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Behind the faces at the Border

An immigrant from Haiti helps a child walk over the mud as they cross to the United States border seeking asylum.

By Erik Acosta

Within the past few months, the city of El Paso has been experiencing a significant migration influx. Historical numbers of migrants have crossed the southwest border with no place to go, generating a humanitarian crisis and a debate over border control security and Title 42. The Trump-era public health policy, Title 42, was first implemented in 2020 to expel asylum seekers from the country and was due to expire last year but won a temporary ruling from the Supreme Court. Given the circumstances, El Paso has been experiencing a significant migration influx. Like many migrants arriving in El Paso, alongside his seven month-pregnant wife, is Mauricio Ramos who has been in the U.S. for the past four months without a job.

"The reason I came here is because of the living situation in Venezuela and I wanted to provide a better life for my wife and family," Ramos said. "I feel frustrated because I don't have the means to provide for my wife." Ramos said. "I can't provide a better living situation and better food that she needs and deserves."

Though unable to provide, Ramos mentions his wife's pregnancy is going well. As the unknown looms over Title 42, many have criticized it as a violation and an illegal restriction on human rights, a barrier preventing unauthorized immigration and simply not serving its purpose. Those transferred were prisoners charged with high impact crimes, such as homicide, kidnapping, rape, organized crime and gun possession, according to Milenio Noticias. People in Juarez expressed their fear on social media as the city became paralyzed from the shock.

"Several bullets hit the windows of the buildings next to us," Hernandez said. "It was stressful since we didn't know at what time we would be able to get out and go home. It wasn't until the evening that the gunshots stopped that we were able to leave, and you could see everything was closed and the streets were empty."

She also shares how scary it is to see the police and the SWAT team driving around the city. "You're obviously always with that fear that at any moment a shooting can start," Hernandez said. As the situation progressed, the governor of Chihuahua, Mario Campos released a statement on social media Jan. 5, informing the public of the capture and alleged death of "El Neto."
Opinion

Itzel Giron, editor-in-chief

By Crystal Hinga

The Prospector

The UTEP Student Media and Publications Department is happily announcing that they have filled their assistant director position. The new Assistant Director, Crystal Hinga is slated to serve as the new editorial advisor for the student media team and assist the students in reaching new heights.

I was born and grew up in Columbus, Mississippi, a city known as “The Friendly City.” One of my favorite elements of the small town was going downtown and out on the downtown streets of the city to meet up with friends and enjoy the nightlife.

I left Mississippi after high school and pursued my degree in communications at the University of Memphis where I enjoyed a lot of barbecues, met lifelong friends, and made Memphis my second home. I began my broadcast career in the same city at WMC-TV. I started behind the scenes as a production assistant, advanced my way into a full-time photographer and videographer for about two years, and finally made my debut on air as a weekend reporter.

Memphis is also the city where I realized, eventually in my media career, that I would love to work with students someday to make sure they are well prepared for the media industry when they graduate college. When I graduated and started in the industry, I felt like I was not thoroughly prepared and had to learn as quickly as I went in order to stay afloat.

I decided to leave Memphis after a few years to continue my career as a breaking news reporter in Savannah, Georgia. I covered a wide range of news from political stories, crime, hurricanes, sports and even light-hearted fun stories. One of my biggest and most memorable stories in Savannah was team coverage of the C-130 military plane crash in 2018.

Savannah, Georgia is also the city I will always remember as it is where I met my husband when we were both at the beginning of our careers. We married in Savannah and have two beautiful, busy children. We also recently added another family member to our new family; a New Zealand White bunny named Copper. While my career in broadcast news began to take a lot of time away from my family, I realized I was ready to progress from news and tap into the leadership realm of media.

In 2019, I was granted the opportunity to lead college media students as the Assistant Director of Student Media at Georgia Southern University. I immediately fell in love with the field, helped launch media programs and led students to award-winning work. I am super excited to be living out my purpose and manifesting my dream of leading students into the media industry with much experience.

