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1. UNM HAD A SUCCESSFUL 2007 legislative session. Some highlights of priority legislation already signed by the Governor include: a 5 percent compensation increase for both faculty and staff; funding to cover the .75 percent increase in the employer contribution to retirement; zero tuition credit a healthy increase in the building renewal and replacement formula from 40 percent to 70 percent, plus approximately \$13.8 million for infrastructure; and \$28.6 million in capital outlay projects. The faculty endowment bill, which was another UNM general priority, is now waiting for action by the governor. This would provide matching funds of \$2 million to UNM main campus and \$1.5 million to the Health Sciences Center. For a listing of UNM projects funded in the budget and capital outlay bills visit: <http://www.unm.edu/~legis07/>.

2. NEW UNM PRESIDENT DAVID J. SCHMIDLY is inviting all staff members to participate with him in a videoconference on Thursday, March 22, at 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Theatre in the basement of the Student Union Building. Interested staff members will be able to ask President Schmidly questions in a live videoconference. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001812.html#more>

3. LAST CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS – The Research and Creativity Conference is seeking undergraduate participants. The conference will be held Tuesday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building. The deadline for project submissions is March 20. If you are a student working on an imaginative, scholarly research project in any discipline, you're encouraged to register. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001785.html#more>

4. THE NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION Week began March 18 and the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center (NMPDIC) is raising awareness of poison prevention to New Mexicans across the state. The NMPDIC provides help with all types of poisoning situations and is available to the public and healthcare professionals 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Those needing "poison help" should call the NMPDIC at 1-800-222-1222. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=582>  
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5. UNM STUDENTS from Mechanical Engineering's Formula Society of Automotive Engineers racecar design class are showing two fifth grade classes at Monte Vista Elementary School how to build balloon-powered toy cars. The goal of the class is to use an engineering problem-solving process to respond to a request from a fictitious toy company to create an appealing toy that travels far, carries weight or goes fast. The fifth-graders will demonstrate their working model, present their test data and explain why they designed the car the way they did in a special presentation Tuesday, March 20, at 12:45 p.m in building P-6 at Monte Vista Elementary. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001814.html#more>

6. THE THIRD IN A SERIES of four roundtables focusing on issues concerning graduate and professional students of color at UNM is Tuesday, March 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Santa Ana Room in the Student Union building. A panel will discuss the topic “Why do we need Faculty of Color?” Participants include Gregory Cajete, Language, Literacy and Sociocultural Studies professor and director of Native American Studies, Ray Hernandez, Department of Art and Art History assistant professor, Ime Kerlee, Department of Women’s Studies post-doc fellow, and Margaret Montoya, School of Law professor.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001799.html#more>

7. THE MEDICINE WHEEL Lecture series will bring two Native American chefs to campus to discuss healthy lifestyles and health issues such as diabetes during a brown bag lunch on Wednesday, March 21, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Herzstein Reading Room. Chefs Walter Whitewater (Dine) and Lois Ellen Frank (Kiowa) will also do a power point presentation on “Indigenous Delicious Cuisine” and prepare food for the participants from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Willard Reading Room.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001792.html#more>

8. THE 16<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL Southwest Conference on Communicative Disorders, sponsored by the UNM Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association and the UNM Speech and Hearing Sciences Department, will be held Thursday and Friday, March 22-23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily at the Wyndham Albuquerque Hotel, located at 2910 Yale Blvd., S.E.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001790.html#more>

9. GERALD ALBAUM, a research professor at the Anderson School of Management, will give a short talk as part of a ceremony honoring his scholarship in the Willard Room of Zimmerman Library on Thursday, March 22, at 2 p.m. The title of his talk is “How to Get Started, Continue and End Gracefully a Research Career.”  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001806.html#more>

10. JOSEPH B. STONE, chief of behavioral health services with the Gallup Indian Medical Center, will present a workshop on “Undoing Racism” on Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the University of New Mexico-Gallup in Calvin Hall 248C.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001802.html#more>

11. THE GALE MEMORIAL LECTURE Series continues on Thursday, March 22, from 6-7 p.m. in the UNM Art Museum gallery with “The Differences that Different Kinds of Images Make in the Study of the Spanish 'New World',” by Thomas B.F. Cummins. The lecture is free and open to the public. Cummins is the Dumbarton Oaks Professor of the History of Pre-Columbian and Colonial Art and the Art History Department Chair at Harvard University. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001801.html#more>

12. ON FRIDAY, MARCH 23, the 2nd Annual UNM Student Water Symposium will be held in Lobo rooms A&B in the Student Union Building. The daylong event will feature oral and poster presentations about water related research currently being conducted by faculty, students and staff. The symposium is designed to bring together undergraduate

and graduate students and the UNM community interested in creative water research to showcase the exciting work being conducted by students on water topics in New Mexico and the Southwest. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001786.html#more>

13. THE FIRST LECTURE of the Spring 2007 Geography Speakers' Series will be held Friday, March 23 from 12 to 1 p.m. in Bandelier Hall East rm. 105. The talk will feature Bill Moye, founder and president of the STARR Group, LLC, who will discuss "Community Involvement in Solving Energy Reliability Infrastructure Issues." The event is free and open to the public.

14. THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE seeks public comment on the National Park's Centennial Initiative. A listening session will be held Tuesday, March 27, from 5-7 p.m. at the National Hispanic Cultural Center, 1709 4th St. SW. This is one of 17 public listening sessions to be held in communities around the United States. The project is a joint venture between UNM and the National Parks Service.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001809.html#more>

15. FACULTY AND STAFF are advised that beginning Monday night, March 19, at 10 p.m., the fire lane and drive between the Family Practice Center building and the Cancer Research Facility will be barricaded. There will be no access until Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. so a large crane can be moved into the area to remove an emergency generator. People who use this area will need to make alternative transportation plans.

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<http://www.unm.edu/news/UNMToday/07-03-12issue.pdf>

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