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THE FACULTY SENATE Teaching Enhancement Committee and the Office of Support for Effective Teaching annually honor faculty with campus-wide teaching awards. The 2009 recipients are: 2009-11 Presidential Teaching Fellow - Ursula Shepherd; Outstanding Teachers of the Year - Sudhakar Prasad, Christine Sauer and Elizabeth Yeater; Outstanding Adjunct Teacher or Lecturers of the Year - Janet Gaines, Bryan Konefsky and Lisa Whalen; Susan Deese-Roberts Outstanding Teaching Assistants - Flor Espinoza Hidalgo, Glenn Hushman, Michelle Jewett, Daniel Sanford and Kelley Sawyer. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003957.html#more>

RESEARCHERS, including UNM Earth and Planetary Sciences Professors Tobias Fischer and Zach Sharp, have unearthed the secret to what might have been alchemy at Oldoinyo Lengai volcano in Tanzania. There in the ancient East African Rift Valley, at a place known to the local Massai people as the Mountain of God, Oldoinyo Lengai spews forth carbon dioxide-laden lavas called carbonatites. The carbonatites line the volcano's flanks like snowballs. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003935.html#more>

"WHAT HAS SIX LEGS and is way cooler than a spider?" asks a riddle on the cover of a birthday card sent to Stephen Colbert by entomologists Quentin Wheeler at Arizona State University and Kelly Miller at the University of New Mexico. The answer – Agaporomorphus colberti – a diving beetle from Venezuela named by Wheeler and Miller to honor Colbert, the satirical host and executive producer of Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report." <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003948.html#more>

FOR CONTIUNED UPDATES on the H1N1 influenza visit, <http://hospitals.unm.edu/h1n1/> or click on the H1N1 hot button on UNM's homepage.

ALYSSA RIVERA took top honors, Bryan Wilcox earned second place, while Andrew Melodia took third place in the 2009 Joe and Steve Mercer Memorial Tournament held recently. The tournament, which began in 2005 from an endowment established by JoAnn Mercer in 2003, was established to provide support for students interested and excelling in public speaking and debate. The top six speakers received scholarships. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003951.html#more>

THE UNM ANDERSON SCHOOL of Management has received national recognition for student diversity in its MBA program. U.S. News and World Report named the Anderson School as one of the top 25 MBA graduate programs for percentage of full-time minority students and full-time female students. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003950.html#more>

ACCORDING TO A NEW survey the UNM Anderson School of Management is one of the top 10 business schools in the nation when it comes to the number of courses offered on managing social sector organizations. The recent survey, conducted by the Bridgespan Group, ranked the Anderson School as having the third highest number of social-benefit management courses. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003934.html#more>

A NEW UNM Student Recreation Center will bring the campus community together; engage students and student life on campus. "The goal of the new recreation center is to create and develop an inviting, interactive and vital campus community environment for students," Eliseo Torres, vice president for Student Affairs, said.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003946.html#more>

FOR THOSE MEMBERS of the university community interested in learning more about living an eco-friendly lifestyle, the University of New Mexico's Office of Sustainability's new Web site is full of information on saving energy and being more environmentally aware and news stories about recent sustainability initiatives at UNM. For more information visit: <http://sustainability.unm.edu>.

THE UNM SCHOOL of Architecture and Planning hosts the Beaux-Arts Ball, co-sponsored by the American Institute of Architecture Students, on Friday, May 8 from 6-10 p.m. at George Pearl Hall. The event features an exhibition, music and refreshments and is free and open to the public.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003956.html#more>

THE 2009 LATE NIGHT Breakfast, a Student Union event that helps prepare students for finals week, will be held Sunday, May 10 from 9 – 11 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom. Enjoy free breakfast, door prizes and other great entertainment. The first 250 people will receive a free UNM T-shirt. A Lobo ID is required. Free parking available in the Cornell Parking Structure.

UNM, IDENTIFIED BY ABQRide -- the City of Albuquerque's Transit Department -- as one of the best places to work for "alternative commuters," will headline during Albuquerque's upcoming "Strive Not to Drive" campaign, set for the week of May 11-15, during which people are encouraged to use and recommend alternative transportation to get around Albuquerque. A pledge card drive is a feature of "Strive Not To Drive" week, held concurrently with National Bike To Work Day on Friday, May 15.

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THE NATIONAL LATINOS Writers Conference and the History & Literary program of the National Hispanic Cultural Center have recognized Patricia Santana as the winner of the 2008 Premio Aztlán Literary Prize for her novel, Ghosts of El Grullo. A national literary award established to encourage and reward emerging Chicana and Chicano authors, the Premio Aztlán was founded by renowned author Rudolfo Anaya and his wife Patricia in 1993. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003941.html#more>

THIS WEEK, "New Mexico in Focus" and the panel on "The Line" take a look at the recent furor over the H1N1 virus and the role the media has taken in adding to the potential overreaction. "New Mexico in Focus," New Mexico's weekly one-hour public affair show, will air on Friday, May 8 at 7 p.m. on KNME-TV Channel 5/5.1 and repeat on Sunday, May 10 at 6:30 a.m.

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