O'Rourke returns home to cast his primary vote and listen to El Pasoans

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The Prospector

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A crowd of over 100 gathered in downtown El Paso to hear O’Rourke speak at San Jacinto Plaza under the scorching sun on Friday, March 6. He thanked the crowd for their support and spoke briefly on immigration, acknowledge.

Although it is not confirmed yet exactly how many young voters selected O’Rourke during the early voting period, he acknowledges the strong impact that young voters may in the Democratic turnout. "I don’t blame students for not having voted in previous elections if no one shows up to listen to them," he said. “I do think that those younger people, student and non-students alike, have been a big part of the surge in turnout that we’ve seen across Texas. He predicted in El Paso that young voters numbers are high, but it’s certain on the most recent data. “I think it’s happening in El Paso too, our numbers are up really high in El Paso,” he said. “I don’t have data on who it is, but I gotta think that a lot of them are young people.”

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USL soccer has a home in El Paso
By Adrian Broaddus

Last week, United Soccer League (USL) and Mountain Star Sports Group, which includes the El Paso Coyotes of Major Arena Soccer League (MASL), announced that the Division II American Soccer League will find a new home in the Sun City starting in the 2018-19 season.

The news came as a surprise to some, but not all. The idea of a soccer team coming to El Paso has been in the works since 2014, and Mountain Star Sports Group has been proactive on the development of the stadium downtown in the Duranguito neighborhood. This is about another opportunity for El Paso to grow economically, improve its quality of life and community engagement, according to the city’s overall look.

“At the end of the day, we’re all passionate about soccer. I think we have made an error of fact, email the editor at michaelairoman@gmail.com and let us know how you think we can improve our content.”

But is the potential impact soccer has on a community? MSSG President Alan Ledford said “El Paso is a great fit for any type of sports bringing communities together.”

It’s true, sports do bring communities together. Bringing a professional soccer team to El Paso will continue that, and as Ledford said at the press conference, it will allow outsiders to see the culture and the people involved in the El Paso community.

Now the big question is, will it work? Can a community like El Paso sustain a professional club soccer team like this and continue to come out for each game? Based off the area demographics and socioeconomic status, yes, this will work, despite what naysayers may say.

At the Division II level, this will be the highest level of soccer El Paso seen in its history. USL works with Major League Soccer (MLS) and some players even go off from the USL to MLS to play at an even higher level. President of Utah Edwards called USL the “Triple-A baseball of soccer” in terms of level of competition.

In fact, there are currently 33 teams in the U.S. and two international teams. El Paso will join a four-team expansion in the Southwest, consisting of San Antonio and Austin. The team will likely play a Southwest conference, regularly playing clubs from Phoenix, Las Vegas, San Antonio and Austin.

The Sun City team will start its inaugural season in March of 2019 and likely play its first season in Southwest University Park, sharing the stadium with the Chihuahuas.

In the past, El Paso has supported semi-pro teams like the Patriots, who played in the Premier Development League from 1989-2013, and more recently the El Paso Coyotes of a Major Arena Soccer League club affiliate and have been active since 2016. Although the Coyotes struggle in their respective division, they have good following of fans, who come out for each game at the County Coliseum.

It won’t be a surprise when the USL El Paso team comes to the Sun City and its games are sold out, or of the El Paso team reaches among the highest attendance in the league. Edwards said at the introductory press conference that the average attendance is around 6,000, which is a very realistic goal El Paso can reach.

When the team arrives in 2019, they will have around 17 home games. No doubt that each of those games will be sold out, or close to selling out. Then comes to mind the novelty of getting a new stadium, which MSSG says could happen within two years. Once a new stadium is built and the team can play home games in its stadium, it will be yet another novelty for the fans that will excite local fans.

When the novelty wears off, fans will still show up. Even after five years of play, people still come to see the Chihuahuas every game and they still hold the record for the most consecutive sellouts in history. If a team starts to lose fans, it’s not because they don’t have the quality or the skill, but fans just resume enjoying the games.

With a USL team, the future looks even brighter for El Pasoans in terms of new possibilities. If the El Paso team can support itself in its first few years, then there’s even more opportunity for a professional team to make a landing in the city. With a new stadium it could house more boxing events, more concerts and even a UFC bout, which is something El Paso hasn’t seen the likes of.

According to Ledford, the USL club wants to start a soccer academy in El Paso to recruit more local kids and unite the local kids in playing club soccer. That will add even more of an incentive to support this team.

