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**UTEP Supports Those Who Served**

By Julio Cesar Chavez
The Prospector

UTEP is recognizing its veteran students with Veterans Appreciation Week. Organized by the Military Student Success Center, the weeklong series of events will allow military students to meet others, take part in discussions and receive help with career planning beyond their college careers.

The week kicked off with breakfast Monday, where United Services Automobile Association representative Brian Parks spoke about the importance of having universities support their veteran students through organizations.

"I think it’s important for student veterans they need to know they’re not in this alone,” Parks said. Parks also presented the Military Student Success Center with a $7,500 check from the USAA, meant to help the university and its military students.

Help, veteran students have said, is not hard to come by at UTEP. Wayman Brown, a sophomore human resources major and 20-year U.S. Navy veteran, says the university has worked closely with Veterans Affairs to have the GI Bill cover all his academic expenses, paying for his classes and materials.

"They’ve helped me with my classes and my certificiation,” Brown said. "It’s been a great experience." Beyond official policies, students say they have received substantial support from faculty.

"If I’m on a particularly bad bout of depression I can talk to my professors and they’re pretty understanding," said Tannor Miller, a junior philosophy major who struggles with post traumatic stress disorder. Miller said having others in contact at the university has provided valuable networking opportunities.

"I’ve met a lot of people and made a lot of connections," he said. Connections with other veterans, said Parks, can help students land jobs after graduation. He admired the university’s efforts to support its military population.

"I think what UTEP is doing is completely scalable to other universities," he said, talking about how other universities can follow the UTEP example. "I don’t think we can sit idly by and not help the vets." The week’s events include resume reviews at the Career Center on Monday, Tuesday in the West Union Building. Career advisors will help veterans looking for jobs go over their resumes and suggest changes that would make the students more marketable.

The USAA also will hold a career information session, meant to help students decide what they want to do with their degrees and where they can go after graduating. The Military Student Success Center will also hold a lunch social from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center, giving students a chance to socialize with others from the same background.

Volunteers are welcome to help install small flag displays on the library lawn and Centennial Plaza from 7 to 8 a.m. on Wednesday, honoring those who have been part of the armed forces. The El Paso Fire Department will also hold an American flag display at the Undergraduate Learning Center from 8 to 10 a.m.

Following up on the Career Center’s resume reviews, a veteran resource and career fair will be held at Centennial Plaza from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., giving veterans a chance to meet with potential employers.

Those wanting to show their appreciation for veterans can sign postcards for them at the plaza at noon. After the career fair the 1st Amended Division Band will take over the plaza, bringing signature military pieces.

To wrap up the day, the Military Student Association will hold a meeting in the library room 410 from 3 to 4 p.m. The week’s festivities will continue on Thursday with Green Zone training. This will take place at the Mike Loya Building room 151, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., giving civilian faculty, staff, and students a chance to learn more about the military population on campus and bring awareness to military-affiliated issues.

A brown bag lunch will be held at noon in room 112 in the Union West Building. The discussion will center around how civilians view members of the military, and lunch will be provided.

UTEP will conclude its weeklong celebration of veterans with a fundraiser: The Military Student Association will host their Burger Out-Four Grill-On event, raising money for the Student Veterans of America Conference on the same lawn from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday will also be Orange Friday, anyone wearing orange clothing will be given coffee and cookies in front of the library from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Greg Hardy is a bad guy. That should have been evident to anyone who took the time to inform themselves about the whole situation surrounding the Dallas Cowboys’ defensive end. Getting arrested and convicted for assaulting his girlfriend by throwing her against a wall, onto a bed full of assault rifles and threatening her life is not a good thing. The only reason Hardy is not in jail is because after being found guilty he appealed and paid his ex-girlfriend to drop the charges.

After serving a suspension, Hardy was signed by the Dallas Cowboys. From the time he returned to the spotlight, both the Cowboys and Hardy have been showered with criticism. Last week through pictures of the afternoon of the confrontation that got Hardy in trouble with the law came to light and the criticism just exploded. I am not here to defend Greg Hardy, who as I said is a bad person. He is immature, insensitive, among other many different negative adjectives that he has been called during the last year or so, and he has done absolutely nothing to correct or prove those perceptions wrong. In fact, ever since he returned to the spotlight, Hardy has done nothing but confirm those negative adjectives.

