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Khalid presents 'A Night for SunCity'

By Anahy Diaz

The Prospector

The Khalid Foundation and Right Hand Foundation hosted "A Night for SunCity," a benefit concert Sunday Sept. 1 at the UTEP Don Haskins Center to help support the families of

the 22 victims who were killed during El Paso's recent mass shooting at the Cielo Vista Walmart.

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Alejandra Molina / The Prospector

Khalid performs at the Don Haskins Center during his benefit concert, "A Night for SunCity," Sunday Sept. 1, 2019.

UTEP graduate got DC Comics actor 'El Paso Strong' shirt

By Margaret Cataldi

The Prospector

Recent UTEP graduate Chantal Diaz presented an "El Paso Strong" shirt to DC Comics actor Jason Momoa, also known as Aquaman, at the Albuquerque Comic Expo Aug. 16 in honor of the city's shooting victims.

Diaz, who graduated in May of this year with a bachelors in kinesiology, gave the shirt to Momoa before posing for a picture with him at the convention.

"At first, he just draped the shirt over his chest and we took the picture," Diaz explained, adding that their encounter was rushed. "I only had the opportunity to say thank you right after the photo."

To Diaz' surprise, as she was waited to receive the printed meet and greet photos, Momoa called her back into the photo area for another picture, this time wearing the shirt. The picture quickly went viral on social media after Diaz posted it on Facebook.

Diaz said she purchased the shirt for Momoa in the months approaching the convention in the hopes that he would accept the gift and wear it in support for the El Paso community.



Photo courtesy of Chantal Diaz
Jason Momoa poses for a photo with Chantal Diaz while wearing an "El Paso Strong" shirt at the Albuquerque Comic Expo, Aug. 16, 2019.

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A day that El Paso and Ciudad Juárez will never forget

By Alexia X. Nava Carmona

The Prospector



After receiving a notification saying that there was an active shooter in El Paso, I felt shocked.

I was in Ciudad Juárez; I do not remember whether I was at home or at my summer job, but I do remember the surreal feeling as I scrolled through my Face-

book feed and saw everyone talking about it.

I remember a mixture of posts. Some people were notifying their families and friends that they were fine, others posted what a horrible tragedy this was and a very small group of people were posting memes about the shooting. The latter group of people were chastised and opposed by the number of people who did not want them to mock the incident.

Although this happened on the other side of the border, there was a great deal of people in Ciudad Juárez that felt the same pain as those in El Paso due to the number of victims in the shooting who were Mexican, many from El Paso's sister city.

Many Juarenses even joined El Pasoans at the vigils for those who were killed in the shooting, according to El Universal.

Juarenses did not just show solidarity and join El Pasoans in their grief, they shared it.

A married couple who was killed in the shooting were my friend's neighbors. Relatives of another one of the victims started a GoFundMe campaign to be able to pay for her funeral; I remember many of my contacts sharing the link.

Last week, I met up with a friend I had not seen in a long time. After asking me how I was doing, he asked me where I was during the shooting.

After I told him I was in Ciudad Juárez, he told me he had been helping a friend of his at the Museo de Arqueología El Chamizal when it happened.

His friend worked in a store at Cielo Vista Mall, if I recall correctly and called in sick because she would rather finish what she was doing at the museum than cross the bridge to get to her other job.

It is funny how coincidences like these, small details, can drastically change a life forever. I do not doubt that something similar happened to many New Yorkers on Sept. 11, 2001.

A delay in the subway, an alarm that did not go off, a last second errand before work—little details so mundane to us we would not expect them to be the difference between life and death.

Similar to the way the world remembers that day each year, El Pasoans and Juarenses will never forget this shooting, which will probably be embedded into their memories forever.

I am not sure exactly who posted it, but I remember reading on a Facebook discussion about how El Paso was a safe place, a haven that often helped people at the border escape from the harsh realities they face in Ciudad Juárez. For a shooting like that to happen in El Paso, it is simply shocking.

Even if, after some days, I began seeing fewer posts on Facebook regarding the tragedy, giving way to other posts that dealt with issues involving Mexican authorities, I am sure we have not forgotten.

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Courtesy of @Gabatron3000 on Twitter
Jason Momoa wears an 'El Paso Strong' shirt that former UTEP student Chantal Diaz gave him during the Albuquerque Comic Expo, Aug. 16, 2019.

