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UNM News Minute will not be published Nov. 24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

1. FOUR UNM FACULTY ARE FEATURED IN THE PBS TELEVISION program "Dangerous Friends and Friendly Enemies," which airs Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 9 p.m. on KNME -TV, Channel 5. The program features UNM pathologist Dr. Brian Hjelle, biology professor Terry Yates and Dr. Fred Koster and Dr. Howard Levy of Internal Medicine discussing how microbes cause infectious disease such as Hantavirus. The program is part of the "Intimate Strangers: Unseen Life on Earth" series.
<http://www.pbs.org/opb/intimatestrangers/index.html>
2. NEWSWEEK MAGAZINE interviewed anthropology professor Lawrence Straus about the debated theory that the first Americans may have come from Europe. Straus, an archaeologist whose research focuses on European or Solutrean cultures, is featured in the Nov.15 issue of the magazine.
<http://newsweek.com/nw-srv/printed/us/st/a26031-1999nov7.htm>
3. THE N.M. COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION (CHE) has approved a 4.25% compensation increase as part of the higher education funding recommendations it will submit to the Legislature; UNM had requested a 6% increase. Other CHE recommendations include full formula funding and funding for a new Architecture and Planning Building. <http://www.unm.edu/preview/legislature/>
4. THE BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT captured a \$492,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the conservation and restoration of the Rio Grande Bosque. The project, spearheaded by professor Manuel Molles, will focus on seasonal flooding in maintaining the ecological integrity of the native cottonwood bosque in the semi-arid Southwest. <http://www.nsf.gov/cgi-bin/showaward?award=9903973>
5. BROOKLYN GUY TAKES ON ALBUQUERQUE – that's what the New York Times headline read on Nov. 16 when the paper profiled Coach Fran Fraschilla and the Lobo basketball team.
6. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR interviewed James Davis, director of UNM's Division of Government Research for a Nov. 15 article on the difficulty in passing tough drunk driving legislation in the Western States.

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