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# Can the Miners Break the Chains?



BY DANIEL MENDEZ

*The Prospector*

On Oct. 11, a local podcast called Fire and Ice helped L&F Distributors of El Paso announce Orange Pride, also known as the #BreakTheChains campaign at eight bars around El Paso. The concept is once “the local university team wins a football game” the chains will be unlocked.

The “local university team” they are referring to is the UTEP Miners football team, whose current losing streak is at 19-games. L&F had to market their campaign that way because Coors Light is the official beer sponsor of the UTEP football team.

“We saw the excitement and energy it brought to Cleveland when Bud Light did it with the Browns, we just thought the same could be done for El Paso,” L&F Distributors said in a statement.

The concept is similar to what Bud Light did when the Cleveland Browns ended their 19-game losing streak, filling bars and streets across the town with a fridge full of beer waiting to be unlocked once the Browns won a game, that happened earlier this year on Sept. 20, in a 21-17 victory against the New York Jets.

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# The death of accountability

BY ANDREA VALDEZ-RIVAS

The Prospector



Over two weeks have passed since prominent journalist and critic of the Saudi government, Jamal Khashoggi, entered Saudi Arabia's consulate in Istanbul and suspiciously disappeared. And after initial denials

that the columnist had left the consulate soon after his arrival, Saudi Arabia finally acknowledged Khashoggi's death.

Khashoggi, for many years, served as an adviser to the Saudi government and was close to the royal family. When he fell out of favor with the Saudi royals, the journalist fled from his homeland to the United States, where he wrote columns for The Washington Post. Khashoggi routinely criticized the country's policies, specifically those of crown prince Mohammad bin Salman. Perhaps he spoke his mind too often and too often without restraint.

This is a tragic reality, that many journalists face when they perform their jobs. It happens in Mexico, where journalists are threatened and gunned down by hitmen and drug lords. It happens in Syria and Pakistan, where journalists are struck by crossfire. It happened in the United States, where a man staged a targeted attack on the Capital Gazette. It happens in Russia, where journalists who are critical of Vladimir Putin are discovered dead.

Worldwide, 1,323 journalists have been killed from 1992 to 2018, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists. Of those journalists, most were murdered, and their killers walked unpunished. That is the problem: unaccountability. For many, justice is absent.

In the case of Khashoggi, where evidence linking Saudi operatives to the disappearance of the journalist exists, morality is undermined, not only by the culpable but by the very leader of our own country. As Saudi Arabia admitted the death of Khashoggi and came up with the unbelievable statement that it occurred as an accident during a fist fight, one can think that there is no absolute way anybody would fall for that explanation.

However, there is one person who would believe that explanation—and for good reason. Our president is reluctant to point a finger at the Saudis, even though he warned that there would be “very severe” consequences if Saudi Arabia was proved to have killed the journalist.

To Trump, a healthy relationship with the middle-eastern nation is more important than sending a message to protect our journalists. But we should not expect such a thing from our president. After all, he commends congressmen who body slam reporters.

Trump and bin Salman are similar in the way that they lack respect for truthful reporting and those who provide it. By denying any involvement in Khashoggi's death, bin Salman strips himself of fault. And by accepting the Saudi's new narrative, Trump denies that a journalist was tortured and killed by his homeland's government. With two leaders declining any accountability, the future looks dim for journalists on both fronts.

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# Keep Texas red: College Republicans stand with Senator Ted Cruz

By Oscar Sanchez, President of College Republicans

After a very heated presidential election now comes a very heated midterm election. Lately, we keep hearing how Texas is now a battleground state and now with our Congressman O'Rourke running for the U.S. Senate against Senator Cruz the possibility of flipping the red in Texas sounds more likely but I believe it will not be the case.

Yes, O'Rourke does have the youth far more rallied up compared to Cruz but even then it won't matter much. Skateboarding in a Whataburger parking lot sounds a lot cooler and hip than Cruz's actions in the public but this election (and every election) is far more than just a candidate's charisma.

When it comes down to the real issues for what Texans believes in it's quite crazy to think that people believe O'Rourke can win a Senate seat in Texas. I will admit his campaign has been well planned. I'm sure O'Rourke and his team didn't believe they would get the traction they have had.

At the end of the day Texas as a whole won't elect a senator who wants to help limit the second amendment, rely on the government to increase our healthcare costs, and more importantly Texans do not want someone in the U.S. Senate who will help stop any further Supreme Court nominations from the President if the opportunity arises again.

Looking at the numbers from this past primary, Senator Cruz got more than twice the amount of votes Congressman O'Rourke received. With Cruz having 1,317,463 votes and O'Rourke having 641,337 votes total.

So yes, O'Rourke does have more traction and he is rallying but knowing how the last presidential and primary elections went all of this is just a show. In the end, the hype these Democrats pull ends up being for nothing in Texas.

College Republicans meetings are on Thursdays at 4:30 PM in the Union East Building Room 102E

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# Early voting available on campus starting Thursday

BY OSCAR AVILA

The Prospector

On Oct. 25 and Nov. 2, UTEP will host a Mobile Voting Station in the Union Building East, from 8 am to 5 pm in the Andesite Room 102B. Students, faculty and community voting members will have an opportunity to vote on campus as part of early voting.

