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Natalicio’s Legacy
Brave Books acquires former UTEP president’s collection

BY ITZEL GIRON
The Prospector

The legacy of former UTEP President Diana Natalicio, Ph.D, will continue to live on for years to come. Natalicio’s death late last year had a profound impact on the El Paso community, and her personal book collection gives the community a chance to walk away with a piece of her personality this March. In an estate sale earlier this year, Brave Books owner Jud Burgess had the good fortune of acquiring hundreds of books from her personal collection. “I went (to the estate sale), and she had quite a nice collection,” said Burgess. “I just basically worked with the estate sale director and was able to acquire the entire collection.”

With almost 600 books, her collection consists of a wide array of things she loved, including art, linguistics, travel, baseball, Mexican history, and the Southwest, including El Paso. However, some of these books will be a part of a private collection that Burgess hopes to showcase at the planned event and annually. The private collection will contain books that are not only in great condition, but personally signed and dated by Natalicio. Other books were also inscribed to her by friends such as El Paso legends Abraham Chavez, Tom Lea and others. “We’re keeping many of the books that were inscribed to her from some of her closest friends because it shows how beloved she was,” said Burgess. “It’s just something that we want to share with the public in the years to come. We want to be a repository of her legacy and share that as well besides offering her books.”

The event is scheduled to take place during spring break and is titled “The Dr. Diana Natalicio Book Collection Tribute,” where Burgess hopes people come and not only see but take a piece of the collection home with them. Though the main event is planned for two days, the selling and showcasing of her books will go on for weeks. Not only will the books be shown, but certain personal items such as El Paso-styled prints, and Bluhmene tapestries will be on display which give another glimpse into the life of someone who dedicated so much of her time to UTEP and the city of El Paso. The significance of this collection is enormous as it is one of the few chances many can walk away with a piece of history.

“We have been able to secure this collection and say, ‘Look, this is a person that influenced you throughout your educational process, and now you have this opportunity to get a window into what she was like in terms of her book collection,’” said Burgess. “You can take a piece of Diana Natalicio, this person that influenced you, and just put it on your own shelf and say, ‘you know what, I got a piece of this person; something that was very personal to her is now in my collection.’”

Mark your calendars as Brave Books will hold this event March 12-13; no times have been set but will be revealed closer to the date. Brave Books is located at 1307 Arizona Ave. and is open seven days a week from noon to 5 p.m. Information can be found at @bravebooks tx on Instagram or Brave Books on Facebook.

Owner of Brave Books, Jud Burgess, will be highlighting a Diana Natalicio book collection in memory of the late UTEP President mid-March. The collection will include books owned and signed by Natalicio herself, after the bookstore came to possess them at an estate sale. Photo by Annabella Mireles/The Prospector

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The need for activism without tragedy

Kristen Scheaffer

On Jan. 11 one of my podcasts disappeared—a new episode. I grabbed my shopping list for Target and headed out, starting the new episode to listen on my way. This episode was called “Why does it take tragedy to bring attention to the injustices happening in the United States?” Recently, Nikolai Hannah-Jones, the creator of the 1619 Project, opened her specific periods, for example, when there was also a very good side and legendary families. Doing better starts practiced to begin with?)

On Jan. 11 one of my podcasts disappeared—the episode was, “They came, they saw, the education of the future? Is it signed Sept. 1, 2021, leaving this Castile and Rayvon Martin since 1836 was chosen because of Texas’ victory over Mexico, with that victory came independence, but not for everyone. However, this was one of many bills, including the SB8 bill banning abortion after six weeks, why are there people like Philando Castile and Trayvon Martin since 1836 if we are to be patriotic, does this mean the system will sink over the darker side of Texas history? Does denying the education of slavery “prevent” a racially divisive future? If that were the case, why are there people like Philando Castile and Trayvon Martin since 1836?

Kristen Scheaffer practiced to begin with?)

Critical race theory is the idea that racism has become ingrained in legal systems and policies and race is essentially a social construct, according to edweek.org CRT is not teaching prejudice towards white people, nor is it encouraging any superiority of one race over another. CRT teaches that these things still exist, and we must be aware of them to make change. You can’t solve a problem if you aren’t aware of the problem.

We need to ask ourselves why we are not having these discussions. Why are we not fighting for the education of the future? Is it because there is no George Floyd or Breonna Taylor to go with this fight? Is it a lack of media coverage, or is it a lack of interest for media to cover it? For that matter, why are we (myself included) only thinking about the public informed and how democracy is sustained in both the local and international level, accessibility of the most importance. Our unique student body lives and learns in a city where national and international policies become daily life. They want to know about what’s going on in their city and the world beyond the border.

