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1. A SEARCH COMMITTEE has selected four finalists for the position of executive director of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy at UNM. They are: Deborah R. McFarlane, Jose A. Pagan, Kathleen A. Staudt and Robert Otto Valdez. Each candidate has been invited to UNM for a campus visit and to make a public presentation. Anyone with an interest in health policy is encouraged to attend the candidates’ presentations and to provide feedback to the committee. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002318.html#more

2. HELEN GONZALES has been appointed Acting Vice President of Human Resources, announced Executive Vice President David Harris. Gonzales replaces Carolyn Thompson, Interim Vice President of Human Resources, who was recently reassigned as a consultant to the President for strategy and goals. Gonzales has more than 25 years of human resources and employee development experience. A search for a Vice President of Human Resources will be initiated in the next few weeks.

3. AS PART OF THE consolidated reorganization of University Financial Services, Elizabeth Metzger, associate controller, has been promoted to Chief Accounting and Treasury Officer for Main Campus, while Robert Fondino, associate budget director, has been promoted to Chief Accounting and Budget Officer for the Health Sciences Center. Both appointments are effective immediately.

4. FACULTY, STAFF and students are encouraged to signup for UNM’S Emergency Notification System. TextMe UNM is an opt-in text messaging system that provides UNM students, faculty and staff with fast, convenient, real-time message alerts in the event of a campus emergency. For more information and to signup visit: https://login.unm.edu/cas/login?service=http://textme.unm.edu/

5. THE DEPARTMENT OF Parking and Transportation Services announced the creation of a vanpooling service as part of the university's push to increase transportation options for students, staff and faculty. PATS recently announced the first vanpool to begin daily commutes to main campus. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002309.html#more

6. BEGINNING WEDNESDAY, Oct. 17, the faculty at UNM’s Anderson School of Management will begin a series of seven lectures over seven months. The series starts with Professor Sul Kassicieh discussing Economic Development and New Mexico. The talks will take place each month on a Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the new Anderson Student Center. The lectures are free and open to the public. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002304.html#more

7. ON SATURDAY, Oct. 20, the University of New Mexico and the University of Arizona will participate in a decisive regional round of computer programming problem solving as part of the 32nd ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest, sponsored by IBM. University students worldwide are sharpening their programming
skills to compete in the world’s most prestigious computer programming competition.

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8. THE UNM INSTITUTE for American Indian Education will offer free workshops to help New Mexico’s Native American teachers and pre-service teachers overcome difficulties presented by standardized tests that often present particular challenges for those outside the cultural context in which the test is written on the New Mexico Teacher Assessment Test. The next workshop will be held Saturday, Oct. 20, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Henderson Fine Arts building, room 9010, at San Juan College in Farmington, N.M.

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9. ALL YOU NEED is some hydrogen, some oxygen, a special membrane, a couple of catalysts, and presto—you've got power. Hydrogen fuel cell cars promise pollution-free driving, but will we see them anytime soon? This question and others will be answered at the next KNME Science Café on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the National Atomic Museum located at 1905 Mountain Road, N.W.

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10. THE DEPARTMENT of Native American Studies will present a screening of “PAATUWAQATSI H2Opi Run to Mexico,” a film documenting a 2,000 mile trek from the Hopi mesas to Mexico City to carry a message to the 2006 World Water Forum. The film will be shown on Wednesday, Oct. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Anthropology Lecture Hall, rm. 163. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002308.html#more

11. ARTURO CRUZ, Jr., Nicaraguan Ambassador to the United States, will give a talk at UNM on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 2 p.m. Titled “Political Trends in Latin America and Challenges to the Ortega Government in Nicaragua,” the talk will be held at the Latin American and Iberian Institute located at 801 Yale Blvd., N.E. A question and answer session will follow the talk, which is free and open to the public.

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12. THE UNM LATIN American and Iberian Institute, Albuquerque International Association and the Center for International Studies will host a talk titled "Two Americas and the United States," by Jane Thery of the Organization of American States. The event will be held Thursday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m. at the UNM Hibben Center.

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14. SCHOOL OF LAW Professor Sherri Burr will offer a two-day course focusing on the law and art on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 19-20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Georgia O'Keefe Museum Education Annex in Santa Fe. During the course, participants will explore legal issues important to artists, museums and gallery owners.

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15. ON SATURDAY, Oct. 20, survivors of the ongoing atrocities occurring in Sudan's western region of Darfur will share their stories of survival with UNM staff, students and faculty, as well as members of the local community. The event will start at 2:30 p.m. in
16. THE UNM ANDERSON SCHOOL of Management will present the 6th Annual Arthur A. Blumenfeld Endowed Lecture Series on Thursday, Nov. 1. The event, featuring keynote speaker and New Mexico State Treasurer James B. Lewis, begins with a reception at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. The lecture, titled, “The State Treasury: Rebuilding After the Storm,” begins at 7 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:45 p.m. Tickets are complimentary, but seating is limited and reservations are required. RSVP by Oct. 30, 2007 to rsvp@mgt.unm.edu or (505) 277-7114.

17. ALLEN M. PARKMAN, Regents’ Professor Emeritus at the Anderson School of Management at UNM, has published a new book titled, Smart Marriage: Using Your (Business) Head as Well as Your Heart to Find Wedded Bliss (Praeger, 2007). This innovative book uses business principles to help people make better decisions about all phases of marriage. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002312.html#more

18. UNM WILL HONOR Professor Ellis on Thursday, Oct. 25 for his groundbreaking advocacy on behalf of the mentally disabled, and for his being named to the school’s Henry Weihofen Endowed Chair. In addition to the ceremony, a one-hour Continuing Legal Education program will be offered as part of the celebration of Professor Ellis’ professional accomplishments. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002176.html#more