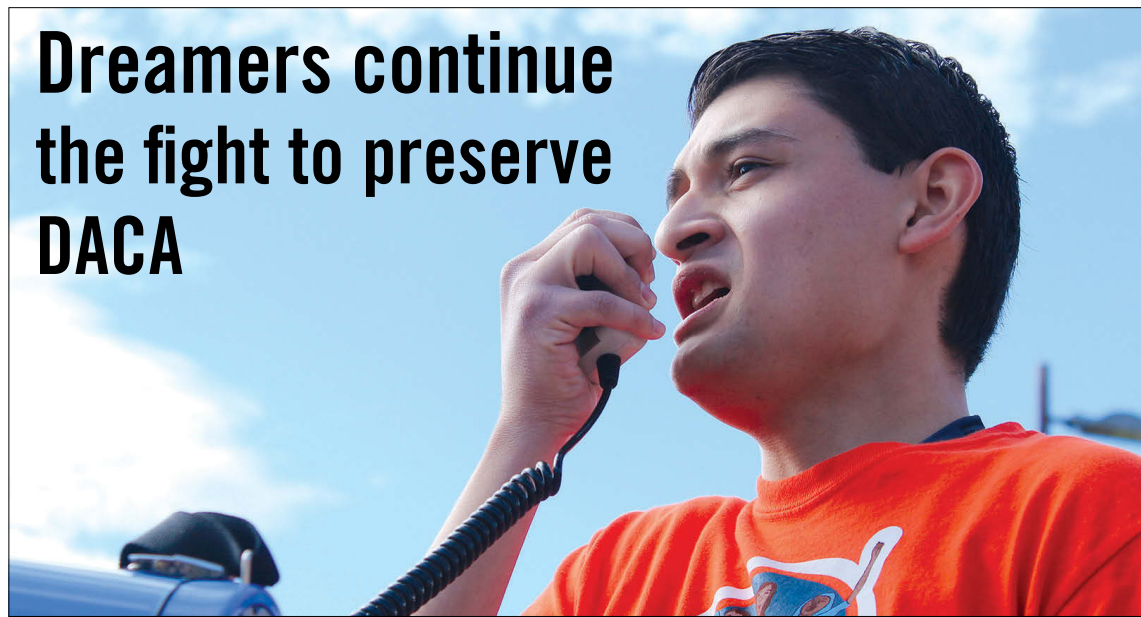
Upon completion, the streetcar will travel on a five-mile route from south El Paso, through downtown to the UTEP campus. The team's focus is on utility relocation, developing a storage facility, repairing sidewalks, placing the rails, planning 27 stops

and resurfacing streets.

The route has two separate loops. Its Downtown Loop will run along Santa Fe Street, Franklin Avenue, Kansas Street and Father Rahm Avenue, while the Uptown Loop will go on Franklin Avenue, Stanton Street, Baltimore Drive, Glory Road and Oregon Street, according to the site's website.

It will connect the international bridges, retail areas, government buildings, convention center and see 2018 on page 3

Dreamers continue the fight to preserve DACA



CHRISTIAN VASQUEZ / THE PROSPECTOR

DACA recipient Noe Labrado, a senior physics major, speaks at a student walkout at Centennial Plaza on Nov. 9, 2017.

BY RENE DELGADILLO

The Prospector

Noe Labrado wakes up every morning uncertain what his future holds, with the fear that he could potentially be deported and not be able to complete his degree in May.

Labrado is one of the nearly 9,000 Dreamers in El Paso County, according to the Migration Policy Institute, that could be deported if the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, also known as DACA, is eliminated.

He said that without DACA, he would have to hide in the shadows simply for not having a paper document that allows him to work.

"At the end of the day, this turns into a game. A political game that's messing with hundreds of thousands of lives and their families," he said.

Labrado, a senior physics major and member of United We Dream, which is the largest immigrant youth-led community in the country, has been a DACA recipient since

the program first started in 2012.

He said that the Jan. 9 injunction from a federal judge in California to stop President Trump's plans to rescind work permits for young undocumented immigrants was not the victory he hoped for.

"It was a partial victory for something that we really didn't expect, however, our eyes are set in a permanent solution, in a real victory—not just for us, but for our parents," Labrado said.