Jerry Jones and the Cowboys have not supported him, who as I said is a bad guy. They chose to get rid of Donald Sterling, who did nothing wrong except to make the league look bad. It’s not like these guys woke up with all of this talent and just said I am going to play football and get paid for it. No matter how talented a guy is, to get to that level there are sacrifices and hard work they must put in order to deserve that check.

Everybody has a right to not like him, to not root for him; in fact I’m glad most of our society doesn’t. Could you choose not to support Hardy? Of course! The same way a Catholic may change doctors when he or she finds out that said doctor supports abortion. The same way you can choose not to hire a lawyer with a shady record or not shop at a store that uses child labor. Could the NFL and the Cowboys choose to cut ties with Hardy? Yes, if they deem his conduct, the way the NBA chose to get rid of Donald Sterling, who did nothing wrong except to make the league look bad. To the world, outside of football, Hardy is a terrible human being.

But the fact that the Cowboys pay him to play football is really not. Sure there is a moral argument to be made in hiring a guy like this, but we shouldn’t be looking to Jones to impose justice. Look to the system, which is truly responsible for Hardy not being able to suit up every Sunday. We act as if playing in the NFL or any other professional sport for that matter is a privilege and it is not. The same way being a doctor is not a privilege or being a lawyer is not a privilege. It’s not like these guys woke up with all of this talent and just said I am going to play football and get paid for it. No matter how talented a guy is, to get to that level there are sacrifices and hard work they must put in order to deserve that check.

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Candidates head into new round of debates

BY ALONSO MORENO
The Prospector

Sunday was officially the one-year mark before Election Day 2006, and to celebrate, we can take a look at the upcoming presidential debates and some of issues that will be discussed.

Republican Party

Nov. 10: The next Republican debate will take place in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and the sponsors will be Fox News and The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. From the get-go, the debate should be interesting if only for the shortened line up. For the upcoming debate, candidates had to meet an average of 2.5 percent in the polls. Chris Christie, Mike Huckabee, Sen. Lindsey Graham, former Gov. of New York George Pataki, and former Virginia Gov. Jim Gilmore have all fallen from the debate. Trump and Ben Carson will be on center stage, and to their sides will be Sen. Marco Rubio, Jeb Bush, Ohio Gov. John Kasich, Sen. Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, and former Sen. Rand Paul. Fox Business’ Neil Cavuto, Maria Bartiromo and Wall Street Journal Editor-in-Chief Jay Nordlinger will moderate the debate. Fox Business has been hyping the debate with a commercial focused on the “debacle” of the previous debates, which was moderated by CNBC, when there were wide spread complaints by the candidates for what they called “gotcha” questions that, according to them, were meant to make them look bad. “CNBC never asked the real questions, never covered real issues,” the commercial says. “That’s why on Nov. 10, the real debate about our economy and our country’s future is only on Fox Business Network?”

The theme of the debate will be focused on the same topics as the previous debates: jobs, taxes, economy and international issues. It will be interesting to see how the candidates behave, seeing that even President Obama had fun at their expense due to the previous debate. The debate is scheduled to last two hours and begins at 9 p.m. Eastern Time. The debate will air on Fox Business Network and online at foxbusiness.com.

Democratic Party

Nov. 14: The next Democratic debate will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, and it will be hosted by CBS News, KCN-TV and the Des Moines Register at Drake University. Contrary to the Republican debates, the Democratic debate will be pretty streamlined, as main focus will be the leading Democratic candidates—former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley. Even then, Sanders and Clinton are the main draws.

The debate certainly lacks some of the drama that the Republican candidates bring to the table, but it does offer a new chapter in the Sanders versus Clinton battle. The debate will be moderated by “Face the Nation” anchor John Dickerson, CBS News congressional correspondent Nancy Cordes, CBS’s “60 Minutes” correspondent Kevin Cooney and The Des Moines Register political columnist Kathie Ondrachik assisting as panelists.

Just like the Republican debate, the Democrats will probably not devote much from the former debates. It will be interesting to watch if any of the other candidates can steal some thunder from Clinton or Sanders, the latter who has already won one political exercise at Western Illinois University.

