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## Local all-stars go to California

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4-H Clubs attract urban kids, who'll show off their skills at annual fair.

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# Motel owners vow to fight new law

### Ordinance allows city to prosecute if owners don't stop prostitution on property

By Ed Asher  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Motel owners say they will challenge a new Albuquerque ordinance that allows private citizens as well as City Hall to go after people who knowingly allow their property to be used for prostitution and other crimes.

If property owners refuse to stop prostitution, drug dealing, gambling or organized crime, the city could seek to have the property closed for a year, forfeited to the city and sold, or even demolished.

Neighbors could ask a judge to award damages for the devaluation of their property and even for their emotional suffering.

The bill, sponsored by Councilor Adele Hundley, passed unanimously Monday, with the strong support of neighborhood groups. But some observers weren't pleased.

"The council is making Fidel Castro look like a Boy Scout," said Mike Perea, president of the Albuquerque Independent Motel Owners Association.

"Stalin would be happy," said another ob-

server, who declined to give his name.

Perea said motel owners intend to challenge the ordinance all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary.

They say most motel owners are responsible people who abide by the law, but prostitution is a problem that not even the police have been able to solve. And they say the responsibility of law enforcement should not be placed on their shoulders.

Perea said that instead of going after motel owners and other property owners, the

city should strengthen penalties against the "johns" who patronize prostitutes.

"The problem right now is with the johns," Perea told the councilors. "If you take care of the problem with the johns, you have taken care of the problem of prostitution in the city of Albuquerque."

Without patrons, he said, the prostitutes would have to go elsewhere.

But the bill received strong support from

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# Korean jetliner crashes in Guam

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HONOLULU — A Korean Air jumbo jet with at least 231 people aboard crashed while trying to land on Guam in the middle of the night, authorities said today. Police said 29 people survived.

Flight 801 from Seoul, South Korea, to Guam was cleared to land when contact was lost as the jetliner was three miles from Agaña International Airport, said Tom Rea, the Federal Aviation Administration's Pacific representative in Honolulu. It was early Wednesday, Guam time.

Frank Matane of Guam Police told MSNBC that 29 people apparently survived. He said the plane went down "in rough terrain, up in the hills." Radio station KOKU in Guam said the plane crashed on Nimitz Hill.

Rea said 331 people were on board, but airport spokesman Jay Sprague said later that 231 were aboard, and Korean Air said there were 234 passengers plus about 10 crew members. The airline said the plane was an Airbus, while the FAA said it was a Boeing 747.

"It rained off and on all day, but it's too early to say if weather was a factor," Sprague told MSNBC.

There was a large burned area on the ground, Sprague said.

The National Transportation Safety Board is sending a team from Washington to investigate.

# UPS strike defines fight over use of part-timers

ANALYSIS

By Steven Greenhouse  
N.Y. TIMES NEWS SERVICE

The walkout against United Parcel Service stems from the inevitable clash of two powerful forces in the nation's

economy — the revitalized labor movement's opposition to the use of part-time workers and corporate America's contention that it needs them to remain competitive.

That collision pushed the International Brotherhood of Teamsters to begin a strike Monday morning against 2,400 UPS depots — a high-stakes high-visibility move that involves more workers than any other strike this decade.