My husband’s career as a Black Hawk Pilot landed my family in El Paso in 2021. While the borderland is a different living experience than the places we have lived, we have grown to love the city, the people, the culture and all the experiences.

While my husband continues his pilot career at Fort Bliss, I could not be more grateful to finally be a part of the El Paso community and have a new student media family to lead and produce content with.

When I am not marathon training, I will likely be spotted in the student media office editing, planning, creating content or writing with the team.

Along with them, I thank every student writer, photographer, videographer, and artist who has come out saying thank you for giving me the opportunity to contribute to this point in my career and to be a part of my journey. Being appointed to this role and getting to serve as the new editorial advisor for The Prospector is a dream I have always had. Being here at “The Pros” has been a joy and I know it will continue to be so but, in this new era I hope to guide my staff as so many others have helped guide me. Majoring in multimedia journalism with a minor in creative writing, I know my skills do not make me perfect but, they make me someone who is ready to lead, learn and succeed.

I hope to bring The Prospector into a new light with more breaking news, social media stories that have never been told before and media pieces you will not forget about. Being a major news source for the student body, it is my goal to make The Prospector a business journalist. The Prospector remains to be that while also becoming the number one news source for others in the UTEP community.

In my time here with my past positions I have helped establish a strong base that allows me to bring news that is purpose and manifesting my dream of leading students into the media industry with much experience.
Blue Origin helps UTEP prepare for lift off

BY AVERY ESCAMILLA-WENDELL
The Prospector

UTEP’s very own Sun City Rocket Team announced its new sponsorship by Blue Origin on Jan. 3. Blue Origin was founded by Amazon owner, Jeffrey Bezos. Here’s what the Blue Origin sponsor will bring to the team.

The rocket team started up in 2021 and is composed of students who are majoring in engineering or have an interest in aerospace engineering who work on building and testing rockets to allow aspiring engineers to gain experience working with advanced technology.

Jonathan Cucciniello, senior mechanical engineering student, is the team lead for the group.

The team competed at the 2022 Spaceport America Cup, a nationwide collegiate competition where university students design, build and launch rockets.

Although not taking home any awards, Sun City Rocket stood out by being one of 100 valley universities to compete.

“You start about nine months out and you just develop a project and submit an entry and based off those designs and plans they select you to compete,” Cucciniello said. “We took a lot of lessons learned back and those are things we (like myself) and other leaders on the team have incorporated throughout the year so we don’t make the same mistakes we did last year. It may not have been the ideal plan but the experience was more beneficial being a learning experience.”

The new sponsorship has provided the team with new opportunities such as projects and high-quality mentorship. In addition to that, Blue Origin has provided a monetary prize to the rocket team.

“(With) those opportunities that they provide, you could go anywhere with things and it’s something the other teams don’t have per se,” Cucciniello said.

According to the Blue Origin’s website, it states the mission is to “Increase access to space through reusable rockets.”

The company says it is working today to create that future by developing reusable launch vehicles in space systems that are safe, low cost and serve the needs of all civil, commercial and defense customers.

Jesus Leon, a junior mechanical engineering major at UTEP, is a technical advisor that would be coming up including “Daedalus” which is exploring further out in areas where rocketry has not been discovered.

According to Cucciniello a part of the sponsorship received, would be going to getting in touch with actual technical advisors that would be coming by the end of the month.

Anyone interested in joining does not need to be an engineering student at UTEP but should be interested and passionate about Aerospace.

To get in contact with the Sun City Rocket Team email them at rocketteam@utep.edu.

Culiacan was then blocked not only by land but by air too. The main access roads were blocked by the military and airlines cancelled flights from and to Culiacan, leaving civilians trapped in the middle of fire and gunfire.

Ovidio was eventually found and arrested, Jan. 5, in a small town called Jesús María. Despite this being considered a win for the Mexican military forces, the town of Jesús María, has reported that its citizens are suffering from PTSD.