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"The El Paso shooting was something that took a toll on me," Diaz said. "It hit me on a very personal level."

Momoa was not the only one who showed his support for the city, but the El Paso Victims Fund received a spike in donations shortly after the pictures of him wearing the shirt went viral.

"It was so powerful to me to see him wearing the shirt for the rest of the day," Diaz said.

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Chantal Diaz

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"It warmed my ... heart seeing Jason Momoa wearing an #ElPasoStrong tshirt at @NMcomic-expo today," tweeted @Gabatron3000, a vendor at the convention.

Many El Pasoans were left in a state of mourning and distress after the city's mass shooting on Aug. 3. After the initial grief and anguish, however, came the desire to unify and heal the city as a whole.

People can now find the phrase "El Paso Strong" throughout the city's businesses and billboards. The phrase, which started as a hashtag, trended online and made its way onto thousands of people's social media feeds, garnering the support of many celebrities.

As an undergraduate, Diaz worked at the UTEP library for more than two years. She recently left her position at the library to work as a physical therapy technician at a local clinic.

Diaz is currently waiting to hear back from UTEP regarding her application for the master's program in occupational therapy.

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Talks help UTEP cope with the aftermath of tragedy

By Sasha Minjarez

The Prospector

The director of UTEP's Women's and Gender Studies program organized the "Trauma, Resilience & Resistance," Aug. 27-28 in which people came together to learn about working through trauma and discuss the ways that they can help make a change in their community at the Blumberg Auditorium in UTEP's library.

Following the early August mass shooting, in which 22 people died and many more were injured, UTEP students began pouring into the office of Guillermina Gina Núñez-Mchiri to ask about the university's resources for coping with the tragedy.

During the summer, Núñez-Mchiri taught a class on death, dying and bereavement at UTEP.

"I've introduced readings from other cultures on how people from other parts of the world cope with grief and here we are, experiencing this in our city," Núñez-Mchiri said. "I was really stunned by that overlap, that connection I had as a professor."

Núñez-Mchiri felt a sense of responsibility for her students and community and began contacting her colleagues and peers to think of a way to help students process their feelings in a safe and collective environment.

From educators to organizations, Núñez-Mchiri received an overwhelming response as many began offering to help.

The series was composed of individuals with varying degrees of expertise educating, supporting and encouraging open discourse.

Multiple people held a workshop in which attendees were asked to reflect and recognize the ways that white supremacy had affected their everyday lives called "Engaging Against White Supremacy in Classrooms and Communities: Having Critical Conversations."

The workshop focused on encouraging the community to engage in crucial conversations about their experiences with discrimination based on by ethnicity, gender, religion and identity.

UTEP student Damaris, who decided not to share her last name, gave an account of her experience with gender discrimination after being stopped by soldiers while driving in Mexico.



Priscilla Gomez / The Prospector

Jeffrey Shepherd from UTEP's Department of History hosts the talk on "A History of Racial Violence and White Supremacist Movements."

"I was asked why I was driving alone (by the soldiers)," Damaris said. She added that the soldiers followed by saying, "Do you know what happens to women who are alone? They disappear." The way he said it was very threatening."

Gabriela Castañeda of the Border Network for Human Rights presented "A Positive Vision of the Border: The New Ellis Island" and talked about the organization's objectives.

"The mission of the organization is to educate, organize and invite people to participate so that they can make changes in their community to where every single person is equal in dignity and right," Castañeda said.

Núñez-Mchiri presented "Death and Bereavement on the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands" and discussed coping mechanisms as well as the importance of being there for each other as the city grieves.

"Te acompaño en tu dolor," she said. "I'm with you in your pain."

Núñez-Mchiri also added how to talk to people who have been affected by the tragic incident.

"Do not say they are in a better place, please don't say everything happens for a reason," Núñez-Mchiri said. "Say instead, 'I am here, let me know if and when you need me, let me know if you need a meal or someone to walk with you, to watch your babies so you can sleep today ... you're not alone.'"

Pamela Johnson Angeles hosted "Dance Movement & Sensory Healing," demonstrating the properties of healing through the power of motion and expression. Students sat on tapestries and held hands to find solace in connectivity.

"The events of Aug. 3 were a big shock to me; it's been a lot and I think this has allowed me to view things positively and productively," UTEP student Derek Hernandez said. "It's a nice experience to be able to share your feelings with other people so you can work through those feelings. It's been healing."

