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UNM HAS PLANS in place to cover its third budget reduction in less than 12 months while avoiding layoffs and mandatory furloughs. In outlining those plans to the Board of Regents' Finance and Facilities Committee, President David J. Schmidly warned that any further cost reductions will necessitate fundamental restructuring of the organization.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004613.html#more>

ELISEO "CHEO" TORRES, vice president for Student Affairs, was among those honored this week as New Mexico Heroes of Health by the Con Alma Health Foundation. The first "Hero of Health" award recognizes those who make a difference in our communities. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004608.html#more>

A SINGLE BACTERIUM can act alone, performing the same kinds of actions that a group normally does. The behavior of that bacterium can be manipulated at the cellular level. That's the intriguing finding by a group of researchers from UNM, the Dartmouth Medical School, the New Mexico Veterans Health Care System and Sandia National Laboratories. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004604.html#more>

COMMUNITY PARTNERS are an integral part of most any successful program. At UNM's College of Education in the Teacher Education Department, they are a vital component to the success of teacher education. The department recently recognized 40 individuals from 14 partner organizations at a Partners Appreciation luncheon who support the department through a variety of ways that help to put teachers in the classroom. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004614.html#more>

THE ROBERT WOOD Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at UNM was awarded more than \$1.1 million in federal stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to establish an Exploratory NCMHD Center of Excellence.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004606.html#more>

THE HEALTH SCIENCES Center Office of the Vice President for Community Health recently received a two-year, \$400,000 grant from the Program Office of Kellogg Community Voices Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta to partner in developing a new outreach initiative to areas of New Mexico that are remote from food stores and sources of fresh fruits and vegetables.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8301>

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION's Cynthia Martin, and Jack Srouji in the Division of Human Resources, were recognized recently as 2009 HR Excellence Award recipients for their achievements. The Society of Human Resources Management New Mexico State Council selected Martin to receive the Culture and Exchange Steward Award, while Srouji received the Credible Activist Award.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004610.html#more>

THE GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY of America recently presented awards to UNM's Karl Karlstrom and former student Jaime Barnes. Karlstrom, a professor in the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department, was recognized with the 2009 Distinguished Service Award, while Barnes, who is now an assistant professor at University of Texas at Austin, was recognized with the 2009 Subaru Outstanding Woman in Science Award.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004611.html#more>

THE H1N1 VACCINE has made its way into New Mexico, but some questions are still being asked about the vaccine's safety. This week on "New Mexico in Focus" medical providers talk about the vaccine and the unreliable nature of tracking the impact of the H1N1 virus in New Mexico. New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. There will be no Sunday repeat this week due to the on-air membership campaign. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004612.html#more>