



Special-use permit denied for Wrangler's Roost

By Jeff Wendt
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors denied a request for an event venue rental special-use permit for a business in New River at its Oct. 21 meeting.

Wrangler's Roost is a historic stagecoach stop and area landmark dating back to the territorial era.

The site previously received special-use permits for a guest ranch and rodeo facility operation in 1986 and received subsequent additional approvals and time extensions in 1990 and 1996.

The guest ranch and rodeo grounds were part of a larger approximately 26-acre ranch that has since been split into smaller parcels via unregulated land divisions with those previous special uses discontinued.

The property has been the subject of open violations dating back to 2019 for operating a commercial wedding/event venue business. The violations were originally opened for investiga-

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Free community party looks to connect 'Sheaborhood' neighbors, promote local businesses

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT
NEWSMEDIA

"It's about neighbors getting to know neighbors."

That's how Block Watch Leader Louisa Ward described 32 Renewed's upcoming Community Party, 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at Mercury Mine Basin Park, 3325 E. Mountain View Road.

The completely free 11th annual event will offer activities for all ages.

"You actually cannot sell anything," Ward said.

If a local business asks

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The 32 Renewed Community Party will feature a balloon animal artist. (Submitted by Louisa Ward)





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COMMUNITY NEWS

PHOENIX

Phoenix takes next step to replace Aztec-themed Fry's Electronics with police station

By Mark Carlisle

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The city of Phoenix this week took steps toward building a new police precinct and fire station in north Phoenix.

With an 8-0 vote on Oct. 21, council approved an \$18 million contract for preconstruction and construction services for the police precinct and \$2.1 million contract to design the fire station.

District 1 Councilmember Ann O'Brien, whose district contains both new facilities, thanked Phoenix voters who approved \$500 million general obligation bonds in a 2023 election that made the new facilities possible.

"Both projects demonstrate your tax dollars at work investing in the public safety facilities our residents and first responders deserve," O'Brien said during the

The new Cactus Park Police Precinct will take up 8.5 acres of the 12.5-acre property southeast of 31st Avenue and Thunderbird Road. The campus will include a main precinct building with an attached firearms training facility, a covered fuel island, secure parking areas, site security infrastructure and green storm water features.

It replaces what city officials say is a small and outdated precinct northwest of 39th Avenue and Cactus Road. O'Brien has pointed out in the past that the precinct still has ash trays in the bathrooms and was built at a time when women were not allowed to serve on the police force.

"The new campus will better support our officers improve operations and provide space for community meetings," O'Brien said on Wednesday.



Demolition of the Aztec-themed Fry's Electronics on Thunderbird Road began in September 2025. (Submitted by the City of Phoenix)



The highlighted 12.5-acre property, at the southwest corner of 31st Avenue and Thunderbird Road, just west of Interstate 17, housed a former Aztec-themed Fry's Electronics store. It is planned to be replaced by a new Phoenix Police precinct. (Submitted by the Maricopa County Assessor's Office)

day.

Fire Station 51 is much further north, just north of Loop 303's connection to Interstate 17. It will be built near 43rd Avenue and Dove Valley Road. Plans call for six bays for fire engines, updated dispatch capabilities, a district office and modern living, working and safety spaces for firefighters.

"These plans will help ensure the facility meets the needs of our firefighters and our growing northwest community," O'Brien said. council meeting.

The police precinct replaces the Aztec-themed Fry's Electronics store near Interstate 17 and Thunderbird Road that closed in 2021. The building was demolished September 2025.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

No longer sought by ASU, Phoenix's Louis Emerson House heads toward national historic designation

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

This summer, Arizona State University dropped a controversial eminent domain case to seize the 124-year-old Louis Emerson House in downtown Phoenix. That house is now taking a step toward being placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The house, at 623 N. Fourth Street, is already listed on the city of Phoenix's Historic Property Register. The city has now done its part to put it on the national register as well.

The Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission on Oct. 26 approved a Certified Local Government review for the house. The commission is agreeing that the property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and that the federal government's documentation is accurate and complete, though Phoenix staff did make a few small edits.

"It was a well-written nomination," Historic Preservation Planner Cletus Montoya told the commission.

The house was built in 1902. Its historic name is after the person who built it, a meat market employee. It was built in the Churchill Addition, one of the first residential expansions made possible the street railway system, according to a Phoenix historic building survey from 1979.

"The design is typical of the first homes built in that area" the building survey states. "Significant for its Queen Anne details and as an example of an early Churchill Addition home, this cottage appears eligible for National Register listing at the local level of significance."



The 124-year-old Louis Emerson House, at 623 N. Fourth St. in downtown Phoenix. (Submitted by the City of Phoenix)

ASU, through the Arizona Board of Regents, had sought to seize the property through eminent domain for its ASU Health campus, a new five-story, 170,000-square-foot, \$200 million medical education and research headquarters currently under construction in the Phoenix Bioscience Core.

After public backlash, including petition signatures collected by Preserve PHX, ASU opted to drop the case.

"To honor the homeowner's desires, the university has agreed to withdraw its court proceedings and allow the house to remain," ASU spokesperson Jerry Gonzalez wrote in



The city of Phoenix launched is launching PHXLink on Oct. 26, introducing a new on-demand, shared ride transportation option. (Submitted by the City of Phoenix)

a statement in July.

MICROTRANSIT

Phoenix launches PHXLink, an on-demand shared ride transit service

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The city of Phoenix launched is launching PHXLink on Oct. 26, introducing a new on-demand, shared ride transportation option.

PHXLink is designed to connect Phoenix residents with existing public transit services and help with planning the transit system's future expansion based on ridership data during the pilot.

PHXLink will operate in three service zones across north, west and south Phoenix. For \$2 per ride, passengers can request a trip through the PHXLink mobile app or by phone, and travel between designated pick-up and drop-off locations within each zone. The pilot will provide another option for residents traveling to specific transit centers, light rail stations, RAPID commuter routes and other local destinations.

"PHXLink gives Phoenix an opportunity to explore new ways of connecting residents to public transit," stated Jesús Sapien, Phoenix Public Transit Director. "By pairing flexible, on-demand service with our existing transit network, we can better understand where additional connections may be needed and how different public transit options can work together to serve our community."

Riders can also use PHXLink to connect with the I-17 RAPID and I-10 West RAPID routes. Expanded weekday bidirectional RAPID service will provide additional travel options for commuters.

The three-year pilot is part of Project EASE (Effective Access Solutions

PHXLink

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for Easing Congestion), supported by a \$12.9 million federal Congestion Relief Grant from the Federal Highway Administration and partially funded through the City of Phoenix's Transportation 2050 program. Residents can learn more about PHX-Link, review service zone maps and book a ride at Phoenix.gov/Link.

HIKING

Phoenix Parks and Rec partners with State Forty Eight on T-shirts to support hiking safety

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The city of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department on Oct. 26 announced a partnership with Arizona apparel brand State Forty Eight to release a limited-edition "Take a Hike. Do it Right." T-shirt. This collaboration aims to raise awareness about safe hiking practices and highlight the importance of preparedness on Phoenix's desert trails.

The T-shirt is now available for pre-order, with \$5 from every sale donated directly to the city of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department's "Take a Hike. Do it Right." hiking safety campaign. The funds will support the City's ongoing effort to increase education and community engagement focused on preventing heat-related and emergency hiking incidents.

"This collaboration helps us promote an important message in a way that resonates with both residents and visitors," stated Phoenix Parks Director Marty Whitfield in a news release. "Our hope is that by combining the strength of a beloved local brand with our safety initiative, we can inspire more hikers to make responsible choices on the trail and reduce pre-



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ventable injuries throughout the preserve system."

The "Take a Hike. Do it Right." campaign emphasizes essential hiking practices such as hydrating before and during hikes, carrying adequate water, knowing one's limits, checking weather conditions, avoiding hiking alone and avoiding strenuous hikes during extreme heat. The new T-shirt allows the community to support the City's efforts while helping to amplify these life-saving measures.

For some Phoenix residents, the mission behind this t-shirt is deeply personal. "My brother Clint McHale lost his life on Camelback Mountain at just 25 years old. This collaboration represents far more than a shirt. It's an opportunity to educate hikers, encourage responsible decisions, and potentially save lives," stated Chelsey McHale, a Phoenix safe hiking advocate and partner of the Parks and Recreation Department, in the news release.

The T-shirt is available only on StateFortyEight.com.

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION

After 117-year-old house is relocated, Phoenix redraws its historic preservation lines

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

You can't change history, but you can move it.

The 117-year-old Sargeant-Oldaker House in Phoenix is being relocated just a few dozen feet to the corner of the property it sits on so that the property owner can build multifamily housing on the rest of the property.

The city of Phoenix is now redrawing the Historic Preservation Overlay zoning lines around the new location. The Phoenix Historic Preservation Commission unanimously approved the change on Oct. 19. It will go to Phoenix City Council for final approval.

The developer has had a delay in relocating the house to the hard corner of Third Avenue and McKinley Street.

"Because everything has been a little bit more complicated than one would have imagined, there is a bit of a challenge," Historic Preservation Officer Helena Ruter told the commission.

Foundation was laid and footers created for the house's new location, but there is some disparity between that location and what the architect drew. That has disrupted the house movers plan for the amount of clearance necessary to remove the beams under the building and put it in its new home.

"They need to effectively build up further the foundation in order to be able to safely remove the beams without threatening the building," Ruter said.

Still, with the new location of the



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building determined, the city is beginning to redraw the Historic Preservation Overlay lines. The remainder of the property will revert to its standard downtown code zoning to accommodate the additional development.

The house is on both the city of Phoenix's Historic Property Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

The house was built in 1909 by Mary Elizabeth Sargeant, wife of W.F. Sargeant, according to an Arizona State Historic Property Inventory document from 1982. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married Emery Edgar Oldaker in 1913, and the couple continued to live in the house.

Elizabeth Sargeant Oldaker was a locally prominent woman, who founded the Arizona Museum and organized the First Families of Arizona. She was also one of the earliest members of the Phoenix Woman's Club and was active in the Maricopa Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Oldaker was in charge of the U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry in Arizona (1907-1916). In 1919, after briefly engaging in sheep raising, Oldaker established a real estate firm. The Oldaker family continued to live at the house, at 649 N. 3rd Ave., until the late 1970s.

CONSERVATION

Phoenix renews effort to relocate protected birds, burrowing owls from construction sites

By Mark Carlisle
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

The city of Phoenix is paying \$250,000 to renew an effort to relocate protected species of birds and their nests, including burrowing owls.

Phoenix City Council voted 8-0 on Oct. 21 to approve the five-year contract with Wild at Heart, Inc. and Liberty Wildlife LLC. The contract is a renewal of a similar five-year contract with just Wild at Heart that council entered into in 2021 and was set to expire in December. That contract was for \$500,000.

"As our environmental laws are under attack and our species that are endangered and all the rest I want to thank you for having this item and I hope you'll vote for it," resident Leonard Clark said ahead of the council vote.

The contract applies to more than 1,000 species of birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. When there is a construction or maintenance project, the city may need to relocate

a bird, eggs or an active nest so they remain unharmed. The city holds a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service permit which allows specific pre-approved wildlife rehabilitators to relocate burrowing owls, nest contents and active nests. Wild at Heart and Liberty Wildlife are authorized sub-permittees for the activities related to western burrowing owls.

"I know there are those who scoff at saving 'the birds,' but um they don't understand that the earth is our mother and that you know this is a whole interactive organism that we live on and Phoenix, as fast as it's growing we need to protect especially endangered species such as the burrowing owl," Clark said.

When western burrowing owls are relocated, typically from near an agricultural area, the relocators try to bring them to a new area that matches their former habitat as close as possible, according to the Bureau of Land Management. A 2021 Bureau of Land Management news release detailed the process of relocating some of the owls to a desert area near Wenden. Workers made 12 relocation nest sites and 32 dispersal nest sites. Temporary tents were placed around the nest entrances of the relocation nest sites. Ninety-six owls were placed into the tents and were fed for five weeks, after which the tents were removed. Once the tents were removed, most of the owls were expected to disperse to the additional nest sites to be on their own to forage and develop future mating pairs.

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ELECTION 2026

Arizona's status as a 'red' state to be tested by voters next week

By Bob Christie
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — Arizonans will learn in slightly more than a week if Democrats' sweep of three top statewide offices four years ago was a fluke or an actual sign the state is no longer blood red.

With all statewide offices and congressional seats up for grabs — two held by Republicans who could be vulnerable — the state's voters have a real chance to decide whether Democrats take control of the other state office, the Legislature and U.S. House for last two years of Donald Trump's presidency.

The numbers tell part of the story.

As voters start returning their mail ballots, Democrats are seeing a surge in returns while Republicans are underperforming, sending in their com-

pleted ballots at slower rates.

Nearly 28% of Democrats have already returned their mail ballots, compared with a bit more than 23% of Republicans. Independents, who make up more than a third of all registered voters, appear to be sitting on their ballots, with fewer than 13% mailing them back as of Oct. 24 according to Stealth Analytics.

Nearly 90% of Arizona's 4.37 million voters use mail-in ballots rather than go to a local polling place.

But that doesn't spell an easy Democratic victory, as there's more to those numbers.

While the percentage of ballots from Republicans lags Democrats, there are far more members of the GOP in Arizona. So even with the slower return, Stealth Analytics said that of the more than 884,000 ballots

returned by the end of last week, a nearly equal number came from each party.

And even if those who wait until election day are a minority, the 2022 election showed that they tend to skew to Republican candidates.

Still, the numbers may not be what Republicans need to win key offices.

The GOP ballot return rate tracks with national trends that show GOP voters are not as engaged as in previous elections. President Donald Trump is seeing his lowest approval ratings of his years in office, and GOP voters are less inclined to back their party because of high inflation, tariffs and the war in Iran causing gas prices to soar.

Those same issues — high gas and food prices, an unpopular war being felt at home and concerns with ag-

gressive federal immigration enforcement efforts — are helping Democrats and boosting party leaders' belief that they can win back not only the U.S. House but possibly also the Senate.