In a statement, Judge William Al-

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El Paso's world champion ready to return to the ring

BY DANIEL MENDEZ

The Prospector

International Boxing Federation's world female featherweight titleholder Jennifer Han (16-3-1) was ready to defend her title against the mandatory challenger Lizbeth Crespo (12-3) early in December, but the fight was postponed due to an ankle sprain.

The fight was moved to Jan. 27, and was again postponed further due to an opportunity by Primetime to include the fight as the co-main event for El Paso's first-ever prime-time boxing event on a major television network (FOX), as Devon Alexander faces Victor Ortiz at the Don Haskins Center on Feb. 17.

"The last two months of training have been interesting," Han said. "Training was difficult after that (ankle sprain)—I couldn't really run or spar. My coach and Roman Robles (a member of Han's media team) had me doing alternative forms of conditioning. I was swimming, I was doing bicycle. I was doing what I could to keep my conditioning because as a fighter you have to be able to last 10 rounds."

The fight card is scheduled to have

a total of four former world champions in the ring. Former world champion and El Paso's own Austin Trout will be on the card as well. Trout's opponent has yet to be determined.

Han, the reigning defending champion, is the only current champion featured for this bout. The former champions Alexander and Ortiz will be the only televised battle of the night, which will be on FOX.

The Han family has a history of combat sports, as fighting runs in the family. Master Bae Han has his own martial arts studio in Northeast El Paso. Her little brother Abraham is also a professional boxer. The rest of the Han siblings—Israel and her two sisters Heather and Stephanie—help Han out when it comes to her training schedule.

"Boxing is difficult," Han said. "My brother and I go to Las Cruces in the mornings and we drive 45 minutes to train with my coach Lou Burke and my teammates, like Austin Trout. We stay there two-three hours training. I don't leave the gym until 12:30 at night and then my routine starts back all over again. I'm busy and it's hard, but it's worth it right now."

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I'm not afraid to call an orange an orange

BY JASON GREEN
The Prospector



I recently finished reading the bomb-shell new book by Michael Wolff, “Fire and Fury,” which reportedly has the West Wing at each other’s throats.

Wolff reported numerous people inside the White House saying Trump is not very smart. Additionally, the rest of the American public, who are being honest with themselves, can watch the news almost daily and can conclude that he may not be the sharpest tool in the shed.

But, I would still hesitate to write that President Trump is an idiot. I would feel more comfortable saying he is “allegedly” an idiot.

Wolff also talks about the meetings that the Trump transition team had in Trump Tower with Russian operatives and the fact that Steve Bannon, former chief strategist for Trump, who Trump claims to barely know now, said that the meetings were treasonous.

When you add in the fact that several members of the Trump administration have already been indicted for various offenses involving money laundering related to Russia and are cooperating with Robert Mueller’s investigation due to their ties with Russia, a clear picture of collusion between the Trump White House and Russia is as plain as day.

Without an admission or clear verbal evidence from President Trump, it can be called an “alleged” collusion between the Trump team and Russia that won the election—at least until Mueller is able to present his evidence and either force the Republicans to impeach Trump or have him resign.

There is one issue in which I can leave out any safe word like “alleged” prior to my statement. I am not worried about the threat of slander, libel or any other words that Trump, his cronies or miniscule amount of supporters like to use, but can’t define.

Donald Trump is a racist. Unequivocally. Unabashedly.

To the shame of our formally great nation, we have a racist for our commander-in-chief and it is an absolute disgrace.

Even before Trump recently called Haiti, El Salvador and other African nations “shithole countries,” his feelings toward any non-white immigrants were already clear.

In a previous meeting in the Oval Office with his cabinet, Trump referred to Haitians as having AIDS. He also stated that once Nigerians had come to America, they would never go back to their “huts.” All of these statements were reported to the New York Times by a Trump acolyte who was actually shocked enough to report him.

This is the same Donald Trump who signed a “consent decree”—along with his father Fred Trump, who was arrested at a KKK rally in 1927—to send reports to the government on how often he rents to minorities after being accused by the National Urban League of discriminatory rental practices.

In the FBI files related to the racial discrimination claim, Trump properties were found to have been telling African-American and Puerto Rican families that there were no rooms to rent and then renting to white families the same day. Additionally, employees were told to tell African-Americans that the rent at certain properties was double the actual amount to discourage their interest.

When “Fire and Fury” was released, the entire White House turned their wrath toward Bannon, who had the nerve to speak out against President Trump.

