ON FRIDAY, JULY 18, the Division of Human Resources will distribute a survey to evaluate the impact of the compressed workweek on the UNM community. All faculty and staff will receive an e-mail with a survey link to participate. This survey is your opportunity to help guide future decisions about the compressed workweek. All survey responses must be received by Tuesday, July 22 by 5 p.m. If you have any questions or concerns contact Ray Sykes at 277-2695.

THE COMBINED GRADE point average of the Lobos’ 21 athletics programs for the 2008 spring semester was a school-record 3.11 according to the UNM registrar’s office. UNM’s previous high was 3.08 in the 2006 spring semester. The Lobos have now reached a GPA of 3.00 or better for 11 of the last 12 semesters. UNM began tracking grades in the fall of 1988.  
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003058.html#more

UNM-GALLUP is ranked third among the nation’s community colleges for granting associate degrees to American Indian students, according to preliminary figures issued by the U.S. Department of Education, and as published in the June 16 issue of Community College Week. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003061.html#more

JOIN THE FESTIVAL-LIKE atmosphere Friday, July 18 when the Albuquerque-based rock band Trinity performs at the University Honors Plaza in the second of three summertime concerts. A classical heavy metal act playing many of your old-time rock-and-roll favorites, Trinity will start rockin' at noon at plaza, located southeast of the SUB and south of the Student Health Center. Chartwell's will be grilling and the place will be smoking! Free ice cream will also be available while supplies last.  
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003051.html

THE OFFICE OF THE Secretary needs volunteers for Freshman Family Day on Sunday, Aug. 24. Hours of need vary, but generally begin at noon and run until 7 p.m. This welcome for our new freshmen is a great way to start the semester. To volunteer, visit:  http://www4.unm.edu/facsen/volunteer/ffdvsignup.cfm.

RECENTLY, GRADUATE STUDENTS from UNM visited Oaxaca, Mexico, to learn about Mexican traditional medicine with Occupational Therapy Professor Terry K. Crowe. The course was designed through a partnership between CECIPROC - a non-government Oaxacan organization working in community health, Tierraventura - a small business offering unique eco-tourism and UNM’s Occupational Therapy Graduate Program in the School of Medicine.  
http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003057.html#more

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE student, Justin Taylor, was selected to receive a 2008 American Medical Association Foundation’s Minority Scholar Award. Taylor, along with 11 other first and second year medical students nationally, will receive a $10,000 scholarship in recognition of scholastic achievement.
MECHANICAL ENGINEERING students at UNM built and raced a small formula-style racing car in the 2008 Formula Society of Automotive Engineers West competition at the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, Calif., placing in the top 20 in three major categories. This is one of seven international competitions that are part of the largest engineering competition in the world.

THE ALPHA UPSILON Chapter was recognized recently with a national award as Chapter of the Year. Among its accolades last year, the chapter raised money for earthquake victims in Peru, for St. Jude’s Hospital and the Red Cross. The chapter also has a mentoring program for students at Albuquerque High School and meets monthly to work with the Albuquerque Bicycle Recyclers program to rebuild and give bikes to needy Albuquerque Public School students.

THE ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY of America will present societal awards to eight distinguished ecologists at its 93rd Annual ESA meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in August. Among the recipients will be former UNM Vice President and Professor of Biology Dr. Terry Yates, who will receive ESA's 2007 Sustainability Science Award posthumously.

CORTEZ WILLIAMS, retired UNM assistant professor of African-American Studies, now Africana Studies, died Saturday, July 12. He was 68 years old. A memorial service is set for Saturday, July 26, at 11 a.m. at the UNM Alumni Chapel followed by a reception at 1 p.m. in UNM Student Union Building Lobo rooms A & B.

HOW AND WHY would people want to travel around the world in a balloon? This question will be answered at the latest edition of KNME-TV’s “Science Cafe,” held at the Anderson-Abruzzo Albuquerque International Balloon Museum, at 9201 Balloon Museum Drive NE on Saturday, July 19 at 10 a.m.

THIS WEEK, “New Mexico in Focus” looks at New Mexico’s Children, Youth and Family Services Department, presidential candidate John McCain’s recent town hall in Albuquerque, and debate over what Gov. Bill Richardson should do with New Mexico’s $400 million windfall. “New Mexico in Focus” airs on KNME-TV, channel 5, on Friday, July 18 at 7 p.m. and repeats at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 20.