While this was one of the 1619 Project, the year 1836 should not be buried. Critical Race Theory hasn’t been in the mainstream news for a long time, and we hardly heard anything about critical race theory as the 1836 Project. Tis bill was you get such a slanted biased story, and we hardly heard anything about critical race theory as the 1836 Project. Tis bill was you get such a slanted biased story, and we hardly heard anything about critical race theory as the 1836 Project.

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The Prospector & Minero Magazine support The Battalion newspaper

The Battalion, the student-led newspaper at Texas A&M released an article on Feb.11 detailing that their university President Kath- erine Gleason and her Ph.D., is forcing the 129-year-old publication to stop printing. The decision was made without consulting any journalism professors on campus and was purely “a decision made by univer- sity leadership,” said Banks in an interview with The Battalion. Regardless, The Battalion has said it will continue printing. The Prospector & Minero Magazine supports The Battalion in their decision to diligently con- tinue printing news-stories despite university leadership demanding the publication to go completely online.

We see Texas A&M’s new policy of forcing The Battalion to stop printing as an overreach and a violation of their First Amendment rights. The university, along with attempting to cease printing, are trying to force the paper to move to the university’s Department of Journalism where the university would have full control of what gets published. If The Battalion chooses to stay as a student organization they would lose their office space, its faculty advisor, and general manager.

Prior to this decision, The Bat- talion had run as an independent student organization reporting on student-issues at Texas A&M. Under Texas A&M’s 2021 system policy, official messaging regulat- ion, 09.02… any form of publica- tion would have to be approved by the university.

All funding for The Battalion’s printing and payroll is made through selling advertisements and no funding is received from the university.

At the University of Texas at El Paso, students have reported, designed and printed The Prospec- tor either weekly or bi-weekly since 1915 and Minero Magazine since 2004, began print- ing Minero magazine, a bilingual publication, each semester. Based in a bi-national community, UTEP’s student journalists are faced with readers – college stu- dents or not – who consume media in a wide variety of ways. UTEP’s international student population sometimes means that they must cross the U.S. Mexico border, sometimes waiting up to four hours everyday not only to attend classes, but sometimes just to access a computer. This means that no, everyone is online and not everyone can af- ford to be online.

The ability to do journalism, to read journalism in a wide variety of formats is a privilege. Texas A&M’s president did not speak to any journalism profession- als before making her decision and the president has no prior experi- ence in journalism.

“I’m not a professor of journal- ism. I don’t understand exactly why [print media] is important to the field,” she said in an interview with The Battalion.

The ability to take a physical newspaper or magazine home where students might not have access to the internet or home to parents or guardians who might not know how the internet works is an important one to keep in mind. When considering how to keep the public informed and how democracy is sustained in both the local and international level, accessibility of the most importance. Our unique student body lives and learns in a city where national and international policies become daily life. They want to know about what’s going on in their city and the world beyond the border.

The Battalion publication team knows first-hand that it is essential to maintain increased access- ibility to new-sources, regardless of where the publication is based. Although both publications have adopted online formats to bet- ter connect with the increasingly online generation of students each year, the choice not to abandon printing, despite the increasing prices of print, is a wise one. We will stand by The Battalion’s students and we hope they choose to continue to print and remain an organization in the name of student-press freedom.

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Why the wait time to cross to Juarez is inhumane
BY HUGO HINOJOSA

Border commuters await long hours to cross to Ciudad Juarez, Feb. 13, 2022. Photo by Hugo Hinojosa /The Prospector

If you are a fellow border commuter, you probably know the pain of crossing from Ciudad Juarez to El Paso every day. Unless you possess the privilege of owning a SENTRI card, and the tag for the express line, you are left to the will of destiny to cross in the mornings. Luckily, it usually takes one or two albums or podcast episodes to get you going. Heck, you could even hear NPR or our own Prospector podcast (which I will shamelessly tag beside this story so you can listen to our content).

However, it is at the crossing back to Juarez where we all become mere mortals. There is nothing like a two-hour-line to feel your youth decay as every particle of oxygen flows through your body. You may be thinking, “Well, it can’t be that bad, it’s just like in the morning, you simply get another album to listen to.” That would be a fair thing to say if we lived in an ideal world of kindness and respect, but here at the border-line is apocalyptic chaos.

El Paso Administration recently concluded the construction of the Cordova Americas Bridge. But like a toxic friendship, the first weeks are cute until condescendence comes in. Indeed, the CBP officers are all calling us stupid when they bottle the three lines coming from I-20 into one just for fun. They take it as a joke, but it hurts our self-esteem, nonetheless.

Now, if we compare it to the Downtown bridge, Cordova becomes a 3-hour walk in the park. I remember once arriving at 6 p.m. and having to start the line at Overland Ave. In terms of distance, yes, it is shorter. But the truth is, reader, there are five lights between me and liberty. Morality rots as every light turns green and I only move 3 inches.

