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THE LATIN AMERICAN & Iberian Institute has received a four-year grant worth more than \$2 million for Title VI National Resource Center and Foreign Language and Area Studies from the U.S. Department of Education. The first year's funding, approximately \$500,000, will be made available mid-August.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=2105>

THIS FALL UNM will change emergency text messaging systems from TextMe to LoboAlerts. The new system, provided by Rave Wireless, Inc., will be an opt-out system rather than the current opt-in system. This means that everyone with an active Banner record including students, faculty, staff and others affiliated with the University, will automatically be enrolled in the system. Users are encouraged to login to the system to confirm their contact information and preferences. If a user chooses to opt-out of the text portion of the system, they can do so at that site. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2238>

STUDENTS WHO WANT more from their time in high school can enroll for dual credit courses at the University of New Mexico. UNM has been accepting high school students since 2008 in a dual enrollment program that allows students to get high school credit and college credit for taking courses. More than 100 students have applied for the program for the fall semester.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=2101>

FOR MORE THAN 25 years now, incoming freshmen and their families have been attending the Lobo Orientation and Family Connection programs offered by the UNM New Student Orientation program under the Dean of Students Office. These sessions offer a fun and informative way for students and their families to become better acquainted with the university. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2110>

JSTOR PLANT SCIENCE is an amazing new online meta-herbarium. For the non-botanists among us, that's basically a dead plant museum. Institutions around the world have contributed digitized specimens, and there's a great deal of linking information like botanical drawings and photographs. It's a fantastic resource for botanists, ecologists, taxonomists, biogeographers and anyone who enjoys plants.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=2177>

THE AUGUST EMPLOYEE Health Promotion Program (EHPP) Wellness newsletter is now available. Features this month include: Time To Change Your Fitness Routine?; Art for Health—New Discounts Available; Calender of Events; and Healthy Recipe – Black Bean Quesadillas. Read all about UNM wellness and upcoming EHPP events at: <http://hr.unm.edu/lp.php?f=ehpp-newsletter-august-2010.pdf>

THE UNM HARWOOD Museum of Art in Taos presents an interactive talk on the history and tradition of labyrinths, with an opportunity to create a labyrinth with artist Sandra Wasko-Flood. Wasko-Flood is founder and president of Living Labyrinths for Peace and a member of the Labyrinth Society. "Introduction to Labyrinths" is scheduled on Thursday, July 29 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$6 for Harwood Museum Alliance members, \$8 nonmembers. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2073>

THIS WEEK MARKS the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, otherwise known as the bill of rights for people living with physical or mental challenges. New Mexico In Focus correspondent

Elaine Baumgartel goes in search of answers with help from experts and people who cope with disabilities every day. New Mexico in Focus, KNME's one hour public affairs show, airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on KNME, Channel 5.1. The show can also be seen on KNME's Digital Channel 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2219>

AT ALBUQUERQUE'S 1927 landmark, the KiMo Theatre, the UNM Robb Musical Trust presents a concert of music by John Donald Robb and composers he influenced, Michael Mauldin and James Galloway, for the Sister Cities' International 2010 Conference. The concert, imbued with the region's folk heritage and imagery, is on Saturday, July 31, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved by calling (505) 277-8967. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2065>

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES and the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs present the Summer Sunset lecture: "Where have all the Rock Stars Gone? The experience of an immigrant musician struggling to navigate the dangerous seas of the music industry in the midst of its current demise," July 31 at 6:30 p.m. in the University of New Mexico's George Pearl Hall Auditorium. Matias Pizarro, a musician, artist, cultural promoter and underground activist, will speak on his upbringing in Chile, Brazil and El Salvador as a budding musician and on his later experience as an immigrant artist in the United States. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=1747>

THE THIRD ANNUAL "Artists-4-Autism Auction" hosted by the University of New Mexico School of Medicine's Center for Development and Disability is set for Saturday, Sept. 11, from 4-11 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Albuquerque. Pictures of auction items will be available Monday, Aug. 2. <http://cdd.unm.edu/autism/a4a>

THE UNM BOARD of Regents has scheduled its August meetings. It will conduct its next regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 9 a.m. in ballroom C of the Student Union Building on the UNM main campus. For a list of all meetings visit: <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2064>

THE MIND RESEARCH Network will present a lecture by Alan Richardson-Klavehn titled, "Prestimulus neural oscillations and their hemodynamic correlates elucidate the cognitive and neural processes of memory formation." The lecture will be held Thursday, Aug. 5 at 11:45 a.m. in the MRN large conference room. A light lunch will be served. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=2029>