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ANTHROPOLOGY PROFESSOR James Dixon has spent the last six years searching for evidence of early man among the retreating glaciers of Alaska. He says this specialized research has only been possible because climate change is causing ice that was frozen thousands of years ago to melt. Dixon just returned from his summer fieldwork in Alaska. And what he is finding is amazing.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004479.html#more>

USING MATHEMATICAL MODELS, researchers at the University of New Mexico and University of Michigan have revealed that whooping cough immunity can last at least 30 years and perhaps as long as 70 years after natural infection. Once thought to be under control, whooping cough (pertussis) has been on the rise since the 1980s in the United States and several other countries with high rates of routine pediatric immunization.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004470.html#more>

THIS YEAR'S Official UNM Holiday Ornament is now available at the UNM Bookstores. The second in a series of collectibles, the 2009 ornament features the Duck Pond, designed in 1974 by landscape architect Garrett Eckbo as part of a new mall extending from the east side of the Student Union to the west side of the Alumni Memorial Chapel. All proceeds benefit the UNM Parent Association.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004485.html#more>

THE LATEST EDITION of UNM's Parent Matters is now available. Parent Matters is a monthly newsletter released by the UNM Parent Relations office. Features this month include Health 101: A web magazine for students and parents, Early Warning Signs of Mental Health Issues: When Parents Should Worry, the 2009 UNM Holiday Ornament, important dates and deadlines and Laurie's Letter. Read all about Parent Matters at:

<http://universityparent.com/node/24844/preview>. For more information on the Parent Relations office visit: <http://parent.unm.edu/>

UNITED WAY PLEDGE forms were distributed last week and donations are beginning to trickle in, showing a modest but definite increase in participation. As part of the drive to increase participation, all faculty and staff that donate will receive a United Way pin in the mail. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004480.html#more>

PETER WHITE, professor of English and American Studies, is featured in the November issue of Albuquerque The Magazine. His work in creating and teaching others to create violins through his "The New Mexico Musical Heritage Project" is the focus of the article, titled "Fiddling with History."

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004487.html#more>

FIVE NURSES from UNM Hospitals were honored recently with the 2009 New Mexico Nursing Excellence Award. In its fifth year, the program presents awards in 21 Nursing Excellence categories given by the New Mexico Center for Nursing Excellence. Patients, coworkers and supervisors nominated more than 60 nurses from UNMH for the awards.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8196>

UNM'S PREVENTION Research Center and the village of Cuba, N.M. are teaming up to fight diabetes and other diseases linked to obesity through an innovative new walking program titled "Step Into Cuba." A Health Sciences Center video highlights one of the newest projects at the UNM Prevention Research Center.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004488.html#more>

ALLERGY SUFFERERS REJOICE! The UNM Hospitals Westside allergy clinic currently has openings for new patients. Hurry in now and miss the springtime rush. Don't wait until those allergies kick in. Call (505) 272-5585 to schedule an appointment to get relief from your allergies.

GOV. RICHARDSON called last month's Special Session the toughest he's ever been through. Hear what he says was the hardest part, in an exclusive one-on-one interview with Gene Grant on this week's New Mexico in Focus. Plus, find out what he hopes to do to fix the budget in the next legislative session, including the possibility of tax hikes. "New Mexico In Focus" is KNME-TV's weekly hour-long public affairs show airing on Friday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. on KNME-TV channel 5.1 and repeating on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004483.html#more>