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UNM IS RANKED first among law schools in the September issue of Hispanic Business magazine. The magazine features top 10 lists or “best schools” in law, business, engineering and medicine. The ranking is for schools that promote and encourage “a diverse community where Hispanic students can thrive,” according to a release issued by the magazine. Other UNM schools made the list, as well. The School of Engineering is ranked fifth and the School of Medicine sixth.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002177.html#more>

EXECUTIVE VICE President for Administration David W. Harris and Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Dr. Paul Roth, are pleased to announce the appointment of Ava Lovell as interim Vice President for Finance and University Controller. The new position and this interim appointment signal the culmination of the finance and administration consolidation at the university. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002187.html#more>

THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION has awarded a three-year fellowship to UNM graduate student Felicha Candelaria. The fellowship will allow her to focus on her research into memory and how drugs affect the brain’s mechanism for encoding and retrieving long-term memories.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002179.html#more>

PRESIDENT DAVID J. Schmidly has added UNM to the growing list of colleges and universities that are reducing their impact on the environment. His signing of the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, which moves universities into a leadership role addressing climate change and energy usage, is a clear signal of his and UNM’s dedication to sustainability.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002184.html#more>

FOR MORE THAN 30 years, UNM Law School professor Jim Ellis has been a tireless defender of the rights of people with mental disabilities in the civil and criminal justice system. Recently, Ellis argued the case of Atkins v. Virginia before the U.S. Supreme Court - a case in which the court held that the execution of individuals with mental retardation violates the Eighth Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002176.html#more>

UNM SCHOOL OF LAW PROFESSOR Denise Fort recently participated at the Oxford Roundtable on Aug. 11-17 in Oxford, England. The Roundtable discussion centered on “Global Warming and Sustainable Development: Governing a Crisis.” Fort presented her paper titled “A Snail’s Pace” – dealing with the response of the United States to the current climate change situation.
<http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002182.html#more>

PROFESSOR Sherri Burr, UNM School of Law, will receive several awards in the National Federation of Press Women Communication Competition announced

recently. Burr received two second-place awards including the Non-Fiction Book Chapter category for "Screening Justice in the Accused," and also in the Non-Fiction Instructional Book category for her book 'Quick Review of International Law.' Burr also received a third-place award in the Speeches category for the "Immortal Hattie McDaniel" lecture she gave in Kansas City when she assisted in unveiling the postage stamp created in honor of the Academy Award-winning actress. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002183.html#more>

NOW ON UNM Live: Sr. University Communication Representative Carolyn Gonzales interviews Richard Schaefer, professor of communication and journalism, on immigration, the economic impact of travel between the U.S. and Mexico, and transborder issues for journalists. You can listen to UNM Live podcasts on a computer or MP3 player. <http://unmlive.unm.edu>

JOIN THE UNM BOOKSTORE for Game Day Fridays this football season. Save 25 percent on all Lobo wear on Fridays prior to home games. Visit 'Your UNM Bookstore' for details. <http://bookstore.unm.edu/>

UNIVERSITY STADIUM is the place to be Saturday as the Rio Grande Rivalry heats up with New Mexico State and New Mexico squaring off on the gridiron for the 98th time. Watch the two long-time rivals battle in the Lobos' home football opener. Kickoff is set for 7:36 p.m. MDT. <http://golobos.cstv.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/090307aaa.html>

REDONDO DRIVE will be closed on the west side of campus from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 to allow a large crane to place air handlers on the new Centennial Engineering Center. The closure will run from Hodgin Hall to Martin Luther King Blvd. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002188.html#more>

MORE THAN 800 jobs are available in over 70 countries where business graduates focus on increasing family income, improving the environment for businesses, educating young people and helping businesses find markets for traditional or value-added products. Learn more on Sept. 13 from 3-7 p.m. at the UNM Student Union Ballroom at the Anderson Schools Business Career Fair. <http://www.unm.edu/~market/cgi-bin/archives/002185.html#more>

A CERTIFICATE PROGRAM in health care ethics will be offered during the fall semester at the University of New Mexico Institute for Ethics. The program, which is part of the Joan Gibson Health Care Ethics Certificate Program, covers a wide range of ethical issues including healthcare and research ethics, public health and emergency preparedness. <http://hscapp.unm.edu/calendar/output/index.cfm?fuseaction=main.release&EntryID=6241>