This USL team is another new beginning for the city and its residents, and I believe fans from El Paso, Juarez, Las Cruces and other areas around the region will come out to support this new franchise for years to come.

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Six ways to stay safe while traveling
BY THE PROSPECTOR STAFF

If you plan on going out of town for spring break this year, here are a few useful tips. Remember before you take off to tell your friends and relatives where you will be and when you will depart and when you expect to return.

1 Hotel rooms
Avoid picking up bed bugs by checking the bed sheets and the upper and lower seams of the mattress. If you don't feel sure how clean your hotel bed is, make sure to ask the hotel management staff to change your sheets.

2 Safe sex
Take some condoms for your friends and yourself while traveling just in case. Do not make risky decisions while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

3 Helpful apps
If you have and your friends have iPhones, you can share your location with each other on "Find My Friends" to see where they are at all times in case someone in the group gets lost or if someone's phone gets stolen. For Android users, "Family" is the way to go. Always have the Uber and Lyft apps downloaded on your phone with your card information just in case you quickly need to leave a situation.

4 Plan ahead
Before going out, have a plan that everyone agrees with to avoid any kind of confusion. Be sure everyone knows what places you will be visiting and for how long. If you're driving long distances, take plenty of breaks and change drivers to avoid a car accident. Always keep your hotel address and phone number available in case of an emergency.

5 Protect belongings
Don't carry all of your money around with you. Try not to leave your backpacks, purses and other belongings out of your sight. In your hotel, make use of the safe or anywhere you can lock your belongings. If you are being robbed, do not resist. If you're traveling abroad, make sure to always know where your passport is.

6 While drinking
Lower your risks of being drugged by never losing sight of your drinks. Avoid accepting drinks from people you don't know. Don't accept drinks that come from an open can or bottle. When going out, try not to be alone in an unfamiliar place, especially at night. Do not drive if you plan on drinking.

SPRING BREAK EVENTS
BROWN BAG LUNCH SERIES RETURNS
The Brown Bag Lunch Series will return on March 16, from noon to 1:15 p.m. at Union West room 112. SELC will present "Asian Americans in the Media: Stereotypes and otherizing." The series invites anyone to discuss topics both on and off campus, and includes lunch with faculty, staff and students.

TOBY MAC CONCERT
On Saturday, March 10, Christian hip-hop artist Toby Mac will perform at the Don Haskins Center. You can purchase tickets at elpaso.eventticketscenter.com, prices range from $27-$106.

ST. PADDY’S FEST 2018
On Saturday, March 17 and Sunday March 17 Free-dom Crossing at Fort Bliss is hosting St. Paddy’s Fest 2018. The event is free and is meant to honor the Irish with Irish cuisine, traditional music, buggies and free activities for the whole family.

JENNY AND THE MEXICATS CONCERT
On Friday, March 16, the multicultural folk group Jenny and the Mexicats will be performing at Trick Fells at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at ticketfly.com. Prices range from $15-$18.
Is spring break for partying, catching up on life or doing nothing?

CLAUDIA HERNANDEZ, SERGIO MUÑOZ / THE PROSPERATOR

Claudia Chavarria
Senior political science major
“Catching up on life because friends that are out of town come that week so you are able to go out with them. Sleep because you are able to rest.”

Alexia Nava
Freshman multimedia journalism major
“All of the above. It is a time of rest. Some of us like to do nothing, some of us like to catch up on life, taking time off from school and some people just like to party.”

Joel Estrada
Sophomore communication studies major
“To catch up on life because as you don’t have any assignments, you can watch more Netflix and catch up on life.”

David Casiano
Sophomore digital media production major
“In my opinion, it is mostly for catching up on life and just taking a break on life.”

Jorge Javier
Freshman fine arts major
“All of the above. It’s important to catch up with school, but also to relax, to stop thinking about work for just a second.”

Karin Garcia
Junior biology major
“Doing nothing, especially sleeping. Because personally if I spend hours doing homework during the night, I can’t do anything during the day.”

Marissa Velasquez
Senior social work major
“It just depends. I think you can have fun, catch up on life and by doing nothing. Honestly it can be combinations.”

Martin Renova
Sophomore digital media production major
“For partying. We are going to Las Vegas with some friends so I think this is an opportunity to get as wasted as we can.”

Omar Avina
Sophomore physics major
“I think it is for doing nothing. It should be for having fun and taking a break from school. But, I like to get ahead during spring break.”

