



Nude man sighting reported at The Grand

By Delarita Ford
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Surprise Police are looking for a man who allegedly exposed his genitals to people gathered near the dog park at The Grand in Surprise last week.

Police responded to a report of indecent exposure on Oct. 21 at The Grand dog park. A resident requested officers attempt to contact the individual to determine whether he needed assistance.

"She provided a photograph of the man, who appeared to be a white male wearing only a black T-shirt, to assist with identification," said Surprise Police Public Information Officer Sergeant Rick Hernandez.

Officers searched the surrounding area but were unable to locate or contact the individual, according to the report. His identity, whether he resides in the community or was visiting the dog park at the time of the incident remains unknown.

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Cadets practice drills with JROTC instructor retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Rob Sherwood. (Independent Newsmedia/ Delarita Ford)

JROTC MARCHES IN TO WILLOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL

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Annexation of data centers, power plant approved near Surprise

Project Eagle, Project Baccara cleared to start construction

By Richard Smith
INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

A massive and controversial data center near the southern border of Surprise was approved for annexation into a neighboring city, furthering its chances of being built.

Glendale City Council voted for the annexation of 160 acres into the city, where a controversial project with three data centers and almost

20 turbines for a natural gas power plant will be built.

The project is on the northwest corner of West Olive Avenue and North Litchfield Road about a mile south of the Surprise city limits.

Fourteen Valley residents spoke against the proposal in the public hearing, while four spoke in favor of it. One, Surprise resident Tom Baccara, said he supports Project Ea-

gle (the data centers) and opposes Project Baccara (the power plant).

He said the applicant touts its shorter 72-foot stack for the power plant compared to 150 feet at the SRP Santan Generating Station in Gilbert.

"Gilbert's 150-foot stack is engineered to launch exhaust high into the atmosphere for regional dis-

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Storytelling event to extend 250th celebration

The Surprise Public Library System invited the public to help bring history to life with "Reflecting America: A Semiquincentennial Living History," a special America 250 program celebrating the nation's 250th anniversary.

The free event will take place 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at Surprise Regional Library, 16089 N. Bullard Ave.

It will feature local storytellers sharing personal and family stories that reflect the American experience. From tales of perseverance and triumph to family histories that trace back to the nation's founding in 1776, the program will showcase the diverse experiences that have shaped America over the past 250 years.

Call 623-222-2901, or visit surprisepubliclibrary.gov/Programs and type "America 250" in the search bar.

Council members combine meetings

Surprise City Councilmembers Patrick Duffy and Chris Judd are having a joint community meeting 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7 at The Corral at White Tank Ranch, 20300 W. Olive Ave., Waddell.

Residents are encouraged to attend to discuss important issues and learn more about what is happening across the city.

Contact these council members:
Call Duffy at 623-222-1323. Email: patrick.duffy@surpriseaz.gov.
Visit surpriseaz.gov/district3.

Call Judd at 623-222-1326. Email: chris.judd@surpriseaz.gov.
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COLONIAL DAMES INSTALL TWO NEW MEMBERS

The Sonora Chapter of Colonial Dames installed two new members Oct. 21 at Grandview Terrace in Sun City West. From left are new members Jo-Ann Tanzosh and Joyce Monsanto with Jean Hacker, chapter registrar, and Judith Hageman, chapter chaplain. Colonial Dames 17th Century is a charitable and lineage society dedicated to promoting public education, preserving historic sites and records, and commemorating the patriotic deeds of colonial ancestors that led to the independence of the American Colonies and the foundation of the United States. Any woman over the age of 18 years is eligible for membership if she can prove she is a lineal descendant of an ancestor who lived prior to 1701 in one of the original 13 colonies. Contact Pamela Miller at pa-miller48@gmail.com for more information. (Submitted photo/Pamela Miller)

Benevilla sponsors child, adult care food program

Sun City Area Interfaith Services, Inc., doing business as Benevilla, announces its sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program, administered by the Arizona Department of Education, Health and Nutrition Services.

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Surprise already has a coyote protection group

I read with great interest the Independent's article, Surprise woman wants Grand solution to coyote problem, about the coyote protection program.

Actually, the founder of such a group is Kathy Schoener.

As far back as 2.5 years ago, she was instrumental in not only protecting coyotes, but she also went so far as to medicate them using ground beef with the appropriate meds for diseases such as mange.