Some are even convinced they can win control of the state Legislature. Democrats haven't controlled the state Senate since 1990 and haven't held the House majority since 1966 — a full 60 years.

Trump knows his party is in trouble and is playing defense by holding rallies in traditionally red states, not only in Arizona but even in Iowa and Texas. Those two states and others where the president is rallying voters would normally need no GOP effort to retain, but the president is holding events there in an effort to prevent a total GOP collapse.

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FROM THE COVER

Party

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to have a food truck at the event, for example, Ward said she would tell them they can, but they cannot sell anything.

While anyone can come, the event is focused on the 1,000 or so households in the four 32 Renewed block watch group neighborhoods: Heritage Heights, Mountain Estates, Mountain Preserve and Paradise Gardens. The area is sometimes called the “Sheaborhood.”

Party attendees will be asked to sign in when they arrive and will be given a badge to wear that states their block watch neighborhood.

“If you see someone else wearing a badge that has the same block watch that you’re in, you know they must live fairly close to you. And so people get to meet each other,” Ward said.

The event is funded by city of Phoenix Neighborhood Block Watch Grants from the four block watch groups.

It is also part of the statewide G.A.I.N. initiative — Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods. It is a way to promote awareness, safety and neighborhood unity, according to the city of Phoenix’s website.

It also gives a chance for residents to meet their local police officers and firefighters.

“The neighborhoods are stronger and safer when people know each other,” Ward said.

This year’s event’s speakers will be District 3 Councilmember Debra Stark and a representative from the Desert Horizon Police Precinct. Phoenix Police will also give a demonstration of its robot dog “Spot” and a demonstration from one of the department’s bomb squad K-9 dogs.

The demonstration from the K-9 dog will include training exercises in



A young child plays with a large Connect 4 set at a past 32 Renewed Community Party. (Submitted by Louisa Ward)



From left, block watch leader Christine Lyons, Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, District 3 City Councilmember Debra Stark and block watch leader Louisa Ward pose for a photo at a past 32 Renewed Community Party. (Submitted by Louisa Ward)

which the dog will bite an officer in a padded suit.

“Spot” the robot dog works for

both Phoenix Police’s SWAT unit and the Arizona Department of Public Safety’s bomb squad. It acts as an

EVENT SCHEDULE

- 2 p.m.: Live Music: Cheeky Uke*Aholics
- 2:30 p.m.: Live Music: Sydney Swanson (until 5 p.m.)
- 3 p.m.: Speeches by City Councilmember Debra Stark and a representative from the Desert Horizon Police Precinct
- 4 p.m.: Demonstration by Phoenix Police robot dog “Spot” and bomb squad K-9
- 4:30 p.m.: Water balloon toss

ACTIVITIES

- Bounce house
- Balloon animal artist
- Face painter
- Games
- Build a birdhouse
- Bike rodeo & free helmets
- City of Phoenix armored vehicle for kids to explore
- Caricature artist

initial set of eyes and ears to create safe distance between officers and high-risk threats. It can detect radiation, airborne chemicals and thermal signatures.

“It’s just a great time,” Ward said about the event.

The event aims to focus on local businesses. For a business to be included in the event, it must have a physical location in or near the four block watch neighborhoods or its owner must be a resident of one of the neighborhoods.

Block Watch groups can also receive funding for safety materials like fire extinguishers, smoke detectors

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Permit

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tion due to citizen complaints of excessive noise and lighting.

The light issue stems from the use of commercially available “string” style bistro lighting which has been erected across the majority of the yard and a portion of the parking area to illuminate the space for nighttime use.

Noise complaints were responded to by the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office including reports of multiple instances of response to calls in the same night.

The applicant has not hosted any special events since entering into an agreement with the county in July 2024. Since that time the applicant has been leasing dwellings on the greater property as short-term rentals, but there have not been any special events. A special use permit or commercial zoning is required for a special event venue.



Wrangler’s Roost near New River filed for a special-use permit through the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, but it was denied by the board on Oct. 21. (Tony Santiago via Wikimedia Commons)

Reid Stewart, one of the owners of Wranglers Roost, spoke before the board to say they were willing to comply with what was set forth in a previous planning and zoning meeting, which approved their request, with a number of conditions tied to the request.

Those requests included only use on weekends and federal holidays,

lighting and noise restrictions, and that all previous penalties levied on the property were to be brought current and paid in full.

“Wrangler’s Roost is prepared to comply with all of the county regs except the requirement to put in the permanent ADA-compliant restroom,” Stewart said. “Since the county is only going to give us five years, we

think you should let us use the temporary restrooms.

“We want to be subject to the existing noise ordinance,” Stewart added. “The same ordinance that every one else is subject to.”

Chairwoman Kate Brophy McGee pushed for denial of the request and explained her reason why in her vote to deny.

“I will note that a large number of opposition to this (special use permit) and the chief concerns are with noise and lighting,” Brophy McGee said. “The applicant originally and does not currently agree to the conditions including the recommended limitation on noise.

“The commission recommended conditions appropriate to limit intensity of use of the site and its impact on the neighborhood,” Brophy McGee added. “And without these limitations being implemented and faithfully followed, the use is too intense and appropriate for the site. So I vote to decline.”

Fun

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and water sensors. Party attendees will receive a bag with some of these materials when they arrive.

32 Renewed

The 32 Renewed Group came about when a small recession hit the 32nd Street area after State Route 51 was completed in 1999.

Before then, the freeway ended at Shea Boulevard, meaning vehicles had to get off the freeway and continue on 32nd Street. It resulted in about 40,000 vehicles driving through the area per day.

However, once State Route 51 was extended beyond Shea Boulevard in 1999, the daily number of vehicles dropped to about 18,000.



Block watch leaders Christine Lyons, center, and Louisa Ward, second to right, pose for a photo with Phoenix Police officers at a past 32 Renewed Community Party, including then-Police Chief Michael Sullivan, far right. (Submitted by Louisa Ward)

So 32 Renewed began as a revitalization project for the 32nd Street area. While that effort is now complete, Ward still uses the 32 Renewed name and branding for the

four block watch groups.

32 Renewed promotes new businesses and community events, even something as small as a lemonade stand, Ward said, along with com-

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- Will donate bottles of water

municating about any safety or security concerns in the neighborhood.

The focus on local businesses for the Community Party is particularly important, Ward said, because most of the businesses in the area are younger than 10 years old because the businesses in the area were hit so hard by the redirect in traffic.

PHOENIX BUSINESS

NEWS

Lufthansa to start nonstop flights between Phoenix and Munich next year

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport last week announced the start of a new international route.

German airline Lufthansa will start nonstop service between Sky Harbor and Franz Josef Strauss International Airport in Munich beginning Aug. 3, 2027. This will be the first ever non-stop service between Phoenix and Munich.

“The addition of this new nonstop service from Phoenix to Munich is a win for our residents, our businesses and the community as a whole,” stated Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego in a news release. “Phoenix Sky Harbor is one of the best airports in the country, and Phoenix is a destination of choice for international tourism and investment.”

Service will be on an Airbus A350. The aircraft will have a three-class configuration, with 48 Business seats, 21 Premium Economy seats and an Economy class offering 224 seats. In total, the flight will have a capacity of 293 seats. They will operate three times a week year-round on Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. Flights will leave Munich at 1:20 p.m., arriving in Phoenix at 4 p.m. and then depart Phoenix at 5:50 p.m., arriving the next day in Munich at 1:25 p.m.

“The U.S. is the most important market for Lufthansa, outside of our home markets, and the addition of Phoenix to our route network certainly displays our strong commitment to the region,” stated Dirk Janzen, Lufthansa Group Vice President of Passenger Sales in the Americas, in the news release.

A Lufthansa plane is parked at an airport. (Submitted by Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport)



Munich is the third-most populated city in Germany. (Submitted by Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport)

The flight not only provides non-stop service between Phoenix and Germany but also feeds into Lufthansa's significant hub in Munich meaning that travelers will have the opportunity to connect across cities in Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia as well as travel with Star Alliance codeshare partners.

Lufthansa is the latest addition to Phoenix Sky Harbor's international flight options which also include international destinations across Canada, Mexico as well as London, Paris and Taipei. This marks a significant boost in not only travel options for Arizonans, but also a boost to the Phoenix local economy. International

flights add more than \$3.4 billion each year per the Airport's latest economic impact study. This new, three times weekly nonstop service will provide an \$81.2 million annual economic impact to the Phoenix community.

For more information on all the destinations available to travel to from Phoenix, visit skyharbor.com and selects “Where We Fly” under the “Flights” tab.

Editor's note: The above was republished from a Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport news release.

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising event raises \$1.5M for Phoenix Children's

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A fundraising event held over the weekend raised \$1.5 million to support Phoenix Children's, according to PCH50.

PCH50's annual Off the Record event was held Saturday, Oct. 24 inside the Earnhardt Lexus showroom,

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Fundraising

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800 E. Camelback Road in Phoenix. The event featured a live performance from country music star Dustin Lynch.

Lerner & Rowe Gives Back was the presenting sponsor of the event, donating \$50,000. Other sponsors included ODC Construction, City Electric Supply, Bell & McCoy Lighting and Controls, UMB Bank, Womble Bond Dickinson, Arizona Medical Office Brokers, BreakAway IT, Four Loko and Fairway Home Mortgage.

INDUSTRIAL

LevRose CRE completes industrial lease in east Phoenix

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

LevRose Commercial Real Estate completed an industrial lease for Ritz Safety in east Phoenix, according to a news release on Tuesday.

Ritz Safety, a leading national distributor of personal protective equipment (PPE), facility safety, and environmental safety solutions, is leasing 40,000 square feet of property at 3155 E. Rosier Road.

The new facility will allow the company to expand its operations and accommodate continued growth as it relocates from its current location in Tempe to the larger Phoenix property.

“This new facility gives Ritz Safety the additional space and operational flexibility it was looking for as the company continues to grow,” LevRose Advisor Cameron Miller said in the release. “We were proud to help Ritz Safety identify and secure a location that meets its needs today while providing flexibility for the future.”

LevRose Commercial Real Estate is a Scottsdale-based firm providing full-service commercial real estate solutions across Metro Phoenix.



PCH50's annual Off the Record event was held Saturday, Oct. 24 inside the Earnhardt Lexus showroom, 800 E. Camelback Road in Phoenix. (PCH50)

Right, country music star Dustin Lynch performs at PCH50's annual Off the Record event was held Saturday, Oct. 24 inside the Earnhardt Lexus showroom, 800 E. Camelback Road in Phoenix. (Brooke Hoover)



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HOMES

Judge rejects bid to delay Arizona changes to water requirements for new housing

By Howard Fischer
CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — A judge won't back down — even temporarily — from his ruling that state water officials acted illegally in changing the rules for home builders.

In a new order, Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Scott Blaney rejected claims by Bo Dul, an attorney for the Department of Water Resources, that his ruling was likely to be overturned on appeal and therefore he should not enter a final order against the agency.

The judge was no more sympathetic to arguments by Dul that homebuyers will suffer “irreparable damage” if the agency cannot enforce the rule that he invalidated. That is based on the agency's claim it could result in DWR allowing some homes to be built and sold that really don't have a 100-year assured water supply required by state law.

“That is the exact harm the Groundwater Management Act was designed to prevent,” she wrote.

Blaney was not impressed.

“The defendants' concerns are not consistent with the facts,” the judge wrote in his new order. He said all his ruling does is require DWR to use the rules that were in place during 2023 to determine where homes can and cannot be built — before the agency adopted the new policies that Blaney ruled in April were not done properly.

The new order most immediately affects efforts by developers to build homes in some communities on the edge of the Phoenix area. That was halted when the agency decided, using its new — and now invalidated — pol-



Homes under construction in Queen Creek can now continue as a state judge ruled the Arizona Department of Water Resources improperly changed a rule regarding the need for a 100-year water supply for new development. (Special to Independent Newsmedia/Arianna Grainey)

icy, that there is not a 100-year supply of water in the hydrological basin.

But there are broader implications going forward.

The order reaffirms Blaney's conclusion that DWR is not free to make what he considered to be a significant change in the rules about where residential development can occur without going through the legal process, one that requires public hearings and other input. That effectively puts the agency on notice that it should not make any future efforts to bypass the rulemaking process when it decides where homes can be built in all areas of the state under its purview.

More immediately, unless overturned, it limits the future ability of DWR to decide to curb home construction in other areas of the state based on its now-invalidated rules on how it wants to determine if there is

sufficient groundwater.

And that is likely to take on more significance as the state loses much of its Colorado River supply and some communities are forced to tap into groundwater.

At the center of the issue is the requirement that developers seeking to build in “active management areas” of the state — there are eight — must show there is sufficient water, generally defined as enough to serve the project for at least 100 years. That is a touchstone of the historic 1980 Groundwater Code.

That requirement is generally met by building within a city or a water company service area that already has its own certificate of assured water supply.

But outside those areas, developers had to show they had their own access.

In 2023, however, DWR decided it

would deny the necessary permission for those developers if the agency's modeling showed that there is not a 100-year water supply — not just at the property but anywhere in the active management area. And it concluded the water in the entire 5,600-square-miles Phoenix AMA could be guaranteed for only 96 years.

The agency also found there were places in the basin where it would require drilling to more than 1,000 feet to access water.

Based on that new policy, the agency stopped issuing certificates in areas of Queen Creek and Buckeye where permits had not yet been issued.

It was that change in policy that led the Homebuilders Association of Central Arizona to sue — and to Blaney's ruling earlier this year finding the change was illegally enacted because it was unilateral and did not go through public hearings.

In her latest filings, Dul told Blaney he should delay his decision and leave the policy in place — and the limits on construction — while DWR seeks review at the Court of Appeals.

She said the agency did nothing wrong, saying despite his ruling it did not amount to a change in the rules.

Dul said DWR has always been required to consider the effect on “all existing users” of groundwater throughout the basin and not just at the specific site.

Anyway, Dul said, the 2023 change came after “improved modeling” showed that groundwater supplies in the basin already were overallocated. And she said further studies showed there were areas where that 1,000-foot rule to access water could not be met.