Tomiko Reyes
Sophomore digital media production major
“Catching up on life. I’ll be working. I work here at new student orientation and at Bahama Bucks, so that’s what I’ll be doing.”

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DOUBLEHEADER
SOFTBALL
MARCH 17TH VS UAB 2:00PM 4:00PM
Former UTEP Student Jessica Mendez sits on a rock near Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. T or C is best known for its hot springs and only two hours outside of El Paso.

Mexico and lesser-known parts of the United States are still not necessarily the place to spend the night in, but are unfortunately sold out for spring break. Luckily, there is the option to self-guide your own trip to these destinations or even the car where he was assassinated. The internationally-known concept "La Gómez," is the most popular destination for last-minute getaways not too far from home.

Last-minute getaways not too far from home

BY PAULETTE VILLA

Instead of staying at home this spring break, here are some last-minute places to escape to and reset in to continue the semester fresh. These destinations are based on the opportunity to learn about the environment and culture of our surrounding states: Chihuahua, Nuevo Laredo, and lesser-known parts of Texas. These trips are cheap and less than five hours away from El Paso.

New Mexico–3 HOURS– 90 MILES

On the way to Marfa, one of the best places to take a photo for your Instagram account, is the famous Prada Marfa. The building is an illusion of a Prada store created by architect Elmgreen & Dragset in 2005. This sculpture is the best introduction to the way into Marfa is known for a must-go place for people who love minimalist art.

Chinati Foundation

The internationally-known contemporary museum, created by artist Donald Judd, consists of sculptures, large-scale installations, paintings, drawings, poems and more. The museum is open from Wednesday to Sunday, but online reservations are encouraged. Admission for a full guided tour is $10 for students and $25 for adults.

El Cosmico

This Marfa camping area includes tipis, trailers, silent tents and yurts to spend the night in, but are unfortunately sold out for spring break. Luckily, there is the option to self-camp for $20 and groups may have access to communal space and bathroom on a first-come, first-served basis.

Marfa Lights

These lights have been witnessed on U.S. Route 67 every night since 1883. They are mysterious random colored lights roaming in the desert sky, and there is still no clear explanation of their origin. Explorers do not necessarily have to spend the night to see them since there is a viewing area on Highway 90 toward Alpine.

Truth Or Consequences, New Mexico–2 HOURS–37 MILES

Also known as T or C, this small town used to be named Hot Springs due to its large amount of odorless hot thermal water around 100 degrees that contains 38 minerals. There are 10 hot springs available to relax in. Riverbend Hot Springs is the only place close to the Bus Grande and it includes five common pools and seven private rooms. There are still a lot of 50-minute private sessions available for spring break to book online, which cost $15 per person. Walk-ins are $12, which provide one hour access to common pools, saunas and grounds.

Whitewater Weekends

Travelers can find the White-water Weekends office in a white school bus roaming on West Riverside Drive on the weekends. They provide rafts ($40 for two to three people), kayaks ($20 for two people) and tubes ($10 for one person) to flow within six miles of the Rio Grande. Availability depends on the weather and the river's flow, which can be checked on their official Facebook page for daily updates.

Paquimé, Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua–3.5 HOURS–109 MILES

This is the best option on the list if you love archeology. Casas Grandes is one of Mexico’s magical towns (pueblos mágicos) close to the pre-historic land of Paquimé. The archeological region of Paquimé is unique from the whole country of Mexico, since it is made up of interconnected ed labyrinth of adobe homes from 1,200 years ago.

Museo de las Culturas del Norte

After visiting the area, visitors can continue learning at this museum, where one can see the artifacts, tiles, art, music instruments, ceramics and offerings from the people of Paquimé. The museum is open from Thursday to Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., admission is 65 pesos (around $3) and free on Sundays. The easiest route is by taking the Santa Teresa bridge and continue to Cd Juar­ez/Janos/Mexico 2 road, then to Nuevo Casas Grandes-Janos/Mexico 10 road.

Cumbres, Chihuahua–4 HOURS – 237 MILES

The city is filled with history and surrounded by beautiful natural areas, such as forests, mountains and waterfalls, where the indigenous name of Tarahumaras live. Chihuahua’s main tourist attractions are in the historical area, a full pedestrian zone with parks, cathedrals, museums and restaurants.