Kathy has followed small coyote groups that appeared to be in serious need of medical help, not just in our own community, but neighborhoods that are several miles away.

She is very dedicated to this cause and deserves some credit and recognition. I am quite impressed with her devotion to these animals.

Lynn Plaxton
SURPRISE

Peoria road work may affect Surprise drivers

The El Mirage Road extension north from Loop 303 to Jomax Road has been a top priority to ease traffic congestion in north Peoria.

Certainly, the Happy Valley Parkway and Vistancia Boulevard intersection is in need of change to accommodate rush-hour traffic. To do this with minimal inconvenience and added traffic elsewhere it seems to me the original plan to extend El Mirage Road made a great deal of sense.

If the El Mirage extension were completed first, the intersection at Happy Valley could be completely closed with minimal disruption. In addition, the construction work could be done in a more efficient

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and safer manner with traffic completely closed.

Maybe the extension could be completed in two phases. First from Loop 303 to Happy Valley and then the section from Happy Valley to Jomax.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Oct. 21 public meeting on the project, so I don't know if any of this has been discussed.

I have been very happy with the planning that has been done in north Peoria over the years, excluding the Amkor plan for Vistancia. It seems the city was planning for growth appropriately. Lately, I'm not sure that same diligence has been used.

I hope we don't use haphazard planning and end up with a traffic situation like the one at U.S. 60 and Loop 303.

Arwin Roe
PEORIA

Help available for those with healthcare questions

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Healthcare can be among the hardest things to understand, let

alone navigate, in one's life. All too often, the person receiving that information cannot understand it, access it or determine what to do next.

There is an often-overlooked barrier to better health: the ability to find, understand and use information to make informed medical decisions, as well as how to advocate for yourself or family members.

Health literacy is not about listening to an expert or reading directions. It means understanding test results, managing medications, scheduling appointments, navigating referrals and knowing when and where to seek care. Even highly educated individuals can struggle when faced with an unfamiliar diagnosis, complicated terminology or an overwhelming healthcare system.

The consequences can be significant. Misunderstood medication instructions, missed appointments and delayed treatment can turn manageable health concerns into serious medical problems.

Fortunately, organizations throughout Arizona are finding ways to address these challenges by meeting people where they are.

For individuals struggling to navigate healthcare coverage and services, education and personalized assistance can be equally important. Neighborhood Outreach Access to Health is developing a Community Health Worker Resource & Navigation Hub to help individuals with Medicaid coverage understand available services, complete recommended care and connect with resources.

Hospice of the Valley is expanding dementia education and caregiver support, while the Alzheimer's Association helps families navigate communication challenges, behavior

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Stay Vigilant This Annual Enrollment: Protect Yourself, Know Your Options, and Never Go It Alone



Jim Schmidt, Medicare And You™

By Jim Schmidt

Trusted & Seasoned Medicare Authority, Advocate, & Advisor

Welcome back! Last month I promised to show you the red flags of Annual Enrollment, and right on schedule, the phones are ringing. The Annual Enrollment Period runs through December 7th, and any change you make takes effect January 1, 2027. This is the season when the wolves in sheep's clothing are busiest, so let's talk about protecting yourself, knowing where you stand, and why you should never have to navigate any of this alone.

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Know what you have before you decide what you want.

The best defense against a high-pressure pitch is knowing exactly what you have. Pull out your

ANOC — the Annual Notice of Change I asked you to hold onto last month — and know your premium, copays, out-of-pocket maximum, and whether your doctors and prescriptions are still covered in 2027. Then look at the full picture: what your current plan offers next year, and what competing plans from other carriers offer in your area. A plan waving "shiny add-ons" isn't automatically better than one that quietly covers your doctors and medications at a lower cost.

The right broker in your corner.

That's where a trusted, local broker earns your confidence. A proper review is respectful and unhurried. It starts with your needs, not a sales script. A good broker lays your current coverage side by side with what the market offers for the year ahead, explains the differences in plain English, and tells you honestly when your plan still fits. You should never feel pressured, and you should never be asked to sign anything on the spot.