ELECTION 2026

Arizona governor yet to disclose funds used to defend 'pay-to-play' scheme

By Howard Fischer

CAPITOL MEDIA SERVICES

PHOENIX — Arizona Gov. Katie Hobbs has yet to tell taxpayers how much of their money she is spending to defend herself in a “pay-to-play” probe — more than two months after being asked to comply under the state’s Public Records Law, and with less than a week left until the election.

Her office has failed to disclose how much has been paid to the law firm of Mitchell Stein Carey Chapman to convince Attorney General Kris Mayes that Hobbs, in her official capacity as governor, had nothing to do with the decisions to pay more money to Sunshine Residential to house foster children. Sunshine had given \$400,000 to her inaugural campaign and the Arizona Democratic Party.

The law firm’s work by Anne Chapman also got Mayes to back off her request that Hobbs answer questions, in person, about what she knew and her dealings with Sunshine and company CEO Simon Kottoor.

Nor has there been any disclosure of the number of hours Chapman and other staffers at her firm spent in preparing arguments to show Hobbs was in the dark about the decision by the Department of Child Safety to give a nearly 60% increase Sunshine received after Hobbs got elected.

And the failure to produce any records of public spending so far comes as there are still other investigations outstanding — and even a threat by the state Senate to subpoena Hobbs

— all of which are virtually certain to require more legal work to defend the governor.

Gubernatorial press aide Christian Slater said Hobbs isn’t denying access to the records being sought by Capitol Media Services but just isn’t ready after two months to provide the information.

He said the office has a large number of requests and “limited resources to fulfill them.”

“I will share the records with you when they are ready,” Slater said — but with no promise to provide an accounting before Election Day.

Hobbs’ legal defense at public expense comes in addition to the money paid to another firm by her campaign and inaugural committees.

Austin Yost, an attorney for Copersmith Brockelman, a firm that has represented Hobbs in various political battles, filed his own defense with the Attorney General’s Office.

“No campaign contribution, inaugural contribution, donation to the Legal Defense Fund, or other financial support from Sunshine or any other source influenced any state agency decision concerning Sunshine or any other provider,” Yost wrote to Nick Klingerman who head the criminal division of the Attorney General’s Office.

That Legal Defense Fund is exempt from public disclosure of who is providing the cash, though Yost acknowledged that \$150,000 came from Sunshine. That came after the contract increase was awarded but before Mayes launched her formal probe.

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We will promptly correct all factual errors. We offer a "right of reply" to the people about whom we write.

Readers who disagree with a news story are welcome to respond with a letter.

BUSINESS

Skip the boring icebreakers at company functions

Phoenix is having a moment as a meeting destination, recently ranking No. 4 in U.S. News & World Report's inaugural list of the nation's best conference cities. But filling a ballroom is only half the job. With Gallup reporting that 51% of remote-capable U.S. employees work in hybrid roles, the more important question is what happens once everyone gets together?

Colleagues may collaborate for months through email, video calls and chat messages, then meet in person with little room for genuine connection. When companies invest in bringing people together, they should make that time count.

Too often, the first attempt is a predictable icebreaker: Share a fun fact. Find someone you do not know. Tell us about your favorite vacation.

The intention is good, but forced small talk rarely creates the connection people hope for. A better approach is giving people something to do together.

During 20 years of creating team experiences, I have seen how quickly a shared challenge changes the room. Give a group a problem to solve, a mystery to untangle or a goal that requires quick thinking and conversation begins naturally. People ask questions, compare notes, make decisions and notice strengths they may not see at work.

The quiet employee may spot the detail everyone else missed. Someone without a management title may become the person who organizes the group. Those moments can reshape how coworkers see one another long after the event ends.

Success should be measured by more than full rooms and packed

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schedules. Attendees should leave with a sense that their time together mattered.

We do not need more forced fun. We need more opportunities for people to organically collaborate, laugh and solve something together. In a hybrid-work world, face-to-face time is valuable. We should treat it that way.

Chad Michael
PHOENIX

The author is founder and CEO of a Valley-based team-building games company.

ELECTION 2026

Will you vote in your own self-interest this year?

Why do we continue to vote against our own self-interest?

Is it because we are from a family of life-long Republicans or Democrats, or do we pay attention to political commercials that are fabricated and paid for by billionaires? Or are we pouring all of our attention into media that manufactures outrage dividing us as a nation?

We have a president that starts wars without the consent of Congress and a congressional majority that lets him get away with it. He has alienated our allies by threatening them, setting up tariffs trying to coerce them, and in doing so he has harmed farmers and thousands of small and medium-sized businesses.

He seems more concerned in erecting monuments to himself than working to make life better for

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Speak Up

Here are some comments about stories happening in your area:

LOCAL/STATE NEWS

Newly-built Farmer Boys restaurant in Phoenix sells for \$2.9M

"The building is not even done being built. There is no tenet in the building. the lot had not been paved yet." — **Kent B.**

Valley Metro hosting meetings for west Phoenix light rail extension

"Has there been discussion of a line that uses the center of the I-10 right of way then 'connects' north at various points up into the West Valley? The cost (aside from station access) might be drastically lower, no?" — **Rocky H.**

Gas prices drop for second straight week

"Whatever the reason I'll take what I can get. There will be some complainers." — **Henry R.**

Migrant death toll at Mexico-Arizona border remains high despite fewer crossings

"Heartbreaking that people are so poor and unhappy that they will put their lives at risk this way." — **Gina B.**

Letters

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Americans. The majority party in Congress rammed through the One Big Beautiful Bill and it permanently cut taxes for the richest 10% of Americans and cut benefits for the poorest. America is currently an out-of-control dumpster fire, in my opinion.

In Sun City West, most of us had better-paying jobs, bought houses when they were affordable, sold them at a profit and didn't pay an ungodly amount for our education.

We had pensions and great retirement plans and are now receiving Social Security and have Medicare, Medicaid or VA benefits. We aren't feeling as much economic pain as our children and grandchildren are.

When voting this year, please consider what would be best for this country's children and grandchildren. I believe if people vote for a Republican this year, even on a state or local level, we will be in exactly the same place as we are now and quite possibly much worse. Please, this year vote to get us out of this mess.

Jeff Hostetler
SUN CITY WEST

COYOTES

Everyone has responsibility to protect wildlife

I found Jason Stone's article on coyotes easy reading and interesting. We live west of 303 toward the White Tank Mountains and have seen a few coyotes.

Seems we forget they were here before we moved into their territory and homes. Everyone should be reminded not to let their animals loose to roam the neighborhoods, as this attracts wild animals.

I constantly see posts "have you seen my cat or dog, been missing for

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a day or more." Fences 6 feet high mean nothing to a coyote as they can easily jump 8-foot fences.

Coyotes are opportunists; they see you and evaluate the opportunity and make decisions to advance or not. On one occasion one walked by me at a distance of 6 feet.

Our three dogs can go out in the backyard as we have a dog door. It's closed when we are not home and at night.

It's our responsibility as pet owners to protect our animals.

If you are going walking, take a staff of some kind with you. Golf club missing the head, large walking stick, walking cane or some object. There are many options.

Roger Sullivan
SURPRISE

UNIONS

Reader rebuts claims from fellow reader

I am writing in response to Joe Pasta's recent letter citing his opposition to labor unions in Arizona, specifically in the area of education.

He alleges that the nation's second-largest education union "has done little to promote better education practices or better classroom conditions," but he offers no proof for that claim.

Contract negotiations between unions and boards of education produce limits on class size, disciplinary standards for students, guaranteed preparation time for teachers, safety measures to protect students and employees, and other provisions that serve the interests of the public, the employees and the school boards.

In my 35 years representing education employees, I found that unions produced enhanced relationships between employers and employees through the collective-bargaining process.

Mr. Pasta claims that union members have little or no influence on how their dues money is spent. Nothing can be further from the truth. Effective unions are run through the active participation of the membership, and a union leader who keeps his members in the dark is quickly voted out of office.

Collective bargaining has worked well for union members since its inception. Workers in states with bargaining laws outpace those who work in non-bargaining states in salaries, healthcare benefits and job stability. Employers in bargaining states enjoy greater long-term employee job retention because employees are satisfied with their working conditions.

Mr. Pasta contends that there's no need for public sector collective bargaining in Arizona "unless there is an erosion of ... fairness." That erosion has been occurring for many years and has contributed to the critical teacher shortage in our state. It's time to pass a collective-bargaining law.

Bob Coffee
SURPRISE

This writer is using a pen name.

WATER

Rate hike isn't a done deal; let's fight

I don't blame Sun City and Sun City West residents who are ticked off because EPCOR is pushing to raise our water costs by roughly 30%, or maybe I do!

Election cycle after election cycle, voters in the Sun Cities faithfully back Republican candidates running for the Arizona Corporation Commission without holding them

accountable to utility consumers. Well, you get what you vote for.

Look at what this unchecked oversight has brought us just recently:

APS rate: An 8% electricity rate increase enacted in early 2024.

Skyrocketing water and wastewater brackets: Enforced revenue increases of 14.5% for water and 35.2% for wastewater in the San Tan District, alongside aggressive Cactus State Utility adjustments.

On June 29, 2026, EPCOR initiated its latest offensive, a massive rate application looping the Sun Cities into a water district consolidation. Massive? Yep!

A 30.1% increase overall. By contrast, look at SRP, a nonprofit utility answering directly to its own elected board rather than the ACC. As a result, its historical rate adjustments have kept its average cost per kWh roughly 18% below its ACC-regulated peers.

As for EPCOR, drive through our neighborhoods and you see desert landscapes, drought-friendly plants and gravel, not grass. Why are we being financially consolidated with pool-intensive, lawn-loving master-planned developments?

In my opinion, we are actively being punished for our conservation efforts to fund multi-million-dollar infrastructure rollouts in high-growth zones.

EPCOR — which is a wholly owned Canadian company — is getting as fat as a Canada goose at the expense of fixed-income Arizona seniors.

Because the ACC review process takes roughly a year, this 30% hike is not a done deal yet. We still have time to fight. Let's flood the ACC public docket and remind these commissioners that they answer to voters.

Epson Brewer
SUN CITY

This writer is using a pen name.

SPORTS

NFL

Stuck in a 10-game home losing streak, Cardinals are bleeding fan support and looking for answers

By David Brandt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEMPE — The Cardinals are playing so poorly at home, it would be understandable if they were seeing red.

On Sunday, they just saw orange.

That's because Denver fans and their orange shirts dominated the crowd at State Farm Stadium, making it feel like a home game for Broncos quarterback Bo Nix as he dismantled the Cardinals' defense in a 30-16 victory.

"It was great," Nix said. "It felt really comfortable."

Obviously, that's not an ideal statement to hear from an opposing player.

The Cardinals have now lost 10 straight home games in a streak that's up to 407 days and the fan base is alternating between livid and apathetic.

It's not just that the team is bad — it's that there's no long-term answer at quarterback, very few standouts on defense and the front office seems to have a reverse Midas touch, cursed by

injuries and bad evaluations.

The mood is so sour in the desert that a billboard campaign was launched in the Phoenix area asking owner Michael Bidwill to sell the team, though there's no indication that's going to happen.

First-year coach Mike LaFleur came to the desert after three seasons as offensive coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams — one of the more successful franchises over the past decade — so he knows what well-run organization looks like.

He doesn't feel the Cardinals are far away, even if the results on the field tell a different story.

The Cardinals have not advanced to the playoffs since 2021 and haven't won a postseason game since 2015.

"I like the humans and I like the men in that locker room," LaFleur said. "But we need to get better."

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Cardinals safety Budda Baker (3) hugs head coach Mike LaFleur after the Cardinals gave up a touchdown against the Denver Broncos during the first half of a game at State Farm Stadium in Glendale on Sunday, Oct. 25. (The Associated Press/Ross D. Franklin)

USL CHAMPIONSHIP SOCCER

RISING TO THE PLAYOFFS

Phoenix secures 8-seed in final regular season match

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Phoenix Rising faced elimination in each of the final three matches of the regular season but were able to secure the final playoff spot in the

Western Conference over the weekend.

Phoenix controlled its own destiny heading into the final week — a win against Lexington SC would have guaranteed a playoff stop. However, the Rising played to a 3-3 draw at home against Lexington on Saturday and needed some help. They needed both Or-



ange County SC to lose and Oakland Roots SC to lose or draw; both teams lost.

The 8-seed Rising now head to Albuquerque to face off against 1-seed New Mexico United at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1.

"It's a new season now — it's four new games," stated Rising Head Coach Pa Modou-Kah in a news release.

"You take one game at a time and we have the game against our rivals, we're excited."

Phoenix took a 2-0 and then 3-1 lead over Lexington before letting them back into the match on Saturday.

"I mean, for me, I never doubted that we would be in, but I don't like leaving my destiny in other people's

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Randy Bennett's arrival from Saint Mary's raises expectations at Arizona State

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Bobby Hurley era is over after 11 seasons of mixed results. In steps Randy Bennett, the long-time Saint Mary's coach who repeatedly turned away overtures from larger programs until the school in his hometown came calling. Bennett had to rebuild ASU's roster after a flurry of departures, but has brought in the type of talent that could earn the Sun Devils their first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2023. The Sun Devils, like most of Bennett's teams at Saint Mary's, will be big, with three 7-footers on the roster.

Players to watch

Paulius Murauskas. The talented Lithuanian forward was one of the most sought after players in the transfer portal and ended up following his coach from Saint Mary's to the desert. The 6-foot-8 forward, who started his career at Arizona, averaged 18.4 points and 7.6 rebounds for the Gaels last season.

Dillan Shaw. The 6-7 forward also transferred from Saint Mary's after Bennett left. Shaw had a strong freshman season in Moraga and will give the Sun Devils a strong perimeter threat after shooting nearly 42% from 3.

Bryce Ford. The 6-4 guard had a solid first season in Tempe after transferring from Toledo and should have a much bigger role this season.

Joel Foxwell. The 6-1 Australian guard had a super freshman season at Portland, averaging 15.6 points, 6.5 assists and 4.3 rebounds per game last year.



