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1. EXAGEN DIAGNOSTICS, Inc., an emerging leader in the discovery and development of practical prognostic genomic markers for serious diseases, has signed an exclusive licensing agreement with the UNM's Science and Technology Corporation. The agreement gives Exagen exclusive rights to several patents for a novel FISH (fluorescence in situ hybridization) process developed at the UNM Health Sciences Center (HSC). <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-02-03exagen.htm>

2. THE UNM HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER has become a partner in an effort that could allow people to learn if they have an infectious disease or have been exposed to a bioterrorist pathogen. The Biosignatures Consortium, started by the HSC and established under a memorandum of understanding, aims to provide the earliest possible diagnosis of infection, whether it is an emerging disease, known disease or a bioterrorism threat. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=2500>

3. THE COLLEGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (CEP) hosts its second annual Celebration of Excellence Thursday, Feb. 12, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., in the Student Union Building Ballroom. Those being recognized include CEP students who have completed their first semester of college; CEP upperclassmen earning a 3.0 GPA or better while attending fulltime; CEP seniors who will graduate in May and CEP alumni. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-01-30CEP.htm>

4. ELISEO TORRES, UNM Vice President for Student Affairs, is hosting educators from private and public schools from several communities in Mexico on campus next week. The group is working to setup a special summer program for high school juniors, seniors and recent graduates from Mexico.

5. AN EXHIBIT titled, "Mesoamerican Codices and Their Depictions: History Recorded, History Erased," will be on display in the Hertzstein Room in Zimmerman Library throughout the spring semester. The codices are pictographic manuscripts created by the Mesoamerican people either on long strips of material or on single panels. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-02-03mesoamerican.htm>

6. THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY announced the appointment of Michel B. Disco as Assistant Dean for External Programs and Associate Professor of Pharmacy (Clinician Educator). Disco has practiced in the community pharmacy setting for the past 30 years. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=2476>