One bit of interesting news came in the form of social media, after Twitter announced it would be partnering up with “CBS News” for the coverage. Twitter will serve up data, reactions and voter questions to “CBS News” in real-time during the debate. “Our people have worked with Twitter’s unique curated tools to measure changing responses to what voters will see on the screen,” said CBS News President David Rhodes. “Twitter integration will inform our coverage and integrate seamlessly with CNBC, our always-on digital network.” The debate will be from 9-11 p.m. ET, it will include a stream on CBNC, which should be integrated with the aforementioned Twitter integration being a big part of it.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The Texas Tribune will be hosting the seventh installment of special statewide series that examines major policy areas, titled “Public Education: The Next Five Years,” from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 at the Tomás Rivera Conference Center, Union Building East, 3rd floor. Panelists include, State, Rep. Mary Gonzalez D-Clint, Lizzette Gonzalez Reynolds, chief deputy commissioner for the Texas Education Agency, Juan Cabron, superintendent of the El Paso Independent School District and Eduardo Rodriguez, interim executive director of the Council on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development. The event is free.

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Question of the week: What do veterans mean to you?

FLORBEATRIZ DELGADILLO
Junior microbiology major
"A veteran is someone that gave their all to fight for our country in the way they believed in order to make our world a better place."

YUSSEF LUNA
Junior political science major
"Veterans Day is a great day that everyone is able to celebrate with. It's something we should do everyday."

ERIKA CISNEROS
Junior physics major
"I think they are great. They deserve the day—Veterans Day—off."

JAIME SALAS
Freshman computer science major
"What a veteran means to me is a person with the courage who is willing to risk their lives for their country and keep us safe from harm."

CHIDIMMA IKEAKOR
Sophomore biology major
"I think that veterans are incredible people and it's sad that a lot of people take what they've done for us for granted."

JARID HOLLAND
Freshman nursing major
"Both my parents are veterans and a source of inspiration that keep driving me to become better."

ALEXIS GUZMAN
Freshman forensic science major
"Veterans mean a lot to me because without them we wouldn't have the freedom that we have today."

JAVIER ROMERO
Freshman kinesiology major
"A veteran is someone who fought for my freedom."

MATTHEW TORRES
Freshman history major
"I think it's a perfect day to honor our veterans even though we should be doing that every day."

CARLOS LUGO
Senior math major
"I think Veterans Day is a good today because I appreciate everything they've done for us. They do protect us."

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LGBT Catholics seek acceptance, worship outside church

BY AMANDA GUILLEN

WASHINGTON — With his fingers interlocked and his polished black dress shoe tapping on the carpet, 65-year-old retired priest Joe Hennessy took a deep breath and began to talk about his life as a member of the Catholic Church.

His experience is unlike most Catholics. Called to the religious life, he became an ordained priest in Pittsburgh.

Eighteen years after retiring from the ministry, he is a lawyer and a newlywed who like most newlyweds smiles from ear to ear when he talks about his husband.

"He is one of the most remarkable people that I have ever met, and that is not just from my bias but that is from his experience," Hennessy said.

Hennessy still has a passion to serve Catholics. Since 1997 he has volunteered with Dignity USA, a national organization that works for respect and justice for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community in the Catholic Church. He presides over Mass at two Episcopal churches — Emmanuel Church on the Hill in Virginia and at St. Margaret’s in Washington.

Dignity and other similar groups haven’t been able to use Catholic Churches for services since 1986 when a Vatican letter stated that groups that disagree with church teachings cannot meet on church property.

Hennessy’s recent union, although recognized by all 50 states, is not recognized in the Catholic faith.

According to a 2014 Pew Research Study, 70 percent of all Catholics said that homosexuality should be accepted into the Catholic Church, with 23 percent saying it should be discouraged. Of those surveyed who attend Mass weekly, 60 percent said it should be accepted, with 31 percent saying it should be discouraged.

Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Catholic University of America Melisa Monteith said the church needs to do a better job of educating its members.

"The teaching is very clear that any kind of sexual activity outside of the context of a contractual union is not to be supported," Monteith said. "So the church has to be better at getting that message out there and finding new ways to articulate it."

