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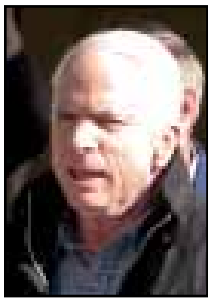
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N.M. a battleground to the end

McCain embraces the underdog role

By LeVarr Quinn
Staff Reporter

The last time Sen. John McCain campaigned in the Duke city, his bus drove into the auditorium and he was greeted by thousands. This time, he walked into the venue and was greeted by hundreds.



LeVarr Quinn

John McCain

Saturday morning McCain rallied an outdoor crowd at Albuquerque's Expo New Mexico as a self proclaimed underdog and fighter.

The Arizona senator, accompanied on stage by his wife, Cindy, and Sen. Lindsey Graham of South

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Illustration by Ann Gleason

Obama rally draws 45,000 enthusiasts

By Kirsten Crocker
Staff Reporter

A colossal sign reading "Change We Need" illuminated the multitude of supporters wielding campaign signs, buttons, t-shirts and stickers, all bearing the face of the potentially historical figure poised at the podium, thundering, "If you will stand with me, in 10 more days, if you will vote for me, if you will work with me, if you will organize with me, I promise you, New Mexico... you and I together, we will change this country."



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Barack Obama

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Bible Club revived with new direction

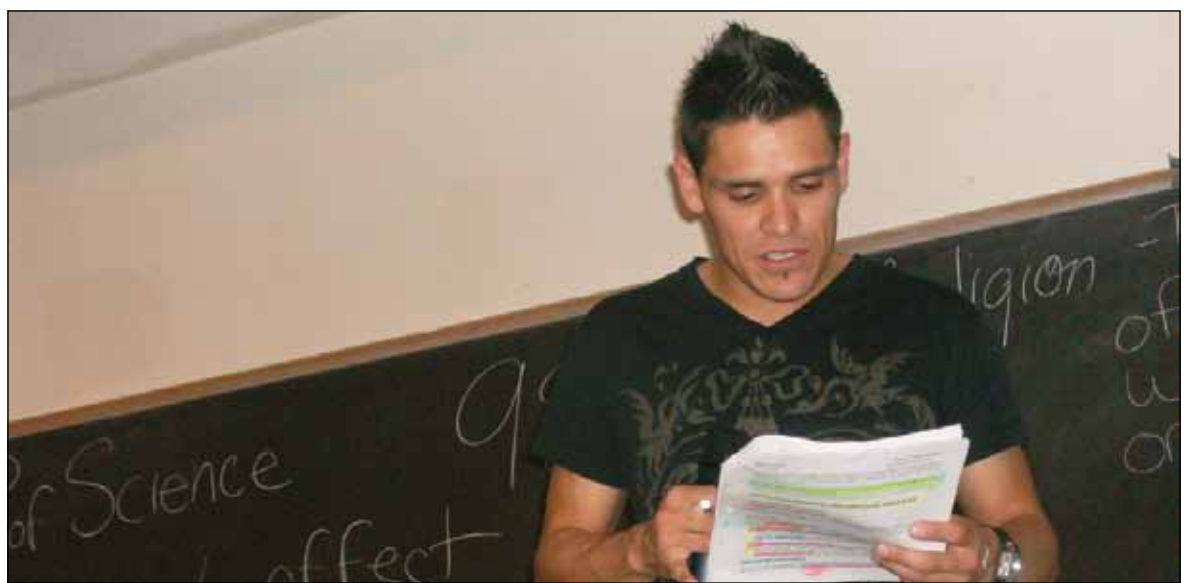
By Jack Hughes
Staff Reporter

It is Tuesday evening, and the CNM Bible Club is setting up in room 311 of the Jeanette Stromberg building. The club calls itself Revive, an apt name for a group that seems to have been entirely renewed this semester.

According to Linda Smith, one of the club's two faculty advisors, the group has really taken off in recent weeks. "We started last term, and there were very few students. In fact, sometimes there were more staff and faculty here than there were students," Smith said.

The turning point came when Smith met Eric Avalos, a young local pastor. "He said he would like to help with the ministry here at CNM and everything's sort of snowballed from there. It's very exciting. The guys are all real enthusiastic. I'm hoping more people will come out of curiosity. We're not trying to browbeat people into thinking our way, we just want to present things to them and let them make up their own minds," she said.

Mr. Avalos, who works with Calvary Chapel in Albuquerque, says he felt compelled to help the club. "God has been tugging on my heart for a couple of years to do something, and I finally had time to do it.



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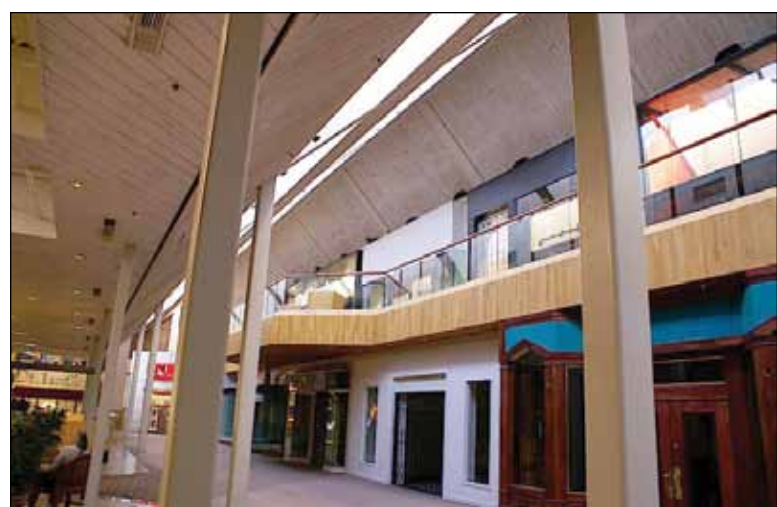
Pastor Eric Avalos speaks at the Bible Club's Tuesday night meeting.

God just put it on my heart to do something to get students involved and to create a ministry through the Bible Club. I wanted to set up a ministry here, something where believers at the campus can come and fellowship and worship God," Avalos said.

Avalos arrived at a turning point for the club. "In those weeks the club needed to be re-chartered

and she (Smith) hadn't been getting enough responses. You need seven signatures from people who want to be officers to re-charter. I said, 'no problem. I have a group of college students who would love to be a part of this, and that's how it came about.'"

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Courtesy of picasaweb.google.com

Interior view of Winrock, which will be rebuilt by Winrock LLC and Hunt Uptown LLC.

Winrock Mall rebuilders to benefit from tax deal

By LeVarr Quinn
Staff Reporter

On Oct. 6 the Albuquerque city council approved a tax district for the Winrock Mall shopping area that will allow the developers to use tax revenue to build needed infrastructure. It also approved a separate TIDD for the Quorum at Albuquerque Uptown.

A TIDD, or tax incremental development dis-

trict, is an economic tool designed to let developers use public money to build infrastructure like roads, sewers, and parks by diverting a portion of the gross receipts and property taxes back to the developer. The developers are allowed to sell bonds which can be paid back with the additional tax revenue. The reimbursements must be approved by a TIDD board before the developers can receive funds. In the case of the Winrock project, 70 per

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