

# Diversity

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American Indian Chamber of Commerce, Pueblo of Ileta, and The New Mexico Holocaust and Intolerance Museum, and others.

The keynote speaker will be Chief Wilma Mankiller at 11:10 a.m. Mankiller is the first female Principle Chief of the Cherokee Nation and is also the first female in modern history to lead a major Native American tribe. Initially, Wilma's candidacy was opposed by those not wishing to be led by a woman. Her tires were slashed and she received numerous death threats during her campaign.

"Mankiller has brought about important strides for the Cherokees, including improved health care, education, utilities management and tribal government. Future plans call for attracting higher-paying industry to the area, improving adult literacy, supporting women returning to school and more. Mankiller also lives in the larger world, active in civil rights matters, lobbying the federal government and supporting women's activities and issues. She is expected to share her inspirational story and her views on the

value of diversity," according to greatwomen.org.

The Art Department will be at the event encouraging people to, "create an opportunity for people to come out and express diversity artfully," said Trish Holmes, Art Studio Technician. Joy Denette said that the Drawing I class will have a display of "images of shoes as a different way to express diversity."

The entertainment will be a general cross section of the diverse ethnic performance groups found in Albuquerque. Some of those performing include African dancers, mariachis, and a Native American dance group.

## Aztec Dancers

Danza Azteca is scheduled to perform at 10 a.m. The Aztec Dance is one of the most basic expression of the artistic and cultural spirit of the people of Mexico. It is a mixture of thousands of years of history of both the agricultural and militaristic ethnic groups of the area, and the integration of Christian rituals has evolved over the centuries. The Dance represents the eternal search of man for spiritual harmony and integration;

both of his body and spirit, and all the chants of the Aztec Dance ritual refer to this necessary process.

## African Dancers

Odigma Ogdama is an African dance group that will perform at noon. African people dance for all sorts of occasions. They use dance to express their feelings, whether it is joy or sadness. The dancing is spontaneous and isn't exactly choreographed; the drumbeat provides the rhythm that holds the dancers together.

## Mariachi Band

The band Tempa will perform mariachi at 1 p.m. The word mariachi means flavor, song or happiness, coming from indigenous and religious roots. The tradition is made up of chords by guitars, violins, and vihuela, a high-pitched five-stringed guitar. Today's mariachi groups also include trumpets.

Sharon Gordon, the director of Center for Community Programs, said, "We are excited about the event. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the diversity we have here at CNM."

# Cooking

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student and not know some of the people encountered on a day-to-day basis, "Every semester I get more and more repeat customers. I talk to them as I'm waiting on them and we share bits of information about each other and get to know one another."

Hardin, who is an Army veteran (heavy equipment engineer), earned her Electronic Technology degree at CNM. After earning her degree, Hardin spent time as a D.J. here in Albuquerque. But

a party person, but all work and no play makes you dull, and I'm definitely not dull. In fact I went to the casino last night and won over fifteen hundred dollars

on just twenty-one cents. Now my motorcycle is getting TLC (tender love and care) with a new set of tires," bragged Hardin.

Currently the St. Louis Chicken Club Wrap is the hot item on the menu with the Buffalo Chicken Wrap following close behind. The cafeteria serves New Mexican food and the taco bowl is Hardin's number one. But whatever you are in the mood for, Hardin encourages CNM students to come try some of her food and engage in some conversation with her while you are at it.

When Hardin isn't working in the CNM cafeteria, she can either be found at the casino with her sister or cruising around town on her motorcycle. "I like going to the casino with my sister. I'm not much of



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# Circling

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In addition, the City bus service provides riders an opportunity to combine riding the bicycle with riding the bus. Commuters may attach their cycles to the front of the bus, though space is limited. The current bike racks accommodate two bikes per bus on the regular lines and three on the Rapidride buses.

If you don't have a functional bicycle, you may want to consider purchasing a used one to get you started. A guide to choosing a used cycle is available at [www.lighterfootstep.com/how-to-buy-a-great-used-bicycle.htm](http://www.lighterfootstep.com/how-to-buy-a-great-used-bicycle.htm).

