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STUDENTS, FACULTY and staff are encouraged to listen to President Schmidly's Web cast regarding current economic issues.

<http://mtsmsite.unm.edu/mediasite/Catalog/?cid=d698f7e9-100b-4150-8f15-d25935a9b8ea>

THREE GRANTS, totaling more than \$17.5 million, were recently awarded to New Mexico Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (NM EPSCoR) through the Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation. The grants, which will aid higher education research institutions including UNM, range from \$150,000 to a \$15 million five-year grant from the National Science Foundation for Research Infrastructure Improvement to establish New Mexico as a national laboratory for climate change research and a model for science-based education and public outreach.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003419.html#more>

IT CAN BE QUITE a challenge to get through the holidays without added stress. All the pressure can cause people to bite off more than they can chew, both literally and figuratively. Here are some tips from Human Resources' Employee Health Promotion Program to keep healthy during the holiday season and throughout the rest of the year.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003403.html#more>

UNM CENTER FOR Development and Disability Director Cate McClain was recognized by Mayor Martin J. Chavez with the prestigious A+ Award recently. McClain was given the award for her outstanding work as a community leader, making a difference in the lives of many New Mexican families living with autism.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003421.html#more>

UNM LIVE PODCAST: UNM History Professor Ferenc Szasz talks about the founding of the national holiday of Thanksgiving by Abraham Lincoln in an interview with Senior Communication Representative Carolyn Gonzales.

<http://www4.unm.edu/unmlive/?p=165>

A RECENT REPORT by the Statistical Research Center, a department in the American Institute of Physics, lists the University of New Mexico as one of the largest producers of physics degrees earned by minority students.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003418.html#more>

UNM PARKING and Transportation Services recently rolled out a new and improved ride-matching service exclusive to the UNM community. The new service, operated by AlterNetRides, is a part of PATS alternative transportation programs.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003420.html#more>

ALL USERS WITH a voice mailbox on the current voice mail system must initialize their mailbox on the new voice mail system scheduled to go live Nov. 29. Dial the temporary access number, 277-3500, to set up your voice mailbox on the new system.

The system will prompt you to change the default password and record a greeting and name. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003366.html#more>

THE UNM UNITED WAY campaign is offering a pair of incentives to donors who turn in their pledge forms by the end of November. Two sets of two tickets to a men's basketball game and five Starbucks gift cards are up for grabs in a drawing to be held at the end of the month. For more information on UNM's United Way campaign visit: <http://unitedway.unm.edu/>.

“AMERICA’S FAVORITE Architecture,” by the American Institute of Architects’ Shape America Program, highlights the top 150 favorite buildings in the United States. The exhibit runs through Monday, Dec. 1 in the University of New Mexico’s George Pearl Hall Gallery. This exhibit began as part of AIA’s 150th anniversary celebration in 2007. It initiated a national conversation about American architecture and allowed people to vote for their favorite buildings, bridges and monuments.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003405.html#more>

UNM’S FIRST OFFICIAL ornament, featuring UNM’s oldest tradition, the Hanging of the Greens, which began in the 1930s, is now on sale at the UNM Bookstore. Proceeds benefit the UNM Parent Association.

<http://parent.unm.edu/2008/08/first-official-unm-ornament-benefits-parent-association/>

THE UNM BOOKSTORE will feature an after Thanksgiving sale Friday, Nov. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Save 40 percent off men’s and women’s long sleeve t-shirts, 25 to 50 percent off select books, and 25 percent off all Lobowear and select gift items. Additionally, free Starbucks coffee will be served from 10 to 11 a.m.

’TIS THE TIME for shopping, even in these tough economic times. But, are consumers under attack from companies obsessed with branding and marketing their products? This week, “New Mexico in Focus” co-host Gene Grant sits down with Santa Fe author Lucas Conley to talk about his new book, “Obsessive Branding Disorder” “New Mexico in Focus” will air on KNME-TV, channel 5, on Friday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003417.html#more>