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Honor & Celebration



CEREMONY – Department of Veterans Services Cabinet Secretary Jack Fox speaks to the large crowd gathered at the New Mexico State Veterans Home Saturday, Nov. 11 to honor Veterans Day. **HERALD photos/BETSY PHILLIPS**

Hundreds Attend Veterans Day Celebration, Ribbon Cutting at NM State Veterans Home

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter

The sun was shining and the breeze was light as hundreds of veterans and local residents watched as management of the New Mexico State Veterans Home was ceremoniously transferred to the New Mexico Department of Veterans Services on Veterans Day.

The public ceremony to honor veterans and mark the transfer of the home from the New Mexico Department of Health took place at 11 a.m. Saturday (Nov. 11).

After the veterans, the star of the show was the new 89,000 square foot state-of-the-art Alzheimer's and Long Term Assisted Care wing. The \$23 million facility has 39 rooms for Alzheimer's patients and a 20-bed skilled nursing unit, a new rehabilitation section for inpatient and outpatient services and a new therapy pool heated by water supplied by a natural thermal spring.

Department of Veterans Services Deputy Secretary Alan Martinez served as master of ceremonies for the day's events. The hour-long ceremony included opening comments by State Representative Rebecca Dow and remarks by Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Lynn Gallagher and Department of Veterans Services Cabinet Secretary Jack Fox, with Gen-



OFFICIAL OPENING – Department of Health Cabinet Secretary Lynn Gallagher and Department of Veterans Services Cabinet Secretary Jack Fox, with General Services Cabinet Secretary Ed Burckle, cut the ribbon opening the new annex building of the New Mexico State Veterans Home Saturday, Nov. 11, immediately following the Veterans Day celebration. The new building will house 39 residents who have Alzheimer's and another 20 critical care residents.



ENJOYING THE DAY – A large crowd enjoyed the Veterans Day celebration Saturday (Nov. 11) at the New Mexico State Veterans Home in TorC.

eral Services Cabinet Secretary Ed Burckle.

When the ribbon was cut on the new building, residents crowded in for lim-

ited tours of the facility. Lunch was served on the lawn as the band On Call entertained visitors.

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been working together to make the transition as seamless as possible.

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Electorate To Have Say On Converting Armory to Police HQ

By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter

Ron Fenn was recently cautioned by the City of TorC's legal counsel against using the term "CEO" in his correspondence regarding city business.

Fenn, a longtime city government activist, however has secured himself one of the top leadership positions – unofficially at least – in municipal politics.

Fenn's latest achievement: forcing a special election on Jan. 23, 2018, allowing the city elector-

ate to decide on yet another landmark ordinance adopted by the commission.

The city electorate will have the final say on an ordinance adopted unanimously by the city commission last August.

Ordinance No. 686 authorized the city to move forward with borrowing \$2.185 million from the New Mexico Finance Authority over 25 years to help finance the conversion of the former National Guard armory on North Cedar Street into new TorC Police Depart-

ment.

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Adrienne Johnson
Joint Land Use Study Project Manager

County Hears Update On Joint Land Use Study

By Tony A. Archuleta
HERALD Reporter

The Sierra County Commission met on Monday, Nov. 13, starting with a pre-meeting workshop during which Adrienne Johnson, project manager for the Southern New Mexico El Paso Joint Land Use Study, provided an update on a wide-ranging partnership between military and local, state and federal units of government, among others.

Johnson told the commission that one of the JLUS' primary goals is to study land compatibility issues among military installations such as Fort Bliss and White Sands Missile Range and adjacent communities.

There are no mandates associated with the program, but Johnson stressed that if a community reaches out for assistance, the program will be there to help.

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First of 2 Drug Cases Against Richmond Garcia Set for Trial

By Betsy Phillips
HERALD Reporter

Almost two years after his arrest, one of two cases against Richmond Garcia, 35, of TorC, will finally go to trial Dec. 4.

The charges, considered to be the lesser of the two cases, were acquired in December 2015. Garcia faces two fourth-degree

felonies -- possession of a controlled substance and possession of a firearm by a felon and two misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia. If convicted, his sentence could be as much as five years.

Garcia, who has a criminal record, was arrested in December 2015. Garcia faces two fourth-degree

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WEEKLY WEATHER WATCH 8-DAY FORECAST

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15	THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16	FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17	SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18	SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19	MONDAY NOVEMBER 20	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 22	NEED PRINTING?
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