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EL PASO NEEDS TO BECOME BIKE-FRIENDLY

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BY JOSE SOTO
The Prospector

Bicycling in this city seems to be allocated to merely a few spots that are bike-friendly or on biking trails. Some El Pasoans, however, are advocating to change that.

Last year, the El Paso Metropolitan Planning Organization and Transportation Policy Board approved spending $2.3 million in citywide bicycling infrastructure. They have constructed new bike lanes — mainly in downtown — in support of the El Paso BikeShare program, which would ultimately allow pedestrians to rent a bike with a swipe of a credit card and use it to venture downtown.

Other big Texas cities such as Austin have already implemented a similar program called B-Share.

The primary local group who has been advocating to make El Paso bike-friendly is Velopaso, an up-and-coming organization of avid bicyclists from across the Paso del Norte region. It is composed of members who previously met during last year’s El Paso Bike Month, which is annually held during the month of May. Velopaso is dedicated to improving bicycling and pedestrian conditions in El Paso.

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El Paso, there are no certainties for a professional soccer. Soccer in Mexico is wildly popular, but the quality of the game there doesn’t compare to soccer in Europe. Considering the demographics, socioeconomic status and size of El Paso, there are no certainties for a struggling professional league like the MLS. It would be a perfect fit, but the city of El Paso should not get their hopes up.

The only question is: What will the city blow up next? The Plaza?

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“La pinta está en el cerro, está en el sitio donde pintaron las letras. Por empezar, el tipo de rocas que existen en esta región, es calcio. Sería mucho peor si se les va a imponer,” dijo Gilbert.

Gilbert dice también que la lluvia no es peor que la lluvia despidiendo la caras de los soldados, pero sólo es peor que la lluvia despidiendo el cemento, el cual con tiene cal, de las banderitas que cantan carterías cerca del cerro, dijo Gilbert.

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“Ya se lo le llama afirmativa ficta, lo cual nos dio por comenzar con la pinta en el cerro”, dijo Vázquez. “Como todo el mundo ralla el cerro, ya está un caballo, esta La Biblia es la Verdad, Léela, esta un Cristo esta Benito Juárez, esta el símbolo de los soldados, entonces, hay tantas pintas que nosotras di-jamos, como le hacemos para que el mundo sepa quién es”, dijo Vázquez. “Pensamos, ¿Que podemos hacer para homenajear al Dr. Samuel Joaquín? Y se nos ocurrió hacer una pinta en el cerro”, dijo Vázquez. “Como todo el mundo ralla el cerro, ya está un caballo, esta La Biblia es la Verdad, Léela, esta un Cristo esta Benito Juárez, esta el símbolo de los soldados, entonces, hay tantas pintas que nosotras di-jamos, como le hacemos para que el mundo sepa quién es”, dijo Vázquez.

Finalmente, Vázquez concluyó que a esta iglesia no solo se lo cubran los gases que resultan de la limpieza del cerro, sino también el monto de las sanciones por el desacato, el impacto y daño ambiental, así como la multa que se les va a imponer.

Por CASSANDRA ADAME
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form its own two,” dijo Lugo. “La pinta del cristianismo y comunidad use the streets in their current state, however, we will see a rise in multimodal use for transportation with the introduction of the National Urban Bike Share Design Guide adopted by the city, Sun Metro, a rapid transit system and the Camino Real Regional Mobility Authority Bike Share program.”

Lugo también dijo que la pintura del cerro es como una iglesia, quizá la misma que puso de enaguada. Con que no dañar la tierra, pues que pongo que lo que gustar, pero que lo hagan con moderación, no me gustaría ver la montaña llena de co-sas”, dijo Manriquez.

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Students cause headaches for neighbors

BY ERIC ALBA

Residents who live in the area surrounding UTEP say they are disturbed because of the large numbers of students parking in their neighborhood, which they say affects their everyday lives.

According to parking step ed, student-parking fees range from $90 to as high as $400.

“Parking for school is tough enough and nowadays you never know when the university is going to raise tuition,” said Jasmine Flores, junior neuroscience major. “I’m willing to wake up 10 minutes earlier to save some money, and I have my bike so it’s never too bad getting to class.”

Many UTEP students attempt to avoid these extra expenses by parking in the surrounding neighborhoods.

Lillian Hargrove has lived on Kansas Street for 15 years and has dealt with the excessive number of students parking their cars, which take place during the fall, spring and during the summer semesters.

“I had a doctor’s appointment at 1 p.m. and noticed a car blocking my driveway around 11:30 a.m., this isn’t the first time it’s happened,” Hargrove said. “I called the police on the non-emergency number, and by 12:40 p.m. the tow truck came and took the car.”

