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CITING THE POSITIVE economic impact of going forward with big building projects and saying that this is a remarkably opportune time to move ahead with construction, the University of New Mexico Board of Regents has given the green light to nearly $40 million in capital projects.

SANDRA ORTIZ and Gloria Manzanares are the 2008 recipients of the Gerald W. May Award for distinguished service and dedication to the University of New Mexico. They will be recognized at an award ceremony and reception on Monday, Dec. 8, 4-5 p.m. in Student Union Building ballroom C.

THE UNM ANDERSON SCHOOL of Management Foundation Board is pleased to announce its 2009 Hall of Fame inductees. The include Amy Susan Boule (MBA, 1983), Leonard Sanchez (BBA, 1968) and George Stanfield, (BBA, 1977). The Anderson Foundation Board will also recognize three Young Alumni including Raul Anaya (BBA, 2003); Jason Burns (BBA, 2006 and MBA, 2008) and Victor Garcia (BBA, 1992).

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of Anthropology Sherry Nelson spends as much time peering at teeth as a dentist, but her time is in the laboratory looking at teeth of animals that roamed the earth in the Miocene era between 6.3 and 12 million years ago. Nelson’s fascination with this era is because that’s when the earth’s climate and ecology were changing into something close to the world we see now.

IT’S A TRAP. Bacteria approach tiny microscopic spheres on a sterilized surface of a medical device. They are drawn into the hollow spheres where light is turned on them, pulling the trigger on a chemical reaction. They start to die. UNM Research Professor in Chemical and Nuclear Engineering and the Center for Biomedical Engineering David Whitten and University of Florida Professor of Chemistry Kirk Schanze have spent the last decade working on electricity-conducting polymers.

IT’S A DIFFERENT world with the information superhighway at our fingertips. Not only is the technology beneficial in many ways, but it can also be detrimental, especially when it comes to your identity. You’ve read the news. This fall, graduate students in Professor Alex Seazzu’s Information Assurance class at the Anderson School of Management went to several local schools to help raise student awareness on protecting their personal information and identity.

UNM STUDENTS are working through the night at Parish Library. This fall University Libraries opened Parish 24/5. It is open from Sunday morning through Friday evening.
and more than 50 students take advantage of the extra hours each night. Last spring Associated Students of New Mexico asked University Libraries to add the overnight service for students who needed the extra study time.  
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FOR THE FIRST TIME, UNM and the Albuquerque Public School district will align spring break on March 15-19, 2010. The APS Board of Education approved the new schedule recently. UNM's Staff Council has advocated for the spring break alignment since 2004, to benefit UNM students, staff and faculty with children attending APS.  
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UNM PARKING and Transportation Services recently rolled out a new and improved ride-matching service exclusive to the UNM community. The new service, operated by AlterNetRides, is a part of PATS alternative transportation programs.  
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THE LOBO WiFi wireless network won the Daily Lobo’s Lo Mejor award for best free WiFi, beating out Satellite and Flying Star by a wide margin. Daily Lobo readers vote on the Lo Mejor awards on each year. The award-winning Lobo WiFi is delivered and managed campus-wide by the ITS Communications Network Services group.  

PRESIDENT-ELECT Barack Obama selected former UNM president and tenured professor in the School of Law Louis Caldera to head the White House Military Office. The director of the White House Military Office is responsible for the various White House military operations.  
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GOV. BILL RICHARDSON’S appointment to become President-elect Barack Obama’s Secretary of Commerce and its ramifications throughout New Mexico have been the talk of the state this week. And on Friday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m., it will also be the talk of “New Mexico in Focus,” KNME-TV, channel 5’s weekly one-hour news show.  
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