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1. PRESIDENT LOUIS CALDERA will lead a discussion of the fiscal year 2005-06 budget summit on Friday, April 1, from 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. The UNM Board of Regents must make critical decisions within the next few weeks about faculty and staff compensation, budget priorities and possible tuition increases. The administration's recommendations will be put together after the Budget Summit discussion.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000568.html#more>

2. A CONSORTIUM of universities, led by UNM, recently announced its intent to join the University of California (UC) in forming an Institute for Advanced Studies to be affiliated with Los Alamos National Laboratory. The institute would be established contingent on the UC Board of Regents deciding to compete and the university winning the contract for continued management of the national laboratory.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000561.html#more>

3. KNME-TV, CHANNEL 5, will present a special Colores! episode honoring The Albuquerque Museum Foundation's Notable New Mexican, Senator Pete V. Domenici. Colores! explores the remarkable life of "The Senator From New Mexico: Pete V. Domenici" airing Wednesday, March 30 at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000563.html#more>

4. THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY of the publication of one of the most important published works in world history, Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra's novel, "El ingenioso hidalgo don Quixote de la Mancha" is being celebrated in 2005. In conjunction, the UNM Department of Spanish and Portuguese hosts Lecturas Quijotescas/Quixotic Readings, a marathon reading of the novel in Spanish and in English starting Saturday, April 16 at noon and finishing on Friday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.

5. RESEARCHERS AT UNM's MIND Imaging Center have developed a new technique for probing the brain's response to pain by studying neural activity in specific brain regions. Glutamate, a major neurotransmitter that can be toxic at high levels, has now been implicated as one of the primary neurotransmitters in communicating pain in the brain. This breakthrough could lead to new treatments and medications for the sufferer of acute and/or chronic pain.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=3832>

6. FIVE MEMBERS of the UNM community, including Hillard Kaplan, Nitant Kenkre, Dale Alverson, Marjorie Devon and Cally Ingebritson have been named as recipients of the 2005 International Excellence Award for outstanding contributions to international programs and education at UNM. The award ceremony is Wednesday, April 13, from 3-5 p.m. in Hodgkin Hall, Bobo Room. The event is free and open to the public.

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7. THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP Program recently selected UNM Biologist Mimi Lam for a prestigious two-year fellowship. Lam, an emerging leader in the environmental field, was chosen for her design of meta-institutional, ecosystem-themed research curricula and her research into the epistemological convergence of evolutionary human cognition and traditional ecological knowledge. Lam was one of 24 talented leaders in a new class of 2005-2006 fellows from across the country.

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8. TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CIRT will begin testing a new voicemail system that may be permanently installed throughout the University to replace the current aging system. The trial period will begin on April 1 and is expected to last 30 days.

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9. DEEPAK CHOPRA, best selling author and alternative medicine pioneer, will be the keynote speaker at World Wellness Weekend, April 9-10, 2005 in Albuquerque. Named as "one of the top 100 icons of the 20th Century" by Time Magazine, Chopra will be giving a keynote address at the Kiva Auditorium at the Albuquerque Convention Center on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 pm.

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10. THE LODESTAR ASTRONOMY CENTER will host the premiere of a dazzling new planetarium feature, "Passport to the Universe," on Saturday and Sunday, April 2-3. Admission to opening weekend shows will be half-price: \$3 adults, \$2.50 seniors, and \$1.50 children ages 3 to 12. Admission includes access to two floors of interactive astronomy exhibits, along with telescope viewing of sunspots on LodeStar's second-floor observing deck. The spectacular new feature is narrated by Tom Hanks.

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11. THE FALL 2004 graduate landscape architecture studio in the School of Architecture and Planning took part in the national AIDS memorial competition. Student Tawny Allen, received an honorable mention. Four other UNM students' submissions were designated "selected entries" to be published in "Emergent Memories," a book about the competition. The four are Sasha Needham, Kristen Kornienko, Kari McGuire and Brooke Tarelli. Joni M. Palmer, visiting associate professor, was the studio instructor.

12. UNM will host, "Jacques Derrida: A Symposium," on Monday and Tuesday, April 4-5, in the Humanities Building. The event honors Derrida, who died in October 2004. He was an Algerian-born French literary critic and philosopher, considered the first to develop "deconstruction." Deconstruction is a method of literary criticism that assumes language refers only to itself rather than to a reality outside the text.

<http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/05-02-22derrida.htm>