Then-Saint Mary's forward Paulius Murauskas (23) keeps the ball away from Texas A&M guard Josh Holloway (1) during a game in the first round of the NCAA college basketball tournament on March 19 in Oklahoma City. Murauskas followed his head coach Randy Bennett, transferring from Saint Mary's to Arizona State. (The Associated Press/Kyle Phillips)

Departures and arrivals

Arizona State lost its top three scorers from last year. Moe Odum, Massmaba Diop and Anthony Johnson combined for 52.2 points per game, accounting for 68% of Arizona State's scoring. ... Ford and guard Vijay Wallace are the only returners, but Wallace missed all of last season due to injury. ... The Sun Devils added former Boston 7-footer Ben Defty, 7-foot Nate Garcia, a Cal Baptist transfer and 7-3 Serbian Filip Malesevic. Former Gonzaga guard Emmanuel Innocenti should have a big impact, transfer forwards Marcus Vaughns (LSU) and Jonathan Griman (Cal Baptist) should contribute and freshman JRob Croy has a massive upside.

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Cardinals

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What's working

The Cardinals continue to get huge production from their group of tight ends, particularly All-Pro Trey McBride. The 26-year-old caught 10 passes for 111 yards, including a seven-yard TD that cut the deficit to 20-13 on Sunday. He's on pace for his third straight 1,000-yard season. Elijah Higgins also had three catches for 17 yards.

What needs help

The Cardinals are moving the ball in the middle of the field but are struggling to score touchdowns. They

scored a TD on just one of five trips to the red zone against the Broncos and on one drive couldn't punch the ball into the end zone despite five opportunities from the 1-yard line.

This is after settling for six field goals in an 18-16 win over the Rams last week.

"It wasn't an issue until seven days ago and now it's an issue," LaFleur said. "We can clean that up."

Stock up

Bam Knight has run the ball well in the absence of star rookie Jeremiah Love, who has missed the last two games with a sore ankle. Knight ran for 80 yards on 15 carries against the Rams and was good once again against the Broncos, gaining 48 yards on just

seven carries. He might need more of a workload in the coming weeks, even when Love is ready to play.

Stock down

The defense had some good moments, particularly early, but there were a handful of breakdowns that led to huge plays for the Broncos. Nix scored on a 62-yard touchdown run, RJ Harvey turned a short screen pass into a 52-yard touchdown and Marvin Mims Jr. caught a 47-yard pass to set up another TD.

Arizona is giving up 29.7 points per game, which is the most in the NFL.

Injuries

Wide receiver Jalen Brooks is out for the season with a broken wrist.

LaFleur said Love would return to practice Wednesday and could play this weekend against the Cowboys.

Key number

14 — That's the longest home losing streak in NFL history, set by the St. Louis Rams from 2008 to 2010 and the Dallas Cowboys in 1988 and 1989, according to research by Sportradar. The Cardinals need to beat either the Rams, Commanders, Eagles or Jets over the next four games at State Farm Stadium to avoid joining that group.

Next steps

The Cardinals are on the road against the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

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Top games

Arizona State opens the season at home against East Tennessee State and has the usual string of home games against smaller programs before facing LSU and South Carolina in Palm Springs. The Sun Devils also play Oklahoma in Tulsa.

Facts and figures

• Bennett won a school-record 589 games at Saint Mary's and was the West Coast Conference coach of the year seven times, earning 12 trips to the NCAA Tournament.

• Arizona State's size should help it improve defensively after finishing 300th last season at 78.3 points per game. The Sun Devils also were 306th nationally in rebounding, which should improve with the added size.

• Bennett has been a strong overseas recruiter and the additions of Lithuanian guard Jokubas Rudaitis and Australian big man Ajak Nyuon give the Sun Devils plenty of depth.

Rising

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hands," Kah stated in quotes released by the team. "When we are 3-1 up, I think we have to kill the game better and make sure that it becomes a 4-1 or 5-1 game. But I'm very happy and super proud of the group, even though I'd rather control our own outcome."

Rising Goalkeeper Chituru Odunze isn't shying away from the matchup against top-seeded New Mexico, which had 52 points in the standings compared to 40 for Phoenix.

"Fantastic! Isn't that what you want? You want to play big games, you want to play rivalry games," Odunze stated. "Whenever you see them on the schedule, you want to go there and win. It's going to be even better if we go there, win and keep advancing."

The Rising split two matches against New Mexico this year, beating them 3-0 on April 11 and losing 2-1 on Oct. 4.

Below, Rising forward Ihsan Sacko celebrates during the team's 3-3 draw against Lexington SC on Saturday, Oct. 24 in Phoenix. (Submitted by Phoenix Rising FC)



ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ARTS

Phoenix Theatre Company gala will celebrate institution's history, future

SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Phoenix Theatre Company will host “Applause! Gala 2026: Where Dreams Begin” to celebrate individuals and organizations whose commitment to the arts, humanitarian causes, and community has helped shape Phoenix for generations.

The gala starts at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6 at the Dr. Stacie J. and Richard J Stephenson Theatre and Courtyard, 1825 N. Central Ave.

Honorary Chairs DeeDee Vecchi-one and Robert Meza will lead the evening which features a live musical production written and directed by Producing Artistic Director Michael Barnard. Guests will enjoy preshow a cocktail hour and a post-performance New York City-themed meal with dancing in the open-air courtyard underscored by Justin & the SwingBeats.

The 2026 honorees are Lauren Bailey (Humanitarian Award), Sally Pope (Woman Who Cares), John Graham (Man of Character), Stevie Eller (Lifetime Achievement), The David E. Reese Family Foundation (Angels of Our Art), and Rose Law Group (Company

The Dr. Stacie J. and Richard J Stephenson Theatre and Courtyard is located at 1825 N. Central Ave. (Independent Newsmedia/Steve Stockmar)



Who Cares).

“What the Applause! Gala makes possible reaches every corner of this company,” Phoenix Theatre Company Executive Director Vincent VanVleet shared in a press release. “It supports the productions audiences experience

on our stages, but it also sustains the work that happens far beyond them, from our Partners That Heal to Summer Theatre Camp programs.”

Partners That Heal brings live performance to patients and families in hospitals across Arizona, and the in-

IF YOU GO

What: Applause! Gala 2026: Where Dreams Begin

When: 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6

Where: Dr. Stacie J. and Richard J Stephenson Theatre and Courtyard, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix

More Information: Email m.butler@phoenixtheatre.com

clusive Summer Theatre Camp serves children of all abilities through a partnership with the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center.

As The Phoenix Theatre Company opens its 107th season, the Applause! Gala offers an opportunity to reflect on more than a century of storytelling.

“This evening gives us the ability to dream bigger, serve more deeply, and continue building a theatre that belongs to this community,” VanVleet said.

Gala tickets and sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Marisa Butler, director of development, at m.butler@phoenixtheatre.com.

MUSIC

Opera performance promises a haunting Halloween prelude

SPECIAL TO INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Halloween may be a day away, but the ghosts, ghouls and things that go bump in the night are getting an early start in Phoenix — and this time, they’re singing opera.

Arizona Opera will bring a delightfully macabre musical program to the Musical Instrument Museum,

4725 E. Mayo Blvd., at 2:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, offering an afternoon of haunting melodies and sinister characters.

The performance is part of MIM’s Afternoon Interludes series, which features classical and classically inspired music on select Fridays through December.

Among the selections is Camille Saint-Saëns’ “Danse Macabre,” or “Dance of Death,” a musical depiction of death’s midnight revelry. The program also includes an excerpt from Gregg Kallor’s musical adaptation of Edgar Allan Poe’s “The Tell-Tale Heart,” the story of a murderer tormented by guilt and the imagined

beating of his victim’s heart.

The approximately 30-minute performance takes place in MIM’s central El Río area. Admission is included with paid museum admission and is free for MIM members. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Visit mim.org.

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO-DO LIST

JOY BUS ANNUAL GALA

About: 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30 at The Arizona Biltmore, 2400 E. Missouri Ave., Phoenix

Info: The Joy Bus Gala, an evening of dining, storytelling, entertainment and philanthropy benefiting The Joy Bus and its passengers, persons bravely battling cancer throughout our community.

Web: joybus.org

ORPHEUM GHOST TOURS

About: Select dates through Oct. 31 at Orpheum Theatre, 203 W. Adams St., Phoenix

Info: Explore the historic theater's past through guided tours highlighting its architecture, backstage spaces and reported ghostly encounters. Tickets are \$30.

Web: pccticketing.com

13TH FLOOR HAUNTED HOUSE

About: Select evenings through Sunday, Nov. 1, at 13th Floor Haunted House, 2710 W. Bell Road, Suite 1180, Phoenix

Info: The seasonal haunted attraction features elaborate sets, live performers and multiple immersive walkthrough experiences. The 2026 attractions include Dead City Up-rising, House of Flesh and Reaping Grounds. Tickets are required. Organizers warn the experience may be too intense for children 12 and younger.

Web: 13thflooraz.com

PIRATES IN CONCERT

About: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 at Symphony Hall, 75 N. Second St., Phoenix

Info: The Phoenix Symphony performs the score to "Pirates of the



The 13th Floor Haunted House heads into Halloween weekend with immersive walkthrough experiences through Nov. 1. (Metro Creative Connection)

Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" live while the 2003 film is shown on screen.

Web: phoenixsymphony.org

STATE FAIR FINALE

About: Noon-10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Oct. 30-31, and noon-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 at Arizona State Fairgrounds, 1826 W. McDowell Road, Phoenix

Info: The Arizona State Fair closes its 2026 season with its final week-end of rides, food, exhibits and entertainment.

Web: azstatefair.com

DÍA DE MUERTOS

About: 3-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 1 at Arizona Center, 455 N. Third St., Phoenix

Info: The free Día de Muertos Lucha Festival features live lucha libre wrestling, Ballet Folklórico, Aztec dancers, cultural performances, music, family activities and vendors.

Web: arizonacenter.com

FIRST FRIDAY

About: Friday, Nov. 6 throughout downtown and central Phoenix

Info: Artlink's First Friday brings visitors to galleries, studios, arts spaces and businesses for exhibitions, performances and other activities.

Web: artlinkphx.org

ANCIENT MUSIC

About: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8 at Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix

Info: MIM celebrates the opening of "Unearthed Musical Masterpieces from the Southern Kingdoms of Ancient China" with performances, lion dances, curator talks, gallery tours and activities.

Web: mim.org

BEETHOVEN, CHOPIN

About: 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 6; 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7; and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8 at Symphony Hall, 75 N. Second St., Phoenix

YOUR EVENTS, PLEASE

We welcome your events for our Neighborhood To-Do List page. Please send the following for publication in our calendar: name of the event, time, date and location with address and if there is a cost to attend. Email us: AZNews@iniusa.org.



EVENTS

The Mesa Independent will host its Expo

at 9 a.m. Fri., Nov. 13 at Mesa Market Place Swap Meet. Individuals wishing to participate may reach out to the sales team.

Email us: AZAds@iniusa.org.

Info: The Phoenix Symphony performs Beethoven's Symphony No. 7, Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2 and Jennifer Higdon's "Blue Cathedral."

Web: phoenixsymphony.org

LOCAL AUTHORS

About: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at Burton Barr Central Library, 1221 N. Central Ave., Phoenix

Info: Phoenix Public Library's Local Author Fair brings together more than 100 Arizona writers representing fiction, nonfiction, poetry, memoir and children's literature, with opportunities to meet authors and purchase signed books.

Web: phoenixpubliclibrary.org

GRAND AVENUE

About: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 along Historic Grand Avenue in Phoenix

Info: The free Grand Avenue Festival celebrates the arts district with

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art, live music, food and activities highlighting neighborhood artists and businesses.

Web: historicgranddave.com

FALL FESTIVAL

About: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St., Phoenix

Info: Local First Arizona's 20th Certified Local Fall Festival showcases more than 250 Arizona businesses along with food, local makers and entertainment.

Web: localfirstaz.com

RODEO, MUSIC

About: Friday-Sunday, Nov. 13-15 at Chase Field, 401 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix

Info: The Hondo Rodeo Fest combines professional rodeo competition with concerts by Tim McGraw, Miranda Lambert, Blake Shelton, Turnpike Troubadours, Parker McCollum and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Web: hondorodeofest.com

MUSICAL KNIGHTS

About: 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 13-14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at Symphony Hall, 75 N. Second St., Phoenix

Info: The Phoenix Symphony presents "Music of the Knights," featuring music associated with Andrew Lloyd Webber, Elton John and Paul McCartney.

Web: phoenixsymphony.org

FESTIVAL OF ARTS

About: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 at Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix

Info: The free Festival of the Arts features live performances, artist demonstrations, about 30 artisan and vendor booths and children's



The Phoenix Symphony performs the score to "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl" live Oct. 30-31 and Nov. 1 while the 2003 film is shown on screen. (Photo by Tavits Photography, provided by Phoenix Symphony)

activities.

Web: herbergertheater.org

PIZZA FESTIVAL

About: 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at Margaret T. Hance Park, 1202 N. Third St., Phoenix

Info: Phoenix Pizza Festival features local pizza makers, live music, craft beer, lawn games, vendors and a children's zone.

Web: phxpizzafest.com

STAGE AND SCREEN

About: Saturday, Nov. 14 at Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum, 3901 W. Pioneer Road, Phoenix

Info: The inaugural Phoenix Stage & Screen Festival features independent films, live theater, outdoor music, local artists, vendors and food.

Web: phxssfest.org

'MARY POPPINS'

About: Opens 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18 at The Phoenix Theatre Company, 1825 N. Central Ave., Phoenix

Info: The Phoenix Theatre Company opens its production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins." Performances continue through Jan. 3.

Web: phoenixtheatre.com

PORTAL FEST

About: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at S'edav Va'aki Museum, 4619 E. Washington St., Phoenix

Info: The free eighth annual Portal Fest features Indigenous music, dance, storytelling, artist demonstrations and programming about the Ancestral Sonoran Desert People.

Web: phoenix.gov

FAIRE AT SQUARE

About: Saturday, Nov. 21 at The Square PHX, 113 N. Sixth St., Phoenix

Info: The free Faire @ The Square is a family-friendly festival and winter artisan market at Heritage & Science Park in downtown Phoenix.

