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The Southwest University Ballpark, conveniently located in downtown El Paso, opened on April 28 and baseball fans have been flocking to the stadium ever since. The local downtown attraction has proven to be both entertaining and lucrative for El Pasoans.

The Proctor

BY JOSÉ SOTO
The Prospector

The El Paso Chihuahuas have increased business due to the baseball stadium. However, they are not the only ones benefiting from their success. The businesses surrounding the ballpark have also seen positive results.

Game goers have an array of options for their winning and dining experiences. The ballpark is located in close proximity to several restaurants, bars and hotels, which have been profiting since the ballpark's opening.

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“I haven’t seen so much hustle and bustle in downtown in the evening in a long time. Although the parking for our patrons and staff is not the best, it’s great for the city’s growth. We at EPIC love it,” Castillo said. “The games have definitely been impacting my patrons and we do get a few after-gamers come in for some drinking and dancing.”

EPIC has also shown their support for the ballpark with specials and advertising. “We have implemented our support by posting up El Paso Chihuahuas gear,” Castillo said.

We like that the ballpark has been very good to our business. We’ve maintained good sales because of it.

-Rafael Terrazas, co-owner of Craft and Social, said that he has felt a positive effect due to the games.

“Mostly it’s people coming in for a drink before or after the game,” Terrazas said. “We don’t always get a large crowd, but we have felt it on certain days.”

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Mexico can dream again

BY LUIS GONZALEZ
The Prospector

It came down to one game. Where the result meant everything. Where a win had been done prior, wouldn’t matter. It would be undone if the result at the end of 90 minutes was not favorable.

The Mexican national team made sure it all still mattered when all was said and done. Just under a year ago Mexico was sweating to get a tie at home against teams like El Salvador and Panama, teams that barely made it to Brazil, has now produced three praiseworthy performances that have a whole nation convinced that it is safe to dream.

Even the most optimistic fan had to have doubts about the Mexican team going into the tournament. After a nightmarish couple of years where qualification to the World Cup was in serious danger, the fear that Mexico was going to Brazil just to embarrass themselves was real and shared by many.

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But for a country that has advanced out of the group stage in every World Cup since 1994, anything short of that would still be a total failure.

After 70 tense minutes, it took just 10 for them to run over Croatia. Rafa Marquez, Andres Guardado and Javier Hernandez each scored a goal in a span of ten minutes that sent Mexico through to the next round.

It hasn’t always been perfect. There have been moments of imperfection, mistakes in the back, lack of creativity on the attack and one would hope there is no need for miraculous saves from your keeper to get results, but overall Mexico has demonstrated that on the field the good outweighs the bad.

Hector Herrera, the young midfielder, is playing at a tremendous level, not just being the best man on the team, but one of the best in the whole tournament. Ochoa has performed spectacularly, Jose Vasquez has provided great timing and rhythm and veterans like Rafael Marquez, Andres Guardado and Francisco Rodriguez have shown poise.

What Mexico has done with these three results is give itself an opportunity. Once again they have a very real opportunity to transcend, to be one of the protagonists and to reach levels on the world stage that they have never reached before.

The first obstacle to overcome is the team from the Netherlands. Like Brazil, they are a historically superior team filled with major stars like Robben, Van Persie and Arjen Robben. Still, Mexico has shown through their team play they have the capability of competing with anybody, no matter how impressive their opponents are.

They have given their fans permission to dream and hope that this round of 16 will end differently than the previous ones. It will take a great performance, maybe even perfect, but we’ve seen Mexico rekindle that role of the underdog. They will have the support of the crowd and at least it isn’t Argentina again.

Everyone is getting a piece of that World Cup pie.

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La edad no detiene a la educación

Por Cassandra Adame


Un buen número de alumnos mayores a los 40 años asisten a UTEP, enfrentando diferentes retos y experiencias que las generaciones más jóvenes.

“Tengo muchas experiencias en la vida y en los tiempos no pudieron cumplir. Darla a cumplir sus sueños, que en sus tiempos no pudieron hacer, “dijo Fernández.

