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1. THE UNM DEPARTMENT of Parking and Transportation Services is currently offering an online customer service survey to measure and improve the department's services to students, staff and faculty. All who participate will have the opportunity to win one of three great prizes including the top prize of a \$100 gift certificate from the UNM Bookstore.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002419.html#more>

2. DID YOU KNOW that having a Flexible Spending Account is like getting a pay raise? A Flexible Spending Account provides a way to pay eligible health care and dependant day care expenses with pre-tax money. Participating in a FSA increases take home pay, which in turn increases buying power.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002392.html#more>

3. LINDA MELVILLE, international advisement specialist in the Office of International Programs and Studies, has been named the 2007 recipient of the Bruce Tracy Award, given for excellence in the field of international education.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002421.html#more>

4. GRADUATE STUDENT Sushmita Roy spent last summer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the lab of Manolis Kellis, an assistant professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science. As part of her internship, Roy played a small part in a large project analyzing the genomes of 12 fly species. The paper describing the project and its results was released this week in the journal "Nature."

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002407.html#more>

5. HOW MANY JUDGES, district attorneys and public defenders does New Mexico need to properly run its justice system? Researchers at UNM and the New Mexico Sentencing Commission presented the findings of a workload study designed to answer that question to the Legislative Finance Committee.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002415.html#more>

6. PEDIATRICIAN ANDREW Hsi has been honored by New Mexico Voices for Children as the 2007 Voice for Children award winner in the Medical Professional category. Hsi is a professor and the director of the Division of General Pediatrics at the UNM Health Sciences Center.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002413.html#more>

7. GEORGE TRUJEQUE, director of golf at the UNM Championship Course, and his wife, Diana, were named 2007 citizens of the year by the Valencia County News-Bulletin. They were recognized at a ceremony on the UNM-Valencia Campus for raising almost \$2.5 million for the Children's Cancer Fund of New Mexico.

8. THE UNM UNITED WAY committee has announced several incentive prizes to encourage potential donors to turn their pledge forms in during the month of November.

Prizes include a pair of tickets to sit with President David J. Schmidly at a men's and/or women's basketball game, a pair of tickets to see the traditional Irish folk band, The Chieftains, and Lobo wear and tickets to the men's basketball game against Weber State. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002423.html#more>

9. NOW ON UNM Live: Hans Barsun and Lee Imhof of the Physical Plant Department, Engineering and Energy Services discuss UNM's sustainability initiatives in an interview with Public Relations Specialist Benson Hendrix. <http://unmlive.unm.edu/>

10. ALBUQUERQUE AUTHOR and UNM Professor Emeritus of English Rudolfo Anaya has been chosen for the Land of Enchantment Book Award for his latest children's book, "The First Tortilla." The award is designed to encourage New Mexico youth to read books of high literary quality. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002425.html#more>

11. INTERNATIONAL STUDIES is offering its first "Journey to the Sacred Traditions of India," a spring semester 2008 course. The fully accredited tour is scheduled for March 15 – 30, during spring break. For more information visit: <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002418.html#more>

12. JOSEPH GONE, American Indian psychologist, presents "Keeping Culture in Mind: Exploring Aboriginal and Western Therapeutic Integration in a First Nation Treatment Center," at the UNM Psychology Colloquia, Friday, Nov. 16, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Bobo Room of Hodgin Hall. The event is free and open to the public. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002414.html#more>

13. BIG NAMES have already announced plans to run for the U.S. Senate when Pete Domenici retires next year. However, the field includes other candidates voters may not have heard much about. This week, 'New Mexico In Focus,' which airs Friday night, Nov. 16, at 7 p.m. and repeats Sunday, Nov. 18, at 6:30 a.m., introduces two lesser known candidates -- one a small town newspaper publisher and the other a high school English teacher. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002424.html#more>

14. THE ANNUAL Viola F. Cordova Symposium will be held Monday, Nov. 19, 1-6 p.m., in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. The editors of "How It Is: The Native American Philosophy of V.F. Cordova" will give a lecture at 1 p.m. followed by a book signing at 4 p.m. in the UNM Student Union Building Acoma room. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002420.html#more>