Web: thesquarephx.org

CULINARY JOURNEY

About: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21 at Musical Instrument Museum, 4725 E. Mayo Blvd., Phoenix

Info: "Echoes of the Southern Kingdoms: A Culinary Journey" pairs a five-course dinner inspired by ancient China with access to MIM's "Unearthed Musical Masterpieces" exhibition. Tickets are \$150.

Web: mim.org

ELF IN CONCERT

About: Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29 at Symphony Hall, 75 N. Second St., Phoenix

Info: The Phoenix Symphony performs John Debney's score to the 2003 holiday comedy "Elf" live while the film is shown on screen.

Web: phoenixsymphony.org

MURDER, SHE WROTE

About: 7:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29 at Herberger Theater Center, 222 E. Monroe St., Phoenix

Info: "Solve-Along-A-Murder-She-Wrote" combines an interactive screening of the television mystery series with comedy, games, prizes and audience participation.

Web: herbergertheater.org

HEY ARNOLD! LIVE

About: 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30 at The Van Buren, 401 W. Van Buren St., Phoenix

Info: Composer Jim Lang and the PS 118 All Stars perform music from Nickelodeon's "Hey Arnold!" live.

Web: thevanburenphx.com

COMICS & FUN



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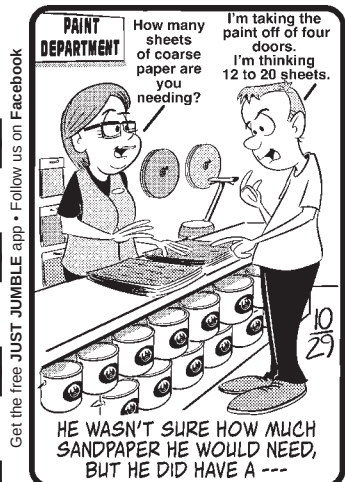
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SHOWN CRYPT ACCEPT CRISIS
Answer: After all the passengers left, the ocean liner was the — "CREW'S" SHIP

MARMADUKE

By Bradley Jay Anderson



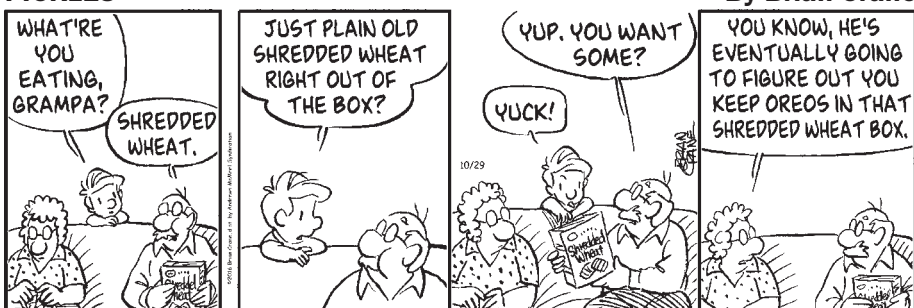
"You don't seriously expect me to sweep up the mess you made, do you?"

FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil & Jeff Keane



PICKLES



GARFIELD

By Jim Davis

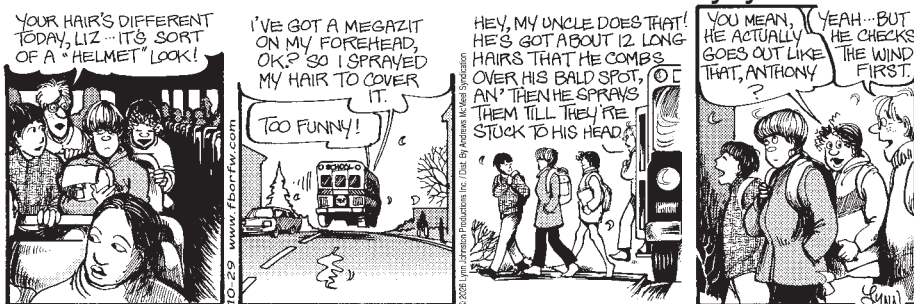


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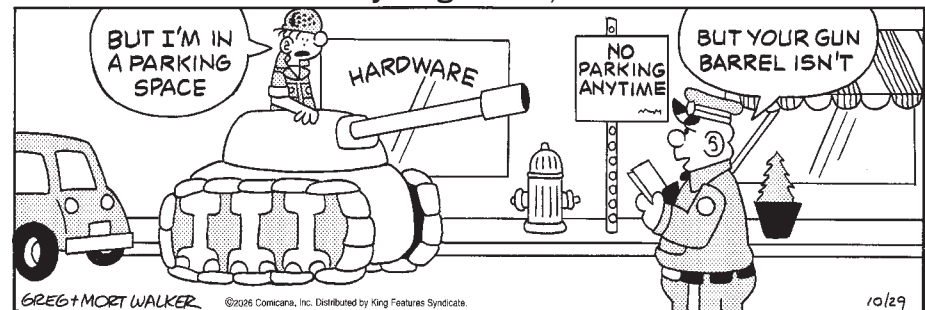
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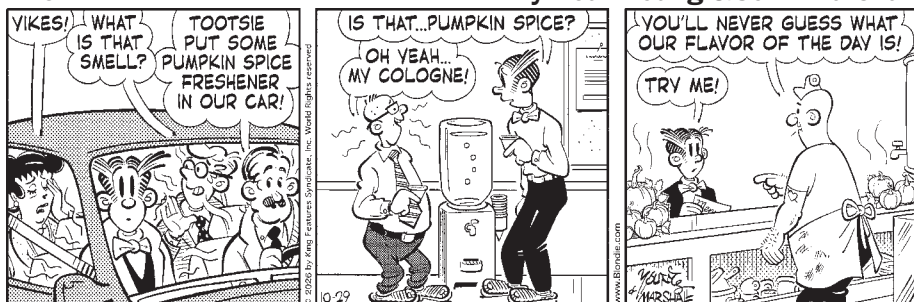
BEETLE BAILEY

By Greg Walker, Brian Walker & Neal Walker



BLONDIE

By Dean Young & John Marshall



CLASSIC PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz



LOOKING BACK

Oct. 29

Thursday, Oct. 29, is the 302nd day of 2026.

On Oct. 29, 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended on the New York Stock Exchange. Stock prices collapsed amid panicked selling. \$14 billion in value was lost, and thousands of investors were wiped out, triggering America's Great Depression.

Also on this date:

In 1618, Sir Walter Raleigh, the English courtier, military adventurer and poet, was executed in London for allegedly conspiring against King James I.

In 1787, the opera "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart had its world premiere in Prague.

In 1922, Benito Mussolini, the founder of fascism, was appointed Italian prime minister by King Victor Emmanuel III. (He was dismissed by Emmanuel in 1943 after the Allied invasion of Italy and was executed by partisans in 1945).

In 1940, a blindfolded Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drew the first number — 158 — from a glass bowl in America's first peacetime military draft.

In 1956, the Suez Crisis began as Israel invaded Egypt to seize control of the vital waterway, backed by France and Britain, after its nationalization by Egypt. (Their forces eventually withdrew after U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration refused to back the effort and threatened sanctions).

In 1960, a chartered plane carrying the California Polytechnic State University football team crashed on takeoff from Toledo, Ohio, killing 22 of 48 people on board.

In 1998, Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, returned to space aboard the shuttle Discovery, retracing the trail he had blazed as the first American to orbit the Earth in the Friendship 7 Mercury space capsule in 1962.

In 2012, Superstorm Sandy slammed ashore in New Jersey and slowly marched inland, devastating coastal

communities and causing widespread power outages; the storm and its aftermath were blamed for at least 182 deaths in the U.S.

In 2018, a Boeing 737 MAX operated by the Indonesian airline Lion Air crashed after takeoff from Jakarta, Indonesia, killing all 189 people on board. (Five months later, an Ethiopian Airlines 737 Max crashed after takeoff from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, killing all 157 people on board; the 737 MAX was grounded worldwide, and a flight-control system was implicated in the crashes.)

In 2022, more than 150 people were killed and dozens more were injured in South Korea after being crushed by a large crowd pushing forward on a narrow street during Halloween festivities in Seoul.

In 2024, Hezbollah said it had chosen cleric Naim Kassem to lead the Lebanese militant group after the killing of its longtime leader Hassan Nasrallah in an Israeli airstrike on a Beirut suburb in late September.

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

- Nobel Peace Prize winner and former Liberian president **Ellen Johnson Sirleaf** is 88.
- Actor **Richard Dreyfuss** is 79.
- Actor **Kate Jackson** is 78.
- Hockey Hall of Famer **Denis Potvin** is 73.
- Actor **Dan Castellaneta** is 69.
- Actor **Joely Fisher** is 59.
- Actor **Rufus Sewell** is 58.
- Actor **Winona Ryder** is 55.
- Actor **Tracee Ellis Ross** is 54.
- Actor **Gabrielle Union** is 54.
- Olympic gold medal bobsledder **Vonetta Flowers** is 53.
- Actor **Ben Foster** is 46.
- Olympic gold medal swimmer **Amanda Beard** is 45.
- Race car driver **Lance Stroll** is 28.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Circus worker
- 6 Track events
- 11 Vibrant
- 12 Chef's mushroom
- 13 Made over
- 14 Book section
- 15 Promise
- 17 Sticky stuff
- 19 Desire
- 20 Pussy foot
- 23 Tolerates
- 25 Travel need
- 26 Some video game rewards
- 28 "Dune" duke
- 29 Deodorant target
- 30 Snaky shape
- 31 Auction signal
- 32 Low number
- 33 Money, in slang
- 35 Take it easy
- 38 Charged
- 41 Knock for a loop
- 42 Crowd scene actor
- 43 Potato, e.g.
- 44 Dance music

DOWN

- 1 Road sealer
- 2 Brewery output
- 3 Bisector
- 4 Demonic settings
- 5 Late flights
- 6 Occupy the throne
- 7 Last Stuart ruler
- 8 Atlantic catch
- 9 Scrape (out)
- 10 Half dozen
- 16 Lose hope
- 17 Roof feature

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Yesterday's answer

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| 18 Some wood-winds | 31 Ring figure |
| 20 Identifies | 33 Stupefy |
| 21 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings" | 34 Long skirt |
| 22 Squander | 35 Chinese zodiac animal |
| 24 Twosome | 36 Outback bird |
| 25 Energy | 37 Techs' place |
| 27 Picked from the menu | 39 Lob path |
| | 40 Eastern "way" |

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID
OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD**.

PUMPKIN CARVING CONTESTS

Solution: 6 letters

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Autumn, Basket, Candle, Candy, Carving, Contest, Costumes, Crowd, Cutout, Decorate, Design, Display, Eerie, Eyes, Faces, Farm, Flicker, Ghost, Halloween, Harvest, Hayride, Jack-O'-Lantern, Messy, Monster, Orange, Pattern, Pumpkin, Scrape, Seeds, Shape, Skeleton, Sketch, Slime, Spider, Spooky, Stem, Stencil, Teeth, Template, Tradition, Trick, Witch, Yard

Yesterday's Answer: Ice Princess

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Tribune Crossword

EDITED BY PATTI VAROL

ACROSS

- 1 “__ luego”
6 Cold plunge preceder,
sometimes
11 Starboard’s opposite
15 “Stolen Car” singer Beth
16 Fast-food item celebrated
with multiple farewell tours
17 Basic geometry calculation
18 * “The Shining”
20 Circle
21 Burma’s first prime minister
22 Roused from sleep
23 Wolfgang Puck restaurant
25 Large agricultural knife
- 27 * “Frankenstein”
30 Toffee candy bar
31 Formula One event
33 Chatty starlings
34 UFC sport
36 Ever so
38 “The Simpsons” creator
Groening
39 * “The Sixth Sense”
43 Laryngitis docs
44 Tubular pasta
45 Tire gauge meas.
46 Inbox party notice
48 South African currency
50 Back talk
- 53 * “Saw”
55 Formal agreement?
58 One of music’s Allman
Brothers
59 Stipulation for some parties,
briefly
60 Metallic lode
61 Combine
62 Punctuation that expresses
skepticism, or what the
answers to the starred clues
may be called?
66 Rock’s Mötley __
67 Pisa landmark
68 Pizza part

- 69 Cold War initials
70 Crock-Pot concoctions
71 Hops-drying ovens

DOWN

- 1 Stale
2 Big concert venues
3 Word with love or thunder
4 Tot’s piggy
5 “Say something!”
6 Barbecue apparatus
7 Ibuprofen target
8 Catering container
9 Diarist Anaïs
10 Bottomless pit
11 Elite wheelchair rugby
player, maybe
12 Fresh
13 Get ready to flip, perhaps
14 Size indicator
19 Put (down)
24 Nonstick spray brand
26 One with a self-sufficient
lifestyle
27 Stranded until a thaw
28 U. of Maryland athlete

- 29 Approximate fig.
32 Online representative
35 Woodworking tool that
resembles an axe
37 “Reckon so”
39 Space trailer of the 1970s
and ‘80s?
40 Agent that produces a
reaction
41 Word on Irish stamps
42 Dish whose name means
“bone with a hole” in Italian
43 Brain test letters
47 Long, long time
49 Handy types
51 Fed. bench nine
52 Most certain
54 Confers, as authority
56 __ au vin
57 Takes a breather
59 Cauldron concoction
61 CGI-heavy superhero
franchise
63 Hotel bonus bed
64 Fill with wonder
65 __ pro nobis

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Yesterday's Jumbles: RHINO AFTER EMERGE CACTUS
 Answer: He wasn't sure how much sandpaper he would need, but he did have a — ROUGH ESTIMATE

By Brian Crane

By Jim Davis

“How can you do that one minute after I made the bed?”