“A sus 54 años, Fernández hoy ambic- iosa a terminar su carrera y vuelve con la maestría en administración de suministros. Otros estudiantes regresan a la es- cuela a cumplir sus sueños, que en sus tiempos no pudieron cumplir. Duda Campbell, estudiante de producción de medios digitales de 43 años de edad, está en su último año de carrera. En el pasado, ella había tratado de ayudar a su esposo economía- mente, tomando trabajos cualquiera han necesitado de la escuela y trabajo. “Nunca trate de perseguir una carre- ra, porque en ese momento mi mi- de ser a ayudar a mi esposa y ayudar a mi familia”, dijo Campbell.

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“Aquí en Ysleta, hicieron un Walmart, donde se pescaba o cazaba y yo explicaba como es que nos íbamos a encontrar”, dijo Quezada.


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Fernández dice el conocimiento es poder, no importa lo que veas, no importa lo que hagas. “No necesitas una carrera para ser- tu, necesitas una carrera solo para com- petit en el mundo de afuera”, el dijo Fernández.

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Terasa said the ballpark has been good not only for his business, but also for the city itself.

“The ballpark has mostly brought good effects in a direct and indirect way. Directly, more people come in during games. Indirectly, I believe that it’s accommodating people to come down- town and not be afraid to look for parking and walk a little,” Terasa said.

Craft and Social offers happy hour specials until 7 p.m. on game nights. “We like that the ballpark has been good not only for his business, but also for the city itself.”

“Lo has increased their monthly financial sales because of it. “We’ve maintained good very good to our business,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said that their busiest times are on game nights. “We remodeled our location to ac- commodate the people attending the games,” Rodriguez said.

SoHo Sports Pub offers drinks and food specials during game nights, which have helped their sales and revenue to stay consistent. Both Rodriguez and Castillo say the ballpark has had a positive effect for their businesses.

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Ricardo Quezada, estudiante de antropología, está para sus clases en la UTEP al este.
Do you think the ballpark has revitalized downtown?

**Caitlyn Collette**

Junior music major

“I went to one of the games and surprisingly, people do go, compared to when the baseball stadium was in the Northeast where there was nothing surrounding it. So now people get to go to the games, support local businesses and have a good time.”

**Chris Canales**

Sophomore kinesiology major

“No, they definitely should have gone a different route. They should have invested in other opportunities, like an amusement park or something.”

**Jaelyne Milam**

Senior criminal justice major

“No, because the ballpark draws more attention to the downtown businesses such as the restaurants or shops that people haven’t seen that they might be attracted to.”

**Enrique Ramos**

Senior political science major

“No, it’s not helping. Right now it’s just going through a wake up period where everyone is just trying to get it over with and figure out what it is about, but ultimately, no.”

**Jorge Martinez**

Junior computer science major

“Yes, I do think it’s helping to revitalize downtown, because it creates an event downtown. Without it it would just be kind of dead with the second-hand shops, so it’s bringing new opportunities to El Paso.”

**Rachel Marts**

Junior psychology major

“Yes, I do think it’s helping to revitalize downtown, because it brings a lot of attract...”

**Marco Mendoza**

Freshman psychology major

“Yes, it’s helping because it helps promote businesses downtown like the restaurants and bars.”

**Jayne Reyes**

Junior biochemistry major

“In a perspective it has, it’s helping downtown revitalize in the sense that it’s not just for young people but for family as well.”

**Karla Rivas**

Freshman criminal justice major

“Definitely, I think we’re getting a lot bigger so better and greater things are to come.”

**Kenneth Aofai**

Junior biomedical major

“I believe it is helping downtown, because there’s a lot of traffic running through it. I’m not sure how much it’s going to help, but I think further time will tell because downtown used to be pretty dead.”

**Anna Giles**

SHFWire Reporter

WASHINGTON—For Shannon Marchegiani, June 23 morning started with an explanation to her 3-year-old son about why his father is a hero.

Marchegiani, 38, a neonatologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, was preparing to see her husband, Mike Melia, an emergency physician at Walter Reed, he recognized for providing medical aid during the Washington Navy Yard shootings in September. She told him “that his daddy had been very brave.”

Melia was one of roughly 30 people at the ceremony, held at the Navy Yard, who were either personally recognized or accepted awards on behalf of a family member for heroic actions during the shootings.

