BOMB THREAT
UNRESOLVED

BY 5. DAVID RAMIREZ
The Prospector

Some are skeptical that the UTEP community is prepared in case of another incident like that of the March 26 bomb threat.
The UTEP Emergency Management Plan remains unchanged. The cover page of the document displays a notice that it was last revised October 2008.

"With all the construction going on as well, I believe it is hard to tell," said Daniel Rodriguez, senior mechanical engineering major. "It's rare to see any campus police during the day inside the campus. I don't think anything has been added to secure the campus from any kind of security threat."

The "bomb threat" tab of the UTEP Department of Emergency management leads to a dead link on the site.

"The culture hasn't changed, it seems to have stayed the same," Rodriguez said.

Publicly available guides such as the Student Affairs: Safety of Students Incident Levels and the UTEP Emergency Management Plan contain some contradictory information.

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"I don't think the school took enough risks to get everyone out safe," Morales said. "It was alright what they did, but they didn't take risks. I do feel safe on campus, but people need to be smart about what they say and not cause panic."

The bomb threat alert was issued to students via text message through the Miner Alert System. Other than asking students to quickly evacuate, no other details were given to students, faculty and staff, causing confusion and a lack of interest in the situation.

Nearly six months after the incident, students say they feel safe on campus, but wished the threat could have been handled better.

Robert Morales, junior criminal justice major, was on campus March 26, 2013, when an alert of a bomb threat was sent out.

"The guy was a dumbass for doing what he did, especially with everything going on," Morales said. "I mean, at the time, we just had those elementary school shootings and then something like this happens. It was a joke, but it wasn't funny."

Morales saw students playing around while leaving campus and was upset at how they did not take the warning seriously.

"I don't think the school took enough risks to get everyone out safe," Morales said. "It was alright what they did, but they didn't take risks. I do feel safe on campus, but people need to be smart about what they say and not cause panic."

"The challenge is that a lot of people assume that somebody else is donating blood, so they don't do it," Veloz said. "The fact is that there's a lot of people, like I said, don't have the time or are afraid of needles."

Veloz added that typically, people only donate blood once a year, but are encouraged to donate blood twice a year.

"Blood is needed for many, many different reasons," he said. "It could be somebody that was in a car accident that suffered a trauma. It could be a patient with cancer who's going through chemotherapy and they might need blood transfusions."

Christina Alvara, junior early childhood education major. "Security is excellent."

Links to the emergency plan and student affairs guide can be found at theprospectordaily.com.

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BY KRISTOPHER RIVERA
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Monday afternoon marked the kick-off of the 10th annual I-10 coalition blood drive goal higher than previous year.

United Blood Services serves 17 hospitals in the 13 Panos region and southern New Mexico. The first year of the coalition effort collected about 500 blood donations and every year it's been increasing, Veloz said.

"The challenge is that a lot of people assume that somebody else is donating blood, so they don't do it," Veloz said. "The fact is that there's a lot of blood that is needed on a day-to-day basis. The challenge is a lot of people, like I said, don't have the time or are afraid of needles."

Veloz added that typically, people only donate blood once a year, but are encouraged to donate blood twice a year.

"Blood is needed for many, many different reasons," he said. "It could be somebody that was in a car accident that suffered a trauma. It could be a patient with cancer who's going through chemotherapy and they might need blood transfusions."

Christina Alvara, junior biological sciences major, donated blood for the first time Sept. 9.

"It's a great way to start off the week in the rivalry," she said. "I was just kind of bored, I had a break so I thought I'd take advantage and do something good."

See BLOOD on page 3.
Students support Suicide Prevention Week

BY CYNTHIA ANNETE REYES, SAMANTHA RODELA AND RODRIGO LUGO
To Write Love on Her Arms

There is a myth that suicide cannot be prevented, when in fact most suicides can.

