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WITH REPORTS OF swine influenza confirmed in several states, the UNM Health Sciences Center and UNM Hospitals are preparing for the potential incidence of the flu here. There are precautions that UNM medical professionals say everyone can take.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003918.html#more>

THE PROGRAM IN Interdisciplinary Biological & Biomedical Sciences or PiBBs, a program at the University of New Mexico developed in the Biology Department, has received a five-year, \$970,000 grant from the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering at the National Institutes of Health to initiate Phase II program development. UNM was one of eight institutions selected to move onto Phase II.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003924.html>

FOUR CANDIDATES have been selected to interview for executive director of the University of New Mexico-Gallup. All will visit Gallup over the next two weeks to determine which best fits the campus and the community. The candidates are Robert A. Anderson Jr., Sylvia Rodriguez Andrew, Anselm G. Davis Jr. and Homer Garcia.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003921.html#more>

TWO UNM PRESS authors were honored at the Zia Award luncheon recently as part of the New Mexico Press Women's Association annual conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Paula Moore won the 2009 Zia Award for her account of the Cricket Coogler case, Cricket in the Web: The 1949 Unsolved Murder that Unraveled Politics in New Mexico. Also, Mary Beath received the first ever Zia Chair Award for her book, Hiking Alone: Trails Out Trails Home.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003920.html#more>

AT THE BEGINNING of the spring 2009 semester operations and marketing students at UNM's Anderson School of Management were challenged to do something that over half of all new business owners can't do - succeed and make a profit. Professor Howard Krayer presented the students in his Management 490 class with the following syllabus instructions: Using only limited financial resources, create a profit-making business that buys raw materials from at least two overseas companies to create a profit making business by the end of the semester.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003931.html#more>

PROFESSOR HARRY Van Buren was presented the "Robert Wertheim Junior Faculty Research Award" at a recent faculty meeting. Robert Wertheim, Anderson alum, Chairman of the Board of Charter Companies, an Anderson National Advisory Board member and a respected community leader, presented the award and called Van Buren's research "outstanding."
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003915.html#more>

PROVOST SUZANNE ORTEGA says "Antonio's Gun and Delfino's Dream" by acclaimed Los Angeles Times journalist Sam Quinones will be the inaugural work of the

Lobo Reading Experience, a summer reading program for UNM Freshmen.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003923.html#more>

The ITS Department and the UNM Bookstore offering Microsoft Office to all faculty and staff members for an extremely low price. UNM departments, branch campuses, UNM hospital and Health Sciences can purchase MS Desktop Suite CDs from Software Distribution for \$5 apiece, using an index code or purchase requisition.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003932.html#more>

THE UNM DEPARTMENT of Theatre and Dance's award-winning dramatic writing program announced the debut of the New American Plays Initiative, a partnership with the Drama League of New York City. Three young Drama League directors shape the premieres and readings of new plays during the ninth Annual Words Afire Festival, Friday, April 24-Sunday, May 3, in Rodey Theatre and The Experimental Theatre, UNM Center for the Arts, and the Wells Fargo Auditorium at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003807.html>

NOW MORE THAN ever education is key. UNM's final Parent Connection Workshop, for adult learners, parents and family members who need to retool, is Wednesday, May 6, from 6-7 p.m. in the Dean of Students' Conference Room, rm. 290, Student Services Building, main campus. The presentation will include information on earning undergraduate and graduate degrees, online courses and continuing education.

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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL scholars were surprised recently with news that they were named Daniels Scholars and will have the opportunity to attend any college or university in the nation. Derek Maestas sprung the news on Jose Miranda, Rio Grande High School; Rachel Kindell, West Mesa High School; and Ray Francia, Highland High School. Maestas is a UNM graduate student and director of a college prep program at UNM in which these scholars participate.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003919.html#more>

THIS WEEK "NEW MEXICO In Focus," KNME-TV, channel 5's weekly one-hour public affairs show, will take a look at and grade the first 100 days in office for not just President Obama, but also the New Mexico Congressional delegation. "New Mexico in Focus" will air on Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m. on channel 5/5.1 and repeat on Sunday, May 3 at 6:30 a.m.

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