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TEENAGER SHOT IN KANSAS CITY

A Kansas City homeowner is being charged after shooting a teenager who went to the wrong house and rang the wrong doorbell. 16-year-old Ralph Yarl was trying to pick up his younger siblings after school and mixed up the correct address with 84-year-old Andrew Lester’s address. Lester is being charged with two felony counts of assault in the first degree and armed criminal action. He could face a maximum punishment of life in prison. Yarl was shot twice, once in the head and upper lower arm and is in stable condition.

ROUGH SEAS WITH FRANK OCEAN

R&B singer Frank Ocean changed the scene at Coachella by changing the set and time of his performance. Fans were disappointed with his hour-late arrival and early cut off due to his “curfew”. Ocean decided at the last minute to alert fans who did not attend, that the show would not be live-streamed. Concertgoers also spoke out on social media about how Ocean only performed three songs while the other songs were only tracks playing over the speakers without him actually performing.

THE TENNESSEE THREE

After a shooting at The Covenant School in Nashville, where three children and three adults were killed, hundreds of protesters took to Tennessee’s state capitol, March 30, to advocate for gun control. Amongst the protesters were State Rep. Justin Jones, Rep. Justin Pearson and Rep. Gloria Johnson. This act was seen as “bringing disorder and dishonor” to the House. As a result, the Republican supermajority of Tennessee House Representatives voted to expel Jones and Pearson.

REMEMBERING A LEGEND

The late William “Willie” Cager Jr. was celebrated by the UTEP and El Paso community Friday, April 14 at the Don Haskins Center. Cager was a part of the historic 1966 NCAA National Championship team who started an all-Black starting lineup. The Miners beat the University of Kentucky 72-65.

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Instagram post. "You brought so su˛ered a pet loss must know it is much joy to my life for almost 10 years. Scotty and all the family important to mourn."

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Last month The Wall Street Journal reported that a new wave of journalists have been arrested in Ukraine, Russia has had a higher rate of arresting many critics of journalist, arrests like this carry as a reminder that not every country in the world is safe for journalists. Gutman was arrested February 2022 after criticizing for politically based writings or publications, meaning the rate of cartel killings. However, unlike Griner, Gershkovich was not released anywhere in 2022 due to their cover. But admit that if I must I will go for it seems unlikely Gershkovich will to go for a story that can expose so as killing a journalist because they detainment of journalists hit a new rate of arresting many critics of journalist, arrests like this carry as a reminder that not every country in the world is safe for journalists. Gutman was arrested February 2022 after criticizing for politically based writings or publications, meaning the rate of cartel killings.

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It is a nationwide crisis—overdosing on opioids, and soon, a drug overdose reversal will be sold over the counter around the country. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Narcan to be available to the public as the number of overdoses has increased. Narcan was created to help save lives and reverse an overdose of opioids. Otherwise known as naloxone, Narcan is a nasal spray that could save the lives of thousands across the country.

Unlike fentanyl and oxycodone, naloxone is easily available and can save hundreds of lives. For many years, naloxone was classified as a controlled drug and its availability limited the amount people could buy due to medication costs and the quantity available.

Narcan is now being sold over the counter and will soon be found at local drugstores for a potentially more affordable price. This also allows people to purchase the item without prescription. Local pharmacist, Hope Fierro, talks about the drug and how vital the information behind it is to those who may need to use it one day in case of an emergency.

“It’s a drug that has been approved by the FDA for a long, long time,” Fierro said. “We usually see it here (hospita]t-like in emergency crash carts because what happens is it reverses the effects of opioids when dealing with any type of overdose even in a controlled setting in a hospital.”

Even though naloxone has been known for some time, what makes this so revolutionary is how it no longer needs a prescription. This opens a gateway to saving lives.

“A lot of people don’t know about what they are taking could potentially be deadly so by making this particular drug available it could save more lives,” Fierro said.

UTEF student Faith Smith explains how they attend local band shows and mentions what they witness at times during shows. “I’ve seen people at shows overdose or get fentanyl poisoning and being able to have quick access to Narcan like that is so important,” Smith said. “I know a couple people who always try to bring Narcan with them to shows just in case something bad like that happens.”

When even looking at some well-known celebrities such as Prince, Tom Petty, Mac Miller and even famous rapper Coolio, who recently passed, fentanyl was found in their autopsy reports according to national news reports. The question now could be, if they had access to Narcan, would the outcome have been different?

UTEF student Aaron Hernandez talks about how he experienced using Narcan to save a life. “I was in Manhattan and my friends were not being the most responsible,” Hernandez said. “What I can say on that is that while it is not a miracle drug, if the response had been any later, then there would have been a worse outcome than what already happened. I think readily available Narcan is the safest thing possible, which is why I want to see it sold over the counter.”