Hernandez works at Horizon High School, the same high school that Javier Amir Rodriguez, 15, one of the shooting victims, attended. Hernandez said the event has prepared him and eased his fears about not knowing how to "function and respond."

"I'm healing, I'm learning, I'm preparing," Hernandez said.

Núñez-Mchiri said this two-day workshop is the beginning of the community's healing process, as it will serve as an open invitation—a call to action—so that we may remain vigilant and restore safety in El Paso.

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Professor showcases engineering project destined for Puerto Rico

By Bryan Mena

The Prospector

Ivonne Santiago, clinical professor of civil engineering at UTEP, unveiled a project dubbed the "portable charging oasis" Tuesday, Aug. 27 in the walkway between the Liberal Arts and Administration buildings.

The project is an endeavor known as "peace engineering," the "application of science and engineering principles to promote and support peace," according to the International Federation of Engineering Education Societies.

Santiago's project is a solar-powered, portable charging station equipped with four AC outlets, four USB ports and four retractable solar panels that slide in and out. Overall, it provides 1,500 watts of renewable energy. The pinnacle of the portable charging oasis is its sustainability and practicality.

"It is made of aluminum, which makes it lightweight and rust resistant, which is important in coastal environments. It weighs less than 1,000 pounds," Santiago said. "It is easily movable from one place to another. It can even be relocated with a motorcycle. We also eventually expect to install a hot spot for Wi-Fi using cellular service where available."

The portable charging oasis also contains a refrigerator which plays a life-saving role in times of crisis when there is no power for extended periods of time, such as the storage of insulin. Insulin needs to be stored under a 46 degree Fahrenheit temperature and, even if there are enough supplies, there is no consistent electricity, making the preservation of this medication difficult, Santiago explained.

"The refrigerator, conceivably the most important part, is used for people that need to store medications," she said. "Many of the deaths in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria were directly attributed to the lack of electricity for life-sustaining needs, such as medications."

Stephanie Marquez, a UTEP student majoring in environmental science, highlighted the fact that Santiago's project is "low cost" and "dependable" which are two crucial aspects of sustainability.

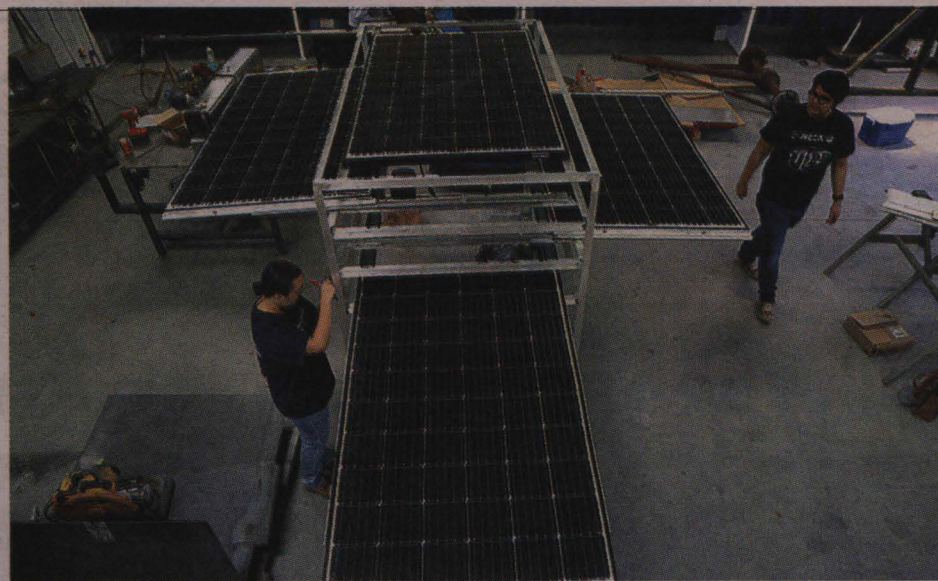
"Instead of relying on a utility company, they will have the access readily available," Marquez said.

The portable charging oasis will be sent over to the University of Puerto Rico at Humacao.

Aside from championing peace engineering, Santiago also has a personal connection to the project since she herself is Puerto Rican and has experienced the destruction a hurricane or a tornado leaves behind first hand. At the age of 10, her house flooded and everything was lost. The only thing left behind was the house itself because it was made of reinforced concrete, Santiago said.