“It’s always hard remembering. I always wish I could have done more,” said Melia, of Silver Spring, Md.

At the Navy Yard on Sept. 16, 2013, gunman Aaron Alexis, a military contractor, shot and killed 12 people in a chaotic scene that gripped the nation’s attention. Alexis died in the shootout.

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, who hosted ceremony, said it was a chance to honor the families of the victims and acknowledge what they’ve lost.

“The scene of the shooting couldn’t have been much closer to William Hilarides, commander of the Naval Sea Systems Command, who was in his office in building No. 197. He heard the shooter before he saw him. Security officials locked him and his staff in their office.

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For her, the ceremony was not just about honoring her husband, it was an opportunity to “honor the families of the victims and acknowledge what they’ve lost.”

The ceremony was important for families and coworkers of the victims, Harrison said.

“Everybody here was close to someone who was a victim. They are all in different stages of healing. It’s important to do something like this to help bring closure,” he said.

Reach reporter Anna Giles at anna.giles@scripps.com or 202-326-9861.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

Do you think the ballpark has revitalized downtown?
Crave Kitchen serves an acoustic delight

BY ASHLEY MUÑOZ
The Prospector

Most people know Crave Kitchen and Bar for casual fine dining that offers a modern American menu. The food on the menu consists of comfort food, with a twist. However, Crave has another dish you can really get into—a summer acoustic series that allows live bands to play while you eat.

“We started doing this last summer,” said Wesley Dorman, general manager for Crave’s Eastside location. “The event starts at 7:30 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. on Wednesdays. The customers love it. They enjoy good food while listening to great music.”

Featured bands include Chihuahua Gold, Thalo Polos, Jessica Flores and Cross Town Tin.

“Most of our music contains jazz sessions to soft rock. We host a fun of diversity, and maybe in the future, we’ll have room for live deejaying,” Dorman said.

Anaysha Arce, sophomore pre-nursing major, attended the first session.

“I’m happy I attended the series. I loved it, ” she said. “Solely with the food while listening to great tunes.”

Margie Olague, a customer who has visited Crave, said she is interested in asking for next summer’s setup. “Dor- 

ue until August and will be back next summer for local musicians to be a part of them,” Olague said. “We’ll have room for live deejaying,” Dorman said.

Crave acoustic sessions will continue until August and will be back next summer.

“I’m sure we’ll bring it back next summer, in fact we have already been asked for next summer’s set up,” Dorman said.

Margarita Olague, a customer who has visited Crave, said she is interested in attending the live entertainment nights.

“It sounds like fun, and I’m sure it benefits both parties. Crave gets more customers and the bands will have a new group of fans,” Olague said. “I know Crave isn’t the only (restaurant) that allows the presentation of local bands—places like The Provocator, Meso Street Grill, Puff Social, Hoo- 

kah Lounge and other locally owned businesses have amazing live music performances. Crave, though, is by far my favorite restaurant that has anything to offer.”

Dorman said customers are wel- 

comed to recommend bands and live entertainment.

“We take requests, but we have to listen to the band, possibly a track or a CD, where we can determine whether or not we want the band to come play at the restaurant,” Dorman said. “Of course, the songs have to be original. That’s the main idea of the sessions, to showcase local talent in our area.”

Olague said she likes that local bands are invited to become part of this event, since they have an opportu- 

nity to share their tunes with an El Paso crowd.

“You don’t know if the person you’re listening to will someday make it all the way. Crave can be the place where someone can be noticed,” she said.

Arce said she appreciates Crave’s great customer service and that attracts a young mature population.

“They have posters and flyers on what the next gig will be,” Arce said. “Overall, it’s a fun environment and it’s good to see contributions as such.”

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Crave Kitchen, located at 11990 Rojas Drive, hosts an acoustic series on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

VIDEO GAMES
Gamers are victims of The Slender Man

BY ASHLEY MUÑOZ
The Prospector

Imagine a world where you can change everything to the way you want it, pick the way you look by pressing a button or transform yourself from tall to short, tan to pale. A world like this may only exist in your imagination, or better yet, in video games.

Video games can impact a child, in some cases driving them to do the unthinkable.

