

# El Mirage News

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## Northern Parkway a key to economic development

**Background:**

Northern Parkway has been identified as a road of regional significance in the Northwest Valley for many years. When completed, Northern Parkway will have entrance and exit ramps at both El Mirage Road and

Dysart Road and will connect Loop 101 to Loop 303. The Parkway will facilitate a greater volume of traffic with fewer delays, while providing an alternative route to I-10, Grand Avenue, and Bell Road.

The estimated cost of completing Northern Parkway is \$330 million including roadways in El Mirage and along the City's borders. The City's contribution to completion of the Parkway is less than \$9.5 million. The first payment toward the City's share of the project is \$500,000, which is due in Fiscal Year 2016.

The Northern Parkway intergovernmental agreement is a partnership with Maricopa County, Glendale, and Peoria. The agreement was approved unanimously by the El Mirage City Council in June 2008. The IGA identifies the responsibilities of each partner with respect to cost share, design, construction, and maintenance. Each year since 2008, Northern Parkway has been brought before the City Council, and each time, the proj-



The General Election is scheduled for Nov. 6. Polling places are open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. The web-sites listed below will allow residents to check their voter registration status, find their polling place, and determine their early ballot status. Residents who do not have access to the Internet may call Maricopa County Elections at 602-506-1511 to obtain voting information.

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ect's forward movement received City Council approval. The current Council, like its predecessors, has demonstrated support for Northern Parkway as a key component of the City's economic development efforts.

**Decisions:**

Over the last few years, the City has made some difficult financial decisions. Many have long-term implications and hold great promise for the growth and sustainability of El Mirage.

For too long, El Mirage was plagued by inadequate roads, water, sewer, and planning with little forethought. It is not easy to commit future resources to projects that do not pay

immediate benefits, but the City's commitment is necessary to ensure future commercial and light industrial development opportunities along the Dysart and El Mirage corridors.

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## Mayor's Message: Our City's Sustainability Plan

There are many variations in definitions for a 'sustainable city.' However, most definitions concur that being sustainable means a community is committed to using its land, water, and other resources in such a way that they meet the needs of present generations, while ensuring such resources for future generations.

During the last two years, the City Council and I have approved several initiatives intended to move El Mirage toward a more sustainable future. We have worked to improve the quality of life for our citizens, mindful that we must also be good stewards of the environment. The following are some of the projects and programs currently in



Mayor Lana Mook

place or planned that have resulted from this effort:

**Gateway Park and the City's Senior Center**

The City completed a \$1.1 million project to build solar panel-covered shade structures at Gateway Park and the Senior Center. The panels are ex-

pected to generate about 80 percent of the facilities' power needs. No upfront money was needed. El Mirage was the first municipality in Arizona to use a public-private partnership to set up the solar panels. Construction at Gateway Park and the Senior Center was completed in the fall of 2011. The solar structures will provide shade for visitor and employee parking.

**New Fire Station**

The City, in partnership with a solar contractor, is in the process of constructing solar panel-covered shade structures at the new fire station. Installation is scheduled to be completed by fall of 2013. Solar structures at the new police station and YMCA building are also planned.

**City-wide Recycling Program**

The City started a community recycling program in September 2010. The City delivered over 10,000 blue recycling cans to residents, along with small blue recycling cans for in-home use. The program has results in less waste in our landfills. In addition to the recycling program, the City began recycling its damaged garbage cans last year through

an agreement with a plastic resin recycling company in the Valley. The City no longer takes these cans to the landfills for disposal.

**CFL Light Bulb Exchange Program**

In 2010, the City implemented a CFL light bulb exchange program with help from a \$5,900 grant awarded by the Governor's

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## New Digs for Dogs in El Mirage

El Mirage has partnered with Windy City Dogs to provide a new place for youth sports enthusiasts and others attending events at Gateway Park to get a great hot dog. Windy City Dogs had its Grand Opening at the park on Saturday, Oct. 13. Windy City Dogs is family owned and operated and



Dee Stefano and Pat Lodge (Center) of Windy City Dogs welcome El Mirage Council members (from left) Joe Ramirez, Mayor Lana Mook, Jack Palladino, Lynn Selby, and Vice-Mayor David Shapera to the restaurant's grand opening Oct. 13.

has been in business for over 15 years. The restaurant has three locations in the West Valley of Phoenix and has gained a stellar reputation serving Vienna Beef franks and condiments the "Chicago" way, which includes sauerkraut, cheese,

giardiniera, and chili. Mayor Lana Mook is excited to have Windy City Dogs at Gateway Park so event goers have expanded food options. "I'm so pleased that Windy City Dogs has chosen El Mirage as their next location. This

will give people attending the hundreds of events at Gateway Park great choices for delicious food." In addition to hot dogs, the restaurant offers ice cream, snow balls, and nachos. Windy City Dogs will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily.

