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THE UNM FOUNDATION Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Henry Nemcik as President and Chief Executive Officer for the UNM Foundation. He will begin his employment on Aug. 16, 2010. Since 2005, Nemcik, who holds a master's in public administration, has served as the vice president for Development and Alumni Relations, as well as the president of the Foundation, of the University of Tennessee System. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005194.html#more>

ON SATURDAY, May 22, during what is usually a routine lowering of the water level for cleaning the UNM Duck Pond, a larger than normal amount of sludge caused water levels to decline more rapidly than what was anticipated. As a result, the water level fell too low for some of the fish to survive. The University regrets this incident. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005203.html#more>

THE REGENTS LECTURERS in the College of Arts & Sciences have been announced. They are Osbjorn Pearson, anthropology; William Pockman, biology; and Dinesh Loomba, physics & astronomy. The title Regents Lecturer is bestowed on junior tenured faculty members who, in the judgment of the dean and on the advice of a faculty selection committee, merit recognition of their exceptional accomplishments in the areas of teaching, scholarship and leadership in university affairs and with respect to national/international professional communities.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005206.html#more>

MORE THAN 13,000 years ago, millions of large mammals such as mammoths, mastodon, shrub-ox, bison, ground sloths and camels roamed the Americas and may have had profound influences on the environment and implications for climate change, according to research in a paper titled "Methane Emissions from Extinct Megafauna" by Dr. Felisa Smith, UNM associate professor of Biology. The research was released recently in the publication Nature Geosciences.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005200.html#more>

DR. DALE ALVERSON, medical director for UNM Health Sciences Center's Center for Telehealth and Cybermedicine Research, was named president of the American Telemedicine Association at the Annual ATA Meeting & Exposition in San Antonio, Texas. Alverson is a professor of Pediatrics and Regents' Professor on faculty at UNM's School of Medicine.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005199.html#more>

GRADUATE ENGINEERING student Jason Sanchez is headed to the Technical University of Catalonia in Barcelona, Spain on an international post-doctoral fellowship from the National Science Foundation to research computational failure mechanics with Professor Xavier Oliver. He is planning to defend his dissertation later this summer before he leaves for Spain.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005202.html#more>

THE HARWOOD MUSEUM of Art of the University of New Mexico presents art programs for kids of all ages this summer. The kick-off event is Friday, May 28, 5-6 p m. at the Harwood's Sidney and Gladys Smith Children's Art Gallery . It will feature a reception for artwork created by children as part of the

Museum Adventures in Art program led by artist and instructor Olga Torres Reid.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005195.html#more>

THE ANDERSON SCHOOL of Management is hosting two information sessions for UNM staff interested in the Master of Business Administration, Master of Accounting, or Executive Master of Business Administration programs. The first session will be held on Tuesday, June 1 at the Domenici Center for Health Sciences Education, Room 3010. A session for Main Campus and South Campus employees will be on Wednesday, June 2 at the Graduate School of Management, Room 126. The times for both sessions will be from 12 to 1 p.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005178.html#more>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES has announced its summer hours. Effective June 1, IT Customer Support Services will be available during the following hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Extended hours will resume August 2. For more information call IT at (505) 277-5757. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005185.html#more>

RECREATIONAL SERVICES at the University of New Mexico is hosting the first of five summer camp sessions for its popular Recreational Activities Day Camp or RAD Camp beginning June 1. RAD Camp provides a variety of opportunities to enhance the educational, recreational and cultural experiences of Albuquerque youth. Children ages 8-12 can enjoy a variety of sports and activities including basketball, baseball, arts & crafts, field trips, initiative games, group projects and more. The first session, which begins June 1, is a week long. Sessions 2-5 are two week sessions. Camp hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005151.html#more>

CAMP BEGINS NEXT WEEK for the 2010 UNM Summer Youth Sports Program hosted by the College of Education's Department of Health, Exercise and Sports Sciences (HESS). The camp, which provides a free sports program for youngsters of the community, will be held June 4 through July 1. Physicals and registration will be conducted Wednesday-Thursday, June 2-3 and Monday, June 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005060.html#more>

AS PART OF THE 2010 lecture series, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will host Meredith Minkler as she presents, "Community-Based Participatory Research: A Promising Strategy for Promoting Healthy Public Policy," on Thursday, June 3 at 3 p.m. in the Domenici Center, Room 2212. Minkler, professor and director of Health and Social Behavior at the University of California-Berkeley, will share her more than 30 years of experience in community based-based participatory research and how the field effects political change. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005198.html#more>