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A \$750,000 GRANT from the National Science Foundation to the UNM Mathematics and Statistics department will help provide undergraduate students the opportunity to learn important ideas from pure, applied and computational mathematics. There are three main components of the program, the first of which begins with a summer workshop set for Monday, July 7 through Aug. 8, 2008. Students are invited to join the workshop and build an energetic, productive, cooperative mathematics community in the Southwest.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003014.html#more>

THE REVIEW PERIOD for proposed revisions to University Business Policies 2300, 3210, and 3710 related to the Inspection of Public Records Act ends July 1, 2008. Please send you comments to [ubppm@unm.edu](mailto:ubppm@unm.edu). You may also submit your comments even if another individual has expressed the same concern. Comments that have been received to date can be viewed at: <http://www.unm.edu/~ubppm/comments.htm>.

TRUMAN R. BROWN, professor of Radiology at Columbia University and director of Mind Research, Columbia University Medical Center, will present a lecture titled “Magnetic Resonance Methods for Probing Brain Metabolism and Function.” The lecture will be hosted by the Mind Research Network on Thursday, June 26 at 12 p.m., in the MRN large conference room at 1101 Yale Blvd., N.E.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003013.html#more>

THE UNM PHYSICAL PLANT’S web-based work order request page called ‘iService Desk’ will be shutdown beginning at 4 p.m. Friday, June 27 through 12 p.m. Monday, June 30, 2008 for a system upgrade.

TWO GROUPS OF UNM students will be participating in an international studies program based at Schloss Dyck Castle in Germany. A group of landscape architecture students are currently in Germany studying the extensive formal landscaping at the castle. The second group, led by Professor of Economics and International Studies Institute Director Christine Sauer and Professor of English and American Studies Peter L. White, is preparing to leave in early July.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003012.html#more>

PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL students have an opportunity to immerse themselves in a college experience through a new, free program offered at the University of New Mexico. Parents will live and dine on campus and attend casual, informative sessions during the two-day, one night program held Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19. UNM's new "Parent Experience Program" provides parents or guardians with information needed to support their student's goal of attending a college or university.  
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002997.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 or <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002999.html#more>.

STUDIES HAVE SHOWN that new employees are more likely to stay with an organization if the orientation process is one that is effortless, effective, and engaging. In order to ensure this process is smooth for new UNM employees, Human Resources has revamped orientation to be more comprehensive, include more information that new employees want to know, and leave more time for questions. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/003004.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. On July 1, the catastrophic leave program will change once again in an attempt to bring the program out of its current deficit and provide future sustainability. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002998.html#more>

THE UNM ECONOMICS department is conducting a computerized water usage simulation as part of a study of how customers of the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority might react to changes in water rates. Investigators will make appointments with residents who want to participate between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. The study will run through July 12. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002985.html#more>

'HERE'S TO PETE,' a celebration of Senator Pete Domenici's service to New Mexico and the nation will be held Saturday, June 28 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Roy E. Disney Center for the Performing Arts at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. The celebration will feature several civic leaders, business groups, musicians, school groups and other organizations that will honor the Senator in a light-hearted, humor-filled event, which is sponsored in part by UNM. The cost is \$25 per ticket. For more information visit: [http://nmfirst.org/townhalls/thankspete\\_overview.html](http://nmfirst.org/townhalls/thankspete_overview.html)

ACCORDING TO UNM Parking and Transportation Department, Tucker Road from Camino de Salud to Yale Boulevard will be closed today through Thursday, July 31. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002956.html#more>