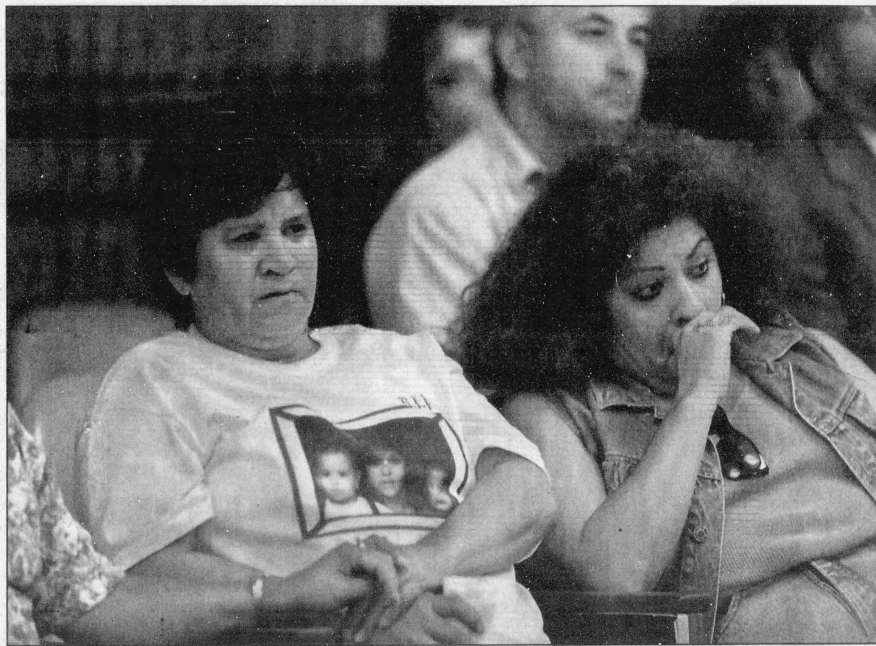
Even before the 185,000 drivers, loaders and sorters walked out, the Teamsters' union drew a line in the sand over the issue of part-time workers.

There were no talks scheduled today in UPS strike.  
Tips for coping with the UPS strike.  
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## TORREON CABIN KILLINGS

# Nieto: a murderer or a stooge?



Toby Jorin/Tribune

Porfirio Sedillo (left), mother of victim Cassandra Sedillo, and Emily Archuleta, mother of victim Ben Anaya Jr., listen to prosecutor Charles Bonet's description of the bodies of their children and grandchildren during closing arguments in the trial of Lawrence Nieto in Estancia.

### The jury is out in the first of four trials in the quadruple slaying

By Jessie Milligan  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

ESTANCIA — Lawrence Nieto wasn't the triggerman but was still a "gangster murderer" who shared in the profits of guns stolen during the slayings of four people in a cabin near Torreon, prosecutors in his death-penalty trial said in closing arguments.

The defense disagreed, portraying Nieto, 20, as a "simple, scared ninth-grade special-education boy," "dis-

criminated against because he is an urban Hispanic.

The jury in the cabin killings case began weighing those descriptions after listening to summations Monday in Nieto's trial. Jury deliberations continued today.

Nieto is one of four defendants in the case, each will be tried separately.

Seventh Judicial District Assistant District Attorney Charles Bonet said to the jury that Nieto received \$2,000 and crack cocaine from co-defendant Shaun Wilkins two

weeks after the shooting deaths of two adults — Ben Anaya Jr., 17, and Cassandra Sedillo, 23, in a remote Manzano Mountain cabin. The killers then locked Sedillo's sons in the cabin, where the 3- and 4-year-old boys died weeks later of thirst and hunger.

The money and drugs were described by the prosecution as a payoff to Nieto for his participation in the

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# Sandia Labs' Z accelerator heats up race for fusion energy

By Lawrence Spohn  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

The world's most powerful X-ray generator at Sandia National Laboratories is fast approaching the torrid region in which fusion energy might be produced.

The generator has achieved a temperature of 1.5 million degrees Celsius, strengthening the labs' hand in asking the U.S. Department of Energy to pay for a bigger successor to the Z accelerator — the \$300 million X-1 accelerator.

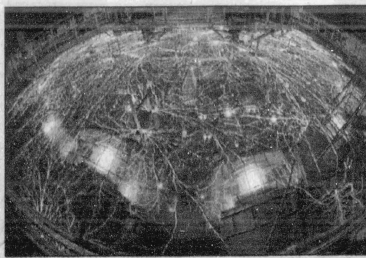
Scientists say fusion would be a cleaner source of electricity than coal, oil or the

nuclear-fission energy that powers nuclear reactors.

With the new X-1, Sandia scientists believe they could demonstrate fusion technology for energy production and for nuclear-weapons simulations.

"If fusion can be made to work in a very cost-effective way, there will not be future wars over oil in the Persian Gulf or anywhere else and the injury to the environment caused by civilization will be reduced," said Don Cook, director of Sandia's Pulsed Power Sciences Center.

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Sandia National Laboratories

An accelerator at Sandia National Laboratories generates lightning across a pool of water.

# Shuttle to carry projects paid for by Phillips Lab

By Anne Boyle  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

When the space shuttle Discovery takes off Thursday, two experiments sponsored by the Air Force Phillips Laboratory in Albuquerque will be on board.

