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THE NEW COLLEGE of Education Addition was recently awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Platinum status, the United States Green Building Council's highest award for sustainable design and construction. It is only the second building in New Mexico to achieve the honor and the first public building to do so. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1715>

A RECENT STRATEGIC Strategic Partnership Agreement between the University of New Mexico's Purchasing Department and Information Technologies with Dell, Inc. is already paying big dividends. The agreement, which was initiated and signed last fall, allows UNM departments to take advantage of significant discount prices by making their departmental purchases through LoboMart. Through April of 2010, the agreement has saved UNM more than \$180,000. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1773>

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS student Jory Vander Galien took the grand prize in the New Mexico Tourism Department's Day of Enchantment photo contest. He receives \$10,000 for his photo, "San Ysidro. The photo also garnered the contest's fifth week prize, handcrafted Acoma Pueblo pottery. Another photo by Vander Galien, "Albuquerque," won the sixth week prize, a two-night fishing package at the Lodge at Chama. The photo contest was a cornerstone of the Tourism Department's Be Enchanted advertising campaign, designed to encourage New Mexicans to spend more leisure dollars in state. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1700>

UNM's 2010 FORMULA SOCIETY of Automotive Engineers racing team just returned from the International FSAE California Racing competition at the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif. where it placed 19th overall. Teams from 85 universities entered the competition. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1627>

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES HAS begun work on a project to digitize songbooks and archival resources from the New Mexico Federal Music Project. The project will be led by Amy Jackson, digital initiatives librarian and funded by the New Mexico Historical Records Advisory Board through the State Commission of Public Records – State Records Center and Archives, and the Center for Southwest Research and Special Collections. The Federal Music Project was established as part of the Works Progress Administration in 1935 and became the WPA music program from 1939 – 1943. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1648>

THE UNM COPY CENTER and UNM Recycling have joined forces in a new program to reuse office supplies and equipment. Campus departments that need small items such as staplers or tape dispensers, but don't have the money to buy new ones should check out the new program. The items are free to departments that need them. The items available can be seen in the Copy Center in Basic Medical Science Building, room B-55. For more information call the Copy Center at 272-2900. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1602>

THE UNM PARENT Association is kicking off an exciting new fundraising partnership with Bagolitas on Thursday, July 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Santa Ana A&B in the UNM Student Union Building. Bagolitas manufactures spunky handbags and accessories, including their licensed products and is

kicking off this partnership by donating an extra five percent to the Association from event sales. All proceeds from Bagolitas event will benefit the UNM Parent Association Parent Fund for Excellence. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1675>

THE WOMEN'S RESOURCE Center will offer "Traditional Medicine without Borders: Curanderismo in the Southwest and Mexico," a two-week course about customary medical techniques and practices, on Monday, July 19 through Friday, July 30, from 8:10 a.m. to 12:40 p.m. in rm. 163 in the Anthropology Building. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1614>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES and the Office of the CIO will host Technology Days July 22-23 at the UNM Student Union Building. The two-day event will give UNM faculty, students and staff an opportunity to learn about, and participate, in discussions on current university technologies and future innovations. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1670>

NEW MEXICO HAS PUT itself on the map when it comes to solar energy in recent years. But, will this renewable energy option still burn bright in the years and decades to come? It's a question many people are asking, especially after the recent struggles of local companies like Advent Solar, which also benefitted from state incentive programs. Ahead this week for New Mexico In Focus, a group of panelists will discuss the realities of solar power as an engine of economic development in New Mexico. KNME's one hour public affairs show New Mexico In Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. on KNME Channel 5.1. The show can be seen on KNME's Digital Channel 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1735>

"FARM FRESH on the Plaza" continues to be offered weekly on the plaza north of the Barbara & Bill Richardson Pavilion (BBRP) on north campus every Wednesday from 2 to 5 p.m. Experience the fresh, sweet taste of local farm and freshly prepared foods including cheese, honey, breads, muffins, wraps and quiches in the shopping convenience of your own workplace. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1750>