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UNM ANTHROPOLOGIST Bruce Huckell and a former graduate student, David Kilby, now a professor of Anthropology at Eastern New Mexico University, are researching a Clovis culture site, something fairly rare. Many Clovis sites were temporary camps where the hunters who traveled throughout North and Central America about 13,000 years ago stopped to kill and butcher large animals such as mammoths and bison, repair and replace stone tools, and conduct other necessary tasks. Huckell has explored Clovis sites in Arizona in the past and never expected to travel to North Dakota, but this site was different. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=6887>

ENGLISH PROFESSOR Gary Scharnhorst probably spends more time in the 19th than the 21st century. His recent book, "Twain in His Own Time: A Biographical Chronicle of His Life, Drawn from Recollections, Interviews, and Memoirs by Family, Friends, and Associates," University of Iowa Press, November 2010, required time to pore over correspondence, put it into perspective and get a sense of who Twain, or Samuel Clemens, really was. This is Scharnhorst's fourth Twain title. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=7162>

CURRENT RESEARCH conducted in Professor Jane Ellen Smith's lab in the Psychology Department is investigating barriers to treatment attendance and weight loss in Mexican American/Chicana and Caucasian women who are overweight. Smith, and graduate students Marita Campos-Melady and Katy Belon, are currently recruiting research participants to find the answers why. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=7145>

AS TEMPERATURES COOL, the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center would like to educate New Mexicans on how to protect themselves from carbon monoxide poisoning. All fuel-burning equipment and appliances such as stoves/ovens, fireplaces, water heaters and generators can produce carbon monoxide gas. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9236>

DR. JOHN PROBASCO is the scheduled keynote speaker for the Family Weekend Parent Association Breakfast on Saturday, Nov. 6 at 9 a.m. in SUB Ballroom A as part of UNM's Family Weekend. Probasco graduated from UNM in May 2002 with summa cum laude in both biochemistry and University Honors. As an undergraduate, he was selected as a Goldwater Scholar in 2000, a Truman Scholar in 2001 and a Rhodes Scholar in 2002. UNM's Family Weekend features a variety of family-related events. Registration is still available by calling 277-3361. For more information visit, <http://familyweekend.edu/>.

FAMILY WEEKEND VISITORS are reminded to stop by the UNM Bookstores where you can save 25 percent on all Lobowear and spirit merchandise on Friday-Saturday, Nov. 5-6. <http://bookstore.unm.edu/>

THE UNM GRADUATE STUDENT organization High Desert Linguistics Society hosts their 9th biennial linguistics conference through Saturday, Nov. 6. All events are set on the third floor of the SUB. The purpose of HDLS is to promote the exchange of ideas among students pursuing higher education in linguistics and related disciplines. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=7056>

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>

DO YOU HAVE TOO much leftover Halloween candy? Staff Council is collecting wrapped candy through Thursday, Nov. 11 for Operation Gratitude, which seeks to lift morale by sending care packages to military service personnel. Find collection sites on the Staff Council Web site. <http://staffcouncil.unm.edu/>.

PROMOTION MANAGEMENT, a marketing class at the Anderson School of Management, is seeking parents of children ages 8-12 to participate in a focus group on Wednesday, Nov. 11 from 6 to 7 p.m. All participants will receive a \$25 Target gift card. Interested participants should call Tracey Boughton at (505) 350-9628 to RSVP. Drinks and food will be provided.

THE BALLOTS HAVE BEEN cast and the votes counted, but the story of the 2010 mid-term elections doesn't end there. This week New Mexico in Focus will provide analysis and opinions on What Happens Next? An Exclusive, Election Night Interview with Governor Bill Richardson. New Mexico in Focus airs Friday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. and repeats Sunday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. The show can also be seen on KNME's Digital Channel 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=7207>