Campos de Majica National Park

While on the road to the capital city, make a detour on the CCHIN 50 road to visit the forest for 80 pesos ($4). It has unique rock formations and is one of the few places in the country where black bears live. Visitors can go hiking, repelling, or even camping for 80 pesos ($4) per night at the Cañon de las Hadas, which includes tables and sanitary services. The weather conditions are predicted to be partly cloudy.

Museo de la Revolución Mexicana

If you want to learn about the Mexican Revolution, visit Pancho Villa’s home, which has artifacts, weapons, furniture, documents and even the car where he was assassinated. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closed on Mon-days. Admission is only 10 pesos (less than a dollar).

La Popular – La Casa de Pascualita

While walking down town, you must visit the urban leg-end of the haunted mansion "La Pascualita," placed at bridal shops window since the 1930s. The legend says a bride died on her wedding day due to a scorpion's sting and was em­balm­ed by her mother (the original owner of the store) to make her into the detailed mannequin. One can see her for free anytime at Guada­lupe Victoria St. No. 803.

TOR ERA RIVERA, CHIHUAHUA–2 HOURS OR LESS IDEAL TO TRAVEL ON WEEKENDS, 8 MILES

Juarez is making an effort to re­claim their reputation as the best side of the border to party. Many students on campus already spend their weekends there without any fear, here’s the chance to break the stereotype yourself. Also, take ad­vantage of the dollar’s value, which is around 19 pesos, making it cheap­er to have drinks and delicious food.

Blvd. Manuel Gómez Morín.

"Gómez Morín" or also known as "La Gómez," is the most popular boulevard to go bar hopping at in Juarez. There are around 20 bars and restaurants of different styles to choose from. All bars close at 2 a.m.

The easiest route is by taking the Zaragosa bridge, going straight in Waterfill Avenue and go right at boulevard Gómez Morín. Continue at Gómez Morín and art-lovers find all the bars after A.J. Bermudez avenue.

El Parque Borunda

This is the perfect place to eat a variety of snacks, such as corn in a cup, slushies, cotton candy and more Mexican food. The park consists of food kiosks and a small amusement park at night for children, which is a nostalgic place for many people on the border. The park is open from 9 a.m. to midnight every day.

Travelers get there by taking the Americas Bridge and going all the way straight to De las Americas avenue, past the fountain in an in­tersection and by going to 16 de Septiembre Street, and the park will be at the left.

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Staying in El Paso over the break? Here's what to do

BY ELENIE GONZALEZ

For those who will not be traveling this spring break out of town, there are plenty of things to do in the borderland. From sitting at home and watching some entertaining college basketball, to listening to local bands across town, here are the best things to do during spring break in El Paso:

**Franklin Mountains**

There’s no doubt that March means the weather is becoming warmer and you may want to spend some quality time outdoors. El Paso is lucky enough to have some amazing hiking spots on the Franklin Mountains and Huéco Tanks.

If you haven’t taken advantage of this, now would be the perfect time. Franklin Mountains State Park offers trails for every type of hiker, from beginner to expert.

Favorite trails for local hikers are the El Paso Tin Mine Trail and the Arroyo Seco Trail. The Tin Mine Trail takes hikers to the only tin mines in the U.S.; hikers can also explore caves buried in the mountains.

The Ron Coleman trail is another popular spot, although it is not suggested for beginners. Being in the mountains also provides a perfect photo opportunity, so tie up those hiking shoes and make sure to bring plenty of water for your hike.

At Huéco Tanks, you can hike, rock climb, bird watch, study nature and history, picnic and star-gaze at night.

**Museums**

There are several museums located across the city, most of which are free.

I’m sure you’ve heard of the El Paso Museum of Art and the El Paso Museum of History, but there are plenty more. Although, these two wouldn’t be a bad place to start if you’ve never visited them.

Currently, there are three new exhibits in the El Paso Museum of Art. "Ethnic Excess Extinctions" is the first presentation in which contemporary art speaks in creative and compelling ways to the timely issue of endangered animals.

"Papel Chicano Dos: Words on Paper from the Collection of Cheech Marin" is an exhibit featuring major Chicano art collector and comedian Cheech Marin. The exhibit features 65 works on paper by 24 artists utilizing unique and traditional practices of portraiture and varied viewpoints integrating urban culture and images that are from a range of historical sources.

"The Empire of Texas" is an exhibit featuring photographs from local photographer Richard Barone. See the evolution of Texas through his lens.

