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1. RICHARD SANTOS, associate professor of Economics, attended the invitation-only White House Conference on the New Economy April 5. President Clinton, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan and others addressed the conference. Santos is an expert in labor and health economics with a specialization in Hispanic issues.
2. ART AND ART HISTORY Professor Basia Irland's five-year project concerning the plight and importance of the Rio Grande is traced in the documentary "Gathering of Waters: Rio Grande, Source to Sea," Friday, April 21 and Monday, April 24 at 9:30 p.m. on KNME-TV, Channel 5. For Irland's piece, water samples and a logbook were passed from person to person along the 1,875-mile river. The video will also be shown on Earth Day at Albuquerque's Aquarium.  
[http://www.unm.edu/%7Equantum/quantum\\_spring\\_97/waters.html](http://www.unm.edu/%7Equantum/quantum_spring_97/waters.html)
3. A MEMORIAL SERVICE for History Professor Robert Kern will be held Friday, April 21, at 2:30 in the Alumni Chapel. Kern worked at UNM for 32 years. He is known for his books "The Historical Dictionary of Modern Spanish History" and "Red Years/Black Years: A Political History of the Spanish Anarchists, 1911 to 1937". Kern also co-edited, with UNM's Jane Slaughter, one of the first collections to deal with women in radical politics, "European Women On The Left."
4. DURING PRESIDENT CLINTON'S recent visit to Shiprock, NM, he talked to Native Americans via the web using the ACCESS Grid provided by the Albuquerque High Performance Computing Center at UNM.  
[http://www.arc.unm.edu/access\\_grid.html](http://www.arc.unm.edu/access_grid.html)
5. MORE THAN 2300 PEOPLE attended the 15th annual Medieval Studies Spring Lecture Series, "The Celts in Britain and Ireland," sponsored last month by the English Department.
6. LASER PLASMA THRUSTER RESEARCH for micro- and nano-satellite propulsion conducted by Photonics Associates at UNM's New Mexico Engineering Research Institute is featured in the article "High Power Lasers Control Tiny Satellites" in the current issue of Optics.Org. For more about the research:  
<http://nmeri.unm.edu/archived-news/laser-thrusters.htm>  
<http://optics.org>

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