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1. GOV. BILL RICHARDSON co-signed an agreement to establish the first medical isotopes center in the country recently. The New Mexico Center for Isotopes in Medicine is a partnership between Los Alamos National Laboratory and the UNM Health Sciences Center College of Pharmacy whose objective is the discovery and development of new isotope-based drugs and technologies for diagnosis and treatment of diseases.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=3776>

2. THE HUMAN FLY? It might not be as farfetched as one might think – at least in terms of vertebrate heart development that includes humans. Biology Professor Richard Cripps recently received a \$1.375 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to study the connection between the heart of fruit flies, or *Drosophila*, and how certain genetic heart ailments form in humans.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000527.html#more>

3. TWO FUNDRAISERS benefiting KUNM are scheduled for March 17 and 19. Flying Star Café's newest location, 723 Silver SW – site of the former Southern Union Gas Company – is the locale for a KUNM, 89.9 FM, fundraising event on Thursday, March 17 from 5-6:30 p.m. A second fundraiser will be held in Santa Fe on Saturday, March 19, from 5:30-7 p.m. at Owens Dewey North Gallery. Proceeds will benefit a massive remodeling project at KUNM in Onate Hall.

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4. “FORCES OF CHANGE... An Environmental Journey,” is the title of a talk on Friday, March 11, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in room 118 in the School of Architecture and Planning. David A. Rinard, director of corporate environmental performance for Steelcase Inc., addresses environmental initiatives and performance as well as implementing corporate environmental strategies including sustainability, environmental outreach and responsible conduct programs. A reception and refreshments follow this free and open event.

5. THE “UNM ALUMNI COUNT” initiative aims to increase alumni giving at the University of New Mexico. Part of this initiative, the Cherry & Silver Society, was recently established by the UNM Foundation. The society honors dedicated alumni who make at least one gift to UNM every year, each year after graduation. It was also designed to create charitable enthusiasm among the many new graduates who earn their degrees each semester.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000522.html#more>

6. THE 46TH ANNUAL NWNM Regional Science & Engineering Fair will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 18-19, at UNM's Johnson Center and Student Union Building. A free public open house will be held Saturday, March 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. will provide an opportunity to see the incredible efforts participants have put forth in

order to be part of the NWNM Regional Science & Engineering Fair.

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7. CORTEZ WILLIAMS, professor emeritus of African American studies, was recently honored “for his historic work and research on the history of blacks in the Western United States” by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Charles Dibrell Chapter of Albuquerque.

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8. ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR of Recruitment Services Harold Pope has been named a member of the Buffalo Soldiers Society of New Mexico. Buffalo Soldiers were African American units in the U.S. military, particularly the Ninth and Tenth regiments of cavalry and 24th and 25th regiments of infantry, who fought in New Mexico and the Southwest during the late 19th century.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000529.html#more>

9. THE MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE semifinal game between the New Mexico women’s basketball team and the winner of the UNLV/Wyoming game will be shown live in the SUB Theater, Friday, March 11, beginning at 12 noon. Bring your lunch and watch the game with other Lobo fans on the biggest screen in town. The event is free of charge and is sponsored by the ASUNM Lobo Spirit Committee.

<http://www.unm.edu/insideunm.htm>