Called GLO 5 and GLO 6, they will collect data on air glow — the distorting reflections caused when solar energy hits clouds and gravity in the Earth's atmosphere 50 to 250 kilometers above ground.

The Air Force is interested in air glow because it clouds the view of ob-

jects heading toward Earth from the sky — objects like missiles or spacecraft, said Dr. Edmund Murad, group leader for the project at Phillips.

"Say the sun is in the background and you are watching a friend coming towards you," Murad said. "It's hard to tell if it's your friend or if it's someone you don't know. It's the same with a spacecraft. The air glow makes it hard to know what it is."

Phillips is funding the experiments, done cooperatively with the

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**IN BRIEF**

**Horoschak not chosen for Colorado schools**

Albuquerque Public Schools Superintendent Peter Horoschak did not make a list of finalists for Colorado's top schools job.

Horoschak, who has agreed with the Albuquerque Board of Education that this will be his last year with APS, was one of five finalists for the job of Colorado commissioner of education.

The Colorado State Board of Education on Monday did not include Horoschak when it narrowed its list of candidates to three, said Lynn Fontanier, a spokeswoman for the board.

**Club Latino awaits liquor-license decision**

State officials will decide next week whether to allow a South Valley bar to transfer its liquor license to a new owner.

A state Alcohol and Gaming Division hearing officer heard two hours of testimony Monday in favor of and against Club Latino's request to transfer its liquor license from Robert Martinez, Toby Baca and Antonio Villalobos Bolivar to Bolivar and his two brothers, Marcial Villalobos Bolivar and Francisco Villalobos Bolivar.

For years, neighbors have been trying to close the club at 429 Isleta Blvd. S.W., saying it attracts unruly patrons and unsavory activity.

The club has already been fined \$15,000 over numerous liquor violations and was ordered to close its drive-up liquor window and stop serving alcohol by the drink. Another hearing Wednesday will determine if its liquor license should be revoked or suspended after a July 4 citation saying that it sold from the drive-up window.

**9 bank jobs in 10 days may be related, FBI says**

The FBI says nine bank robberies in the last 10 days — including two Monday — might be related.

The Bank of New Mexico, 3000 Central S.E., was robbed at 11 a.m. Monday by a man brandishing a black submachine gun. He is described as a Hispanic male in his early 20s, about 5 foot 10. He fled in a blue Pontiac Sunbird with a stolen license plate.

About 3 p.m., the Norwest Banks at Fourth Street and Ranchitos Road Northwest was robbed by a man who stuffed the cash into a large burgundy-colored wallet and fled diagonally across Fourth Street. He is described as Hispanic or American Indian, in his 30s, with unusually large ears.

The robberies were the 27th and 28th of the year. The FBI did not say what factors make them think the holdups are related.

Anybody with information can call the FBI office at 224-2000; or Crime Stoppers at 843-STOP. A reward is available.

**Welfare lawsuit hearing postponed until Sept. 10**

A hearing on a lawsuit challenging Gov. Gary Johnson's welfare-overhaul program has been delayed from Aug. 13 until Sept. 10.

The state Supreme Court approved the delay after Johnson's administration requested more time to prepare its response, through the law firm of Hinkle, Cox, Eaton, Coffield & Hensley.

The New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty sued last month, alleging that the administration violated the state constitution by implementing its new welfare program through regulations rather than through changes in state law.

**Public Works division gets interim director**

Jay Czar, Albuquerque's deputy chief administrative officer, will become acting director of the Public Works Department after current Director Bob Gurule's retirement Friday.

Mayor Martin Chavez announced the appointment Monday. Czar will continue his current duties as well. "Jay has a wealth of experience within city government, and I am confident he will keep public works moving in the direction of the goals we have set for customer service, water conservation and street maintenance," Chavez said.

Staff reports

**CORRECTION**

The sports section provided the incorrect time for Saturday's HBO boxing telecast. The show began at midnight.

The Albuquerque Tribune tries to promptly correct factual errors and clarify misleading information. To report an error or a need for clarification, call 823-3653 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays.