And it does not get any better as you advance. Paasino becomes “Mad Max Fury Road.” If you let someone pass you over, you will be greeted with a symphony of claxons, and I WILL be playing the violin No.3. A random car used its horn pad (yes, that is what it is called) for 15 seconds (and yes, I count them). We were all thinking of it, but she did it.

Honestly, we cannot trust each other. I tried to let someone cross the street and a truck cut in front of me. In fact, let us make it a consensus not to trust men in trucks. Tough, that is an opinion piece for another time.

As you get to the entrance after an hour and a half of misery, you have no option but to accept your predicament. But mind you, I will be paying $3.50 to the government for making me wait in this line. If we hold dull professors to a high standard, why don’t we treat these wait times with the same ferocity? I can handle it for one hour, sure. But if it takes more time to get to my own house on my way back from school when I can be traveling to Ruidoso, then why are we accepting it?

We know it is unnecessary; it is a waste of our time, and, just like the other (frankly, quite more important) issues of the border, is being handled poorly. So, I am saying it first, the wait times at the border are inhumane and we need accountability.

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Abbott responds to winter storm, prepares for power outages

BY KRISTEN SCHEAFFER

Winter Storm Uri hit Texas and the eastern half of the United States Thursday, Feb. 3, 2021, leaving nearly 4 million Texans without power; according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. The damage adds up to nearly $295 billion. That storm took 24 lives in Texas’ lives and spanned 77 counties, according to the Texas Health and Human Services. It was reported that almost 10 people were killed from the storm and death was caused by hypothermia. Learning from that tragedy, Gov. Greg Abbott seems to be prepared with a plan this year. Abbott distributed a press release with representatives ranging from ERCOT, the Public Utility Commission of Texas, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and more, detailing the current stance on the power grid and preparations for the storm. “At the expected peak demand, there should be enough excess of megawatts of extra capacity,” Ab- bott said during the press release. “So that into context, that is about enough extra power to sup- ply about two million homes.” During this year’s storm on Feb. 3, the grid did hold strong as storms brought rains and ice to cities across the state. However, power was still lost due to reasons ranging from wind and ice affecting fallen trees and power, according to powerourtages.us. Power was lost among 22,000 Texans within the state during this month’s storm. Abbott requested on a press release that the power grid would hold its own but warned that fallen trees and other effects from the storm could lead to residents experiencing power outages for short periods of time. In a statement, Gov. Abbott ensured Texas residents that there would not be another situation as they had been. He made clear that there were 27 state agencies in place ensuring the sup- port Texas may need. “The State of Texas has deployed a plethora of resources to ensure our communities have the support they need to respond to this storm,” said Abbott in a press release. “Texas is experiencing one of the most sig- nificant ice events in decades; but we have taken unprecedented steps to ensure that our power grid con- tinues to function reliably despite treacherous weather conditions. As we continue to face freezing tem- peratures, precipitation, and other dangerous elements, I urge Texans to be prepared and heed the guid- ance of their local officials as we all work together.” Abbott did sign an emergency proclamation after the Feb. 3 storm for 17 of Texas’ counties, majority being in North Texas. This storm was mild compared to last year’s Storm Uri. Abbott stated in the press release that arrangements were made; many would be on standby to service places of need.

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UTEP SGA holds meeting to discuss student request funds

BY EDUARDO FLORES

The UTEP Student Government Association held its weekly Senate meeting virtually on Feb. 3 due to the university closure caused by the weather conditions that impacted the region of El Paso.

During the meeting, four ap- proval bills were passed by the SGA cabinet. An approval bill has the mission to help organizations request funds to endorse travel and non-travel events finan- cially.

Approval Bill 51, authored by Morgan Wagner, Rachel De La Rosa, etc., included the sum of $15,000 to help send five students to attend the Society for Personality and Social Psychology 2022 annual conference in Hilton Union Square in San Francisco, California, from Feb. 16-19.

Approval Bill 44, authored by Ernesto Villalobos Jr, requested $350 to help defray expenses of sending one student to attend the Conference in Higher Education Peda- gogy held in The Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center from Feb. 8-9.

Approval Bill 33, authored by Jagdish Paudel, included $409 to help defray expenses of sending one student to attend the Confer- ence in Higher Education Peda- gogy held in The Inn at Virginia Tech & Skelton Conference Center from Feb. 8-9.

UTEP alumni on hunger strike for Latinx and Black school communities

BY ITZEL GIRON

Eleven schools in the Oakland Unified School District are set to close by the end of the California academic year May 25. However, it is a motion that has no community input and was voted on solely by school board members. The schools in question range from elementary, middle, and intermediate (K-8) schools that are in predominately Black and Latinx communities.

The sudden announcement of closures has sparked a debate among the community, students, parents, and teachers and created a hunger strike by teacher and UTEP alumna Maurice Andre San-Chez. Camped outside of their workplace Westlake Middle School, San-Chez went on strike at the beginning of February, in hopes of halting the vote that took place Feb. 8 which would determine what schools would be closed, merged, or reduced to certain grade levels.

