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Subject IN THE NEWS: Rainbow Family Descends On NM Town

All,

Below you will find the story that KOAT Ch. 7 did earlier today on the Rainbow's coming to Cuba.

http://www.koat.com/news/19720535/detail.html

This is just a story, not the official word!

CUBA, N.M. -- The tiny New Mexico village of Cuba is preparing to greet tens of thousands of visitors as the gathering in the nearby woods.

"It is free of charge. You've just got to show up," said Texas traveler Eric Koda.

Stephanie Prieto said she has already met some of the family members at her store.

"They got a pair of shoes and dry socks," she said.

People from around the world are already showing up to settle in the forest. While some estimates of the crow is really sure.

"The number just keeps on growing," said Rebecca Ames, who lives nearby.

With a crowd that size, there are concerns about what the people will be doing. Koda said that the gathering is party.

"There are drinkers there," he said. "They've got camps like A-camp, that's the alcoholic camp. We stay away f

There's enough concern that the village is planning a public hearing next week to discuss what it called "the pc gathering."

"I don't know that Cuba is ready for that many people," said Mayor Richard Velarde.

He said that, among other things, Cuba doesn't have a lot of resources like ambulances for a crowd that size. H of help.

"I just need to make sure the health and safety of people are taken care of," he said.

While Velarde calls in resources, residents are divided.

"I don't see it as a really big deal," Prieto said. "I see it more as Woodstock or something."

"This sounds like something they need to get under control now," Ames said.

The gathering officially runs from July 1-7. Attendees are expected to mostly stay in the forest.

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