“We noticed that there was a lot of PTSD in the community,” said Health Secretary of Sinaloa, Cristian Gonzalez. “We decided to organize a brigade with 90 people from our health system, including doctors, psychologists and nurses.”

As both stories unfold, it has been advised that civilians stay cautious and informed in case of a new state of emergency arises and curfews are imposed to the public.

More information on the incident can be reached at @milenionoticias.
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A recent interview with Director of Housing and Residence Life, Ray Gordon and Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Katie McCorry-Andalis stated how both departments have their own ways of conducting safety protocols and helped students.

"I’m very proud of how safe our institution is and how safe our residence halls are, but they’re safe because we have a caring commu

nity who looks out for each other," McCorry-Andalis said. "Students are living together in a community and they take a high level of ownership to the safety and their own wellbeing. They do speak up," Gordon said. "We have had students and staff say that there’s somebody in the community on that doesn’t belong there. It’s something that you don’t think about until you’re in that situation."

Approximately six hundred to eight hundred students live at each property. However, the total fluctuates every semester. For this year, all properties are at one hundred percent capacity.

"The instant you when you’re living, you know, in a different area of town, you’re not living with all college students so that experience is very different, but living on campus, (it) there’s an on-call situation, the RA’s are there from 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. When the traditional offices are closed, and we have a whole other structure behind that," Gordon said.

Daniella LaBier, a sophomore studying communication studies who lives at Miner Canyon, is one student who feels safe with the safety protocols in place. "I was able to work at a job so I can afford my housing, and I don’t have any financial worries, so I don’t feel like I need to worry about anything," she said. "It’s overwhelming because we don’t have enough space. It is heartbreaking when you get a family coming in and you have to deny shelter because you are at capacity," Nicole Torres, Outreach Coordinator, said. "All of the shelters here are in contact with one another and we are all trying our best to help them, but we are definitely all at capacity." In the downtown area, men, women and even children are seeking asylum near the Sacred Heart Church at 602 S Oregon St., where hundreds of migrants are camping out. The church, which has been housing and feeding migrants since the start of the crisis has also reached capacity, that many migrants are forced to sleep on the sidewalks outside.

Even though the border is being guarded and secured by authorities, reports indicate that more than 100 migrant families cross it every day and on average around a thousand have done so in recent months. "I do not see things getting better, although they are doing an amazing job at stopping people from coming over the border," Torres said. "There is still an abundance of people that are still crossing over." While housing the migrants has presented itself as a challenge, it has not stopped the Sacred Heart Church and the community from offering services and donations. Having El Paso be at the center of a humanitarian crisis, the church and locals have shown the world how resilient El Paso is by showing kindness and humility to these refugees. "The community has been more involved in the sense that they have been giving more food, bringing more water and clothes, that is what the community has been doing," said Director of Religious Formation at Sacred Heart Church, Efrén Loya-Gomez. "Our shelter started from zero we didn’t have a lot of stuff and asking the community what we needed, they started mov- ing. That is how El Paso is. Anyone here would help anyone." City officials urged President Joe Biden to visit the city of El Paso to see firsthand the humanitarian crisis that is currently ongoing, which resulted in his presence this past Sunday Jan. 8. Along with President Biden, bipartisan senators came a day after to see this crisis firsthand. Even New York mayor, Eric Adams; who is dealing with his own version of this crisis, has visited the border to see the problem firsthand, to hopefully get federal help for both New York and border cities. As more migrants are being transported to other cities like New York, Denver, Chicago and Washington D.C., they face the escalation of the problem at the border especially, uncertainty. Which is why so many across the country and especially here in El Paso remain uncertain if there will ever be a quick resolution to the long-standing problem, or when a solution will take hold, but for now the city of El Paso continues to stay aloft while drowning in a sea of immigration problems.

Do UTEP residents feel safe on campus?

