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## Local sharpshooter nominated for national award

By JAYNE HANSON  
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A local gun-toting granny — and accomplished sharpshooter — has been nominated for the National Rifle Association's 2011 Sybil Ludington Award — the same award she lost in 2010 to Sarah Palin.

After 40 years in the gun community, Marlene Duncan, 75, of Lake Havasu City, says her favorite firearm is an AR-15, factory-painted red, white and blue, with a scope and walnut buttstock. She has competed in many gun competitions involving high-powered sporting rifles.

Duncan won one San Diego-based competition a few years ago after out-shooting many military-trained gunmen stationed at a U.S. Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton.

"They had to go home and tell their gunny they were beat by an old granny... they didn't even stay for the awards," Jack Duncan said.

The competition centered on a target set 200 yards away — the length of two football fields. From a seated position, Marlene took four shots, reloaded, and took another four shots. Each set took about 30 seconds.

Last year, Duncan was the recipient of the 2009 Marion P.

Hammer award, which is the NRA's regional division recognition of an outstanding woman in the gun community. The award was one of three bestowed in the nation.

Duncan does shoot occasionally but spends more time training men, women and junior shooters the basics of rifle and pistol competition shooting, she said.

"We have not been to the desert at all to shoot. It is too dangerous to shoot in the desert," Marlene said. When she does take aim, it is at Lake Havasu City Sportsman's Club at SARA Park, she said.

Duncan said her skills are not wasted on hunting wild game.

"I hunt only paper, And I never miss," she said.

Duncan's interest in firearms began in 1970 after meeting husband Jack Duncan, 85, while both were living in California. However, he did not teach her to shoot.

"My son taught me to shoot," Marlene said. "It is one of the things I enjoy the most," she said.

"It wasn't pulling the trigger that hooked her. It was in the sports sciences," Jack Duncan said. The draw was the sports physiology, the sports psychology, the meditative visualization, and the discipline of the trilogy, he explained.

A few weeks prior to com-



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**Marlene Duncan, 75, of Lake Havasu City, shows off her favorite firearm, an AR-15, factory-painted red, white and blue, with a scope and walnut buttstock, and her 2009 Marion P. Hammer award Sunday.**

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## Sober boating campaign tests the waters

Motto is 'Carry a designated operator'

By JAYNE HANSON  
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The Lake Havasu Marine Association recently launched the test-market phase of a large-scale "Carry a Designated Operator" campaign to help promote safe boating on Lake Havasu.

"What we are testing is to recognize the sober (boat) operator as somebody special. We are trying to turn it into a positive," said Jim Salscheider, executive director of the Lake Havasu Marine Association. "This program is going to kick off big time in March. Right now, we are doing a lot of test marketing to see what gets the boaters' interests."

The campaign includes beads and medallions given out to sober boat operators at some hot spots on the River including Turtle Grill at the Nautical Beachfront Resort and Pirate Cove, located north on the Colorado River.

Furthermore, a number of the association's safe and sober boating bill-



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**A Lake Havasu Marine Association "Carry a Designated Operator" campaign billboard is hung at Lake Havasu State Park.**

boards are hanging or are in the process of being hung in high-traffic boater areas including Lake Havasu State Park, Campbell Cove One-Stop, Site Six, Cattail Cove and Havasu Landing.

A second round of billboards will be hung in upcoming weeks at Havasu

Springs, Park Moabi and Pirate Cove, despite its seasonal closing from Nov. 1 through sometime in March 2011. In April 2011, Black Meadow Landing should also have a billboard installed.

The association's goal is for all launch ramps on Lake Havasu and the

Colorado River by the start of the 2011 boating season to include a billboard reminder of safe boating.

Salscheider said OUI checkpoint statistics issued by the Arizona Game and Fish Department showed that one drunken boat operator

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## City Council adopts Refuge annexation

Ordinance passes in just minutes

By NATHAN BRUTTELL  
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While previous meetings regarding the annexation of a portion of The Refuge saw standing-room-only crowds and hours-long discussions, the official adoption Tuesday night went through in minutes.

The City Council adopted an ordinance for the annexation of a 50-acre portion of The Refuge Golf & Country Club by a 6-0 vote during the council's regular meeting Tuesday in city council chambers in the police facility. Councilman Dave McAtlin recused himself from the vote. The council approved the introduction of the ordinance by the same vote earlier this month, which included the annexation, a wastewater treatment agreement, effluent (or treated wastewater) agreement and zoning classifications.

City Center Executive Plaza Owner Jerry Aldridge, who reopened The Refuge in January, requested the annexation earlier this year for about 50 acres of the property to support his plan for a new motorcoach resort. Aldridge said he was excited to be moving forward with the agree-

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## Council OKs privately funded archway

By NATHAN BRUTTELL  
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The Main Street district along McCulloch Boulevard could have a new identifying symbol within the next few months — but residents are still split on its look.

The City Council approved a new Main Street Archway design Tuesday night during its regular meeting in city council chambers in the

police facility. The archway base, which was funded entirely through a \$16,000 grant, is already set at McCulloch Boulevard near Smoketree Avenue. The construction and design costs for the archway are completely privately funded, said Main Street Association President Paul Selberg Tuesday night. Selberg, however, would not comment on the total estimated cost of the project.

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## Accident causes Island power outage

By JAYNE HANSON  
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A 15-year old motorist with an instructional permit crashed into a large electrical switchgear box Tuesday afternoon on London Bridge Road causing thousands to lose power.

At 2:52 p.m., the teen motorist was traveling southbound on London Bridge Road in a 2005 Toyota Corolla when she failed to negotiate a left-hand curve in the road.