If you have a bike that you aren't using, you might want to donate it to a local volunteer organization that refurbishes bikes for people who need transportation. You can reach this group at [www.communitybikerecycling.org](http://www.communitybikerecycling.org). And what if you're not sure you can pedal up those hills as though you were in the Tour de France? There's a bike for you too!

Last year, former CNM student Nancy Matthews gave up her car and decided to use a bicycle as her primary mode of transportation. She knew that in Eurone battery-assisted

bicycles are popular with people of limited physical stamina. After exhaustive research, she located a battery-assisted bicycle in the U.S. The battery is rechargeable and she uses it only when pedaling up hills. She reports that it feels like a gentle hand is giving her a push.

Unfortunately, Nancy found that no bike shops in Albuquerque were interested in her quest, so she ordered her bike from Electric Bikes Northwest in Seattle, Washington. The website is [www.ebikesnw.com](http://www.ebikesnw.com). The bike and shipping charges totaled \$1300, and Nancy spent another \$200 for a helmet, knee pads, and lights. But she reports 100% satisfaction, and says, "I don't have to pay for gasoline or insurance."

If you take up cycling, be sure to do so safely. Wear a helmet and pay attention to traffic regulations and other safety concerns. Some years ago I witnessed a dreadful accident when a helmetless cyclist ran a stop sign and plowed into the side of a large truck. The cyclist died.

In our summer weather, be sure to carry water with you and drink it frequently. Invest in a state-of-the-art bike lock and enjoy your freedom from the gas pump.

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# Debate

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a relationship that we have enjoyed for 10 years now. I admire him very deeply, and I was very pleased just as I walked here on stage tonight to be told that the Associated Press contacted his office, based on some comments he made this afternoon, and that his office has confirmed that those comments should be considered an endorsement for my candidacy for the United States Senate."

The claimed endorsement came as quite a shock to everyone watching, including Pearce, who appeared to be somewhat stunned, but he was quick to reply. "I respect Sen. Domenici, I respect his decisions," Pearce said, "but I feel like in this race the people are going to decide who is going to replace him. I think that I am going to be that nominee, the polls are running steady and strong. I think that we will win in November because of our conservative values, and I stand by those."

Pearce also discussed his previous elections, in which his opponents were endorsed by the incumbent at that time. "In 2002, I ran in a five-way primary. In that race, the retiring Joe Skeen decided to endorse one of my opponents.

We continued on our message of hope for the country, of our strong conservative values, and we were successful not only in the primary election, but in the general election that was often rated as number one or number two in the nation."

Another focus was the experience and popularity needed to beat Tom Udall, the Democratic candidate for the position. Wilson argued that her nine years and accomplishments in Congress give her the perfect resume to beat Udall in November. Pearce also talked up his resume, but he was less vocal about his credentials overpowering Wilson's.

"We have the wind in our face

statesman is concerned about the next generation. I believe that this country is hungry for leadership that will take us in a new direction and that will find the changes in Washington that will allow us to solve the problem on terror. I will win in this election, because I am talking about our future and I am talking about our kids and their future," Pearce concluded in his final statement.

The debate seemed to favor Wilson; however, a poll released by the *Albuquerque Journal* this weekend showed Pearce up by six percent statewide.

The first stretch of a seemingly long election will come to a finish once the votes are tallied

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*Rep. Steve Pearce*

this year, and it is important that we nominate a candidate who can win in November," Wilson said in her final statement.

"I have heard continuously that we need to nominate a candidate who can win in November. I remember Thomas Jefferson said a politician is concerned about the next election, and a

after Tuesday's primaries. Both Wilson and Pearce have publicly committed to endorsing the winner of the Republican primary.

For more information about the candidates, visit their respective websites at [www.peopleforpearce.com](http://www.peopleforpearce.com) and [www.heatherforsenate.com](http://www.heatherforsenate.com).



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