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UNM PRESIDENT David J. Schmidly announced today that he will leave the presidency of the university when his contract is fulfilled in June of 2012. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14023

THE UNM INTERNAL SEARCH committee tasked with recommending finalists for the position of interim UNM provost has scheduled public forums Tuesday through Thursday, April 26 – 28, 2011 for the UNM community to meet the finalists. The committee plans to identify these individuals this weekend and will release their names Monday morning, April 25. http://news.unm.edu/?p=13936

SEVEN UNM SENIORS are recipients of this year’s Clauve Awards. They include: Shayla Leigh Armstrong, Lazaro A. Cardenas Jr., Greg Golden, David Griffith, Heidi Overton, Zoe E. Riebli and Cate Wisdom. The Clauve Award, which is presented each year to graduating seniors based on leadership, involvement and academics, is named for Dean Emeritus Lena Clauve. http://news.unm.edu/?p=13850

THE NEW UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center in Rio Rancho, N.M., was the site of a “topping” ceremony today, April 21 at the building site near the Rio Rancho City Center. The event commemorated another milestone in the construction of the new 60-bed hospital opening in Summer 2012. At the ceremony, attendees signed their names to a white-painted beam and watched it lifted into place by a crane. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14100


THE UNM BOARD of Regents’ Audit Committee has approved and released the findings of an 18-month review, done by UNM Internal Audit, of the operations of UNM Safety and Risk Services Department. The audit identified weaknesses in the program that have been and are being addressed. It also underlined the importance of the audit process in helping the University focus on mission-critical issues even in the face of severe budgetary constraints. http://news.unm.edu/?p=13885

THE DIVISION OF HUMAN Resources will once again offer summer employment opportunities to youth in the community through the 2011 UNM Youth Summer Hire Program. The program is designed to provide summer employment for high school and non-University of New Mexico college students in our local community. http://news.unm.edu/?p=13803


TERESA CORDOVA, associate professor and director of Community & Regional Planning in the UNM School of Architecture & Planning, has been elected secretary of the governing board of the Association
of Collegiate Schools of Planning, a consortium of university-based programs offering credentials in urban and regional planning. http://news.unm.edu/?p=13904

LEWIS ROBERT BINFORD, UNM’s Leslie Spier Distinguished Professor Emeritus, died last week in Kirksville, Mo. He was 79. Binford was internationally recognized for his groundbreaking work in changing the focus of archeology from objects to people, and the way humans used the objects. http://news.unm.edu/?p=13890

BRANDON MORGAN, a Ph.D. candidate in the History Department at UNM and adjunct instructor of History at Central New Mexico Community College, presents, “Columbus, New Mexico: A Study in the Creation of a Border Place Myth 1888-1916” Friday, April 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Waters Room 105 in Zimmerman Library. http://news.unm.edu/?p=13869

THIS WEEK ON New Mexico in Focus host Gene Grant, along with a University of New Mexico Journalism ethics class, conducts an exclusive satellite interview with Daniel Ellsberg, most notable for his controversial Pentagon Papers. KNME’s one hour public affairs show New Mexico in Focus airs Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. on channel 5.1. The show can also be seen on KNME’s Digital Channel 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m. http://news.unm.edu/?p=14029

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES’ Center for Regional Studies and Center for Southwest Research & Special Collections are hosting the 2011 Center for Regional Studies Colloquium Monday-Tuesday, April 25-26, in the Waters Room (rm. 125) at Zimmerman Library. All graduate student fellows working for the CSWR will make brief presentations of their work this semester. All are welcome to attend. For more information call 277-6451. http://news.unm.edu/?p=13808