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1. THE STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE wishes to thank everyone who participated in the discussions and provided comments on the draft Strategic Plan and Implementation Plan over the past few months. The Task Force has revised the plan reflecting the input and feedback and is available on the Strategic Planning website. The Strategic Plan will be published in hard copy and distributed widely over the next several months. <http://www.unm.edu/~unmstrat/>

2. RESEARCH CONDUCTED BY UNM biologists has been chosen by the National Science Foundation (NSF) as one of the 50 discoveries made with NSF funding that have had the most influence or biggest impact on the lives of Americans. Highlighted in an NSF publication titled, "Nifty 50," the discoveries were chosen from tens of thousands of NSF funded projects since its inception in 1950. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/nifty50.htm>

3. UNM HAS RECEIVED A \$2.4 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship program for a project titled, "Cross-disciplinary Optics Research and Education." The grant is one of only 22 of its type in the nation to be awarded this year out of more than 400 applications received by NSF. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/Oct24nsf.htm>

4. UNM, IN CONJUNCTION WITH ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, has been awarded a three-year grant of more than \$3 million from the United States Department of Education to expand literacy-based after-school and summer programs in 10 of Albuquerque's historic neighborhoods. UNM's portion of the grant is \$750,000. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/Oct24coe.htm>

5. THE NEW MEXICO DISASTER MEDICAL Assistance Team, which includes Health Sciences Center staff, returned to New Mexico Oct. 18 after spending 10 days at the site of the World Trade Center towers in New York City. The team treated injuries sustained by the recovery teams that worked to remove debris and recover remains. Dr. Paul Roth, dean of the UNM School of Medicine and team leader, filed daily reports from New York. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/intranet/dmat.cfm>.

6. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE has awarded a grant of \$835,534 to the UNM Arts of the Americas Institute and the UNM Albuquerque High Performance Computing Center to develop broadband Internet connections for New Mexico's tribal museums and cultural centers. The one-of-a-kind project titled, "Cyber Sovereignty: The Tribal Access Grid for Museums and Cultural Centers," paves the way for development and delivery of long distance education. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/Oct24cyber.htm>

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