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Too many people learn the hard way that the person who enrolled them in October is nowhere to be

found in March. That's not how it should be. Your broker should be there all year — when a claim is denied, when the pharmacy says your drug isn't covered, when you move, lose a spouse, or simply have a question keeping you up at night. Medicare doesn't stop being confusing on December 8th, and your support shouldn't either. If you're on a Medicare Advantage plan and something isn't working come January, the Medicare Advantage Open Enrollment Period, January 1 through March 31, allows one plan change. You have options.

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About the Author:

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person. Cutting that in half means these plumes never disperse. They will belch formaldehyde and nitrogen oxide straight down on homes in Surprise," Bacome said. "The applicant cannot build 150-foot stacks here because Luke Air Force Base fighter jets are flying overhead. They are trapped between poisoning our neighborhoods or endangering military pilots."

Glendale Mayor Jerry Weiers and council members Lupe Conchas, Dianna Guzman, Ray Malnar, Lauren Tolmachoff and Bart Turner voted for the annexation and an associated zoning change Oct. 27. Council member Leandro Baldenegro was the lone vote against.

Neither Baldenegro nor Weiers explained their votes.

During the process for approval of the annexation, this plan was separated into two projects, Project Eagle and Project Baccara.

Three data centers, each 330,000 square feet, are called Project Eagle and take up about 108 acres. The natural gas power generation facility with 18 turbines total is on 33 acres and called Project Baccara.

Developers also plan a 12-acre APS substation on site, which they said will take about five years to build out.

Nearly 11,000 West Valley residents signed a petition opposing the project. Most of the closest residents to the parcel live in Surprise or Waddell.

"My home (will be) across the street from a 700-megawatt natural gas power plant. The thing is huge. It's about one-fifth the production of Palo Verde nuclear power plant,"

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Surprise resident David Wirth said. "I'm concerned about our health. I'm concerned about the noise level."

While the topics raised by speakers often were debated for more than a year, beginning with the Maricopa County approval process, one facet of these two projects on one site was fairly new information and a bone of contention.

In addition to the two agricultural wells on this parcel, where roses were grown, the developers will drill four wells for project use.

Mark Thomas of the Arizona Progressive Coalition handed out "Vote No Baccara/Eagle," placards before he spoke. He said drilling four extra wells is significant even though EPCOR provides the water for the development, not the city.

Ed Bull, president and attorney at Phoenix-based Burch & Cracchiolo PA, represented developer Takano-ck.

He said all four new wells will not be active at the same time.

"It is a well for Baccara plus a backup/redundancy well for Baccara, and a well for Eagle and a backup/redundancy well for Eagle," Bull said.

He also said — in regard to high water usage at most data center projects — that this data center and power plant project will use about 25 percent of the water that this parcel has required for its agricultural needs.



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Letters

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Visually Impaired.

Christie MacMurray
MESA

ioral changes and the emotional demands of caregiving.

Other organizations working on programs for children and adults include The Haven, Phoenix Children's Hospital, State of Black Arizona, and the Arizona Center for the Blind and

The author is director of the adult system of care at Phoenix-based nonprofit healthcare provider Mercy Care. This opinion has been edited for length and can be read in full online at tinyurl.com/mwr38t9d.



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Jeff Hochman, general manager at The Grand, assures residents of their safety in the active-adult retirement community, previously known as Sun City Grand that celebrated its 30th anniversary in October.

"The well-being of our residents is important to The Grand, and we take reports of concerning or inappropriate behavior on association property seriously. We were very troubled to hear of this incident at the dog park," Hochman said.

Adding a resident called Surprise Police and The Grand's Association Patrol, which has a 24/7 presence in the community, he stated both "responded immediately to ensure the safety of our residents," as The Grand maintains and encourages residents to report suspicious or inappropriate behavior promptly.

"Residents who encounter situ-

ations that raise safety concerns should contact the Surprise Police Department and notify Association Patrol so the appropriate response can be coordinated," said Hochman. "We remain committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for our residents and guests."

In other Grand news, a long-range planning open house was held Oct. 26 to share and receive input on the 30-year-old community's future. Hosted by the Long-Range Planning Committee members, master-plan concepts were detailed to rejuvenate building spaces and amenities in the Palm Center, Sonoran Plaza, Adobe Center the Cimarron Center, and more communal and outdoor spaces.

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Trunk or Treat events take over Surprise

By Delarita Ford

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Several customers and employees dressed in costumes convened at the McDonalds off Reems Road and Grand Avenue for a Trunk-or-Treat event, Oct. 23, hosted by the restaurant to encourage community relations between the business and neighbors.