“The Slender Man” case from Wisconsin, Wisconsin, may be an example on how a simple fictional char- 

acter can become a dangerous role model for the young adult mind.

According to the attackers, 12-year-old young girls were charged with attempted murder because they were only trying to please The Slender Man. They were hoping to see him and become his servants. One of them said she believed Slender Man was watching her and could read her mind. Reactions all over the state have been diverse.

Three girls went out for a walk that evening and became 尿the slender man who was spotted by a passing bicyclist who

file photo

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

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“If there is a reason they want to get away, that’s when it gets dangerous,” Medina said. “I mean playing the video games for a while is okay, but trying to be a part of them or be like them is when it starts to get bad.”

The main problem is the lack of communication between children and parents, that ultimately leads the children to talk to anyone online about their personal problems, Mendoza said.

“It’s a cry for help. Kids nowadays look for attention or for someone to notice his or her depression or his or her loneliness. After a certain point they get so into the game, they believe it’s reality and they began doing things they do in the game but in real life,” Mendoza said.

“‘The Slender Man’ may be fictional, but the influences and sudden attacks are as real as can be. The iconic figure has made its way into the homes of families. Parents who have children who constantly play video games can look out for signs such as sudden outbursts, breaking toys—becoming distant in their interactions with others.

“Video games can be useful and fun sometimes, but do not let them over rule your life, and especially your children’s life,” she said. “If you don’t improve in what you provide, you will get left behind.”

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**TRANSPORTATION**

**Sun Metro to develop route planner app**

**BY AARON MONTES**

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“The slender Man” is pictured as a creature that generally appears as a tall man in a black tie, white shirt, with no eyes, mouth, or clearly defined facial features.

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“If there is a reason they want to get away, that’s when it gets dangerous,” Medina said. “I mean playing the video games for a while is okay, but trying to be a part of them or be like them is when it starts to get bad.”

The main problem is the lack of communication between children and parents, that ultimately leads the children to talk to anyone online about their personal problems, Mendoza said.

“It’s a cry for help. Kids nowadays look for attention or for someone to notice his or her depression or his or her loneliness. After a certain point they get so into the game, they believe it’s reality and they began doing things they do in the game but in real life,” Mendoza said.

“The slender Man” may be fictional, but the influences and sudden attacks are as real as can be. The iconic figure has made its way into the homes of families. Parents who have children who constantly play video games can look out for signs such as sudden outbursts, breaking toys—becoming distant in their interactions with others.

“Video games can be useful and fun sometimes, but when you start to let them over rule your life, and especially your children’s life, that’s when others should notice the red flag hanging over,” Mendoza said.
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Boit called Anthony to congratulate him on a job well done. Immediately after, he asked his son, "What about your GPA in class?" Once he got off the phone with his father, Wilson Boit, his hero gave him a call. "My hero is a guy from my village," Rotich said. Boit won silver for Kenya at the Sydney, Australia Summer Olympic games in 2000, competing in the 3,000-meter steeplechase event. Three years earlier on Aug. 13, 1997, Boit held the world record in the 5,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 7 minutes, 59.88 seconds. The record was broken 11 days later. Rotich called Anthony to congratulate him on his success, but also to ask about his GPA. "He and my father value education, more than athletics," Rotich said. "He is one of the great leaders in my community. He is going to be a member of parliament." Rotich’s time is on point, which is evident in his races. It’s his awareness and humility that makes Rotich such a dynamic individual. With all his success, Rotich only talks about how much he appreciates what UTEP has done for him. Rotich is glad that he can receive an education to pursue his dream of being a civil engineer. This will come after the Olympics (summer 2016 in Rio de Janeiro), which Anthony says he will pursue. "It’s like a dream that has not yet matured. It’s a dream that I’m still going along with. I really appreciate every- thing UTEP is doing for me," said Rotich. Boit was by far the loudest. Junior social work major Janelle Contreras de- scribes the atmosphere as crazy. "Here, it is dominant with Brazilian- ians," Contreras said. "They’re jumping up, going crazy—it gives me goose bumps and I’m not even from there. You had people with their jerseys and flags and it was a cool atmosphere." Since the start of the World Cup back on June 12, Gibbons and some of the Brazilian and Mexican students have put together quite the gathering at Summit Hall in Miner Village. Big screen TVs, ample soccer fans and free food have been the norm over the past two weeks. Summit Hall, was divided into two groups—on one side you had the Mexican students wearing their red, white and green, and on the other side are the Brazilian students in their yellow, green and blue. Each side was equally loud and passionate about their teams. Considering the fact that Mexico and Brazil are the top two teams in their group, it is a plus, and the overall mood of the room was joyous and very boisterous. Senior engineering major, Carla Edudela Orlando is one of the many Brazilians who attended the viewing parties and she plans on attending all the parties with games featuring Bra- zil. Orlando is from Curitiba, Brazil, which is the eighth most populous city in Brazil, located in the south of the country. Orlando likes the atmosphere in Summit Hall, but says nothing com- pares to soccer back in Brazil. "It’s really nice watching the games here," Orlando said. "There are a lot of Brazilians, so we enjoy the game and have a good time. But soccer here is not like soccer in Brazil. In Brazil everyone loves soccer." Gibbons said he has seen the out- pouring of Soccer fans in the past few weeks and sees no reason to not keep it going. "A lot of our programming that happens is driven by our students," Gibbons said. "As long as there is interest and it is not interfering with any finals schedules next week, we will keep doing activities like this all summer long." 