Some professors on campus like Dr. Jose Villalobos, a political science professor, are making efforts on and off campus to encourage as many citizens as possible to register.

"As far as what I've been involved with it's been now over 12,000 people that have been interacted with and given a registration card to register to vote," Dr. Villalobos said.

In one experience, he recalled holding his one-year-old son on his hip while he handed out registration cards outside of the Union building during a whole semester. After running into him, people would fill out the card and mail it off inside once they were done.

In the beginning, many students agreed to fill out a voter registration card and toward the end, several students said that he had already asked them and that they already registered.

"I had felt like I had pretty much covered that population of students for the time that I was going to lunch on the days that I was doing that," Dr. Villalobos said.

The collective efforts of the faculty over the years have done so well that more and more people are saying they have already reg-

istered when asked. Moreover, organizations outside of campus have started reaching out to teenagers at high school to register those of an eligible age.

"Now, with even some of the newest freshmen coming in they're coming in, and we're saying, 'hey, have you registered to vote?' and a lot more of them than in the past are saying, 'yeah, we have,'" Villalobos said.

Additionally, the El Paso County Elections Department's website reports that as of Oct. 19, there are 457,371 registered voters. The number of voters this year is a relative increase in comparison to the 2016 election, which saw 399,747 registered voters according to the El Paso Times.

Clearly, the awareness about the importance of voting has spread over those two years. Jairemy Edwards, a senior political science major says, it becomes increasingly salient and you become increasingly aware of it."

For junior health sciences major Samantha Arellano, it is not just important to be aware of registration, but to know if the candidates are trustworthy.

"They promise all this stuff and it never happens so I'm just kind of like at the point where it's like what's the point of doing all that," Arellano said.

She noted that one of her professors notified her peers and her to become involved in the election, however no one happened to inform her on the respective purposes of each candidate. Thus, she did not feel as inclined to



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Early voting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 25 and Friday Nov. 2, in the Union Building East.

vote even though her professor encouraged it.

Nevertheless, the aim is not to persuade students to go for one candidate over the other. In Dr. Villalobos' words, "it's non-partisan,

we just want people to be registered and to think about that voice that they can have."

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# Planned Parenthood returns to encouraging response



SPECIAL TO THE PROSPECTOR

Planned Parenthood is located on 1511 E. Missouri Ave. in Central El Paso.

BY BRIANNA CHAVEZ

The Prospector

After nearly ten years, Planned Parenthood has officially returned to El Paso and West Texas. The announcement made earlier this month has several UTEP students excited while some are surprised.

El Paso was one of the largest cities in the United States without a clinic from the national non-profit organization.

Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, which runs 22 other locations in the state, is using more than \$10 million of donations to fund the clinic, according to a recent article from Texas Monthly.

According to Planned Parenthood's website, the organization which has been around for over 100 years, "delivers vital reproductive health care, sex education, and information to millions of women, men and young people worldwide."

"I think it's fantastic," said Nicole Mata, a senior political science major. "Texas is currently seeing and listening to progressive ideas."

However, others oppose the idea of clinic reopening.

"I thought the recent announcement of the opening of Planned Parenthood in El Paso was very unexpected and surprising," said Oscar

Sanchez, the president of the UTEP College Republicans. "I think most of the pro-life community was caught off guard especially since an abortion clinic, Reproductive Services has closed down last month."

Reproductive Services, formerly one of El Paso's few abortion clinics, closed in late September. Planned Parenthood replaced Reproductive Services and is operating from the old facility.

In 2009, Planned Parenthood of El Paso closed two years before the state of Texas barred money from a Medicaid program that funds family services from going to clinics that provide abortions, according to Texas Monthly.

"(When Planned Parenthood left) there was a significant number of El Pasoans —women and men including youth — that were left with limited access to basic sexual and reproductive health care needs that created additional demands," said Dr. Eva Moya, associate professor in social work.

Dr. Moya has done extensive research on reproductive health in the border area. After surveying people in the El Paso area, many of the 35,000 men and women who were receiving clinical sexual and reproductive health services "were unable to access affordable services," according to her book "Salud, Genero y Empoderamiento," Heath, Gender and Empowerment.

"It put pressure into the existing programs which are free that offer those services, so our community was at a loss, in my opinion, when they closed. It was very obvious in our research that there are misconceptions we continue to shortchange."

Hilltop Women's Reproductive Center is currently the only for-profit abortion clinic in El Paso. Women's Reproductive Clinic in Sunland Park, New Mexico is also still running.

Dr. Moya believes the clinic will benefit the

UTEP and El Paso community because the area needs more health care providers and services.

Mata agrees especially with the announcement that the university would be closing the Pharmacy at the Student Health and Wellness Center at the end of the year.

"UTEP has shown where it stands as far as the health of its students. I know many women on campus who would fill their prescriptions specifically contraceptives there at a much lower cost than other places," Mata said. "Women who cannot afford to go to a doctor as often as recommended must make it a point to educate themselves on (Planned Parenthood) and seeing it as a positive resource for the community but specifically students who for many this is the first time they are independently in charge of their own health decisions."

Sanchez referred that there are other options for women's health care in El Paso instead of Planned Parenthood, like Guiding Star El Paso.

Guiding Star, formerly known as House of Hope, is a non-profit organization that aims to help women and men going through unexpected pregnancies "by empowering (the) youth and adults through education," according to their Facebook page.