Bannon’s former “right-hand man,” Stephen Miller, went on CNN to talk to Jake Tapper about how brilliant Trump is and was cut off before he could finish drooling over his boss. Perhaps Miller’s loyalty was rewarded by Trump’s sudden racist outburst to the collection of senators on Thursday, after all, Miller is a card-carrying “white nationalist,” who has somehow stayed in Trump’s employ.

Imagine if President Obama had employed someone who called themselves a “black nationalist.” Trump and his supporters would have been crying about a lot more than a birth certificate for eight years.

What Trump is doing cannot continue to be glossed over. Shortly after his most recent racist comments, the U.S. Ambassador to Panama, John Feeley, resigned saying that he could no longer work under Trump. We are supposed to live in a melting pot, where all are welcome if they need shelter.

We can’t all resign our position as Americans like Ambassador Feeley, but we also don’t have to be resigned to what being an American suddenly means under this administration. There are ways to be heard now on social media, in the media and through your congressmen. Come the end of this year, there will be a major way to be heard.

I have no problem calling Trump a racist, because he is. If you voted for him, I might give you a little leeway. Maybe you voted for a chauvinist, sexual harassing, TV star with no political experience.

But, now you also know that he is “allegedly” borderline retarded and “allegedly” colluded with Russia.

But, for god’s sake, it’s 2018 in the United States of America. This isn’t the 1950s in the racist South, when even the politicians could not be counted on to do the right thing—though it often appears that way. It has become clear that the Republicans are either scared to help America get rid of “His Royal Orangeness” or would rather just not seek reelection in 2018 as 31 congressmen have already stated—somehow finding an even more cowardly way out.

If we are going to show the rest of the world that we respect brethren of every creed and color, we are going to have to vote Democrat come March and November. We have to force a change and have our voices heard. We have fought racism in this country for too long to let it become the “norm” again.

It is time to bring people with a spine back into Congress and let the world know that our country is not a “shithole.” We made one small mistake electing a piece of shit for president and we should rectify it as soon as we can.

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El Paso athletics: where will they stand when 2018 is over?

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS
The Prospector



A new year means a new opportunity for growth.

For UTEP athletics, growth is necessary after a roller coaster of a year in 2017. Meanwhile the Chihuahuas have

seen their programs soar to the top. Here are the top questions to ask for El Paso’s sports:

UTEP football: How much can Dana Dimel do in his first year of coaching?

Since his hiring in December, new football head coach Dana Dimel has been putting a lot of work with the Miners. In just over a month, he hired a complete new staff with big names like Mike Canales and Mike Cox, he worked heavily on recruiting and gave over 25 players offers to play.

From now until opening the 2018 season in September, there are three days to really key in on during the off-season for UTEP football.

First will be signing day in February, which will give a glimpse on what level he can recruit. If Dimel can snag some transfers or JUCO transfers, that would be eye candy for the next season, being that the coaching staff is recruiting so late in the year.

The next time to evaluate how well Dimel has done during his first practices with the team for spring ball. He will need to evaluate each position, coach up some of the struggling positions and define playmakers. Here we might not get to see who will be the starting quarterback, but maybe will tell by what direction the offense is turning towards.

His final task will be the final week of summer camp. At this point, Dimel will have all the playmaking positions in place —quarterback, running back and all—and we will see how this team plans to win games.

UTEP men’s basketball: What direction will men’s basketball take?

To keep interim head coach Phil Johnson or not will be the pressing decision that athletic director Jim Senter will have to evaluate at the end of this season.

Johnson, who took over after Tim Floyd announced his retirement in December, has posted a

6-6 overall record since taking the reigns of the team.

However, already two of the 2018 commits have withdrawn from committing to the team, and coaching change or not, players could even decide to transfer out.

UTEP athletic director Jim Senter: How will his 100-day plan work out?

With fundraising, athletic development, face lifting different facilities and restructuring athletics, Senter will have a lot on his plate during his first couple of months.

Recently, Senter has been seen at men’s basketball games talking to fans and boosters. He has been all about giving fans a new experience and one of his main goals is to bring back the fan experience to the athletics department. Only time will tell how he exactly does that.

Also, he sees a lot of potential with UTEP emerging as a top athletic program. With some serious wins in their athletic programs, the department might see a whole dynamic that could help the university prosper in this area.

Chihuahuas entering season five: how big has development been in Triple-A for the Padres?

Throughout the past years, the city of El Paso has seen top-level baseball talent come and go through the El Paso Chihuahuas.