Most suicidal individuals desperately want to live, but they are unable to seek an alternative to their problems. They tend to give definitive warnings of their suicidal intentions, but others are either unaware of the significance of these warnings or do not know how to respond to them. Two-thirds of people who struggle with depression do not seek help. Untreated depression is the leading cause of suicide. For young people 15-24 years old, suicide is the third-leading cause of death. Over 90 percent of suicide victims have a significant psychiatric illness often undiagnosed, untreated or both.

This is why the week of Sept. 8-14 is National Suicide Prevention Week. This week is dedicated to raising awareness about the issue of suicide in the United States. An organization that we hold close to our hearts, named To Write Love On Her Arms, is the reason we got involved with NSPW. To Write Love On Her Arms is a non-profit movement offering personal counseling and career counseling as well.

People think there must be something seriously wrong with someone who opts for counseling, or that they are crazy. This is not true, we all just need someone to talk to. What we want people to know is that talking about suicide doesn’t mean someone will become suicidal. Not talking about these issues is the problem. People need to be aware that these issues exist and it is okay to talk about them.

For more information, visit suicides.org.

Samantha Rodela, junior chemistry major, the president of this soon-to-be organization, writes about why she cares about National Suicide Prevention Week:

“To TWLOHA showed me that I’m not alone, and that it’s okay to seek help. I felt encouraged by TWLOHA to get help for my depression and anxiety,” she said. “I have had thoughts of suicide and this is why this week is so dear to me. I know how alone people can feel, but the truth is you are not alone. I asked for help and now it is easier for me to handle the struggles that I go through.”

Suicide is a serious issue that affects people of all ages, sex, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicities and backgrounds around the world. Every 40 seconds there is a suicide in the United States. Over 31,000 people die by suicide and about one million lives are lost due to suicide. These losses can be avoided.

Warning signs of a potential suicide are ideation, substance abuse, purposedness, anxiety, feelings of being trapped, hopelessness, withdrawal from social life, anger, recklessness and mood changes.

If at any point a person starts threatening, wanting or looking for ways to harm or kill him or herself by seeking access to pills, firearms or other methods, seek help as soon as possible by contacting a mental health professional or calling 1-800-273-TALK (8255) for a referral.

You can help a suicidal person by being aware, knowing the warning signs, showing interest and support, asking if he or she is thinking about suicide, being willing to listen and avoiding judgment.

Don’t debate whether suicide is right or wrong. Remember not to lecture about the value of life, don’t dare him or her to do it, don’t tell them to behave differently and don’t ask why. This encourages defensiveness.

Do offer empathy, not sympathy. Offer hope that alternatives are available, do not offer glib reassurance, it only makes it seem like you don’t understand.

Don’t assume that depression and suicide are things we can’t talk about. If you or someone you know is struggling please know that you are not alone. Please talk to someone. Talk to a friend or consider talking to a counselor.

The University Counseling Center offers personal counseling and career counseling as well.

Parents or people who know to talk to someone if you or someone you know is struggling with depression or consider talking to a counselor. Please talk to someone. Talk to a friend or consider talking to a counselor.

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Grays, for Pete’s sake, there’s so much I can do with this same material over and over...
“When you think about it that way it's...”

“...terview prior to the event kick-off. ‘It...”

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“We're a healthy, young population...”

“It took like ten minutes to pump out the...”

“We try to be a venue for students, faculty, staff and even local artists to...”

“...and students. Beverages and snacks...”

“...a mass shooting took place inside a...”

“...real threat to everyone’s safety, not...”

“Theirs is seen as more of a friendly competition. ...”

“We put our heart into this to make sure that it is meaningful.” - Alexandra Garcia, event services coordinator

“No one is naïve about my surroundings. ”

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“‘It is nice to think both institutions during the week of our football game get to kind of step up and say, ‘alright, we’re going to beat the other school in quantity of blood given and the football games,’ Natalicio said.”

“Although this is a part of the rivalry between two campuses, the blood drive is seen as more of a friendly competition. ”

“It’s scary because you don’t know what is going to happen,” Ortega said.

“I don’t feel as safe as us we think they are a terrorist,” Melhoff said.

