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A Legacy of Excellence: Remembering Diana Natalicio

UTEP President Dr. Diana Natalicio announced her retirement from the university May 22, 2018.
Making the most before giving your ghost

BY JULIAN HERRERA
The Prospector

Navigating the complex reality of life and the mental, physical and emotional undertakings therein is such a universal experience that there is little room for study, dedicated or merely pondering the innumerable ways in which one could approach each minute aspect of living to achieve some desired enlightenment, or at least spell the burning questions. As humans, few things entice, engage and utterly destroy us and the security we have in our significance like the unknown. In fact, many with a less sound mind might be willing to perform the most fringe of actions in the face of guaranteed consequences rather than attempt to cope with something they do not understand. For as many as there are who ponder life, there are as many who have attempted to rationalize the indiscriminate nature and inevitability of death.

With the true arrival of decorations and festivities for October, accompanied by the often-welcome chilling ambiance and cozy nights ahead, I had hoped to make light and interesting conversation regarding the season and its significance culturally and to me personally. However, after reflection upon a few of my private sorrows and the sincere expressions of grief and loss in the print edition of this paper, I believe it’s important to recognize that even in the most consuming darkness with only miniscule streams of light in the impossible distance, the lights still serve as guidance to finding a way out. It seems that the proclivity of our society is to walk a cyclical cynical route of asserting that actions have no true value or consequence when everything comes with a price, or ultimately means nothing at all. The theistic inclination is to conclude there is a plan, a fate, which we are set to accept but never truly understand, which feels like a blessing when things go our way or subjugation and forsaking when they do not. Maybe it’s due to the fact we are given no choice whether we live or die that we try to rationalize our idea of free will and control over what we can manipulate, and as reasoning beings we are afforded the comfort of deciding what to believe.

However grim this may seem, there is always hope, or at least optimism in the faults like a metaphorical kintsugi piece. For those that think nothing means anything, by that same logic, anything can mean anything you want, and the significance of the world is entirely defined by your own will and intentions. If we are one way or another destined for an end, there is no reason we should neglect finding the most fascinating and enriching means to reach it. Walking funny to find the crunchiest leaf to step on, the smell of a new book, the fibers of a worn-out blanket that means to reach it. Walking funny to find the crunchiest leaf to step on, the smell of a new book, the fibers of a worn-out blanket that will undoubtably always be your favorite — sometimes the quiet spaces where emotion superseded the thought are the most serene and significant. There are no answers to what life is about, but it is far more beautiful to know that the one true liberty we have is to discover our own reasons for living.

It’s likely that most people will not have jewels sewn into their funeral gowns, but the trees we plant shall bear fruit for those that succeed us, and the memories and advice we give our young will give a new world a chance to be better than we ever could conceive. We are gifted with the choice of how we live a life we didn’t choose to live — and while we are given no choice in the time or finality of death, we can find solace and peace within, letting the legacy of our actions live in this life and embrace eternal rest the next. Memento vivere.
According to TxDOT, more than 300,000 cars will be on the road each day by 2042 at an average travel speed of 28 miles per hour.

The Downtown 10 project is due to El Paso’s growth and the need to improve outdated infrastructure, but they do not believe that there is a need to fix outdated infrastructure, as TxDOT estimates 303,000 cars will be on the road each day by 2042 at an average travel speed of 28 miles per hour. This data provided by TxDOT was produced from traffic cams as well as data from independent sources and studies done through TxDOT. These independent sources include the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization.

“The Downtown 10 traffic analysis is in the process actually to get out there and do some traffic analysis is in the process actually to study the interchange from that study. Hernandez said that it looked at the interchange from I-10 to Loop 375 for the purpose of alleviating congestion for the UTEP area as well as for the medi-district and the surrounding neighborhoods. The study found “interim improvements” that would allow for connection to the Border Highway. The traffic study for Reimagine I-10 does factor in Loop 375 even though it is not represented in the video for future traffic projections. "It will provide some relief, but at the end of the day, by 2045 the I-10 within the Downtown 10 limits are still going to give us a lot of congestion and are going to fail our level of service," said Hernandez. Residents of Sunset Heights agree that there is a need to fix outdated infrastructure, but they do not think that TxDOT has proven the need for expansion.

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TxDOT is reaching out to the community to listen to concerns of this project in the summer of 2022 and is planning to have an alternative to present to the public at that time.

