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City initiates furloughs to cut costs

July 31 will be first of unpaid days off for city employees

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BULLHEAD CITY—The city of Bullhead City this month will initiate its furlough day program, closing city administrative offices and giving employees unpaid days off as a cost-saving measure in the new budget year.

Ten full furlough days, and two half-days, have been selected in the 2009-10 fiscal year that began July 1.

The first furlough day will be July 31. Law enforcement, transportation, park and utility services will continue; however, City Hall, planning and zoning, finance cashiers and other city administrative offices will be closed.

Furlough and unpaid holidays identified in the 2009-2010 fiscal year are:

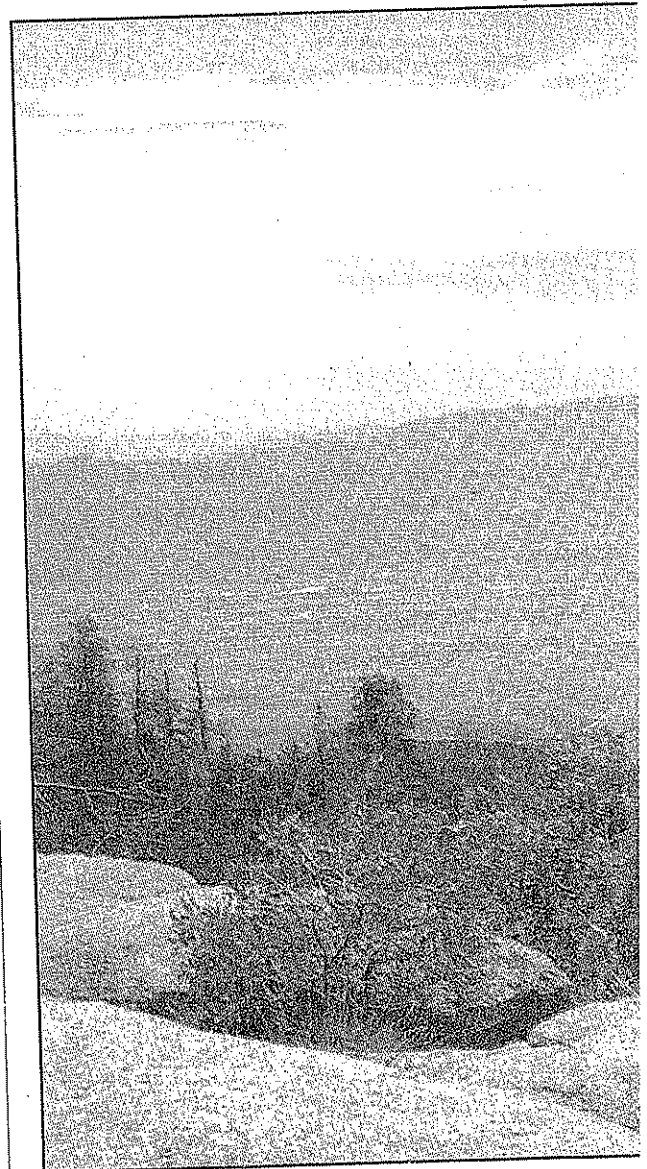
- ▶ July 31
- ▶ Sept. 4
- ▶ Sept. 25
- ▶ Nov. 11
- ▶ Nov. 27
- ▶ Dec. 24 (close at noon)
- ▶ Dec. 31 (close at noon)
- ▶ Jan. 18, 2010
- ▶ Feb. 15
- ▶ March 26
- ▶ April 30
- ▶ May 31

Furlough days and unpaid holidays were enacted to help the city overcome an anticipated \$1.5 million shortfall in the 2009-10 budget. The city recently adopted an \$82.9 million spending package.

Furlough days will automatically expire on June 30, 2010, or if the city sees a monthly sales tax revenue increase of at least 5 percent over the same month in the previous year for a period of at least six months, according to city spokesman Steve Johnson.

For more information, call City Hall at 928-763-9400.

On a clear day, you



In this photo, taken at an elevation of around 7,400 feet, Hualapai Mountain Park. The park is about nine miles long, cabins for rent and various other outdoor activities.