The Vatican’s synod on the family, which brought more than 200 bishops together to discuss church doctrine, administration and application, concluded Oct. 25.

"Every person, independently of his sexual tendency, is to be respected in his dignity and welcomed with respect," the document said. "There are absolutely no grounds for considering see LGBT on page 6.
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homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family. Marriage is holy, while homosexual acts go against the natural moral law.

Associate Professor of social theology and ethics at Catholic University of America John Grabowski, was one of 23 experts to attend the Synod in Rome, and is the only representative from the U.S.

Father Alexandre Michelieneke presides over a Mass for the Mass of Dignity. Father priest Joseph Eugene also has Mass for Dignity groups. SHF/Wire photo by Amanda Guille

He said bishops wanted to focus on the theme of the family, not LGBT issues. Grabowski said the church needs to discuss homosexuality. "We need to acknowledge that this is an issue for families because families have lesbian and gay members in them. So how do we encourage family members to love, accept, understand those members of their family and know that the church is accompanying those families and same-sex attracted individuals in them in walking with them in dealing with the challenges of a family who has a lesbian or gay member?" Grabowski said.

Mary Hunt, a feminist theologian and co-founder and co-director of the Women's Alliance for Theology, Ethics and Ritual, said that when she read about the synod she felt the negativity.

"I think it would be a lie to say that much came forth that was positive for the LGBTQI community from the synod," Hunt said. "TheQuad Let the end of LGTB stand for queer, questioning and inter-sex. Hunt said that many members of the church's leadership hide from their true identities. "Everybody knows that many of these men who are making those decisions are themselves gay so there is a kind of self-hatred... that I think is really tragic," Hunt said.

On Oct. 3, the eve of the Synod, Polish priest and former official at the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith, Krzysztof Charamsa came out as gay with his partner by his side. He has since been dismissed by the Vatican from the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith and the pontifical universities, where he taught theology. He was also suspended indefinitely by his diocese in Poland.

As Hennessy glanced out the window of a downtown office, he spoke about his experience leaving the church. Like Charamsa, he was in love when he made the decision to leave the priesthood. "I felt free in the church. I felt free in the sense that I had a role, and I was fulfilling it and I felt like I was fulfilling it well," Hennessy said. Hennessy was in active ministry from 1975 to 1997 and spent 12 years as an Air Force chaplain. In 1991, he met Vidrine Perle, a retired software engineer, while he was stationed at Joint Base Andrews, That's the base in Maryland just outside Washington that the president uses when he flies on Air Force 1.

It was about this time that Perle was diagnosed with an advanced stage of AIDS. Throughout his time in the Air Force, Hennessy traveled extensively. After Perle had some medical close calls, Hennessy asked Cardinal Donald Wuerl, then a bishop, for a leave of absence. Hennessy and Perle looked for doctors who would treat patients with HIV/AIDS in Arlington, Tex., where he was stationed, and when they couldn't find one Hennessy knew he had to make a decision. Once his leave of absence was over, he decided to return.

Hennessy and Perle moved to Northern Virginia in 1997. In addition to presiding over mass for Dignity Washington and Dignity Northern Virginia, Hennessy is president of Dignity Northern Virginia.

"It is not fair to say to be blowing towards us you have to approve of what we do," Michelieneke said. According to the Pew study, 36 percent of Catholics said they expect the church to recognize same-sex marriages by 2020. But given that data, members of the LGBT Catholic community and devout Catholics agree that recognition of same-sex marriage isn't likely anytime soon.

Hennessy stopped to reflect about his time in the active ministry and said he felt fulfilled during those 22 years of service to the church. He shared his insight of God's teachings of compassion: "If your whole perspective is going to be, 'I am looking at the world through the rulebook then the rulebook is becoming more important than the world.'"

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El Paso Zoo to have fundraising event with craft beer

BY FERNANDA LEÓN
The Prospector

This weekend, El Pasoans can enjoy a craft beer with the most unusual of company: The El Paso Zoo will be celebrating their second annual ‘Brew at the Zoo’ on Saturday, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. This year, the El Paso Zoological Society is hoping the fundraising event will reach their target goal of $40,000, which will be used for conservation efforts and projects at the zoo.