“I think they tried to base it off (the school closures) of test scores and like certain logistics and they’ve also been saying enrollment is low,” said San-Chez. “They were going to close the schools at the end of this year with no commu- nity input.”

The board meeting resulted with the initial proposal that started with 16 schools; including West- lake Middle School, to be finalized with 11 schools to be affected. One of those schools taken off the list was Westlake, in hopes that the hunger strike would end. “It’s a small win for us, but we’re in this so no school has to close,” said San-Chez. “People have asked if we’re going to stop anytime soon but it’s not going to happen until our demands are met.”

“They held the second week of their hunger strike; as of Feb. 14, they continue to hope for more of their demands to be met such as, with the other board members and the governor so that these schools affected are won’t closed.”

“We’re meeting with the super-intendent today (Feb. 14) and we have some other teachers from other schools that are ready and willing to join in our fight,” San-Chez said.

District 5 Director of OUSD Mike Hutchinson has also voiced his concerns over the closures and tried to act against the closures of these schools.

“There is no way – no way – you can change this list, cut down this list, or do anything that the com- munity is going to accept. So, it is a clear choice, either to address the situations as they happened. He made clear that there were 27 state agencies in place ensuring the sup- port Texas may need. “The State of Texas has deployed a plethora of resources to ensure our communities have the support they need to respond to this storm,” said Abbott in a press release. “Texas is experiencing one of the most sig- nificant ice events in decades; but we have taken unprecedented steps to ensure that our power grid con- tinues to function reliably despite treacherous weather conditions. As we continue to face freezing tem- peratures, precipitation, and other dangerous elements, I urge Texans to be prepared and heed the guid- ance of their local officials as we all work together.” Abbott did sign an emergency proclamation after the Feb. 3 storm for 17 of Texas’ counties, majority being in North Texas. This storm was mild compared to last year’s Storm Uri. Abbott stated in the press release that arrangements were made; many would be on standby to service places of need.

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Sex/Love and Respect Week to be held at UTEP

BY KRISTEN SCHEAFFER
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Jessica Ruiz asks true or false questions to students who participate at the Sex/Love and Respect booth at Centennial Plaza Feb. 14. Photo by Carolina Uribarri /The Prospector

UTEP will be hosting a series of events to mark this week to educate the student body on healthy relationships.

These events will kick off on Monday, Feb. 14, and will be ongoing for the week.

The month of February marks Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, where education is essential as high school and college students enter the dating scene. One in three teenagers will experience abuse, whether it’s physical, emotional, or sexual, before they reach adulthood, according to loveisrespect.org. TDVAM is a way to open doors for youth.

Valerie Barela, Student Wellbeing Initiative Coordinator and Collegiate Recovery Program Coordinator, found inspiration with the National Association for Student Affairs, NASPA. The organization develops a focal point on sexual responsibility around this time of the month.

Barela met up with other departments to create this educational week for UTEP. This will be the university’s first year, bringing awareness to campus.

“I thought that it was a really worthy cause to bring to campus. When I spoke with some other departments, the Campus Advocacy, Resources, and Education, so the CARE department focuses on teen violence or teen dating violence awareness month,” said Barela. “So for that reason, we said let’s work together. All of this coincides with one another and let’s turn it into a combination.”

“The focus is on bringing attention to sex and the stigma related, to talking about sex and all aspects of sex. Certainly, there is health aspects of sex, there’s psychological aspects, there’s physical-like pleasure aspects of sex, and there’s also the connection piece of sex between people,” said Barela. “Similar things happen within relationships and healthy relationships.”

The schedule is as follows for Sex/Love and Respect Week:

Monday-Tabling and Raffle where you can test your knowledge on sex, love, and respect. From 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Centennial Plaza.

Tuesday- Counseling and Psychological Services, CAPS, will be hosting a speaking event on sexual boundaries, consent, and refusal. From 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. this will be located in the Aracia Room, 102A in Union East.

Wednesday- UTEP library will host a love is... photo booth on the third floor from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thursday- Another tabling and a last chance to enter a raffle while testing your knowledge. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Union East, West Entrance (across from Starbucks). Also, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., CARE will have a presentation called “Healthy Talk is Sexy Talk,” which is showcase conversation on health in sex and relationships.

Friday- The raffle winner will be announced on Instagram at noon, check out @utepcare and #uteplove.

For students seeking on-campus resources, there is CARE, CAPS, and the office of student conduct and conflict resolution. Off-campus resources include loveisrespect.org, RAINN, the center against sexual and family violence, Planned Parenthood, and advocatesforyouth.org.

