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Campus Briefs

Governing board meeting June 10

The monthly Governing Board meeting will take place at 5 p.m. on June 10 at the Westside Campus.

Construction update for Main campus

The University Boulevard median project at Main Campus has started. The northern-most entrance into Smith Brasher Hall as well as the sidewalk and a portion of the parking lot are blocked off. There have been problems with students using the construction site as a short cut to access Smith Brasher lots to the west and Ted Chavez and Max Salazar lots to the east as

they cross University Boulevard. This poses a safety hazard to the pedestrians and workers. We have received a report of students walking behind equipment in use with the driver unaware that the students are there.

The Upper South SSC Lot at Main Campus, located between the bicycle park and Isotopes Park, will be closed until June 16 to make sure the new surface sets correctly.

The APS parking lot renovation has been rescheduled for the second week in September.

Early College Academy graduates first class

The first graduating class of the Early College Academy—a unique high school experience

that is a collaboration between Albuquerque Public Schools and Central New Mexico Community College—was celebrated at a commencement ceremony on Wednesday (May 14) at the National Hispanic Cultural Center's Roy E. Disney Center for the Performing Arts.

Watch out for e-mail phishing scams

Welcome to summer term. We would like to remind everyone to watch out for e-mail phishing scams. Remember to follow this rule of thumb:

Do not respond to suspicious e-mails

If you suspect an email to be spam, do not respond, just delete it. Do not click on any

e-mail links asking to be taken off sender's list or go to a website to fill out a form; sometimes unsubscribe links do not even work, and any sort of response from you only confirms the accuracy of your e-mail and may result in more unwanted messages. Above all do not respond with any personal information.

If you have any questions about if an e-mail is legitimate, please call the ITS Service Desk at 224-4357.

Time off for voting in primary elections

Employees who are registered voters in the State of New Mexico are entitled to two hours off to vote on Tuesday, June 3, 2008. This state regulation

applies to employees whose normal work day begins at 9 a.m. or earlier and ends at 4 p.m. or later. The time of release is the decision of the supervisor

Spezza appointed new dean of HWPS

Nicholas Spezza has been named as the new dean of HWPS. He is expected to begin in mid-June. Spezza brings talent and experience in private, not-for-profit and college employment. His most recent work with the University of New Mexico in its UNM World of Wellness allowed him to focus skills from previous positions into a complex program serving a diverse audience.

Mashing the mute on mudslingers' ads

By C S Tillman
Editor in Chief

Something that I have discovered recently that bothers me is the general theme of political campaigns in New Mexico. On each local affiliate in the Duke City, every viewer is bombarded by numerous politicians, each explaining why the opposition is more vile and less trustworthy than they are. From the Senate to the House of Representatives, this trend shows no sign of fading away.

I personally have no interest in hearing the dirt being thrown into political forays, but would rather hear where the candidates stand on certain issues and what they plan to change if elected. While watching the final Republican debate the other night, it became cumbersome, then downright annoying, watching the candidates be asked one question, but instead of responding, further criticizing his or her opponents previous remarks. Arguing with and tearing down members of your own party does not incline me to trust and subsequently vote for someone. They instead irritate me to the point where I mute my television to avoid hearing more of the same insults hurled at the candidate's opponent that they are firing back, ironically probably on the next commercial. I sat through the evening news a couple of nights ago, and had to endure a commercial break

consisting entirely of campaign ads. By the end of the news-cast I was ready to register as a member of the green party and vote for Ralph Nader, so severe were the accusations thrown at



Consider This...

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each candidate. And this is even before the primary, so these people are saying all of these terrible things about members of their own party.

"Steve Pearce voted against orphans and veterans," says an ambiguous Heather Wilson ad. "Heather Wilson voted to fund a lobster institute in Maine. Call Heather Wilson and tell her to vote like Steve Pearce," says an equally insulting ad, which also gives Heather Wilson's phone number for viewers to call. Democrats are just as guilty, as Rebecca Vigil-Giron insiders have recently claimed unethical campaigning against the Lujan-Grisham camp, as well as Martin Heinrich's.