BY AVERY ESCAMILLA-WENDELL

The Prospector

The journey from Venezuela to here has been hard. We didn’t have resources or anywhere to go eat, we didn’t have any clothes or anywhere to do our necessities, it was very hard," Romero said. "I have been feeling sad cause I’m away from my family, so it’s been hard this whole situation. As migrants continue to come in and out of El Paso, they share gratitude for what they have received and out of El Paso, they share gratitude for what they have received. However, in reality, we haven’t been given a job, many say it has been difficult.

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Get scoops and smiles at Howdy Homemade

BY ALYSON RODRIGUEZ
The Prospector

El Paso’s newest ice cream parlor has finally opened its doors to the community. Howdy Homemade Ice Cream Parlor’s grand opening was Dec. 3, 2022, and since then the “Heroes” have been serving every scoop with a smile.

“The best part about working at Howdy Homemade is seeing how our heroes are making an impact in our community without knowing it,” said chief manager of Howdy Homemade, Poppy Martll. “And seeing how they excel every day because they love what they do. They inspire me on a daily basis.”

Unlike any other ice cream shop, Howdy Homemade serves unique flavors, but also inspires young people who have disabilities to follow their dreams and gives them the confidence to apply for jobs and acquire skills to succeed in them.

The company originated in Dallas and was created by a man named Tom Landis in December of 2015. The company’s mission is to create more jobs for people with intellectual and developmental differences using the power of smiles and delicious ice cream.

“We came to Howdy Homemade because we had heard about it from Fitfam on Instagram and we thought it was such a good idea,” said customer Marissa Rascon-Arriaga. “The ice cream is really good, and the ice cream shop has great customer service too.”

The ice cream shop has lots to offer, such as tasty flavors that include Dr. Pepper chocolate chip, dark chocolate chipotle and birthday cake, which they make themselves in a suite next door to the shop. Customers can get their ice cream with various toppings and cones.

“So far business has been going pretty good,” Martll said. “We are very excited because we see how people enjoy the environment and they love the ice cream. Our heroes are capable of anything, they just needed an opportunity to actually make it. I’m very proud of our heroes and I am very blessed to be working with them. It’s been an amazing journey so far.”

Available merchandise includes hats and shirts to help you match the Howdy Heroes. Howdy Homemade also caters for various events as well.

“My favorite part of working at Howdy Homemade is serving ice cream and becoming good friends with the people I work with,” said Howdy Homemade Hero, Evan Vourazeris. “People should come to Howdy Homemade because it will inspire them, and it will fill their heart with joy with all of the different flavors of ice cream. Whatever you like, we will serve you.”

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For more information, visit howdyhomemade.com/ElPaso/ or visit Howdy Homemade on Instagram @howdyhomemadeelp. 

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Light up your life at the ‘illuminated’ exhibit

BY ELISHA NUNEZ
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Unique patterns on plexiglass and mylar cut-outs cover the walls, decorated in bright colors from the overhead lights. Proximity-based speakers make noises when you get close to the artwork and bright neon colors emanating from the paint are just a few things to look forward to at “illuminated.” It is an exhibition entirely put together by Las Cruces-based artist, Isadora Stowe.

“So ‘illuminated’ is an on-site specific installation by artist Isadora Stowe. It kind of combines painting, silkscreens, floating mylar, plexiglass silhouettes, and video projections and hydroponic sounds to kind of create a very immersive experience for visitors,” said Claudia Prezo, an assistant curator at the El Paso Museum of Art (EPMA). “You can see her work; the sounds and see movement. So, it’s a very kinetic sort of an exhibition.”

Raised in a household with an artist father, Stowe was always surrounded by art.

“He always had me in the studio, always with the sketchbook or art supplies,” Stowe said. “During her years in high school, Stowe created all sorts of artwork. From an art residency overseas to obtaining both a BFA and MFA in Art at New Mexico State University, Stowe explained how she did not choose art, but that “art chose her.” Stowe’s latest exhibition is Neon colors come to life, reminiscent of a phenomenon found in nature called bioluminescence. “Just like in nature, bioluminescence is something that animals have,” Stowe said. “So, the idea that things are revealed in different kinds of ways when you look at them, creates another kind of relationship with these objects and how generative they are.”