The El Paso Museum of History is another great museum where you can see current exhibits of how El Paso came to be. Find out what people who migrated to El Paso brought with them, the history of Saint Patrick Cathedral and Cathedral High School, see pictures and personal keepsakes of residents past and present of Segundo Barrio and the Chihuahuita neighborhoods, and experience a chronological journey through major events and influences that have shaped El Paso into the city we experience today.

**Music Scene**

El Paso has an amazing music scene that has emerged in the past few years. With the rise of music festivals and venues in the city, there is always a good show to look forward to.

The Lowbrow Palace will have a show almost every night during spring break. Notable performances to look forward to include Blank Range, Gila Monster and Tennis System on Sunday, March 11. The Frights, Sadgirl, Shopping and Builders & Boytottones will also be performing during the week. For more information, check out the calendar on lowbrowpalace.com.

This year, the annual St. Paddy’s Day Festival will take place at St. Patrick’s Day. It falls on a Saturday, which is a perfect time to drink well into the night so you can recover the next day. There’s usually plenty of events happening around town from block parties to festivals.

This year, the annual St. Paddy’s Day Festival will take place in the neighborhood. The two-day event is an all-ages affair honoring the mighty Irish. You can find traditional Irish music, dance, costumes, and beguiling acts. This year’s music lineup features Empyre pipers & drums, The Sun Pirates, Aces & Eights, Snow Rhythm Crew, Saint Patrick’s Day Festival at the stage. Tickets for each show can be found at ticketmaster.com.

This year spring break concludes with St. Paddy’s Day. It falls on a Saturday, which is a perfect time to drink well into the night so you can recover the next day. There’s usually plenty of events happening around town from block parties to festivals.

The Showdown Fest on March 16-18 at the El Paso County Coliseum will feature recognized tattoo artists from around the world, but this isn’t just about the tattoos, it’s about the music as well. This all-age event will feature music from every genre, from rock to hip-hop and country to reggae. The headliners of the festival will be Vance Neil of Motley Crue on Friday, Long Beach Dub All Stars on Saturday and Jack Bassel’s Great White on Sunday. Tickets range from $25-$60 and can be purchased at ticketmaster.com and the El Paso County Coliseum box office.

Tricky Falls will feature two shows during spring break. The first will be on March 13, when Hippie Sabotage will stop by on their Path of Righteousness Tour. On Friday, March 16, Jenny and the Mexicats will take the stage. Tickets for each show can be purchased at trickytalls.com.

If this is your thing, there are several spots around El Paso where you can catch the tournament action.

Brew Sports Pub West, Tortuga Sports Lounge, Ale House, Brass Monkey and Spirit of 66 are just a few of the places where you can watch the games depending on your scene. Each bar offers a menu with a selection of food and drinks and plenty of televisions for your viewing pleasure.

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Downtown El Paso as seen from above.

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Little Jesus will be performing at Neon Desert Music Festival

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

Nearly two months away from El Paso’s largest music festival, the hype around Neon Desert is at an all-time high. From indie pop to Latin rock, there are bands under the radar that will surely steal the local stage and could end up blowing up on the national level.

Here are the bands you may not have heard of who will perform at the festival:

**LANY-Indie pop**
Combining a suave alternative pop style with an R&B influence, the trio is sure to make a memorable appearance at Neon Desert. From their upbringing in Los Angeles and Nashville, the band has been on the rise since 2014 and continues to gain listeners in the modern indie world.

Their full-length project “LANY,” released in 2017, has been a four-member’s recent success, with popular songs such as “Super Far,” “ILYSB” and “19.”

Listen to: “Pink Skies”

This track, although it is almost three years old, is an accurate representation of how the band plays. It’s a dreamy ’80s pop ballad, fused with modern lyrical style.

**Cuco-Indie rock**
Omar Banos, better known by his stage name Cuco, has come a long way from being a south Los Angeles Band Camp and Soundcloud musician. Now, Cuco has raised a cult-like following under his wavy music style and is selling out shows across America—no matter how big or small the venue is.

There’s a reason why he’s gained such a following, and it isn’t prided off a couple of popular tracks, but rather his style of making music that can captivate any music lover.

It might be premature to say this, but Cuco might be one of the best acts at Neon for the simple notion that he lives to entertain the audience and brings such a unique set to each show.

Listen to: “Lover is a Day”

In this song, Cuco embraces his Latin rock roots, develops a jam that sounds like MGMT meets Chicano Batman and simply lets each lyric roll, one after the other.

