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DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL candidate Barack Obama will come to Johnson Field on the University of New Mexico campus for a political rally this Saturday evening, Oct. 25. The venue will open at 7 p.m. and approximately 25,000 people are expected to attend. Because of the anticipated crowds and security for the event, movement on the eastern half of campus will be severely limited beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday. Students, faculty and staff planning to be on campus that day will need to know the following logistical information and should make appropriate plans.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003321.html#more>

THE NUMBERS AT the gas pump keep rising, demand for oil is skyrocketing, and political unrest around the world is destabilizing oil supplies. While America relies on fossil fuels to satisfy 85 percent of its primary energy demand, there is mounting concern about global warming. Looking through that lens and considering the impact of fossil fuels on the economy, the environment and national security, our nation's energy situation looks dire. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003310.html#more>

A TEAM OF SCIENTISTS, led by astronomers from the University of New Mexico and the Naval Research Laboratory, have detected long wavelength radio emission from a colliding, massive galaxy cluster which, surprisingly, is not detected at the shorter wavelengths typically seen in these objects.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003306.html#more>

JOHN PETRONIS, a two-time alum from the University of New Mexico, was recently named the School of Architecture and Planning's 2008 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, an award presented annually to a graduate of the school who has distinguished him or herself through professional work and community service.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003307.html#more>

UNM STUDENTS Chad Harris and Jose Holguin, School of Architecture and Planning, received Merit Citation awards for their project [future]scaping, a project undertaken in Kristina Yu's design studio. This is the first time UNM student work has garnered recognition in this international competition.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003320.html#more>

AS AN ENVIRONMENTAL historian, Associate Professor of History Sam Truett traveled to the borderlands recently to look at nature. He discovered people – and the unintended consequences of their interactions with the land and its other inhabitants. Truett's work began in May 2007 with a group of 16 graduate students and professors from UNM, NMSU, University of Arizona and ASU. With seed money from these institutions, they spent eight days on the border.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003296.html#more>

UNM SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING alumnus Joseph Romero received the first Linton F. Brooks Medal for Public Service, as recently announced by the National Nuclear

Security Administration. Romero is a general engineer at NNSA's Service Center in Albuquerque.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003317.html#more>

KNME-TV, ALBUQUERQUE'S public television station, recently won three Rocky Mountain Regional Emmy Awards. KNME-TV won awards in the following categories including: Environment - Program/Special; Photographer - Program (Non-News); and New Media - Photographer.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003318.html#more>

THE UNM DEPARTMENT of Parking and Transportation Services announced an art competition to design the latest transport innovation, the Veggie Bus - a PATS shuttle, mechanically modified to run on refuse vegetable oil, solely recovered from campus kitchens. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003300.html#more>

THE RIGHT HONORABLE Dame Sian Elias, the first female Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of New Zealand, presents the Ramo Lecture on International Law and Justice at the University of New Mexico School of Law Forum on Thursday, Oct. 23, at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Elias' address, "First Peoples and Human Rights, a South Seas Perspective," will explore, through the framework of human rights, why addressing indigenous claims and interests continues to challenge legal systems in which first peoples are a minority.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003299.html#more>

THE POPULAR HSC drive-through flu shot clinic will be open on Saturday, Oct. 25, and Saturday, Nov. 1. It will be located in the Family Practice Clinic parking lot at 2400 Tucker N.E., across the street from UNM School of Law. The drive-through clinic will administer flu shots free to everyone and will be open on both days from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. These clinics will immunize persons nine years of age and older.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003311.html#more>

THE UNM BOOKSTORE will celebrate the grand opening of its new technology store on Monday, Oct. 27 at 1:30 p.m. at the Bookstore, located at 2301 Central NE, at the corner of Cornell and Central.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003313.html#more>

ONE OF THE HOTTEST races in this year's election season is also one of the most unlikely races to generate a great deal of press. The Bernalillo County District Attorney's races is the focus of this week's episode of "New Mexico in Focus," KNME-TV, channel 5's prime-time news magazine show covering the events, issues, and people that are shaping life in New Mexico and the Southwest. "New Mexico in Focus" airs on Friday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. and repeats on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 a.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003319.html#more>