"That was my first lesson in civil engineering. Also, that's when I missed and understood the small luxuries of my life like a clean floor, clean water, clean clothes, clean shoes and electricity," she said. "My father and sister still live in the same house I grew up in. I have other close relatives and friends in Puerto Rico. It has become a grim reality for them to often have recurrent power outages and/or water supply interruptions."

Santiago mentioned that the portable charging oasis became a reality thanks to volunteers and generous organizations. Among those, she men-



Courtesy of UTEP Communications

Ivonne Santiago, clinical professor of civil engineering at UTEP, displayed his latest project at the university Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2019

tioned civil engineering UTEP alumni, Daniel Castillo, who kickstarted the design process by rendering 3D drawings, UTEP students Jennifer Arreola, Salvador Lara, Henry Gutierrez and Arahin Zuñiga for their consistent support and UTEP alumni Yvonne Curry from Conde Inc. for securing supplementary funding.

"During our orientation week, (Santiago) showed us this project, which helped us understand the mission and goal of peace engineering and how using our engineering skills to provide a sustainable solution in areas of need can make a difference," said Aibhlin Esparza, a mechanical engineering student at UTEP. "Although I didn't contribute to the project, it did open the door for me to explore peace engineering and think of bigger ways to help other countries and communities with my skills."

The portable charging oasis is one of UTEP's latest peace engineering efforts that will assist a vulnerable community during this year's hurri-

cane season. Santiago encourages students and faculty in the STEM field to volunteer their time and expertise for any future peace engineering projects.

"There is a new global need to make the social and economic impact of engineering projects an integral part of our work to benefit communities within those 'hard places,'" Santiago said. "As engineers, we have an ethical responsibility to worry about what results, expected or unexpected, occur from our projects including how they affect a community after design and construction."

In late 2017, Puerto Rico's main distribution network of power was destroyed by Hurricane Maria causing a blackout throughout the entire island. Like Santiago said, this lack of power in the island was deadly in itself. This year, the eye of Hurricane Dorian just missed Puerto Rico, according to BBC News.

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"I'm sending you guys my love. It breaks my heart," Khalid told the crowd at the sold out Don Haskins Center, who gathered to celebrate the city of El Paso and honor the victims of the Aug. 3 domestic terrorist attack.

As initially promised by the R&B singer, he was joined by various friends throughout the night including movie star Matthew McConaughey, presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke and performers such as Lil Yachty, SZA and Rae Sremmurd.

The concert began with McConaughey and O'Rourke addressing the incident and the city.

"What we are seeing here tonight says everything that you need to know about El Paso," O'Rourke said. "Thousands of us coming together for one another; for El Paso; for Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, Mexico; for the families who lost someone or the families who still have someone pulling through tonight."

The concert featured many of the Americas High School graduate's hit songs, including his song "SunCity", which pays homage to his love for El Paso.

"I have been rocked to the core by the horrific act of gun violence that came to El Paso and by the continued acts of senseless violence that our country faces daily," Khalid said in a statement back in August, when he first announced the concert of which all the proceeds will go to the El Paso Shooting Victims Fund and the El Paso Community Foundation. "I want to give back to my community of El Paso, the city of the 915,

who has given so much to me. Please come out and let's heal together through music while raising money to help those who need it."

Fans waiting outside the venue said they were delighted when they heard Khalid was hosting a benefit concert in honor of the victims, but were not surprised, as being there for one another is just El Paso's way of doing things.

"Here, we are all a huge family, even if we don't know each other," said Danielle Leydon, 15, a Loretto Academy student.

Families also attended the event and praised Khalid for using his platform to convey an important message, one they hope their kids carry with them.

"My son said, 'He's just doing this for all of us to feel happy' ... I think it's good that we have somebody like that and so many others that are from El Paso that have a voice," said Sandi Brackeen, 37, who was accompanied by her husband and their two elementary school children.

"He does have a young following, which is really cool for these kids to kind of know about respect for each other," said her husband Chris Brackeen, 37.

The night came to an end with Khalid extending his condolences to the city.