Learn more at https://www.reimagine10.com/downtown10.html. You can find out more about the Sunset Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association from their Facebook page.

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I-10 project clashes with Sunset Heights neighborhood

BY LEVI CARLOS

The Prospector

The Texas Department of Transportation’s (TxDOT) Downtown 10 projects may destroy parts of the historic Sunset Heights neighborhood. Community members of Sunset Heights dispute the need for the project and oppose the expansion of I-10.

“The thing that they focus on is the most is projected future traffic, but we dispute at how they arrived at those projections,” said Sito Negron, president of the Sunset Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association (SHNIA).

Heights feel that the project is convenient.

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By Itzel Giron

In memoriam of Lizbeth Avila

BY ITZEL GIRON
The Prospector

Dr. John T. Farraro, 91, was a proud Texas Western Alumnus, an esteemed Professor of Metallurgy at UTEP and most importantly a father figure, not only to his own children but to many students who crossed his path.

Farraro died Aug. 19, 2021, leaving only the best memories to remember him by, along with his resilience as a reminder that anything is possible.

After serving in the U.S. Army for three years, Farraro entered Texas Western in 1953 on the G.I. Bill where he received his Science Degree in Chemistry. Eventually, he would receive his master's degree in Metallurgical Engineering and later his Ph.D. in Geology.

“It took him a decade to finish his doctoral degree, we had just gotten married, and we were raising a family,” said Lucy Farraro, John’s wife.

“He always valued his education, even if it took him longer than expected.”

From teaching chemistry in his early years to becoming chief metallurgist at the Phelps Dodge copper refinery, Farraro always found ways to connect with so many for years.

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BY ITZEL GIRON
Staff Reporter

UTEP student Lizbeth Avila, 22, is being remembered as a beautiful, radiant, confident and fearless person in the words of her family and friends.

According to a KTSM report, Avila suffered severe head trauma due to a skating accident at a local skate park back on Aug. 26. Eventually succumbing to her injuries, Avila died early morning Aug. 27 leaving many with immense pain and friends. Stephanie Cisneros. “I feel like I’ll never be able to really put into words how much our friendship meant to me.”

Being only one of many special connections made across her lifetime, Avila continued to grow with other families to others around her, Lizbeth always remained positive and caring to everyone who crossed paths with her.

“She was so loving; she only ever talked highly of her dad, cousins and other friends she met along the way. She really never had anything bad to say about anyone, no matter who,” said Cisneros. “She was just so kindhearted and unapologetically herself.”

The infectious energy Lizbeth radiated is something that cousin Briana Soto will hold onto for years to come.

“Liz was such a vital part of my life and showed me a different side of life,” said Soto. “She’s everything I hope to be; I’ll always hold onto her memory and the role she played in my life.”

With her sudden death, family and friends have shown their support in preventing something like this ever happening to anyone else in the skating community.

“We all want to bring awareness to wearing your helmet; this incident could have easily been avoided if helmets were more encouraged around skate parks,” said Soto.

“I know it’s not something that’s cool or in, but our family believes a helmet could have saved her life that day.”

Along with awareness, Soto and Cisneros hope to continue Avila’s legacy by looking back on the best parts of her. From her fearlessness to her optimism, Lizbeth continues to be a light during dark times.

“She wasn’t scared of anything, not of failure, not of other people’s opinions, not even the future. She always lived for now,” said Cisneros.

“She lived her life with no limits, without any possible...”

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ACIP member Jason Goldman, physician implantation level, "said confusion on the provider and the think it's just going to create more the issue of the pandemic, I really alls for a booster shot.

23, the majority voted against rec- pate will do the greatest good." W alensky said COVID-19 booster shots have started to be given out around the El Paso area for people 65 and older and people with underlying health conditions.

EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for individuals 18 to 64-years-old at higher risk Sept. 22, such as people 64-years old and older, immunocompromised individuals 18 to 64-years-old, and those 18 to 64-years-old at higher risk due to their frequent occupational and institutional risk.

"After considering the totality of the available scientific evidence and the deliberations of our advisory committee of independent, external experts, the FDA amended the EUA for the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine to allow for a booster dose in certain popula- tions such as health care workers, teachers and day care staff, grocery workers and those in homeless shelters or prisons, among others," acting FDA Commissioner Janet Woodcock, M.D., said.