BIL
and
JEFF
ICEANU

**“Do I hafta go out with Jeffy?
He keeps forgetting and
saying ‘April Fool!’”**

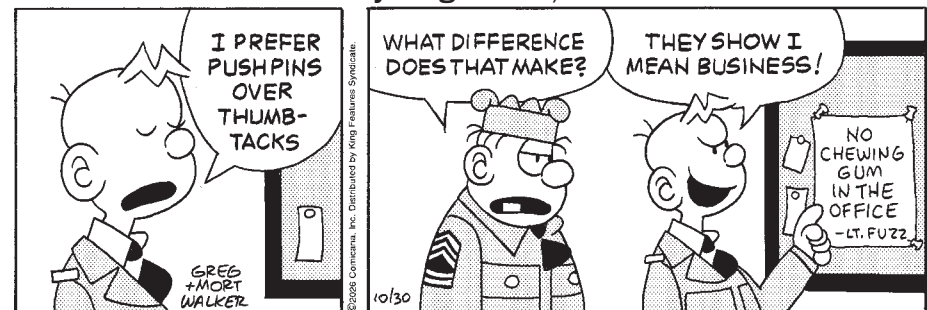
BABY BLUES

By Jerry Scott & Rick Kirkman



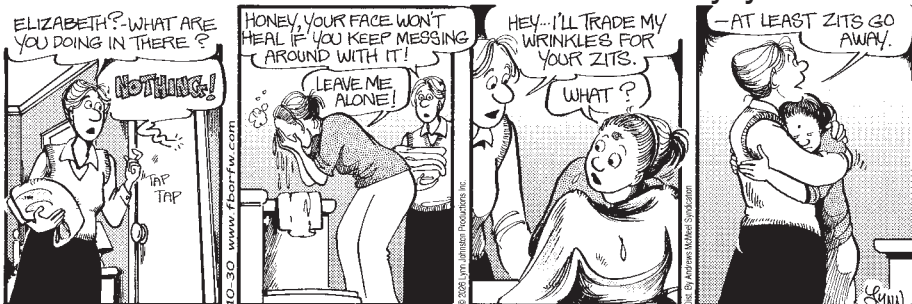
BEETLE BAILEY

By Greg Walker, Brian Walker & Neal Walker



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE

By Lynn Johnston



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

By Dik Browne



BLONDIE

By Dean Young & John Marshall



CLASSIC PEANUTS

By Charles M. Schulz



TODAY IN HISTORY

Oct. 30

Friday, Oct. 30, is the 303rd day of 2026.

On Oct. 30, 1974, Muhammad Ali, 32, knocked out George Foreman, 25, in the eighth round of a scheduled 15-round bout known as the "Rumble in the Jungle," in Kinshasa, Congo (then Zaire), to regain his world heavyweight title.

Also on this date:

In 1912, Vice President James S. Sherman, running for a second term with Republican President William Howard Taft, died six days before Election Day. (Taft was defeated by Democrat Woodrow Wilson in the election).

In 1938, the radio play "The War of the Worlds," starring Orson Welles, aired on the CBS Radio Network. The broadcast panicked some listeners in its portrayal of an invasion by Martians.

In 1961, the Soviet Union tested a hydrogen bomb,

the "Tsar Bomba," with a force estimated at about 50 megatons (over 3,500 times that of the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima). It remains the most powerful nuclear weapon ever detonated.

In 1972, an Illinois Central Gulf commuter train was struck by another train on Chicago's South Side, killing 45 people and injuring about 350.

In 1975, the New York Daily News ran the headline "Ford to City: Drop Dead," a day after President Gerald R. Ford said he would veto any proposed federal bailout of New York City, which was on the verge of bankruptcy. The city ultimately evaded bankruptcy despite weathering a severe fiscal crisis.

In 1995, voters in the province of Quebec narrowly defeated a referendum that called for sovereignty with a new economic and political partnership with Canada.

In 2005, the late Rosa Parks was the first woman to

lie in honor in the U.S. Capitol rotunda; Parks became a civil rights icon by refusing to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama, to a white passenger in 1955.

In 2018, gangster James "Whitey" Bulger was found beaten to death at a federal prison in West Virginia; the 89-year-old former Boston crime boss and longtime FBI informant had been transferred there just hours earlier. (Three inmates entered plea deals and were convicted in Bulger's killing).

In 2023, the United Auto Workers said it reached a tentative deal with General Motors, capping a whirlwind few days in which GM, Ford and Stellantis agreed to terms that would end the union's targeted strikes over six week. (UAW members later ratified the contracts).

CELEBRITY BIRTHDAYS

- Author **Robert Caro** is 91.
- Football Hall of Fame coach **Dick Vermeil** is 90.
- Rock singer **Grace Slick** is 87.
- Songwriter **Eddie Holland** is 87.
- R&B singer **Otis Williams** is 85.
- Actor **Henry Winkler** is 81.
- Country/rock musician **Timothy B. Schmit** is 79.
- Actor **Harry Hamlin** is 75.
- Country singer **T. Graham Brown** is 72.
- Actor **Kevin Pollak** is 69.
- Actor **Michael Beach** is 63.
- Musician **Gavin Rossdale** is 61.
- Actor **Nia Long** is 56.
- Actor **Matthew Morrison** is 48.
- Business executive and former presidential adviser **Ivanka Trump** is 45.
- Olympic gold medal gymnast **Nastia Liukin** is 37.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40** Crude carrier
- 1** Tycoon
John Jacob
- 42** Crew members
- 6** Oompah producers
- 11** Baseball's Joe
- 12** Island ring
- 13** Hunter in the stars

- DOWN**
- 1** Makes amends
- 2** Icy dessert
- 3** Has some Halloween fun
- 4** Spanish gold
- 5** Misplays at cards
- 6** Eight-tracks, e.g.
- 7** Hagen of acting
- 8** Has some Halloween fun
- 9** Friends
- 10** Skiing spots
- 17** Spend-thrift
- 23** Regret
- 24** Garden area
- 26** Parody
- 27** Slander
- 28** Kitchen come-ons
- 30** Prepare leftovers
- 31** Derides
- 33** Bombastic
- 39** Sailing site
- 41** Bar rocks

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Yesterday's answer

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10-30

WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD**.

DOLLY PARTON (1946-2026)

Solution: 10 letters

R	M	N	B	C	D	I	N	E	S	H	I	N	E	R
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M	T	Y	A	I	O	O	T	L	Q	E	N	H	O	H
A	S	R	N	V	D	R	A	U	G	Y	D	O	B	T
J	L	U	E	S	A	U	E	R	V	E	T	M	N	N
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A	C	Ⓛ	H	S	N	E	S	T	R	E	A	M	A	L
N	Ⓞ	N	O	O	G	R	E	B	E	C	C	A	R	I
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10/30

Bill, Blonde, Blues, Bodyguard, Carl, Color, Concert, Cyrus, Dance, Dean, Dollywood, George, Gold, Gospel, Heartbreaker, Hello, Home, Jolene, Joshua, Love, Miley, Montana, Nashville, Norma Jean, Philanthropist, Queen, Rachel, Rainbow, Randy, Rebecca, Rock, Roses, Rush, Shine, Show, Soundtrack, Stage, Stella, Stream, Tennessee, Unbroken, Vocals

Yesterday's Answer: Judges

For **WONDERWORD** apps, books & more, visit Wonderword.com, or call 1-855-232-2367.

Tribune Crossword

EDITED BY PATTI VAROL

ACROSS

- 1 Oodles
- 5 Mattress material
- 9 Tablet downloads
- 13 Kidney-related
- 15 Red inside, maybe
- 16 Victory lap speed
- 17 Suggestion at the start of a Halloween decoration workshop?
- 19 Depend (on)
- 20 Sugar suffix
- 21 Shoreline shaper
- 22 Yaz's team from 1961 to 1983
- 23 Expectation during a Halloween concert?
- 27 Athletic honor
- 28 Horn of Africa nation
- 31 Omnia vincit ___
- 34 "Right on!"
- 35 Dragon boat steerer
- 36 Apparition who only appears on Halloween in the Golden State?
- 41 Meadow mouthful

- 42 Turn off the security cameras for, maybe
- 43 Iowa college town
- 44 Accessory that may match cuff links
- 46 Sportages and Tellurides
- 49 Got separated from a spooky friend at a Halloween party?
- 54 Copious
- 56 Covent Garden solo
- 57 Cold-sounding commercial prefix

- 58 Rich soil
- 59 "My Halloween monster costume is so disappointing!"?
- 62 Dough for pupusas
- 63 Alaskan gold rush town
- 64 ___ fun at
- 65 Mystery writer?
- 66 "The Crying Game" writer/director Jordan
- 67 Intervals

- 25 Lovato with the 2025 album "It's Not That Deep"
- 26 City near Anaheim
- 29 Smooth sailing
- 30 Newspaper section
- 31 Checkbook no.
- 32 Home of Kahului Airport
- 33 Tex-Mex brand
- 34 Echidna snack
- 37 "F" on a test
- 38 Notice in passing?
- 39 Credit report blot
- 40 Leftovers dish
- 45 "The Favourite" Oscar winner Olivia
- 46 Seed
- 47 Skeptical reply
- 48 Showing shock
- 50 With 51-Down, 2019 and 2021 Australian Open winner
- 51 See 50-Down
- 52 General Assembly fig.
- 53 Windborne sediment
- 54 ___ mater
- 55 Bellyache
- 59 Travel stop
- 60 Generic surname
- 61 Horologist's piece

DOWN

- 1 Medieval museum display
- 2 Spot checker?
- 3 Harmonious, in a way
- 4 ___ kwon do
- 5 End of the workweek, for some
- 6 Like some breakfast bars
- 7 Part of a circumference
- 8 Underwhelmed review
- 9 Intrinsically
- 10 Briefing setting
- 11 See 24-Down
- 12 River that made Achilles (mostly) invincible
- 14 Plastered strips
- 18 Fraidy-cat
- 22 Sound of spring?
- 24 With 11-Down, "The Fosters" actress

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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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HOROSCOPES

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

 Scorpio, a public gathering in the near future may attract several people, including some you are interested in meeting. Take the first step and introduce yourself.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

 It is alright to have some doubts when you are trying something new, Sagittarius. Just don't let those doubts get the better of you and derail your plans.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

 An important decision is looming on the horizon, Capricorn. Take some time to look inward as you try to choose the best path to take.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

 Aquarius, think about a purchase before you barrel through full steam ahead. Check your accounts and make sure your finances are in check before you buy anything new.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

 Others appreciate your authenticity, Pisces. Stay true to yourself and you will have no regrets. Encourage others to do the same when they seek your input.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

 Aries, be especially patient and affectionate towards your loved ones this week. Someone close to you will need your help, and only you can provide it.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

 Taurus, after many months spent figuring out what you want in life, this week you may finally be able to put a plan of action in motion. Enjoy the ride.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

 Gemini, clear your mind of cobwebs and any other errant thoughts. Right now you need to relax and unwind for a bit. You will feel better after a few days of recharging.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

 Cancer, you have been practical and sensible with your finances. However, this week you may be lured by a flashy purchase. If it is in the budget, then let loose.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

 Leo, sometimes it is important to go with the flow and learn from others with an easygoing approach. Take time to exhale and unwind.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

 Virgo, you may feel refreshed and energized this week. This may pave the way to some new ideas, including a change of scenery or even a new job.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

 Libra, an unexpected opportunity is presented to you in the days ahead. Give it some thought, but do not hesitate to take advantage of this exciting situation.

SUDOKU

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Level: Advanced

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes.

ANSWER:

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CROSSWORD

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CLUES ACROSS

- El Dorado High School
- A sculpture representing a human or animal
- A type of return
- Tie the knot again
- Washington city
- Hairlike structures
- Mark used over a vowel
- Explosive
- Popular 500 car race
- Pile up
- Currency
- Commercial
- A minute amount (Scottish)
- Mass of fish eggs
- Baseball stat
- Licensed accountant
- Japanese classical theater
- Gasteyer and de Armas are two
- Blood group
- Assist in wrongdoing
- Language of Cameroon
- Grayish-white
- A woolen cap of Scottish origin
- Microorganism
- Strong social customs
- Calm and dependable
- Congressman

- Force
- As a result of this document
- A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

- Make a mistake
- American DJ Rick
- Fictional Asimov planet
- Coughed out
- Singing to one's lover
- Scotland's longest river
- One of the six noble gases
- Body art
- Two-toed sloth
- Electronic counter-countermeasures
- A foolish person
- Of the wind
- Mansion
- Sound
- English river
- Business symbol
- Exclamation of surprise
- Pouch
- Individually
- Satisfaction
- The bill in a restaurant
- Japanese delicacy
- Port in southern Japan

- Double-reed instruments
- Center
- "The Mount Rushmore State"
- Soldier
- Indicates position
- Beauty treatment: ___-pedi
- Nonsense (slang)
- Republic of Ireland
- Ballplayers' tools
- American state
- Clusters of a fern frond
- Patriotic women's group
- A person's brother or sister
- Breed of sheep
- Of I

PUZZLE SOLUTION														
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Voters

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Polling earlier this month by High Ground, a public affairs and campaign firm that has surveyed Arizona voters for decades, shows a historic shift toward Democrats in Arizona, with as many as 20% of Republicans backing the other party's candidates. Its polling showed Democrats ahead in all five top statewide offices.

The company's president and CEO, longtime Republican political consultant Chuck Coughlin, now registered as an independent himself after leaving the GOP in 2018, said he was taken aback by the polling results. Still, he warned that turnout and the natural GOP voter registration advantage could tighten the numbers as Election Day nears.

"We were all caught a little unawares of how difficult the cycle had become" for Republicans, Coughlin said.

"And there's really no reason to believe, given the president's narrative and his tour schedule, that they're fighting the tactical fight," he said. "They have a full-on house fire going on, and they see it as well."

If public polling and ballot return rates hold, Democrats could do even better in Arizona this year than they did in 2022. The High Ground survey showed Gov. Katie Hobbs ahead of Republican challenger Andy Biggs by nearly 17 points and Democrats also ahead in the races for attorney general, secretary of state, treasurer and state schools chief.

While the Highground margin for Hobbs appears large, every other poll done since the August primary shows the incumbent governor in the lead.

Almost all also show other Democrats seeking statewide office ahead as well, though the races for treasurer and schools chief — both open offices with no incumbents — appear to be closer.



