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1. GOV. BILL RICHARDSON has signed the \$5.6 billion budget bill that will pay for state government, public education and higher education this coming fiscal year. As signed, the budget allots a 5 percent compensation increase for faculty and staff, plus a .75 percent increase in employer contributions for higher education. However, the governor vetoed \$20.5 million earmarked to provide an advance of .75 percent for educational retirement that would have covered next year's employer contributions. The bill also features a zero tuition credit.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001807.html#more>

2. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS, teachers and graduate fellows are beginning to reap dividends from a partnership between UNM, Belen and Socorro Consolidated School Districts, the Sevilleta Long-Term Ecological Research Program and Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge. The partnership is funded for three years with a \$1.6 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001803.html#more>

3. THEY CAME FROM Taiwan, Turkey, Togo, Chile and Saudi Arabia – all are education advisors who came to UNM to gather information about the institution and its opportunities for educational exchange. The visit was the result of efforts by Myriam Munoz, international admissions, who submitted a grant proposal to the U.S. Department of State to make UNM and New Mexico a visitor site for a group of the education advisors. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001791.html#more>

4. UNM IS THE FIRST CAMPUS in New Mexico to become a member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. This happens at a time when UNM is initiating a minor in sustainability studies with Provost Reed Dasenbrock calling for the development of a sustainability policy.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001805.html#more>

5. THE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE'S Department of Internal Medicine was ranked 38th out 112 internal medicine departments in the amount of U.S. National Institutes of Health research funding in 2005, the latest year for which statistics have become available.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5811>

6. EVE ESPEY, associate professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, has been appointed Associate Dean of Students, announced Paul Roth, MD, Executive Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean of the School of Medicine.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5810>

7. THE NURSE-MIDWIFERY graduate program at the College of Nursing was recently granted a full 10-year re-accreditation by the American College of Nurse-Midwives' Division of Accreditation (ACNM DOA).

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5809>

8. **THE RESEARCH AND CREATIVITY** Conference is seeking undergraduate participants. If you are a student working on an imaginative, scholarly research project in any discipline, you're encouraged to register. The deadline for project submissions is March 20. The Research and Creativity Conference will be held Tuesday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. The event is free and open to the public. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001785.html#more>

9. **MUSICIAN, ACTOR** and social activist Harry Belafonte will present a lecture in Popejoy Hall at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19. Belafonte was the first African-American producer in television. Among his many humanitarian efforts, he served President Kennedy as cultural advisor to the Peace Corps, created the New York State Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence and hosted the World Summit for Children held at the United Nations. He also received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize and the first Nelson Mandela Courage Award.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001800.html#more>

10. **UNM IS A SPONSOR** of the Annual Iberoamerican Research & Development Summit Monday – Wednesday, March 19-21. The international technology conference, which will be held in Albuquerque at the Embassy Suites Hotel, creates opportunities for cutting edge technologists and entrepreneurs to meet and engage with large businesses, research institutions, universities, government officials and investment partners.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001798.html#more>

11. **THE UNM SCHOOL OF LAW**, including the Law Library, will be closed all day, Saturday, March 17, 2007 for emergency repair of the Back Flow Preventor. Water will not be available in the building.