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A REMINDER THAT the 30-day review and comment period for three proposed policies and proposed changes to seven existing policies ends Dec. 17, 2010. The policies pertain to students, faculty and staff, and cover a variety of subjects. You may view the proposed policies and changes at:

<http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm/>.

BREDA BOVA, professor, College of Education and chief of staff to UNM president David J. Schmidly, recently received a New Mexico Distinguished Public Service Award. The NMDPSA recognizes unusual contributions to public service and improvement of government at all levels.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=8592>

IN A TWIST ON the old saying, the personal is regional in Andrés Armijo's "Becoming a Part of My History: Through Images & Stories of My Ancestors." Through a photographic genealogy, Armijo's first book reveals the history of Nuevomexicano family life and provides a blueprint for others on a quest for ancestral revelation. Armijo is director of Living & Learning Communities, one of the Freshman Academic Choices in University College. Students in LLCs live and take classes with peers who share major, minor or career interests. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8597>

THE INTERDISCIPLINARY FILM & Digital Media Program at UNM recently opened its new facility at the Aperture Center in Mesa del Sol. The IFDM facility provides space to develop and showcase student and faculty work and to foster partnerships with industry leaders. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8692>

UNM IS WORKING WITH American Campus Communities in a public, private partnership to put together a strategic housing plan for central campus. The Lobo Development Corporation Board of Directors has approved the Strategic Housing Plan framework document that summarizes the proposed process for modernizing UNM's residential communities and evolving the on-campus housing market to benefit students and the University. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8655>

THE DEAN OF STUDENTS office at UNM recently hosted its second Campus Safety Walk this year. Students and staff walked around campus in teams after dark assessing campus lighting, visibility of emergency phones and other safety issues. The walk identified four dark areas that needed additional lighting with an additional 120 work orders for other light repairs throughout campus were submitted by Safety and Risk Services to the Physical Plant Department. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8797>

UNM STUDENTS Kathrin Spendier and Dianne Pater, were recently named as recipients of The Biophysical Society's 2011 Student Travel Award and the Minority Travel Award, respectively, to attend the Society's 55th Annual Meeting at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Md. next March. The recipients of the competitive awards were selected based on scientific merit, with priority given to those who will present a paper at the conference. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8720>

EXPLORA IN ALBUQUERQUE has been named one of 5 museums and 5 libraries to receive the 2010 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for museums and libraries in the United States. The Medal is awarded for outstanding service to the statewide community. Explora's collaborations with the UNM College of Education in professional development for teachers in hands-on science (in English and Spanish) were among the programs cited to the IMLS in the narrative for the award. The College of Education and KNME are listed among Explora's community partners. For more visit: http://www.imls.gov/about/medals_10.shtm.

IN COOPERATION WITH the Office of the President and the Physical Plant Department, the UNM Sustainability Studies Program has launched a campaign aimed at reducing electricity use on campus by 10 percent. Titled, "Education is Power," the program hopes to free up approximately \$600,000 or more to help mitigate budget cuts that threaten the academic mission. An event to help bolster awareness for the campaign is set for Friday, Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Ballroom A of the UNM Student Union Building. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8714>

UNM'S OFFICE FOR EQUITY & Inclusion hosts Human Rights Day, Friday, Dec. 10 from 12 - 1 p.m. in the SUB atrium. The theme for this year's Human Rights Day is, "human rights defenders who act to end discrimination." The event celebrates 62 years since the signing of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and features music, poetry, speakers and information tables. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8786>

UNM'S AMERICAN INDIAN Student Services is hosting a canned food drive to benefit First Nations Homeless Outreach Program. On Friday, Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. in Mesa Vista 1119, they will turn over the donations to Brian Curley, who is accepting the canned goods on behalf of First Nations. The event is being held in conjunction with the department's holiday party. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8819>

THE DONATION DEADLINE FOR the PAWS Charity Drive for Homeless Pets, sponsored by the Work + Life Committee of the Staff Council, has been extended to Monday, Dec. 13 at 12 p.m. This year the UNM Staff Council is collecting items such as distilled water, milk bones, blankets, canned dog and cat food and cat toys to help animal shelters. To see a complete wish list of needed items and a donation site near you, visit: <http://staffcouncil.unm.edu>.

AN OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 12-7:30 p.m., at UNM's Harwood Museum of Art – now in its 86th year, the second oldest museum in the state – celebrates the culmination of more than a decade of planning and partnership in a three-level, 10,700 square-foot expansion. The \$6.3 million facility, funded in part by the New Mexico State Legislature, private contributions and the University of New Mexico, adds the Mandelman-Ribak Gallery, a 1,150 square-foot exhibition space that honors the legacy of Beatrice Mandelman and Louis Ribak who arrived in Taos in 1944 and were central to the Taos Moderns movement. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=8711>

JOIN KNME's NEW MEXICO in Focus this weekend for the countdown of the biggest stories of 2010 in a year-end tradition with line panelists. Opinions and commentary take center stage as panelists review the year that was. New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays 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=8789>