“We raise money for education and conservation,” said Analisa Córdova, special events coordinator of the El Paso Zoological Society. “A portion of the ticket sales goes to help and benefit the zoo.’’ The El Paso Zoological Society is the non-profit side of the El Paso Zoo, focused on raising money for different projects. Since craft beer has been a growing market in the city, the El Paso Zoological Society decided to create the fundraising event on this new trend. This year, the event will feature live music, food trucks, games, and craft beer booths. “We will have 25 booths that people can go up to and taste different craft beers,” Córdova said. “We are going to have a local brewery, Ode Brewing.” Some of the other craft beers available during the event will be Alpha Brewing, Fort Brewing, Four Corners, Austin East Ciders, Baja, South Austin Brewery, Lehninger, Rala & Sons, Infamous Brewing, Goose Island and Woodlauk Herd Cider, among others. Visitors will also be able to meet some of the brewers as well.

“You can meet the brewers in person if you like a certain type of beer the representative will be there to answer any questions about the beer and how they make it,” Córdova said.

For food options, patrons can choose from Crave, Hot Joes, Red White and Chew, The Tap Food Truck, Off the Grill, Edible Hut and hamburgers from Taste of the Wild. Aside from food and beer, the event will also feature live entertainment and games. Some of the bands and artists playing during the event are FM Jumbies, Kilo and the Jew, Great Shades, Jasmynn Austin, Laughthem, Comedy, and the Mother of Pearl Vinyl Records DJ.

The games include corn hole, flamingo ring toss and a giant Jenga game. “People can take the train, you can play on the playground, we will have games, so it is really fun because a lot of people haven’t been to the zoo since they were little,” Córdova said.

The event will also have the zoo’s animal exhibits, where people can take their kids around the zoo and enjoy their beer. Visitors will also be able to take a selfie or meet some of the animals such as Bernard the elephant.

Ticket options include general admission and VIP. The general admission ticket includes 12 two-oz. tastings, a commemorative tasting glass, animal encounters, Angry Owl Koozie, and live music entertainment at a cost of $40 during the week of the event.

VIP tickets are $85 and include an extra hour of beer tasting starting at 5 p.m., a Brew at the Zoo growler, extra tastings, food catered by Hal’s International Kitchen, a special animal encounter, and everything included in the general admission tickets.

Those who will opt out from consuming beer and prefer to be designated drivers will be given everything included in the tickets except for the tastings, but they will receive a commemorative backdrop of the event. “It is a really fun event,” Córdova said. “This event is very different from any other beer tasting event because it is at the zoo and its environment is really fun and we only do this once a year.”

For more information about this event at the zoo, visit www.epzoo.org or call (915) 532-8456.
Foodies take a bite out of El Paso

BY JULIA HETTINGER
The Prospector

El Paso is a city with a wide variety of options when it comes to dining, to help highlight some of these local eateries, one event is hosting a dozen of them under one roof for El Passans to enjoy. KISS FM is hosting the fourth-annual “Taste of El Paso” on Nov. 12 at the El Paso Convention Center, located at 1 Civic Center. The event will feature a mix of El Paso classics such as Pelicañas and El Café, along with newer eateries such as Papa Pita.

In total, there will be 12 restaurants and three bakeries participating, including Around the World Catering, Basico Bistro and Café, Garufa Argentinoan Restaurant, The Hoppy Monk, Las Cafés, Mahto Sushi, Mesa Street Grill, Nolita’s Corner Bistro, Papa Pita, Pelicano’s Steak and Seafood, Taba, Tuna Burgers, Bella Sucee, The Master’s Place, and The Pastry Chef.

Connie Hernandez, account executive at Townsquare Media, said the event is a great opportunity to experience different foods from around El Paso.

“It’s a food and dining experience,” Hernandez said. “There are going to be quite a few different restaurants, new restaurants as well, and we have a couple of old, traditional favorites on there so it’s going to be different varieties of food.”

Erika Burnett, senior finance major, said she wants to go to the event to learn more about El Paso.

“I love learning about new restaurants in El Paso that I have never been to,” Burnett said. “I think events like these contribute to El Paso’s nightlife becoming something that El Passans would be proud of and would want others to visit.”

