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FACULTY, STAFF and students are reminded that the University of New Mexico is now a tobacco-free campus. The new policy, which went into effect on Aug. 1, includes not only cigarettes, but smokeless tobacco as well. The primary reason behind the tobacco-free initiative is to have a healthy environment for students to learn and people to work. For general information about UNM's new tobacco free policy and designated smoking areas visit: <http://www.unm.edu/smokefree/>.

ONCE AGAIN, the University of New Mexico Foundation has set a new record. Despite the economy, during fiscal year 2008-09, UNMF brought \$90,045,942.01 in total giving. Every penny received represents a celebrated achievement and a step forward in funding the growing needs of the University and its many ongoing initiatives. In addition, UNMF expects to pay out to UNM approximately \$15.2 million from the endowment benefiting the University. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004206.html#more>

UNM ALUMNUS E. Gerald Meyer bequeathed art valued at approximately \$6.2 million to the UNM Art Museum. The gift includes more than 100 Taos School paintings, European and Modern American paintings, drawings and prints, and the contemporary Western genre, including canvases by Thomas Moran, Nicholai Fechin, George Inness and Charles M. Russell.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004204.html#more>

STUDENTS INTERESTED in working part-time on campus will have an opportunity to meet with UNM department and program representatives during the 3rd annual Student Job Fair Friday, Aug. 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Duck Pond. The fair is organized by the Graduation Task Force Student Engagement Committee and UNM's Career Services. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004164.html#more>

THE UNM STAFF and faculty deadline to use the Popejoy Hall benefit is this Saturday, Aug. 29. Staff and faculty can save 50 percent on season tickets, with a minimum purchase of two shows. Brochures are available from Popejoy Hall by calling 277-8010 or by stopping at the UNM Bookstore Ticket Office. Complete information is available online at: <http://popejoypresents.com/tickets/unm-discounts/>

FOR HEATHER WARD, post-doctoral pathology fellow at the UNM Health Sciences Center, an ugly green bridesmaid's dress was more than a cliché, it was a motivator. If Ward had to wear an ugly dress, she was going to get fit and look good in it. At the same time Ward was looking for an exercise program, Judith Harris, College of Nursing faculty, started a program called 'Walk the Talk' to help the UNM HSC community start walking toward a healthier lifestyle.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004200.html#more>

DANIEL PEDRO knew when he was a sophomore at Santa Fe Indian School that he wanted to be an anthropologist. He also knew that as a Zuni, he would not be able to touch human remains – a common task for physical anthropologists. Pedro began looking

for a solution through the New Mexico Supercomputing Challenge. The challenge aims to teach teams of middle and high school students how to use powerful computers to analyze, model and solve real world problems.

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STUDENTS IN ONLINE or hybrid courses perform better than those receiving face-to-face instruction, according to a meta-analysis of online learning studies released by the U.S. Department of Education. The results may contradict common perceptions, but they didn't surprise staff at UNM's New Media and Extended Learning, Extended University.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004196.html#more>

THE UNM HIGH SCHOOL Equivalency Program held its second annual summer GED program. HEP, funded by the U.S. Department of Migrant Education, offers individuals with migrant or seasonal agricultural worker backgrounds the opportunity to earn a General Educational Development certificate through intensive preparatory instruction and support services. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004192.html#more>

UNM PARKING and Transportation Services debuted the university's first waste-vegetable oil (WVO) powered vehicle, the "Veggie Bus," at the UNM Duck Pond shuttle stop last Monday. Based on a conventional PATS diesel-powered shuttle, the Veggie Bus sports student artwork from contest winner Crystal Wong and will run on the Redondo route. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004184.html#more>

NO REGRETS. If you had to squeeze the Lobo men's soccer team's goal for the 2009 season into two words, that short phrase would get the message across. A season of no regrets doesn't come easy. It requires an intense work ethic, intense focus and a player-driven push for excellence. It also requires a handful of committed leaders.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004203.html#more>

<http://www.golobos.com/sports/m-soccer/nm-m-soccer-body.html>

THE DIVISION of Human Resources' Benefits and Employee Health Promotion Program strive to provide meaningful and timely opportunities to establish a culture of wellness at UNM. Working with local health partners makes a wealth of wellness resources available. UNM's primary partners in helping employees and their families stay healthy are UNM's medical insurance plan administrators.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004193.html#more>

AS A CONTRIBUTION to the statewide LAND/ART initiative, the UNM Art Museum presents two exhibits Friday, Aug. 28-Sunday, Dec. 20 and a film fest every Thursday in September. "Dispersal/Return: Land Arts of the American West, 2000-2006" features the work of 18 artists from the Land Arts of the American West interdisciplinary field program in the Department of Art and Art History at UNM.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004198.html#more>

THE DEBATE OVER health care reform has raged across the United States for most of the summer, including here in New Mexico. Within the last week, Senator Jeff Bingaman

and Representative Martin Heinrich each held well attended town halls on health care. This week, “New Mexico in Focus” takes you inside each event, presenting arguments from both sides of the aisle. “New Mexico In Focus” is KNME-TV’s weekly hour-long public affairs show airing on Friday, Aug. 28 on KNME-TV channel 5.1 and repeating on Sunday, Aug. 30 at 6:30 a.m.

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