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TO COMMEMORATE 60 years at the University of New Mexico, the UNM Communication & Journalism Department hosts a celebration Saturday, April 17. The public is invited to join faculty, staff, students and alumni as they celebrate the department’s history and accomplishments while keeping an eye on the future. Tickets are available for $60 per person (of which $35 is tax deductible). The student price is $25. Tickets can be purchased at http://www.unmfund.org/cj. The deadline to RSVP is Tuesday, April 13.

THE MEMORY OF English Professor Hector Torres’s life and work, and that of graduate student Stefania Gray, will be commemorated at a memorial service organized by students, staff and community members on Friday, April 9 at noon at the National Hispanic Cultural Center.

THE NEW MEXICO COALITION for Financial Education, the Lt. Governor’s Office, and the UNM Anderson School of Management are inviting all Anderson students to attend the 4th Annual Lt. Governor’s Summit on Financial Education on Monday, April 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Hotel Albuquerque Old Town. There is no cost for Anderson students to attend the summit that includes breakfast and lunch.

THE UNM INTERDISCIPLINARY Film & Digital Media Program and ARTS Lab present the free Thomas Keller Lecture: “Performance, Technology and Science” on Monday, April 5, 6-7 p.m. at ARTS Lab, 131 Pine St. NE, near University Boulevard and Central Avenue.

IN RESPONSE to the destruction caused by a massive earthquake in southern Chile on Feb. 27, a group of faculty and students will work with community members to celebrate Chilean culture, holding an on-campus peña (concert) featuring Albuquerque’s Trio Los Trinos to raise funds for relief and reconstruction in the zones affected by the earthquake. The event takes place Tuesday, April 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the modern art sculpture area, south of the Student Union Building on the UNM main campus.

VISITING SCHOLAR Aaron Schneider presents, “State-building in an Age of Globalization: Central American Tax Regimes and Transnational Elites,” on Tuesday, April 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the University of New Mexico’s Latin American and Iberian Institute, 801 Yale NE, main campus.

UNM TITLE V presents, “Navigating Tenure and Promotion: Challenges for Minority Faculty,” Wednesday, April 7 from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Santa Ana rooms A&B. The focus of this panel is to provide a comprehensive discussion of the tenure and promotion process at UNM, with an emphasis on challenges faced by minority faculty on the tenure path.
THIS JANUARY, native New Mexican and former student Gene Valles was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a disease that is characterized by the growth of abnormal white blood cells, which build up in the bone marrow and interfere with the creation of normal blood cells. A donor drive, to find a potential match for Valles, will be held in the Student Union Building, Ballroom B on Wednesday-Thursday, April 7-8, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005003.html#more

ERIC WASSERMAN, chief of the Brain Stimulation Unit at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at the National Institutes of Health will talk on “Probing Behavior and Behavioral Disorders through the Motor Cortex” on Thursday, April 8, at 11:45 a.m. in the Mind Research Network main conference room. The MRN is located on the UNM north campus in Pete and Nancy Domenici Hall. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004987.html#more

THE SCIENCE & SOCIETY Distinguished Public Talks series presents, “An Iconoclast Revisits Climate Change: Some Plesant Truths,” with Albert Engelhardt on Thursday, April 8 at 5 p.m. in rm. C of the UNM Conference Center located at 1634 University Blvd. N.E. A meet and greet will also be held prior to the talk at 4:30 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. Plenty of free parking is available. http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/005008.html#more

LUCAS PARRA, professor of biomedical engineering at The City College of New York will present a talk on “Weak Non-Invasive Currents Can Modulate Ongoing Brain Activity” on Friday, April 9, at the Mind Research Network main conference room at 11:45 a.m.
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THE UNM RWJF Center for Health Policy presents its spring lecture series, “Plural Perspectives on Health and Health Policy” with Marie Mora, professor of economics, University of Texas-Pan American, whose lecture “Self-Employment, Health Insurance Coverage and Race/Ethnicity” is set for Thursday, April 8, 12:30 - 2 p.m. in the Student Union Building Lobo Room A.
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THE ART EDUCATION FACULTY and the Masley Gallery presents the 2010 Spring Graduating MA Exhibition II Friday, April 9 through Friday, April 23. Opening presentations and a reception will be held on Friday, April 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Masley Gallery on the UNM Campus.
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UNM AND LOBO Development, LLC are hosting weekly Student Housing Outreach Workshops on Thursdays through May 6 at the UNM Student Union Building Ballroom A. Two outreach sessions are offered with the first one from 4:30-6 p.m., and a second from 6-7:30 p.m. The events are free and open to everyone in the community interested in campus development. Light refreshments will be served at all events. Sessions subject to change.
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THE SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE and Planning speaker series features Eric Naslund, FAIA, who will present, “Architectural Alchemy: Housing from the Humblest of Ingredients,” Friday, April 9 at 5 p.m. in
George Pearl Hall’s auditorium. Naslund is principal and design partner in Studio E Architects in San Diego, Calif.  
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BRYAN KONEFSKY, Department of Cinematic Arts and Basement Films, presents “Experiments in Cinema V5.1,” a film festival highlighting contemporary, international, experimental or un-dependant cinema. For its fifth anniversary, the festival features 50 films from 13 countries Saturday, April 10-Sunday, April 18 at venues across Albuquerque.  
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UNM’S INSTITUTE for Medieval Studies celebrates the 25th anniversary of its spring lecture series with the theme, “Love in the Middle Ages,” April 12–15. Events include six lectures and a concert. The lectures will take place in Woodward Hall, room 101 on the main UNM campus, and the concert in UNM Center for the Arts, Keller Hall. The lecture series, supported by a grant from the New Mexico Humanities Council, is free and open to the public.  
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TWO HALF-DAY conferences, on the origins, evolution, migration and impact of Spanish horses in the American West, will be held at UNM’s field station at the Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge near Socorro, Saturday, April 17-Sunday, April 18. The conferences will be hosted by biology Associate Research Professor Paul Polechla. To attend either conference, contact Polechla at (505) 277-8170 or e-mail, ppolechl@sevilleta.unm.edu and indicate a preference for Saturday or Sunday afternoon.  
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THE UNM SMALL Business Vendor Fair, hosted by the Purchasing Department, is scheduled for Monday, May 3, in the Student Union Building Ballrooms A, B and C, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will allow participants and attendees networking opportunities to create new business opportunities and strengthen existing business relationships within the UNM community. For more information contact: Bernadette K. Menchego, 277-1742, menchego@unm.edu, or Veronica Trujillo, 277-5263, vtrujil5@unm.edu.  
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