Rep. Andy Biggs, left, and Gov. Katie Hobbs are the feature race in next Tuesday's election, but there are plenty of down ballot races some are watching to see if Arizona, long a conservative Republican state, turns more purple than red. (File photos by Ian McKinney and Emily Mai/Cronkite News)

And because polling only measures a moment in time and each has a margin of error, Republicans aren't out of the game and could still win on Nov. 3.

The Democratic Party's wins in the governors, secretary of state and attorney general's races in 2022 built a firewall against GOP control of all branches of state government, the first time since former Democratic Gov. Janet Napolitano resigned to join the Obama Administration in 2009. Although the victories Democrats eked out were tiny, polling by High Ground and others shows all three are doing better with voters this year.

Hobbs won by just 17,000 votes in 2022, while Attorney General Kris Mayes somehow pulled out a victory by a historically slim margin of just 280 votes that year. Secretary of State Adrian Fontes bested his opponent by the biggest margin of the three top officials, outpolling Republican Mark Finchem — who campaigned on the disproven proposition that election fraud led to Joe Biden's win in 2020 — by more than 120,000 votes.

All are seeking reelection in the Nov. 3 general election and face Republican challengers.

The GOP candidates in the 2022



election — Kari Lake for governor, Finchem for secretary of state and Abe Hamadeh for attorney general — embraced the election denialism Trump espoused following his loss and were rejected by the voters.

There are echoes of that this time around with the current crop of GOP nominees.

Andy Biggs, tapped by the GOP to run for governor, tried to stop Arizona's 11 electoral votes from going to Joe Biden in 2020 despite official results showing he outpolled Trump.

Republican Alexander Kolodin, seeking to oust Secretary of State Adrian Fontes, filed multiple lawsuits challenging the results of the 2020 election. His law license was placed on probation after the Arizona Supreme Court concluded he pursued election cases with no merit.

And Warren Petersen, hoping to become attorney general this year, helped lead a Senate probe of claims that the ballots for the 2020 presidential race were miscounted. A full hand count, however, not only showed that Biden won but by an even larger margin than the official returns.

None of the three GOP candidates are reminding voters of all that this year.

In addition to Hobbs' big lead over

Biggs, the High Ground poll showed Fontes up by 12 points and Mayes ahead by 15 points.

Republicans won the state treasurer and schools chief races in 2022, but incumbent Treasurer Kimberly Yee is now seeking the Superintendent of Public Instruction office after ousting incumbent Tom Horne in the August GOP primary. She's facing Democrat Teresa Leyba Ruiz.

In the race to replace Yee as Treasurer, Democrat Nick Mansour, a businessman, is facing Republican Elijah Norton.

The High Ground poll showed both Democrats ahead, although by smaller margins: Ruiz is ahead of Yee by 6 points, while Mansour is besting Norton by about 9 percentage points.

The poll's margin of error was 4.9 points, giving Ruiz just a tiny margin over Yee if the polling error rate is backed out. And Coughlin noted in his survey memorandum that Yee has the highest support among GOP voters and has a record of getting more votes in statewide elections than other Republicans, meaning she has best chance of pulling out a victory on Nov. 3.

Samara Klar, a professor of political science at the University of Arizona in Tucson, agrees that Democrats are poised to do well on Election Day despite the GOP's voter registration advantage of 34.8% to 28.3%, or 6.5 percentage points. Democrats have added nearly 30,000 registered voters since the August primary, while Republican registration is flat. Independents have surged as well, adding more than 37,000 voters.

Those numbers should still put the GOP ahead, but she said independent voters are breaking toward Democrats. Klar credits their campaigns focus on eschewing liberal politics.

"Democratic campaigns in Arizona have been very disciplined about portraying a centrist moderate ideology, whereas the Republican campaigns in Arizona have not done that," she said.

NATION

Serial killer Ted Bundy is linked to another Utah teenager's 1974 killing through DNA testing

(AP) — DNA connects serial killer Ted Bundy to the death of another Utah teenager, authorities announced Tuesday, exactly 52 years after her body was discovered in the woods by a hunter.

Bundy has been dead since 1989, but the tally of his confirmed victims continues to grow due to advances in DNA testing.

He killed at least 30 women and girls in multiple states in the 1970s, and many more escaped or survived with injuries.

Investigators are satisfied that Bundy was responsible for killing 17-year-old Melissa Ann Smith in 1974, a death that had long been listed as a cold case, Summit County Attorney Margaret Olson said at a news conference.

They were able to close the case by making crucial connections with DNA found on Smith and Laura Aime, another Bundy victim whose case was resolved last April in Utah County. Bundy's DNA was on file in Florida, where he was convicted and ultimately executed.

Besides that evidence, Smith's death showed hallmarks of Bundy's "pattern, motive, means and opportunity," Olson said.

Decades-old evidence was key to the case. Utah's state crime lab got new technology in 2023 that extracts DNA from samples even if they are small, degraded from age or contain DNA from multiple people.

"This case demonstrates the importance of preserving evidence," said Salt Lake County Sheriff Rosie Rivera, whose department has also investigated homicides linked to Bundy.

"We have to solve these cases to the best of our ability," she said, explaining the importance of tapping science, even so many years later. "Nobody is just going to walk away and just blame everything on Ted Bundy, even though many cases have been that way. Here in the state of Utah, we take it very seriously."

Smith's relatives were contacted about the findings but declined to attend the news conference and declined to speak to reporters, the Summit County Sheriff's Office said. Her parents are



Ted Bundy smiles during the second day of jury selection for his murder trial in a Dade County courtroom in Miami, June 27, 1979. (AP Photo, Pool, File)

deceased.

Smith's father was police chief in Midvale, south of Salt Lake City. She was at a pizza parlor and a restaurant before she disappeared on Oct. 18, 1974, The Salt Lake Tribune reported at the time. Nine days later, her body was found in Summit County.

"With every case closure, may we stomp the memory of Ted Bundy out," Utah County Sgt. Mike Reynolds said.

Bundy investigations are not finished

Bundy was executed by electric chair in Florida in 1989 after being convicted of three murders, including the killing of two women at the Chi Omega sorority house at Florida State University.

He gave a series of confessions in his final days, including to some crimes that were previously unknown to police. Not all of those cases have been confirmed.

Besides Florida and Utah, authorities said Bundy had victims in Colorado, Idaho and Washington state. They said they're especially working to solve the 1974 death of 16-year-old Nancy Wilcox of Utah.

Solving the Smith homicide "does not close the book on Ted Bundy," said Det. Ben Pender of the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, which has the Wilcox investigation. "Information kind of leads to Ted Bundy but again we're not for certain on Nancy Wilcox. We're going to continue to work that case."

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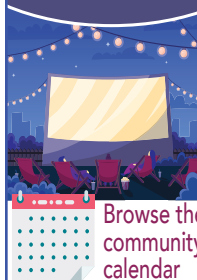
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Project Description

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Pre-Submittal Meeting

A recommended Site-Walk and Pre-Submittal Meeting will be held on: **10/29/2026; 07:30 AM, MST.** The meeting will be held via Zoom.

- <https://asu.zoom.us/j/88986028027?from=adon>
- Join by Telephone US: +16027530140, 85986666232# or +13462487799, 85986666232#
- Meeting ID: 859 8666 6232

Procurement will provide instructions and requirements to firms interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications. Attendance at this meeting is suggested, but not mandatory.

Statement of Qualifications

Formal qualifications must be submitted no later than **2:00 PM, MST on 11/29/2026.** All times noted are Mountain Standard Time (MST); Daylight Savings Time is NOT observed.

Obtain a Copy of RFQ

The Request for Qualifications with instructions for submission is available on the ASU Construction Bid Board at <https://cfo.asu.edu/construction-facilities-bid-board>

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THE MUSSATTO FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the Successor Trustee of the above-mentioned Trust.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-6103, all persons having claims against the trust estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or within (60) days after the mailing or other delivery of the notice, whichever is later, or the claim will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Trustee in care of Moore Law Partners, PLLC, 9949 West Bell Road, Suite 201, Sun City, Arizona 85351.

Dated this 15th day of October, 2026.

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DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Please be advised that the City of Surprise will host a Neighborhood Meeting to discuss a Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) to the Land Development Ordinance (LDO), as referenced below. Any member of the public may participate in this conversation as it pertains to this project by attending in person. According to Surprise Municipal Code, we are required to host a Neighborhood Meeting to present the proposal to the public while soliciting feedback and providing answers to questions.

Applicant: City of Surprise
City of Surprise: Tanner Wessel;
623-222-3137;
tanner.wessel@surpriseaz.gov

NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING DETAILS
DATE: Wednesday November 18, 2026

TIME: 6:00PM
LOCATION:
Surprise City Hall Community Room
16000 N Civic Center Plaza
Surprise, AZ, 85374



PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
A Zoning Text Amendment (ZTA) to the Surprise Land Development Ordinance (LDO) to revise the use specific standards for accessory dwelling units (ADUs), Case # FS26-0359.

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Public Notice

Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
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Attorney for the Minor, PETITIONER

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In the Matter of:) No. JD536519
)
)
DANTE ALDAHIR)
LIZARRAGA ESQUER) NOTICE OF HEARING OF
) APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN
DOB: 12/24/2016)
(Person under 18 years of age))
) Honorable Commissioner
) Nicole Bricker

TO: **Luis Alejandro Lizarraga Enriquez**, parent or guardian of the above-named child.

1. Attorney Cooper Richardson filed a Motion to Appoint a Guardian pursuant to Title 8 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Rule 4.1 and 4.2 of the Arizona Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rules 344 and 345 of the Rules of Procedure for the Juvenile Court.

2. The Court has set a Publication Hearing on **December 04, 2026, at 9:50 a.m.** (9:50 a.m. in Sonora, MX) at the Maricopa County Superior Court, 3131 W. Durango St., Phoenix, AZ 85009, before the Honorable Nicole Brickner for the purpose of determining whether any parent or guardian named herein is contesting the allegations in the Motion.

3. You and your children are entitled to have an attorney present at the hearing. You may hire your own attorney or, if you cannot afford an attorney and want to be represented by one, one may be appointed by the Court.

4. You have a right to appear as a party in this proceeding. You are advised that your failure to personally appear in court at the initial hearing, pretrial conference, status conference or adjudication, without good cause shown, may result in a finding that you have waived your legal rights and are not contesting the motion. In addition, if you fail to appear, without good cause, the hearing may go forward in your absence and may result in termination of your parental rights and/or the establishment of a permanent guardianship based on the record and the evidence presented to the Court, as well as an order of paternity, custody, or change of custody in a consolidated family law matter and an order for child support if paternity is established.

5. If you are receiving this Notice by publication, you may obtain a copy of the Guardianship Motion and Notice of Hearing by submitting a written request to: Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein, P.O. Box 32670, Phoenix, AZ 85064 or you may call (602) 283-4791, or email spaff@firrp.org.

6. Maricopa County Superior Court is conducting the hearing remotely. Parties are instructed to call in using <https://tinyurl.com/jbazmc-juj09> or +1 (917) 781-4590, Participant Code 292 462 301#. If the parties would like to appear in person, a request should be made to their attorney, or to the division at (602) 372-2053 if they are not represented by counsel.

7. Requests for reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities must be made to the Court by parties at least three working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding and can be made by calling (602) 372-2053.

8. You have the right to make a request or motion prior to any hearing that the hearing be closed to the public.

DATED this 13th day of October, 2026.

By: /s/ Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
Attorney for the Minor

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Abogada para El Menor

EN LA CORTE SUPERIOR DEL ESTADO DE ARIZONA
EN Y PARA EL CONDADO DE MARICOPA

En el caso de:) No. JD536519
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DANTE ALDAHIR)
LIZARRAGA ESQUER) NOTIFICACION DE AUDIENCIA
) SOBRE EL NOMBRAMIENTO DE
Fecha de Nacimiento: 24/12/2016) UN TUTOR
(persona menor de 18 años))
) Honorable Comisaria Nicole Brickner

A: **Luis Alejandro Lizagarra Enriquez**, padre o tutor del menor dicho.

1. Se notifica que la abogada, Cooper Richardson, sometió una Moción para Nombrar un Tutor según Título 8 de las leyes revisadas de Arizona, reglas 4.1 y 4.2 de las reglas de procedimiento civil, y reglas 344 y 345 de las reglas de procedimiento de la corte juvenil.

2. Se fija una audiencia para considerar la petición para el **04 de diciembre del 2026 a las 9:50 a.m. (9:50 a.m. en Sonora, MX)**, en el Centro de Tribunal Juvenil de Maricopa, 3131 W. Durango St., Phoenix, AZ 85009, ante la Honorable Comisaria Nicole Brickner, para el propósito de determinar si existe un padre o tutor quien quiere disputar los alegatos de la moción.

3. Usted y sus hijos tienen derecho a tener un abogado presente en la audiencia. Usted puede contratar su propio abogado o si no puede pagarle a un abogado pero quiere ser representado por un abogado, la corte le puede asignar un abogado.

4. Usted tiene el derecho de aparecer como un partido en estos procedimientos. Se le advierte que si usted no aparece en la corte en la audiencia inicial, la conferencia preliminar, cualquier conferencia o adjudicación, sin demostrar una buena razón, el Tribunal podrá considerar su inasistencia como una renuncia de sus derechos y no está en contra de las declaraciones hechas en la moción. Además, si no aparece, sin buena razón, la audiencia podrá llevarse a cabo sin usted, y podrá resultar en la cancelación de la patria potestad y/o el establecimiento de una tutela permanente basado en el récord y la evidencia presentado a la Corte, y además una orden de paternidad, custodia, o cambio de custodia en un asunto de ley familiar consolidado y una orden para apoyo de menor si la paternidad se establece.

5. Si usted está recibiendo esta Notificación por publicación, usted puede obtener copias de la Moción de Tutela y Noticia de Audiencia si envía una solicitud escrita a: Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein, P.O. Box 32670, Phoenix, AZ 85064 o puede llamar (602) 283-4791, o por correo electrónico al spaff@firrp.org.

