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City floats returning river to old path

Move comes amid changes to area water infrastructure; councilors approve resolution for analysis on Two Mile Pond

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The city of Santa Fe will begin exploring the possibility of reverting the Santa Fe River's path between Nichols Reservoir and Cerro Gordo to its predevelopment course, something city officials say is a chance to create less of an engineered system in the upper watershed.

"It's just a unique opportunity that we have not had to reevaluate how we manage the river through this system," River

and Watershed Manager Zoë Isaacson said in a recent interview.

City councilors on Wednesday night approved a resolution sponsored by Councilors Carol Romero-Wirth and Jamie Cassutt directing the city manager to work with staff and the Santa Fe River Commission to implement a series of items related to the river, including a comprehensive engineering analysis of the Two Mile Pond complex.

In an interview before Wednesday's

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From left, Karen Ford, Cindy Ryker and Linda Cangelosi chat Tuesday while enjoying a walk along the Santa Fe Canyon Preserve Trail near an overlook of Two Mile Pond.

Shooter kills two children at Minneapolis Catholic school

17 more people hurt as assailant fires through church windows at Mass in latest school shooting, three days into semester

By Hannah Knowles, Sheila Regan, Anumita Kaur and Reis Thebault
The Washington Post

MINNEAPOLIS — The children filed into the pews of Annunciation Catholic Church on Wednesday morning for their first Mass of the new school year, a time of nervous energy and excitement. The theme of the coming term was borrowed from the prophet Jeremiah: "A future filled with hope."

But just minutes into the service, as the students were reciting Psalm 139 — a call-and-answer prayer about God's all-knowing love — the sound of gunfire ripped through the air and the church windows shattered. In an instant, the back-to-school glee dissolved into terror and chaos.

An assailant — later identified as 23-year-old Robin Westman — had stood outside the stately brown brick church on this city's southwest side and aimed a rifle through the glass at the young worshippers within, authorities said. The

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◆ Suspect's motive unclear as writings and videos display mixed messages.

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Can burning lower heat?

Zozobra chair says he hopes Friday's 101st event can remind community of rich tradition after tree anger



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The Gloomies practice their part Wednesday during Zozobra rehearsal at Fort Marcy park. Friday's 101st Burning, which will be capped at 50,000 attendees after complaints of overcrowding at last year's centennial event, will kick off with an official show at 6 p.m., and the actual burning is slated to begin following the national anthem at 9:10 p.m. There is about a 50% chance of rain predicted Friday night.

By Lily Alexander
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Controversy has dogged the annual burning of Zozobra this year — but event chair Ray Sandoval said controversy is what the 50-foot monster of gloom loves.

"We can disagree, but one of the things that we need to do is we all need to be partners in upholding our amazing, rich cultural tradition and the tapestry that is our city," Sandoval said. "And Zozobra is one of the brightest threads through that tapestry."

The 101st Burning of Zozobra — where the towering marionette will release the city's gloom as he goes up in flames — will take place Friday. Doors open at 4 p.m., and the official Zozobra show begins at 6 p.m. The burning is slated, weather permitting, to follow the national anthem at 9:10 p.m. As of Wednesday, meteorologists predicted a 50% chance

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Helene Luna, who plays the Fire Spirit during the Zozobra ceremony, rehearses Wednesday. Event chair Ray Sandoval said he hopes the improved view from Magers Field after the controversial removal of 12 Siberian elm trees from the sight line will prevent audiences watching the burning ceremony there from feeling they need to cross an arroyo into Fort Marcy Ballpark.

Late-night chopper was helping with city traffic arrests, court records show

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Stargazers in Santa Fe took to social media Friday night to wonder about a New Mexico State Police helicopter that spent several hours circling the city.

The helicopter crew was helping officers on the ground track and arrest at least three motorcyclists who had fled police in the Cerrillos Road and St. Francis Drive areas, court records filed by state police indicate.

The helicopter could be seen flying in circles around Santa Fe for several hours late into the night Friday. Agency spokesperson Officer Wilson Silver confirmed the helicopter was "assisting in a proactive patrol operation."

A flight tracker website showed the flight path wound in circles around Cerrillos Road, St. Michael's Drive and downtown Santa Fe, with several stops at Santa Fe Regional Airport. The helicopter landed at the airport just after midnight Saturday before taking off again and heading toward Albuquerque.

Residents noted the helicopter in comments posted online, with some speculating on the purpose of the flights and others complaining about the late-night noise.

Arrest records filed by state police officers indicate the helicopter was involved in at least three arrests Friday, all of them motorcyclists accused of speeding and fleeing from police on the city's main thoroughfares.

Silver said the helicopter crew assisted in "a significant number" of traffic stops Friday night, adding it was available for assistance "in the event an arrest occurred throughout the operation."

State police have been conducting "proactive patrols" in Santa Fe — including along Cerrillos Road and outside the homeless shelter formerly known as the Interfaith Community Shelter at Pete's Place — since at least fall 2024.

Silver said the helicopter has not been used regularly

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Cracker Barrel won't change logo

Company bails on rebrand after it becomes conservative political flash-point. **PAGE A-10**

