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SEVERAL UNM HISTORY professors have made programmatic adjustments and provided historical expertise for the Teaching American History Program, an Albuquerque Public Schools initiative. The program is made possible by a U.S. Department of Education grant – the Teaching American History Program. Martha Fenstermacher, TAH grant project director, secured the nearly \$1 million grant.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004460.html#more>

RESEARCHERS AT Sandia National Laboratories, the University of New Mexico, the Joint BioEnergy Institute, Novozymes and North Carolina State University's Center for Integrated Fungal Research have received a DNA sequencing award from the Department of Energy Joint Genome Institute to study microbial genes in arid grasslands. The research combines interests in fundamental microbial ecology with DOE goals to exploit microbes in the production of biofuels.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004466.html#more>

JENNIFER LANDAU, a 2006 graduate of the UNM School of Law, is now on faculty, taking a passion she held as a student into her role as educator. When she studied at the UNM law school, there was no immigration related training in the law clinic, and the state had few trained immigration attorneys.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004459.html#more>

PRESIDENT SCHMIDLY approved Policy 2040 "Identity Theft Prevention Program" with an effective date of Nov. 1, 2009. The policy was developed in response to a new regulation issued by the Federal Trade Commission intended to reduce the risk of identity theft. The policy can be viewed at: <http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm/>.

ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR Hilliard Kaplan and graduate student Paul L. Hooper are among 26 authors of a paper published in the journal "Science" today. The paper, titled "Intergenerational Wealth Transmission and the Dynamics of Inequality in Small Scale Societies," uses data compiled by the researchers to examine how the gap between rich and poor is affected by the way that children inherit wealth from their parents.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004457.html#more>

FOR THIS ODD COUPLE, difference is an asset. Julie Sykes, assistant professor of Spanish, and Chris Holden, mathematician and assistant professor in University Honors, teamed up to create Mentira, a mobile game for iPhone and iPod Touch that takes language learning out of the classroom and into the streets – literally and digitally.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004442.html#more>

WITH SUCCESS MEASURED by graduation rates and only 44 percent of students graduating after six years, UNM is filling a family-friendly toolbox to help students cross the finish line. In addition to enrollment preparation, including parent orientation and freshman convocation, the university's parent programming includes a Parent Relations

Office with a parent liaison and the Parent Association.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004441.html#more>

IN KEEPING WITH UNM's commitment to student success, the university is considering new admission standards based on research into the best predictors of on-time graduation. UNM is actively gathering feedback from communities across the state on a proposal to gradually increase the required grade point average from 2.25 to 2.5 and increase the curriculum requirements from 13 to 16 units.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004434.html#more>

ANN-MARY MACLEOD, manager of development and donor relations at UNM-Valencia, was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to research Germany's higher education system. She is the first Fulbright recipient at UNM-Valencia.

STUDENTS IN THE School of Architecture and Planning were recognized for excellence in digital design recently at the Association for Computer Aided Design in Architecture conference in Chicago. The AutoDesSys held the 17th Annual Awards Banquet of its Joint Study Program for Excellence in Design, an annual international program sponsored by Form Z digital modeling software.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004454.html#more>

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE members for dean of the UNM School of Architecture and Planning have been named. The committee chair is Richard Howell, dean, College of Education, while the search coordinator is Donna Hoff, program specialist, Provost's Office. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004453.html#more>

THE ANDERSON SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT announced recently that approximately 150 outstanding graduate and undergraduate students were the recipients of scholarships that together total more than \$300,000. The scholarships are designed to support student educational aspirations.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004427.html#more>

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING recently presented Patricia Boyle with the 2009 Distinguished Alumni Award. Boyle is currently the executive director of the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence, a non-profit organization dedicated to nursing education, nursing practice, and maintaining a strong nursing workforce in New Mexico.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8189>

THE UNM CENTER for Development and Disability has received a \$15,000 Daniels Fund Grant to support one of its autism programs, Camp Rising Sun. Camp Rising Sun is a summer camp designed for children and adolescents with autism. The camp offers a supportive environment where individuals with autism can have a summer camp experience, while gaining social skills and independence.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8170>

EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, Dec. 1, the Payroll reception area will be open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Telephone calls to the Payroll Department at 277-2353 will continue to be answered daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, drop offs can still be delivered throughout the day by leaving paper work in any of the three window slots. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004464.html#more>

JACOB WELLMAN, UNM political science major and a new member of the University of New Mexico chapter of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, was awarded the Merit Award, a \$1,000 scholarship given to only 50 new NSCS members out of thousands of applicants nationwide.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004462.html#more>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES and Purchasing at UNM have announced a Strategic Partnership Agreement with Dell, Inc. to provide students, faculty and staff with discount prices on numerous Dell desktop computers, laptops, monitors and servers.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004467.html#more>

THE IT DEPARTMENT will conduct a planned system and infrastructure upgrade on Tuesday, Nov. 3 from 5 - 7 a.m. All UNM main campus internet services, the UNM network, all wired and wireless networks, e-mail, the UNM portal, LoboWeb, WebCT, Hyperion and several other web-based services and systems will be unavailable during that time. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004461.html#more>

IT TOOK SEVEN DAYS and nearly \$400,000, but lawmakers finally came up with a plan to balance the state budget. But, did they do enough to stave off even more massive cutbacks when the regular session starts in January? This week, hear from the lawmakers themselves. Host Gene Grant sits down with both representatives and senators to get their reaction to the special session and its lasting implications. "New Mexico In Focus" is KNME-TV's weekly hour-long public affairs show airing on Friday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. on KNME-TV channel 5.1 and repeating on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 a.m.

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