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A TRIO OF UNM professors are spearheading an effort to develop blast resistant composite materials. The group is delving into ways to change the structure of materials – like concrete – into something that would be a good building material, more resistant to corrosion and specifically tolerant to blast.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003519.html#more>

ANTHROPOLOGISTS EXPLORED the genetic and linguistic diversity in Northern Island Melanesia, in the Pacific islands off the east coast of Papua New Guinea, and discovered that humans from different populations shared genes much more easily than cultural or linguistic information. A team of anthropologists, including Keith Hunley, University of New Mexico assistant professor of anthropology, published their research in the journal PLoS Genetics.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003520.html#more>

BEHIND PRISON WALLS seems like a most unusual place to study teaching and learning. But with an ever-increasing population of inmates, and a research subject with a prison background, it's the place UNM Associate Professor of Teacher Education Diane Torres-Velasquez decided to conduct research into literacy workshops with female inmates. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003521.html#more>

UNM-GALLUP ASKS local voters to be mindful of the college's contributions to the local community when they go to the polls Tuesday, Feb. 3 to vote on an \$8 million General Obligation Bond issue. Barry Cooney, interim executive director, is taking the campaign to the community, speaking to local service organizations and urging media support. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003525.html#more>

SCHOLARS FROM UNM received seven awards for their work on several posters at the Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Latinos and Native Americans in the Sciences national meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah recently.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003518.html#more>

ONLINE CLASSES OFFER flexibility for daily planning giving students the opportunity to choose their optimum time and setting for learning. Students report that they enjoy a variety of interactions with their instructors and classmates through chats, e-mail and other learning activities in their online courses. Instructors also believe this can enrich the students' learning experience and report that in the online format, they elicit great writing skills and communication from students.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003522.html#more>

FACULTY AND STAFF are encouraged to sign up for the W.O.W. pass at Recreational Services. Recreational Services and EHPP have come together to give UNM faculty and staff a \$90 pass that enables UNM benefits eligible staff and faculty to use their tuition remission to take a variety of fitness classes from both Recreational Services Fitness

Programs E-Fitness (Employee) and The "Works."

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003524.html#more>

THE UNM ARTS Lab presents the fifth annual New Mexico Media Industries Conference, or MIX, on Saturday, Jan. 17, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Student Union Building. This year, UNM faculty and staff can receive tuition remission for the conference fee.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003517.html#more>

IN CELEBRATION of the election of Barack Obama as the next President of the United States, the University of New Mexico Africana Studies Department co-hosts the "People's Inauguration Celebration" on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Sheryl Williams Stapleton African American Performing Arts Center at gate 3 of the New Mexico State Fairgrounds.

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ONE OF THE QUESTIONS floating around Albuquerque political circles is "will Martin Chavez run for another term as Mayor of Albuquerque?" This week, on "New Mexico in Focus," co-host David Alire Garcia sits down with Mayor Chavez to ask him that question, and talk about Albuquerque's past, present and future. "New Mexico in Focus," KNME-TV, channel 5's weekly one-hour news show, will air on Friday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. and will repeat on Sunday, Jan. 18 at 6:30 a.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003527.html#more>

ON WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, V-me moves to KNME digital Channel 5.2. Previously, V-me was located on KNME Channel 5.3, and is still located on Comcast Digital Channel 203. V-me provides PBS Programming in Spanish – 24 hours a day. V-me is the first U.S. public television broadcast network featuring the best of PBS in Spanish with smart, engaging and empowering entertainment for America's Latino families. V-me is the fastest-growing Hispanic TV Network in history.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003528.html#more>

UNM WILL HOST A 'Spring Welcome Back Day' on Thursday, Jan. 22 in the SUB Ballroom to help welcome students back for the spring semester. Campus departments and student organizations will host information tables from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Additionally, there will be free green chile chicken cheese soup served at noon until its gone and live music from 12 to 1 p.m. For more information, or to RSVP for a table, call 277-4706.

THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE and Planning offers a brownbag presentation, "Civilizing Two Downtown State Highways: SR-527 and SR-522 in Bothell, Washington," on Friday, Jan. 23 from noon to 1 p.m. in Pearl Hall Auditorium. Featured speakers are Dave Boyd, senior planner, City of Bothell; and Greg Tung, principal, Freedman Tung & Bottomley. The event is free and open to the public.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003526.html#more>