Another main part of the exhibition is something Stowe has been focusing on for approximately a decade, iconography, which is the interpretation of images or symbols used in art.

The designs and even the mylar cutouts, all of which were based on local flora, fauna and various cityscapes, are there to create a sense of familiarity with the visitors.

To go with said designs, there are overhead speakers that go off when you are near the artwork. They play sounds recorded by Stowe on her various trips, from casual hiking outings to her time in Mexico City. “There’s a mix of (sound) collections, and then they’re all placed together to create this kind of universe,” Stowe said.

“Kind of like when sound was blasted out into the universe, to come out about what we are, who we are. So, it’s this sample of humanity echoing back at us. Also, the imagery in the show is also universal imagery that’s been made surrealistic. It’s all these things that we see in our everyday lives, but they’re kind of placed together in more of a chaotic sense.”

The exhibition first made its way to the EPMA last October and will remain there until March of 2023. For more information about the exhibition and hours of operation, visit epma.org. Stowe will be hosting talks and workshops as well.

*illuminated* is an exhibit created by Isadora Stowe and is up for display at the El Paso Museum of Art. Photo by Jasmin Campoya/The Prospector

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*In the second installment of Director Rian Johnson’s *Knives Out* universe, *Glass Onion: A Knives Out Mystery* offers a dramatic change in tone from the first film. Though this movie is not a direct sequel to its predecessor, the one commonality they share is the inclusion of World’s Greatest Detective, Benoit Blanc (Daniel Craig). The series follows Blanc using his skills as a renowned private investigator to unravel the truth behind the cases he has been hired to cover. “Knives Out follows the ultimate death of crime author Harlan Thrombey (Christopher Plummer), where his entire dysfunctional family becomes suspect to his passing... Photo courtesy of Netflix media releases*
UTEP wins seventh home game

The UTEP Miners women’s basketball team (12-4, C-USA 5-2) faced the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 49ers (7-9, C-USA 3-4) Monday, Jan. 16 at the Don Haskins Center.

The Miners entered this game second in Conference USA (C-USA) standing behind Middle Tennessee, who is undefeated in conference play with six wins. UTEP is coming off a home loss to the Rice Owls where the Miners fell 73-62. This would break UTEP’s home winning streak of six games. Before that loss, UTEP had won four of its last five games placing the team only two games behind Middle Tennessee in C-USA.

The opposing 49ers have not had the most successful conference play going 3-3 prior to Monday’s game. Charlotte is coming off a 64-50 loss to UTSA, a game where not a single player managed to earn double-digit points. Charlotte is currently in the middle of the C-USA standings and tied with Florida International and Florida Atlantic.

This game’s starting lineup consisted of junior guard N’Yah Boyd, junior guard Jazion Jackson, junior guard Avery Crouse, sophomore forward Aalisah Tac and sophomore forward Elina Arike.

The Miners started out strong going up 10-4 midway through the first quarter thanks to a jumper by junior forward Thaniya Marks.

The 49ers made a comeback by scoring 12 unanswered points, changing the lead late into the first quarter of the game. After two scores from junior guard Erin Wilson, the Miners closed the scoring gap but could not reclaim its lead at the end of the first quarter with a score of 19-15.

Both teams started out competitively, keeping the score within five points. The Miners’ offense continued to push the 49ers after Boyd completed a hook shot that placed the Miners within one point of Charlotte, 26-25, with just over five minutes left in the game.

UTEP managed to regain the lead thanks to a trip to the free throw line by Crouse which tied the game along with a three-point shot by senior guard Sabine Lopo to put the Miners up 31-28 with three minutes left in the half.

Layups by Arike and Tac extended the team’s lead 35-31. Charlotte managed to tie the game thanks to a three-pointer and jumper in the last minute of the half and claimed the lead back to a layup by Charlotte sophomore guard Aylesha Wade to close out the half. The score at halftime was 38-36.