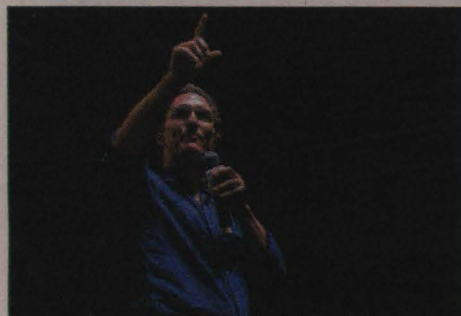
"The world loves you El Paso. The world loves you so much because I've seen it first hand and I want to let you guys know that this is definitely the beginning for this city," Khalid said.

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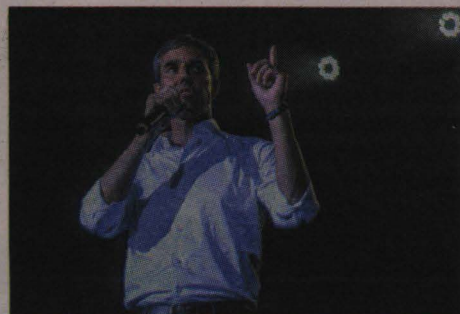
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Khalid performs 8teen at the Don Haskins Center for his sold-out concert to benefit the El Paso shooting victims Sunday Sept. 1, 2019.



Courtesy of Claudia Hernandez

Matthew McConaughey gives a motivating speech at Khalid's fundraising concert for El Paso shooting victims Sunday Sept. 1, 2019.



Courtesy of Claudia Hernandez

Beto O'Rourke at Khalid's fundraising event for El Paso shooting victims at UTEP Don Haskins Sunday Sept. 1, 2019.



Courtesy of Claudia Hernandez

Khalid performs at "A Night for Suncity" presented by The Great Khalid Foundation and Right Hand Foundation at UTEP Don Haskins Sunday Sept. 1, 2019.

Local event provides safe space for queer, Chicanx community



Carolina Alvarez / The Prospector

Huntty B Liqueur, 24, performs at The House 9 in Central El Paso Friday, Aug. 30, 2019.

By Paulina Spencer

The Prospector

People in colorful outfits and traditional Mexican attire gathered Friday, Aug. 30 for The House 9: Revolt! near Myrtle Avenue.

The event encouraged queer people of all ages to express themselves through art, clothes, make up and music. Local performer Lavender Thug, 19, hosted the event and picked "Chicanx Pride" as the category of the month.

"It's about love, first and foremost. It's a space where queer people can come together and feel safe and seen," Thug said. "I want to encourage people to want to be the odd one and be free and express themselves."

The event is inspired by the culture of New York City queer people of color during the 1980s, Thug explained. Local art, music and talent was featured during the event. People of all ages danced and sang to the music of local artists such as Tony Jupiter and Puta Kahlo.

Local artists displayed their paintings, jewelry, photographs and prints that were available for purchase.

Bianca Hernandez, who sat behind a table holding her handmade jewelry and art, said the event gave her an opportunity to showcase her work, which she considers to be empowering to women.

"I draw and paint darker women to empower them," Hernandez said.

Hugo Hinojosa, 20, shared a gallery of men portraying what society might consider as feminine characteristics and activities, such as wearing flower crowns and makeup. Hinojosa created the gallery to resist social norms and expectations regarding gender roles.

"This gallery is to show men how they can be free and express masculinity in a different way," Hinojosa said.

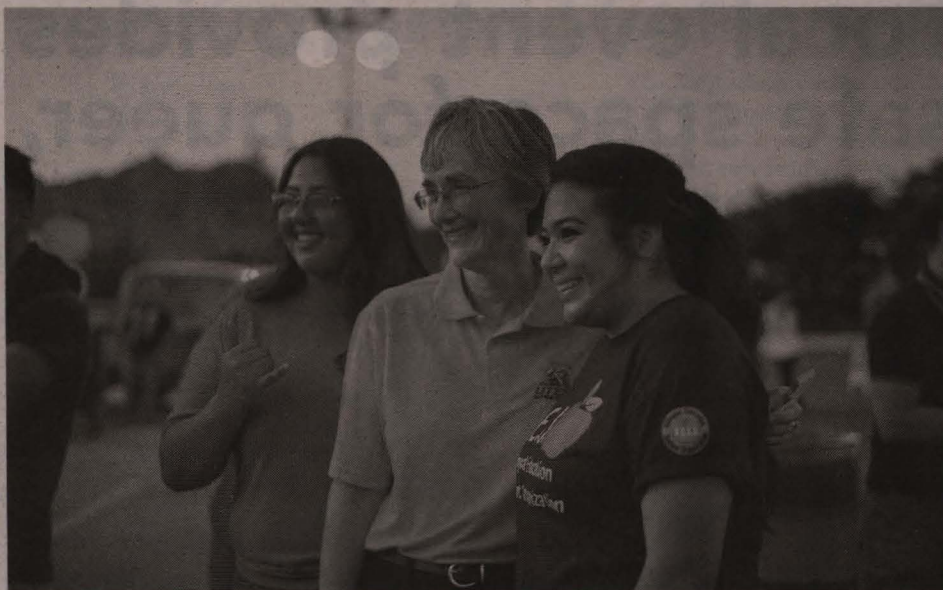
Thug referred to the event as a "house for everyone" and local artist Chantall Gonzalez agreed.