According to the CDC, over 100,000 deaths occurred due to opioid overdoses within the United States in 2021.

About 40 percent of those deaths, someone else was present, indicating the essential need for naloxone to be able to have easy access to. Now although there is no exact comment on what the retail price could entail, it is something to reflect on how the overall impact this life-saving drug could offer to the public. It is no mystery the availability of naloxone over the counter is a great step in terms of accessibility to certain drugs that the public needs.

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A bright future for the Texas CROWN Act

The CROWN Act was signed into law in July 2019 by Gov. Gavin Newsom of California, making it the first state to ban hair discrimination in the U.S. From Nevada to Maine, 20 states have adopted the CROWN Act allowing anyone to wear their hair how they see fit, even in conservative states like Florida or Oklahoma proposals have been filed pushing for this law. While this moment is still standing strong and has gained a lot of support from the public, Texas could soon join the list of states banning hair discrimination and after a recent hearing, the future is looking bright.

A room filled with inspiration and hope, Wednesday, April 12, would mark the Texas House approval of House Bill 567 as representatives overwhelmingly voted with a 141-3.

In a crowded room filled with dedicated individuals shushing in support of this bill, more than a dozen witnesses testified in support of the bill during the historic legislative process.

Dakari Davis, a Black police officer who testified in support of the bill and according to the Texas Tribune thinks people should not be judged for sporting styles that are natural for their hair. Davis who has curly hair was once suspended from duty due to his hair.

“The discrimination had occurred, and the damage was done I was confused as to how my natural hair determined that I was not good enough to protect Texans,” Davis said. “Confused as to why I had to change my appearance to fit in with the old standard of beauty created during a time where people that didn’t look like me were considered a non-factor.”

UTEF student Kaila Pillaro-Estrada has naturally curly hair and thinks that people should not have to adjust their hair to fit in with professional standards and that specific hairstyles should not define a person’s professionalism.

“I never understood that people with curly hair, they should straighten it too look more professional or with people who wear braids, that’s just not the style I never understood on why that might look unprofessional to some people,” Pillaro-Estrada said. “People should wear their hair on how they want, it doesn’t affect their skills, I think we all have an idea on what professionalism looks like.”
Photography is a passion for many people. For years, photography has been constantly changing, from disposable film cameras to the latest smartphones. There are also numerous organizations that have given people, who have an interest in photography, a way to express themselves. In El Paso, there are many clubs that encourage the enjoyment of photography, one being the Photography Enthusiasts of El Paso (PEEP).

Founded in 1993, PEEP started as a small group of no more than four local photographers. Today, it is El Paso’s oldest photography club, consisting of about 78 members. PEEP is El Paso’s oldest photography club, comprising of four local photographers. Today, it is a small group of no more than 20 members.

PEEP is a place for people who have an interest in these topics and creative outlets. "I’ve been a member of the club for about seven years," said Will Keener, PEEP member. "Next weekend, a lot of us are going up to Tularosa, taking photographs of the small New Mexico village.

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At the heart of the ring: Lucha libre

BY MARIA L. GUERRERO
The Prospector

Editor’s Note: This is the first part in a three-part series.

The phenomenon of lucha libre is deeply rooted in Mexican culture and due to the closeness of sister cities, Ciudad Juárez and El Paso, this sport has influenced the wrestling world of the Sun City, deviating from what we would usually see in something like World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE).

Generations of professional wrestlers have kept the sport alive, teaching new luchadores the passion that runs through their veins.

The widely known sport of wrestling or lucha libre, has dated back to the Babylonian era. It was not until the 18th century that professional wrestling gained popularity in Mexico.

Growing up, I knew it was a phase and did not get involved in this sport.
Lucha Libre wrestlers Midas (left) and Martin “Marty Snow” Romero (right) are both passionate about the sport and wrestling at the same gym, Pro Wrestling Legacy. UTEP Alumnus Martin “Marty Snow” Romero started wrestling in January 2021 after graduating with a degree in psychology and a minor in creative writing. Midas wears an iridescent mask with a short black mohawk with one side completely covering his eye while the other is exposed. Photo by Annabella Mireles/The Prospector
New horror flick to take to the silver screen this summer

BY ALYSON RODRIGUEZ
The Prospector

Do not turn off the lights because another Stephen King novel is coming to life on the silver screen. The new supernatural horror flick, "The Boogeyman," is set to make audiences scream this summer.