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Military Student Success Center grows with increased population

The university is seeing an increase in the student-veteran population. In fall 2011, there was an estimated 1,300 student veterans on campus, and in fall 2012, that number rose to 1,500. Now the student-veteran population is at 1,600 and continues to rise, Denney said.

Denney said there may be a combination of factors that have caused the growth, including increasing outreach to veterans, an increasing number of classes and programs available online, increased emphasis on education while serving in the military and the fact that some benefits can be transferred to family members.

Nadia Orozco, graduate student and a U.S. army veteran, served one tour in Afghanistan from 2010-11. She said it is helpful for veterans to know what to expect as a student.

“When I was a freshman in my undergrad, I felt really lost…you figure it out slowly—as long as you don’t give up,” she said.

“Putting my mindset as a soldier who went straight out of high school to the military, I can definitely see where it would be a little more difficult for them to manage their time between how often they study or even how to get to their classes,” she said.

“Sometimes, student veterans may need help transitioning back to civilian life. The center provides that assistance. “When I would tell a soldier or veteran who was kind of lost out there, I would say, ‘it’s not scary to ask, no one’s going to yell at you here, no one is going to get on you for what may appear as a dumb question,’” Orozco said. “When I was a freshman in my undergrad, I felt really lost…you figure it out slowly—as long as you don’t give up.”

The process of filing Veterans Affairs paperwork can contribute to the confusion. Student veterans use the G.I. Bill to pay for school. Denney said there are quite a few who are using the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. They also process Hazelwood benefits, which is state exemption for Texas veterans.

Denney explained that the VA will pay UTEP the amount the student is entitled in benefits. The Post-9/11 G.I. bill does have a scale that, depending on the length of service, will pay a certain amount of benefits that can range from 40 to 100 percent of college expenses.

“Other chapters of the VA pay directly to the student. That is a speculated monthly amount that is sent by the VA and is subject to review on a monthly basis.”

Orozco said veterans can go into the MSSC for help with anything in regards to school and the VA.

“We’re here for our (student) veterans. If there’s anything they need or we can help with, we are partnering, starting this semester, with the counseling center,” Denney said. “We will have some of their staff over here three days a week. So that if they would like to come talk with someone, it’s not actually counseling. The staff will be here to listen to the soldier’s concern.”

The MSSC is located at the UTEP Library, room 205. They also have a full-time staff member at the Fort Bliss Education Center, building 406. For more information on the Fort Bliss location, call 744-1382.

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REligion

the atheists use community service to expand, contribute

by javier cortez

ana castro, sophomore math major, has been an atheist since she was in seventh grade. she said she felt out of place and uncomfortable about expressing her beliefs at that age, but has since found camaraderie on campus.

the atheists began in oct. 2012, when founder tanner milroy thought about joining the student government association but realized there was no atheists’ organization on campus.

the group’s main goal is to reach out to students who have agnostic or atheistic sentiments, and provide a relatable situation where they can be comfortable without being judged, misread or scrutinized.

“When I came here, I was really surprised that they had an atheist group since El Paso is predominately Catholic, so that’s why I wanted to join,” castro said. “I want people to know that atheist(s) aren’t bad people, we’re not immoral, we’re not Satanists. Just because we don’t believe in God doesn’t mean we’re bad people.”

Milroy said the organization has been spending time with fundraising to try to spread awareness. the group has also been active with community service.

“I’m a big believer in (gathering) a group and finding a common thing,” milroy said. “you not only have the responsibility to look out for the people in your group, but also the people that aren’t in your group.”

On Sept. 5, the organization held its first meeting of the school year. new members expressed why they joined, how long they have been atheists, how they think they will be accepted at UTEP and what they want people to know about the organization.

Milroy said that they are working to make their mark on campus this year by spreading awareness about their organization through community service, such as picking up trash along the Rio Grande river or volunteering at a homeless shelter. Diversifying the group is also important to him.

“The more diverse we are means the more we can grow as people,” Milroy said.

Milroy has made it clear that The Atheists are not on campus to argue or fight with other religious groups, but to coexist with them and their respective beliefs.