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The Future Miner Vision: 2030 Strategic plan

**BY ALVYSON RODRIGUEZ**
The Prospector

The 2030 Strategic plan lays out the university’s vision, and how it plans to grow the campus over the next 10 years. It was created in 2020 after President Heather Wilson was appointed the 11th president of UTEP. It is a vision into the future of UTEP but what is in store for America’s top leading Hispanic-serving University? “In 2020, campus leaders worked on a strategic planning process intended to help our campus community identify and assess viable strategies to advance our mission and have an even greater impact on the students and community we serve. We carefully evaluated our strengths and the needs of the community we serve and presented our findings to the UTEP and El Paso community in April 2021,” said Andrea Cortinas, Vice President and Chief of Staff and the Co-leader of the Strategic Plan Implementation Council. There are four goals for the plan which include the following:

- **Goal one** titled teaching, learning
- **Goal two** comprised of advancing research
- **Goal three** is to expand Ph.D. programs and to strengthen recruitment in our primary region 19 market, expanding our primary recruitment market beyond region 19, and lastly to prioritize target secondary markets. It also includes leveraging our place and strengthening our ties to our community and redesigning our core curriculum, starting with the highest-enrollment courses. Increasing internships, co-ops, and employer-sponsored professional development programs is also a priority among other objectives to improve the miner student experience on campus.
- **Goal four** is to improve access to methadone services, provide psychological therapies, UTEP mentions.

UTEP’s Centennial Plaza. Photo by Connor Martinez/The Prospector

The main objectives of the first goal titled teaching, learning and the student experience is to:

- focus on increasing Ph.D. and M.S. programs and reducing the number of double majors
- have a student to faculty ratio that is comparable to other region 19 schools
- have a robust and diverse course offering
- have a convocation center to serve the 12,000 commuter students
- have a fully engaged learning and information technology environment
- have investment in co-curricular education experiences for current students and employment for graduates and will

The last goal is shaping the future of higher education. Advancing the development and application of knowledge to improve higher education for underrepresented students and under-resourced regions is the main initiative of this plan. Researching and teaching bilingualism is also top priority for this goal.

While every Vice President is responsible for leading their division as we implement the Strategic Plan and key initiatives, we have established a 12-member Strategic Plan Implementation Council comprised of representatives across different divisions, who will share information, advance implementation, and monitor the success as we continue our momentum. Our first report on results and progress in implementing the Strategic Plan will be released later this year,” said Cortinas.

To learn more about the 2030 strategic plan and its initiatives visit the website at https://www.utep.edu/strategic-plan/.

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**UTE Professor receives grant to aid individuals with HIV**

**BY JULIA LUCERO**
The Prospector

UTE Associate Professor Julia Lechuga Ph.D., received a $3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health and National Institute on Drug Abuse, and will work alongside Programa Compañeros to help implement interventions for people living with HIV and those that inject drugs. UTEP communication newsletter said. Programa Compañeros is a non-governmental program in Ciudad Juarez that participates in research and responds to the populations most vulnerable to HIV/AIDS and injection drug addiction.

Lechuga wants the program to focus and conduct interventions designed for latency to push them to get treatment. “Interventions have shown success in achieving shorter-term viral suppression outcomes among people who inject drugs, but we propose to identify the intervention components that derive the greatest benefits and impact on viral suppression with the goal to promote long-term viral suppression,” Lechuga said.

The study will be conducted on the U.S. Mexico border, and interventions will take in a real-world setting and with real world caregivers to create the greatest possibility of scalability, Lechuga said.

The four intervention studies taking place over the next five years include patient navigators to help participants obtain HIV treatment services, provide psychological therapy to treat depression, improve access to methadone treatment, and offer educational sessions and skills for medication adherence, UTEP communications newsletter said.

“While we wanted to see which of the four types of interventions would be most impactful in getting people who are living with HIV to be virally suppressed for at least a year,” Lechuga said.

Around 384 participants will be enrolled in a clinical trial so researchers can understand which behavioral intervention component will help the individuals the most to take their medications and achieve viral suppression, Lechuga said.

“This area where we live in is very underserved compared to other borders,” Lechuga said.

Lechuga said a greater proportion of individuals living along the border live below the poverty line, don’t have health insurance and have limited health care providers. According to the CDC, in 2019, Hispanic/Latino people made up 29% (10,496) of the 36,801 new HIV diagnoses in the US and dependent areas. Hispanic/Latino gay and bisexual men accounted for most new diagnoses in 2019, with 85% of cases being male to male contact, CDC HIV report said.

For every 100 Hispanic/Latino people with HIV, 84 of them knew of their status, CDC HIV report said.

Executive Director of Programa Compañeros, Maria Elena Ramos said that the new project would allow the organization to implement new interventions to assist individuals who inject drugs and those living with HIV adhere to medication by providing new public health strategies such as psychological therapies, UTEP Communications newsletter said. Ramos said to UC, “We will also learn about other tools to detect and treat the most prevalent mental health conditions such as depression in the population that we serve,” UTEP Communications newsletter said.