The organization offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, fertility care and "medically accurate information about pregnancies."

"I don't think abortion aligns with most El Pasoans values due to the high Hispanic population however, we will just see as time rolls out for the new planned parenthood facility and will see if it will stick around. But I do believe it is not a great move for the city," Sanchez said.

Planned Parenthood is located on 1511 E. Missouri Ave. in Central El Paso. Appointments can be made online at [www.plannedparenthood.org](http://www.plannedparenthood.org) or by phone at 915-626-5191.

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# Do you plan on early voting?

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**CAMILA MONTELOGO**

Freshman nursing major

"I do because I just think it's convenient to get it done as soon as possible, so that way I don't have to go looking for another poll near my house and if we can do it here at UTEP it's just a better idea."

**DANIEL MORALES**

Sophomore business administration major

"I do plan on voting early. I want my vote to be the first one's to be seen, honestly I just want to make sure my vote counts."

**LESLIE NUÑEZ**

Junior forensic science major

"Yes, because I'm not exactly sure where we would have to go vote on November 6th at like a district, so I would much rather be 100 percent sure that I can vote at a certain college."

**FERNANDO DE LA TORRE**

Freshman kinesiology major

"Yes, I am. Just so I can get it out of the way and make sure I go and do it on time, so I will not be rushing at the last minute (or) forget to do it."

**SARAH DOMINGUEZ**

Freshman geology major

"Yes, I think I am because I do not like who is currently in charge of our government right now. I want to see if I can do anything to change that."

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# SGA takes a shot at saving pharmacy through proposal

BY ANDREA VALDEZ-RIVAS

The Prospector

UTEP announced the closure of the pharmacy, located at the Health Center, which is set to close on Dec. 14. The UTEP Student Government Association (SGA) has introduced a proposal to continue the pharmacy to help favor students, per the organization.

The proposal entails changing the pharmacy's operating class from a Class A to Class D pharmacy.

SGA submitted the proposal to The Prospector to publish on Oct. 15 and inform the student population. However, SGA is waiting for a response from the Dean of the College of Health Sciences Shafik Dharamsi regarding enactment of the proposal.

Dharamsi and Gary Edens, Vice President of Student Affairs, were unable to comment on the proposal.

The campus pharmacy currently operates as a community pharmacy, otherwise known as a Class A pharmacy. According to the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, a Class A pharmacy is authorized to dispense drugs or devices to the public under a prescription order. These pharmacies can dispense controlled substances—medications that can cause physical and mental dependence and are illegal to consume without a prescription.

SGA president Cristian Botello argues that a Class A pharmacy is too expensive for the university to maintain.

"The main demand—when you look at the prescriptions that are filled—the most common are birth control, antibiotics, and antivirals. That's where the demand is coming from," Botello said. "We can't keep a Class A pharmacy on campus if there's no demand for controlled substances."

Class A pharmacies must also operate with at least one pharmacist. But with only one pharmacist

“We can't keep a Class A pharmacy on campus if there's no demand for controlled substances.”

- CRISTIAN BOTELLO

Student Government Association President

running the pharmacy, operation costs increase, according to SGA's proposal.

UTEP's pharmacist-in-charge has a salary of \$112,750, according to the Government Salaries Explorer, a database created by the Texas Tribune. In other institutions in Texas, like UT Dallas and UT Rio Grande Valley, pharmacists are paid strikingly less, with annual salaries ranging from a mere \$900 to \$10,400. This information is presented in SGA's proposal as well.

"Based on the evidence that we found, we're paying a full-time pharmacist to prescribe medications that a part-time pharmacist can prescribe in a Class D pharmacy," Botello said.

But if the university is paying a pharmacist a six-figure salary and doesn't have enough money to keep the pharmacy up and running, how can the loss of funds for the pharmacy be explained?

It has to do with the way the pharmacy sells medications to students. Take the sale of antibiotics, for example. According to the proposal, CVS Pharmacy dispenses common antibiotics such as amoxicillin, azithromycin, doxycycline, and metro-

nidazole, which are priced as \$50.59, \$30.39, \$39.29, \$15.89, respectively. Prices for those same drugs differ at Walgreens Pharmacy with higher charges ranging from \$17.34 to \$70.99. But even with discount coupons from CVS, the prices are no match for UTEP's pharmacy, which charges the same antibiotics for \$18, \$7, \$11, and \$11, respectively. This means that the UTEP pharmacy sells medications at a retail price and as a result, the university cannot recover the amount of the pharmacist's salary in the expenses of pharmaceuticals.

Essentially, the pharmacy is operating at a monthly deficit as UTEP pays a full-time pharmacist to prescribe medications—a job which a part-time pharmacist can also carry out.

In lieu of a full-time pharmacist, the proposal states that a part-time pharmacist is more convenient. And although a pharmacy technician is unnecessary, "the position is an inexpensive alternative to having a full-time pharmacist." By doing this, operating costs will drop significantly, and the pharmacy can continue to provide pharmaceutical services for UTEP students.

As stated by the Texas State Board of Pharmacy, a Class D pharmacy license authorizes a pharmacy to dispense limited types of drugs or devices, if they are prescribed. In these pharmacies, samples of controlled substances may not be stored, provided or dispensed.

