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FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS are set for English Professor Hector Torres who died earlier this week. Visitation is Friday, March 12 from 5 – 8 p.m. at French Mortuary, 1111 University Blvd. NE. The funeral service is Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m. in Rodey Hall, Center for the Arts on the UNM campus. Funeral arrangements for graduate student Stefania Gray are pending.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004900.html#more>

AS PART OF A university-wide project, Information Technologies will upgrade the Banner System from version 7 to version 8 over Spring Break 2010. The upgrade will take place starting Friday, Mar. 12 at 5 p.m. through Thursday, Mar. 18 at 8 a.m. During the upgrade, all e-mail, calendaring, library services, WebCT and the MyUNM portal will be available for use. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004879.html#more>

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT is calling for nominations for the 2010 Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award. Established five years ago by current Anderson School of Management Dean Doug Brown in honor of his wife Sarah Belle Brown, the award recognizes those individuals engaging in the third tenet of UNM's mission: community service. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. on April 5, 2010.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004901.html#more>

WHEN A TRAGIC earthquake struck the island nation of Haiti, many people reached out to lend a helping hand. Some are still doing so. UNM students organized a fundraising drive for the victims of the Haiti earthquake through ASUNM Community Experience shortly after news of the earthquake was first reported.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004899.html#more>

THE UNM COLLEGE of Arts and Sciences and the College of Optical Sciences at the University of Arizona have established the Center for Quantum Information and Control. CQuIC was founded on a three-year, \$1.26 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Physics at the Information Frontiers program.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004880.html#more>

UNM ROTC PROGRAMS, in collaboration with the Office of International Programs, Foreign Languages and Literatures, and Africana Studies departments in the College of Arts & Sciences, was recently awarded a \$100,000 "Project Global Officer (GO)" grant by the Institute of International Education.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004882.html#more>

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO has been selected by the Institute for Higher Education Policy to receive a Walmart Minority Student Success Award—a \$100,000 grant to help build on UNM's demonstrated successes in enrolling, retaining and graduating first-generation college students. The \$100,000 grant is being made possible by a \$4.2 million grant to IHEP from the Walmart Foundation.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004903.html#more>

THE UNM ADVANCED Graphics Lab's video-game development program is now ranked among North America's "Top 50 Undergraduate Game Design Programs" by The Princeton Review and GamePro magazine. The Advanced Graphics Lab is the research laboratory at UNM that focuses on cutting-edge work in the technical aspects of computer graphics and digital media.

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO fill out the survey emailed to your from Research and Polling Inc. The email return address is surveys@rpinc.com. The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will be used as a baseline for a report to the Higher Learning Commission on issues of communication and governance. If you haven't seen the survey, please check your junk mail folder.

IN PREPARATION FOR the second annual University of New Mexico Sustainability Expo to be held on Earth Day, Thursday, April 22, the event's organizing committee has announced an open call for student, staff and faculty participation. Event coordinators welcome individuals presenting research and organized groups and departments to showcase their sustainability programs, goals and initiatives in this campus-wide event. There is no cost to participate.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004852.html#more>

IF YOU OR ANYONE you know uses Yahoo Instant Messaging (IM), be aware that there have been several reports of viruses infecting computers via Yahoo IM. The worm spreads by sending a follow-up message to your IM contact, telling them you've finished editing a picture and sending a link. Your IM contact then clicks on the link and spreads the virus. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004902.html#more>

“WILL HE, OR WON'T HE, veto the food tax?” That's the question many people are asking, as New Mexico Governor Richardson faces a March 24 deadline for making a decision on the controversial tax measure. Ahead this week on “New Mexico in Focus,” why the measure remains the most emotional of all the tax issues, how it would work, and why, in the end, the Governor may be powerless to stop it. “New Mexico In Focus” airs Fridays at 7 p.m. New Mexico In Focus will not rebroadcast Sunday, March 14 or 21 due to KNME's current pledge drive.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004904.html#more>

THE DEPARTMENT OF Anthropology hosts University of Illinois at Chicago anthropologist Brian Bauer who will present, "Searching for the Royal Inca Mummies," Friday, March 12, from 12:30 – 1:45 p.m. in Anthropology room 248. For more than a century archaeologists and historians have focused on the fate of the mummies of the Inca kings following the Spanish conquest of Peru.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004898.html#more>