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Council shuts the door on old Harvey House

By CHUCK MUELLER
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BARSTOW — The City Council Monday night voted unanimously to advise Santa Fe Highway that it has no further interest in the Harvey House, the historic city train depot restaurant.

Councilman James Bellomy, in making the motion, said, "I think the majority of the people would like to see the building retained as there is much sentimental value in it. However, Santa Fe hasn't given us much choice."

Bellomy said he made his motion with "a great deal of regret."

Councilman Al Vigil said, "There comes a time when we have to be realistic and face the facts... I wish there were better options. It doesn't appear there are."

Wynona Kenyon, Harvey House Society president, said, "I want to commend the City Council for being a courteous board. This is quite rare."

Kenyon asked if there was any hope for funding a community center at the old rail depot. City officials said there wasn't.

City Manager Wayne Lamoreaux said the dilemma the council faced was like a Catch 22 situation, in which the Harvey House group had little chance of financial viability.

Lacille Cole, who started mining museum at Calico and authored books on the ghost towns, dies. Metro.

H.D. Fish, Santa Fe's general manager in Los Angeles, advised Lamoreaux last week that a proposal to convert the 1911 structure into a restaurant, banquet room, retail shops, and offices was not acceptable.

Fish also rejected the council's request for a year's extension of a June 1 deadline to reuse the building. Councilmen asked for the time to look for a potential master developer for a \$2½ million Harvey House renovation project.

Santa Fe previously said it was willing to lease the building for 40 years, for \$1 a year, if the city agreed to assume taxes, relieve the railroad of liability and remove the structure when the lease expired.

After a lengthy discussion, the council also voted 3-2 to amend the city zoning ordinance to permit housing padlocks in some residential zones. Bellomy, Richard Padilla and Mayor Paul Simon favored the request.

The pigeon issue grew out of a request from Earnest Davis to allow homing pigeons in single-family residential areas. He has about 100 racing pigeons in two tiered coops behind his home at 944 E. Victoria Way.



Staff photo by Glenn Copers

Out at second

Neal Wamer of Big Bear High School gets throw in time to tag out Corona's Gil Sanchez who was attempting to steal second base in Twin Counties High School All-Star baseball game Saturday. The S.B. stars won 5-4. Tony Lara of Twentynine Palms knocked in the winning run.

County seeks bids on branch office

bulletin board

By BILL ROGERS
Sun Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Signaling an intention to budget the necessary funds, the Board of Supervisors authorized a call for bids Monday on construction of the county's proposed Moreno Basin branch office building at Joshua Tree.

The building plans was stalled six months ago when the supervisors, as a means of meeting emergency flood control needs, diverted funds away from it and other capital improvement projects.

In the meantime, according to the county's architecture and engineering division,

inflation has increased the cost estimate for the building to more than \$4 million. The estimate last fall was \$3.5 million.

Monday's action was based on an assumption that the supervisors will provide the necessary funding after hearings on their 1981-82 budget next month.

The building, to be located at the southeast corner of Twentynine Palms Highway and White Feather Road, will house most county branch offices now scattered in communities throughout the Moreno Basin.

It is to include space for the basin's

municipal court, sheriff's substation and jail, the district attorney, marshal, public defender, assessor and Health, Probation, Planning, Community Health Services, Building and Safety and Agriculture Departments.

In another action, the supervisors scheduled a hearing for 2 p.m. Aug. 30 on a proposal to annex the 12-square-mile Copier Mountain Mesa area, north of Joshua Tree, to the county agency that finances fire protection by the California Department of Forestry. The aim is to provide for CDF supervision and assistance for the community's volunteer fire department.

Engineers

TRONA — Mojave Desert Section, American Institute of Chemical Engineers will meet at 6 p.m. June 18 at Clancy's Claim Co. in Blydenport.

The public is invited to attend the program only which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

The program is to be "Invest in our Opportunities: Stock Market, Tax Shelters, Bonds, Cash Management, Annuities, Etc."

The speaker is to be Sam Bohlike of E.F. Huffman.

Building Inspectors

TRONA — Ron Hartman of the County Building Inspectors Office is scheduled to be in Trona from 10:15 to 11:15 each Tuesday at the Trona Justice Court.

Public Health

TRONA — The regular bi-monthly Public Health Clinic is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., June 17, at the Trona Public Health Office.

Supervisors OK Pioneertown loan

SAN BERNARDINO — County supervisors Monday approved an \$80,000 loan to provide new water sources for Pioneertown's troublesome water system.

The county board at the same time scheduled a hearing for 2 p.m. Aug. 30 on a plan to levy fees of \$124 per acre in the community's Improvement Zone W-4 to repay the loan in the coming fiscal year.

Special Districts Department engineer Ed Houston reported that Pioneertown Water Association's private system has been out of water since June 8, necessitating hauling of water to homes and businesses.

He said fees levied in the community this year financed development of one well nearly ready for operation, but another is needed. He said the loan will provide that second well and installation of three-fourths of a mile of pipeline to carry water to the association's system.

Because of system inadequacies, the county is proposing replacement facilities and, for that purpose, is seeking a \$1.3 million loan from the state Department of Water Resources that would be paid off through Zone W-4 property assessments.

Three held after chases

BARSTOW — Three persons have been arrested by Nevada authorities after two high-speed chases on Interstate 15 that started in California, the California Highway Patrol said.

Two boys were arrested early Monday in Las Vegas after a 173-mile chase that started in Cajon Pass south of Victorville, CFP spokesman Don Elton said.

The youths were arrested at the Blue Diamond Road off ramp in Las Vegas after the pickup ran out of gas.

In another incident, a Riverside man was arrested about 15 miles into Nevada after a chase that started 26 miles south of the state line at Cima Road, he said.

Melvin A. Goodspeed, 24, of Riverside, was being held in the Clark County Jail for investigation of evading arrest and reckless driving.

City Council rejects hospital study report

By JAMES NICKLES
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BARSTOW — The City Council majority Monday reaffirmed its objection to hospital management firms conducting studies of Community Hospital and then making their proposals to the council.

By a 3-2 vote, the council turned down a request from real estate agent Clarence Hunt to allow one of the firms to present the results of its study.

The firm, National Medical Enterprises of Los Angeles, was the only one of five firms that completed a study before the council reversed itself and voted against the studies.

The council, on a narrow 3-2 vote April 24, allowed National Medical Enterprises and four other firms to conduct the studies.

Two weeks later, Councilman A.J. Postecorvo announced he had changed his mind after an NME representative approached him at his office and said his company wanted to buy the hospital.

On May 8, Postecorvo, Councilman Jim Bellomy and Mayor Paul Simon voted to discontinue the studies.

Monday, Hunt told the council NME had

herring I ever saw drag across the trail."

He contended NME is aggressively trying to buy the hospital, not do the city a service by providing free information.

Hospital Administrator Robert Gordon said he had seen NME's study and said it contained "misinformation."

Hunt insisted he was involved in the issue only as an interested resident.

"I am asking that this board, as an elected body, listen to what they have found out," he said.

He said the council should be willing to receive any information in an unbiased manner.

Postecorvo, in an angry exchange with Hunt, said, "That's the biggest red

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