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1. BLACK ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION magazine recently named its top 100 minority degree producers. UNM ranks second in producing American Indian baccalaureates in the biological sciences. The magazine is the only national analysis to use the most recent data from the U.S. Department of Education (2002-03 academic year). The top 100 appeared in the June 2, 2004 edition.
2. THE UNM STAFF COUNCIL has established a new, weeklong event, "Celebrating UNM Staff Week," to be held on campus July 19-24. The opening event features an art exhibition and reception highlighting the diverse artistic talents of UNM staff. Submissions will range from mixed media, sculpture, pen and ink, and photography to tinwork. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000222.html#more>
3. RESEARCHERS AT UNM and Duke University have discovered that the immune system of an invertebrate animal, in particular a snail, has the ability to generate a diverse repertoire of defense molecules, despite lacking the lymphocytes that produce diverse antibodies and T-cell receptors found in vertebrates. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000223.html#more>
4. PROFESSORS Vakhtang Putkaradze and Peter Vorobieff and graduate student Keith Mertens were published in the latest issue of Nature, describing braiding patterns on an inclined plane. Their research dispels misconceptions about the relationship between braiding and meandering that have persisted for more than 20 years. http://www.nature.com/cgiataf/DynaPage.taf?file=/nature/journal/v430/n6996/full/430165a_fs.html
5. JOHN D. GATES, acting associate director and visiting lecturer in the Native American Studies department, has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Scholar grant to lecture and research in the North American Studies Program at the University of Bonn, Germany during the 2004-2005 academic year. The United States Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board announced the award. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/000225.html#more>
6. NEW MEXICO PUBLIC Television stations, including KNME-TV, take an in-depth look at the issue of water, its quantity and quality in New Mexico, on Tuesday, July 20. Programming begins at 8 p.m. with the half-hour documentary, "Water Warning: It's Not Just the Drought," which looks at New Mexico's water resources. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-07-13water.htm>
7. JAMES S. MOY, dean of the College of Fine Arts, will step down from his position effective Aug. 15. Moy has accepted the post of dean of the School of Creative Media and chair professor of Creative Media at the City University of Hong Kong effective Sept. 1. <http://www.unm.edu/news/Releases/04-07-12moy.htm>

8. ART ST. GEORGE, manager of Advanced Communication Technologies at UNM's Computer and Information Resources and Technology, has been appointed to the EDUCAUSE Committee on Evolving Technologies for a three-year term. EDUCAUSE is a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education by promoting the intelligent use of information technology.