My point is this—I think that these individuals would be better off telling us, the voters, where they stand on certain issues rather than just tearing each other down. If this is how the elections will proceed into November, I don't think I will be the only New Mexico voter using their mute button more and more often.

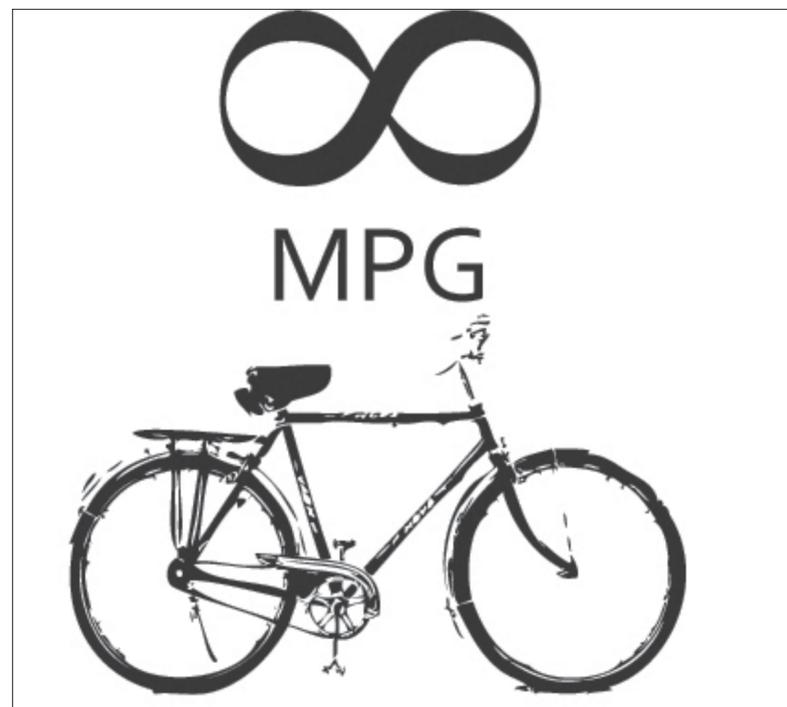


Illustration by Ann Gleason

Dump the pump—jump on a bike

By Cheryl Foote
CNM Instructor

An old adage says that once you learn how to ride a bicycle, you never forget. I'm hoping that's true as I'm making plans to dust off my daughter's old bike that's been gathering dust in our garage. And now with gas prices close to \$4.00 a gallon, I know I'm not alone in thinking about reconnecting with a favorite past time from my distant youth. In fact, as we walk our dogs every day, we see more and more people riding bikes. They're saving money, getting great exercise, and reducing their carbon footprint.

The City of Albuquerque is actively involved in making

our city a safer place for cyclists. In a recent article in the New Mexico Independent, columnist Joel Gay reported that the

Embudo trail so that riders can avoid some of the busiest streets in the city.

Overall, the city can boast of about 400 miles of bike trails. To obtain a map of the bike trails, log on to www.cabq.gov.



American League of Bicyclists provided a Bronze ranking to Albuquerque as a Bicycle Friendly Community and noted that the city has recently funded construction of a "bridge over and the North Diversion Channel and an underpass at Carlisle Blvd. N.E.," on the east-west

The City also sponsors classes to help people learn to ride safely and to care for bicycles and to improve their skills. Chuck Malogodi of the City's Parks and Recreation Department says that civic groups, scouting organizations, church groups, and neighborhood associations can request special clinics for their

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French Club film festival focuses on New Wave director

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Agnes Varda, referred to as "the grandmother" of the New Wave (even though she was then only 30 years old!) because of her daring and innovative work in cinema years before the more well-known works of her compatriots Truffaut, Godard and Chabrol, made her first film in 1954: "La pointe courte", the story of a troubled marriage set against the backdrop of a small Mediterranean fishing village. The couple's story is interwoven with the struggles and dramas of the villagers, mixing documentary and fiction, real life and theater, forging a new film aesthetic which would come to dominate French cinema in the 1960's. This

gorgeously filmed debut was not properly distributed however, having been made outside the film industry and on a budget the tenth the size of the average French film, and so Varda, although commissioned to make documentaries, didn't make another fiction film until "Cleo from 5 to 7" in 1961.

