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IT'S SURVIVAL OF the fittest – even in the world of seeds. New research conducted by an international team of scientists including the University of New Mexico's Tim Lowrey, professor of Biology, reveals a complex plant-animal interaction of long-standing that has depended exclusively for its evolutionary longevity on mechanical factors. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15859>

DEPUTY PROVOST AND PROFESSOR of Chemistry Dr. Richard Holder has resigned as Deputy Provost effective the end of June 2011. Holder has served 25 years as Deputy Provost and Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at UNM. He will take a six month sabbatical and return fulltime to the chemistry department in the Spring 2012 semester. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15900>

UNDER A NEW way of providing health care, primary care clinicians in remote villages, prisons and poor urban neighborhoods, trained via videoconferencing technology to treat patients with hepatitis C, achieved excellent results identical to those of specialists at a university medical center. These findings, from an evaluation of Project ECHO, which is based at the UNM Health Sciences Center, were published online recently by the New England Journal of Medicine and will appear in the June 9 print edition. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=9797>

UNM MECHANICAL ENGINEERING graduate student Ben Rael won second place for his paper, "Characterization of Zinc Powder Compactions," in the 2011 American Society for Engineering Education Gulf South West Conference. Rael completed his Bachelor's degree in Physics, but never felt the connection to the field that he was looking for. He didn't feel the connection until he discovered engineering. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15833>

JORDAN BIRO, a Center for Regional Studies George I. Sanchez Fellow at the Center for Southwest Research, gives this talk on her research into the history of the Taos Artists' Colony and on one member of that colony, writer Myron Brinig. Biro is working toward her Ph.D. on the history of sexual migrations made by gay men and lesbians to the west in the 1940's – 1970's. In this talk she discusses Brinig and his insight in to the art colony. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15750>

BRIAN LUNA LUCERO, the Center for Regional Studies Sophie D. Aberle, Fellow at the Center for Southwest Research, talks about the 60 year effort for New Mexico to be recognized as a state in a recent podcast. Lucero speaks about the political and cultural resistance to admitting New Mexico to the union, and the many failed attempts to have the territory recognized as a state. His research is part of a larger effort to build a digital portal for the CSWR's centennial project. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15839>

IN TODAY'S COMPETITIVE and diverse global economy, businesses cannot afford to overlook individuals with disabilities as a significant component of the workforce and marketplace. The first ever Access Means Business Conference will be held at the Anderson School of Management on Monday-Tuesday, June 9-10. The conference will provide business owners insights into how to advance workforce diversity initiatives and to create a solid business and marketing plan to attract every possible customer. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15861>

IN A WAY, the UNM baseball team is exactly where it wants to be and we're not simply talking about sitting on a spot in the 64-team NCAA Division I bracket that pits the upstart Lobos against the No. 1 seed - and the home team - in the Tempe, Ariz., regional: Arizona State. There are few other factors that just might favor the Lobos in this NCAA opening round game Friday, June 3, at 8 p.m. MT.

<http://news.unm.edu/?p=15798>

YOU CAN HELP the UNM Baseball team celebrate its recent Mountain West Conference Tournament championship with an MWC championship baseball T-shirt for only \$16.95 at the UNM Bookstore. The snazzy T-shirt is available in red with the UNM shield logo. All sizes are available, but quantities are limited. UNM Bookstore hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday-Friday, June 1-3 and Monday-Wednesday, June 6-9, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, June 4. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15826>

CONGRESS HAS VOTED to extend the Patriot Act until the year 2015. This week, on New Mexico in Focus, Line panelists talk about the debate over homeland security and the reaction to the vote by our local lawmakers. 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=15884>

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE of Flamenco returns to New Mexico for its 24th annual "Festival Flamenco Internacional de Albuquerque," June 8-12 featuring performances at the University of New Mexico's Rodey Theatre and the National Hispanic Cultural Center. The five day event features 23 workshops covering an expansive range of flamenco components taught by master artists, the majority of whom are coming from as far as Spain. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15495>

A PORTION OF Redondo Road on the east side of the campus is closed through mid-August 2011. The road closure will allow American Campus Communities to prepare for demolition of the Santa Ana Hall and two SRC units. For a map of the closure area visit: <http://news.unm.edu/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/17RoadClosureMap.pdf>.

THE UNM VOLLEYBALL team is hosting several summer camps for children ages K-12. From June 20-24, Little Lobos, ages K-5, can get a taste of the sport. An individual skills camp for players in grades 5-8 will also be held during the same timeframe. In July, the Setter and Libero camp will be held July 11 – 13. It's open to all players in grades 7-12. An Advanced Camp, open to the same age group, will be held July 14-17, and a team camp open to all high school teams is set for July 22—24. For more information call Jordie Hatfield, (505) 277-0102 or for a camp brochure visit, http://www.golobos.com/auto_pdf/p_hotos/s_chools/nm/sports/m-basebl/auto_pdf/2011vballcampbrochure.

THE NEXT HEALTH Sciences Center Qualitative Cafe Brown Bag, featuring UNM Associate Professor Steven Verney, is set for Thursday, June 9, 12-1 p.m., in room 252 at the College of Nursing building. Verney will be presenting an overview of the N.M. Center for the Advancement, Research and Engagement on Health Disparities (NM CARES HD), as well as an overview of the Strong Heart Stroke Study in older American Indians and a related qualitative project he is developing investigating the quality of education in older American Indians. <http://news.unm.edu/?p=15918>