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TOMORROW BEGINNING at 9 a.m., UNM administrators, students, faculty and staff will meet in the Student Union Building, Ballroom C to discuss the university budget. The budget, which goes into effect on July 1, 2008, has been partially formed by the result of the 2008 legislative session. That session set parameters for future student tuition increases, and for faculty and staff salary increases. For the live broadcast visit: [mms://mtsmedia.unm.edu/Budget_Summit2008](https://mtsmedia.unm.edu/Budget_Summit2008). The link will be live beginning at 9 a.m.

A PARTNERSHIP between UNM, CNM and the Rio Rancho community, looks to provide a commute-free start-to-finish education in Rio Rancho. Making this vision a reality is in the hands of Rio Rancho voters when they go to the polls on March 4. The Higher Education Initiative calls for a ¼ of 1 percent gross receipts tax increase, which would bring the gross receipts tax from 6.6875 percent to 6.9375 percent. The increase is the equivalent of just 25 cents of every \$100.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002663.html#more>

THE UNM HEALTH Sciences Center's Center for Telehealth and Cybermedicine Research has been authorized to receive \$15.5 million from the Federal Communications Commission for the design, construction, operation and evaluation of a Southwest Telehealth Access Grid.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=6709>

THE UNM DISTINGUISHED Professor Lecture Series, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, gets underway tonight with Dr. William R. Miller, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Psychiatry at UNM. Miller's lecture titled, "Motivational Interviewing in Addiction and Healthcare," will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Ballroom C in the UNM Student Union Building.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002641.html#more>

FELIPE GONZALES is happiest engaged in research and writing, yet administration has again pressed him into service, this time as associate dean for faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences. Gonzales earned his bachelor's in sociology from UNM in 1972, he earned both a master's and doctorate at Berkeley. He joined the UNM faculty in 1987 and served as chair of the Sociology Department for three years and director of the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute for six.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002664.html#more>

THE U.S. ARMY Corps of Engineers is responsible for flood control on the river, and it also has the job of restoring the vegetation in wooded areas along the banks. Sometimes the two jobs collide, so the Corps of Engineers has turned to UNM to find answers. Associate Professor of Civil Engineering Julie Coonrod oversees five contracts for research on a variety of projects.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002668.html#more>

AFTER A COMPETITIVE RFP process, the Board of Regents approved offering employee health insurance and drug benefits for our active employees, retirees under the age of 65, and dependents through Lovelace Health Plan and Presbyterian Health Plan for fiscal year 2008-09. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002659.html#more>

CAROLYN MONTOYA and Jim Stapleton received this year's Aladino and Nellie Matteucci Faculty Fellowship. The Matteucci Faculty Fellowship is awarded annually. Candidates must prepare applications detailing how their proposed work will benefit and advance the College of Nursing's goals, particularly the commitment to enhancing education.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=6699>

UNM HISTORY Professor Paul Hutton's article, "Dreamscape Desperado: Billy the Kid and the Movies," received the 2007 Western Heritage Award for best article. It was published in the New Mexico Historical Review, vol. 82. no. 2, Spring 2007, pages 149-196. The NMHR staff learned of the award from the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002657.html#more>

WHEN NATURE Strikes: Weather Disasters and the Law," by UNM Dickason Professor of Law Marsha Baum, was recently awarded an honorable mention for "a comprehensive treatment of weather and jurisprudence" by the Atmospheric Science Librarians International.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002666.html#more>

NOW ON the UNM Live podcast: Scott Carreathers, director of African American Student Services, discusses Black History Month and the Black Cultural Conference opening tonight. <http://unmlive.unm.edu>

TWO NEW MEMBERS have joined the STC.UNM Board of Directors. President and CEO Lisa Kuuttila welcomed Jack McIver and Pedro Suarez to the board. McIver is interim vice president for Research and Economic Development at UNM and has been a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the university since 1984. Suarez is counsel in the San Diego office of Mintz Levin and practices in the intellectual property section. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002667.html#more>

THE UNM DEPARTMENT of Foreign Languages and Literatures (FLL) presents, "World Language Expo 2008: What part of this world don't you understand?" on Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Ortega Hall on UNM's main campus. Admission is \$2. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002609.html#more>