El Mirage resident Samantha Richards, a former employee, brought her children and nieces and nephews to participate. Her mother lives in Surprise so they often patronize the Surprise restaurant.

"I saw the flyer on the drive-through. They wanted to come," said Richards.

Her daughter, Cordelia, said it is

a nice event to "just be getting out of the house and having fun."

Dressed as Barbie, with a tricked-out pink car, Rubi Arianne, who is an assistant manager there, said this is the first year for the event, which is an opportunity for customers to enjoy a safe and fun event at the McDonalds.

"We would like to do more for the community," she said, adding Bingo events are held there too.

Meanwhile, there were a few other trunk-or-treat and Halloween events in Surprise, including other McDonalds sites, the third annual Long Realty Unlimited Trunk or Treat at Bell Mar Plaza, a free Halloween party at FatCats, a costume party at Dillons at Western Trails Ranch and more.

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The city's civic core space turns in to a venue for artisans, food vendors, a live performance area, a monthly culinary competition, room for workshops, featured artist showcases and more from the front of Arts HQ Gallery west past the Xeriscape Demonstration Garden.

A walkable route with makers at both ends, the first season launched in Surprise last fall, and was in front of local coffee shop Spencer's Place. The event has grown from 30 vendors to double that amount for Season Two. The remaining pop-ups are Dec. 4, Jan. 1, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7. Admission is free.

The season also partners with the West Valley Arts Council, which serves artists across the West Valley from its Arts HQ Gallery headquarters. Each month of Season Two has a themed-night, giving the district a different character every first Friday. Every First Friday Surprise spotlights a local non-profit, giving the organization a platform to raise awareness and support its mission.

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Marine Corps JROTC marches in to Willow Canyon High School

By **Delarita Ford**

INDEPENDENT NEWSMEDIA

Sixty cadets are enrolled in the inaugural Marine Corps JROTC program at Willow Canyon High School, which is lockstep with what Dysart Schools want to pull rank among competitors.

The school went through a vetting process to offer the course and is among six active programs in Arizona. Nationwide, there are 250 Marine Corps JROTC programs.

A new program at Willow Canyon this year, students who take on the rank of cadets can master fundamentals of discipline and teamwork through Close Order Drill where they review foundational stationary movements before learning how to transition in to a march.

JROTC follows Marine Corps regulations, learning lessons of precision, breaking complex movements down by the numbers, practicing exact steps, building their command voices, developing self-discipline, focus, and leadership habits for success.

"The JROTC program is making a positive impact on Willow Canyon's winning culture," said Lisa Parachini, the Willow Canyon High School principal.

Part of that positive impact comes from enlisting the services of retired U.S. Marine Corps Maj. Rob Sherwood. A memorandum of agreement between USMC and Dysart Unified School District allows the

Marine Corps to authorize Willow Canyon High School students to voluntarily enroll in a Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program led by a Marine Corps certified JROTC instructor.

Sherwood, an Arizona native, enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1996. In 2007, he was commissioned after completing his bachelor's degree in accounting at Arizona State University. He retired in 2021 from the Marines after serving four combat tours including Iraq and Afghanistan and various command billets.

"The mission of the Marine Corps JROTC program is clear. It is to motivate young men and women to become informed, responsible citizens and future leaders through a structured, values-based educational experience," said Sherwood.

The select Willow Canyon students are the first to take part in the four curriculum offered in the new program. According to the years a cadet has been in the program, all cadets start off as an LE-I (Leadership Education-I). Their second year they enroll in LE-II, Third year LE-III, and their final year, LE-IV.

"Being that this is the first year of the program, all cadets are LE-Is," stated DUSD Director of Communications and Public Relations Renee Ryon.

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WEB: willowbrookumc.org

WISCONSIN CLUB

ABOUT: 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, at The Grove (formerly Tivoli Gardens), 12555 W. Bell Road, Surprise

INFO: Sun City West Wisconsin club breakfast gathering. Register at wiscwclub.wordpress.com the Friday before that date or call Mikey at 623-628-3624. No text. Wear a Wisco badge to enter a drawing of \$15 towards breakfast. Anyone in The Grand, Sun City West, Sun City or Corta Bella is invited to join this social club.