**Little Jesus-Latin rock**

Hearing Latin rock bands are a turn-off for most, but Little Jesus’ music makes any true music fan want to watch their unique spin on alternative rock. Formed in south Mexico City by Santiago Casillas, what started as a solo project quickly evolved into a four-member band that prides themselves on their stage work.

The band started getting more and more noteworthy as their years went on. In 2013, they released their debut album “Norte,” followed by their international tour in 2014 and 2015. Their second, and most striking, album came in 2016 when they released “Río Salvaje,” which gained a lot of traction in the Latin rock scene.

Listen to: “La Magia”

This is a up-and-down West Coast rock-influenced jam. “La Magia” feels like the perfect Latin ballad to listen to on the road. This song is a perfect introductory song if you have not heard the group before.

**Buddy-Hip-hop**

At only 17 years old, Simmie Sims, better known for his stage name, Buddy, has taken the Compton music scene by storm for a new era of hip-hop. He has a big burden and big shoes to fill living in the prime of LA, where the best hip-hop music is created, from legends like Tupac to Kendrick Lamar. However, it seems like Buddy is already making a name for himself and continues to make good music.

Under DJ Casanova, Buddy’s youthful and flows crisp way of flowing makes him a must-see at Neon Desert. In 2017 he released his debut EP “Magno­lia,” which features five tracks, including features from Wiz Khalifa and Boogie.

Listen to: “Shine”

In another one of his first singles, Buddy completely destroys the beat that’s given to him on “Shine.” On the track, he shows his Kanye West influences at emcee, with a Tony Lanez and PartyNextDoor twist.

**Cults-Indie pop**

Making another trip to El Paso, Cults will bring their dreary retro sound of indie pop back to the Sun City. The duo prides themselves on unique indie twists and makes their own spin in each track.

Cults are actually a pair of film school dropouts, released their self-titled album in 2011, with their hit “Go Outside,” and have gone only upward since. They released “Static” in 2013, which added to their darker side, but went a little brighter with “Off­er­ing,” which was their deepest album and released in 2017.

Now, Madeleine Follin and Brian Oblivion, both 28, continue to create jams and travel the country, despite a near break up in 2015 and record labels switch.

Listen to: “I took your picture”

In this track, Cults shows their new-age style and their transition to new artistry. The band’s new sound is uplifting and will be an entertaining set at Neon Desert.

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**Register your team to play in the Softball Intramurals! (Deadline 3/21)**

**Register your team to play in the Outdoor Soccer Intramurals! (Deadline 3/21)**

**Come watch the Outdoor Intramural Table Tennis Tournament on 3/7**

**Spring Break at the Big Bend National Park (3/10-3/15)**

**Come participate in the Climbing Gym Challenge (3/26-3/29)**

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**The Student Rec Center will be operating under its Intersession Hours from March 12-March 18.**

We will be closed on Friday, March 30th in observation of Cesar Chavez Day.*

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**Photo Courtesy of Little Jesus’ Facebook**

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By Brianna Chavez

If the idea of a fun spring break consists of sitting back and relaxing here are eight Netflix shows to binge watch along with some snacks to enhance the experience.

**“Friends”**

The classic American sitcom revolves around six friends in their 20s, who live in Manhattan. Over the course of 10 years, to viewers witnesses the group of friends going through marriage, family problems, romance, drama and most importantly, lots of laughs—basically all the aspects of friendships. The show was nominated for 62 Emmys throughout its 10-year period. Every season, the show ranked within the top-10 of the final television season’s ratings.

Pair a nice cup of coffee or tea with your favorite pastry such as a slice of cake and you’ll feel like you’re sitting with the Rachel, Ross, Chandler, Phoebe, Joey and Monica at the Central Perk Café. 

**“Parks and Recreation”**

“Parks and Recreation” follows the life of Leslie Knope and her love for public office. As the deputy director of the parks and recreation department in Pawnee, Indiana, Knope hopes to make her town a better place and further her career. She becomes best friends with nurse Ann Perkins after she complains to Knope about the necessity of filling in a pit that her unemployed boyfriend, Andy Dwier, has fallen into and injured himself. The mockumentary show follows Knope and the rest of the employees of the Pawnee Parks and Recreation Department, Ron, Tom, April, Donna, Andy, Ben, Chris and Jerry. The show ran for seven seasons on NBC.

Watch all seven seasons while you eat some waffles, which will make you feel like you’re at Leslie’s favorite food from JJ’s Diner. 