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Coming from humble beginnings in Nairobi, Kenya, junior distance runner Anthony Rotich has risen to stardom in his three years at UTEP, and his path to greatness started long before his arrival to El Paso. Growing up, in order to get to school, Rotich ran four miles. He did not want to be late for class and the nearest school was that far away. "When it was time to eat, Rotich ran back to his village, ate and ran back to school. After school was over, he ran back home," Rotich said. Rotich can’t hold back his large grin when he’s talking about soccer. "At the end of the day, you would be pouring of Soccer fans in the past few weeks and sees no reason to not keep it going. "A lot of our programming that happens is driven by our students," Gibbons said. "As long as there is interest and it is not interfering with any finals schedules next week, we will keep doing activities like this all summer long."

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One of the differences between activities in the fall and spring and the summer sessions can be found in the way intramural activities are conducted. Instead of having long season-like competitions followed by an elimination stage, summer intramurals are much shorter, with single or double elimination tournaments. Recreational Sports, which is in charge of organizing each intramural tournament, schedules a different sport each week.

“We have learned throughout the years that kids don't like getting tied to the schedule, because of the intensity of the summer programs hosted in Academics,” Muñoz said.

Intramural sports offered in the summer include volleyball, table tennis, bowling, basketball, racquetball and indoor soccer.

The outdoor adventure program is another service that students can take advantage of during the summer. They seek to provide students with an opportunity to get to know the areas around El Paso.

Junior accounting major Greg Contreras, enjoys the rec center in all aspects.

“I think it's amazing that the rec is so involved with students and outdoor activities,” said Contreras. “The prices are phenomenal, which allows students on a budget to afford trips like ski Apache.”

Students have a chance to register for trips organized by the department to visit several places such as White Sands or Ruidoso, New Mexico, for a very affordable and convenient price. Muñoz said the program is meant to be affordable.

“We try with those outdoor trips not to impact the student with the fee, we take a hit. The idea is to basically give the students the opportunity to have the experience,” Muñoz said.

Rec sports also offer a rental program for equipment for those who want to explore on their own.

“We have a large inventory of backpacks, canopies, tents, bikes, you name it,” Muñoz said.

This equipment can be rented for a day, a week, and even the whole summer, as students have done when traveling to Europe or, specifically this summer, those traveling to the World Cup.

Similar to the outdoor program is the challenge course, which is an activity for groups. The main objective is team building through a series of physical challenges that can be completed in a full-day or half-day session.

Membership for regular use of the Student Recreation Center is included in students' tuition. For those students that are not taking any summer classes at UTEP the opportunity to use the facility is still available. Students who attended UTEP in the spring semester can purchase a summer membership for $50.

The rec center might not offer all of the amenities it does in the fall or spring, but it is still worth going to if you happen to stay in town for the summer. For more information on the operation hours and activities offered go to sa.utep.edu.

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