More importantly, the city has seen the Triple-A squad bring up highly acclaimed prospects, breed them through the Chihuahuas’ system and seen them impact the San Diego Padres in the MLB.

For example, outfielder Hunter Renfroe had a strong rookie outing with the Chihuahuas in 2016, which then earned him a spot on the Padres for the 2017 season. The Chihuahuas saw local stars like Carlos Asuaje, Manuel Margot, Alex Dickerson, Austin Hedges and Cory Spangenberg develop through Triple-A and eventually make their way up to the big league.

This year it will be interesting to see if the Chihuahuas’ front staff decides to keep the young talent or trade them away for veteran weapons.

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Chihuahuas’ stadium with the UTEP area and historic neighborhoods.

Sun Metro is awaiting the streetcars, which are being restored in Pennsylvania. The company hopes to have its first cars running by the end of the year, possibly even in the fall.

3. Downtown arena hits the appellate process, but the next step is uncertain

After a contentious 2017 year with the proposed \$280 million downtown arena, historical preservation members and residents of the Duranguito area were able to come out with a huge victory by getting a partial ruling in their favor, when a Travis County judge ruled the arena could not hold sporting events.

It was the first time in recent Texas history that a city lost on a voter

bond case.

The El Paso Times reported in December that the city had spent around \$2 million in legal fees so far. After the Travis County ruling, the city also decided they would appeal it in front of a three-judge panel in the Third Court of Appeals in Austin.

Through litigation, both sides will argue about land purchasing agreements, dispute over judge Amy Clark Meachum’s ruling and ultimately decide on what the guidelines will be for the proposed arena.

Since both sides were very firm during the initial ruling, the parties might find an answer through mediation and compromise, as they have alluded to.

No hearing or mediation has been

set for the 2018 year, and could even go into 2019.

4. Escobar, Fenenbock, or other candidates: Who will replace O’Rourke in the 16th Congressional District?

As O’Rourke leaves to challenge Cruz for his senate seat, the 16th Congressional District will see its newest seat holder for the first time since 2012.

The candidates include former El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar, former El Paso Independent School District board President Dori Fenenbock and former state Rep. Norma Chavez.

O’Rourke has endorsed Escobar, commending the work that she has done thus far, saying in a video posted on Facebook, “If Veronica wins, she would be the first Latina ever to repre-

sent a congressional district from Texas, and it would be the U.S/Mexico Border that sends her. I could not be more proud of her service, more grateful for her decision to run and more excited to vote for her in the March primary and the 2018 General Election.”

On the other hand, Fenenbock has been supported by the wing of the Democratic Party in El Paso that supported former Congressman Silvestre Reyes during his tenure.

Other Democrats who have tossed their name into the race have been John Carrillo, Enrique Garcia and Jerome Tilghman. Republicans who have joined the race include Alia Garcia-Ureste and Rick Seeberger.

The primary elections will be held on March 6, while the general election will take place on Nov. 6.

5. Road Construction enters toughest stage yet

Throughout 2018, El Paso drivers are expected to endure one of the worst years for road construction.

TxDOT engineers and project managers have said that particularly the west side of town will face high levels of traffic congestion as part of the \$158 million GO-10 Project, which hopes to finalize its development by 2019.

Specifically, the Sunland Park overpass will be the target area that will be most affected, since work crews will have to demolish the entrance ramp to I-10 East. This part will take about three months to finish and could cause the majority of

traffic congestion to the west side of town.

Along with the Sunland Park fly-over ramp that will be demolished, major areas of improvement will include the I-10 at Sunland overpass extension and the I-10 Executive Center ramp replacement.

When the project is complete, the entire city will connect through Loop 375. TxDOT is also currently in its final stages of completing construction on Paisano.

6. Interdisciplinary Research Building breaks ground at UTEP

This year, UTEP’s new Interdisciplinary Research Building will continue its construction as the school’s newest building. The project broke ground in November and will go with a more modern design, like the Undergraduate Learning Center.

The new research facility hopes to grow the school’s research and training enterprise. The \$85 million building was authorized by the Texas Legislature last year, and Burges and Barry Halls were demolished to make space for the building. The building plans to be occupied by interdisciplinary programs and teams from multiple colleges, per President Diana Natalicio.

For more information, visit the building’s website at www.idrb.utep.edu.

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Former El Paso County Judge Veronica Escobar speaks at an Our Revolution congressional forum on Saturday, Jan. 13. Escobar is running for the 16th Congressional District seat in this years election.

