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1. UNM PROVOST and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Reed Dasenbrock has named Dr. Brenda J. Claiborne as the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Claiborne, currently professor of biology and director of the Institute for Aging Research at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA), will begin her new job August 1. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001832.html

2. THE 2007 BUDGET SUMMIT takes place tomorrow, Friday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Student Union Building, Ballroom C. UNM regents, administrators and representatives from faculty, staff and student leadership will discuss the university’s budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Everyone is invited to attend. However, if you are unable, but would still like to know what’s being said at the summit, click on the following link for the live audio webcast: mms://mtsmedia.unm.edu/Budget_Summit. The link will be live at 9 a.m.

3. UNM IS THE LEAD institution in a revolutionary new radio telescope, the Long Wavelength Array, and will supervise all aspects of its siting, design, construction and operation. At the Naval Research Laboratory, astronomers have produced the first images of the sky as seen by a LWA prototype, which will be constructed in southwestern New Mexico. The images show emissions from the center of our Galaxy, a supermassive black hole, and the remnant of a star that exploded in a supernova more than 300 years ago. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/001839.html#more

4. EVERYONE IS INVITED as the community dedicates the UNM Children's Hospital and the Barbara & Bill Richardson Pavilion, Saturday, March 31. The program, which begins at 11 a.m., consists of presentations from special guests, a picnic lunch and tours of several finished areas. Tours are set to begin at approximately 1 p.m. The event will be held outside on the east side of the new Pavilion.

5. THE TRAUMA CENTER at UNM has been verified as a Level I (Adult and Pediatric) Trauma Center by the Committee of Trauma of the American College of Surgeons. This achievement recognizes the trauma center’s dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients. http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=586

6. THE UNM College of Nursing continues secure higher amounts of research dollars. Each year, the National Institute of Nursing Research ranks the top 100 nursing schools in the country based on their success at securing federal funding for research grants, and this year the CoN ranks 38th. http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=584

7. UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO Hospitals was recently recognized, for the first time, as one of the top 125 organizations in the nation that excel at human capital
development, as selected by Training Magazine. UNM Hospitals is ranked No. 17 of the 125 organizations for its outstanding achievements in the area of Training and Development.

8. THIRD-YEAR College of Pharmacy student Melissa Skelton Duke was recently elected as national speaker of the house of delegates for the American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists at its annual meeting in Atlanta, Ga. Skelton is the second student in UNM College of Pharmacy history to be elected to the national office.

9. THORNBURG INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT has given a capital gift of $30,000 to the Anderson School of Management’s Student Financial Services Center. The Center, which opened its doors this year, was built to house the work of the Anderson undergraduate and graduate portfolio management program.

10. A TEAM OF CADETS from the UNM Army ROTC program has taken first place in their category at the Bataan Memorial Death March event at the White Sands Missile Range. The ROTC Military Heavy team ran 26.2 miles though the desert, much of it through sand, carrying 35-pound rucksacks.

11. UNM AND NEW MEXICO will soon be at the forefront of the national health policy discussion, thanks to an $18.5 million gift from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This week’s edition of KNME-TV’s public affairs series, In Focus, will center on where that money will go and how UNM hopes the Center will bring Hispanic and Native American voices into the discussion. Titled “UNM & New Mexico’s Health Policy,” In Focus will air Friday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 5. This week’s show will repeat Sunday, April 1, at 7 a.m.

12. THE SECOND OF THE ARTS Lab's First Friday Workshops will focus on Motion Capture applications and the capabilities of ARTS Lab's Vicon system, and will be led by Multimedia Specialist Enrico Trujillo. The event will be held specifically for UNM faculty and staff Friday, April 6, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the ARTS Lab Garage, 131 Pine St., N.E. Participants will see a demonstration of motion capture use, from basic set up to capturing data, and the steps needed to apply this information to a working model.