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RESEARCHERS AT UNM's Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse, and Addictions have been awarded a \$400,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health to study mechanisms of behavior change in addiction treatment using a state-of-the-art neuro-imaging technique known as magnetoencephalography.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004070.html#more>

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING Professor Ron Lumia is always looking for new ways of seeing and thinking. That's what led him to become a Fulbright Scholar at the Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru, India, in quest of a new micro-gripper packaging technique using Micro-Electro-Mechanical-Systems or MEMS.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004064.html#more>

REPRESENTATIVES OF UNM, the City of Albuquerque and Sandia Corporation, operator of Sandia National Laboratories, recently signed a memorandum of understanding to participate in a Community Research Collaborative.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004061.html#more>

BIOLOGY PROFESSOR Rob Miller was recently named as a Miegunyah Distinguished Visiting Fellow at the University of Melbourne. Miegunyah Distinguished Visiting Fellows are international scholars that spend up to two months in residence at the University of Melbourne each year. Miller was nominated for being an internationally well known expert in the immune systems of marsupials. His current research is focused on Marsupial Immunobiology, funded by the National Science Foundation.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004072.html#more>

ACROSS THE COUNTRY, kids are getting heavier. This problem is especially prevalent in New Mexico when the 2005 Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey for the state revealed that although 19 percent of white children are overweight or obese, 29 percent of Hispanic children and 38 percent of American Indian children are overweight. Envision New Mexico, a program of the Department of Pediatrics at the UNM Health Sciences Center, has found success in addressing this serious health issue.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=783>

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IN A RECENT DRINKING water quality report, the UNM Albuquerque campus continues to have high quality tap drinking water due to the efforts of several departments including the Physical Plant Department, the New Mexico Environment Department and the Safety & Risk Services Department. The annual Consumer Confidence Report that documents drinking water quality can be found at:

http://srs.unm.edu/pdf/08_CCR_Final.pdf. For more information on UNM's drinking water visit: <http://risk.unm.edu/environmental/drinkingWater.php>.

UNM-GALLUP awarded more associate degrees to American Indian students than any other college in New Mexico during the 2007-2008 college year, and is ranked third

nationally according to U.S. Department of Education data printed in the June 15 issue of the Community College Week newspaper. UNM-Gallup graduated a total of 119 American Indian students with associate degrees for that academic year.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004066.html#more>

SHARON NEPSTAD, director, Religious Studies and professor of sociology, published "Religion and War Resistance in the Plowshares Movement," with Cambridge University Press in 2008. The book recently won the Outstanding Book Award for the American Sociological Association section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004063.html#more>

KUNM'S NEWS DEPARTMENT earned seven first place Associated Press awards for 2008, winning the top spot in all but two categories in the radio awards. The radio broadcast awards this year were consolidated to include all radio stations across the state, from Taos to Las Cruces. Competition was stronger, and KUNM continued to excel.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004062.html#more>

THE NEW MEXICO STATE Board of Finance has approved construction of a new 850-space parking structure to be located on the southeast corner of Lomas and Yale Boulevards. Construction will begin on the BBER location soon.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004067.html#more>

REPUBLICAN STEVE SCHIFF – congressman, district attorney and U.S. Air Force Reserve colonel, died in 1998. His papers are now available for researchers at the Center for Southwest Research at UNM. They reflect a serious and conscientious public servant who took on a number of tough projects along with one of New Mexico's biggest mysteries. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004060.html#more>

IN A VIDEO of the June Parent Connection Workshop, UNM Information Assurance Director Michael Carr discusses "What Every Parent Needs to Know about Information Security in a Digital Age." <http://unmlive.unm.edu/?p=969>

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL students have an opportunity to immerse themselves in a college experience through a new, free program offered at UNM. Parents or guardians of students entering 9th through 11th grade are invited to live and dine on campus and attend casual, informative sessions during the second annual "Parent Experience Program" Friday and Saturday, July 24-25. The registration deadline is Friday, June 26.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004054.html#more>

IT'S SUMMER, and the thought of school is far from the minds of many. But a summit that was held in May to address Albuquerque's high drop-out rate was just the start of the discussion for area education professionals. Host David Alire Garcia sits down with some of them to do a follow-up on the "Drop-Out Summit." "New Mexico in Focus," KNME-TV channel 5's weekly hour-long public affairs show, will air on Friday, June 19 at 7 p.m. on KNME-TV channel 5.1 and repeat on Sunday, June 21 at 6:30 a.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004071.html#more>

THE ITS DEPARTMENT is in the process of deploying the Network Access Control project across campus. The NAC system is a security measure designed to authenticate and confirm identities for network users at UNM, and will require all students, faculty, staff and visitors to authenticate by signing in with their NetID and password each time they access the network.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004069.html#more>

A NETWORK UPGRADE has been scheduled by the ITS Department on Tuesday, June 30 from 5 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. The upgrade will strengthen and enhance existing network infrastructure within this campus network zone hub. Network services, including all e-mail, Internet access, Internet Native Banner (INB), WebCT, and telephone and voice services at the Centennial Engineering Building will not be available during this time.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004068.html#more>

THE PHYSICAL PLANT Department's iService Desk will be unavailable Wednesday, July 1, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. for necessary upgrades. <http://frem.unm.edu/PPD/>.