6. El Tribunal Superior del Condado de Maricopa está llevando a cabo la audiencia de forma remota. Se les indica a las partes que se conecten a través de <https://tinyurl.com/jbazmc-juj09> o llamando al +1 (917) 781-4590, Código de Participante 292 462 301#. Si las partes desean comparecer en persona, deben solicitarlo a su abogado o, si no están representados por un abogado, a la división correspondiente llamando al (602) 372-2053.

7. Solicitudes para acomodaciones razonables para personas con incapacidades necesitan ser hechas por lo menos tres días de trabajo antes del procedimiento de corte, y pueden ser hechas al llamar al (602) 372-2053.

8. Usted tiene el derecho a solicitar o hacer una petición antes de cualquier audiencia que la audiencia sea cerrada al público.

SOMETIDO este 13 día de octubre del 2026.

Por /s/ Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
Samantha Pfaff-Goldstein
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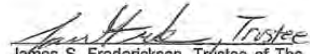
In the Matter of the Trust
of
The Robert E. Fredericksen and June A. Fredericksen Revocable Declaration of Trust dated September 2, 2005
June A. Fredericksen, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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DATED: 10/5/26


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Personal Representative:
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In the Matter of the Estate
of
ANTONIUS PETER BOECK,
Deceased.

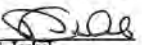
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DATED: 10/6, 2026.


SANDRA MARIE BECK
Personal Representative

ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C.

By: 
Robert F. Jeckel
Attorneys for Personal Representative

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Person Filing: BRIANNA DANIELE CASTRO
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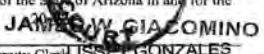
BRIANNA DANIELE CASTRO
Petitioner
and
CHRISTOPHER LEE ROYERO
Respondent

Case No. 02-2026-1463
SUMMONS
(Family Law)
LUKE BROWN

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FROM THE STATE OF ARIZONA TO CHRISTOPHER LEE ROYERO
(Name of Respondent)

1. A lawsuit has been filed against you. A copy of the lawsuit and other related court paperwork is served on you with this Summons.
2. If you do not want a judgment taken against you without your input, you must file a Response in writing with the Court, and you must pay the required filing fee. To file your Response, take or send the papers to: Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, 110 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701. Mail a copy of the Response to your spouse, the Petitioner, at the address listed on the top of this Summons.
3. If this Summons and the other court papers were served on you within the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within TWENTY (20) CALENDAR DAYS from the date of the service, not counting the day of service. If the papers were served on you outside the State of Arizona, your Response must be filed within THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS, not counting the day of service.
4. Requests for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities must be made to the court by parties at least 3 working days in advance of a scheduled court proceeding.
5. Either spouse, or both spouses, may file in the conciliation court a petition seeking the jurisdiction of the court for the purpose of preserving the marriage by effecting conciliation between the parties.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Superior Court of the State of Arizona in and for the County of Pima this day of JUN 2 - 2026
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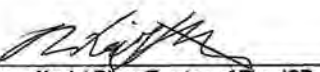
In the Matter of the Trust
of
The JSR Trust dated June 23, 2025,
as amended//John Mark Riley and
Sandra Jean Riley, deceased

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DATED: 10/20/2026


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Ryan Xaviel Riley, Trustee of The JSR Trust dated June 23, 2025, as amended

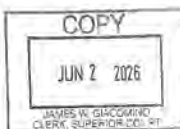
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BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO
Protected Address
Petitioner Pro Per

Prepared by: Ella J. Blass, AZCLDP#81721
AZ Paralegal Assist, LLC #81732



THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF PIMA

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO,) **CASE NO. 0 2026 1463**
Petitioner,)
) **LUKE BROWN**
and) **PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION**
) **OF NON-COVENANT MARRIAGE**
CHRISTOPHER LEE ROMERO,) **WITH CHILDREN**
Respondent.) **Hon.**

Petitioner, **BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO**, Pro Per, for her Petition for Dissolution of Non-Covenant Marriage with Children (hereinafter "the Petition"), states and alleges as follows:

1. That Petitioner's name is **BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO**, and she has filed the Sensitive Data Sheet filed with the court and has a protected address. The Petitioner has been domiciled in the State of Arizona in excess of ninety (90) days before the filing of this action. Petitioner is employed as a medical assistant.

2. That Respondent's name is **CHRISTOPHER LEE ROMERO**, and his whereabouts are unknown to Petitioner at this time.

3. That the parties were married on January 27, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada, and ever since have been and now are husband and wife.

4. That there is one (1) minor child common to the parties hereto, namely: **JAXON JETER ROMERO**, born May 30, 2017. The Petitioner is not pregnant.

5. That neither party is active-duty military.

6. There are no existing protective orders in effect, but significant physical domestic violence has been perpetrated by Respondent, who has been convicted of felony criminal acts against Petitioner, including, but not limited to, Aggravated Assault, Unlawful Imprisonment and Endangerment. Petitioner was choked to the point of near death by Respondent and is extremely fearful of Respondent.

7. That the marriage of the parties is irretrievably broken with no reasonable prospect for reconciliation and that neither party has filed any other action for dissolution in this or any other jurisdiction. This is not a covenant marriage.

8. That it is in the minor child's best interests that the Petitioner/Mother be awarded sole legal decision-making and be designated the primary residential parent. Father should not exercise any parenting time with the Minor Child. Father abandoned

the Minor Child. He last saw the Minor Child in November of 2021. His current whereabouts are unknown to Petitioner. Father is a dangerous convicted felon.

9. That Petitioner's proposed Parenting Plan is being filed herewith, and Petitioner seeks the court's approval of same.

10. That child support should be ordered in accordance with the Arizona Child Support Guidelines and as set forth on Petitioner/Mother's Child Support Worksheet filed concurrent with this Petition.

11. The parties have no community property which needs to be divided between them.

12. That each party should retain their own separate personal property currently in their possession.

13. That the parties has no community debt. Each party should pay whatever debt is in their name alone.

14. That neither party is entitled to an award of spousal maintenance.

15. That Petitioner shall claim the Minor Child as her dependent on her federal and state income tax returns beginning tax year 2026 and each year thereafter.

16. That each party should pay their own attorney and/or legal fees and court costs unless Respondent takes an unreasonable position or unnecessarily delays these proceedings, in which case he should be ordered to pay a portion or all of Petitioner's legal fees and costs;

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays as follows:

- A. That this Court enter a Decree of Dissolution of Marriage returning each party to the status of a single person;
- B. That Petitioner/Mother be awarded sole legal decision-making of the Minor Children and designated the primary residential parent;
- C. That Petitioner/Mother's proposed Parenting Plan be approved;
- D. That child support be ordered in accordance with the Arizona Child Support Guidelines as reflected on the Petitioner's Child Support Worksheet;
- E. That each party retains their own separate personal property currently in their possession;
- F. That each party pays any separate debt in their own name.
- G. That neither party be awarded spousal maintenance;
- H. That Petitioner claim the Minor Child as her tax dependent on her federal and state income tax returns beginning tax year 2026 and each year thereafter;
- I. That each party pays their own attorney or legal fees and court costs unless Respondent takes an unreasonable position or unnecessarily delays these

proceedings, in which case he should be ordered to pay a portion or all of Petitioner's legal fees and costs;

- J. For such other and further relief as the Court shall deem just and proper in the premises.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 26 day of April 2026.

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO,
Petitioner Pro Per

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ARIZONA)
)
COUNTY OF PINAL) SS

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

That she is the Petitioner in the above-captioned Petition for Dissolution of Non-Covenant Marriage with Children;

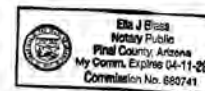
That she has read the foregoing Petition for Dissolution of Non-Covenant Marriage with Children, by her subscribed, and knows the contents thereof; and

That she believes that the matters and things herein contained are true and correct in substance and in fact.

BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 26 day of April 2026 by **BRIANNA DANIELLE CASTRO**.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA
IN MARICOPA COUNTY**** FILED ****
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Issued and Filed: 10/14/2026

PROBATE COURT ADMINISTRATION

In the Matter of

JAMES HONNLEE

Case No. PB2026-007726

NOTICE OF INITIAL HEARING REGARDING:
PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE**WARNING**

This is a legal notice; your rights may be affected. Éste es un aviso legal. Sus derechos podrían ser afectados.

You are not required to attend this hearing except as provided in A.R.S. § 14-5401(D). However, if you oppose any of the relief requested in the petition that that accompanies this notice, you must file with the court a written response at least 7 calendar days before the hearing date OR you or your attorney must attend the hearing by following the instructions provided in this notice.

Any written response must comply with Rule 15(e) of the Arizona Rules of Probate Procedure. If you do not file a timely response or attend the hearing:

- (1) the court may grant the relief requested in the petition unless otherwise prohibited by law and without further proceedings, and
- (2) you will not receive additional notices of court proceedings relating to the petition unless you file a Demand for Notice pursuant to Title 14, Arizona Revised Statutes.

1. Notice is given that YOUNG JASON HONNLEE has filed the following:

- * PETITION FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

2. COURT HEARING. An initial hearing has been scheduled to consider the Petition as follows:

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 9:45 AM

JUDICIAL OFFICER: Judge Joseph Kiefer

PLACE: 125 W. WASHINGTON STREET, PHOENIX, AZ 85003 - COURTROOM 002

TELEPHONE NO: (602) 372-6101

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-1306(A), if duly demanded, a party is entitled to trial by jury in any proceeding in which any controverted question of fact arises as to which any party has a constitutional right to trial by jury.

Any interested person, including the Petitioner and the Petitioner's attorney, may attend the Initial Hearing virtually unless the Court has specifically ordered that person to attend the hearing in person. To attend the hearing virtually, use Court Connect as described in Section 3 below. If the Court has specifically ordered you to attend the Initial Hearing in person, you must do so by appearing at the location stated above at the time of the Initial Hearing.

3. COURT CONNECT / MICROSOFT TEAMS

If you have a camera-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet device, you should go to tinyurl.com/lbazzmc-prb07 a few minutes before the Initial Hearing is scheduled to begin. For the best experience, download and install the Microsoft Teams application on a camera-enabled computer, smartphone, or tablet device using either of the following methods prior to the time set for the Initial Hearing:

- * Go to the following link:

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/microsoft-teams/download-app>

- Or scan the following
- * QR code on your smartphone or tablet:



If you have a camera-enabled device, but do not want to install the Microsoft Teams application, you may use a web browser simply by typing tinyurl.com/lbazzmc-prb07 into your browser a few minutes before the Initial Hearing is scheduled to begin. Please note, however, that you will not have access to all the features if you use a web browser rather than the Microsoft Teams application.

If you do not have a camera-enabled device, you can still attend the Initial Hearing by phone by calling:

- * Courtroom Phone Number: 1-917-781-4690
- * Courtroom Conference ID#: 728 539 63#

For more information about Court Connect, please see
<https://superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/court-connect>

Public Notice

ORDINANCE 026-10-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MIRAGE, ARIZONA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 025-10-09 ADOPTING THE 2026 CALENDAR FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, FIXING THE DATES, TIMES, AND LOCATION OF SUCH MEETINGS

IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the City of El Mirage Mayor and Council as follows:

SECTION 1. The regular meetings of the Common Council of the City of El Mirage shall be held at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates, unless otherwise properly noticed:

January 6, 2026	*January 21, 2026 (Wednesday)
February 3, 2026	*February 18, 2026 (Wednesday)
March 3, 2026	March 17, 2026
April 7, 2026	April 21, 2026
May 5, 2026	May 19, 2026
June 2, 2026	June 16, 2026
July 7, 2026	**Summer Hiatus
Summer Hiatus	*August 17, 2026 (Monday)
September 1, 2026	September 15, 2026
October 6, 2026	October 20, 2026
November 3 17, 2026	No Second Meeting in November
December 1, 2026	No Second Meeting in December

***For MONDAY HOLIDAYS, MEETINGS MOVED TO WEDNESDAY**

****Council Summer Hiatus – July 8 – August 14, 2026**

*****League Conference – August 18 – 21, 2026**

SECTION 2. The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of El Mirage shall be held either virtually and/or in person at the El Mirage Council Chambers located at 10000 N. El Mirage Road in El Mirage Arizona, unless otherwise changed to another location by the Mayor giving not less than seventy-two hours notification of the change of location to the public by posting notice of change in the locations where the agenda is posted and providing personal notice of the change to all other councilmembers not less than twenty-four hours before the beginning of the meeting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City of El Mirage Mayor and Council this 20th day of October 2026.



Alexis A. Hermosillo
Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jill A. Boltz
Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Justin Pierce
Justin Pierce, City Attorney

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING

I, Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk, do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 026-10-03, adopted by the Common Council of the City of El Mirage on the 20th day of October, 2026, was posted in three places on the 22nd day of October, 2026

Jill A. Boltz
Jill A. Boltz, City Clerk

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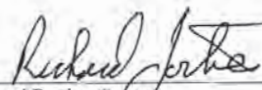
THE SORENSEN FAMILY REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned is the Successor Trustee of the above-mentioned Trust.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-6103, all persons having claims against the trust estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or within (60) days after the mailing or other delivery of the notice, whichever is later, or the claim will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned Trustee in care of Moore Law Partners, PLLC, 9949 West Bell Road, Suite 201, Sun City, Arizona 85351.

Dated this 6th day of October, 2026.


Richard Fortier, Trustee

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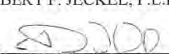
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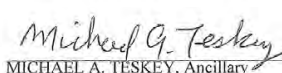
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARICOPA

In the Matter of the Estate } PB 2026-007661
of }
SUSAN C. TESKEY, } NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Deceased. }

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MICHAEL A. TESKEY has been appointed Ancillary Personal Representative of this Estate in the State of Arizona. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months from the date of first publication of this Notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Ancillary Personal Representative in care of the Law Office of Robert F. Jeckel, P.L.L.C. at 17028 North Boswell Blvd., Sun City, Arizona, 85373. Attorney for the Estate.

DATED: 10/20/2026 ROBERT F. JECKEL, P.L.L.C.

By: 
Robert F. Jeckel, Attorney
for Personal Representative


MICHAEL A. TESKEY, Ancillary
Personal Representative

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