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A SERIES OF 12 FORUMS have been scheduled Dec. 6-13 to obtain public comment on the recently submitted UNM Strategic Planning Working Committee Reports. The Strategic Planning Task Force will use the information from the Working Committee Reports, along with information obtained from the forums, to create the main "strategic directions" for the strategic plan.

<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/Nov28strategic.htm>

THE UNM INSTITUTE for Space and Nuclear Power Studies received a three-year, \$1,006,673 grant from NASA's Cross-Enterprise Technology Development Program. The goal of the project, spearheaded by Regent's Professor of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Mohamed Shafik El-Genk, is to develop and design a high efficiency radioisotope power system for future NASA planetary exploration missions.

<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/Nov27nasa.htm>

A HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE to benefit Carrie Tingley Hospital is underway. Interested parties can drop off toys for infants, toddlers, preschool/school age children and gifts for teens at the second floor reception area at the Anderson Schools of Management. The toy drive will conclude Dec. 7.

<http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/Nov29toydrive.htm>

ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR LAWRENCE STRAUS, an expert on the Solutrean culture from Spain, was quoted in the December issue of National Geographic on the hypothesis for the settlement of North America by Solutrean people and the 5,000-year time difference between the Solutrean disappearance and the generally accepted dates for Clovis sites.

UNM COLLEGE OF NURSING (CON) DEAN Sandra Ferketich and P.J. Woods, administrator of Nursing Services and Chief Nursing Officer at UNM Hospital, will address "The State of Nursing in New Mexico" Thursday, Nov. 30, from 12-1 p.m. in room 257 at the CON building. The discussions, titled "Nursing Shortage: College of Nursing and UNM Hospital Department of Nursing," will cover current and future nursing shortages in the state.

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