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1. IN A LINGUISTICS LABORATORY, Marsheena John of the Coyote-Pass Clan studies the science of language. Using books as microscopes and her culture as a lab coat, John delves into the language passed onto her by her grandfather. The language: Navajo. The laboratory: the University of New Mexico's Department of Linguistics.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001618.html#more>

2. BARNEY MACCABE, UNM professor of computer science and director of the High Performance Computing Center, has been appointed interim Chief Information Officer of the University of New Mexico, effective Feb. 1, 2007. Maccabe will take over the position for a period of one year upon the retirement of William Adkins who has served as university CIO since December 2004.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001620.html#more>

3. ACCORDING TO THE New Mexico Poison Center, the holidays bring an increased chance for unintentional poisonings. The hazards of poisoning become more dangerous as the holidays disrupt the normal household routine and many new objects are brought into the home. The New Mexico Poison Center is available for poisoning emergencies, questions about poisons, or for information about poison prevention, 24 hours a day, toll free at 1-800-222-1222.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5563>

4. ALL UNM PERSONNEL should remember to turn off their desktop computers, workstations, and / or peripheral equipment, such as printers prior to leaving campus for winter break, Friday, Dec. 22, 2006, through Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007. Shutting down your equipment will help prevent damage should there be a power outage. More importantly, shutting off computers and printers will help protect your computer equipment and the UNM network from exploitations that may occur while the University is closed.

5. MORE THAN NOTES on a page, music cuts across culture and language. Pianist Pamela Viktoria Pyle, assistant professor of music, lives the language so well that she recently traveled to Taiwan to present a number of concerts and teach classes.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001612.html#more>

6. THE PROVOST'S COMMITTEE for Staff (PCS) is seeking scholarship applicants for its Staff Academic Support Scholarship for the Spring 2007 semester. The scholarship, in its second year, is designed to help support staff who utilize their tuition remission benefit. UNM employees have the opportunity to apply for a financial support scholarship to help cover the costs of academic books, course fee(s) and other related course supplies. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001623.html#more>

7. TWO UNM-GALLUP students, Alvin Harvey and Joel Yazzie, have been nominated to the All USA Academic Team for community colleges. Sixty team members will be

selected in May, from nominees across the nation, to be on the first, second and third teams. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001614.html#more>

8. STARRY NIGHTS, the 'ultimate urban star party,' returns to the LodeStar Astronomy Center for its seventh season on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007. This season Starry Nights features a brand new DigitalSky2 planetarium show in LodeStar's world-class digital theater, which continues to lead the world in digital technology beneath its 55-foot-diameter dome – the biggest theater screen in New Mexico.

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9. THE 2007 NEW MEXICO Economic Outlook Conference is set for Jan. 11, 2007 from 1 to 4:15 p.m. at the UNM Continuing Education Center located at 1634 University Blvd, N.E. The 2nd annual conference will present an afternoon focused on the newest economic information available in the United States and New Mexico to help business owners and or executives with information to plan for the upcoming year.

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