"The Boogeyman" is a film adaptation of Stephen King's short story of the same name published in 1973 and was made at 20th Century Studios. It centers around high school student Sadie Harper and her younger sister Sawyer Harper, who are both still grieving their mother’s recent tragic death. Their father, Will Harper, a psychiatrist, is also dealing with his wife’s death while still working. One day, a patient comes desperately seeking Will's help. In return for the help, the desperate patient leaves behind an evil supernatural entity that preys on families and feeds off of their suffering.

The supernatural creature is one known by many as the Boogeyman, a story passed down through generations and has been tacitly used to instill fear in children for years. The Boogeyman is a metaphor for fear, anxiety and danger. Children have developed fears of the dark and the unknown due to this tale.

Rob Savage directs the horror film and Sophie Thatcher plays older daughter Sadie. Young star Vivien Lyra Blair plays younger sister Sawyer and Chris Messina stars as their grieving father Will. Other cast members include Marin Ireland, Madison Hu, LisaGay Hamilton, and David Dastmalchian.

Some UTEP students were not aware of the new big summer movie, but they are going to add it to their summer watch list.

"I had no idea this film was coming out this summer, but I am definitely going to check it out when it comes out," said junior education major, Hailey Saenz. "I’m not a huge fan of scary movies but after seeing the trailer I definitely want to check it out with my friends."

There is another film trilogy of the same name that came out in the early 2000s. This movie also focuses on what lurks in the shadows. This new version of The Boogeyman story may be the scariest version yet due to the producers being "Stranger Things" producers Shawn Levy and Dan Cohen. The screenplay was written by Scott Beck, Bryan Woods and Mark Heyman.

"I’m a big horror fan and I’ve seen all of the greats such as 'Psycho,' 'Young Frankenstein,' and 'The Conjuring' movies," said senior biological science major, Angel Segura.

"I heard about the new Boogeyman movie and I’m interested in checking it out and seeing if it is any good."

"The Boogeyman" opens in theatres June 2 and is rated PG-13. To learn more information about the movie, watch the trailer on YouTube or read the synopsis online.

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Through the film lens of one UTEP professor

By Victoria Castillo

Not only is springtime the season of windy weather and blooming flowers, but also the season of beauty. Young women and girls across the border prepare for the upcoming pageant season by focusing themselves on upcoming events and what it means to be a beauty. Y oung women and girls of windy weather and blooming blooms.

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The Complete, Incomplete, and Alternative Works of William Shakespeare: After the First Folio, and Before, " lecture will take place from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., April 20, at the Undergraduate Learning Center, room 126.

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With the 400th anniversary of the publication of his complete plays on the horizon, the UTEP English Department will be hosting an event highlighting information on what is known as Shakespeare's, "First Folio." Although the department puts on an annual spring lecture that has happened for decades, the topics change each year.

For the spring 2023 semester, the 38th hosting year in this series, the campus decided to invite Zachary Lesser Ph.D., Edward W. Kane Professor of English at the University of Pennsylvania (UPENN), to speak on how the "First Folio" came to be and why its publication is so significant.

UTEP's associate professor of English, Andrew Fleck, Ph.D., detailed how the lecture has evolved since his own work.

"Every system is known for their unreputable aspect," Fleck said. "Over the last 40 odd years, our studies were much more formalist. Sort of, here's this play and we're going to talk about character development and irony and hypocrisy or something like that."

"I think it might never have been, and how Lesser has new editions, and also inspired rewritings, revisions, adaptations, and contestations by authors from around the world."

One thing both Fleck and Lesser want people to know is the lecture is for everyone to enjoy. "I think it's exciting to think of the 'First Folio' not as this incredibly valuable, rare book that most of us never get to touch, but instead as a fairly mundane business project for people in the book trade in the early seventeenth century," Lesser said. "What did they hope to get out of it? Why did they think they could make money out of it? Why did they think it was so significant?"

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The Prospector’s Student-Athlete of the Month: Serena Patterson

Graduate student Serena Patterson played her fourth season with the UTEP volleyball team in the fall and is playing her first season with the beach volleyball team. Photo by Joel Molina/The Prospector

PATTERSON

BY KATRINA VILLARREAL
The Prospector

From being a part of the indoor volleyball team to the beach volleyball team, Serena Patterson has seen it and done it all. Patterson is on her way to earn her master’s degree in leadership studies.

Patterson began her career at UTEP with the indoor volleyball team where she played all throughout her undergraduate years and one year as a graduate student. She was a part of the successful 2021 indoor volleyball season where the team went 21-7 and 9-4 in conference play; the team’s first winning season since 2012. Patterson earned Conference USA (C-USA) All-Conference First Team honors (2021), C-USA All-Conference Second Team Honors (2020-2021 and 2022) and American Volleyball Coaches Association Southwestern All Region Team Honorable Mention (2021).