President Joe Biden encourages individuals of high risk that have received both doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine to get the booster.

"So my message today is this, if you’ve got the Pfizer vaccine in January, February, or March of this year and you’ve over 65 years of age, go get the booster. Or if you have a medical condition like diabetes, or you’re a frontline worker, like a healthcare worker or teacher, you can get a free booster now," Biden said in a press briefing on Sept. 24. Biden stated that 80,000 locations in the United States will be provid- ing booster shots, including 40,000 pharmacies nationwide.

"And like your first and second shot, the booster shot is free and easily accessible," Biden said. People that have received Moder- na and Johnson&Johnson vaccines are recommended to wait on third doses as the CDC is still analyzing data on how to proceed with these individuals.

"Today, ACIP only reviewed data for the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. We will address, with the same sense of urgency, recommendations for the Moderna and MR vaccine as soon as those data are available," W alensky said. With flu season rolling around, people are recommended to vac- cine for that virus as well.

Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and the Chief Medical Advisor to the President Anthony Fauci, M.D., addressed concerns on receiving both COVID-19 vaccine/booster and the flu vaccine in an interview with CNN reporter Wolf Blitzer.

"What you should do is get it as soon as you can and in the most expeditious manner," Fauci said.

"If that means going in and the flu shot in one arm the COVID shot in the other that’s perfectly fine. There’s nothing wrong with that at all. In fact, that might make it more convenient and make it more likely that you would actually get both of them if you could do it conve- niently in one visit. So whatever it takes to get both of them go ahead and do it. If it’s one visit it’s perfectly fine."

To schedule your COVID-19 booster shot, visit the Walgreens or CVS website.
By Julian Herrera

Though the windswept tree branches, inviting the onset of autumn in the borderland, and many flowers upon Natalicio’s mental wreathe in the center of Centennial Plaza softly fluttered, there was no other sound. The breath of the campus was still, preceding a waiting that could not be heard but was palpable in every breath. The morning’s still chatter was best with an imperceptible fog, the space in which an inevitable conversation was set to take place — and while all were aware of its presence, no one was truly prepared to acknowledge it, fearing the weight of it might just be too much. But few had the presence and character that shattered silence and barriers like Diana Natalicio.

Born in St. Louis, Missouri, to a family of modest means in 1939, Natalicio began work as a switchboard operator directly out of high school. In the first of a lifetime of groundbreaking decisions defying complacency in pursuit of progress, Natalicio enrolled in the private Saint Louis University and graduated in 1961 with a bachelor’s degree in Spanish. She proceeded to receive a Fulbright Scholarship, studying in Brazil and earning her master’s degree in Portugal before returning to the U.S. to earn a doctorate in linguistics at UTEP in 1971, and even now, the universities that have afforded to the students at UTEP the power to change our lives. It was Dr. Natalicio’s life and work that made that possible.

Ms. Andrea Cortinas, Vice President and Chief of Staff

Dr. Natalicio’s life is a prime example that one person can make a difference. She led UTEP through a transformative process that affected the lives of thousands of people, including my own. My Abuelita, an immigrant with a second-grade education, always instilled in me the drive for higher education because it was something she had not been privileged to have, but knew had the power to change our lives. It was Dr. Natalicio’s philosophy and work that made my Abuelita’s dream of higher education for me a real thing and transformed not just my life, but the trajectory of my family.

Dr. Natalicio throughout nearly 50 years of service at UTEP.

1988
Natalicio is appointed President of the Regents.

1991
She is appointed by President George H. W. Bush to the Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence of Hispanics Americana.

1998
Natalicio celebrates her 10th anniversary as UTEP President.

2011
She Received the Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca, the highest honor bestowed on foreign nationals by the president of Mexico.

2013
Sworn in as board chair of the American Council on Education, the largest national higher education organization.
“I would love to provide thoughtful and meaningful comments that Dr. Natalicio deserves, but I am at a loss for words to adequately convey how much she meant to me. On a general note, I will forever remain impressed by her, her love of students, passion for science, her endless commitment to the community and her relentless effort to support all of the above (and be successful) for half a century.

I will forever be jealous of her public speaking, consistent messaging, ability to comprehend large and diverse topics, use data to inform her decisions, her focus and to stay the course, regardless of the pushback. She had a wonderful laugh that I can still hear in my head!