SGA is focusing on the highest demands from students. As said by Botello, though the population of students who use controlled substances is small, he still believes the university should work with those students to get the pharmaceuticals they need, even if they're not available on the campus pharmacy.

"And with that population that uses controlled substances, we need to work with them so that their

insurance—or whatever they're using—when they go to CVS or Walgreens, [those pharmacies] accept it," Botello said. "It's a small population. It's a very small population."

It is unclear what exact steps will be taken to assist that "very small population" or how small that population even is. But the concern from students may be apparent. As SGA set out to conduct polls—personally and through a mass email sent out to all students on Thursday, Oct. 18—to learn how many students were informed about the campus pharmacy, the polls will help in determining which necessary steps to take in the effort to save the pharmacy. For now, the proposal is still being reviewed and considered by the College of Health Sciences.

Students aware of the proposal showed support for the proposal, saying that changing the classification of the pharmacy will benefit students and the university.

"I bet it's a good idea," said Amber Kincaid, a senior rehabilitation sciences major. "It's going to allow us to keep the pharmacy, which I think is sometimes needed. And then having it going to Class D, it will help lower the costs, but it'll still help us keep the benefits of it."

Yajaira Tarango, a junior social work major, also supports the proposal.

"I think it's a good idea. It's going to save the university money but still meet the needs of students," Tarango stated.

Though it has been decided that the pharmacy will close at the end of the semester, Botello is hopeful that the proposal to save the campus pharmacy will be enacted.

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# ProsPY Picks Halloween Movies

BY PROSPECTOR STAFF

The Prospector

## Hereditary

Adrian Broaddus (Web editor)

Breaking all the norms of horror movies in 2018, *Hereditary* exploded onto the scene as a heart-pounding gruesome thriller. The movie starts off with a troubled little girl that is haunted by her grandmother, who passed away early in the movie. The little girl's possession haunts the family, but this is not your typical demonic-thriller. This movie has eerie twists and turns, mixed with teeth clenching scenes that are bone-chilling. It's a tough one to watch all the way through without covering your eyes.

## The Babadook

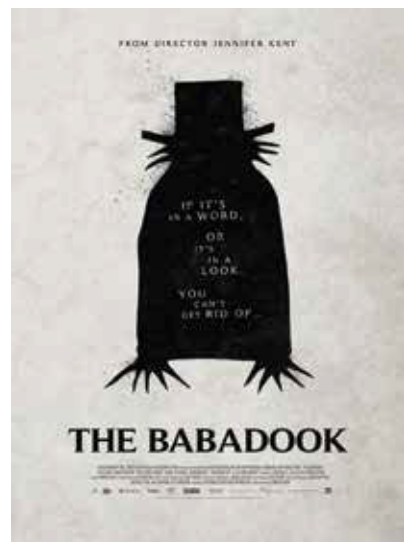
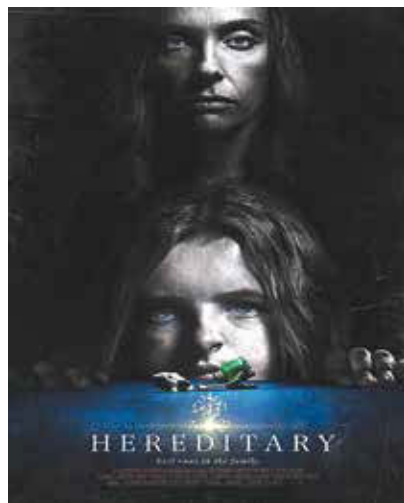
Alexia X. Nava Carmona (Contributor)

This 2014 debut of writer-director Jennifer Kent follows the story of Amelia and her son Samuel. Amelia is a pregnant widow who has been in grief for her husband since her son Samuel was born, and finds it difficult to love him; meanwhile, Samuel is a hyperactive kid with a great fear of the dark. One night, a strange book called 'The Babadook' appears on Samuel's shelf and he asks his mother to read it; she stops once she notices how the book was not appropriate for children. However, something changes in Samuel's behavior, he strongly believes the monster is real and even builds weapons to defend the house. Amelia makes a decision regarding Samuel so that she could finally be in peace but then she sees strange things happening and it's the time to start wondering whether the monster is indeed real or not.

## The Shining

Andrea Valdez-Rivas (Staff Reporter)

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" are the words that stick after watching Stanley Kubrick's psychological thriller, *The Shining*, based on Stephen King's 1977 novel. The 1980 film casts Jack Nicholson as Jack Torrance, an aspiring writer and recovering alcoholic, who becomes the caretaker of the remote Overlook Hotel in Colorado, in hopes of curing his writer's block. He takes his wife Wendy (Shelley Duvall) and his son Danny (Danny Lloyd) to spend the winter there. Danny is plagued by "The Shining", psychic premonitions that make him see the hotel's tragic past. Jack's writing reaches a halt and Danny's psychic visions become more intense. And after a winter storm leaves the Torrance family stuck in the snow-covered hotel, Jack becomes insane and homicidal, determined to terrorize his family. If you're into eerie classics, *The Shining* is sure to haunt your dreams at a one-time watch.



