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THE UNM HEALTH SCIENCES Center became part of a prestigious National Institutes of Health consortium to accelerate health research findings in New Mexico and the Southwest and quickly convert them into health solutions in clinics across the state. The National Center for Research Resources, an arm of the National Institutes of Health, awarded a five-year, \$23-million grant bringing UNM's Clinical & Translational Science Center into a 55-member NIH national powerhouse group of biomedical research institutions. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1919>

A TEAM OF RESEARCHERS at UNM's Health Sciences Center and Sandia National Laboratories is being honored by R&D Magazine for its development of a portable, handheld biosensor device capable of detecting dangerous viruses, bacteria and other pathogens within seconds or minutes. The handheld device uses surface-acoustic-wave technology to identify frequency waves associated with specific pathogens. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=8855>

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION has recognized a unique partnership at UNM with a \$700,000 grant to provide three years of competitively awarded fellowships for full-time graduate students seeking a Professional Masters Degree in Nanoscience and Microsystems. Students will undertake a research project and/or an internship in nanotechnology and have the opportunity to participate in UNM's Technology Business Plan Competition. UNM received one of 21 awards and was selected from more than 200 applications from schools around the country. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1800>

ON JULY 1, Kim Kloeppe, fiscal and planning officer for Student Affairs, assumed the responsibilities of the Dean of Students on an interim basis in addition to her current position in the office of Student Affairs. Kloeppe has been on campus for 15 years and has held a number of administrative and fiscal roles including program director, and associate director for operations at UNM Student Health and Counseling. Kloeppe was appointed to the position, succeeding Randy Boeglin who retired on June 30, 2010. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1837>

THE NEW YALE and Lomas Parking Structure recently moved into the final stages of development. According to UNM's Parking and Transportation Services department, road construction in the Yale and Las Lomas area will continue until Aug. 31. The areas immediately affected will be the northbound Yale boulevard lane between Lomas and Las Lomas, and both lanes of Las Lomas between Yale and Stanford. Additionally shuttle service throughout campus will be re-routed for the duration of the project and is expected to face delays. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1883>

TWENTY-SEVEN STUDENTS graduated recently from the UNM's Foreign Language and Literature department's one-month intensive language program, Startalk. Startalk immerses students in Arabic and Chinese and emphasizes the three communicative areas of interpersonal, interpretive and presentational skills in both written and oral forms, as well as cultural themes that are integrated into the class material. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1820>

NATIVE AMERICAN undergraduate students from across the country are spending a month this summer at the UNM School of Law learning many aspects about the legal profession as part of the Native

American Pre-law Undergraduate Scholars Program (NA-PLUS), sponsored by LSAC DiscoverLaw.org.Plus Program. The students, primarily college sophomores, are enrolled in three courses that focus on writing, critical thinking and analysis of federal Indian law and other current Native American legal issues. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1894>

A BOOK OF ESSAYS about the history of New Mexico has won a national award from The American Association for State and Local History. Regents Professor of Anthropology Martha Weigle, New Mexico History Museum Director Frances Levine, and UNM alumni Louise Stiver received an Award of Merit from the AASLH Leadership in History Awards, the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1850>

THE PROVOST'S COMMITTEE for Staff is currently accepting applications for its fall 2010 Academic Support Scholarship. The scholarship is offered to staff who wish to pursue their education and have financial needs not covered by tuition remission such as course fees, books and other course supplies. Three \$250 scholarships will be offered. The deadline is Aug. 16, 2010. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1840>

TAMARIND INSTITUTE'S Clear Out the Old Building Sale on Saturday, July 17, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at 110 Cornell Drive SE, includes large work tables, desks, chairs, shelves, frames, paper remnants, catalogues, bed linens and more. <http://tamarind.unm.edu>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES and the Chief Information Office will host Technology Days Thursday-Friday, July 22-23 at the UNM Student Union Building. The event will give UNM faculty, students and staff an opportunity to learn about and participate in discussions on current university technologies and future innovations. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1670>

A SERIES OF FREE traditional Mexican health fairs (Ferias de Salud) and workshops will be held in the Albuquerque, Alcalde, Espanola and Santa Fe areas on Tuesday, July 27 through Thursday, July 29, in conjunction with the 10th annual Traditional Medicine without Borders: Curanderismo in the Southwest and Mexico class at the University of New Mexico. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1880>

THE MIND RESEARCH Network located on the North Campus of UNM has opened an art exhibit, "Art of the Extremes," featuring art from VSA arts of New Mexico. The exhibit is a collection of works by adults who participate in the VSA Day Arts Program at the North Fourth Art Center. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1858>

A SPEAKER SERIES presented in conjunction with "Man Ray, African Art and the Modernist Lens," a touring exhibit displayed at the UNM Art Museum in spring 2010, is now available. Faculty from UNM, Duke University and the University of Maryland discuss the art of Man Ray and his contemporaries from several perspectives. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1878>

DEPARTING NEW MEXICO Education Secretary Veronica Garcia, the first and only education secretary New Mexico has ever known, talks with New Mexico in Focus about her accomplishments and regrets after eight years at the helm of the state's education efforts. New Mexico in Focus, KNME's one hour

public affairs show, airs Friday, July 16 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 18 at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1.
<http://news.unm.edu/?p=1885>

FORMER UNM PROFESSOR Patricia (Pat) Smith died Sunday, July 11 in Albuquerque. Smith taught English at UNM for 32 years from (1971-2003) including courses in American literature and creative writing. A memorial service will be held at the University of New Mexico Alumni Chapel on Tuesday, July 20 at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1936>