On more practical terms, former President Natalicio was an amazing and approachable leader that had a vision of higher education that was not in fashion for her time. Her inner strength and determination saw her dream realized that all students, regardless of their backgrounds, ethnicities, and socioeconomic status would have access to an affordable education that would make them competitive on the world stage. She believed in, developed, and defended concepts including inclusion, social mobility, opportunities for first generation students, access and excellence that many took for granted today. I am thankful she did not and championed them her entire career.

I remember my first interaction with Dr. Natalicio when I interviewed for the Chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. I remember coming to UTEP with limited expectations and after just 30 minutes of conversation with her, charting with the students, and listening to the faculty reflecting her vision, I became a believer and knew that I needed to come to UTEP and join her on this important mission.

One aspect that I always admired about her was that she wanted to attain Carnegie R1 status, not for her prestige, but what it would mean for the brand recognition of the degrees earned by the students and thus better their opportunities in life. I also appreciated how she managed to attain this status as a research-intensive university, and did so without sacrificing other university programs. She always told me, “We will get there in our own time and at our own pace.” She was true to her word.

Dr. Natalicio did more than provide me with incredible academic opportunities to work with the faculty, staff and students during my 15 years at UTEP, she brought me and my family to a wonderful community grow and appreciate new cultures and experiences that I had never known before. I am very appreciative of this unexpected outcome of my hire.”

“Dr. Natalicio was a positive force in education. Her dynamic leadership was instrumental in helping transform UTEP into the R1 university we are today. We are so grateful for the opportunity to learn from her example, and we will continue her mission of access and excellence.”

“Dr. Natalicio worked tirelessly to expand educational opportunities and ensure access to higher education. She transformed lives. She loved UTEP and more importantly, she loved UTEP students. I am incredibly thankful to have worked with Dr. Natalicio for more than 15 years and grateful for the impact she had on my life and so many others. I will cherish the time we had together particularly our trips to Bhutan. We lost a tremendous leader, fierce advocate, champion for student success and a good friend. I am deeply saddened by the passing of Diana Natalicio but am committed to her legacy of access and excellence.”
Texas’ restrictive voting bill becomes law

BY VICTORIA RIVAS
The Prospector

Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed the voting bill, SB1, into law Sept. 7, despite various quorum walkouts by Democrats.

The new law limits voting options, including overnight and drive-thru voting initiatives used by voters of color in the past presidential elections.

“Proud to sign Senate Bill 1 into law, which will uphold the integrity of our elections in Texas,” said Abbott via Twitter.

In July, over 50 Democrats in the Texas State Legislature traveled to Washington, D.C., to deprive the Legislature of a quorum and block the controversial bill.

“We will not stand by, and witness Republicans silence the voice of hard-working Texans. Texas Senate Democrats are committed to ensuring our elections are free, fair, and accessible for every Texan,” said Texas Senator Royce West.

The new law also increases criminal penalties for voting mistakes. It grants more authority to partisan poll watchers at voting sites and implements further restrictions for mail-in voting.

“Some people don’t have the resources to go and vote, and these options offered in past elections facilitate the voting process and allows them to be heard,” said Mirella Martinez, a UTEP marketing student.

The new voting law in Texas signed by Gov. Abbott is one of the most restrictive in the nation, said Vice President Kamala Harris via Twitter. “The bill limits the options that enabled a historic number of Texans, especially citizens of color, to vote safely in our last election.”

Former President Donald Trump claims there was voter fraud in the 2020 elections and blames his loss to voting initiatives by counties like Harris County.

“This law will make it easier to vote and harder to cheat in the Lone Star State,” said Abbott via Twitter.

Michael Gallardo, 20, a UTEP business student, believes SB1 directly affects Texans’ voting rights and limits opportunities for minority groups.

“It is our right to vote, and not everybody has easy access to get up and go to the polls at certain locations. For those individuals, Gov. Abbott took away their easy access and limited their rights,” Gallardo said.

Several lawsuits have been filed since SB1 was signed into law, including a lawsuit by Voto Latino, Texas Alliance for Retired Americans, and Texas American Federation of Teachers.

“Not only are we filing suit to protect the right to vote for all people of color, and the additional 250,000 young Latino Téjanos who will reach voting age in 2022, but to protect every Texan’s right to vote,” said Maria Teresa Kumar, CEO of Voto Latino in a press release. “A thriving, healthy democracy demands maximum participation by all eligible voters. It’s time lawmakers stop the assault on voting rights and instead compete for our votes with ideas.”