## The Nightmare Before Christmas

Oscar Avila (Contributor)

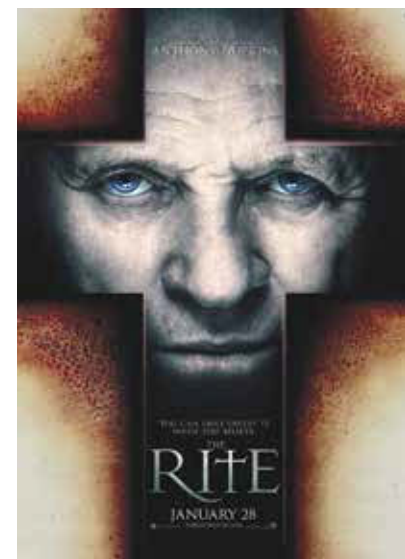
"The Nightmare Before Christmas," written by Tim Burton and directed by Henry Selick, is a great choice for its creepy yet cute appearance. The stop-motion picture was released in 1993 and tells the story of Jack Skellington, the Pumpkin King. Although, Jack loves his realm, he is tired of celebrating the same occasion every year until one day when he discovers a doorway to Christmas Town. He is fascinated by it and attempts to bring Christmas to Halloween Town; however, the residents do not quite grasp the concept. Thus, the Pumpkin King must clean up the mess he made and restore order to his town. There is no guarantee that it will terrify the audience, although it is sure to make people giggle and remind them of a simpler time as children.



## The Rite

Claudia Flores (Multimedia editor)

With Colin O'Donoghue as a seminary student who lacks faith and Anthony Hopkins as a veteran exorcist, this horror film could not get any better. When O'Donoghue's character, Michael Kovak, travels to the Vatican's school of exorcism in an urge to discover if God really exists he becomes the apprentice of Father Lucas (Anthony Hopkins), a veteran exorcist who will introduce Michael to what it's like to fight real demons. In the process, terrifying events force Michael to find faith in God and question everything he believes in to fight against the devil. If you are a fan of "The Exorcist" and "The Conjuring" this is a film you might enjoy during a spooky Halloween evening if you plan to stay at home.



## Gothika

Catherine Ramirez (Contributor)

Halle Berry stars in the 2003 thriller/horror film *Gothika* playing Dr. Miranda Grey, a psychiatrist in a women's mental hospital. One night while driving home from work, Dr. Grey gets into an accident after trying to avoid hitting a small girl standing in the middle of the road. When Dr. Grey wakes up she finds herself as a patient in the same mental hospital she works at. She discovers she has been accused of viciously murdering her husband but has no recollection of anything after the accident. While managing to carry on as a patient at the mental hospital and fight for her innocence, Dr. Grey encounters a ghost of a small girl who leads and possesses her to carry out tasks during her stay. Dr. Grey ultimately fights for her freedom, possession and sanity. If a murder mystery and a possession from a ghost child sounds enticing, *Gothika* is the movie perfect movie to put you in the spooky spirit.





# Nishi Ramen: a balance between Japanese and Mexican cuisine

BY CLAUDIA FLORES

The Prospector

Among the various cuisines in the Sun City, Japanese is one of the most popular with the rise of ramen restaurants around El Paso. Nishi Ramen, located at 504 W. San Antonio Ave. in Downtown El Paso, finds a way to mix the flavors of Japanese and Mexican cuisine in every dish.

For Enrique Lozano, executive chef at Nishi, the journey of opening a ramen restaurant started six years ago.

"I came across ramen through a friend of mine, I was in the culinary institute when I was 19, and I was really into Italian cuisine, but then once I tried original ramen, I completely changed," Lozano said. "I really liked the flavors and the fact that you can make mostly everything from scratch, that's when I really started getting into the whole culture of ramen."

In the beginning, while experimenting with ramen recipes, flavors and ingredients Lozano found a way to share his love for ramen with the community.

"I started by making my own broths and noodles and once I was happy with the recipes that I was making, I started doing ramen house to house, I would just put it on my social media and tell people that I was going to do ramen for people to put their orders in,"

Lozano said.

After selling from house to house, Lozano started to sell ramen at a friend's bar two years ago, but upon leaving El Paso to work next to chef Grant Achatz for seven months in Chicago, Lozano came back with new ideas for El Paso.

"Once I came back, nothing here was really up to the level that I experienced in Chicago restaurant-wise, so I reached out to my business partner Jose Jimenez and I told him 'You know, what if I come back here I don't want to take a step back. I think the next logical step for me would be to open a restaurant, people are way more educated about ramen now, so I think it's a perfect timing,'" Lozano said.

With different ramen restaurants in El Paso, Lozano found a way to mix the traditional flavors of ramen with some more familiar such as the nixtamal, used traditionally in the elaboration of tortillas, Lozano uses this ingredient to make noodles.

"We need to have the perfect mix of cultures and that's basically what we do here, is just my interpretation of ramen through, I guess if you could say, a Mexican lens," Lozano said.

Apart from serving traditional ramen, such as shoyu, miso and shio, Lozano changes the menu every three months by introducing new recipes to the menu such as mole ramen and al pastor ramen.



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Executive chef and owner, Enrique Lozano, opened Nishi Ramen in July 2017.

Focusing on serving everyone in the community, Nishi is also vegan and vegetarian-friendly.

"Our vegan broth has a lot of vegetables and we mix that with miso, we are focused a lot on vegan diets and about three-quarters of our menu is vegan," Lozano said.