Adriana Ardalejo, freshman pre-pharmacy major, considers herself an atheist and humanist. she said that people with commonalities are good for each other in many ways.

“I always thought it was important that if you have a group that can help you with your studies, to talk to, relate to, that could be good, so for the sake of finding similarities I joined,” Ardalejo said.

Joining The Atheists requires a one-time fee of $10 for a year. there are no GPA requirements for general members. An officer position requires a minimum of 3.2 GPA and community service is required for all members.

For more information about The Atheists, visit them on Facebook at facebook.com/TheAtheists or email them at TheAtheists1213@gmail.com.

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FREE HIV TESTING
Tuesday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students will have the opportunity to get tested for HIV for free at the UTEP Health Sciences and Nursing building. Room numbers to be announced.

MINER VOLUNTEER CORPS LAUNCH EVENT
Thursday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chihuahuan Desert Galtar Amphitheater. President Diana Natalicio will give a presentation about this new organization. Recruitment activities will begin at 10 a.m. in front of the UGLC.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH
UTEP will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 11. From 3 to 6 p.m., there will be an exhibit/lecture at the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts regarding the United States of North America Passport Application with guest speaker Erika Harrsch. For more information, contact the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies at 915-747-6164.

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Javiera Cortez / The Prospector
Minerpalooza festivities success despite campus renovations

Top left to right: Cheerleaders helped in making Minerpalooza a celebration for the incoming football season. A band member keeps the beat for the Minerpalooza parade. Ruben Chavez Paz, SGA Vice President participates in the pie throwing contest where he became the victim.

Bottom, left to right: Coach Sean Kugler welcomed UTEP fans to Minerpalooza and encouraged the UTEP community to support the Miners this season. Cheerleaders rally attendees.

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Boba Fest comes to a galaxy near you

BY NADIA GARCIA
The Prospector

A long time ago, in a galaxy far, far away, an unshored child clone named Boba Fett rescued his father figure, Jango, only to later witness his death by decapitation.

Now Boba Fett, the bounty hunter from "Star Wars, " arises once again in El Paso at the Boba Fest on Sept. 21.

Sun City SciFi held their first convention this past April, is presenting Boba Fest from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Camino Real Hotel for $5.

According to Ean Puhlman, Sun City SciFi promoter and organizer, this previous convention on April was able to gather a little over 1,000 attendees and hopes that it triple for next year.

"Although we are not quite an organiz- ing we are able to fund our conven- tions through sponsorships from local businesses as well as our own pocket ex- pense," Puhlman said. "We hope that in the next five years we can have as many as 20,000 attendess per convention."

Puhlman explained how Sun City SciFi has become his family's guilty pleasure, since every member is in charge of different duties and have partnered together in order to make those events happen.

"My mom and I work together as the main decision-makers on Sun City SciFi and Boba Fest, but we also have the help of my dad, who takes care of all the accounting, along with my sister, who coordinator the volunteers," Puhlman said. "Moreover, some friends of mine have also jumped on board--one helping coordinate transportation and security, while the other one, Nacho, focuses on promoting the event."

The Boba Fest features Daniel Lo- gan, who played young Boba Fett in "Attack of the Clones," the second epi- sode of the "Star Wars" prequel trilogy. Logan was 15 years old when the film was released and has continued his role as Boba Fett in several episodes of the television series “The Clone Wars.”

Having been involved in conventions for 12 years, Puhlman met Lo- gan at the Rosebud Comic Con, which was held in June.

Puhlman said that because "Star Wars" is widely known, it was easier to market to a broader audience, es- pecially when showcasing a special character appearance.

"The great thing about "Star Wars" is that it's so huge, not to mention ev- erybody has seen at least one of the films," Puhlman said. "Bringing Boba Fest to El Paso is not as difficult when you know the right people and have an idea of the market here."

Puhlman, now 22, was only 10 years old when he became involved in sci-fi and said he has always loved "Star Wars."

"I've been a "Star Wars" and SciFi fan for most of my life, so I always mean a lot for me to be able to interact with other fans," Puhlman said.

