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THE 2009 SESSION of the New Mexico state legislature begins at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 20, and the government relation's team has been preparing for the challenge. A new web site outlines the priorities for UNM, supplies a legislative calendar and provides a way to receive frequent updates on your computer.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003511.html#more>

NEW MEXICO HAS THE highest proportion of children in the nation enrolled in Medicaid. An article published in the Public Library of Science journal PLoS One highlights research showing that childhood immunization rates in the state suffered when barriers increased to children's receiving Medicaid coverage. Researchers at the University of New Mexico, New Mexico Department of Health and the University of Toronto conducted the study.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003509.html#more>

COLLEGE OF NURSING lecturer Andra Davis was awarded a \$30,000 scholarship from the American Cancer Society for her dissertation work as a Ph.D. student at the University of Utah. As an oncology nurse of 25 years, Davis' area of research is in cancer disparities, specifically cancer-related pain among Hispanics. Davis has been teaching at UNM for five years and is currently completing her Ph.D. at the University of Utah.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003510.html#more>

PRESIDENT DAVID J. SCHMIDLY recently approved changes to tuition benefits for faculty and staff. Separate policies on tuition remission and dependents were combined to form the updated policy 3700, "Education Benefits." UNM's Staff Council initiated the changes in fall 2006 with a resolution proposing to clarify and simplify the policy. The changes became effective at the beginning of January.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003513.html#more>

ARTIST SHIRLEY CROW and Rex Jung, UNM assistant research professor of Neurology, Psychology and Neurosurgery and Research Scientist at the MIND Research Network, will present a talk Wednesday, Jan. 14 from 12 to 1 p.m. in the fifth floor lobby of the UNM Hospital Ambulatory Care Center. Titled, "Now What," Jung will join Crow for a discussion of how the artist approaches creativity. Jung will also talk about his current research studying creativity with artists. Admission to the talk is free.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003516.html#more>

THE MIND RESEARCH NETWORK, a world-renowned neuro-imaging research facility, and NM MESA, has announced plans for its spring 2009 SCORE series for educators. The seminars are free, but the registration deadline is Friday, Feb. 13. Space is limited to 50 total attendees on a first-come/first-serve basis.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003515.html#more>

THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON Foundation Center for Health Policy at UNM will award 10 fellowships of \$24,000 each with full tuition remission and student health

insurance for a total value of more than \$31,000 (for non-resident students) and three new dissertation fellowships of \$12,000 with similar benefits for the academic year 2008-09. All awards are annual (12 months) with the possibility of renewal for students in good academic standing. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 6.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003514.html#more>

**IT'S TIME TO RECYCLE** last year's telephone books. On main campus, a large bin is located at the southeast corner of Johnson Field. On north campus, there is a bin is located on the north side of M lot near the corner of Tucker and Yale, just across the street from the construction site at the north golf course. Last year, UNM recycled 20,900 pounds of paper in the telephone book collection. The bins will be in place through the end of February. For more information, call Linda McCormick at (505) 269-6131.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003507.html#more>