Lozano said that part of their goal is to showcase El Paso cultural diversity as he believes the city has the

potential to be nationally recognized for its cuisine.

"The bigger cities in the world really are mainly focused in cuisines, obviously, they have trading and other stuff like that, but they are really well known for their cuisine, and I feel that if El Paso has more knowledge of what's out there, we can definitely get to that step," Lozano said.

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# Miners host first-place Blazers in hopes an upset



FILE PHOTO / THE PROSPECTOR

UTEP will look to snap its 19-game losing streak on Saturday, Oct. 27

## BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

The Prospector

Regrouping after a near road win upset against Louisiana Tech, the Miners (0-7, 0-3 C-USA) will return home this week to square off against top-ranked UAB (6-1, 4-0 C-USA) on Saturday, Oct. 27.

And once again, the Miners will attempt to break their 19-game losing streak in an upset fashion versus the Blazers, who are first place in the Conference USA West division.

Last week, for the fourth straight game in the fourth quarter, the Miners were in reach with the ball against LA Tech, but were unable to score within the eight-yard line and fell to the Bulldogs 31-24. Since their 24-0 shutout loss to Tennessee, the Miners have lost their last four games by nine points or fewer and have contested a potential win in each matchup.

Against LA Tech, UTEP rode its third-string quarterback in junior Brandon Jones after senior Ryan Metz was knocked out of the game with an injury to the head. Metz will not be available for Saturday's game.

Junior quarterback Kai Locksley, who was nursing an ankle injury has been promoted to probable to start Saturday's game against UAB. Head coach Dana Dimel said Monday Jones will be Locksley backup.

## More on last week

Despite the loss to C-USA foe LA Tech, the Miners have shown they can play with just about anyone in the league.

UTEP out-gained LA Tech in total offense (356-325) and passing yards (284-156). They also won in third-down efficiency, as its defense held LA Tech to converting just 1-of-10 third downs.

The negatives started early when Metz caused the team's only turnover off a tipped interception for a touchdown.

Jones finished the day completing 7-of-15 passes for 98 yards and had two rushing touchdowns. Before he left with an injury, Metz was 11-for-17 through the air for 164 yards, with a touchdown and an interception. Metz was the team's leading rusher with 12 carries for 28 yards. Foster had four catches for 84 yards of receiving.

## A look at this week

UTEP will go into this week injury-ridden again with uncertainty at the offensive line and quarterback position. The Miners will also be without graduate transfer fullback Winston Dimel, who was ruled out for the season after suffering a shoulder injury against North Texas.

This week, the Miners will look to get more involvement on the ground. They put up small numbers against the Bulldogs rushing the foot-

ball last Saturday, totaling just 72 yards on the ground.

The Miners will need the likes of junior running back Quadraiz Wadley, who just had two carries against the Bulldogs for 12 yards.

Defensively, the Miners will seek to create more turnovers against UAB. They forced two fumbles against LA Tech and had a couple opportunities for potential interceptions, but fell short to generate turnovers defensively.

## Scouting UAB

UAB will enter Saturday's game as one of the hottest teams in C-USA. After they were upset by Coastal, 47-24, the Blazers have won five in a row, including big wins against LA Tech (28-7) and North Texas (29-21).

The Blazers are led by their sophomore

running back Spencer Brown, who is currently fourth in the conference for rushing yards (591) and second in rushing touchdowns (10). He averages 4.4 yards per carry off 134 attempts this season.

Defensively, the Blazers have a mammoth of a defensive linemen in senior Jamell Garcia-Williams, who has seven sacks on the year and 25 total tackles.

The Blazers average 186 yards through the air and 241 yards on the ground on the road this season. They have outscored opponents 99-28 in the month of October.

Kickoff between the two is slated for 5:30 p.m. MT at the Sun Bowl.

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## FACTS ABOUT THE MINERS 19 GAME LOSING STREAK

**696 DAYS AND COUNTING SINCE A UTEP WIN.**

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# Prospro picks the World Series

BY PROSPECTOR STAFF

The Prospector

*Editor's Note: There is baseball in late October and that can only mean one thing—the World Series is finally here. The National League champion Los Angeles Dodgers will face off against the American League champion Boston Red Sox in the 114th edition of the World Series.*

*Here are the Prospro Picks on the 2018 World Series:*

## Javier Cortez (Copy Editor)

You have to respect the resolve and consistency of the Los Angeles Dodgers. They hold the third longest postseason streak in MLB history and clinched back-to-back National League pennants.

That's worth something. More importantly, it speaks to their talent and overall depth. They deserve respect—making this World Series worth watching—but their opponent is in the midst of something special.

The Boston Red Sox have the opportunity to go down as one of the greatest teams in modern history if they beat the Dodgers. They posted a franchise record for wins, led the MLB in virtually every batting category while boasting two legitimate MVP candidates in J.D. Martinez and Mookie Betts.

In summation, it's been a historic year for the Red Sox. And despite a slight dip in play in the month of September, their postseason run has been more than impressive.

They beat a 100-win Yankees squad in the division series—effectively nullifying one of the best power hitting teams in the MLB—the Yankees had more strikeouts (31) than hits (28). Then they beat a 103-win Astros squad in the championship series—outplaying arguably the most talent-rich team in the MLB—outmatching them hit for hit and pitch for pitch.

