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1. GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON announced the reappointment of regent Jamie Koch to the University of New Mexico's governing board. Additionally, Emily "Cate" Wisdom, a junior majoring in biology and chemical engineering, was appointed student regent. Wisdom replaced student regent Dahlia Dorman, whose term expired.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003496.html#more>

2. THE UNM WINTER break begins Wednesday, Dec. 24 and continues through Friday, Jan. 2, giving most university employees 12 consecutive days off. Regular university hours resume Monday, Jan. 5. Certain critical facilities and departments, such as police and those involved in patient care, will remain open. Other major campus departments and facilities have special intersession hours.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003466.html#more>

3. UNM LIVE Podcast: Enrique Lamadrid, professor, Spanish and Portuguese and director of Chicano/Hispano/Mexicano Studies, talks about Christmas customs in New Mexico with Carolyn Gonzales from UNM Communications and Marketing.

<http://unmlive.unm.edu/?p=195>

4. RESEARCHERS FROM FOUR Long Term Ecological Research sites, 11 universities, and K-12 school districts from across the nation are partnering in a \$12.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation's Mathematics and Science Partnership program to create a dynamic teacher development program targeted at middle school and high school teachers in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics or STEM disciplines.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003498.html#more>

5. ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR of Chemical and Nuclear Engineering Plamen Atanasov is leading a team exploring the possibility of putting biofuel into a fuel cell, research that takes a step toward hydrogen rather than petroleum based economy. Biofuels are considered a renewable energy source since they are plant-based rather than petroleum-based. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003494.html#more>

6. UNM'S LATIN AMERICAN and Iberian Institute recently presented "Strengthening Our Border Economy: Promising New Developments in U.S.-Mexico Trade" to discuss New Mexico's trading potential as well as the barriers to increasing trade with Mexico. The symposium surveyed the North American Free Trade Agreement and its implications for New Mexico. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003495.html#more>

7. DURING THIS TIME of giving, students at the Anderson School of Management are giving back to the Albuquerque community after raising more than \$11,000 to help those less fortunate. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003499.html#more>

8. FOR THE FOURTH YEAR, the University of New Mexico is offering a slate of classes during winter intersession, giving students a chance to catch up or get ahead. Intersession courses allow students to increase their credit hours for the fall semester,

helping them maintain credit hour and grade point average requirements for their grants and scholarships. Students can also use intersession courses to get ahead in their studies, decreasing time to degree completion.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003482.html#more>

9. FROM THE GOVERNOR'S failed presidential bid to a democratic congressional sweep in New Mexico, 2008 has been a year that will not be forgotten. "New Mexico in Focus," KNME-TV, channel 5's weekly one-hour news show, will air the first part of two-part series looking back at 2008 on Friday, Dec. 26 at 7 p.m., and the second part on Friday, Jan. 2, 2009, at 7 p.m. There will be no Sunday repeat for either of these broadcasts. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003497.html#more>

10. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES will provide limited customer support to UNM and UNMH during the break between Dec. 24 and Jan. 5. For a complete list of hours visit:

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003485.html#more>

11. A 10-WEEK seminar intended to provide prospective investigators with the necessary skills to submit a successful NIH application will begin Jan. 22, 2009 at 4 p.m. The weekly course will be co-taught by seasoned NIH investigators at the Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions (CASAA) and will cover such topics as identifying potential funding mechanisms, preparing an NIH budget, and the writing of specific aims, preliminary studies and research design sections.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003455.html#more>

12. THE UNM FOUNDATION is sponsoring a grant-writing workshop January 26-30, 2009 conducted by The Grantsmanship Center. Registration is limited to a total of 30 participants per session, and a limited number of seats have been reserved for UNM employees. The program fee is \$895. UNM faculty and staff are eligible to use UNM's tuition remission benefit to attend. To register for the workshop contact Marie McGhee in the Continuing Education office at (505) 277-0723 or via e-mail at: mmcghee@unm.edu.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003474.html#more>

13. MICROSOFT HAS announced the release of an out-of-cycle security patch for a recently announced critical vulnerability in the Internet Explorer browser. The ITS Department recommends that all UNM users coordinate with their departmental IT staff to ensure all Windows computers are patched as soon as possible. Users may contact the ITS Support Center at 277-4848 with any questions. For more information about the vulnerability and the security patch visit:

<http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/advisory/961051.mspx>.