

**(LETTERS)**

I was with Ed while he tried in vain to save the life of a nine year old child struck by a drunken driver. I was with him when he was forced to shoot a man who shot at him with his own weapon. I was with Ed when he pulled two children and their mother from a burning vehicle that exploded only seconds after he dragged the woman to safety. I was with Ed to help comfort a 15 year old rape victim. We've taken strangers into our home because they had no where else to be. Ed has given money to perfect strangers too many times to remember, because they ran out of gas, or because their vehicles

broke down, or because they were stranded, or because the kids were hungry. I helped him take care of three runaway girls for two days until their parents could come from Colorado. Ed has volunteered his time three years in a row to talk to the high school kids about drugs, alcohol and the law. These are only some of the things I witnessed personally.

When they walk out that door, you never know if they will come back. Some of you may think I am exaggerating, after all, this is Springer -- I'm sure that is what people in Mountainair also thought. I am not exaggerating and it does happen, approximately 200 police officers die in

the line of duty every year.

How many of us could put on a uniform, badge, and carry a gun and go out on the street alone? We all need to support these special people and allow them to do their jobs without all the petty, bullshit interference. Politics or rumors have no place in police work. Police officers are human and they too have rights. Springer should be grateful to have good, honest law enforcement.  
**Eileen Martin.**

*Editors Note: This letter was read aloud at the February 20th meeting of the Town Council by Eileen Martin, to which she received a standing ovation.*

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You have to do things the way the law requires it. We live in a Democracy.

Now, it seems to me that our elected Mayor is trying really hard to break the harmony of our Trustees by dividing them, this way he has more power, yet -- We must remember that God still sits on the throne, not the Mayor!

Our God is so great that we all pay for the wrong we do to others as well as get rewarded for the good we do. God's light will shine on the darkness that surrounds us and will expose all greed.

**Mary McCarty**

**To Mayor Cruz:**

your demeanor as an elected official and have not offered my opinion, but I think it is time to inform the citizens and especially the ones that don't attend the Town meetings just how you conduct yourself.

(A) One instance I recall vividly was when your brother-in-law stood up and told you to "tell Mary McCarty to shut up." You didn't have the where-with-all to tell him to use professionalism and that he had to raise his hand to be recognized.

(B) There are other incidents of the same nature too numerous to mention here.

You know Mr. Cruz, you do have the authority to supervise employees

For almost two years now I have observed

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**Dear Editor:**

On February 20, 1996 I attended a town meeting that was horrible. The Mayor handed himself cold and uncaring. He was heard by several people to say "I don't care how many meetings or how many letters I get or get written in the Springer News Bulletin. I have made up my mind to fire Ed Martin.

Every time our Chief has a good investigation going on like, for instance, drugs, some one gets fired. Who fires them? The Mayor. The Mayor does not go through proper channels like his police department. He does it himself (he is not the police department). Now for the Mayor to fire a police person without even talking it over with the Chief -- that's uncalled for and wrong. It is not even legal. It leaves our town open and is liable in any court.

**AVISO DE NOMBRES DE CANDIDATOS PARA CARGO PUBLICO, DESIGNACION DE LOCALES PARA VOTAR Y MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DE PRECINTO**

CON RESPECTO A LA ELECCION MUNICIPAL REGULAR QUE SE LLEVARA A CABO EL 5 DE MARZO DE 1996 Y DE ACUERDO CON 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

**A. POR MEDIO DE LA PRESENTE SE DA NOTICIA QUE LOS SIGUIENTES ELECTORES CALIFICADOS SON CANDIDATOS PARA PUESTOS PUBLICOS DEL PUEBLO DE SPRINGER.**

LOS NOMBRES DE LOS CANDIDATOS APARCEN EN LA ORDEN QUE FIGURARAN EN LA BALOTA SEGUN DETERMINADO POR SORTEO.

