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THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES of Health has selected the University of New Mexico as one of only nine national molecular discovery centers in the U.S. with a six-year, \$15.5 million grant. Part of the NIH Roadmap Molecular Libraries Initiative, the UNM Center for Molecular Discovery will operate as a biological screening center effecting and monitoring the interactions of small molecules and proteins that can regulate biological processes.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=7162>

RESEARCHERS AT THE University of New Mexico were recently awarded a three-year, \$1.1 million grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation to support a research program within the Department of Physics. The program, titled “A Facility to Perform Bio-molecular Imaging; Real Time Phase Mapping of Biological Dynamics,” is designed to provide real-time images of biological processes at nano and pico scale resolutions, a feat never achieved before. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003181.html>

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED on Sunday, Sept. 14 when the University of New Mexico dedicates Centennial Engineering Center. The campus’s newest building features 147,500 square feet on four levels. The dedication ceremony begins at 3 p.m. with tours of the classroom and laboratories from 2 to 3 p.m. and from 3:45 to 5 p.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003180.html>

THE UNM ALUMNI Alumni Association is currently accepting nominee submissions for the 2009 UNM Alumni Association Awards. The association, which provides awards to individuals in acknowledgment of their exceptional achievements, offers four awards for UNM alumni, faculty and other individuals, which include the James F. Zimmerman, Bernard S. Rodney, Erna S. Fergusson and Faculty Teaching awards. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 19. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003176.html>

HOLDING HIS NOSE as he passed the used grease receptacle of the college canteen every day for years, Chris Chavez, an instructor in UNM-Gallup’s Construction Tech program, suddenly had an inspiration. Why throw away all that used cooking oil, year after year, when he could be converting it into fuel to use in his program? He and fellow instructor Rick Krouth put their heads together. After studying the surprisingly easy process for turning cooking oil into fuel, they purchased a biodiesel processor – a \$2,400 system marketed as a “Freedom Fueler.”

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003182.html#more>

THE DIVISION OF HUMAN Resources’ Benefits and Employee Health Promotion Program, in collaboration with the Faculty Staff Benefits Committee, are requesting feedback regarding the value of employee benefits and the health promotion program. This survey is applicable to all benefits-eligible employees at UNM, whether currently

enrolled in benefits or not.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003179.html#more>

E-MAIL HOAXES, phishing and spam attempts are a constant in our lives. Universities across the country have been subject to mass e-mail hoaxes and UNM is no different. A recent attempt involved a message from a false Bank of America website asking the recipient to click on the link in the message and type in personal information.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003186.html#more>

ANGELA CHAVEZ, a 1999 graduate of Socorro High School and UNM School of Law class 2010, is president of the Region XV Hispanic National Bar Association's law student division. In that capacity, she will work to increase the number of Latino/a law students involved with the Hispanic National Bar Association, encourage Latino student participation in being responsive to the social, political and academic promotion.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003171.html#more>

SAILORS FROM THE NATION'S newest submarine, the New Mexico, will be in Albuquerque as part of the 2008 Navy Week celebration through Sept. 17. As part of the celebration, the UNM Naval ROTC hosts an open house Friday, Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NROTC, 720 Yale Blvd NE. A flight simulator will be set up in the NROTC parking lot; and the Navy Band will perform at noon in front of the modern art sculpture next to the Student Union Building.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003175.html#more>

T. BOONE PICKENS' visit to the Duke City to unveil his energy plan, plus Mesa Del Sol's plan to create a separate school district instead of joining APS top this week's "New Mexico in Focus," which airs on KNME-TV, Channel 5, on Friday, Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003187.html#more>

THE UNM SCHOOL of Architecture and Planning features Dave Foreman, director of the Rewilding Institute, presenting "The Rewilding of North America," Monday, Sept. 15, at 5 p.m. in the Pearl Hall auditorium. The lecture is a presentation of the John Gaw Meem Lecture Series. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003185.html#more>

JENNIFER GOMEZ-Chavez, director, UNM Title V, invites all faculty to a Community Faculty Welcome reception Monday, Sept. 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1701 4th S.W.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003152.html#more>