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THE NEW MEXICO COMMISSION on the Status of Women recently notified Gail Turley Houston, professor and chair, UNM Department of English, that she is one of 20 women chosen for the 26th Annual Governor's Award for Outstanding New Mexico Woman. A banquet to honor the awardees is set for Friday, May 6 at the Hotel Albuquerque in Old Town. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12645>

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT is currently accepting nominations for the 2011 Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award that recognizes both a faculty and a staff member with a monetary award of \$2,000 each, and a student with a \$1,000 scholarship. The nomination deadline is Monday April 17 at 5 p.m. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12843>

UNM DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR of Physics and Astronomy Carlton Caves is the 2011 recipient of the Max Born Award presented by the Optical Society of America. Caves, who is the 29th recipient of the award, was recognized for his seminal contributions in quantum optics and information theory. The award honors Max Born, who made distinguished contributions to physics in general and to optics in particular. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12941>

UNM RECENTLY ANNOUNCED its participation in Best Practices for Better Care, a new, multi-year initiative of the nation's medical schools and teaching hospitals that focuses the unique missions of academic medicine – medical education, patient care, and research – on the challenge of improving the quality and safety of health care.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9607>

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION for Cancer Research, the world's oldest and largest professional organization dedicated to advancing cancer research, recognized two scientists at the UNM Cancer Center, including Kristina Flores and Alexandro Fajardo, for excellence within the nationwide community of minority cancer scientists and minority-serving institutions. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12750>

HISTORIC SPORTS RIVALRIES between the Aggies and the Lobos notwithstanding, collaboration not competition is the rule for cancer researchers at New Mexico State University and the University of New Mexico. Two important collaborations between NMSU and UNM scientists investigating women's cancers recently got a boost from fundraisers dedicated to the concept of research collaboration by New Mexico's leading public institutions of higher education.

<http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9586>

TARIQ KHRAISHI, UNM associate professor of mechanical engineering, received the 2011 ASEE Gulf-Southwestern Section Outstanding Teaching Award from the American Society of Engineering Education Gulf-Southwest Section. The award recognizes excellent teaching and mentoring, as well as curriculum innovation and support. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12681>

PROFESSOR RICHARD WILSON, a nuclear power safety expert from Harvard University, will present the UNM Physics and Astronomy Friday colloquium April 1. Titled, "A physicist's approach to reactor safety: lessons from TMI (Three Mile Island), Chernobyl and Japan," Wilson will discuss how the physicist's

approach to analysis has led to safety features that are being tested in Japan. The colloquium will begin at 4 p.m. in room 125 of Dane Smith Hall. A pre-event reception starts at 3:30 p.m.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=12997>

THE UNM RAZA GRADUATE Student Association announces its inaugural scholarship awardees for the 2011-2012 academic year. To mark the occasion and celebrate the recipients, RGSA hosts a public reception and gathering at El Chante Casa de Cultura, 804 Park Ave SW, Friday, April 1, at 6:30 p.m. The evening includes an art exhibit and opening, "Lo Que Ven los Ojos y Hacen las Manos," "What the Eyes See and the Hands Create." <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12911>

NEW MEXICO IN FOCUS takes a look at the political uprisings in the Middle East and the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and how the effects of those events have far-reaching impact, including right here in the Land of Enchantment. 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 KNME, 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=12930>

STUDENTS, FACULTY AND ALUMNI of the UNM School of Law will present their fifth annual performance of The Vagina Monologues at 7 p.m. on April 7-9 at the school. The play was created and performed by Eve Ensler in the mid-1990s following interviews she conducted with 200 women about their views on sex, relationships and violence against women. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12971>

UNM WILL BE HOSTING its third annual Sustainability Expo on Thursday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Cornell Mall and invites interested members of the UNM community to take part in the festivities. The annual Earth Day-inspired event features an alternative transportation fair, a UNM Police Department bicycle auction, the Lobo Grower's Market and many other sustainability displays. There is no cost to participate. The deadline to sign up is April 8. For more information contact event coordinator Danielle Gilliam at 277-0461. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=12890>