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SCIENTISTS IN THE UNM School of Medicine's Infectious Diseases and Inflammation Program have developed the first test for the effects of the Sin Nombre hantavirus in living animals. The Sin Nombre virus is the agent responsible for hantavirus cardiopulmonary syndrome in humans, a disease that causes death in about 40 percent of its victims.

KATHLEEN SENA HAS BEEN SELECTED as the new UNM registrar. Sena has worked in various positions at UNM including assistant registrar, who is responsible for registration and scheduling, associate registrar, who is assigned to coordinate branch campus registration, and most recently, the interim registrar post.

THE UNM HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER received a one-year grant for \$894,956 from the Office for Advancement of Telehealth, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Health Resources & Services Administration. The grant is for PROJECT TOUCH (Telehealth Outreach for Unified Community Health), a collaboration between UNM and the University of Hawaii. The goal of the project is to demonstrate the feasibility of employing advanced computing methods to enhance education in a problem-based learning format currently used in a medical school curriculum, applying a specific clinical case (brain-injury) as a model, and deploying to remote sites / workstations.

RITA PADILLA-GUTIERREZ, director of UNM Scholarship Office, was appointed to the Central Area Workforce Investment Board (CAWIB). The CAWIB is a government financed led business effort with multiple responsibilities including issuing policies designed to strengthen workforce activities throughout the Central New Mexico region of Bernalillo, Sandoval, Torrance and Valencia counties. Padilla-Gutierrez joins a group of dedicated leaders from business including labor, education, one-stop partners, economic development and community-based organizations.

THE HONORARY DEGREE COMMITTEE is seeking nominations for honorary degree recipients for the May 2001 Commencement Ceremony. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Sept. 29, 2000, and should be submitted to the Office of the University Secretary at Scholes Hall, Room 101. For more information, contact Mari Ulibarri at 277-7791.

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