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THE NEW MEXICO STATE SENATE has confirmed the appointment of three UNM Regents. Regents Gene Gallegos, Jamie Koch and student-regent Emily “Cate” Wisdom were confirmed after lengthy hearings by the Senate Rules Committee. <http://www.unm.edu/regents/members/>

BRUCE FRYER, the CEO of ProtoHIT, Inc., will discuss the concept of due diligence and its critical importance to the success of a new company in the first STC.UNM Spring Seminar on Tuesday, Feb. 2, at 12 p.m. in the Stamm Commons, rm. 1044 in the Centennial Engineering Center. The seminar is free and open to the UNM community and the public. Box lunches will be provided. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004727.html#more>

LISA BURNS, case manager with the Center for Refugee Settlement and Services at Catholic Charities, presents “Politics of the Cuban Political Refugee Program,” Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 1 p.m. in the Latin American and Iberian Institute, 801 Yale Blvd., N.E. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004734.html#more>

AN EXCITING NEW traveling exhibit, “The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic,” is coming to the UNM Health Sciences Center Feb. 2 - March 2, 2010. The exhibit originated in New York with the closing of the state-run Willard Psychiatric Hospital and the discovery of a number of patients’ suitcases left in the attic. These bear witness to the rich, complex lives these people led before they were committed to Willard – and speak to their aspirations, accomplishments and community connections, as well as to loss and isolation. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8462>

HAVE YOU EVER wondered how to improve an existing building to make it more energy efficient? That’s the focus of a UNM Continuing Education Class taught by Jerald L. Rounds, AGC Endowed Chair Professor in the Civil Engineering Department. The first section begins Feb. 2 and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 – 5 p.m. through Feb. 18. The second section runs March 17-19 and will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004738.html#more>

UNM RESEARCH INJECTS millions of dollars into New Mexico’s economy. It also provides the university’s students with valuable hands-on training early in a student’s academic career. Marla Wyche-Hall of UNM’s University College will discuss the importance of engaging undergraduates in research during the next installment of UNM Parent Talk on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004717.html#more>

THE SHOWCASE, “Sharing Best Practices: Culture and Diversity,” which will recognize how diversity is embraced on campus and how it can lead to increased retention of students, faculty and staff, will be held on Feb. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the SUB Ballroom C. The discussion, which will be sponsored by the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Title V and the Health Sciences Center Office of Diversity, is currently encouraging academic departments, student organizations, and student affairs programs to join in by presenting their own best practices. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004739.html#more>

JOHN KANTNER, School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, will speak on “Chaco Canyon: Costly Signaling and the Evolution of Pilgrimage Centers,” on Thursday, Feb. 4, at 4 p.m. in the Hibben Center Room 105 on UNM’s main campus. The lecture is free and the public is welcome. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004729.html#more>

THE DEADLINE TO register for the 2010 UNM Technology Business Plan competition, with expected prizes totaling \$40,000, is Friday, Feb. 5. Open only to UNM students, this competition fosters entrepreneurial activity and offers exposure to venture capital and angel funders as well as legal, accounting and banking professionals. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004737.html#more>

THE UNM ART MUSEUM is the only venue west of the Potomac River to present the groundbreaking exhibition, “Man Ray, African Art and the Modernist Lens.” The exhibition reveals photography’s complex engagement with African art by exploring it in the context of American modernism and the Harlem Renaissance, surrealism and the worlds of high fashion and popular culture. The exhibit will be on view Feb. 6-May 30. The opening reception will feature jazz by Albuquerque’s Michael Anthony Trio on Friday, Feb. 5, from 5-7 p.m. It is free to the public. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004702.html>

THE 12TH ANNUAL International Conference on Treatment of Addictive Behaviors (ICTAB-12), sponsored by the UNM Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions (CASAA), is set for Sunday – Wednesday, Feb. 7 – 10, at the Eldorado Hotel in Santa Fe, N.M. The 2010 Conference Theme is “Evidence-Based Treatment in Real World Systems: Maximizing Service, Value, and Outcome.” Two one-day pre-conference workshops, featuring UNM faculty members, will also be offered as part of the conference on Sunday, Feb. 7 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004507.html#more>