**WINNING NUMBERS**

**New Mexico:**  
**Monday's Daily Millions**  
 Red: 7, 20 White: 4, 9 Blue: 1, 3  
**Saturday's Powerball**  
 2, 21, 28, 35, 36 Powerball 10  
*Wednesday's estimated jackpot: \$5 million*  
**Arizona lotto:** 4, 21, 24, 31, 34, 35  
**Colorado lotto:** 2, 4, 17, 26, 34, 40  
**Texas lotto:** 5, 15, 19, 22, 49, 50

**A snoop robbed us, says Cargo campaign**

By Ed Asher  
 TRIBUNE REPORTER

No one has mentioned Watergate, but Dave Cargo's mayoral campaign does think a spy has infiltrated its ranks.

Volunteers arrived at Cargo For Mayor headquarters Monday morning and discovered that somebody had rifled through desks and stolen a computer containing campaign strategies, Cargo spokeswoman Virginia Brownson said.

The police officer who investigated the incident found no apparent sign of forced entry, according to the police report. "We think it was a spy," Brownson said. "We think it was an infiltrator."

She came to that conclusion based on what was not taken: a more expensive computer, lightweight copier and laser printer. "Monetary gain was not the motive," Brownson said. "Someone wanted to sabotage and hurt us. Someone is trying to slow us down in our daily operations."

Brownson speculated that the thief might have been one of the group of campaign volunteers who had a key to the headquarters at 1427 Carlisle Blvd. N.E.

Cargo said it could have been someone who got in through a rear window. Video surveillance cameras turned up nothing, they said.

Among the files on the computer were notes on campaign strategy, financial information, lists of contributors and campaign committee members and names of volunteers, Cargo and Brownson said.

There was nothing in the computer that was embarrassing or damaging to either Cargo or his supporters, Brownson said. She said no real damage was done to the campaign because all of the material was backed up by paper documents.

But Cargo said the computer contained information dating back 10 years, including financial information from his unsuccessful 1993 campaign for mayor.

From now on, Brownson said, security will be beefed up, and closer controls will be kept over who has access to keys to the office.

In other mayoral race developments:

■ Jack Martinez failed to qualify for the Oct. 7 ballot, the City Clerk's Office confirmed today.

Mayoral candidates are required to submit 2,500 signatures of registered voters living within Albuquerque city limits. City Clerk Millie Santillanes said Martinez submitted 2,727 signatures; only 2,094 were from valid voters.

■ Candidate and City Council President Vickie Perea said in a news release that a challenge by candidate Jim Baca to sign a spending-pledge is nothing more than "political posturing." Perea said she will not sign the pledge but will stay within the campaign spending limit set by the City Charter — \$79,476. Current Mayor Martin Chavez has said the cap could not withstand a constitutional challenge.

■ In last Friday's Tribune, Jim Baca was quoted as saying the issue of an independent citizens' police oversight board needed further study. Baca said afterward that his thoughts on the issue were more complex and provided this copy of his response to an Albuquerque Police Officers Association survey:

"I believe that APD officers have nothing to fear from a civilian review board although I know they oppose such a board. ... I suggest either a hybrid board coupled with the independent council or a strongly beefed-up independent council's office. Such an ... office should be full time with some staff support.

"If any board is empowered, then many of its members must be educated about police work to better understand the daily pressures and dangers faced by police officers. Prospective board members should be required to spend 100 hours on patrol before being empaneled.

"Civilian review boards have a mixed level of success and creation of such a board must be approached with caution."

**Lawyer found under bridge committed suicide, officials say**

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New Mexico Office of the Medical Investigator has ruled that a prominent Utah lawyer committed suicide when he jumped off an Interstate 25 bridge south of Albuquerque.

Bruce Collmar, 49, died of head, chest and abdominal injuries, the OMI said today.

His body was found June 25 beneath the bridge. The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department at that time said the body had no evident wounds and that the death was being investigated as a homicide.

Collmar was a lawyer for First Security Bank in Salt Lake City.

He also was the Western regional death-penalty abolition coordinator for Amnesty International.

In that capacity, Collmar traveled to the 13 Western states and coordinated Amnesty International's anti-death-penalty activities.

Collmar, a graduate of the University of Utah law school, had worked at First Security for about a year after spending the previous five years in Paris. Prior to that he had practiced law in Nevada and Texas.