Hargrove and few of her neighbors have gone to city council multiple times, where they have met with city representatives Ann Morgan and Ted Marcus, city traffic control manager.

“I feel that student parking is a problem. I went to UT Austin and understand that parking permits are expensive, but over there the city had parking meters surrounding the area. I think they should do the same here,” she said. "I feel the amount of cars that crowd the area definitely affects the value of my home. I was not aware of this when I moved in.”

As for residents near Murdy Park, they feel very differently toward student parking.

Ingrid Chowd, who lives on Prospect Street, feels that student parking is not a big deal.

“We have parking permits in this area and I pay $12 a year for my parking permit, but students paying almost $400 for a permit is just too much money,” Chowd said.

Amy Overake, a resident on Pforirio Diaz Drive, also felt that student parking wasn’t an issue.

“I pay the annual parking permit fee for my area and I also get two visitor permits. The only thing I don’t like is when UTEP has big events,” Ovarake said.

For more information about parking on campus, visit parking.ute.edu.

Hargrove said she is concerned about the safety of the area in general, and said she feels that more could be done to protect its residents.

“When the street is full of cars, it’s hard to see what’s coming left or right at the stop sign, you literally have to be in the middle of the street to see if there’s a car coming your way,” she said.

Students also park in the alleys behind the houses, blocking the way for emergency vehicles.

“What if a neighbor or I were to get hurt and the ambulance could not get through? What then? I just want them to respect the area,” Hargrove said.

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“The system features new technology and hopes to attract millennial users through their commute throughout transit routes. There will be a new Mesa Street Brio route, along with three other planned RTS routes on Alameda Avenue, Dyer Street and Montana Avenue, which will provide its riders with the ability to use free internet connection. According to Sun Metro officials, the RTS is an affordable and similar option to using a rail line.”

With money provided by the federal government and city council support, the Brio RTS service gives commuters in El Paso a compelling option to choose public transportation.

For the Mesa corridor, the Federal Transit Administration contributed $83.5 million and the Texas Department of Transportation granted $6.1 million for its development.

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Pacheco explained that the features are good, but do not compare to the safety and comfort she has in using her car.

Another UTEP student explained that he only uses public transportation to get to school because of the scarcity in parking spaces that students experience when they are not able to purchase a permit. Not able to park in perimeter parking lots, students choose to park in residential areas such as Sunset Heights, Kerby Street or the Glory Road Transfer Center.

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Clay your way to a family-friendly fun

BY ASHLEY MUNOZ
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There is a place in El Paso where you can feel like an artist. At The Clayground, a pottery-making and painting studio, offers a family-fun adventure. Located at 5860 N. Mesa, At The Clayground, which will be renamed as StonPainters, is a paint-your-own pottery studio that provides paints, glaze and firing at an affordable price. Jorge Camañez, manager of the studio, said it is the perfect place for students to relax and to have some personal therapeutic time.

"El Pasanos love this place," Camañez said. "All customers have to do is walk in, choose the piece they want, paint it and leave it for firing. We glaze the piece or pieces and place them to fire. They usually take about three to five business days, but once all of that is complete, we call you to come pick up your finished piece."

At The Clayground offers plates, figurines and much more to paint and sculpt as a piece of your own. Their collection includes a variety of pieces such as piggy banks, mermaids, eggs, mugs, vases, dragons and ice cream jars.

There is no need for someone to be a professional artist, the studio is all about going out and having fun. The sculpture studio offers family-time and hosts parties for the young ones. "The studio has a party room ready for the perfect painting party, and all you have to do is supply the food and drinks," Camañez said.

Parents can reserve the party room for their child’s birthday party, then have the opportunity to handpick the figurines that will make their child eager to paint. The figurines are the gifts themselves, ready to be personalized by the birthday boy or girl and their guests, he said.

"I would like to go check it out, it seems fun for the whole family," said Kevin De La Torre, sophomore engineering major.

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Baseball fans experience variety

BY LESLY LIMON
The Prospector

Walking into the Southwest University Baseball Stadium for the first time is quite an experience. There are plenty of vendors, the seating can be confusing and the stadium is pretty big—way bigger than what it looks like from the outside.

With the El Paso Chihuahuas fresh in their first season, El Pasanos are also adjusting to the new stadium and how things work. This is why I’m writing a survival guide for those who are attending a game at Southwest University for the very first time.

Tickets for the games can be purchased in person or online, but if you want good seats, I recommend purchasing tickets ahead of time. If you learned of this late, so don’t make my mistake. Pretty much any seat in the house gives you an excellent view of the game, but I would recommend trying to get seats on the upper level, as it tends to get hot on the lower levels. If you’re on a budget, there are also lawn seats available. You can bring a blanket or towel to sit on if grass bothers you.