"The road curved. She didn't," said Lake Havasu City Police Sgt. Keith Huskisson, while on scene. The young driver was in the company of one older female front-seat passenger during the crash. The passenger was trapped in the vehicle for a brief time until UES was able to de-energize power lines near the vehicle. Both occupants of

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**Lake Havasu City emergency responders escort a woman from a wrecked vehicle after, as the passenger, she was trapped for a short time Thursday afternoon by energized power lines nearby.**



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**AWARD**

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**Competition prep rigorous**



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**Marlene Duncan, 75, of Lake Havasu City, shows off her achievement wall Sunday.**

petition, Marlene depletes her diet of sugars, caffeine and salt and loads up on fruit, veggies and pastas, she said.

As the immediate past president of the local gun club at SARA, Duncan is the club's first elected woman president.

Through the years, the Duncans have worked with as many as 20,000 youngsters in U.S. elementary schools through Joe Foss Institute, which centers on veterans inspiring patriotism in today's youth, the couple said.

As an NRA training instructor, Marlene has taught more than 3,000 certified NRA instructors in the U.S.

Another career highlight was a Junior Olympic competition - shooting training camp Marlene taught for 10 weeks each summer from 1999 to 2004, in Tererro, N.M., northeast of Santa Fe. Marlene remembers the first year was marked by "terrible rifles and shotguns" and drew the interest of about

20 kids. The second year, Marlene convinced camp organizers to do away with the inadequate guns and they were replaced with 10 brand new air rifles. The program's popularity increased among the youngsters and Marlene found herself as "granny" to as many as 60 kids a day.

To hear of people using guns as weapons to hurt other people, Marlene becomes personally offended.

"I think 'how dare you? How dare you take and destroy everything I have spent 40 years working for?' when I hear those things," Marlene said.

Jack Duncan, a retired U.S. Air Force serviceman, says he is proud of Marlene's skills and accomplishments rather than intimidated. However, Jack joked his wife's sharpshooter skills certainly have helped keep him an "obedient" husband.

The recipient of the 2011 Sybil Ludington Award will be announced in February 2011 and awarded in May 2011.

**ARCH**

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*Some changes made to the original design*

"I'm very happy with the current design and I personally would like to see us move forward as soon as possible," Selberg said following council's approval. "But it could possibly change in the future."

City and Main Street Association officials completed initial blueprint designs of the archway earlier this year but shortly after, several residents asked for some changes.

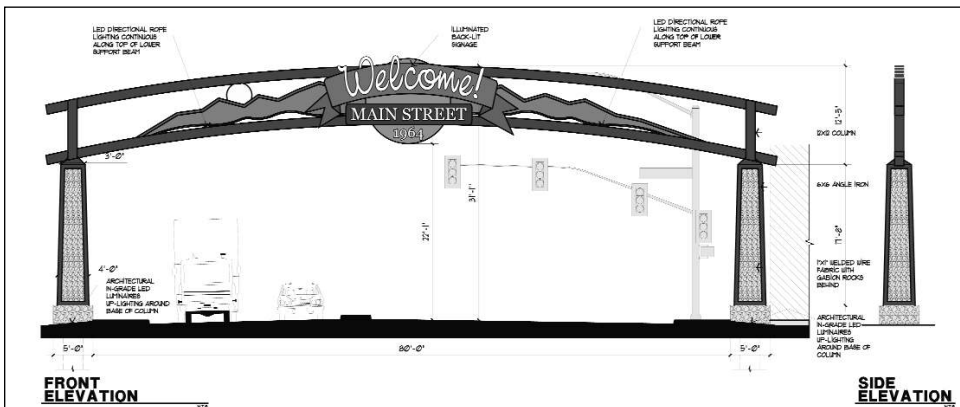
"It should've been built 20 years ago," said Red Onion Owner Steve Van Ella Tuesday night. "But I am very disappointed in the design of the artwork. ... It just seems like we could do much more to class up Main Street and make it a little richer looking. I love the idea of having an arch though."

Main Street Association Executive Director Roger Galloway said the organization did not expect the design to please everyone.

"I think the design is reflective a little bit of the fact that we are in the West in Arizona," Galloway said. "Also it gives it a more warm, open, loose, happy feeling. ... We could show this to 10,000 people and almost everyone would have a slight variation. We can't please everyone we know that, but I think we've pleased the most people."

Scoops Ice Cream Owner and Merchants Association President Eden Rudin said she was pleased with the results of a recent survey sent out to members and residents about the proposed design.

"We got 17 positives (out



Submitted Artist Rendering

**The City Council approved this design for a new Main Street Archway Tuesday evening. The design could still go through changes but Main Street Association officials expect it to remain the same and bids for engineers to go out soon on the privately funded arch.**

of 149 emails sent out) and two down-voters," Rudin said. "That represents a 12 percent response rate so I'm pretty happy with that, actually. ... Everyone has been very positive and they're excited it's going to add value to the property."

Selberg, an American Institute of Architects member who helped design the proposed archway, said the approval allows the Main Street Association to hire an engineer to build the archway off of the approved design.

"We refined the previous design based on input from citizens and parks and recreation people," Selberg said previously. "I think it's really good to have a lot of feedback from people because this is something for the whole community and a way we can identify ourselves."

The Main Street Association, Main Street Merchants Association and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board approved the design earlier this year,

according to Parks and Recreation Director Bart Wagner. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held exception to the gabion baskets on the base of the arch but had no concerns with the design of the archway itself, Wagner said.

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Main Street Association member Don Callahan, who worked on conceptual drawings for the arch, also approved.

"It's just another one of those great steps to get Main Street to look better and feel better," Callahan said previously.

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