See this first film for free on Friday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. in JS 311.

Her second film is, in the director's own words: "The portrait of a woman painted onto a documentary about Paris," but it is also a documentary about a woman and a sketch of Paris. From superstition to fear, from the Rue de Rivoli to the Cafe du Dome, from coquettishness to anxiety, from vavin to the Gare du Maine, from appearance to nudity, from

the Parc Montsouris to the Salpetriere Hospital, Cleo discovers, thinking that she might be dying, the strange colors of the first day of summer, where life becomes a possibility."

To be shown free of charge Saturday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. in JS 311.

The third film in our retrospective is "Le Bonheur," a provocative study of the terms of fidelity, infidelity, happiness and selfishness, set to the upbeat music of Mozart, and filmed in the bright and lively colors of summer, seemingly in stark contrast to its theme. This unsettling film, made in 1964, established Varda as a director to be taken seriously, the only woman among the New Wave big names.

See it for free on Friday, June 20, at

6:00 p.m. in JS 311.

Next in our festival is "The Vagabond", made in 1985. The portrayal of Mona, a defiant and enigmatic drifter, won the 17 year old Sandrine Bonnaire the Best Actress Cesar and is an unforgettable portrait of a young woman daring to live freely and unconstrained by polite society.

See it for free on Saturday, June 28, at 2:00p.m. in JS 311.

Come enjoy these brilliant films as well as commentaries and filmed interviews with the director this June in the Jeannette Stromberg Building on Main Campus, and discuss them afterwards at La Provence restaurant on Central and Girard!

Homeless

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families just down on their luck? Does predatory lending and high foreclosure rates play a part in the homeless problem in Albuquerque and throughout the nation?

According to the Associated Press, some cities across the country have more vacant homes due to foreclosure than there are homeless people living on the streets. In Miami an organization called Take Back the Land has figured out a way to take advantage of this irony, albeit an illegal one. They find foreclosed or vacant homes, break in and set them up for homeless families. The organization risks definite legal consequences for their actions, but they keep a lawyer around for such occurrences.

There are many organizations in Albuquerque and across the nation that attempt to address the problems associated with homelessness. According to Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless (AHCH), an estimated 12,000 to 15,000 individuals are homeless in Albuquerque. AHCH serves half of the local homeless population each year, addressing health concerns and the fundamental causes of homelessness.

One homeless man agreed to talk to the *Chronicle*, but he insisted on using an alias and forbade any pictures of himself or of the specific locations he spoke of. "There is a whole world that goes on, in the alleys, parks, cemeteries, under bridges,

everywhere," he said.

The smell of alcohol was on his breath as he talked and his fingers were stained a dark yellow from smoking hand-rolled cigarettes. He spoke of his living situation in between fits of coughing. "I live not far from here with a few other people," he said. He would not give the exact location, but he did say it is "near some trees where no one bothers us."

He said he gets health care from AHCH, whose mission is "to provide caring and comprehensive health & supportive services, linking people experiencing homelessness to individual and collective solutions, and to be a leader in creating service delivery models and solutions to homelessness."

Experts say if you're going to donate money, you should donate to a shelter or food bank instead of giving it to someone on the streets. Often times that money will be used for drugs, alcohol or nutrient-poor food, such as candy or soda. According to a 1996 survey almost 50% of the nation's homeless are currently having problems with alcoholism. About 60% have had a problem with alcohol at some point in their lives and roughly 20% suffer from some form of mental illness.

There are many ways to donate your time and/or money. To find a charity here in Albuquerque go to <http://www.abqhqh.org/links.htm>.

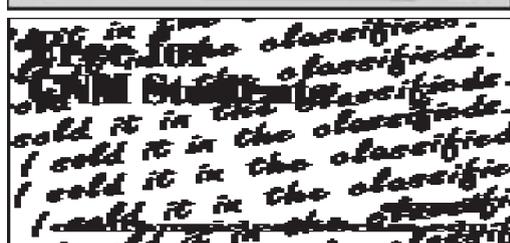
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