President Joe Biden said the new Texas voting law is an “assault” on democracy, and he assured his administration would work to protect citizens voting rights.

“Voting should be accessible; it is a right that we have as Americans,” said Gallardo.

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The Center for Accommodations and Support Services (CASS) has an online portal with a three-question application for students with disabilities or temporary disabilities. CASS will then meet with students virtually or in person to discuss their case and determine what accommodations the student is eligible for.
Apple releases the new iPhone 13

Preorder sales for the new iPhone 13 began Sept. 17.

BY EDUARDO A. FLORES

The Prospector

Apple has officially launched its newest generation of iPhones with four different models claiming to have upgraded in design and features.

Pre-order sales began Sept. 17 to help customers secure their orders early for delivery or pick up at the nearest Apple store. The new iPhone 13 mini, iPhone 13, iPhone 13 Pro, and Pro Max release date was set worldwide for Sept. 24.

The upgrades included in the iPhone 13 contain a brighter display, longer battery life, expansion of storage, and advancement in cameras.

The new iPhone 13 Pro Max has a 6.7-inch screen compared to the iPhone 13 and Pro models, which have a 6.1-inch screen, and the iPhone 13 mini with a 5.4-inch screen.

The iPhone 13 Pro and iPhone 13 Pro Max introduced a new Super Retina XDR display with ProMotion, supporting an adaptive refresh rate from 10Hz to 120Hz, for fast frame rates. Apple says the iPhone 13 Pro Max has a max brightness of 1,000 nits for specific content and 1,200 nits for HDR content.

Also, all four iPhone 13 models are equipped with the A15 Bionic chip providing power efficiency. On iPhone 13 Pro Max, the battery life can get up to 2.5 more hours of durability, and the iPhone 13 Pro up to 1.5 more hours.

With an increase of 128 GB storage for all base models, the price of the iPhone 13 mini starts at $699, while the iPhone 13 costs $799. The iPhone 13 mini and iPhone 13 models come in five new colors: pink, blue, black, white, and red.

According to (PRODUCT) RED officials, customers who buy the red option contribute to the Global Fund to combat COVID-19. Meanwhile, the iPhone 13 Pro see iPHONE.13 on page 10.
Hueco Tanks hosts 27th Interpretive Fair

BY KRISTEN SCHEAFFER
The Prospector

Hueco Tanks State Park will celebrate its 27th Annual Interpretive Fair next month. From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 16 and Sunday, Oct. 17, guests are welcome to attend various events ranging from traditional performances to educational tours around the park to learn more about the region.

“The Interpretive Fair is a weekend event where we invite the community to come out and experience Hueco Tanks’,” said Nicole Roque of Texas Parks and Wildlife. “We have exhibitors from all over the region to share not only the ecological importance of our region, but the cultural and historical importance.”

In the late 1990s, Hueco Tanks State Park was shortlisted to be closed to the public due to neglect. New regulations were instated to care for the park; a capacity limit of 70 people in the self-guided area and mandatory orientations were put in place to protect the resources the park had to offer.

“We really want to show the El Paso community that this place is really important, it’s really special and we want them to care about it as much as we do,” said Roque.

The fair became a means to educate the community on the region, the culture, and the history. Roque said that the fair became a way to share the park with everyone whilst protecting the land.

At the fair, the community can find educational exhibits ranging from the history of the interpretive center as a ranch house for the Escondita Family, the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo social dancers, various excursions to see some of the 3,000 pictographs in the region, and even do their own self-guided tours.

The National Parks Service will designate a National Historical Landmark during the weekend as well. Texas Parks and Wildlife highly encourages the community to come out and see what the state park has to offer. Along with the educational tours, Hueco Tanks will be open recreationally and the community is welcome to come for a regular hike with picnic sites available.

“It is the one weekend out of the year that it is free to come out to Hueco Tanks. There are no capacities… we just invite the community to come out and have a good time,” said Roque.

For more information, guests can check out Hueco Tanks State Park at their website txparks.gov/state-parks/hueco-tanks, or on Facebook, Instagram, or call (915) 857-1135.