The Miners started sluggish going into the second half but bounced back to take the lead thanks to a Crouse three-pointer midway through the third quarter. The defense forced six turnovers during that stretch which led to the critical three-pointer.

Charlotte did not hold back as the team took the lead back once again with 2:25 left in the third quarter. Two free throws from Jackson tied the game at 50-50. After a Charlotte trip to the free-point line, the 49ers managed to walk away with a 51-50 lead to close out the third quarter.

The first two minutes of the fourth quarter were quiet for both sides as Charlotte only scored on a layup to give the 49ers a two-point advantage. The Miners responded by scoring two layups including one by Tac to place the Miners ahead 54-53 once again. UTEP continued to score as they pushed its lead to five points with a little over five minutes left in the game.

Both teams continued to fight as the clock ticked down with neither team backing down even with 2:25 left in the game. The Miners entered this game second in Conference USA (C-USA) standing behind Middle Tennessee, who is undefeated in conference play with six wins. UTEP is coming off a home loss to the Rice Owls where the Miners fell 73-62. This would break UTEP’s home winning streak of six games. Before that loss, UTEP had won four of its last five games placing the team only two games behind Middle Tennessee in C-USA.

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Road to Super Bowl LVII: Super Wildcard Weekend

Editor’s Note: At the time of writing this article, the Dallas Cowboys and Tampa Bay Buccaneers have not played. Super Wild Card weekend has ended, and the remaining teams are one step closer to holding the Lombardi trophy. The National Football League (NFL) Divisional Round games are set, as the remaining teams continue to fight to advance to the Conference Championships.

Beginning with the American Football Conference, the stage has been set for the Divisional Rounds this upcoming weekend.

The first game will be played against the No. 1 seed Kansas City Chiefs and the No. 4 seed Jacksonville Jaguars.

The Chiefs had a first-round bye during Super Wild Card Weekend and will have home field advantage as the team looks to make a comeback to the championship game since 2017 season.

The Jaguars are going into this game after a historic playoff win against the Los Angeles Chargers. The first half was all Chargers, but with some costly penalties on the defense, the Jaguars were able to comeback. The Jaguars had the largest postseason comeback in the NFL since the 1992 Buffalo Bills and the 2013 Colts.

Jaguars quarterback Trevor Lawrence, who is undeclared in Saturday games, became the first quarterback with four interceptions in the first half of a postseason game since 1983. The Jaguars are looking to make a comeback to the championship game since 2017 when they won the Super Bowl. On the Giants’ side, the team will be coming off a 31-24 win over the Minnesota Vikings. The Giants are looking to advance to the championship game for the first time since 2012 post-season. These two teams met twice in week 14 and week 18 of the NFL season where the Giants lost to the Eagles both times. In week 14, the final score was 48-22, and in week 18, Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts returned after a shoulder injury against the Chicago Bears, where the final score was 22-16. The Eagles and Giants will face off in a post-season NFC East at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 on FOX.

The San Francisco 49ers will play the winner of the Dallas Cowboys and Tampa Bay Buccaneers game, 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22.

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A UTEP took a 62-56 lead with three minutes left to play. Thanks to a series of fouls against Charlotte, the Miners kept the 49ers at arm’s length for the completion of the game allowing UTEP to win. The final score was 68-60, UTEP. Leading scorers for the Miners were Boyd and Tacz with 17 points each and Artie also reaching double figures after scoring 14 points. The team compiled 25 of 60 field goals which included 34 points from the paint. The bench had quite a game as it only scored 11 points compared to Charlotte’s 18.

This is the Miners’ seventh home win which helps place the team a game ahead of Western Kentucky University in the C-Urban standings. The Miners now head to Flori- da to play Florida International University (8-7, C-USA 3-3) at 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Ocean Bank Convocation Center in Miami.

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NBA midseason recap and MVP predictions

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