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JEAN-MARIE Gustave Le Clezio, formerly a visiting faculty member at UNM, is the 2008 recipient of the Nobel Prize in Literature. Le Clezio has written more than 30 books since 1963. He was visiting faculty of modern and classical languages at UNM, 1977-78 and 1984-85, and visiting faculty in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 1992-93, when he also held the PNM Endowed Chair.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003261.html#more>

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE Foundation is establishing a new Engineering Research Center whose goal will be to supplant the common light bulb with next-generation lighting devices that are smarter, greener and ripe for innovation. The core institutions in this prestigious award are Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, the lead university, the University of New Mexico and Boston University.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003257.html#more>

PRESIDENT DAVID J. Schmidly has announced that UNM is working with the Sandia Foundation to finance and build two important projects. Details are still being worked out but the first building on the Rio Rancho campus will be approximately 50,000-60,000 square feet and will house a combination of administrative and classroom space. The building will also host activities for the UNM Health Sciences Center, Central New Mexico Community College and New Mexico State University.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003260.html#more>

EFFECTIVE OCT. 1, the Title V grant moved into the third of a five-year, \$2.8 million grant to enhance support services for Hispanic and low-income students. The Title V faculty committee met recently to review last year's goals and to plan for the coming year. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003258.html#more>

THE ROBERT WOOD Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy is on its way to developing leaders from the social sciences who will conduct research to impact health policy. The first group of RWJF fellows is now in its second year.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003246.html#more>

GEORGE PEARL HALL, home of the UNM School of Architecture & Planning and Fine Arts & Design Library, received a Best of 2008 Award from Southwest Contractor, a construction industry publication serving the Southwest since 1938. The annual competition, now in its 11th year, recognizes construction and design excellence in separate award ceremonies for Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003254.html#more>

THE COLLEGE of Nursing has received the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Innovations in Professional Nursing Education Award for its online educational program, The Neighborhood. The Neighborhood is a virtual, web-based community that serves as a platform for the undergraduate concept-based curriculum in the College of

Nursing. The idea was conceived out of a recognized need for nursing education reform.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003259.html#more>

PARENTS OF UNM students are invited to a fundraising event at University House, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 17, from 4 to 6 p.m. The event is an opportunity to celebrate and support the new UNM Parent Association, along with President and Mrs. David Schmidly, university partners, community leaders, parents and students. Come and enjoy good company and delicious food! \$250 (per couple) supports the UNM Parent Fund for Excellence and is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. RSVP to Laurie Mellas at (505) 277-5915 or e-mail: [parent@unm.edu](mailto:parent@unm.edu) by Monday, Oct. 13.  
<http://parent.unm.edu/2008/10/parent-association-developing-partnerships-for-student-success/>

UNM WILL KICK off this semester's Great Campus Cleanup on Friday, Oct. 10. Physical Plant, Surplus Property, Recycling and other UNM departments will be visiting locations throughout campus to help UNM faculty and staff get rid of excess paper, supplies and equipment that is no longer needed.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003263.html#more>

ON NOV. 4, NEW MEXICANS will go to the polls to vote for a new President, Vice-President, and members of Congress. Another important race they will vote for, one that is not receiving as much coverage as these other races, is the race for the Public Regulations Commission in New Mexico. This week, "New Mexico in Focus" looks at the PRC races and the function of the commission. "New Mexico in Focus" airs on KNME-TV, channel 5 on Friday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 12 at 6:30 a.m.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003262.html#more>

THANKS IN PART to the importance that New Mexico will play in the upcoming presidential election, Albuquerque, the state of New Mexico, and the University of New Mexico will be featured on the acclaimed PBS news show, "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" from Monday, Oct. 13 through Friday, Oct. 17. "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" airs on KNME-TV, Channel 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.