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HIGH TECH HIGH, the unique charter school that launched last year, is undergoing many improvements as it prepares for the fall semester. The first is a name change from High Tech High to the Albuquerque Institute for Mathematics & Science at UNM or AIMS@UNM. Additionally, UNM has received a \$1.3 million appropriation from Gov. Bill Richardson toward permanent facility space for the school on the UNM campus. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001313.html#more

CONNIE BEIMER, special assistant for community affairs and strategic initiatives at UNM, is among 41 leaders statewide who graduated recently from the 2006 Leadership New Mexico Core Program. The Core Program includes topics such as health and human services, economic development, education, environment and natural resources, government and crime and justice issues. http://www.unm.edu/%7Emarket/cgi-bin/archives/001315.html#more

RESEARCH PROFESSOR Art Guenther, Center for High Technology Materials, has been appointed as a member-at-large of the U.S. Advisory Committee for the International Commission for Optics, which represents the interests of the U.S. optics community internationally. http://www.unm.edu/%7Emarket/cgi-bin/archives/001316.html#more

THE ENVISION New Mexico Pediatric Overweight Prevention Collaborative is one of three programs nationwide that has been selected by the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality to receive a 2006 National Recognition Award for health care programs addressing childhood obesity.

http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5058

VICE PRESIDENT for Institutional Advancement Mike Carroll has announced his resignation, effective July 31, 2006. Carroll has accepted the position of Vice President for Advancement at the University of Cincinnati where he will also serve as president of the foundation.

AN OPEN HOUSE will be held Friday, July 21 to enable one and all the opportunity to learn about the newly organized Facilities and Real Estate Management group or FREM. Facility Planning, HSC Facility Planning, UNMH Facility Planning, Real Estate and the Physical Plant departments have joined together to form FREM. The open house will be held in the parking lot of the old Facility Planning building at the northwest corner of Lomas and Yale Boulevards. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001317.html#more

THE DEUTSCHE Sommerschule von New Mexico, or German Summer School of New Mexico, is underway through July 21 at Taos Ski Valley. Now in its fourth decade, students come together for four and a half weeks to speak only German, both inside and outside the classroom. This total immersion approach helps students gain near-native fluency. On Sunday, July 16, the school hosts a "Frühschoppen," a special brunch with traditional German fare and entertainment from the Taos School of Music. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001321.html#more

LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS and ask questions about the avian flu, or bird flu, at the fourth "Science Café" on Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. to noon at the National Atomic Museum in Albuquerque. Experts will address the latest on the flu, when it is expected to reach the United States and the likelihood of it mutating to a human-born illness. Admission is free, but seating is first come, first served. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001320.html#more

"IN FOCUS," KNME-TV's public affairs series that explores issues important to New Mexicans, looks at "Childhood Cancer Survivors in New Mexico," on Channel 5 on Friday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m. and repeating Sunday, July 16, at 7 a.m. "In Focus" looks at the long-term obstacles children face on their road to recovery, as well as exploring how local medical experts lead the way in helping these children succeed in life, long after they have been cured. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001319.html#more