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del Sur dancers, pictured here from the 2019 Interpretive Fair, will again host social dances during this weekend’s events.
Miners rally past the Monarchs

By Danny Lopez

The Miners (4-1,1-0) win in a thriller against Old Dominion University (ODU) (1-4-0) Saturday night. Oct. 10 at the Sun Bowl. The Miners took a commanding 17-0 lead in the first quarter, and the defense also played a part in that by forcing two sacks, two turnovers, and stuffing Old Dominion’s run game. In the second half, the Miners struggled at times to get the ball moving but were able to find enough rhythm to win the game 28-21.

In the start of the first half, Old Dominion began to move the ball on the Miners defense, however, Walter Neal Jr. was able to force a turnover that would put UTEP inside Old Dominion territory. Sophomore wide receiver Jacob Cowing moved the chains on a third and long from a long ball that was thrown by redshirt sophomore quarterback Gavin Hardison, giving the Miners a spark on the offense. UTEP could not punch it in for a touchdown so instead settled for a field goal to take the first lead of the game 3-0.

UTEP continued to drive the ball down near their goal line and were able to score a touchdown after a pass to the corner of the endzone thrown by Hardison to Garrett to make the score 20-7. Old Dominion moved the ball down the field with ease with passes from Mack. The Monarchs would score a quarterback draw from Mack from inside the five-yard line to cut the lead down to 20-14 with the Miners still ahead. UTEP went three and out and when trying to answer the Monarchs score. On the next play special teams would get their punt blocked and the Monarchs returned it for a touchdown to take a 20-21 lead.

On third and eight, Hardison completed a dime pass outside the numbers to Garrett for a huge first down. UTEP then was able to power in for a touchdown from Hankins on a wildcat play. UTEP then went for the two-point conversion and would convert to make the score 28-21.

“We played really, really good football the first 28 minutes of the first half. We executed and we had the one drive that ate up almost the whole second quarter, and it was really, really big for us. We finished drives but had to settle for a field goal on one of those drives,” Head Coach Dana Dimel said in the post-game press conference.

At the 4:00 mark, the Miners defense began to sink their teeth and force Old Dominion into long yard situations after stuffing a run by Mack and stripping away a pass for an incompletion. Irinyang would suddenly pick off Mack for a huge turnover to give the ball back to the offense.

At the 3:00 mark, UTEP’s defense stepped up to stop the Monarchs on fourth down.

"I just felt like the whole time we were the better team and we were going to find a way to win the game,” Coach Dimel said in a post-game press conference.

The Miner’s defense once again answered the bell with 30 seconds to go, the Miners forced an incomplete pass on fourth down to seal the game and claim a 28-21 victory. The Miners finished with 333 yards on offense, while the defense finished with two turnovers and two sacks.

UTEP faces The University of Southern Mississippi Saturday at 5 p.m. Oct. 9 at Roberts Stadium in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

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NHL Dallas Stars hand Arizona Coyotes their first loss

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The Arizona Coyotes (3-0-1) traveled to El Paso to take on the Dallas Stars (1-1-2) on Oct. 3 in the Kraft Hockeyville USA preseason matchup. This game took place at the El Paso County Events Center where the Dallas Stars managed to come out with their first win of the season after a score of 6-3.

The game managed to sell out and those in attendance received a rally towel on their seats as a souvenir. El Paso was awarded the opportunity to host this preseason game after winning America’s most spirited fan contest in America. Other prizes included $150,000 in rink upgrades from Kraft Heinz, as well as $10,000 worth of new equipment from the NHLPA Goals and Dreams fund.

About six minutes into the first period, Arizona managed to get on the scoreboard after a shot from Defenseman Shaye Gostisbehere, with an assist from teammates Clayton Keller and Alex Golchynky. This score came after a power play thanks to Dallas right wing Denis Gurianov getting two minutes in the penalty box after being called for cross-checking. This gave the Coyotes an early lead of 1-0.

Dallas was next to put a point on the board about 11 minutes into the first period. This point came from defensemen Thomas Harley and an assist from teammate and center Maxvrik Bouche to make the score 1-1.

About 18 minutes into the first period, Dallas managed to get another point on the board after a shot from left wing Jamie Benn, with an assist from center Tyler Seguin. This goal put the Stars ahead of the Coyotes 1-2.

The first period ended with the Stars up 1-2 over the Coyotes.

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The Dallas Stars managed to shut out the Arizona Coyotes in the third period which is what helped them win the game with a final score of 3-6, handing the Coyotes their first loss this preseason.

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