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ACTING PRESIDENT David Harris has announced a liberal leave policy to allow university employees who work in non-critical areas a greater flexibility in handling weather and child care related issues this winter.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001651.html#more>

GOV. BILL RICAHRDSON will be on campus, Friday, Jan. 19, to help launch LambdaRail, a nationwide networking infrastructure – a very, very high speed next generation of internet access – that includes leading U.S. research universities and private sector technology companies. The event will be held at 11 a.m. at the Center for High Performance Computing.

THE 2007 UNM LEGISLATIVE Web site is now accessible from the UNM Home Page. The page will allow everyone to track bills of interest through the legislative process. The Web site is updated daily to reflect current committee action.

<http://www.unm.edu/~legis07/>

TWO FACULTY IN THE School of Architecture and Planning are receiving awards from the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. Geraldine Forbes Isais, director of the architecture program, will receive ACSA's Distinguished Professor Award, the highest honor ACSA awards, while Tim Castillo, assistant professor, is the recipient of the ACSA/AIA New Faculty Teaching Award.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001645.html#more>

SCHOOL OF LAW RESEARCH Professor Daniel Ortega was appointed by Gov. Bill Richardson as president of the 15-member board of directors for the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque. Ortega follows Matt Martinez and Edward Lujan as the third board president in the center's history and will serve a two-year term.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001642.html#more>

DOHNIA DORMAN, a senior in Communication and Journalism in the College of Arts and Sciences, was selected as a finalist for the American Advertising Federation's Most Promising Minority Students Program. She and nominator/faculty adviser Karolyn Cannata-Winge will be acknowledged and will participate in luncheons, recruiting expos and industry immersion programs at the New York Athletic Club Feb. 6-8 in New York City. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001649.html#more>

FOUR UNM HEALTH Sciences faculty members have received \$50,000 awards from the UNM Health Sciences Center Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) awards for pilot data that will lead to future peer-reviewed grant submissions.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5610>

A SPECIAL ETHICS FORUM, titled Ethics, Law & Medicine (ELM) Forum: "Mental Health Decision Making," will be presented by the UNM School of Medicine Institute for

Ethics on Friday, Jan. 19. Presentations and discussions are planned surrounding the new New Mexico Advanced Directives for Mental Health Care Treatment Decisions Act, the proposed “Kendra’s Law,” as well as the New Mexico Mental Health Code. The forum is scheduled for noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Basic Medical Sciences Building Lecture Hall room 203 on the UNM North Campus.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5608>

A FREE CYBERSPACE training workshop, hosted by UNM for qualified public safety personnel, will be held Jan. 22 – 26. The class is part of the SENTINEL Project (Security and Network Training Initiative and National Education Laboratory). The project goal is to provide free cybersecurity training to public safety personnel nationwide to help combat, prevent, and respond to potential cyberterrorist attacks against the United States’ critical infrastructures. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001648.html#more>

THE UNM CHEER and Dance teams won a national championship in the 2007 Universal Cheerleaders Association and Universal Dance Association Nationals this weekend in Orlando, Fla. Shoni Spinelli (5th year/Clayton, N.M.), Julianne Vallejos (4th year/Los Lunas, N.M.), Jennifer Sanborn (3rd year/Alamogordo, N.M.), and Amanda Wiley (2nd year/Alamogordo, N.M.) teamed up to win the 4-girl partner stunt team title, the first of any kind in Lobo Spirit Group history.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001647.html#more>

A VISIONARY TALK on the future of information technology in a research university setting, featuring the influential Daniel Reed, vice chancellor for Information Technology and chief information officer at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, will be held Jan. 22, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in Ballroom B of the Student Union Building. The talk titled, "Computing the Future," is free and open to the public.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001637.html#more>

THE UNM ARTS Lab will host New Mexico’s Media Industries Conference on Friday, Feb. 2, from 8 to 5 p.m. at the Student Union Building. This free conference, titled “New Challenges, New Opportunities,” will bring together people from across the media spectrum. More than 300 professional filmmakers, artists, researchers, technology developers, educators and students are expected to attend and network with others to learn of activities, challenges and opportunities in these exciting fields.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001632.html#more>

JUAN MORALES, UNM alumnus and author of "Friday and the Year that Followed" will read poetry at the Student Union building, Santa Ana room at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. The event is part of the Poets and Writers series, sponsored by the creative writing program. <http://www.unm.edu/~english/News/FFN/Events.htm>

THE MONTHLY UNM Sustainability “Greenbag” Lunch series kicks off on Thursday, Jan. 25, from noon to 1 p.m. It will be held at the University Honors Program Lounge located on the ground floor of the UNM Student Health Center building. Faculty, staff,

students and other UNM affiliates are welcome.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001644.html#more>

THE PROVOST COMMITTEE FOR STAFF is seeking scholarship applicants for its Staff Academic Support Scholarship for the Spring 2007 semester. The scholarship, in its second year, is designed to help support staff that utilize their tuition remission benefit. UNM employees have the opportunity to apply for a financial support scholarship to help cover the costs of academic books, course fee(s) and other related course supplies. The deadline to submit a completed application is Friday, Jan. 26, 2007. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001623.html#more>