Metered parking in Downtown El Paso is free after 6 p.m. I would recommend finding a spot and walking. It’s not that bad of a walk and you can save some money. Otherwise, you have to pay for parking near the stadium, unless you’re lucky enough to find a metered space close by.

Upon entering the stadium, one of the first things you notice is the massive number of vendors. The vendors accept cash and credit/debit cards, which is extremely helpful if you don’t want to walk around with a wallet full of money. The hard part is deciding what to buy—there are so many options to choose from. Peter Piper Pizza and Leo’s Mexican Restaurant are on the list of local vendors selling food at the stadium. There are also stands with various items like funnel cakes, churros (corn-on-the-cob), Dippin’ Dots ice cream, nachos, hot dogs, snow cones and a great selection of beer and beverages.

There are also certain snacks you can’t get anywhere else such as the Juarez Dog—which is a hot dog that is piled with chili beans and your choice of toppings. Certain vendors also give you souvenir items with your food.

For example, some nacho plates come in a Chihuahuas’ dog bowl, and you can also get ice cream in plastic baseball caps.

There’s plenty of El Paso Chihuahuas’ merchandise for sale at the ballpark, too. So be sure to bring a hefty amount of cash and arrive with an empty stomach.

The only drawback is that like most concessions at events, they are a bit pricey. So if you’re on a budget, be sure to examine all of the vendors before you decide on a purchase, because those $8 drinks and $10 nachos can really put a hole in your pocket.

However, there are ways around this. Be sure to check the Chihuahuas’ Facebook page and website to see if there are any special deals going on, like Thirsty Thursdays, where you can purchase drinks for $2. Overall, the experience of attending a game at the Southwest University Stadium is a pleasant one. The games are also a good place to see BASEBALL!
The studio is refreshment friendly. With permission in advance, adults can enjoy their favorite beer or wine. “Only because we want to keep it away from the children, just to be safe,” Camañez said. “More events or studios should open up like StonePainters, whereas to a studio where it’s just for adults. Kids should be included, and this proves to be an example.”

The price depends on the figure you pick out, ranging from $14 to $16. The average total price is $22, which includes everything from the paint to the firing. “Students can have an experience too,” Camañez said. “They can bring the whole band or work in (groups of) two. Girls can have a little GNO (girl’s night out) or it can be a date of) two. Girls can have a little GNO...” Camañez said. “They can bring paint to the firing.

“It sounds simple enough, but it can get confusing and challenging. One of the major changes from “Dots” to “Two Dots” is that there are now various boosts, upgrades and bonus points offered if you complete special moves. The interface also got a completely new look, it is well-designed and the levels are simple to complete. The new look of the app reminds me of a Wes Anderson film because of the unique character design in the menus and as the music that is used. For a free game, this is a download must. Unfortunately, “Two Dots” is currently only available for iOS devices, but the previous version of “Dots” is available for Android.

“ELEVATE”—Brain Training Developer: Elvrate, Inc. Category: Education
Platform: Android and iOS
This is a great learning app that really is free. That’s right, free—no paid subscriptions, no annoying ads. However, you do have the option to purchase additional content if you wish. “Elevate” focuses on daily activities to help you read faster, improve your grammar and vocabulary and improve your listening skills. When you first start up the app, it will ask a few questions about your personal learning goals and “Elevate” will then select activities for you to do.

“PIANO TILES”—Don’t Tap the White Tiles
Developer: Hu Wen Zeng Category: Game
Platform: Android and iOS
When I came across this game on the top charts for the app store, I thought that it looked pretty, lack of a better word, juvenile. However, five minutes later I found myself wanting to throw my phone at the wall because of how challenging this game gets. Classic mode is the easy part, however, once you play in arcade, rush or relay mode, you are most definitely asking for trouble and frustration.

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If you haven’t attended a Chihuahua’s game, you should definitely check it out, even if you aren’t a sports fan. The stadium, the vendors and the atmosphere make South- west University Stadium a great place to be.
Rotich sees double at NCAA championships

BY LUIS BARRIO

He did exactly what was expected from him and his head coach—win. Anthony Rotich made NCAA and UTEP history, when the seven-time All-American became the first male athlete in Division 1 history to win both the indoor and 3,000-meter steeplechase in the same academic year.

Earlier in the year, the native of Nairobi, Kenya, won the NCAA indoor mile championship with a time of 4:02.54. He defended his title in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and now has three national titles to hang his running shoes on.

The race came down to a two-man showdown. Arizona’s Stanley Kebenei was neck-and-neck with Rotich. It came down to the final barrier, which Rotich was able to clear and press forward to cross the finish line alone.

“I get and feel stronger every time I win a title,” Rotich said.