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Boba Fest is showcasing Daniel Logan (Boba Fett) on Sept. 21 at the Camino Real.

Boba Fest is hosting its second annual Running Dead 5K race on Nov. 2 at Ascarate Park.

BY LEONARDO MONTAÑÉZ
The Prospector

Erace3 will be staging their Run- ning Dead zombie race on Nov. 2 at Ascarate Park.

According to Brian Guzman, spokesperson for Erace3, Running Dead El Paso is going to be an obsta- cle and flag race that will gather funds for five different charities.

"Running Dead El Paso is taking on the Halloween spirit and putting on a zombie race, where the objective is to make it to the finish line with at least one of the two flags that particip- ants will be given," Guzman said. "If zombies take both of the flags, runners will not be able to complete the obsta-icle race and they will just be marked as dead at the end of the run."

The charities involved are the Hu- mane Society of El Paso, Child Crisis Center, El Paso de Norte Child Devel- opment Center, El Paso Diabetes As- sociation and The Rio Grande Cancer Foundation. According to Guzman, more people are expected to partici- pate this year.

"This year is different because we are helping more charities and be- cause we are expecting more people," Guzman said. "Last year, we had a to- tal number of 700 attendees and this year we are having a total of 2,000 people. I think this is because we are promoting it on Channel 7 and KLAQ."

Guzman also said that it will be a huge event thanks to the new obsta- cle courses and different events.

"The race will have over a 100 zom- bies, we have professional makeup artists for the undead and awesome obstacles," Guzman said. "We will also have an after party, offering food and drinks right there at Ascarate."

Running Dead El Paso also has many volunteer spaces open, and according to Guzman, it will be a night run, with the first wave starting at 5 p.m.

"We offer several positions such as t-shirt sorts, water stations, and if anyone is interested in playing a zom- bie, we got that as well," Guzman said.

Andrés Fuentes, freshman com- mercial music major, is also anxious for the event and thinks it is a great way to at- tract people and help others.

"Zombies are a huge thing today. You have them all over the place from movies, video games, books and TV shows," Fuentes said. "It is a different way to help the community, not to mention it is fun and exciting. I also want see how people will react at a zombie invasion."

According to Fuentes, he feels con- fident that he will finish the race with- out any problems.

"This is going to be my first race ever, but I feel confident that I will survive," Fuentes said. "Though I must admit that I don’t know how much 5K really means when running!"

Although he likes helping people, Fuentes said he wanted to partici- pate on the race because it would be a challenge.

"I decided to participate on this race because, unlike many races, it is really different from the rest or the ones I’ve heard of," Fuentes said. "Also, it is a night run, so it makes it so much bet- ter and adds a little more spookiness to the zombie aspect of the run."

Mónica Veleta, sophomore graphic de- sign major, has been playing many zom- bie games and wanted to test her abilities.

"I recently played ‘The Last of Us,’ so I began wonder- ing what would happen in a real- life zombie situation and this could be sort of a drill, but for fun," Veleta said. "Besides, I would be helping other people and myself."

When asked if she thought she would survive the race, Veleta an- swered "yes."

"Yeah, I think I will, because I don’t think there are as many zombies as runners, so maybe they won’t come after me that often, or at least I hope not," she said.

Ascarate Park is located at 6900 Delta Drive.

Prices are as follows: Sept. 3-28 $40, Sept. 29-30 $45 and Nov. 1-2 $55.

For more information, visit www. runningdeadelpaso.com.

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Running Dead zombies take over El Paso once more
The jawbone jambox vs. pill beats speakers

BY JAIME QUESADA
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Everything manufactured these days seems to be crafted for the sole purpose of making your life more portable. However, audio companies, Jawbone and Dr. Dre Beats have stepped up to make sure you never have to rely on your laptop or smartphones again.

The Jawbone Jambox and the Beats Audio Pill’s emphasis on affordability, design and quality have made both of them very student friendly and they deserve a deeper look.

We’ll start with their respective qualities. While their sound does have plenty of restrictions that must be kept in mind before purchasing, they are great for personal use and for providing background music at small gatherings.