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sup of the Federal District Court in San Francisco said that the Trump administration must “maintain the DACA program on a nationwide basis” while this immigration issue is decided in a court.

“Due to a federal court order, USCIS has resumed accepting requests to renew a grant of deferred action under DACA. Until further notice, and unless otherwise provided in this guidance, the DACA policy will be operated on the terms in place before it was rescinded on Sept. 5, 2017,” a statement on the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website read.

On Dec. 21, two El Pasoans were arrested in Washington D.C. after participating in a coordinated mass mobilization of 1,500 immigrant youth.

During the five-day mobilization, Alonzo Mendoza, a UT Austin graduate, and Roberto Valadez, a recent UTEP graduate with DACA, were arrested after they and 16 other members of United We Dream sat down on the floor of the Senate cafeteria in attempts to show members of Congress the importance of passing a bill that protects Dreamers.

“We were arrested by the Capitol Police and placed in a police warehouse, where we were processed and set free in less than two hours. We went through the post-and-forfeiture procedure, in which we paid a \$50 bail and were released without any criminal conviction,” said Mendoza, an activist and co-founder of Soñando Juntos, an immigrant youth-led organization.

As the Jan. 19 funding deadline for the country approaches, Democrats said they would not support any spending bill if Dreamers are not granted protections under the bill.

Democrats are now facing the question of whether to accept Trump’s \$18 billion border wall in order to give young undocumented

immigrants the opportunity to stay in the country. If Congress does not reach an agreement, and a spending bill is not passed, a government shutdown could happen.

“DACA is probably dead because the Democrats don’t really want it, they just want to talk and take desperately needed money away from our Military,” Trump tweeted on Jan. 14.

Eric Camacho, a DACA recipient since 2013 plans to graduate in May of this year with a master’s degree in software engineering with a concentration in cyber security, said people who don’t support DACA should listen to the stories of Dreamers to understand the difficulties that undocumented immigrants have to go through.

“When I was doing my bachelor’s for computer science I still managed to get a good GPA and still work two-part time jobs to pay my tuition and still help out my folks,” Camacho said. “I don’t have any loan debt because of DACA.”

Last year, the Center for American Progress estimated that the U.S. GDP would lose \$433 billion over the next 10 years if all DACA recipients were deported.

Labrado said these numbers reflect the positive contributions that DACA recipients have made to the economy of the country.

“We don’t want something greater than what citizens get or are able to earn. We don’t want anything for free, we don’t want any free benefits that we don’t have to work for. We’re not here to feed off the system,” Labrado said. “We are here to earn and to work our way to citizenship, to be able to feel part of this country as a whole with the right documents.”

People who had been granted deferred action under DACA can renew their permit if it expired on or after Sept. 5, 2016.

Those whose permits expired before Sept. 5, cannot request a

DACA renewal, but may file a new initial DACA request, the agency said. Officials said they will no longer accept requests for people that have never been protected under DACA.

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Women’s basketball looks to end homestand on a high note



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The UTEP women’s basketball team will face FAU this Thursday, Jan. 18, to close out a three-game homestand.

BY JEREMY CARRANCO
The Prospector

The UTEP women’s basketball team will conclude their three-game homestand at the Don Haskins Center this Thursday, Jan. 18, as they take on Florida Atlantic for the second time this season. The Owls (8-6, 2-1 C-USA) defeated the Miners (11-6, 2-2 C-USA) in their first matchup this season in Boca Raton, Fla., 72-66, on Jan 7.

UTEP will look to contain FAU’s Tyana Robinson in the rematch with the Owls, as the freshman guard scored a game-high 19 points with five 3-pointers in the first matchup. Aside from a strong performance from Robinson, UTEP was both out-hustled and limited with sharing the basketball. FAU won the second-chance battle 21-6 and took better advantage of scoring off UTEP’s 19 turnovers than the Miners did with the