Lechuga says her team applied the principles of harm reduction to the study.

The philosophy of harm reduction acknowledges that human beings are imperfect. When it comes to health, there is no need to seek perfection, it matters when the individual tries their best, Lechuga said. “Change begins with that, with understanding that you’re trying,” Lechuga said.

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Highly anticipated Puerto Rican star Bad Bunny arrived at the Don Haskins Center Friday Feb. 11, as fans lined up outside for hours before the show started. It was only the second show in his biggest tour to date, “El Último Tour del Mundo” and setting the bar high for not only his performance but for the following shows.

Bad Bunny announced his tour last spring, and it quickly became one of the biggest to come to the Don Haskins Center and as tickets sold out within minutes. Tickets had prices exceeding $1,000 for resale, but fans were more than willing to dish out the cash to see him live. However, it is not the first time Bad Bunny has come to the borderland as he has performed at the El Paso County Coliseum years before. This was his second time performing at the Don Haskins Center, since he had previously performed two years ago for his X100PRE tour. Bad Bunny prepared to bring the high energy and entertainment value starting with a bigger venue.

The stage was set with a semi-truck, seen on the cover of Bad Bunny’s album “El Último Tour del Mundo,” beginning to slowly move to the center of the stage where Bad Bunny later emerged. Right on top of the trailer of the semi, he would perform at least two songs before it would unfold and separate into three different pieces.

Once the stage was set completely, colorful lights and pyrotechnics filled the building as the crowd sang along during the first half of the set. The fast-paced music was sure to keep everyone engaged as well as the interactions he had with the crowd from afar. His sold-out show, allowed Bad Bunny to play hits from across his discography including “Si Te Vas a Ti Mamá,” “Cómo Se Siente,” “Yo Perreo Sola,” “Safari,” “Maldita Pobretena,” and “Buscador.” He played at least one song from each album to make sure no fan walked away disappointed.

High energy was seen as the crowd could not contain their excitement, even with songs about heartbreak. People could not stop dancing and singing along. Bad Bunny filled the building with electricity as diverse dancers joined him on stage for multiple songs throughout the night. Eventually, he closed his show by performing his current hit “Dakirí” and got the crowd jumping just in time for confetti to rain down on everyone.

Ending the night with a bar set and high energy, Bad Bunny is set to continue this tour until April before taking a small break and heading on the road again. His second tour of the year “World’s Hottest Tour” is set to start Aug. 5 in Orlando, Florida as he makes his way to Mexico City where the tour will end in December.

Super Bowl advertisements take the spotlight

By Victoria Rivas

The Super Bowl is one of the biggest events every year, and viewers do not only tune in to enjoy the halftime show but to watch advertisements that cost millions of dollars for a 30-second airtime slot. For years, the Super Bowl advertisements have incorporated humor, nostalgia and celebrities to captivate the audience’s attention, and this year was no different.

Most of the advertisements included celebrities promoting products like Budweiser, Uber Eats, Amazon Alexa, Planet Fitness, Gillette, Frito Lay and more. Although not all commercials were captivating, the best advertisements were unique, included humor, and successfully promoted their product.
El Paso ready to laugh with Kevin Hart

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This February, Kevin Hart will make an appearance in the borderland, for four shows. Originally, Hart only scheduled one performance in El Paso, but because of skyrocketing ticket sales, he decided to add three more shows, all of which will take place at the Abraham Chavez Theater. The shows will be Thursday, Feb. 24 and Friday, Feb. 25, with two shows on each day, at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Hart is undoubtedly one of the most popular comedians in the country and the world, so what do El Pasoans think about his visit to the borderland?

“He’s really funny. He could be controversial on some topics, but I don’t really look much into him.” I like his movies, and I’ve seen a lot of his acts,” said Jessica Tapia, a junior majoring in accounting, who was surprised about Kevin Hart’s appearance in El Paso. “I feel like a lot of [famous comedians] don’t come here because they can’t sell out here like other people. I know a lot of people who try to come here, and they don’t [do as good as they do] in other big cities, like it wasn’t as good as they expected.”

Can Kevin Hart’s appearance in El Paso signify a green light for other prominent comedians or entertainment groups to come to the borderland? It’s possible that El Pasoans have been waiting for him to visit, and are anticipating other big artists to perform in the future. Although he is known for some controversy in recent years, many are still anticipating to enjoy his act.

“I know there’s a lot of controversy around him. I’m not the biggest fan of his. I think his comedy can be funny, but I know people who are excited that he’s coming, especially ‘cause [we don’t] get that many people coming into town,” said Ariel Castillo, 21, multimedia journalism major student. “I feel like the city can try hosting bigger events. I think once they get people like [the city] can try hosting bigger events.”