CONTACT: 218-252-2357 or 602-330-8055.

VETERANS DAY PARADE

ABOUT: 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 11, along Bullard Avenue between Paradise and Tierra Buena lanes,



Surprise

INFO: Surprise honors military veterans with its annual Veterans Day parade. Residents can line Bullard Avenue to watch participating organizations, community groups and other parade entrants recognize those who have served in the armed forces.

WEB: surpriseaz.gov/VeteransDay

OREGON CLUB

ABOUT: Sunday, Nov. 15, at R.H. Johnson Social Hall, 19803 N Johnson Blvd. Check-in at noon, followed by lunch, bingo and prizes.

INFO: Cost for the welcome back party is \$10 per person, with \$5 for lunch and \$5 for 2026-27 member-

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The Grand Music Club invites the community to experience a weekend of "Music without Boundaries," which takes place over three consecutive days Nov. 13-15, in the Sonoran Ballroom at The Grand, 19753 N. Remington Drive. Directed by Harvey Finstein, "Music without Boundaries" takes audiences on a journey through diverse musical genres, eras and cultures. Attendees can expect a lineup of our talented musicians performing everything from classical and timeless rock standards to contemporary hits and jazz. The show kicks off with evening performances 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13. and Saturday, Nov. 14. The matinee performance at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15, makes it the perfect afternoon outing for local entertainment seekers. Purchase tickets (\$20) at grandmusicclub.com or in person at the Sonoran Plaza Activities Desk. The desk is open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. (Submitted photo/Grand Music Club)

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WEB: oregonclubaz.weebly.com, oregonsocialclub@gmail.com, 503-261-1475.

MUSIC UNDER STARS

ABOUT: 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, at Asante Library, 16755 W. Vereda Solana Drive, Surprise

INFO: Jacob Acosta & the Golden Hearts perform during the city's LIVE at Asante outdoor concert series. The free event also features arts activities and a food truck. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

WEB: surprisearts.com/Events

HAVE AN EVENT?

Have something happening in or near Surprise? We welcome submissions from clubs and groups, as well as nearby nonprofits, churches and community organizations. Include the event name, date, time, location, a brief description and contact information.

Email: jcarr@iniusa.org.



EVENTS

The Mesa Independent will host a senior expo

9 a.m.-noon Nov. 13 at the Mesa Market Place Swap Meet, Building #4, 10550 E. Baseline Road. Interested in being a vendor at the event? Email: azads@iniusa.org.

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ABOUT: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Fridays at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13724 W. Meeker Blvd., Sun City West

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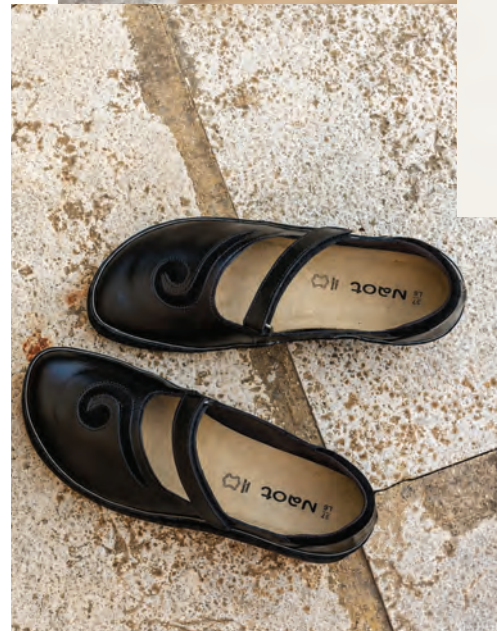
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WISCONSIN CLUB

ABOUT: Noon Thursday, Nov. 19, at Olive Garden

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(Submitted photos/Art Goes)

REPUBLICAN CLUB

ABOUT: Saturday, Nov. 7, at Church on the Green, 19051 R.H. Johnson Blvd. Doors open at 8 a.m., social time at 8:30 a.m., meeting starts 9 a.m.

INFO: Featured speakers include Jay Beeber, from the National Motorists Association, who will speak about FLOCK cameras, and John Riches, vice president for litigation at the Goldwater Institute, who will speak on what the institute is doing about water rights for home builders and other topics of interest.