That said, each device has its redeeming qualities. Although both speakers have Bluetooth connectivity, that allows you to connect from a smartphone to a laptop, The Pill’s NFC capabilities, but it does have live audio, which is a setting that tricks the ears into believing the sound is coming from all around and not a single point.

This effect is similar to having surround sound in your entertainment system. This setting does seem to decrease the volume, so if you want to go louder you can just turn the setting off.

The Jambox offers over ear curves. It also shares a solid color lineup, but for $30 more, you can customize the colors so that the center is one color and the top and bottom are another.

Although $30 seems expensive for a little color-scheming, it is still under the base price of The Pill, so it might be worth considering if you are looking to personalize your speakers.

When it comes to price, the Jambox is tagged at $152 and The Pill at $199 on Amazon. The price doesn’t change much on their respective websites, but the Jambox offers the ability to connect to a laptop or phone through its audio jack. The Pill offers a wireless connection through its Bluetooth feature.

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Miners seek fifth-straight win over Aggies

Kasey Carrier and the Lobos spoil Kugler’s debut

BY JAVIER CORTÉZ
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Head coach Sean Kugler experienced a bittersweet day as the Miners fell in his debut against their rivals, the New Mexico Lobos, 42-35 in overtime. With a renewed rivalry, the Miners wanted to keep New Mexico's streak of 15 years in Texas without a win alive, but in the end the Lobos running game allowed them to get their first win of the season.

The Lobos managed to get 395 yards on the ground, and the Miner defense couldn't figure a way to stop the triple-option offense. Running back Kasey Carrier ran 293 yards and scored four touchdowns to help New Mexico clinch the win.

"That kid is unbelievable," said Kugler of Carrier. "He was a 1,500-yard rusher last year and we knew he was a weapon; he was on tonight."

Despite the Miners inability to stop the Lobos' run attack, the Miners offense had its positives, being efficient and consistent. The run game carried the Miners, accounting for 280 of the Miners' 399 total yards. Freshman running back Aaron Jones ran for two touchdowns, two of them by one-yard rushes, two of them by running back Germi Morrison.

Going into the fourth quarter, the game was tied at 28, New Mexico scored first on a four-minute drive, then the Miners came right back with a six-minute scoring drive to send the game into overtime.

In overtime, the Lobos converted on a crucial third and six with a Kasey Carrier 21-yard touchdown. The Miners were poised to score and send the game into double overtime, facing fourth and one. The Miners thought that they got the first down. Yet, after a measure and a replay, the officials decided to not overturn the call, which gave the Lobos the win.

"I never dreamed of a 100-yard game in my first game," said Jones. "I did dream of scoring, so I was happy about that. Playing in my first collegiate game just felt like my dream became a reality."

Neither team could sustain a lead or extend their lead past seven. New Mexico would score, then UTEP would come right back and it was apparent that the game was going to come down to the wire or go into overtime.

"We turned the ball over once, we missed a chip-shot field goal and I thought it was going to come down to that in the end," said New Mexico head coach Bob Deich.

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"They are very well coached, the kids play really hard," Kugler said. "Schematically, they are a little bit different from last year. They run more of a pistol-type offense."

NMSU’s senior quarterback Andrew McDonald, in his first two outings completed 54 of 77 passes for 428 yards and one touchdown. McDonald also leads the team in rushing yards with 80 in 24 carries, and despite only averaging 103 yards on the ground after the first two games, the Aggies have obtained an average of 257 yards.

All three of the Aggies' touchowns against the Golden Gophers were one-yard rushes, two of them by running back Gerron Morrison.

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Homestand weekend for the Miners

(Top left to right): Junior outside hitter Taylor Nix blocks a Southern shot at the net. The Miners won two of three games over the weekend at Memorial Gym. Miner junior running back Nathan Jeffrey attempts a one-handed catch during the game against the Lobos on Sept. 7 at the Sun Bowl. (Middle): UTEP quarterback Jameill Showers with a screen pass to Jeffrey, which resulted in the first score of the game for the Miners. (Bottom): Senior forward Azia Nicholson fights for possession of the ball in front of the UTEP bench during their game against Stephen F. Austin on Sept. 8 at University Field.

