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“UNM Lives United” is the theme of the 2010 University of New Mexico’s Annual United Way campaign beginning Nov. 1. In an effort to reduce cost and waste and support our sustainability initiative, this year’s campaign is going paperless. Paper pledge forms will still be available from unit coordinators and the President's Office, but they can also be downloaded, printed and filled out at <http://unitedway.unm.edu/pledgeform.htm> or visit: <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6838>

UNM WILL HOST A SERIES of educational, social and cultural programs in recognition of American Indian Heritage Month throughout the month of November. The opening event, sponsored by AISS and American Indian Business Leaders, is Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 12 p.m. in the SUB atrium. The kickoff ceremony includes presentations by Pamela Agoyo, presidential assistant at AISS, Provost Suzanne Ortega, Greg Cajete and a performance by the Walatowa Head Start Dance Group. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6821>

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS allow you to set aside pre-tax dollars for certain medical, dental, vision, prescription and hearing care expenses not covered for employees and eligible dependents by any insurance plan. A flexible spending account allows employee contributions up to \$5,000 on a pre-tax basis for qualified expenses. To set up payroll deductions, employees need to participate in the FSA open enrollment each year. Open enrollment for calendar year 2011 is Wednesday, Nov. 3-Wednesday, Nov. 17. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6124>

FOR THE SECOND Lobo Reading Experience, freshmen and the UNM community are invited to read “Bless Me Ultima” by Rudolfo Anaya, professor emeritus of English at UNM. This coming of age novel, first published in 1972, is set in a fictional New Mexico town and tells of cultural and religious struggles in the Southwest. Several events are a part of the Lobo Reading Experience. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=5503>

NATIVE AMERICAN ARCHITECT Brian McCormack presents, "Landscape Design in Indian Country: Where Land & Culture Meet," Monday, Nov. 1 from 5:30-6:45 p.m. at Pearl Auditorium. A pre-lecture reception is set at 4:45 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6682>

UNM’S OFFICE OF CAREER Services, the United States Office of Personnel Management and the New Mexico Consortium of Career Educators and Employers present the UNM Public Service Career Showcase, Thursday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the UNM Student Union Building ballrooms. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6538>

THE DEPARTMENT OF MOLECULAR Genetics and Microbiology is hosting Student Research Day on Thursday, Nov. 4 at the Domenici Center. Student posters will be presented on the first and second floor lobbies from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. From 3 – 4 p.m., David Schwartz, professor in the Biotechnology Center at the University of Wisconsin, will present a talk titled, “A Singular View of the Genome” in room B16 at the Domenici Center.

UNM PARENT RELATIONS and the UNM Parent Association will again host its Family Weekend, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 5-7 on the UNM campus. The theme this year is “A New Mexico Adventure” and, in addition to the informational workshops, the weekend includes: dinner at La Posada, women’s volleyball game, Parent Association breakfast and social, a tailgate party and a Lobo football game. Most of these

events are included in the package price at \$20 per adult and \$10 for child (12 and under).

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IN A SEPARATE EVENT as part of UNM's Family Weekend, families are invited to play in the first-ever UNM Parent Association Golf Tournament on Friday, Nov. 5. Tickets for the tournament are \$100 per player in a four person scramble and benefit the UNM Parent Association Scholarship Fund. Families will also be offered discounted tickets to hear Maya Angelou speak at Popejoy Hall on Sunday, Nov. 7. For more information visit: <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6094>

THE DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE and Dance announces the Words Afire New Play Festival Directed Readings, a first look at plays in development for the next Words Afire Festival in May 2011. Plays included in the series are "The Ruin" by Georgina Escobar, "Where Things Make Sense" by Nic Wehrwein, "La Fea's FlamenChoreoMyth" by Riti Sachdeva and "The Story of Caballos Muertos" by Law Chavez. Free readings are Friday, Nov. 5-Sunday, Nov. 7 at the Experimental Theatre, Center for the Arts. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6862>

UNM'S ANNUAL CAMPUSWIDE talent show, "Lobos Got Talent," will be held Friday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Student Union Building ballrooms. Those interested in auditioning must fill out an application form by Nov. 5. Sponsored by Lobo Village, the event provides a unique opportunity to showcase a variety of talent to the UNM community. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6734>

PATRICK WOLFE will speak on "Where did the Vanishing Indian Vanish to? Settler Colonialism and U.S. Indian Policy, 1823-1934" on Friday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Hibben Center. Wolfe is the author of the 1999 monograph, "Settler Colonialism and the Transformation of Anthropology." His current research interests include concepts, doctrines and practices of race, comparative colonialism, Islamophobia and Indian nationalism. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=5830>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, the Health Sciences Center and UNM Hospitals will merge their GroupWise e-mail systems Friday, Nov. 5. The merge will require a period of intermittent downtime from Friday, Nov. 5 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Nov. 7 at 6 p.m. Users may experience one or more interruptions of service during this period. E-mail messages may be delayed during the periods of outage. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6477>

THE UNM COMMUNITY is invited to meet a candidate for the position of IT networks director. The candidate, John Dorgan, has 30 years of experience in voice and data networks and IT infrastructure, working in both academia and the corporate arena. An open forum and question/answer session with Dorgan is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 5 at 3:15 p.m. in the Roberts Room at Scholes Hall. For more information contact Elsie Whittle at 277-0260 or e-mail, ewhittle@unm.edu. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6984>

AUTHOR JAMES FLEMING discusses and signs copies of his recent UNM Press title "Tengo Sed," at the HSC Domenici Center West, located on UNM north campus, third floor, on Friday, Nov. 5 from 5 – 7 p.m. "Tengo Sed" presents a series of inter-related narratives populated with colorful characters that reveal the complex, gritty reality of academic medicine. The novel's Spanish title reflects the Hispanic community in which it takes place and echoes the words of one dying man, "I'm thirsty." <http://news.unm.edu/?p=5884>

THE UNM STAFF Environs Committee will conduct an electronic waste recycling event on Saturday, Nov. 6 as part of Family Weekend activities at the university. The event will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the "A" parking lot near the corner of Stanford and Central NE. All discarded electronic equipment will be accepted, but there will be a \$10 charge for television sets and a \$5 charge for monitors without computers. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6504>

THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING will host an open house Saturday, Nov. 6 from 1 to 3 p.m. for all high school students, transfer students and UNM University College students, as well as their families. Reservations are not necessary. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=4108>

JOIN KNME ON SATURDAY, Nov. 6 from 6 – 9 p.m., for an opportunity to meet noted PBS journalist and author Gwen Ifill at the African American Performing Arts Center at Expo New Mexico. Ifill will host an open conversation with the audience about the fallout from the mid-term elections, the state of journalism today and highlights from her career. For more information and to purchase tickets, call (505) 277-2922. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6475>

THE UNM COALITION for Peace and Justice in the Middle East is hosting a lecture by Palestinian-American, Ali Abunimah, Sunday, Nov. 7 from 7-9 p.m., in the Student Union Building, Ballroom B. Abunimah is a journalist and co-founder of the "Electronic Intifada," a not-for-profit, independent online publication about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He is also the author of "One Country: A Bold Proposal to End the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," a book which proposes to revive the idea of one state shared by two peoples. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=5397>