To choose the restaurants for the event, Hernandez said they are chosen based on tradition and newness. “We sit around and discuss some of the classic favorites like Pelicanas, which is the epitome of fine dining in town, and some of the staple with people who have been here a long time,” Hernandez said. “Then we have restaurants that are just starting to make their mark, so it’s an opportunity to showcase their food items as well.”

Dining will take place from 6 to 9 p.m., but doors will open at 5 p.m.

“We will have a happy hour starting at five, and then the restaurant and dining experience will start at six,” Hernandez said. “That is the same way we did it last year. The people flowed in and out really well, so we didn’t change a whole lot this year for the event.”

Hernandez said “Taste of El Paso” has been a good way for everyone to get a taste of different foods, and she hopes they can continue to put on the event in the future. “It’s a good opportunity to showcase some of the good dining here in El Paso and the different kinds of foods here, so in the future I hope we can continue to do this for the foodies, and they can get a lot for their money,” Hernandez said.

Papa Pita, a bistro that opened a year ago, will be serving food at “Taste of El Paso” this year.

“We will be serving our bruschetta pita and we will also have a vegetarian option, which will be a cucumber salad wrap with cream cheese and feta sliced on the inside,” said Jacob Williams, co-owner of Papa Pita.

By participating, Williams said he hopes “Taste of El Paso” will help get Papa Pita’s name out and he looks forward to serving everyone in attendance.

“I look forward to seeing the smiles on people’s faces, and I hope it brings more people in and get the word out to people that we are here,” Williams said.

Jeremy Ybarra, senior economics major, said he enjoyed past “Taste of El Paso” events because he learned new things about cooking.

“The event was very helpful for a lot of cooking tips, so I would go again,” Ybarra said. “It gave a lot of helpful hints of how to prepare things that are preferred.”

For more information about the “Taste of El Paso” event, call 915-544-9300.

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Earth, Wind and Fire brings back the good times

After nearly 45 years of topping the music charts, America’s seventh top-selling group of all time, Earth Wind and Fire, brought their “Now, Then & Forever” tour to the Don Haskins Center on Nov. 5.
‘Mundo Muerto’ casts a different light on death

BY JOSE SOTO
THE PROSPECTOR

The concept of death is understood and dissected differently among nations, cultures and individuals. The impression about what happens after our natural life on Earth is over varies between many factors, but one local event will cast light on the issue that some might consider to be taboo.

“Mundo Muerto: A Collective Art Show,” which will open at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18 at The Glassbox on 210 Poplar St., hopes to evoke conversation and understanding of the occurrence of death through art. The event will feature live painting, photos, film screenings, music and live acting to conceptualize death.

Mundo Muerto means “dead world” in Spanish. On the border, where holidays such as Dia de los Muertos are celebrated, the idea of death is something that is central within those traditions. Sergio Cueto, coordinator of the event, said the exhibit is designed to cast a light on death.

The art show puts the topic of death in the spotlight, but does it in a way that is innovative,” Cueto said.

Cueto also said the event is aiming to highlight the death-denying society that people reside in today. “We are constantly bombarded by the media with methods of how to stay young, how to live life to the fullest. We are on the internet, on the TV, we’re told about times and healthcare issues, about how to extend our lives. The media is that way, that’s all way the media also exposes us to death,” Cueto said.

According to Cueto, “Mundo Muerto” is a way of encouraging people to live their lives as naturally as possible while encouraging conversation about the mortality of human life and the fictional ideas of mortality by pop culture.

“The theme might seem off-putting, but death is opened to many interpretations. We all know that our mortality is death,” Cueto said. “Of course, death is a dark topic to the event, but it’s also promoting the celebration of life and the perseverance of human beings. The event will brighten your senses—making you feel alive.”

“Mundo Muerto” will include photos on suicide, live painters, two photographers, a fashion designer and film screenings.

“There is so much local talent,” Cueto said. “This is a perfect event to use as a creative outlet for issues that aren’t considered to be of open-topic.”

Andrew Barahona, curator of the event, said it has been in the process of development since mid-August.