If the trend continues Boston should win. The Dodgers should make for a competitive series, but the Red Sox are the better team. **MVP: Mookie Betts. Boston in six.**

## Adrian Broadus (Web Editor)

The Dodgers-Red Sox matchup is what the average baseball fan wants, and for the sport itself, it's what baseball needs.

The state of baseball is in dire need of some help. Viewership is low on a national scale. In fact, baseball is becoming a regional sport, where fans in home organizations shed a ton of support, but those outside the area of the organization have a tougher time watching baseball.

With that being said, the Red Sox are as hot as they have ever been. Mookie Betts is having an MVP caliber year, as is J.D. Mar-

tinez. Their pitching staff, which became vulnerable at times, was able to squeeze out wins. Defensively, they are at their peak.

For the Dodgers, they pushed back against a defiant Milwaukee team in a seven-game finish. Their talent at the plate is pretty impressive, and moreover, their bench could be what sends them over in some games. Closer Kenley Jansen is the best in baseball and should be fun to watch.

Baseball needs this to be a big series, but the Red Sox are too good. The Dodgers talent level might give them one or two, but this is Boston's year. **MVP: Mookie Betts. Boston in five.**

## Daniel Mendez (Sports Editor)

*Full Disclosure: Daniel "Curly" Mendez is a die-hard Dodgers fan.*

The Boston Red Sox have been waiting for their World Series opponent for a while. They watched as the Dodgers were forced to seven games by the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Red Sox had the best record in baseball this season with 108 wins, 16 more than the Dodgers. They won seven of their last nine postseason games, breezing through the competition, they sound a lot like last October's Dodgers who fell short in game seven of the World Series to the Houston Astros at Dodger Stadium.

Meanwhile, the Dodgers have seemed to be battle tested ever since that crushing game seven defeat. At one point they were one of the worst teams in Major League Baseball. It took LA the final week of the season to earn the right to play in October. They've been battle tested this postseason something that didn't come to them till the World Series last season.

The Dodgers enter the World Series with ghosts from last year but face a red-hot Boston team that is clicking on all cylinders, should be a fall classic. **MVP: Manny Machado. Dodgers in seven.**

BEER from page 1

Sitting around bars across the city of El Paso are towers of Bud Light and Bud Light Orange locked up by chains waiting to be unlocked and consumed, rather than locked fridges.

"The way they're doing it where it's not just one centralized location but they have the bars on different sides of town and it kind of gets people more amped up for it, said media personality, Michael Tipton. "You go hang out with your friends and you really have hope that this happens."

Co-host of the Fire and Ice podcast, Tipton, 36, is the one that put the plan in action when he first brought up the idea on Twitter than later on his own podcast called The Shootout. Tipton's goal with the idea was to sell out the Sun Bowl. In theory, by guaranteeing a beer for every person and placing fridges at both entrances of the Sun Bowl, more people would come. All of this was

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- JORGE REYES

UTEP alum and Miners season ticket holder.

contingent on if UTEP won the game.

He was inspired by how the city of Cleveland reacted when the Browns ended their losing streak. One of his friends heard the podcast and asked if he could suggest it to L&F. Which they did. L&F loved the idea so much that a few days later the plan was put in motion with a scheduled announcement for Tipton's next show.

"It was just like that quick in less than a week

and we already had everything set up for the announcement it was intense," Tipton said.

"Our on-premise sales team played a huge role in executing this program," L&F said in a press release. "They communicated the program with the participating accounts and executed it within days."

L&F gave hints on their Facebook page as to which bars were participating in the event, but opted not to name and location of all eight bars. As of now, five of the eight bars known to be: Cabo Joes, Union Draft House, Ditzzy Duck, Spirit of 66, and Brass Monkey.

This past Saturday, when UTEP was in a tightly contested battle against Louisiana Tech, Miner alum and fan Jorge Reyes, 31, went out to the bars to support the Miners.

"We're actually looking all over the place to find the game and then when we noticed nobody was playing it we came to Ditzzy Duck because we knew they had the chains on the beer," Reyes said.

The season ticket holder first went to Cabo Joes in hopes of watching the game but left because they were not showing the game. He then went to Ditzzy Duck and watched the game there with his friend on an iPhone because they were not showing the game as well. The game was only available for ESPN Plus subscribers which is currently only available as an addition on the ESPN app and not the website. Reyes was disappointed that the bars that were participating were not showing the game and was hopeful that next game they will find a way of showing it for audiences.

"I've always been a critic of bars that don't show UTEP games when there's a way to get it, I mean, it's not like the old days. It's on ESPN Plus, there's a way to get it," Reyes said.

Since UTEP official beer sponsor is Coors Light, no UTEP player or coaches could comment on the matter, but some players such as junior quarterback Kai Locksley have embraced the concept on social media embracing the hashtag and tweeting out #BreakTheChains.

If the "local university" does not end their losing streak aka #BreakTheChains, L&F Distributors are prepared for that outcome as well but they are hoping that does not happen.

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# Terrific tandem leads Miners to hot start



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UTEP Hockey is 8-2 on the season and in second place in the Texas Collegiate Hockey Conference South Division.

