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1. THE BOARD OF REGENTS approved, on Tuesday, a 15% tuition and fee increase giving faculty and staff a 3.5% compensation increase, a 5% increase in graduate and teaching assistant stipends and health insurance for GAs and TAs. For more on tuition go to "Inside UNM," the University's new intranet at <http://www.unm.edu/insideunm.htm>
2. A SPECIAL NOVA AND FRONTLINE television program features Hank Jenkins-Smith of Political Science's Institute for Public Policy. The program, which airs Tuesday, April 18 at 8 p.m. on KNME-TV, Channel 5, features UNM research on public attitudes about global climate change. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/warming/>
3. ALBUQUERQUE ARCHITECT AND UNM ALUMNUS Antoine Predock has been selected to design the new School of Architecture and Planning. <http://www.unm.edu/~paaffair/news/news%20releases/April10a%26p.html>
4. UNM PSYCHIATRIST Dr. Laura Roberts captured a \$1.9 million, five-year grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse to study the barriers raised in caring for people with stigmatized illnesses (drug abuse, HIV, mental illness, STD's, etc...) in rural New Mexico and Alaska. Teddy Roberts of Psychiatry and Psychology's Janet Brody are co-investigators.
5. HARPER COLLINS HAS JUST PUBLISHED UNM History Professor Virginia Scharff's first novel, "Brown Eyed Girl." Published under "Virginia Swift" – Scharff's married name -- the Kirkus Reviews calls the book "a soaring debut which combines a bittersweet romance, resumed after a 20-year hiatus, with academic infighting, paramilitary paranoia, and a puzzle dating back to WWII."
6. CONGRATULATIONS TO Victoria Maria Gonzales, a sophomore from Pecos, NM, who is one of 20 students nationwide -- the first from UNM -- named as an Institute for International Public Policy Fellow. The program helps minority students interested in international service careers.

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