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The 99-year history of the Battle of I-10

The 2013 season will bring another edition of the Battle of I-10 between the UTEP Miners and the New Mexico State Aggies. This heated rivalry is 99 years old and represents one of the biggest events for the cities of El Paso and Las Cruces.

Aggie Memorial Stadium will witness another edition of this rivalry as the brass spitoon and the silver spade, which have resided at UTEP since 2009, are at stake.

“It is real intense not only for the players but for the fans as well. Whether we play here in El Paso or in Las Cruces, you can tell that it means a lot to both cities, to the players and the fan bases,” said UTEP head coach, Sean Kugler. “It’s a heated game, no team is going to give in no matter the circumstances, that’s what is great about college football, that’s what is great about rivalries and we are glad to be part of it.”

Sept. 14 will mark the 91st game between the two schools, with the Miners leading the all-time series 53-35-2. The Miners have won on their last two trips to New Mexico State.

To say the game is the longest-standing tradition that UTEP has is not hyperbole, it’s the truth. UTEP was founded in 1914 and that same year the rivalry began. The Miners have won their last two trips to Las Cruces, but the Miners hold a 19-17-1 edge on the Miners in El Paso.

The rivalry might be old, but it definitely sticks with each passing generation. The UTEP students of today are very much in touch with this contest. Junior mechanical engineer, Zach Jackson, who is a frequent attendee of the football games, is planning to attend all five home games this season, including the short trip to Las Cruces, N.M.

“There’s a lot of excitement in the rivalry, and you should always expect a good game,” Jackson said. “There is no bigger rivalry than New Mexico State, no one else compares and the games are a lot more interesting, more cheering, yelling. It’s a different atmosphere and definitely a lot louder.”

Going back to the point of tension between the fans, Jackson has experienced that just about as well as anyone. He was in Las Cruces for the game in 2011, when the Miners beat the Aggies 16-10, and he said he knows what kind of hosts the Aggie fans are, or their lack of welcome.

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With the rivalry almost 100 years old, there is a lot of history between the two programs. The 1998 and 1999 games set an all-time attendance record for both schools (since then, UTEP has surpassed the 1999 attendance record only twice) and the Miners own the most lopsided victory, trouncing the Aggies 52-7 in 1948 in El Paso.

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able to stop the run against the Lobos and gave away nearly 400 yards on the ground.

"We got to get better fundamentally; there were too many missed tackles—many at the line of scrimmage that were converted into big runs," Kugler said. "From a defensive standpoint, that will be the main focus for this week."

Despite the heartbreaking 42-35 loss against the Lobos on Sept. 7, the Miners feel that they are moving in the right direction and are anxious to play their next game.

"We should keep executing what we do. We just need to do it better and keep a good attitude," said quarterback Jameill Showers. "When you put your head down, that's when losing streaks happen. So we need to have a positive attitude and we should win next week."

Kugler and the players are looking forward to seeing many UTEP fans at Aggie Memorial Stadium in Las Cruces when they will try to get their fifth win in a row over the Aggies—something that hasn't been done since the early '90s when UTEP won six straight (1986-91).

"It always helps when you walk out in Aggie Stadium and see 10 to 15,000 fans. It makes you feel good and you feel the fans got your back," Kugler said. "Every time we go, we either have the same amount of fans or even more and (it) makes players feel good when they see a bunch of orange, and we are hoping to see the same this week."

Showers, who completed 15 out of 20 passes for 119 yards against the Lobos, is expected to have more pass attempts for the upcoming games.

During the game against the Lobos, sophomore defensive back Ishmael Harrison suffered a concussion and did not play the second half of the game, while Jeffery suffered a knee strain. Both players will be evaluated throughout the week to determine if they will play against the Aggies.

Meanwhile, senior linebacker Horace Miller, who missed the first game, is making a quick recovery and is likely to play this weekend.

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