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The UNM News Minute transmission was delayed until Thursday due to a power outage in Hodgkin Hall.

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1. RESEARCHERS FROM YALE AND UNM write in the February 26 issue of "The Lancet" medical journal, that false-positive results from a blood test caused a dozen American women to be incorrectly diagnosed with a rare cancer. For more, go to <http://www.hcglab.com/> or http://www.thelancet.com/newlancet/reg/issues/vol355no9205/menu_NOD999.html
2. LOS LOBOS, is UNM's new highly sophisticated computer network for research. The supercluster computer system consists of 256 IBM desktop servers linked together to provide supercomputer-level performance at low cost. The development of the new system is being reported worldwide through the Associated Press, Reuters news service and on the Internet. <http://www.eece.unm.edu/news/in-the-news/2000news/supercluster-feb.html>
3. MEXICAN, CANADIAN and American librarians will hold their 10th annual X. Transborder Library Forum for the first time in New Mexico, March 23-25 at the Sheraton Old Town Hotel. <http://www.unm.edu/~foro/>
4. THE MARCH 20 ISSUE of "Business Week" Magazine cites UNM's Artificial Muscle Research Institute as developing synthetic materials that could eventually replace real muscles. The article stresses how mechanical body parts will eventually make disabilities irrelevant in the workplace. <http://www.unm.edu/~amri/>
5. UNM DOCTORS ARE INJECTING severe burn patients undergoing skin grafts with a synthetic drug to speed healing. UNM Associate Professor of Surgery, Gerald B. Demarest presented the trial results at the American Burn Association's annual meeting last week.
6. THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW highly praised the recently released UNM Press novel, "Nickel and Dime," by Gary Soto in their March 19 edition.
7. THE WATER OUTAGE scheduled for Saturday, March 25, has been cancelled and rescheduled for 2-5 a.m., Monday, March 27. For more information, go to <http://www.unm.edu/insideunm.htm>

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