THE UNM HEALTH SCIENCES Center has received a $100,000 Grand Challenges Explorations winner, an initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Dr. Mark Hauswald, UNM School of Medicine professor of Emergency Medicine and the lead investigator, will pursue an innovative global health and development research project, titled “Circumferential Abdominal-Pelvic Pressure Device for Postpartum Hemorrhage.” http://news.unm.edu/?p=14439

LARRY A. SKLAR, Regents’ Professor and Distinguished Professor in the Department of Pathology at UNM’s School of Medicine, was named the 2011 STC.UNM Innovation Fellow. Additionally, STC.UNM recently celebrated the faculty, staff and students at the university who have been issued patents and disclosed copyrights over the last year. They were all honored at the 8th Annual Creative Awards Reception held recently. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14447 and http://news.unm.edu/?p=14136

DURING THE PAST YEAR, much has been done to continue to offer a competitive, affordable and fiscally-responsible benefits package to UNM employees. The Division of Human Resources conducted a dependent eligibility audit last fall estimated to save the UNM medical plan $243,880 in the first year and $975,000 over five years. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14169

PAUL PLATERO, Edge of the Water Clan, grew up in Canoncito, now Tohajiiliee, about 30 miles west of Albuquerque. Education took him out of his community and brought him back again to teach Navajo. Platero, assistant professor in the UNM linguistics department, was born in the Navajo way. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14171

GRADUATE ENROLLMENT NUMBERS are rising at UNM’s Anderson School of Management. Graduate programs have 672 students enrolled this spring – a 20.86 percent increase over spring 2010. That number accounts for all Anderson graduate students in Master of Business Arts, Master of Accounting, Executive M.B.A. and post-masters programs. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14167

UNM COLLEGE ENRICHMENT and Outreach Programs help first generation college students pursue secondary education. These programs help students obtain GEDs and apply for financial aid and admission to college. Funding comes from a federal TRIO grant from the United States Department of Education, Office of Postsecondary Education. CEOP encompasses several programs. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14155

GARY VAYNERCHUK, owner of Vayner Media and author of the best-selling book "Crush It," recently visited the University of New Mexico as part of the book tour for his newly released book, "The Thank You Economy." He took a few minutes to speak with UNM Live's Benson Hendrix about social media, what the "Thank You Economy" is and what he looks for in social media employees. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWTaCxgtZ-U

IN COLLABORATION WITH Columbia Records and Emerging Pictures, The Harwood Museum of Art in Taos presents a special screening of Bruce Springsteen’s “The Promise” tonight, April 28, at 7 p.m. in the Arthur Bell Auditorium. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14288
THE LATIN AMERICAN and Iberian Institute and the University Libraries Inter-American Studies Program welcome visiting scholar Benjamin Reed, doctoral student in the Department of History at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Friday, April 29 at 12 p.m. in the Herzstein Gallery, located on the 2nd floor of Zimmerman Library. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=14114](http://news.unm.edu/?p=14114)

THE AMERICAN STUDIES Colloquia Series presents, “Memorial Mania: Commemoration and Affect in Contemporary America,” Friday, April 29 at 2 p.m. in the Sandia room located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union building. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=14282](http://news.unm.edu/?p=14282)

UNM DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR of Anthropology Patricia Crown will lecture on "Chocolate Consumption, Exchange and Ritual in the American Southwest" on Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at the Maxwell Museum. The lecture is free and the public is welcome. A reception will follow. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=14247](http://news.unm.edu/?p=14247)

NEW MEXICO IN Focus’ community segment, Public Square, brings together movers and shakers from the field of Early Childhood Development. Advocates, lawmakers, business leaders and community organizers talk about the recently completed legislative session, and the potential impacts on the state’s youngest residents. 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=14496](http://news.unm.edu/?p=14496)

IN AN EFFORT to minimize prescription drug abuse in New Mexico, the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center is asking citizens to participate in the United States Department of Justice Drug Enforcement Administration Drug Take Back Program on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Various organizations across the nation will be working together to collect expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs that are potentially dangerous if left in the family’s medicine cabinet. Collection sites in every local community can be found at, [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html).

BEGINNING SATURDAY, April 30, Johnson Center and the Armond Seidler Natatorium will end open recreation hours on weekends. The change impacts open recreation, but does not affect special events. The Center will be open the weekends of April 30 and May 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Physical Education and Recreational Services fitness classes only. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=14479](http://news.unm.edu/?p=14479)

THE MAXWELL MUSEUM of Anthropology will host a food sampling event Saturday, April 30 at 2 p.m. as part of its Food and Life series, a two part program that explores the cultural significance of traditional foodways and the archaeological, historic and modern uses of botanical foods in health applications. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=14257](http://news.unm.edu/?p=14257)

ON SATURDAY, April 30 at 2 p.m., the Harwood Museum of Art located in Taos, presents a lecture with artist Chris Enos. Enos has been an artist/photographer for more than 40 years. In 1976 she founded the Photographic Resource Center in Boston, Mass. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=14117](http://news.unm.edu/?p=14117)
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2011, the Physical Plant Department’s Automotive Center will no longer maintain a rental fleet service for University use. University departments should review UNM Business Policy #7780 and visit the Vehicle Rental Agreement at http://www.unm.edu/~purch/priceagree.html for information on car rentals for their transportation needs. http://www.unm.edu/news/2011/april/27ppd.html