U(T)EP students have mixed feelings about the half-time show, when they appeared at the roof top with a special guest performance by Mary J. Blige, Kendrick Lamar, 50 Cent, and a special guest performance by UteP biology student Jennifer France. His purpose in life was to try to do in other big cities, like it wasn’t as good as they expected. His legacy is kept alive as his art work, and you can see it through some of Van Gogh’s art pieces in his lifetime, which became famous after his death. His artwork is showcased in some of the biggest museums in the world. This is a unique opportunity for engaging all the senses in his works.

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Immerse yourself in upcoming Van Gogh’s art interactive exhibit

BY ALISON RODRIGUEZ

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“Butterfly and Crow,” “The Starry Night,” immerses yourself in the Van Gogh experience by stepping into some of Van Gogh’s most famous paintings.

“Beyond Van Gogh the Immersive Experience” is coming to El Paso this year. The exhibit will be open to the public from Nov. 21 to Jan. 29, 2023, at the El Paso County Coliseum, and will show more than 300 of Van Gogh’s art pieces. This interactive exhibit is an art experience that offers a different perspective from appreciating these artworks in a museum. “I can’t wait to see the Van Gogh immersive exhibit with my boyfriend when it comes to El Paso. I think it will be a really cool experience and a fun place to take pictures at,” said UTEP education major Maddison Del Toro.

Viewers can experience these masterpieces come to life as they are freed from their frames. The paintings will be projected throughout the walls of the building. The gallery was created in Canada and has traveled across the western hemisphere. UTEP biology student Jennifer Muniz, who is also an avid painter and fan of Van Gogh, says she can’t wait to attend the exhibit.

“I have been painting since I was a little girl, and Van Gogh is one of my favorite painters. So, it is super exciting how an art exhibit like this can come to El Paso,” said Muniz. Van Gogh died a poor, tortured soul but has become one of the most influential artists of all time. His legacy is kept alive as his artwork is showcased in some of the biggest museums in the world. This is a unique opportunity for engaging all the senses in his works.

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“Van Vincent Van Gogh was a Dutch painter and has become a mythical figure for the art community because of his use of colors and brush strokes. People are also intrigued by his life story and how his mental illnesses motivated his artworks. There is a lot of emotion in his work, and you can see it through his use of color,” said UTEP Assistant Professor of Art Melissa Warak, Ph.D., who is interested in disability studies and Van Gogh’s artworks.

It was visited the interactive exhibit in Houston. Van Gogh had a rough life filled with many defeats. He accidentally cut off his own earlobe off, spiraled into madness and depression and was admitted into the local mental hospital. After he got out, he committed suicide in the wheat field by his house. He created many different works of art throughout his lifetime, which became famous after his death.

“This past winter break, I went to the Van Gogh immersive experience show in Houston. I’ve seen some of Van Gogh’s art pieces in person at museums, and it’s a different experience seeing the artworks projected in these huge warehouses,” Warak said. “The immersive experience is a good way to see these paintings as motion pictures, but there is not a lot of history about the paintings. You can learn more about the history if you go to a major museum.”

History or not, art lovers and civilians alike can learn about Van Gogh through their own interpretation and experience in “Beyond Van Gogh the Immersive Experience to reserve your tickets or to find out more information on the exhibit visit vangoghelpaso.com/.”

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Miners lose second straight game

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The UTEP men's basketball team (14-10, 7-5 Conference USA) fell to the University of Marshall (9-16, 2-9 C-USA) Feb. 13 at the Don Haskins Center.

The Miners could not get stops on defense, which allowed Marshall to make consecutive baskets inside the paint, and outside the paint, in this 79-88 loss.

Junior guard Souley Boum and junior guard Jamal Bieniemy scored in double figures in this contest, but that was not enough to overcome this loss.

"That's just a talented team that can ball," Boum said during a after game press conference. "They're a good offensive team, they knocked us out of the tournament. They're a good offensive team, they knocked us out of the tournament. The Miners lead 38-39 in this contest after made free throws.

At halftime the Thunder Herd led 38-39.

The Miners in the first half struggled to close out on defense, whether it would be in the paint or at the 3-point line.

"We did not deserve to win this game," UTEP head coach Joe Golding said. "Marshall played great, total respect for Marshall. They outcoached us; they outplayed us. Give credit to Marshall. We've been through a lot, and they continue to grind. They're playing hard. Tonight it just wasn't our night, and it wasn't on them (the team), it's on me."

"Everything in year one is a learning experience," Golding said. "We're a work in progress still. We're still trying to get better on things, and tonight's a great example."

The UTEP men's basketball team can be seen back in action in their next game against Louisiana Tech University at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at the Don Haskins Center. Stats provided with the help of UTEP Athletics.
Miners closed the UTEP invitational with a doubleheader Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex (3-2, 0-0 Big East Conference) vs. Abilene Christian University (1-4, 0-0 Western Athletic Conference). They closed it off with a game against ACU vs. UTEP (4-2, 0-0 Conference USA).