Lawrence Nieto (right) talks to his cousin Ernestine Ortega (left) and mother, Jeanette Sena, as they lean over the bar separating spectators from the rest of the courtroom after Nieto's case went to the jury.

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robbery-murder. The prosecution said the crime began after four of Anaya's fellow gang members parted at the cabin in mid-December.

"They drank his beer, they played with his kids, or his girlfriend's kids, then returned and shot him," Bonet said.

He described the killings as an "execution" of Anaya and a robbery to make off with his guns and drugs.

The defense has maintained that Nieto was little more than a bystander to the killings, but in statements last week and in closing arguments Monday, Bonet contended that Nieto was paid for participating.

"It was his cut. These people were killed for no other reason than gain," Bonet said.

Defense attorney Gary Mitchell raised Nieto's Hispanic heritage in denouncing what he called a flimsy case with little solid evidence.

As arguments in the eight-day trial wound down in the Torrance County courthouse, Mitchell described Nieto as being discriminated against because he is "young, Hispanic and from Albuquerque."

That's a stereotype, Mitchell said. No hard evidence shows Nieto was in a gang, Mitchell told the jury, although Nieto himself testified last week that he was a member of an Albuquerque gang.

Mitchell used his 90-minute closing statement to describe Nieto as a simple, even "mentally challenged" person, who not only

didn't shoot anyone but also went to the cabin, played with the two boys and saved the life of a co-defendant, also called a gang member.

Nieto and Shawn "Popcorn" Popeleski, 19, have said that fellow gang members meant to kill Popeleski because he had recently been "ranked" out of his gang for talking to police about other gang members.

Nieto says he held Popeleski down with his foot and pointed a shotgun at him while fellow gang members went inside the cabin and killed Anaya and Sedillo. Nieto says he shot his gun in the air and told Popeleski to run.

The prime evidence linking Nieto to the scene is his own statement made to police and shown to the jury on videotape.

Mitchell says there is speculation but no physical evidence to show that Nieto's story isn't true. His client's acknowledged participation, he said, was driven by fear and threats from other gang members.

The specific date of the crime isn't even known, although the prosecution contends it was in mid-December.

On Monday, jurors requested to begin today's deliberations by reviewing a videotaped statement Nieto made to State Police.

Co-defendants, each of whom faces the death penalty, are Nieto, Wilkins, scheduled to be tried Aug. 28 in Socorro; Roy Buchner, to be tried in October in Estancia; and Popeleski, whose trial date has not been set.

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many neighborhood groups and others.

Caryn Barry, who lives within sight of three motels, said she has had to dispose of used condoms found on her property.

Some motel owners may not know about prostitution going on in their establishments, Barry said. But "to say (motel) managers don't know (about prostitution) is laughable," she said.

Sophia Peron, owner of an Albuquerque bed and breakfast across the street from a motel, said drug dealing and prostitution there "is the worst activity I've seen."

An anti-crime group called Turn Around

Albuquerque says it intends to use the ordinance. Spokespeople for the group, however, say they hope to get voluntary cooperation from motel owners and others before going to court.

When asked whether the group has already targeted motels, Turn Around Albuquerque member Clarence Nessel said, "Not specifically."

The bill expands a 1993 anti-drug law. Rather than targeting only drug dealing, the amendment allows the city to deal with prostitution, gambling and organized crime as well. The council hopes the organized-crime

portion of the bill will allow the city to go after gangs that frequent certain homes and apartments.

The ordinance targets any business as well as any private property — including motels, bars, apartments and other rental properties — that are public nuisances.

Assistant City Attorney Patti Williams, one of the ordinance's drafters, told the council that she could not guarantee that every portion of the law would withstand a constitutional challenge.

However, she said, if one portion of the bill is held unconstitutional, the other portions

would still stand.

Prostitution is a problem in Albuquerque, especially along the Central Avenue corridor from Tramway to 64th Street, where numerous motels are located, Albuquerque police Capt. Ruben Davalos said.

From June 1996 to June this year, APD's Special Investigation Division arrested more than 700 people on prostitution charges along the corridor and 55 people on charges of patronizing prostitutes, he said.

Lawrence Rael, Mayor Martin Chavez's chief administrative officer, said the mayor intends to sign the bill.