Students react to UT’s ‘Catch an Illegal Immigrant’ game

BY AMANDA GUILLEN
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A donation drive by the UTEP French Club will be spread thin this year as students try to contribute to different causes.

Last year, the French Club donated about $200 to the Lee and Beulah Moore Children’s Home. “I’m not too sure if we’ll be able to do that this year, but at least we have a decent collection of winter clothes—coats and jackets, ‘said David Caraveo, senior pre-nursing major and member of the French Club.

Their current focus will be to collect coats and jackets—sizes fit for babies to teenagers—until Nov. 27, when they will take the last batch collected to the children’s home.

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THE PAPER APPLICATION

Some individuals have expressed confusion about the nature of the Healthcare.gov site. Across several opinion pieces in the local newspaper and innumerable pieces from other publications, there seems to be a misunderstanding about the requirement of submitting a digital application. While the digital application is the most expeditious way to apply to the exchange, a paper application is available.

The Prospector requested a paper application via the Healthcare Hotline. It is available in English and Spanish, though it took more than a month for the paper copy to arrive.

“The application itself is almost an exact copy of the digital form, though the printed instructions seem to be more intelligible,” said Jesus Gonzalez, senior psychology major and member of the French Club, takes pies to the face outside the Liberal Arts building in exchange for a $1 donation from students.

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‘Moral imperative’ not a motivator

BY S. DAVID RAMIREZ

It seems like the Millennials always get the short end of the stick.

We’re thought to be lazy, self-absorbed technophiles, who casually abuse drugs and expect frequent praise for even the most lackluster accomplishment.

But we’re also supposed to be the support pillars that hold up society?

Our wages are pumped into Social Security and Medicaid to keep those institutions going.

Our voices, mostly electronics and consumables, are taxed while soccer moms and business executives can get their Xanax and Viagra written off as mandatory medical expenses, tax free with a small co-pay.

Now, political voices are clamoring that young people need to buy into the Affordable Care Act. Not because it will be cheap or because it is good for us, but rather because it will help support the system.

Young people are less likely to get sick, therefore, less likely to require healthcare. Insurance companies can take that money and apply it toward the more infirm or toward their already inflated stock prices.

The Christian Science Monitor describes this phenomenon as a “moral imperative” and others are performing variations on that theme. “Citizens’ duty” or “American obligation” are what we Millennials would call bullying.

Where is the reciprocity?

Baby boomers are holding on to jobs longer than ever, pushing back retirement and ultimately preventing Millennials from entering the workforce.

Tuition prices continue to skyrocket, while universities outsource their service and bookstores to conglomerates that attempt to bleed the last few drops from financial aid disbursements.

We’ve fallen victim to the glamour of unpaid internships, offering “experience” to students and annually saving companies billions.

The national debt, international conflict, environmental decline and irrepairable social structures will all be inherited by the Millennials.

Moral imperative is not enough.

Political action groups and politicians must begin considering the needs of our generation.

Many of us do not have the Baby Boomer dream of nuclear families and picket fences. We are a generation of travelers, exploring real and digital domains.

As we graduate in record numbers, we’ll go forth with a more progressive and optimistic—albeit a slightly cynical—outlook on life.

Within the decade, we will rise to power as managers, business people and professionals. It is time for the powers that be to recognize it.

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**Our life blood is donations, both in-kind and money.**

- Paul Whittler, coordinator at the Lee and Beulah Moor Children's Home, said it is important to learn from events like this one.

“College is a time to figure out who you are, what you believe in and find out where you want to go in your life,” McCorry-Andalis said. “These types of scenarios help that growth happen and often the most controversial types of issues are the ones that really help students wrap their minds around their belief systems, their morals, their values.”

She said UTEP and UT Austin follow the same free speech and assembly rules and said UTEP students should practice their First Amendment rights—especially in a college setting—but should think rationally about what they choose to say.

“We have a culture on our campus that is very different, I don’t foresee an organization wanting to do that just because of the makeup of our campus and who we are,” McCorry-Andalis said. “But if they did—and not just about this issue but any issue that may have a level of controversy—we really sit down with the organization and help them understand what is convenient for them and the questions they are going to get, not only internally but externally. They must be prepared to answer those questions.”

**The Prospector will continue to update readers about the ongoing healthcare law roll out. Visit theprospectordaily.com for more information.**
Holiday parade route changed due to construction

The Celebration of Lights—an annual event where the public is invited to a holiday parade, a fireworks display and the official lighting of the Christmas lights—has been moved to Cleveland Square Park, 510 Santa Fe St., due to the ongoing construction at San Jacinto Plaza.

The Celebration of Lights will begin at approximately 4 p.m. Dec. 7 and is sponsored by evolve Federal Credit Union.

Cleveland Square Park is smaller than San Jacinto Plaza, which means that there will be fewer lights and a smaller parade.