BY ISAIAH RAMIREZ

The Prospector

Hockey is not traditionally associated with the city of El Paso, but with the recent stellar play of the UTEP Club hockey team, that has changed.

Two players in particular—freshman forward Austin Simpson and junior Forward Matt Sanca, are two vital reasons why the UTEP hockey team has had an exceptional season thus far.

Simpson, who leads the team with sixteen goals and has three hat tricks this season in matchups against Texas Tech, Texas State and the University

of New Mexico, relies on his speed and extensive knowledge of the game to put him in successful scoring positions.

“My speed is what I’ve been sticking to and that’s been working for me and I don’t plan on changing that up quite yet,” Simpson said.

Simpson is currently ranked third in the Texas Collegiate Hockey Conference in points with 28, which combines goals and assists.

Last season Simpson played for the local AAU Junior Hockey team known as the El Paso Rhinos who were the 2017 Thorne Cup Champions. Simpson scored the game-winning goal against the Utah Outli-

ers to send the Rhinos to the championship game.

“Last year it was great playing for the Rhinos and it feels good having the support of the fans here in El Paso that definitely helped a lot,” Simpson said.

Simpson was also named the Texas Collegiate Hockey Conference player of the week for his doubleheader performance against the University of Texas and his performance against Texas State, where he had 11 points and five assists through three games.

With an abundant amount of talent and skill, the freshman forward’s future is bright with thoughts of playing professionally internationally.

“Coming in as a freshman I haven’t looked that far into the future yet but my options are pretty open and I might try out a couple of years playing in Europe and see how it is out there after I graduate,” Simpson said.

Junior Forward Matt Sanca has been another vital piece in leading this Miners team to an 8-2 record and 4-2 in conference play.

Last season, Sanca led the team with 42 points through 14 goals and 28 assists.

Currently, Sanca has 17 points on the season, including two goals and four assists in the Miners recent doubleheader against the University of New Mexico.

“We just stick to our game plan and our coach’s game plan of getting shots on net and I feel that’s where we’ve been successful,” Sanca said.

Sanca was a part of the 2016 team that captured a conference championship, and after falling in the conference playoffs last season, Sanca believes the Miners have what it takes to compete for a championship.

“As the season goes on we just have to keep gelling together but that’s just going to get better as the season progress as well as our team chemistry,” Sanca said.

Chemistry with twin brother and junior forward Jon Sanca comes easily to Matt considering they have been on the ice together the last three years at UTEP.

“We’ve been playing together the last three years on the same line and it helps that he knows where I’m always at and vice versa especially when we’re trying to make plays and score goals,” Sanca said.

After this upcoming bye week, UTEP will finish up non-conference play, in a doubleheader against the University of New Mexico (5-3) in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Nov. 2-3.

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# Up Next: UTEP Soccer



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**UTEP soccer will** finish the season on the road against the UTSA Roadrunners on Friday, Oct. 26

The UTEP soccer team will finish the season against the UTSA Roadrunners on Friday, Oct. 26.

UTEP (7-8-3, 2-5-2) will be looking to finish the season on a high note knowing they are going to be in for a battle with one of their main rivals.

"We want to just end (the season) on a win and ending on a win will give us another winning season and a big win against a rival, it's gonna be tough at their place," said head coach Kevin Cross.

Sitting in 11th place in the C-USA standings, the Miners are five points behind the eighth and final playoff spot which is held by the Rice Owls. UTEP's leading scorer junior Lauren Crenshaw added another goal to her stellar season this past Sunday in a 2-2 tie against Old Dominion University. Crenshaw

is ranked seventh in C-USA in goals.

Sophomore goalkeeper Caley Leask made her fourth consecutive start for the Miners. She has a total of 29 saves in five game appearances.

The Roadrunners (6-9-1, 2-6-2) are led by sophomore forward Ellis Patterson. She leads the team with six goals on the season. Senior goalkeeper Michelle Cole has 58 saves on the season which ranks her 12th in C-USA, Cole is also in the top five goalies with the most shutouts this year with five.

Both teams have multiple shots on goal throughout the season, in comparison, UTEP has 27 goals on 233 attempts, whereas UTSA has scored 24 goals on 214 attempts.

# Up Next: UTEP volleyball



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**The UTEP volleyball team** will look for its second conference win against WKU on Friday, Oct. 26

This past Friday night the UTEP volleyball team recorded their first conference win against Louisiana Tech (6-17, 1-7) on Oct. 19.

The Miners would then go on to lose to Middle Tennessee (7-15, 2-7) in three sets on Sunday, Oct. 21.

The Miners (4-17, 1-8) were led by outside hitter Macey Austin. The junior posted a double-double with 16 kills and 19 digs. Her 19 digs were a new career high. Austin has a total of 294 kills on the season. Freshmen Serena Patterson is second on the team with 126 kills. Fellow freshman setter Kris-

ten Fritsche leads the Miners with 688 assists on the season, no other Miner is anywhere close to that. Sophomore defensive specialist Brianna Bustillos is second in assists with 57.

WKU is led by senior middle hitter Rachel Anderson who has 293 kills on the season. Freshman defensive specialist Payton Frederick has 297 digs to lead the team.

UTEP's next game will be Friday, Oct. 26, against Western Kentucky University (14-9, 5-3) at Memorial Gym at 6 p.m.



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