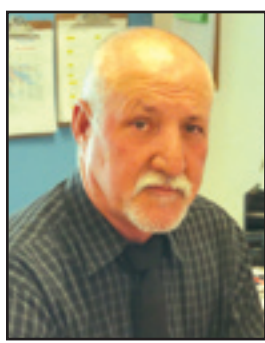




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Hot Springs varsity baseball team still in search of league win

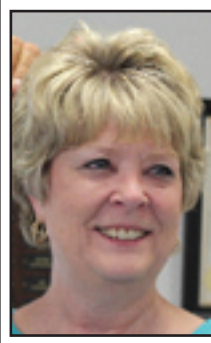
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DEVASTATION



Monday evening, around 6 p.m., TorC volunteer firefighters were called to Corzine, just off Morgan Street to a massive inferno involving 4 structures, 6 vehicles and a grass fire with 2 propane tanks adding to the mix of concerns. Fire Chief Paul E. Tooley told The Herald the entire city electrical system to the area was shut down by city crews. Tooley also told The Herald investigators from the State Fire Marshal's Office had been requested to assist in determining cause of the incident. See more photos Page A2



TorC Animal Shelter, 1101 N. Cedar St., Suite C

TorC Animal Shelter Grand Opening Today

Racing Organizers Propose Memorial Day Weekend Event

By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter
TCPD's Lt. Erica Baker announced the city will stage a grand opening for the newly-built TorC Animal Shelter, 1101 Cedar St., Suite C, at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday, April 18). Baker, accompanied by newly-appointed Animal Shelter Manager Sabrina Day, said the state-of-the-art shelter is the culmination of a lot of effort and planning, starting with former TorC Police Dept., Suite C, at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday, April 18). From a specially designed waste drainage system to odor-control venting system, "These are additions that are going to make it so much better for the animals," Baker reported at the April 11 City Commission meeting. The shelter also features

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Garcia Sentenced to Rehab

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter
Convicted drug trafficker Richmond Garcia was given a month to find a rehabilitation facility that will take him so that District Court Judge Shannon Murdock can take that option under consideration at his first sentencing hearing March 14. Garcia found a place at The Step House in Alamo, the minimum stay there is a year. It was believed that Garcia would not be able to find a facility that would accept him because one of the charges is possession of a firearm by a felon. The Adult Probation and Parole Office opposed Step House because it is not a lockdown facility. Garcia pleaded guilty to one count of trafficking methamphetamine and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The other five counts against him were dismissed by the District Attorney's Office as part of the agreement. The District Attorney's Office also agreed not to file habitual offender charges against Garcia. APPO reported Garcia

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Stephens Takes Plea, Sentenced To DOC In Brutal Stabbing Attack

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter
Celso Stephens, accused of a brutal attack that left a TorC man permanently injured, pleaded guilty to three counts of an eight-count indictment Tuesday, April 10 and was immediately sentenced.

Stephens also took a plea for a separate charge of battery on a police officer.

He pleaded guilty to aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, aggravated battery and battery.

District Court Judge Mercedes Murphy sentenced Stephens to one day less than six years in the Department of Corrections. She recommended the RDAP drug rehabilitation program available in prison and that he seek all mental health assistance available. Murphy also ordered \$802 in restitution to be paid after Stephens is paroled. He

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"The ordeal was pretty bad. I almost died. I hope not to see him ever again. I'm still in pain – I will always be in pain."

—Mike William Pavloff-Stickney

Victim Not Bitter, But Disappointed

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter
The victim of a brutal attack that came extremely close to taking his life wants to use the experience to inform others about violence against men. According to the Bureau of Justice, 80 percent of murder victims and a high number of assault victims know, or are related to, their attacker. Five of the charges against Celso K. Stephens were listed as "no great bodily harm" or simple battery, but the injuries the victim will have to deal with for the rest of his life suggest otherwise. Bill Pavloff-Stickney is disappointed about the way the case was charged and prosecuted. He wants to shed light on the greater issue of violence and drug abuse, but bears no one any ill will. He possesses a generosity against Celso K. Stephens

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Miss Fiesta Proclamation



The Truth or Consequences City Commission last week adopted a proclamation declaring Saturday, May 6, as "Miss Fiesta 2018 Eleanor 'Ella' Cano-Linson Day." Mayor Steve Green noted that after 66 years under the tireless and dedicated stewardship of the Hot Springs Woman's Club, the Miss Fiesta Contest since last year is under the direction of TorC Rotary Club, thanks to the efforts of Rotarian Frances Luna. "It's an honor," Cano-Linson told the commission and audience members following the presentation. "Thank you everyone – and Rotary – who has supported Miss Fiesta. It's something that's life-changing, and really encourages self-confidence in all the girls. And I really encourage everyone to encourage the girls to run."

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