“There were less entries allowed this year because of construction and the street closures that have resulted because of it (Mills and Campbell Street),” said Brenda Romero, special events coordinator for the city of El Paso. “Last year we had 68 and this year we will only have 55.”

The parade route will start at Texas Avenue and North Ochoa Street, continuing onto Myrtle Avenue and going down San Antonio Avenue, taking a right on Mesa Street, a right on Main Street, another right on Kansas Street and stopping on Texas Avenue.

The U.S. Army’s First Armored Division Band will play at 4:30 p.m. and at 5 p.m. the St. Anthony’s Seminary Franciscanos Choir will perform. The celebration will also feature Fernanda Garcia, 8, of Candlelighters of El Paso, who will flip the power switch to turn on the lights with Mayor Oscar Leeser at 5:30 p.m.

The parade will begin at 5:55 p.m. after the lighting ceremony.

“Street closures will start at 4 p.m., so anyone who wants to go should get there early before traffic starts to build up,” Romero said.

In order to make up for fewer Christmas lights, more ornaments will be placed around the park, Romero said.

Paola Vela, sophomore microbiology major, has attended the parade and Christmas light celebration in previous years with her family.

“The tree was my favorite part and the focal point for the Christmas lights,“ Vela said. “There’s a lot of people who enjoy looking at the lights and the fact that there is construction would likely make people visit Cleveland Park to avoid construction detours.”

The Christmas lights and parade did not make an impression on Hector Villalobos, junior music major, when he visited them as a child and he said he does not plan on attending the celebration.

“I thought it was nice seeing the big tree when it was there, but I would only go if a group of friends wanted to or if there was an event happening downtown that I was already attending and could stop on the way to the lights,” Villalobos said.

Romero said that the Christmas lights are in their final stages and will still be a great celebration for El Paso.

Parking lots will open for the public and will charge a $5 fee.

For more information about the event, parking or the parade route, visit home.elpasotexas.gov/parks/.
The Iron Turkey Race continues to fight Lou Gehrig’s disease

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The Iron 5K race will take place at 7:30 a.m. on Nov. 29 at 750 N. Sunland Park Dr. and will also have a costume contest with the Turkey Olympics, which entails a format of four-person relay, in which you have to run with a frozen turkey—each person is running a quarter mile and the turkey will be provided.”

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to send were asked to send let-
ters stating what they wished for Christmas.
Approximately 192 children sent in letters.
SELC welcomes any donations for their annual gift-wrapping party, which will be held on Nov. 27. Bowls, tape, gift tags, juice boxes, candles and cookies are all accepted. Members of Greek life, as well as the department itself, spend the evening wrapping the donated gifts to hand over to the children at the Sec-
cret Santa Celebration, held at Memo-
rial Gym on Dec. 4 from 7-9 p.m.
Kids will get a chance to play vol-
leyball, as well as enjoy snacks from a basket of goodies, cookies, juice and of course, the appearance of Santa Claus and Mrs. Clause.
Ashley Rodriguez, a senior psy-
chology major and SELC intern, said this will be her third year participat-
ing in the Secret Santa Program.
“It’s always really successful, which is great. This year, we were able to get all gifts for every kid three weeks early,” Rodriguez said.
Rodriguez herself bought a 3-year-old’s soft, warm jacket and some athletic wear.
“It was fun shopping for the jacket and it’s also rewarding seeing them opening their gift, knowing you got it for them. It’s kind of like a community service that doesn’t feel like much work,” Rodriguez said. “Candalaria does a great job, her hard work makes this all happen.”
For any questions regarding the event or to give any further donations, Candalaria may be reached by phone at 747-5670 or by visiting the Student Engagement and Leadership Center, located at Union West, room 106.

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-- Esperanza Candelaria, SELC administrative assistant

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**SHOPPING**

**Battle of the Holidays: Black Friday vs. Thanksgiving**

**BY ASHLEY MURDOZ**

**The Prospector**

It’s that time of year again—the weather is getting colder, holiday deco-

uations are being hung, but some holi-
day celebrating may be overshadowed by Black Friday.

As the kick-off to holiday shopping is only days away, many shoppers are ready to fill their shopping carts and race to the end of the savings mad-

ness. To some, this is a great way to get great deals and find the perfect

stocking stuffers. However, there are others who stand on the other side of the fence, who may possibly be caught in the middle.

“I honestly think it depends on how one was raised,” said Anaays Arce, general studies major. “I do find it ridiculous that stores are open-

ing on Thanksgiving Day. I think it shouldn’t do that. That takes away from the meaning of the holiday.”

Opinions can vary on this topic, but freshman studio art major Gabri-
ella Olivas agrees with Arce about the Black Friday epidemic.

“Family time is important, no one should take away from this holiday, not even retail stores,” Olivas said.

“I have to work on Thanksgiving. It’s hard to work and not spend time with your family. Now that retailers have made the decision to open on Thanksgiving itself, it’s going to be more hectic than usual. I mean come on, seriously!”