Kebenei and Rotich are from the same village in Kenya. They have been running together and met in each of the heats leading up to the final bout. “He is like a brother to me. The last 200 meters I really felt sorry for him when he fell down,” Rotich said.

Rotich has said this was going to be a head-to-head finish because they were jumping the barriers at the exact same moments. In the final barrier, Rotich and Kebenei switched their strides so they both leapt with their right leg. The rest is history.

It was a little bit of déjà vu for Rotich in the final stretch. Rotich was the favorite in last year’s competition against Rotich in the final stretch. Rotich was the only Miner to advance to the final. The NCAA championships might not have been an overall success for the Miners, but there are some bright spots heading into the future. Four of the juniors competing in the championship will return for the senior season and freshman sensations Florence Uwakwea and Aiyanna Stiverne will headline.

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The World Cup finally got under way today in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, after four years of anticipation.

There has been a lot to talk about now that the first day of the tournament is in the history books. For example, the Netherlands’ dismantling of defending champion Spain, Uruguay being upset by Costa Rica, an intense game between England and Italy, Germany’s domination of Portugal and the always controversial officiating.

In a very tight game against Croatia, in which Brazil struggled more than what was expected, the referee played an important role when he awarded a penalty kick to the hosts. Neymar da Silva Santos Jr., one of the few bright spots for the Africans, took advantage. Neymar scored his second of the night and propelled Brazil toward their first win of the tournament.

Although Neymar showed he can deal with the pressure and is ready to shine, it is doubtful that Brazil will be able to meet expectations. The officiating errors continued on day two at the expense of a Mexican team who suffered more than they should. They went on to lose to England and the U.S. respectively.(port)

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Sopel Snags Two Big Time Recruits for Tennis

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Coming into the 2014 spring season, head coach Myriam Sopel had big shoes to fill after popular head coach Mark Roberts left for an assistant coaching job at Southern Methodist University. Once again, Sopel has another tough task at hand—replacing three invaluable seniors, while finding a way to improve last year’s results.

The signing of four-star recruit Jeannez Daniel in mid-May, it seems that Sopel is off to a good start. Daniel is a native of Port Charlotte, Florida, and graduated from Florida Virtual School in May.

Daniel is the first major recruit UTEP tennis has had in years and Sopel is pleased to have a player of her stature.

“Jeannez is a great girl. She has a big heart, she fights very hard and she is very talented,” Sopel said. “She is obviously a very good tennis player, but she is good in the classroom—she is very smart. Everything seems to fit really well and she has fallen in love with UTEP.”

Sopel credits the recruiting success to her coaching connections and her time playing international tennis as a French national.

“I have many connections from my time internationally and coaching. I was informed about her and I started talking with her, she liked my coaching style and what the program had to offer,” Sopel said.

Daniel will have to fill the void of All-Conference performer Rebecca Calvillo. The Durango, Mexico, native came off her best season at UTEP and etched her name into the UTEP record books, playing at the number one spot.

To go along with being a highly touted recruit, Daniel is the only player from the United States on the team. All of her new teammates are either from Latin American countries or Europe.

The transition should not be a problem for Daniel considering the fact that she has played all over the world.

“Jeannez (Daniel) is American, but she is very internationalized,” Sopel said. “I think she will fit in well with the girls and she is fine with being the only American. Her private coach is actually from Belgium and she has been traveling all over the world for tournaments.”

The strength of the women’s team last year was their reliability at the top two spots. Calvillo and junior Davina Meza were the only players on the team who finished with winning records in singles and doubles. At the beginning of August, Daniel and Meza will most likely compete for the top two spots.

Along with the departure of Calvillo, the Miners also lost Marie Lelord and Gabi Vazquez. The two seniors rounded out the number three and four spots for the Miners.

Sopel’s newest recruit, who signed late in May, is Valeriia Yanovska. The Ukrainian originally played at Taurida University in Simferopol, Ukraine. Yanovska will still have four years of eligibility because she is transferring from a university outside of the U.S.

Like Daniel, Sopel is delighted to have another solid player with plenty of international experience.

“Valeriia (Yanovska) is very talented and she is a smart girl,” Sopel said. “It is going to be great to have her on the team. She has a year of experience at Taurida University, so it’s going to be a good transition for her.”

With two recruits that have plenty of talent and experience, Sopel is not stopping there. Replacing half the team is an adjustment for Sopel; in her young coaching career this is her biggest recruiting class.

“Half of the team is new,” Sopel said. “It is a challenge to bring four new players because they all have to adapt at first, so it is a big challenge for the team. But it is nice to bring that new drive and motivation.”

After starting last season 1-5, the Miners gradually found success. More than three months until the Miners start their season, it seems that they are on the right path to success.

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