Owls’ 18, notching a 24-10 advantage. Looking at assists, UTEP racked up just three, despite averaging 13.7 assists per game, resulting in their lowest showing of the season in that category. FAU will enter the Haskins Center on Thursday looking to bounce back from a 67-53 loss to Rice at home on Jan. 11. The Owls got an early season spark from Ra’kyra Gabriel with two back-to-back 15 rebound games by the junior in the double-overtime against Grand Canyon

and North Florida in early December. The career-highs for Gabriel were the most by any Owl since 2014. The Owls average a total of 12.2 assists per game, scoring at an average 70.8 points per game, with Sasha Cedeno leading the offensive efforts, chipping in 18.4 points per game. Danneal Ford and Robinson finish off the top three leading scorers for the Owls, averaging 11 points apiece. Looking at UTEP, senior and team captain Tamara Seda leads in points and rebounds with a near double-double average of 14.9 points and 9.8 rebounds. Seda has tallied eight double-double performances so far this season through 17 games, including five straight from Nov. 24 to Dec. 5. Behind her in the scoring column is Najala Howell. The junior is averaging 13.9 points and leads the team in 3-point shooting percentage (42.9 percent) and 3-pointers made (27). The two leaders have scored in double figures in 13 of their team’s 18 games so far this season. The Miners are coming off a loss in their last contest against Middle Tennessee, 54-45, on Jan. 13. Seda and Howell combined for just six of their team’s 45 points in the loss, being shut down from a strong defensive effort by the Blue Raiders. Sophomore Zuzanna Puc carried the team with 16 points led by an 8-11 (72.8 percent) shooting day from the floor. After a 15-point come-from-behind victory against Charlotte (67-58) on Jan. 11, UTEP found themselves in a

tough defensive battle against the C-USA preseason favorite Blue Raiders. The Miners shot 8 percent from behind the arc (1-13) to the Blue Raiders’ 40 percent (12-30), with MTSU’s Anna Jones hitting eight of those 12. UTEP will have to improve upon guarding the 3-point shot, with two players from two different teams (FAU’s Robinson and MTSU’s Jones) recently finding success against the Miners’ limited focus from the perimeter. Following the loss to MTSU, first-year head coach Kevin Baker said that he took the Blue Raiders chances from knocking down the 3-point ball in exchange for a good defensive presence inside. “We picked our poison and it was to force them to shoot perimeter shots and they made us pay for it today,” Baker said after the loss. The Miners did force 19 turnovers from the Blue Raiders to even the turnover margin, in exchange for eight points. However, a bigger issue was rebounding as MTSU took a six-plus win in the category (34-28), a surprising statistic coming from a UTEP team, who had won the rebounding margin in 14 of their last 16 contests. At home under Baker, the Miners are 6-2 with a split (1-1) in their first two Conference USA games this season. Tip-off against the Owls is slated for 7 p.m.

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Jennifer Han (right) battled Lilian Martinez (left) on Oct. 16, 2016 at the Don Haskins Center. Han will face the No.1 contender Lizbeth Crespo on Feb. 17, at the Don Haskins Center.



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Han has boxed since she was 16. She fought for years as an amateur in her early days, winning five national championships and representing the United States in tournaments around the world, but nothing compares to fighting in her hometown, she says.

“For me, I’ve fought all over the world. I’ve had great experiences throughout my career, but nothing beats fighting in my hometown, where I can fight in front of my family, my friends, my students, my peers,” Han said. “You know they bring so much energy and so much positive vibes to me that I perform my best in my hometown. So, I love that advantage.”

This is El Paso’s first big boxing event since former world champion Oscar De La Hoya fought in 1998.

Han feels the love from fans and that is why she is excited about the future implications of what this fight can bring to El Paso.

“I’m so excited I get this opportunity to fight on the Ortiz-Alexander card and that my teammate Austin Trout will be fighting. That’s a total of four world champions that are on the card,” Han said. “El Paso is a huge boxing town and we don’t get these kind of big fights that often, so to be a part of this truly historical event, I’m truly blessed and excited and were going to make bigger and better things come to El Paso because of this fight.”

Crespo is in for a battle since this is her first bout outside of Argentina, where she’s fought her entire career. The top contender was born in Bolivia, and at the age of 27 is entering the title fight on a six-fight win streak.

“Lizbeth Crespo is going to be a tough fight. She is number one rated in the world. She’s my mandatory,” Han said. “So this fight is very important for me and she’s a strong, aggressive, young, aggressive fast fighter.”

“But it’s nothing that I haven’t prepared for in the past. My team is amazing—Louie Burke, my coach, has already been implementing our game plan. I’ve already been practicing, enduring sparring and I’m excited to put on a good show for the city of El Paso.”

The reigning champ is entering the fight on a six-fight win streak of her own.