"It opens doors to equality with artists and the LGBT community," Gonzalez said.

People danced the night away as they celebrated El Paso's queer, Chicanx culture and protested the white supremacy experienced by the city during the Aug. 3 mass shooting.

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Minerpalooza amps up school spirit for new semester



Glenda Avalos / The Prospector
UTEP President Heather Wilson poses for a photo with students in 29th annual Minerpalooza at the Sunbowl parking lot, Aug. 30, 2019.

By Margaret Cataldi
The Prospector

UTEP closed off the first week of the fall semester with the 29th annual Minerpalooza on Friday, Aug. 31.

As part of a long-established school tradition, Minerpalooza did not fall short of delivering all the school spirit needed to kick off the new semester.

The Miner community enjoyed the night as they explored the multiple food trucks, rows of carnival-style game booths and an exciting lineup.

This year's lineup included performances from James Kennedy, Lemaitre and lovelytheband.

"Our lineup changes every year depending on what the students are looking for, so we always try to stay as current as possible," said Eliana Grijalva, member of the Minerpalooza planning committee.

Minerpalooza also featured new attractions for young adults to enjoy.

"We had a VIP lounge for the first time this year and we had a sponsor for the Beer and Wine Garden that made the experience a little bit different," Grijalva said.

Bumble, the popular dating app, sponsored the VIP lounge while Kendra Scott, a jewelry



Glenda Avalos / The Prospector
People cheer for Norwegian duo Lemaitre during the 29th annual Minerpalooza at UTEP's Sunbowl parking lot Friday, Aug. 30, 2019.

store, sponsored the Beer and Wine Garden, providing a laid-back environment in which adults mingled.

Minerpalooza, which has garnered about 30,000 attendees in previous years, is not only a great event for the UTEP community, but also serves as a fundraising opportunity for clubs and organizations around campus.

"These really big events help promote what we're doing and what our club represents," said Nohemi Perales, president of SEEDS Environmental Advocates.

As an organization that advocates for the protection of the environment, Minerpalooza helped increase its club funds and provided an

opportunity for the members to educate people on environmental issues through a fun, interactive carnival-style game.

"What makes us happy is that there's a lot of children coming over to our booth," Perales said. "The best thing about Minerpalooza is getting the community together."

As for next year's Minerpalooza, there is much to be expected.

"Next Minerpalooza is gonna be crazy because it is the 30th Anniversary," Grijalva said. "We want to make it insane."

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A member of the Norwegian duo Lemaitre, Coucheron, performs in Minerpalooza at UTEP's Sunbowl parking lot Friday, Aug. 30, 2019.



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UTEP mascot Paydirt Pete poses for a photo with attendees of Minerpalooza at the Sunbowl parking lot, Aug. 30, 2019.

Football takes on Texas Tech

By Isaiah Ramirez

The Prospector

The UTEP football team (1-0, 0-0) will take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders (1-0, 0-0) with the Miners coming off a momentous win against Houston Baptist. UTEP is starting off the season 1-0 for the first time since their season opening win against New Mexico State.

In 2018 the Red Raider started 3-1 only to the finish the season 5-7 overall and 3-6 in the Big 12. UTEP is coming off a one win season and will look to carry Saturday's win over Houston Baptist into Jones AT&T Stadium.

The Miners offense showed improved from a season ago. Senior running back Treyvon Hughes is coming off a career high 144 rushing yards with two touchdowns while the Miners have reliable targets in senior wide receiver Alan Busey and sophomore wide receiver Tre'Shon Wolf, who combined for 153 receiving yards against Houston Baptist.