**1. PARA EL DOS PUESTOS DE FIDUCIARIO POR UN TERMINO DE CUATRO AÑOS:**  
 POSICION #1 DANIEL M. MONTOYA  
 POSICION #2 WILLIAM JUMP  
 POSICION #3 ALBERT ROMERO, SR.  
 POSICION #4 CARLOS P. GUTIERREZ

**2. PARA EL PUESTO DE JEFE MUNICIPAL POR UN TERMINO DE CUATRO AÑOS:**  
 POSICION #1 OFELO PADILLA  
 POSICION #2 DAVID PINO  
 POSICION #3 JOHNNY RIVERA

**B. POR MEDIO DE LA PRESENTE SE DA NOTICIA QUE LAS SIGUIENTES LOCALES PARA VOTAR SE USARAN PARA LA ELECCION MUNICIPAL REGULAR QUE SE LLEVARA A CABO EL 5 DE MARZO DE 1996.**

**1. VOTANTES EN LOS PRECINTOS CONSOLIDADOS 4 & 5 DENTRO DEL LINDERO MUNICIPAL VOTARAN EN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 606 COLBERT AVENUE, SPRINGER, NUEVO MEXICO.**

**2. VOTANTES EN EL PRECINTO DE VOTANTES AUSENTES VOTARAN EN LA OFICINA DE LA ESCRIBANA MUNICIPAL CITY HALL, 606 COLBERT AVENUE, SPRINGER, NUEVO MEXICO.**

**C. LOS SIGUIENTES MIEMBROS DEL CUERPO DIRECTIVO DEL PRECINTO HAN SIDO NOMBRADOS:**

**1. PARA LOS JUECES EN LOS PRECINTOS CONSOLIDADOS 4 & 5 Y EL PRECINTO DE VOTANTE AUSENTISTA:**  
 PEGGY LATHAM Y CAROL ANGEL

**2. PARA LOS ESCRIBANAS EN LOS PRECINTOS CONSOLIDADOS 4 & 5 Y EL PRECINTO DE VOTANTE AUSENTISTA:**  
 VIRGINIA TAFUYA Y LIZ SMITH

**3. PARA ALTERNATIVO EN LOS PRECINTOS CONSOLIDADOS 4 & 5 Y EL PRECINTO DE VOTANTE AUSENTISTA:**  
 VICTOR MAESTAS

FECHADO ESTE DIA 12 DE FEBRERO DE 1996.  
 DEL PUEBLO DE SPRINGER, NUEVO MEXICO  
*Nejla L. Munden*  
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 ESCRIBANA MUNICIPAL

**NOTICE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE, DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES, AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS**

IN CONNECTION WITH THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 1996 AND PURSUANT TO 3-8-30 NMSA 1978:

**A. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING QUALIFIED ELECTORS ARE CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE OF THE TOWN OF SPRINGER. THE CANDIDATES NAMES ARE LISTED IN THE ORDER THEY WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT AS DETERMINED BY DRAWING BY LOT.**

**1. FOR THE TWO OFFICES OF TRUSTEE FOR FOUR YEAR TERMS:**  
 POSITION #1 DANIEL M. MONTOYA  
 POSITION #2 WILLIAM JUMP  
 POSITION #3 ALBERT ROMERO, SR.  
 POSITION #4 CARLOS P. GUTIERREZ

**2. FOR THE POSITION OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE FOR A FOUR YEAR TERM:**  
 POSITION #1 OFELO PADILLA  
 POSITION #2 DAVID PINO  
 POSITION #3 JOHNNY RIVERA

**B. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING POLLING PLACES SHALL BE USED FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 5, 1996.**

**1. VOTERS IN CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS 4 & 5 WITHIN THE MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY SHALL VOTE AT CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 606 COLBERT AVENUE, SPRINGER, NEW MEXICO.**

**2. VOTERS IN THE ABSENT VOTER PRECINCT WILL VOTE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK-TREASURER, CITY HALL, 606 COLBERT AVENUE, SPRINGER NEW MEXICO.**

**C. THE FOLLOWING PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN APPOINTED:**

**1. FOR JUDGES IN CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS 4 & 5 AND ABSENT VOTER PRECINCT:**  
 PEGGY LATHAM AND CAROL ANGEL

**2. FOR CLERKS IN CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS 4 & 5 AND ABSENT VOTER PRECINCT:**  
 VIRGINIA TAFUYA AND LIZ SMITH

**3. FOR ALTERNATE IN CONSOLIDATED PRECINCTS 4 & 5 AND ABSENT VOTER PRECINCT:**  
 VICTOR MAESTAS

DATED THIS 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1996  
 THE TOWN OF SPRINGER, NEW MEXICO  
*Nejla L. Munden*  
 NEJLA L. MUNDEN  
 CLERK-TREASURER