Han, 34, will be making her fourth title defense in front of a home crowd at the Haskins Center. She is a pioneer in women’s boxing already, but she is ready to break the boundaries of women’s boxing once more.

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- Jennifer Han
IBF world female featherweight titleholder

“Women’s boxing is growing,” Han said. “We have a lot of talented female champions and this fight is going to be a great opportunity for me because I’m going to get so much exposure—people are going to get to know me, Jennifer Han. Not just my fans, but the boxing community and boxing world and hopefully I can continue to be a pioneer for women’s boxing and push for championship fights to be on TV, including my own. I know women’s boxing, if they give us an opportunity, it’s going to explode.”

Han has her eyes set on her master plan. This is only the beginning for her and her hometown city.

“For me it’s a huge honor,” Han said. “I’m proud that I am able to do this accomplishment for El Paso, but it’s just the beginning. I’ve just opened the doors. There’s lot of talent here in El Paso, so I’m looking forward to seeing more world champions and I’m not done. I plan on, after successfully defending my title, I would really like the opportunity to unify the titles, clean up my division.”

Tickets range from \$25 to \$200 and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com.

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New York’s Dirty Fences set to make a stop at local dive bar

BY CLAUDIA FLORES
The Prospector

From New York City to El Paso, Dirty Fences is on their way to promote their third studio album “Goodbye Love.”

The album was released in October of last year and has been the platform for their latest tour.

As part of their “Live in the USA 2018 Tour,” Dirty Fences will be performing for free at Monarch on Jan. 16.

“We’ve been to El Paso a few times,” said Max Hiersteiner, drummer of Dirty Fences “Shout out to Leo Lara and the rest of the boys in Nalgadas! They always show us a good time.”

Originally from Boston, drummer Hiersteiner, 29, bassist Max Comaskey, 30, rhythm guitarist Max Roseglass, 31, and lead vocalist and guitarist Jack Daves, 28, started the band in 2009.

They came up with the idea of forming the band as teenagers, and thanks to a school talent show, the idea became a real project.

“We all started hanging out in high school. We had each wanted to start a band for a long time, so as soon as our little friend group had someone who played each instrument that a rock band needed, we started one,” Hiersteiner said. “We got a taste of

playing live at our high school talent show and wanted to relive that feeling over and over again.”

The band moved from Boston to New York right after high school, and their journey truly began in Brooklyn.

Influenced by the sounds of The Ramones, The Beatles, Blondie and Jim Ford, among others, Dirty Fences’ alternative rock sound is clear in each track of their new album.

In 2012, the band released their first self-titled EP via Valcom Entertainment. Since then, the band has released two more EPs, “Ladies Choice” in 2014 and “First EP Plus Two Xtra Songs” in 2017.

Prior to the release of “Goodbye Love,” the band released two full-length studio albums, “Too High to Kross” in 2013 and “Full Tramp” in 2015, which were under the production of Slovelyn Records.

In this album, Dirty Fences gives a nod to their influences, but manage to maintain an authenticity of their own.

The album’s lead single “Teen Angel” pairs a catchy melody with wailing guitar solos and driving percussion.

Their second single “One More Step” is in collaboration with Sheer Mag’s vocalist Christina Halladay. Initially the song was written for Hal-



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Dirty Fences will bring their ‘Live in the USA 2018 Tour’ to Monarch on Jan. 16.

laday, but it was the determined the song would work best as a duet.

In “One More Step,” the vintage style the band features in other tracks is present as the voices of Halladay and Dirty Fences’ Comaskey combine to sing to the dissolving romance of the lyrics.

Other tracks that capture the energy of rhythmic drum lines and driven melodies of the band are “All You Need is a Number,” “Dance,” “Message from Anyone” and “I Can’t Sleep at Night.”

Prior to “Goodbye Love,” Dirty Fences toured non-stop in Europe and it was the endless partying stories and road trips that inspired the band to write the lyrics for their new album.

“We wrote some songs on the road and some when we finally got to rest at home for a bit. We recorded them and now we’re back on the road,” Daves said. “This road life we’re living comes with a lot of stress and heartache and it is great material for rock songs.”

The band said some of the best parts about touring are the experiences of being on stage and sharing their music with the audience.

“We love playing live shows for all of our music-loving brothers and sisters all over the globe,” Hiersteiner said. “But the best part of touring is being on stage with each other.”

Daves said the band isn’t slowing down soon as the preparation for new albums, tours and videos are coming up.

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