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IN ORDER TO balance its current FY 2010 budget, which required that UNM cover a state general fund decrease while supporting a number of the academic and student success initiatives contained in that budget, the university is using both “pause and hold” vacancy savings and fund balances. UNM Regents approved this strategy last spring. At its Aug. 6 meeting, the Regents Finance and Facilities Committee heard a presentation outlining how this is being accomplished.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004159.html#more>

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES of Health has selected a research team at the University of New Mexico Cancer Center to lead the 10th National Center for Systems Biology in the U.S. with a five-year, \$14.5 million grant.

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THE ROBERT WOOD Johnson Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico, selected eight fellows for the 2009-2010 academic year. The program is committed to selecting scholars from across the country from the social science fields including, political science, economics, sociology, anthropology, psychology journalism, and from the clinical sciences in nursing.

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DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR of Anthropology Lawrence Guy Strauss spent part of his summer in Western Europe with Jean Auel, author of the Earth’s Children series of books about the interactions between Neanderthals and Cro-Magnons. Her first book, ‘The Clan of the Cave Bear,’ began a publishing phenomenon that has sold more than 34-million books. To hear Strauss’ interview visit: Strauss interview:

<http://unmlive.unm.edu/>.

THE ITS DEPARTMENT upgraded the UNM Webmail and CommuniGate e-mail systems Saturday, Aug. 1. As a result, some Blackberry users, who are not on the Blackberry Enterprise Server (BES), are experiencing intermittent delays in receiving e-mails, and are asked to update their device programming to avoid future e-mail delays.

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WRAP UP STAFF Appreciation Week with a lunchtime concert Friday, Aug. 7 featuring Soundclub Superstar. Lunch will be available with Chartwells grilling hamburgers (\$2) and hot dogs (\$1). Chips, ice cream sandwiches and lemonade will also be available for \$1 each. The finale of the 2009 Greg Johnston Summer Concert series gets underway at noon near the Betty Sabo Modern Art Sculpture located southeast of the SUB and south of the Student Health Center.

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THE UNM PARKING and Transportation Services is accepting applications from university departments interested in participating in the Lobo Bikes program, a bike-share opportunity in which selected departments receive a bicycle, necessary equipment, safety

training and maintenance for a year completely cost-free. The deadline to submit an application is Friday, Aug. 7.

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ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS Trish Henning and Rhian Jones, Physics and Astronomy, and Earth and Planetary Sciences respectively, are two of the many female scientists participating in "She is an Astronomer," a free public astronomy event for girls ages 8 to 18. The event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 9, from 1 to 6 p.m. at the Open Space Visitor Center on Albuquerque's west side. No pre-registration is required.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004119.html>

BARRY GAINES, professor of English, was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Theater Critics Association, at their recent annual meeting in Sarasota, Florida. The Executive Committee is the nine-member governing board of the organization. Gaines is the theater critic for the Albuquerque Journal.

THE START OF THE FALL semester is rapidly approaching and now is the time to reserve your information booth space for Welcome Back Days, Aug. 24 – 28. Interested departments, programs and student organizations will be provided a table and chairs around the Duck Pond from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on requested days. Each day has a theme so checkout the schedule to see what day(s) fit your organization best. To reserve your space call Student Activities at, 277-4706. For more information visit:

<http://sac.unm.edu/wbd.html>.

THE UNM CHAMPIONSHIP Golf Course will be the site of the Mezquite Scholarship Golf Tournament on Friday, Sept. 4, 2009. Tournament registration begins at 11:30 a.m., while the tournament is set to tee off at 1 p.m. The UNM Office of Student Affairs, the Mexican Consulate and the Mezquite Market are sponsoring the tournament.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004142.html#more>