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THIS SUMMER, the University of New Mexico will start the next phase of an aggressive energy conservation program that is expected to reduce the university's overall energy bill. The university has already retrofitted certain buildings on campus to make them more energy efficient. While those efforts continue, the goal for the summer is to get UNM's staff and faculty on board and remind them of simple energy conservation tips they can use on a daily basis.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003007.html#more>

THE CATASTROPHIC LEAVE program will soon be revised to better serve eligible staff requests. The program, first implemented in 1993, was intended to provide salary and benefits continuation for eligible staff members who have exhausted all paid leave due to personal or immediate family catastrophic illness or injury.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002998.html#more>

RICHARD SCHAEFER, associate professor, Communication & Journalism, is in Mexico for the first UNM summer school session with the Cross-Border Issues Group, a class designed to give undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to explore immigration in depth and in Spanish.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003002.html#more>

THIS PAST SPRING, UNM launched a search for Vice President for Research. However, after the appointment of Julia Fulghum as interim Vice President for Research, Provost-designate Suzanne Trager Ortega, with the concurrence of President David J. Schmidly, decided to suspend the search in order to become familiar with the issues facing the research office.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003003.html#more>

STARTING COLLEGE CAN be a life-changing experience. Many students at UNM face the additional challenge of adjusting to civilian life after serving in the military. As Veteran Affairs certifying official in the Office of the Registrar, Lee St. Pierre verifies that students meet the requirements for veterans' financial aid benefits – and helps them understand how to get through the process.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003000.html#more>

UNM STUDENT-ATHLETES in basketball, football, soccer and track and field have partnered with students from Highland High School in support of what they hope will be an annual event, the "Student to Student Backpacks for Student Success Program." The 2008 APS School Supply Drive continues through July 25. School supplies can be dropped off at all metro-area Wal-Mart stores or New Mexico Educators Federal Credit Union locations. A celebratory event will take place at The Pit on July 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002995.html#more>

WELCOME TO THE UNM multimedia experience – UNM Live is an ongoing series of online interviews, discussions and lectures developed by the University Communication

and Marketing Department. It's available to listeners through iTunes, RSS feeds or on the UNM Live Web site at <http://unmlive.unm.edu/>. For the full story visit: <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003001.html#more>

MORE THAN 3,300 UNM staff members have completed preventing sexual harassment online training so far. Staff members have until the end of the June to complete the training, whereas faculty will have until October 1, 2008. For those of you who have not completed the training, you can access the training at the following link: <https://secure.newmedialearning.com/psh/unewmexico/index.htm>.

THE FIRST OF THREE concerts in the Greg Johnston Summer Concert series is scheduled for noon on Friday, June 20 at the University Honors Plaza. The New Mexico Territorial Brass Band will cap off Staff Appreciation Week with a mix of music popular before and during the American Civil War. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002994.html#more>

MICHAEL BENNAY, author of "Joshua and Isadora: A True Tale of Loss and Love in the Holocaust," which was published to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the creation of the state of Israel, joins David Alire Garcia for an interview and discussion of his book and the grandparents who inspired it on this week's "New Mexico in Focus," airing on KNME-TV, channel 5, at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 20. The episode will repeat on Sunday, June 22 at 6:30 a.m. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003005.html#more>

WHAT WOULD IT BE like to build the first robot that could interact with people? Learn about robots that might someday communicate with people at KNME's Science Cafe at Explora Museum Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. The museum is located at 1701 Mountain Road in Albuquerque's Old Town. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003006.html#more>

SUMMERTIME ENCOURAGES us to be more active and refine our wellness goals. The Employee Health Promotion Program, a Human Resources benefits program, is available to staff and faculty and provides support this summer with the following services. Visit <http://hr.unm.edu> and see the menu under EHPP for more information. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002999.html#more>.

THE UNM Parking and Transportation Department reports that Tucker Road from Camino de Salud to Yale Boulevard will be closed from Monday, June 23 until Thursday, July 31. For more information, please contact the UNM Parking and Transportation Department at 277-1938.