**“Queer Eye for the Straight Guy”**

One of the newest series on Netflix is a reboot of the early 2000s show, “Queer Eye for the Straight Guy”. The Fab Five consists of Antoni, the food expert, Bobby, the interior designer, Tan, the fashion stylist, Jonathan, the hair stylist, and Karamo, the culture expert. In every episode, the Fab Five transforms the life of a straight guy in need of an upgrade. While it just sounds like a makeover show, it’s much more than that. The show is heart wrenching and emotional, but it also gets a little political by addressing homosexuality, religion and even police brutality.

Pair it with a nice glass of your favorite wine and charcuterie (cheese and meat board) to feel just as fancy and classy as the Fab Five.

**“The Office”**

The iconic mockumentary comedy, based on the British series of the same name, follows the employees of the Dunder Mifflin branch in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Michael Scott, the overly confident and clueless office manager, aims to lead his employees to become the best branch of the paper company. The show aired for nine seasons on NBC and won several Emmy Awards. If you want to feel like you’re a part of the office crew, get takeout for nine seasons.

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**“The End of the F***ing World”**

This Netflix series takes a dark twist on romance. James, a 17-year-old who claims to be a psychopath, is fascinated with murder. In the series, James meets Alyssa, a hostile teen, whom he pretends to fall in love with, but all he really wants to do is to kill her. The two teens run away together and embark on a journey that is very dangerous and violent incidents. Although the series sounds a bit obscure and daunting, it’s actually quite romantic. The series is based on a graphic novel of the same title. The dark comedy received a 97 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes.

Watch this show with a friend or partner and enjoy some blueberry pancakes, like the ones Alyssa orders for breakfast, and don’t forget the “extra f***ing spoon.”

**“Everything Sucks”**

The series is a coming-of-age show that takes place in Boring, Oregon, in 1996. The show revolves around a group of freshmen who join the AV club and joint forces with the Drama Club to get through high school together. It tackles the awkwardness that comes with being a teenager in high school and what it’s like to be an outsider. The show resembles other shows on Netflix such as “Freaks and Geeks” and “Glee.”

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Basketball seniors bid farewell to UTEP

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Senior guard Omega Harris will go down as one of the best players in UTEP history. Since he first started playing for the Miners in 2013, Harris continuously climbed the ladder in UTEP’s record book. Harris will finish in the top 10 in scoring at UTEP, he’s top five in 3-pointers made, top 15 in record-ed steals, along with doing all the little things that don’t show up on the stat sheets.

“I let my game speak for itself,” Harris said. When Tim Floyd was able to snatch Harris from the rest of the nation, the hype around the city was electric because Harris was a talent that all coaches dreamed of. He could score in his step and defend the opposing teams best player, which his high school resume showed.

From Bethany, Okla., Harris played for Putnam City West High School and was listed as the No. 3 prospect in the state. In Oklahoma, the three-star product was the runner-up for 2014 Player of the Year after he averaged 18.5 points per game, five rebounds, 3.1 assists per game through the duration of his senior year. Harris was also named The Oklahoman’s Big All-City Boys Player of the Year. Also, in his high school career Harris was a three-time conference defender defensive player of the year and two-time offensive player of the year in conference.

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"Honestly, there have been my best moments, going through adversity," he said. "I haven't dealt with that before. And every time before I got here had been one of the best in the state or even the country." Willms said. "It changes you as a person, after you lose, you come back the next day and keep working hard and never give up."

This past Saturday, March 3, UTEP found themselves in a tied game with North Texas. With 10 seconds left on the clock and a final spot in the conference tournament on the line, freshman guard Evan Gilyard found senior center Willms at the hardwood. With one of the Miners' most important buckets of the season came the clinching dunk just as time expired.

The dunk against North Texas came in the final moments as a Miner, added another important bucket to his legacy as the Miners edged out North Texas, 68-66.

"The journey, it's been a roller coaster," Willms said. "I've had really good seasons, I've had so-so seasons, and then this season, it's not going so well. But I mean we've kept battling, we're still doing good."

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Before his final game at the Don Haskins Center against Southern Miss, Willms and the other seniors, Omega Harris and Jake Flaggert, were honored on center court before the game. Willms was humbled by the crowd that attended the Don Haskins Center that stayed true to supporting him throughout his career as a Miner. The moment was special as Willms’ mother and girlfriend were present for the occasion.

"It felt great. Having my mom and my girlfriend up there was a great feeling because I saw all of the fans out there," he said. "All the fans that I've known since I was a freshman. It just felt good to know that there was still a lot of support there."