“I wanted to develop a very interesting art show. I thought about how the border community perceives death differently because of our mostly Mexican heritage,” Barahona said. “In our culture, we celebrate death as a way to honor life instead of seeing it as a tragedy entirely. It’s not as taboo anymore.”

Barahona also said the theme of the event has helped participating artists to step outside their comfort zones.

“The artists are intrigued,” Barahona said. “It is allowing them to do what they haven’t done previously. It’s an exciting element instead of a troubling one.”

Ivan Calderon, a UTEP alumna, will be one of the artists participating in the event. Calderon got involved with the event in order to reach a larger audience.

“As an artist you’re always seeking to communicate to a larger audience and try to never turn down an opportunity to exhibit work,” Calderon said.

Calderon said death played a major role in his work as an undergraduate student.

“I had two cousins slain in the streets of Juárez, seven months apart,” Calderon said. “My education became my coping mechanism so I tried to understand this tragic situation. My work was analyzing violence in Mexico from a historical and psychological perspective as well as social.”

Calderon said his pieces will depict the weepinghill of Santa Muerte and appropriation of Dia de los Muertos and other Mexican iconography in America amongst the social climate regarding Mexicans. Calderon also said that he would participate in the art show because of the charity behind the show. Cueto said proceeds will be donated to Ojos de Dios, a nonprofit organization for children with disabilities who have been abandoned.

For more information on “Mundo Muerto: A Collective Art Show,” please visit their Facebook page or call 915-258-7983.
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Starr Breedlove looks to make an impact after sitting out

BY ADRIAN BROADDUS

After sitting out an entire season last year because of the NCAA transfer rules, guard Starr Breedlove returns to the UTEP women's basketball team this season. Spending her senior season in the Sun City, Breedlove will see her quick agility to add depth to the Miners' core.

In her opening game with the Miners, the Louisville transfer totaled 15 points and 12 rebounds with Trinity Valley. With the hot start, the 5-foot-six guard is expected to have a promising year for the Miners.

"I think this season feels really good for her," UTEP head coach Kevin Adams said. "I think it felt good for her to be back on the floor. Anytime you don't play for a year, you get the game taken away from you. It feels great when you get back in the mix." Breedlove rejoined the team this off-season and will see many minutes on the floor as a starter for the team.

"Missing out for the whole year was kind of tough, but I just stuck it and I'm actually anxious to play now," Breedlove said. "To put a ball in my hand and actually know I'm playing, it feels good. Instead of practicing and knowing I'm not going to play."

The Louisville transfer sought new beginnings when she decided to come to El Paso.

"I felt like I needed a new start," Breedlove said. "I was coming off my concussion and I needed a fresh start." Even though UTEP was not on her top choices of schools to go to at first, Breedlove decided to take a chance, which she would later not regret, by choosing to be a Miner.

"The coaches (are what brought me here)," Breedlove said. "Coach Adams has been recruiting me since I was a freshman in high school, and she always kept in contact. This time, I thought, let me give it a shot, and I've never looked back ever since.

In her time on the squad, Breedlove has made an impression on not only the coaches, but also her fellow teammates. "Like Starr a lot, she's quick," guard Jenell Nash said. "It's nice to know that when you go out there, you can find somebody out there that can run and throw the ball. She's good at getting the ball up the court. She sees the floor well."

Prior to the Miners, Breedlove appeared in nine games for Louisville. In the nine games, she played 43 minutes and made 3-of-4 shots and hit 4-of-6 free throw attempts. Breedlove's first time with a college squad was with Trinity Valley Community College, where she led her team to the NJCAA championship. During the 2011-12 season, Breedlove averaged 9.4 points, 6.3 assists and 3.4 rebounds with Trinity Valley.

"She's got good experience, we watched her play at Trinity Valley," Adams said. "She helped them win a national championship. She's a very good guard, she can shoot the ball, good decision maker and brings experience.

Taking on a major role can be difficult, especially for someone who has not seen a lot of time on the court. However, Adams describes Breedlove's role as one that revolves around leadership.

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Dominic Artis makes debut in Orange & White

Junior transfer guard Dominic Artis made his debut for the men’s basketball team last Saturday against East Central Oklahoma. Scoring 10 points on 6-of-10 shooting.

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