The Miner's defense revealed some bright spots in their own respects. Senior safety Justin Rogers had 10 tackles with five of those being solo, while fellow California-native Justin Prince recorded seven total tackles against the Huskies.

In the Miners' last matchup against Texas Tech in 2015, they were defeated 69-20. The Miners have lost to the Red Raiders four times in the span of 13 seasons.

First-year head coach Matt Wills will lead the Red Raiders this season. Wills previously coached at Utah State where he compiled a 45-34 career record and was twice named Mountain West Conference coach of the year.

Texas Tech is coming off a 45-10 win against Montana State at home. The Red Raiders have some offensive firepower of their own.

Against the Bobcats, sophomore quarterback Alan Bowman threw for 436 passing on 40-of-53 attempts and two passing touchdowns. Last season, Bowman threw for 17 touchdowns and 2,638 yards and averaged 329 passing yards a game.

Another key piece for the Texas Tech offense is senior running back Armand Shyne who is coming off a 125 yard rushing performance against Montana State. During his junior year at the University of Utah, Shyne recorded 512 rushing yards and five touchdowns for the Utes.

Holding a team to 10 points is not an easy thing to do no matter what conference or division the team's standing.

That is exactly what Texas Tech did against Montana State. One major piece of the Red Raiders defense is senior linebacker Jordyn



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Junior cornerback Duron Lowe leads the Miners onto the field against Houston Baptist. The Miners would win 36-34 versus the Huskies.

Brooks, who registered 11 total tackles, with four of them being solo.

Last season Brooks was ranked ninth in the Big 12 in total tackles per game with seven and was named a Big 12 all conference honorable mention selection.

In order to go 2-0 on the season, the Miners look to build off their win against Houston Baptist with solid preparation.

"During camp, we worked a lot on Texas Tech and went through some plays and did some preparation ahead of time," UTEP coach Dana Dimel said.

"We just have to get better no matter who we play and getting better each and every week," senior quarterback Brandon Jones said.

Jones is coming off a 268 passing yardage performance against Houston Baptist. Jones also went 10-for-20 and threw for one touchdown pass against the Huskies.

Heading into their matchup against the Red Raiders the Miners feel there are areas to improve on the team

"One thing that I liked that I saw in the locker room was we had guys celebrating the win but

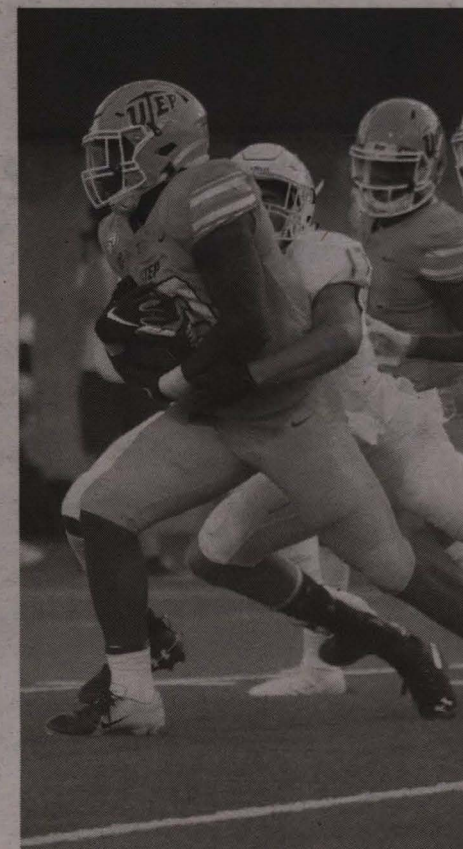
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we also guys saying there's a lot more work to do," senior safety Justin Rogers said following the Miners win against Houston Baptist.

UTEP will take on Texas Tech at 6 p.m. Sept. 7 in Lubbock, Texas at AT&T Jones Stadium. The game will be broadcasted on FSN TV.

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Senior running back Treyvon rushed for career high 144 yards against Houston Baptist and scored two rushing touchdowns.

MINERS THIS WEEK

Sept. 6-8

UTEP Volleyball

Borderland Invitational vs Coppin St. Texas A&M-CC, Pacific, and New Mexico State

UTEP Soccer

At home vs Texas State and Southern Utah

UTEP Football

Texas Tech at Lubbock, Texas

UTEP Men's Golf

Gene Miranda Invitational vs Air Force at Colorado Springs, Co.

