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UNM RECENTLY ANNOUNCED its first and largest corporate donation for the Science and Mathematics Learning Center's new Visualization Lab in the College of Arts and Sciences. The \$250,000 grant was awarded by the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, one of the largest corporate philanthropies in America, for construction of the facility, which will be built using 'green' building standards. The grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation is the company's largest single-year grant awarded in New Mexico. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002520.html#more>

WHEN PROFESSOR JIM ELLIS first walked into his office on the UNM School of Law campus in 1976, the new professor might not have realized the impact he and his work, which spans more than three decades, would have on generations of lawyers walking through the law school halls. Recently, the UNM Board of Regents honored Ellis with the Regents' Meritorious Service Award for his dedication to the students he taught and mentored, his impact on the legal profession and his tireless defense of the rights of people with mental disabilities in the criminal and civil justice system. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002524.html#more>

ANYONE INTERESTED in the UNM's legislative priorities are for the 2008 session of the New Mexico Legislature can find details at the legislative Web site. When bill introduction begins, the site will carry spreadsheets that track the progress of bills of interest to the university as they move through the committee process. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002526.html#more>

A TEAM OF SCIENTISTS from the Naval Research Laboratory, the Air Force Research Laboratory's Research Vehicles Directorate, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., and the University of New Mexico has detected the lowest frequency radar echo from the moon ever seen with earth-based receivers. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002519.html#more>

A NEW ENDOWED scholarship, titled 'The Arthur, Martha and Alice York Endowed Scholarship at the University of New Mexico,' that provides full tuition for a non-traditional student, was established recently announced the UNM Development/Foundation office. The gift of \$85,000 establishes the endowed scholarship that will provide full tuition for a student who has been away from college or out of high school for five years or more and who doesn't qualify for a New Mexico Lottery Scholarship. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002521.html#more>

MEMBERS OF NEW MEXICO'S media-related worlds - including film, animation, games, education, research and technology development - will converge at the Fourth Annual N.M. Media Industries Conference: Media Industries 4 New Mexico's Future, hosted by the University of New Mexico ARTS Lab on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the UNM Student Union Building. The event is free, but registration is required. More information, including a complete schedule, is available at: <http://artslab.unm.edu> or visit: <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002514.html#more>.

LAW PROFESSOR Denise Fort is one of the co-authors of the recent “Prospects for Managed Underground Storage of Recoverable Water,” a book released by the National Research Council of the National Academies. With a strong background in water quality, groundwater, and water and natural resources, Fort was asked to join the panel of experts preparing the book. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002525.html#more>

“BEYOND THE MISSOURI: The Story of the American West,” penned by Richard Etulain, professor emeritus of history at the University of New Mexico, and published by UNM Press, has been picked for the annual CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title list. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002516.html#more>

NOW ON UNM Live Podcasts: Rhonda Faught, secretary of the New Mexico Transportation Department, speaks at the 45th Paving and Transportation Conference, sponsored by the UNM Department of Civil Engineering. <http://unmlive.unm.edu/>.

ITS NETWORK SERVICES will be unavailable while network routers and the firewall are upgraded this Sunday, Jan. 13, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Services such as e-mail, Calendar and Banner applications will not be accessible during the upgrade. Users should not expect services to be available until 12 p.m. See the ITS production schedule for additional information at: <http://its.unm.edu/availability/>.

ITS COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK SERVICES is continuing to address issues with the intermittent inability to retrieve messages and erroneous message waiting indicators resulting from the voicemail upgrade last weekend. Generally the ability to leave a message is unaffected, even while messages cannot be retrieved. Representatives of the manufacturer are working onsite and remotely to pinpoint the problem and identify a solution. Users should report voicemail issues to 7-1111, unless it is related to the inability to access voicemail messages or message waiting indicator status. CNS will continue to post messages to the Voice Alerts page at: <http://hdesk.unm.edu/whiteboard/telecom/page/voice.php> as new information becomes available.

GOV. BILL RICHARDSON is officially out of the presidential race. Learn what his pull out means to the other candidates and his future politically this week on ‘New Mexico In Focus,’ which airs on KNME Channel 5 on Friday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. and repeats Sundays at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002529.html#more>