

# Chamber manager quits

Aptos Chamber of Commerce general manager Bob Hoffman submitted his resignation to the Board of Directors Thursday.

Hoffman said the resignation will be effective at the end of this month.

He decided to resign, Hoffman told the directors, because his business (he is an educational consultant) has picked up recently, and because of recent questions by board members as to the need for a paid general manager.

He said the decision to keep the general manager's position should be left to the new Chamber adminis-

tration, but said he believes the Aptos Chamber needs a general manager.

The Chamber has been in a precarious financial position for several months, and some directors last month questioned if the small chamber could afford a paid general manager.

Hoffman said he will remain on the board of directors for the remaining one year of his term.

Chamber President Bob McKenzie thanked Hoffman for his service to the Chamber and noted that the overflow crowd at the Chamber meeting Thursday was due, in part, to Hoffman's

efforts to build the membership to a record high.

The Chamber passed a resolution supporting the California Chamber of Commerce's work with the state Republican party to qualify a referendum on the June primary ballot, challenging the Democratic reapportionment plan in California.

County Supervisor Robley Levy was critical of the Chamber action, noting after the meeting "that the first item of business for the Aptos Chamber of Commerce (with a new board of directors) is a plunge into partisan politics."