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Sports
Emmanuel Rivas Valenzuela, editor

UTEP welcomes back Head Coach Keitha Adams

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Is there a nationwide attack on trans­gender athletes in the United States?

BY EMANUEL RIVAS

Paving her path in the sand: Marián Ovalle

Breaking NCAA records, taking home Olympic medals and being recognized by ESPN and other high-profile media outlets, many achievements transgender athletes have been accomplishing for the past few years as many have been paving their way into the sports industry and breaking down barriers for the next generation of transgender athletes.

With this success and talent, many of these athletes have been facing hostile protests and legislation as several states and lawmakers across the country are fighting to ensure these athletes are not participating in teams that match their gender identity.

Despite this, these athletes’ talent continues to shine: last month ESPN highlighted transgender athlete Lia Catherina Thomas as part of Woman’s History Month, bringing up heavy backlash and discrimination against transgender athletes in sports across the nation.

According to the National Review, University of Kentucky swimmer Bailey Richardson, a rival of Thomas considered ESPN move to highlight Thomas achievements unacceptable and offensive.

“Lia Thomas is not brave or a courageous woman who earned a national title, Gaines said. “Thomas is an arrogant cheat who stole a national title from hard-working, deserving programs. If [I] was a woman working at ESPN, I would just walk out.”

Thomas’ talent in swimming helped her become the first openly transgender athlete to win an Ivy League Championship and later the NCAA Championship in the 500 free swims. Her participation sparked debate over transgender fairness in competing against cis­gender females.

Despite her participation in women’s sports receiving extensive media attention, some here in El Paso are open to the idea of transgender athletes competing in a sport with cis­gender females.

ESPN student, Sofia Camacho, believes people should be more open towards the idea of allowing transgender athletes and people should spread more kindness and support towards them.

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“It’s a program where people know they actually have to try if they want to beat a UTEP team,” Patterson said.

“I think just having people know more about UTEP and I think we’ve already done that as a program,” Patterson said.

The advice Patterson would give to those who are looking to pursue collegiate level sports is to keep working and put extra work outside of practice and workouts.

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What is an external fellowship? Nationally competitive funding opportunities that are:
• Based on academic merit as opposed to financial need
• Open to students from a variety of majors
• Eligibility, application materials, and deadlines vary depending on the award
• Involve a substantial amount of time commitment and careful planning

What do these awards provide? Depends on the award, includes but is not limited to:
• Funding for overseas experiential learning: research, intensive language study, teaching assistantships, etc., both during undergrad and beyond
• Funding for graduate school either domestically or abroad

Why should I apply? The application process is a form of professional development in and of itself:
• Become a more confident writer
• Sharpen interviewing skills
• Think critically about future goals

Is my first or second year too early to start thinking about these opportunities? Absolutely not! Most applications are due junior or senior year, but joining our Undergraduate Fellows Program as a first-year student or sophomore will help you prepare.

Stay connected! Log in to view upcoming information sessions.
WHAT IS THE CLIMATE CHARTER KNOWN AS PROP K ON THE BALLOT?
Prop K is a people-led ballot measure initiative to codify climate action into our city charter, while holding our utility companies and city government accountable for their goals and promises to address climate change and environmental issues in our community.

WHAT WILL PROP K DO FOR OUR COMMUNITY?
Prop K was created by El Pasoans to protect and empower our community.

Here is a summary on what Prop K strives to do for the city of El Paso:
Create safe, sustainable jobs; Transition city-owned property to solar; Conserve our water; Establish a Climate Department, Climate Director, and a Climate Commission made up of El Paso residents; Prepare for climate disaster and mitigation response; Eliminate fines or fees associated with using renewable energy; Establish renewable energy goals for the city and privately-owned electric utility; Determine the feasibility of making our electric utility publicly-owned by the community; and more!

READ THE FULL POLICY HERE
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VOTE FOR PROP K!
Scan our QR code to access all of our campaign-related pages, including our voter pledge form, volunteer form, donation link, website, news articles, and more!

Access our quick links:
linktr.ee/elpasoclimate

IMPORTANT DATES
Prop K Community Forum
April 22, 2023 from 10 am-1 pm
RSVP for more info: smvmt.us/propkmeet

Early Voting
April 24, 2023 to May 2, 2023

Election Day
May 6, 2023

VOTE EARLY ON CAMPUS
Union Building East
Desert Canyon, Room 102D
Mon April 24-Fri April 28
8 am-5 pm
Sat April 29-Sun April 30
12 pm-5 pm
Mon May 1-Tues May 2
8 am-5 pm

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