In the first game of the invita-
tional, Creighton faced off against ACU at 9:30 a.m., where Creigh-
ton came out on top with a score of 9-1. Within the same inning, sopho-
more outfielder Cayla Nielson hit a three-
run home run to give the Bluejays a lead of 9-1. Within the same inning, sopho-
more infielder Emma Rosonke hit her first home run of the season with a three-run to close out the game 9-1. Nielson led the BlueJays with two hits and recorded a career-high of five runs batted in (RBI). In the second game of the day, the Miners took on ACU at 12:30 p.m, where UTEP fell to ACU 5-1. In the first two innings of the game, it was scoreless, but the Wildcats were able to put up four runs to take the lead in the third inning. In the third inning with two outs and bases loaded, ACU’s sophomore first base/pitcher hit a single to drive in a run, and an er-
ror from the Miners caused another run to bring ACU’s score to 2-0. Within the same inning, the Wildcats were able to bring in two more runs with a hit down the middle by junior outfielder Mercedes Eichelberger and a reach by junior infielder Shaylee Alani on an error. At the top of the seventh inning, freshmen shortstop Rose Gonzales and Lexi Morales to bring in freshman outfielder Jordyn Lopez with an error.
Miner miscues lead to loss at Marshall

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Rams rally to defeat Bengals in Super Bowl LVI

over on the 50-yard line. The Rams were able to take advantage and score a 17-yard touchdown down a pass from Stafford to wide receiver Odell Beckham Jr. This meant the Rams were first on the board and now up 7-0. Beckham was acquired by the Rams in November after starting the season with the Cleveland Browns. After playing the first half of the season in Cleveland, he had only 17 catches, 252 yards, and no touchdowns. In the postseason alone, Beckham had 21 receptions, 288 yards, and 2 touchdowns with the Rams.

Cincinnati knew they had to score a field goal, and the Rams managed to score a 1-yard touchdown after a pass from Stafford to tight end Tyler Higgin's. This drive led to a 7-3 score after a 29-yard field goal from kicker Evan McPherson. Stafford and his offense answered back with an 11-yard touchdown from wide receiver Cooper Kupp. After a bad hold from punter John Hekker, the extra point was unsuccessful resulting in a 13-3 score. The Bengals answered back with a 12-play, 75-yard drive where running back Joe Mixon threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Tee Higgins, making the score 13-10 with 5:47 remaining in the half. On the following drive is when things started to get rough for the Rams. Beckham got injured on a non-contact play and never returned to the game. Then to end that drive, Stafford's pass was intercepted by Cincinnati safety Javon Burrell in the end zone at the 2:00 minute warning. At halftime, the score was 13-10 with the Rams ahead.

To start the second half, the Bengals came out aggressive on the first play with a 73-yard touchdown from Burrow to Higgins to take the lead with a score of 17-13. This reception was the longest touchdown anyone has scored on All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey in his career. After Stafford's pass was intercepted by Bengals cornerback Chidobe Azubie, the Bengals managed to extend their lead to 20-13 after a 38-yard field goal from McPherson. The rookie kicker went a perfect 14/14 made field goals in the post-season, tying retired kicker Adam Vinatieri's post-season record. The Rams went on to make the score 16-20 after a 41-yard field goal from kicker Matt Gay. With just six minutes remaining in the game, the Rams needed to score a touchdown to keep their hope alive. After four penalties in the final two minutes of the game, the Rams managed to score a 1-yard touchdown after a pass from Stafford to Kupp leaving only 1:25 remaining. The Bengals tried to drive the ball downhill to give McPherson a chance to send it to overtime but were stopped on 4th-and-one. This allowed the Rams to get into victory formation and win.

The Miners struggled throughout the game as they went 19-of-55 overall and 2-of-14 from distance. UTEP won the rebounding battle 44-36 and had 25 bench points compared to eight from Marshall. Crouse led the Miners with 12 points, six rebounds, and two assists. Freshman forward Elina Arike followed with eight points and six rebounds. Sophomore guard Elaina Carrab and freshman forward Brenda Fontanata contributed to the team's effort when called in from the bench.

For Marshall, senior Alidjah Dunham and sophomore Savannah Wheeler point guards both had 10 points as they helped lead them to a victory with Loreli Roper adding a team-high 12 rebounds.

The Miners are now officially 0-3 in Super Bowl appearances and Burrow tied retired quarterback Roger Staubach's record for most times sacked (7) in a Super Bowl. Rams head coach Sean McDermott is the youngest to win a Super Bowl (36 years) in NFL history. Kupp won MVP as he finished the game with 8 receptions, 92 yards, and 2 touchdowns. Kupp also won Offensive Player of the Year at the NFL Honors after being the first player since 2005 to win the receiving triple crown.

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