Miners beat Huskies 38-36



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Senior defensive back Michael Lewis stops the Houston Baptist runner on the 20 yard line, on Saturday Aug 30, 2019.

By Isaih Ramirez

The Prospector

In a Sun Bowl stadium that was filled with almost 35,000 fans, the UTEP football team defeated Houston Baptist 36-34 in their season opener.

This was the Miners' first home win since Nov. 26, 2016 which was more than 1,000 days ago.

On "El Paso Strong Night," the Miners honored tight end Luke Laufenberg, who recently died after a long battle with cancer, and the El Paso shooting victims.

The atmosphere in the stadium was electric as it fueled the Miners in their long-anticipated season opener.

"I know it's been a tough two years not being able to see a win at home and I'm just really thankful for the 34,000 people that showed up today," said Brandon Jones, UTEP senior quarterback.

In this impactful win, the Miners led 3-0 after the first quarter, complemented by a 30-yard field goal by kicker Gavin Baechle.

At the 12-minute mark of the second quarter, Brandon Jones connected with sophomore, wide receiver Tre'Shon Wolf on an 80-yard receiving touchdown, which put the Miners up 10-0.

Wolf led the way with 96 receiving yards, two receptions and one touchdown reception.

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Brandon Jones

"This is something that I have worked hard for and it's a blessing," Wolf said.

After Wolf's touchdown, Houston Baptist scored 17 points by a way of a touchdown reception by wide receiver Trevor Larkin from quarterback Bailey Zappe, then off a pick six, scored by Caleb Johnson.

Miner running back Treyvon Hughes scored off a three-yard rushing touchdown for the Miners with 2:52 remaining in the first half.

The Miners and Huskies then exchanged field goals, with UTEP eventually taking the lead 20-17 at halftime.

During a back and forth third quarter, Houston Baptist struck first with a 16-yard receiving

touchdown from Zappe to wide receiver Ben Ratzlaff.

The Miners then scored a safety with 12:18 left in the third quarter.

The Huskies proceeded to convert a 23-yard field goal by kicker Gino Garcia.

The Miners responded with back-to-back rushing touchdowns, coming from Jones and Hughes.

Hughes finished the game with 144 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns. Hughes averaged 6.3 yards a carry for the game.

"I like getting the ball and, since I'm a bigger body, the hits don't hurt me as much as the other guys," Hughes said.

The fourth quarter included a three-yard run by the Huskies' Ean Beek and a touchdown and 35-yard field goal by the Miners' Gavin Baechle.

The Miners held the Huskies on defense and marched their way to a 1-0 start to the season.

"We are 1-0 and now we have to improve and work hard each and every Saturday," Head Coach Dana Dimel said.

The Miners are in action next week against Texas Tech Sept. 7 in Lubbock Texas.

UTEP will be at home at the Sun Bowl Stadium against the University of Nevada (1-0) on Sept. 21, who won against Purdue University Friday, Aug. 30 by a score of 34-31.

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Cross Country opens season

By Michael Cuiello

The Prospector

UTEP Cross Country participated in their first meet of the season with the men's team placing 2nd overall in team competition led by freshman Titus Cheruiyot who placed 1st with a time of 15:17, just ahead of his teammate, sophomore Rodgers Korir, at the Lobo invitational.

The men's team finished with 44 points overall in the event held at the University of New Mexico.

Sophomore Boaz Ronoh finished in the top 10 with a time of 16:09, followed by fellow Miner junior Cornelious Kapel in 11th with a 16:12 run time.

University of New Mexico's men's team won the meet with an overall score of 35, with New

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Paul Ereng

Mexico State coming in third place.

The men's team got first and runner up in the race and managed to place five athletes in the top 25. "It was a great accomplishment and morale booster for the team," Ereng added.

The women's team finished fourth overall with a score of 74 points.

Senior Linda Cheruiyut, the defending Conference USA champion in cross country finished, in second place with a time of 18:15 followed by her teammate, junior Caroline Chepkosgei in third with a time of 18:22.

Sophomore Karoline Daland was the lone remaining top ten finisher for the Miners placing ninth with a time of 18:59.

University of New Mexico finished first with 40 points followed by NMSU, with 51 points.

The Miners women's team is the preseason favorite in Conference USA after winning the championship last season.

"I believe both teams will build on today performances as we look forward an exciting season ahead," Ereng said.

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