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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO conducted its 2010 fall commencement exercises Friday, Dec. 17 at Tingley Coliseum. To view a slide show presentation of the historic event visit: http://news.unm.edu/?p=9169

NUMEROUS UNM PROGRAMS celebrated important milestones this year. For the complete list and related stories visit: http://news.unm.edu/?p=9173

THE NEW MEXICO STATE Library and the Department of Cultural Affairs selected five honorary literary posts in honor of the upcoming statehood centennial, 1912-2012. Levi Romero, Research Scholar and poet laureate in the UNM School of Architecture and Planning, was named Centennial Poet. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9128

MANUEL MONTOYA RETURNED to New Mexico and to Mora, where he found his uncles in their woodshop, working on a table and commenting on the eye of the camel pattern. They discussed the history of the design, Attila the Hun and the sacking of Rome. Montoya is a freshly-minted assistant professor in the Anderson School of Management. He earned an undergraduate degree at UNM in English and economics before becoming a Rhodes Scholar and going to Oxford, where he earned his first master's degree. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9106

THE UNM DIVISION OF GERIATICS, within the UNM School of Medicine's Department of Internal Medicine, recently received a \$1-million grant from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation to strengthen physicians' geriatrics training. The grant was one of ten awarded nationally by the foundation. http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9345

THE PROVOST COMMITTEE for Staff is currently accepting applications for the spring 2011 Academic Support Scholarship. PCS offers scholarship support for staff as students with financial need not covered by their tuition remission benefit. Three scholarships of \$250 are available to staff using their tuition remission to obtain a degree or professional certificate or to enroll in professional development classes. The application deadline is Tuesday Jan. 18, 2011 at 5 p.m. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9044

HOLIDAYS ARE HECTIC and schedules can be erratic. As stress goes up, exercise and healthy eating are often the first things to go. The Employee Health Promotion Program fitness and nutrition experts offer these tips to help you have a healthy, happy holiday. https://news.unm.edu/?p=9110

THE UNM WINTER BREAK begins Friday, Dec. 24 and continues through Friday, Dec. 31, giving most university employees 10 consecutive days off. Regular university hours resume Monday, Jan. 3. Certain critical facilities and departments, such as police and patient care, will remain open. Other major campus departments and facilities have special intersession hours. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8885

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES WILL CLOSE Thursday, Dec. 23, at 5 p.m., and will remain closed Friday-Sunday, Dec. 24-26. IT will be open Monday-Thursday, Dec. 27-30, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., with telephone and limited walk-in support. IT Customer Support Services will also be closed Friday, Dec. 31-Sunday,

Jan. 2. IT staff will check voice mail messages and respond to emergencies and other inquiries. http://news.unm.edu/?p=8879

STOP BY THE UNM BOOKSTORES on main and north campus for their Holiday Blowout Sale, Monday-Thursday, Dec. 20-23. Save 30 - 70 percent off select items and an extra 10 percent on orange tag clearance items! The UNM Bookstore is closed Dec. 24-27 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2, but will be open Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 28-30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Regular hours resume Jan. 3. For more information visit: http://bookstore.unm.edu.

THE YEAR 2010 HAS HAD its share of big stories and personalities. Which one was the biggest of the year? Will it be the historic mid-term elections? Or maybe New Mexico's struggling economy? Join New Mexico in Focus as it counts down the biggest stories of 2010 on Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011 at 6:30 a.m. http://news.unm.edu/?p=9179