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DEAN OF STUDENTS G. Randy Boeglin has announced the recipients of the 2010 Clauve Outstanding Senior Awards. Six students will be honored at a recognition reception at UNM Thursday, April 15. This year's recipients are Abdullah Feroze, Teresa Goering, Sevy (Francheska) Gurule, Hallee Kells, Adam Quintero and Marina Weisert. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004943.html#more>

OVER THE NEXT few months, budget discussions will be front and center. One topic that affects the majority of UNM employees is the cost of UNM's health care benefits. Last year, discussion centered on UNM becoming self-insured. Being self-insured enabled the university to cut administrative costs and realize substantial savings. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004947.html#more>

THE UNM RACE and Ethnicity Code Change Project is reminding all students, faculty and staff that the Race and Ethnicity Re-Survey is now available for completion. UNM must comply with new federal requirements for collecting and reporting racial and ethnic data, a mandate that applies to colleges and universities nationwide. The University's eligibility for various kinds of federally-funded grants, contracts and student financial aid depends on compliance with this mandate <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004855.html#more>

THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT is calling for nominations for the 2010 Sarah Belle Brown Community Service Award. Established five years ago by current Anderson School of Management Dean Doug Brown in honor of his wife Sarah Belle Brown, the award recognizes those individuals engaging in the third tenet of UNM's mission: community service. The deadline for nominations is 5 p.m. on April 5, 2010. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004901.html#more>

IF JOURNALISTS HAVE ink in their blood, Wendy Pedersen is held together by bookbinding string. Pedersen, Ibero-American resources specialist, University Libraries, got her start at UNM in 1993 when she worked as a temp cashier, then got a permanent position as a general bookseller at the UNM Bookstore. Later, she worked in serials at the School of Law Library. She found a permanent call number at Zimmerman Library in 2000. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004950.html#more>

ART HISTORY PROFESSOR Joyce Szabo is studying how boarding schools influenced the development of Native American drawing and painting in a book project for her recent appointment as regents professor in the College of Fine Arts. Teaching at UNM since 1989, Szabo expanded an acclaimed graduate program with an emphasis in Native American art history. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004949.html#more>

STUDENTS IN THE Information Assurance program at the Anderson School of Management recently participated in a week-long training course in several areas of digital forensics including host forensics, network reverse engineering and malware reverse engineering. The intensive hands-on workshop, Tracer Fire II, was held at the Buffalo Thunder Resort in Pojoaque, New Mexico and hosted by the Los Alamos National Labs. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004959.html#more>

THE NEUROMEDICAL Research Foundation this month contributed \$20,000 to The Mind Research Network's mission of finding better treatment and cures for brain disease and brain injury.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004961.html#more>

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR of Anthropology Lawrence Guy Straus presented the endowed Hallam L. Movius Lecture in Paleolithic Archeology at Harvard University this year. Movius was one of the first American archeologists who specialized in the Paleolithic of the Old World. Straus, who has taught at UNM since 1975, says he was influenced by aspects of Movius' work.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004929.html#more>

MARIO DI COSTANZO ARMENTA, federal deputy for the Mexican Workers Party, kicked off the Latin American and Iberian Institute series "Mexico in Crisis: Global and Local Realities," which focuses on economic and political issues in contemporary Mexico. Di Costanzo Armenta presented, "An Assessment of the Mexican Economy from 2000-06." <http://unmlive.unm.edu/?p=1197>

UNM HOSPITAL'S Susana Rinderle, organizational and professional development specialist, and Jamie Silva-Steele, administrator ambulatory services, recently received the Disparities Leadership Program Award in Innovation and Success from the Disparities Leadership Program, a year-long executive education program led by the Disparities Solutions Center at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Mass. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004960.html#more>

THE WESTERN WRITERS of America recently announced the winners of the 2010 Spur Awards. UNM Press title, "The Secret War in El Paso: Mexican Revolutionary Intrigue, 1906-1920," by Charles H. Harris III and Louis R. Sadler, was selected as the winner for Best Western Contemporary Nonfiction.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004940.html#more>

THE SOUTHWEST HISPANIC Research Institute presents, "New Mexico Land Grants and the Weight of History," Friday, March 26 from 3-4:30 p.m. in the Student Union Building Fiesta Room. The presentations, by Corinna Laszlo-Henry and Jacobo D. Baca, are in the public lecture series in SHRI's New Mexico Land Grant Studies Program.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004958.html#more>

NEXT WEEK THE UNM Bookstores will host Graduation Fair 2010. On Monday, March 29 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., the Medical Bookstore will host its sale; and Tuesday, March 30 – Thursday, April 1, from 10 a.m. -5 p.m., the Bookstore on main campus will host its event. The "Grad Pack" offers 20 percent off on caps, gowns and tassels and 15 percent off diploma frames, only during the sale. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004948.html#more>

THE LONG WAVELENGTH ARRAY (LWA), a major next-generation radio telescope project at the University of New Mexico, will be the site of a ribbon-cutting event to mark its first major milestone. The ribbon cutting will be held at the LWA-1 Site on the Plains of San Agustin near Socorro, N.M. on Thursday, April 1, 2010 beginning at 11 a.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004892.html#more>

KNME-TV received a My Source Education Innovation Award from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting recently in Washington, D.C. KNME received the reward for providing online resources for high school science teachers. The My Source Education Innovation Awards recognize and showcase how public broadcasting stations use pioneering approaches and emerging digital technologies to serve educational needs of their communities on-air, online and in the classroom. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004956.html#more>

NEW MEXICO In Focus takes a look at a couple of hot-button issues this week including Gov. Richardson's veto of the food tax and reactions to his decision and the alternative plan for balancing the state budget, the impact national health care reform may have here in New Mexico, and thoughts and reflections on the legacy of former interior secretary Stewart Udall. KNME Channel 5's "New Mexico in Focus" airs Friday, March 26 at 7 p.m., and repeats on Sunday, March 28 at 6:30 a.m. It also airs KNME Digital Ch. 9.1 on Saturdays at 5 p.m.

<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004955.html#more>

THIS WEEK ON "Report from Santa Fe," KNME, Ch. 5 features "Stewart Udall, In Memoriam – An Intimate August 2007 Interview." The program airs on Friday, March 26 at 10:30 p.m. and repeats on Sunday, March 28 at 7:30 a.m. This week's "Report from Santa Fe" is a retrospective on Udall, considered "the Father of the Environmental Movement." This is part one of a two-part series, the second episode to air next week. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/004954.html#more>