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PREPARING FOR AN ACTIVE shooter situation at work is not something people like to think about. Most UNM and UNMH employees have busy lives, filled with meetings, customers and deadlines. That is why the Department of Safety and Risk Services provides an on-line, comprehensive, 20-minute video that will prepare them for an active shooter situation in a classroom or work environment. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9434

ECONOMIC GROWTH DEPENDS on energy supply. In this day and age, large increases in energy will be required to fuel economic growth, increase standards of living and lift developing nations out of poverty. It is far from certain, however, whether existing supplies and technologies will be able to meet this demand. These are the conclusions of research published in the January 2011 issue of BioScience titled, "Energetic Limits to Economic Growth," by a group of ecologists at the University of New Mexico. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9358

THE UNM BOARD OF REGENTS recently approved \$3 million in upgrades to sections of Riebsomer and Clark Halls. The upgrades will include \$500,000 for roof renewal, bathroom modification and renewal, interior improvements such as paint, flooring, ceiling tiles, doors, and locksets. They also include exterior renewal such as window and window sill replacement and maintenance. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9488

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT Affairs Dr. Eliseo "Cheo" Torres has announced the incoming Office of Student Affairs fellows: Autumn Collins, Career Services; Danielle Gilliam, Parking and Transportation Services; Daniela Hamilton, Children's Campus, Matthew Maez, Dean of Students; Lourdes McKenna, Computer Science; Catherine Montoya, American Indian Student Services; and Roberta Ricci, Alumni Relations Office. OSA Fellows have a one year appointment and come from the ranks of mid-level managers and faculty. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9472

TURNING IN THE Free Application for Federal Student Aid by the March 1 priority deadline makes a difference in students' eligibility for some types of aid. The FAFSA is required for all need-based financial aid, including grants and loans. American Indian Student Services offers FAFSA Fridays Financial Aid Workshops every Friday, Jan. 14-Feb. 25, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., to help students navigate the complex form. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9462

UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO PRESS has several titles featured in the 2010 list of must-reads and notable books on the Southwest Books of the Year, as selected by the Tucson-Pima County Public Library. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9418

UNM GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE students, faculty and staff, engineers, scientists, mathematicians, computer scientists, botanists, psychologists, social workers and counselors are needed as regional judges for the 2011 Central N.M. Science & Engineering Research Challenge, an event sponsored by the UNM Office of Research. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9379

WITH THE LEGISLATIVE session just days away, all eyes are on the state budget. When lawmakers get down to work Tuesday, Jan. 18, they will have two different budget proposals to deal with: one from the governor and one from the Legislative Finance Committee. This week New Mexico in Focus takes a close look at both proposals with a pair of UNM finance professors. KNME's one hour public affairs show New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. The show can also be seen on KNME's Digital Channel 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9496