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SENIORS from page 10 himself as far as business and going to work as soon as he graduates and heads home to Dallas. In fact, we all may be calling for a job soon in a couple weeks.

Tamara Seda

The majority of Division 1 student-athletes begin playing their respective sports at a relatively young age and multiple season-ending injuries can lead a player to not reach their full potentials, or even lure them to quitting at times. But for Tamara Seda, she defied all the odds.

It was 2011 when Seda first picked up a basketball, but she still managed to find her way onto a college roster with Seward County Community College, despite starting later than others. At Seward County, Seda was forced to take a medical redshirt in 2013-14 season after suffering a preseason injury. Unfortunately, the injury would plague her throughout her collegiate career.

But for Tamara Seda, she defied all the odds. As a redshirt sophomore and new to the team, Seda played in 34 games, clocked in 15 minutes per game and averaged four points and four rebounds per game. Her ability to get to the free throw line was apparent, as she went 50-of-71 at the line.

The addition of Seda helped UTEP rebound from a down year the season prior to her arrival. UTEP went 29-9 overall (16-2 in conference) and won the Conference USA regular season championship.

“That was my highest moment, when we won the conference my first season here,” Seda said.

At Seward County, despite starting the year (2014-15), after averaging 14.2 points, 10 rebounds and 1.3 assists per game, Seda was forced to sit out for the final 14 games due to another season-ending injury. However, for a UTEP team that had just finished a disappointing 2014-15 season at 12-16 and 7-11 in Conference USA, then head coach Keitha Adams needed to regroup for the next year.

Seda and UTEP were a perfect mutual fit. UTEP needed improved roster with Seward County Community College, despite starting later than others.

“Playing the WNIT here at home was special. Seeing the Don filled up was huge,” Seda said. Also, during that same season, Seda developed an element to her game that comes along with being the defensive anchor that she is down low.

“Basketball-wise, I had to learn how to get stronger. At this level, post players have to be very physical.”

Keitha Adams needed to regroup for the next year. UTEP would end up playing in the WNIT tournament at the Don Haskins Center, where they lost to Oregon, 71-67, in the semifinals. “I remember my first year when I blocked a shot on the baseline, and that’s when the finger wag started,” Seda said.

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2015-16, the adjustments to Division I were not the only aspects Seda had to deal with.

“If I had to do it all over again, I would do it.”

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“I wouldn’t consider tough moments being low points because we were never low as a team. You always get to learn something,” Seda said.

During that 2016-17 season, the Miners went 8-23 (5-13 C-USA) and lost in the first round of the conference tournament, 80-70.
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against Old Dominion. After the
down year, UTEP's head coach of 18
years, Keitha Adams, resigned and
moved on to her home state team at
Wichita State.

That's when UTEP hired Kevin
Baker on April 24, 2017, out of An­
gelo State University before Seda's
senior year.

"Everybody makes their own
choices," Seda said. "I wasn't that
tough because coach Baker came in
and he's a very good coach. He came
in and made everyone comfortable
with the move."

Baker pushed Seda's game to the
highest point of her career. She
led UTEP in points scored (14.8
points per game), rebounds (9.3)
and blocks (18). UTEP's offense
run through Seda on nearly every
possesion.

In her last home game, Seda
scored 21 points, 13 in the fourth
quarter, to help her team get their
best conference win in two seas­
sons, 80-75 over defending C-USA
regular season champions Western
Kentucky.

"How perfect was it for her to play
her last game ever at the Haskins Cen­
ter and then go to the free throw line
with a chance to win the game," Baker
said following the win over WKU.

"Couldn't have happened to a better
player, couldn't have happened to a
better person. The Miners are going
to miss Tamara Seda but Tamara Seda
is going to go on and do big things so
I'm just proud to know her."

On Monday, Conference USA an­
nounced Seda to the All-Conference
second team for her efforts during
the 2017-18 campaign.

With her help, the women's basketball
program was able to double their
win total this season from the year
prior, going 16-13 (7-9 C-USA).

After Seda's career comes to an
end, she plans to keep playing bas­
ketball overseas. As a backup plan,
Seda wants to come back to UTEP
and work her way to master's degree.

"This year I had to learn different
skills of being a post player," she said.

"Coach (Michael) Madrid made me
step out of my comfort zone and do
things I never thought I could do
and that is something I will build on
when I leave."

The Miners will take on Southern
Mississippi on March 7 at 11 a.m. in
Frisco, Texas.