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PROVOST SUZANNE ORTEGA urges individuals considering travel to Mexico to inform themselves of any risks in the areas they plan to visit, how to avoid dangerous situations and who to contact if victimized. 

http://news.unm.edu/?p=3647

LOBOALERTS IS REPLACING TextMe as UNM’s emergency text notification system. This is one piece of a multi-faceted warning system which also includes sirens, e-mail messaging and web page updates. Faculty, staff and students should have received an e-mail earlier this semester informing you about the new LoboAlerts system. All active University affiliates should login to http://loboalerts.unm.edu using their UNM NetID and password. Here users can review and change their data and ensure they receive any alerts prior to a system test on Tuesday, Sept. 14. http://news.unm.edu/?p=3918

ANYONE WHO OWNS a computer plays the “Virus Inoculation Game” every day whether they want to or not. Associate Professor of Computer Science, Jared Saia, says one way to inject an element of fear into the game is to counteract the natural self-interest of the players. His latest research, funded by the National Science Foundation, will test the idea of using a mediator to achieve this goal. http://news.unm.edu/?p=3869

LOBO MOBILE, UNM’s new smartphone application, is now available to all students, faculty and staff. Lobo Mobile, for Lobos on the Go, allows users to access essential UNM information anytime and anywhere, on any smartphone or iPad/iTouch. http://news.unm.edu/?p=3880

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES warns the University community of two ongoing phishing attacks in the Albuquerque area. The first, and more widespread attack, is a text message that is being sent to many cell phones in the 505 area code. The text messages indicate that your credit union debit card has been disabled. A contact number is given to reactivate your card, through which the attackers attempt to steal your information. http://news.unm.edu/?p=3732


ROXANA MORENO, associate professor in the College of Education, died Saturday, July 24 in Albuquerque after a long illness. Moreno, who was a brilliant scientist, teacher and faculty member who passionately practiced what she espoused, taught educational psychology at UNM since 2000. A memorial reception will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 14 in Simpson Hall Room 135 from 3 to 6 p.m. The UNM community is invited to attend. http://news.unm.edu/?p=3800

THE MIND RESEARCH NETWORK presents a lecture by Colin G. DeYoung, “Neural and Genetic Mechanisms in Aggression, Impulsivity and Other Externalizing Behaviors,” on Friday, Sept. 10, at 11:30
a.m. in the MRN large conference room in the Pete and Nancy Domenici Hall. A light lunch will be served. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3680]

KKOB RADIO 770 AM broadcasts live from the UNM Bookstore Friday, Sept. 10 from 3-5 p.m. for Game Day Friday. Save 25 percent on all Lobowear and spirit merchandise. The event includes a special appearance by UNM Spirit Squad and Lobo Louie. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3844]

THE UNM ART MUSEUM celebrates a big weekend with an opening reception featuring three new exhibits on Friday, Sept. 10, 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibits include “Tamarind Touchstones: Fabulous at 50,” “To Form from Air: Music and the Art of Raymond Jonson” and a retrospective exhibition and monograph on the work of photographer Patrick Nagatani. The exhibits will be on display through Dec. 19. The UNM Art Museum is located in the Center for the Arts. For more information visit: Tamarind – [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3813], Jonson – [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3815] and Nagatani – [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3810].

KNME GENERAL MANAGER AND CEO, Polly Anderson, has been elected Chair of the National Educational Television Association, in a recent announcement by KNME. The new six person board was introduced at the organization’s summer meeting held in Albuquerque. Anderson will serve as chair for fiscal year 2011. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3745]

THIS WEEK, New Mexico in Focus takes a closer look at the national efforts to address the achievement gap. New Mexico is taking a bold approach to bridging the achievement gap in our schools. Just this last legislative session, lawmakers approved the Hispanic Education Act as a way to ensure all students have the best possible chance to succeed in the classroom. Producer Kevin McDonald sits down with Juan Sepulveda, executive director of the White House Initiative on Education Excellence for Hispanic Americans. KNME’s one hour public affairs show New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3911]

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES Indigenous Nations Library Program will host Peter Nabokov talking about his research on Monday, Sept. 13 from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 226, The Gathering Place, in Zimmerman Library. This brown bag discussion is titled “Sanctuaries of the Spirit: Architecture as Resistance.” The Gathering Place is the new home of the Indigenous Nations Library Program, located on the second floor of Zimmerman Library just off the main lobby. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3834]

STRONG STARTS FOR CHILDREN, a new Decade of the Child initiative by the UNM’s Family Development Program in the College of Education, begins dialogues for the initiative on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at Alamosa Library from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Strong Starts for Children is a way to create a brighter future for our youngest children and ourselves. In this project, people from all walks of life are invited to come together to talk about what we can do to make our community better for families and children. [http://news.unm.edu/?p=3926]

UNM STUDENT HEALTH and Counseling will host the combined Annual Meeting of the Southwest & Rocky Mountain College Health Associations, on Oct. 10-12, 2010, at the Albuquerque Embassy Suites