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1. THE UNM HOME PAGE has been redesigned and is scheduled to go live Friday, June 30. To produce the new design, University Communication and Marketing Department staff studied usage of our current site, consulted with key users including students, parents, staff, faculty, administration, alumni, and reviewed a number of ‘best practice’ university sites around the country.

[http://www.unm.edu/news/06JunNewsRelease/06-06-28\\_homepage.htm](http://www.unm.edu/news/06JunNewsRelease/06-06-28_homepage.htm)

2. ACTING PRESIDENT David W. Harris has banned fireworks on all university property. The ban goes into effect immediately and will remain in force until further notice. The ban comes as a result of the severe drought conditions and the potential risk to life, property and the environment. It is suggested that the branches in Gallup, Los Alamos, Santa Fe, Taos and Valencia also adhere to the ban.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001299.html#more>

3. ANOTHER SEMESTER means another record for student-athletes at UNM. The combined grade point average for the Lobos’ 21 athletics programs during the 2006 spring semester was a school-record 3.08, according to the UNM registrar’s office. That’s the highest semester GPA since the school began tracking grades in the fall of 1988 and the eighth straight semester the GPA has been 3.02 or higher.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001295.html#more>

4. THE FINAL AGREEMENT that put 3,002 acres of state land at Mesa del Sol into the hands of the developer was signed recently among the three entities involved. Michael Daly, chief operating officer of Forest City Covington, Regent Sandra Begay-Campbell, representing the UNM Board of Regents, and New Mexico State Land Commissioner Patrick Lyons were on hand for the more than \$9 million deal.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001290.html#more>

5. AMY WOHLERT and Peter White have been appointed vice provosts at UNM. Wohlert was selected vice provost for graduate education, while White was named vice provost for undergraduate education. Wohlert was also appointed dean of Graduate Studies. [http://www.unm.edu/news/06JunNewsRelease/06-06-23\\_vice-provost.htm](http://www.unm.edu/news/06JunNewsRelease/06-06-23_vice-provost.htm)

6. PROVOST REED Dasenbrock has created a Graduation Task Force charged with identifying the most critical factors affecting graduation rates at the university and proposing strategies to improve them. The group will be co-chaired by Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean of University College Peter White and Associate Provost Wynn Goering.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001294.html#more>

7. IN THE LAST YEAR, UNM entered into 10 agreements and exchanges with universities in Spain and Latin America. Dr. Eliseo “Cheo” Torres, vice president of Student Affairs, actively pursued several after hosting a group of university

administrators from Mexico this spring.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001303.html#more>

8. THE MAIN CAMPUS Institutional Review Board (IRB) has issued a revised “IRB Policies and Procedures Manual.” The revised manual, effective June 12, 2006, includes new and updated information regarding the submission of biomedical research, the departmental review of protocols for scientific merit, definition of minimal risk studies, federal rules regarding prisoner related research, research on students and the use of research credits. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001300.html#more>

9. STEVEN ADELSHEIM, professor of Psychiatry, was recently honored with separate awards from the American Psychiatric Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for his progressive and effective work in child and adolescent psychiatry.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=5042>

10. THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS department switch replacement project is nearing completion. During the main campus project, approximately 12,000 telephone lines were moved to the new switch. Telecommunications has begun to resolve trouble tickets resulting from the accelerated cutover. At this time, departments are asked to check the phones of faculty and staff who are away for the summer to assure that the phones are working correctly. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001298.html#more>

11. UNM IS HOSTING the second annual Mexican Traditional Medicine Fair on Friday, June 30, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Featured will be Mexican folk healers known as curanderos, local vendors, and demonstrations of massage, acupuncture and the use of plants and herbs for medicinal purposes. Nearly 40 Mexican curanderos are expected to participate.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001279.html#more>

12. LISA PACHECO has been named acquisitions editor at UNM Press. Pacheco, an editorial intern for UNM Press for two years prior to her hire as acquisitions editor, will acquire books in anthropology, archaeology and religious studies of the Americas.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001297.html#more>