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**REVIEW**

**Fresh grass-fed beef burgers made from scratch**

**BY MARCUS SEEGERS**

**The Prospector**

The restaurant owners who brought El Paso Crave Kitchen & Bar have opened a new restaurant called Independent Burger & Bar, located within the retail section of the Venues at Montecillo.

The interior is nicely finished with wood and has a full bar that runs along the center of the room. The res-

quare also has a selection of tables from which you can choose from. If you are in the mood for some fresh air, you can sit outside on the massive wooden patio, complete with a ping-pong table.

Independent Burger also serve salads, a variety of appetizers and desserts such as milkshakes and ice cream sandwiches. The ice cream used is homemade, running at $5. It is slightly creamier than some tradi-

tional milkshakes.

The atmosphere was very relaxed, slightly more formal than Crave, and the noise level is average where con-

versations could easily be carried on. The meat in their burgers is very tender and juicy with the perfect blend of seasoning, accompanied by crispy fries. The grass-fed and addition-

al flavor of the bacon really gave it a good overall blend. The burger called the Fancy Pinto, which included mushrooms, carefully placed on top and crispy onion rings on the side, lasted superb and came out a little sweet because of the mushrooms.

Independent Burger strives to pro-

vide fresh and flavorful ingredients.

Serving grass-fed beef and hamburg-

er buns that are made fresh daily. The

produce is bought locally and they

cooking everything in rice bran oil—

which is supposed to be a healthier

choice. On top of all this, they have a

special soda machine where custom-

ers may pick their favorite flavor to

combine with carbonated water.

Overall, Independent Burger is

very good, however, the only down-

side is the price, but the food is of

higher quality.

You get what you pay for at Inde-

pendent Burger, with good-sized por-

tions and delicious food. The service was speedy and all the servers were friendly and respectful. I would rec-

ommend it to anyone who enjoys eat-

ing a good burger in a pleasant atmo-

sphere. Happy eating.

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**Black Friday will take place on Nov. 29. Sunland Park and Cielo Vista mall will open its doors at midnight. Sunland Park will not open on Thanksgiving Day.**

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Miners off to the Bahamas

The UTEP men's basketball team will embark on their biggest non-conference tournament in recent history from Nov. 28-30. The Miners will be heading to Paradise Island, Bahamas to take part in the Battle 4 Atlantis Tournament.

The Tournament includes college basketball juggernauts like Kansas, Iowa, Wake Forest, Southern California, Villanova, Tennessee and Xavier. Battle 4 Atlantis is one of the biggest tournaments in college basketball for its quality teams and is unrivaled in its monetary value—Battle 4 Atlantis is the richest basketball tournament in college basketball.

The Miners will open the tournament on Nov. 28 against Tennessee. So far this season the Volunteers are 3-1, with their only loss coming against Xavier, who is in the tournament as well. Tennessee is led by senior guard Jordan McRae and a strong front court. McRae is leading the team in points per game at 21.5 and shooting 51.9 percent from the field.

"Tennessee got pretty good big guys as well," said junior guard-forward Julian Washburn. "Playing them is always going to be tough because of how big they are and their guards are pretty solid."

The guard play of Tennessee will be a huge task for the Miners as they open their tournament. Depending on the Miners' result against Tennessee, they will either face Xavier or Iowa. The Xavier Musketeers are returning a veteran lineup this year with plenty experience. The Iowa Hawkeyes are very much the same, returning many key players and hoping for a NCAA Tournament bid.

Over the past four games, the Blue Raiders have outscored their opponents 165 to 91.

"Offensively, they are very potent, they have ran for 250 yards the last four games and have played really well," said head coach Sean Kilgore. The Blue Raiders are led by sophomore running back Jordan Kilgore. The three-year starter is looking to send the Blue Raiders back to a bowl game as he wraps up his career at Middle Tennessee. Kilgore has been the most prolific passer in the school's history.

"He is very efficient. He is a senior and he is experienced," Kilgore said. "Middle Tennessee, like other teams we've faced—They are strong when they have senior leadership at that position, it has meant a lot for them."

"The biggest threats the Miners will have to face are once again in the backfield. The Blue Raiders are led by sophomore running back Jordan Palmer, who leads the team in rushing with 665 yards, as well as junior running back Reggie Whatley, who leads the team in yards per rush with 6.8. Overall, Middle Tennessee ranks 35th in the nation with 199.6 rushing yards per game. Whereas the Miners' defense has given up 242.7 yards on the ground per game and ranks 117th in the nation. The Blue Raiders will be sure to give the Miners a full dose of running plays, as the Miners have the worst rush defense the Blue Raiders have faced all year."

After an emotional season finale home win on senior night in El Paso, the Miners traveled to New Orleans, West Alabama and Coloma and will embark on their biggest non-conference tournament in recent history from Nov. 28-30. The Miners will be heading to Paradise Island, Bahamas to take part in the Battle 4 Atlantis Tournament.

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