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CONTACT: Cyndee LaFontaine at 480-242-2782 or azcyme@msn.com or Ila Lewis at 609-706-0377 or ilita3@yahoo.com.



Geneva Harrison (Submitted photo/Jessie Hempel)

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ABOUT: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Community Church of Sun City, 18401 N. 99th Ave.

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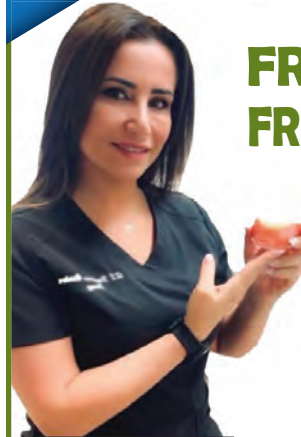
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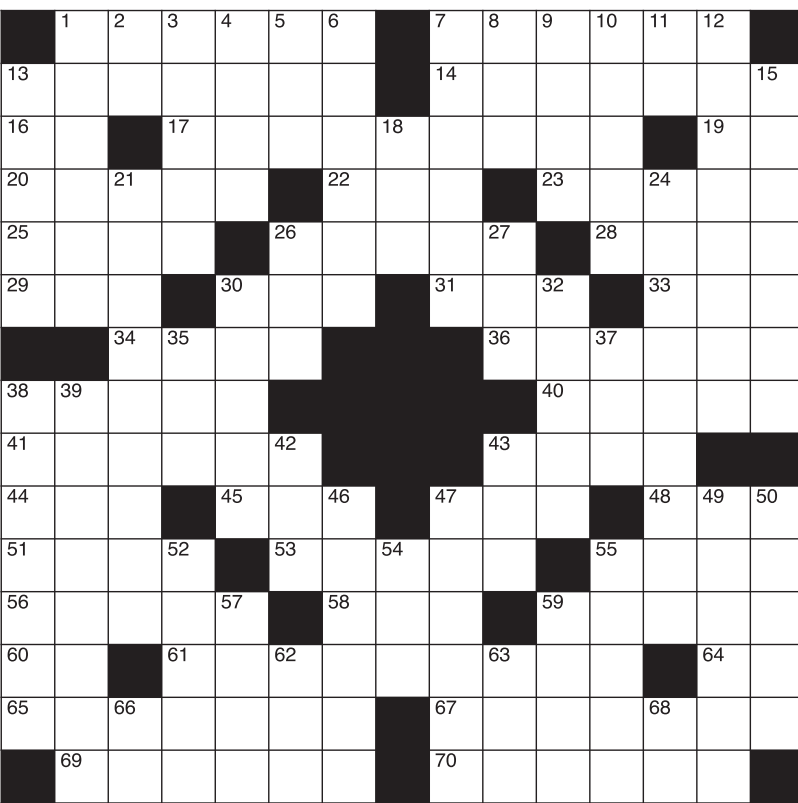
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18. Not in
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32. Wild flower
35. Fourteen
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39. Campaigns
42. Touch lightly
43. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
46. Violent seizure of property
47. One who supports the Pope
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52. Inauthentic person
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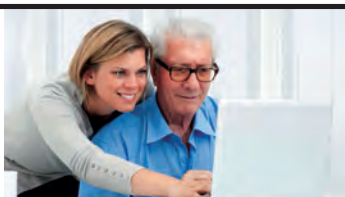
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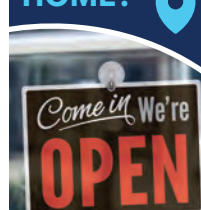
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Applicant: City of Surprise
City of Surprise: Tanner Wessel;
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NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING DETAILS

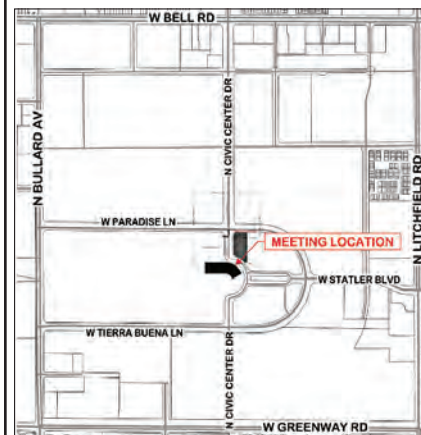
DATE: Wednesday November 18, 2026

TIME: 6:00PM

LOCATION:

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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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