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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO will test new emergency alert sirens on Monday, Feb. 9, at 11:02 a.m. The sirens, located on the main campus and at University Stadium will be sounded for one minute. Shortly after the first siren, there will be a different sound to indicate All Clear. The sirens mean anyone on the campus should immediately seek shelter inside the nearest building.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003555.html#more>

INHABITANTS OF Chaco Canyon apparently drank chocolate from cylinders about a thousand years ago. That's the finding in a paper published this week by PNAS, a publication of the National Academy of Science and written by Distinguished Professor of Anthropology Patricia L. Crown and her collaborator at the Hershey Center of Health and Nutrition W. Jeffrey Hurst.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003593.html#more>

ON THE EVE of Charles Darwin's 200th birthday, researchers at the University of New Mexico and University of Montana report a new twist in sexual selection theory – the realm of evolutionary science that Darwin founded alongside his more generally known theory of natural selection. This news, which appears in the February 6 issue of Science Magazine, is particularly opportune because the discovery was made during studies of some of the same species that Darwin used to develop his ideas.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003607.html#more>

GREAT MINDS: A Celebration of Charles Darwin's and Abraham Lincoln's 200th Birthdays is set for Wednesday, Feb. 11 through Tuesday, Feb. 17 at the University of New Mexico. The celebration begins on Wednesday, Feb. 11 from 1-5:15 p.m. with a symposium on Darwin's Legacy, scheduled in George Pearl Hall room 101A. A poster presentation and reception will follow. For more information visit:

<http://unm.edu/greatminds> or

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003560.html#more>

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR and Director of the Health Psychology Program in the Department of Psychology, Angela Bryan knows all too well the dangers facing adolescents after years of research studying teens and risky behavior. Even more danger lurks for troubled teens when alcohol becomes part of the mix. Bryan's research into alcohol and the role it plays in sexual risk-taking among detained adolescents is featured in the February 2009 issue of the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology.

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ARCHITECTURE STUDENT Mark Paz is the winner in the third annual design competition sponsored by the American Institute of Architecture Students and Kawneer Company, Inc. The competition challenged students to design a library while learning about building materials, specifically architectural aluminum building products and systems. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003599.html#more>

UNM WILL BREAK ground for its UNM-West Phase I building on Friday, Feb. 6 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the construction site, northeast of the Rio Rancho City Hall, 3001 Civic Center NE in Rio Rancho. A reception will follow. The public is invited to attend.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003598.html#more>

MCKINLEY COUNTY voters said yes to UNM-Gallup's \$8 million General Obligation bond issue on Tuesday, paving the way for the college to rehabilitate and replace some aging structures on the campus. Improvements will include the following: rehabilitation of Gurley Hall, razing and replacing Lions' Hall (current site for the college's Community Education program), building a new childcare facility and building a new maintenance facility. The measure passed 1138 to 875.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003597.html#more>

NEWS PODCASTS BY UNM students interning with Talk Radio News Service in Washington, D.C. are now available on UNM Live. Topics include the economic stimulus plan, American perceptions of the Muslim world, the military challenge in Afghanistan, and more. <http://unmlive.unm.edu/?cat=28>

ANDREA POLLI RECENTLY became director of the Interdisciplinary Film and Digital Media Program at UNM. She joins UNM after serving as an associate professor of film and media and director of the Integrated Media Arts Masters of Fine Arts Program at Hunter College. She received a Master of Fine Arts in time arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003581.html#more>

THE CENTER FOR ENGLISH Language and American Culture is looking for people interested in becoming conversation partners with UNM international students. The students come from many different countries—Korea, Japan, Taiwan, China, Thailand, Vietnam and places in Latin America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East—and represent a linguistic smorgasbord.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003605.html#more>

ST. BALDRICK'S FOUNDATION, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research, awarded a grant of \$85,000 to the UNM Department of Pediatrics, Division of Hematology/Oncology and Principal Investigator Prasad Mathew. These grants are designated to either help institutions treat more kids on clinical trials (their best hope for a cure), or provide resources to make more research possible. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003595.html#more>

THE FREE 2009 UNM VISITOR Guides will be available for departmental pickup in mid-February. This free guide contains a compilation of information about UNM in one convenient booklet. Topics include background about the University, information on academic programs, campus life, admissions, recruitment, financial aid, athletics, arts, the SUB, libraries, parking, the city of Albuquerque and more. In addition, there is a campus phone directory, walking tour and two-page map spread.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003608.html#more>

THE ITS SUPPORT CENTER has changed its service and telephone assistance hours. The new hours are Monday - Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday - Sunday. Walk-in hours remain the same Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please contact the ITS Support Center at 277-4848 for assistance or with additional questions.

SINCE THE SUMMER of 2008, Financial Services managers have been discussing ways to clarify and highlight the functional similarities between Main Campus and HSC Financial Services without obscuring the unique character of the individual departments at each location. A number of departmental name changes have been implemented as of Feb. 1, 2009. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003602.html#more>

NEW MEXICO Lieutenant Gov. Diane Denish will sit down this week with David Alire Garcia for an exclusive one-on-one interview on New Mexico In Focus, KNME-TV, channel 5's weekly one-hour news show. Denish and Garcia will talk about her changing roles in this year's legislative session, her top priorities during the session and what her future political plans may be. This week's broadcast will air on Friday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. and will repeat on Sunday, Feb. 8 at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003603.html#more>