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GENERAL	Paris Salon Barber	El Mirage	623-977-5827
CONTRACTOR	Pedro's Landscaping and Maintenance LLC	El Mirage	
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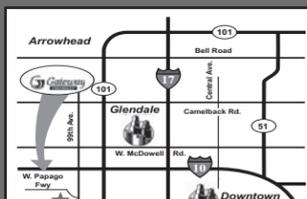
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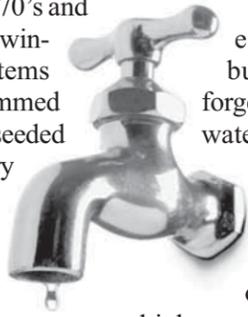


## Water conservation depends on irrigation programming

One of the most common causes of water waste in low desert areas is the improper programming of home irrigation systems. Homeowners' most common mistake is failure to make seasonal adjustments to irrigation controllers, especially when temperatures drop in the fall. Even a 10-degree reduction in temperatures should be followed by a reduction in water usage.

During the summer months, homeowners who have turf areas may water

four or more times a week to keep the grass green, and may water other plants more often. When temperatures drop into the 70's and 80's in the fall and winter, irrigation systems should be programmed to water non-over seeded turf areas once every two weeks or less for a short duration, and watering other plants may be reduced to once a week for a half hour or so. Some plants that generally require less water in



the desert can actually get by with no water except for the rain during winter months.

Often, homeowners with busy schedules forget to reduce the watering schedule on their irrigation system controllers. The result is over-watering, which can cause fungal problems for plants or turf, wasted water, and unnecessary expense.

Landscape irrigation professionals advise homeowners not to rely on pre-established, seasonal adjustments to their irrigation systems. Instead, adjusting controllers manually several times a year is recommended.

Homeowners who are not experienced in determining plant water requirements can learn the basics with a

**MORE WATER ON 8**

## How to keep sewer bills low

It is important for El Mirage residents to conserve the amount of water used during January, February and March to keep their sewer bills low for the next year. Residential sewer rates are based on the water usage during these months, also known as the Winter Quarter Average (WQA).

The sewer fee (a set average) is based upon a fixed charge of \$5.27 per month with an additional charge of \$3.27 per 1,000 gallons (unit) of water used. These months are used because they are typically the months when the least amount of water is used outdoors for landscaping, cleaning and maintenance. Each April, sewer bills are adjusted based on the WQA. The WQA is the maximum usage charged monthly for the next 12 months. Below is an example of how the sewer fee is calculated:

January Usage	February Usage	March Usage	Total	Average (WQA)
5	7	6	18	6

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## First annual fire academy for El Mirage residents

El Mirage residents who have wondered what it would be like to be a firefighter now have the opportunity to find out. Residents who are 18 and older are invited to attend the first annual El Mirage Citizens Fire Academy 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the following Saturdays: Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1, and Dec. 8.

The four-day academy is designed to provide citizens with real life experiences of the daily activities of firefighters including emergency and non-emergency responsibilities.

“We are excited to host our first Citizens Fire Academy. This is a unique opportunity for residents of



El Mirage to learn about the inner workings of their fire department,” Fire Chief Howard Munding said.

Mayor Lana Mook stated, “The City encourages our residents to learn about the fire department and their service to our community. This first academy

is one of many we hope to offer in the future.”

Space is limited to 24 attendees. Residents interested in this opportunity may contact the El Mirage Fire Department at 623-251-3503, or visit the City’s website at [www.cityofelmirage.org/fire](http://www.cityofelmirage.org/fire).

Fire Operations Division: September 2012	
El Mirage Fire Units responded to the following incidents:	Significant Incidents/Activities:
Structure Fires	3 9/17 – Treated an 87 year-old male for 2nd and 3rd degree burns sustained when his clothing caught fire because he was too close to the stove. Patient was transported to the Arizona Burn Center.
Other Fires	2 9/22 – Treated a 7 year-old boy struck by a truck while riding his bike. Patient was transported to Phoenix Children’s Hospital for evaluation.
EMS Calls	229 9/24 – Treated a 30 year-old female who received 2nd degree burns to her arm. She was burned trying to “restart” her barbeque when it flashed on her.
False Alarms	9 9/24 – Attended training to help military service members and veterans dealing with PTSD.
Other Calls for Service	82 <b>Community Involvement:</b> 9/5/12 – Fire Station Grand Opening. Estimated attendance = 100 9/9/12 – 2nd Annual 9-11 Pancake Breakfast. Estimated attendance = 200 adults and 50 children 9/27/12 – Station Tour
TOTAL	325
Total Fire Loss	\$35,000
Fire/Emergency Med’l Training Hours	849
<b>Average Response Time to Calls - 00:04:49</b>	

### Escape Planning

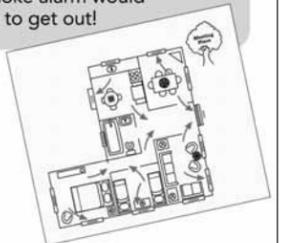
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#### SAFETY TIPS

- »»» MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
  - »»» KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
  - »»» HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
  - »»» PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
  - »»» PRACTICE using different ways out.
  - »»» TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can’t help them.
  - »»» CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.
- IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...**
- »»» If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
  - »»» If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
  - »»» CALL the fire department from outside your home.

#### FACTS

- ! According to an NFPA survey, only **one of every three** American households have actually developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- ! While **71%** of Americans have an escape plan in case of a fire, only **45%** of those have practiced it.
- ! **One-third** of American households who made an estimate thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life-threatening. The time available is often less. And only **8%** said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!



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## Police partner with community to improve safety

On Sept. 29, the El Mirage Police Department hosted an event designed to help promote safe communities in conjunction with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) "Take Back" initiative. Citizens were able to drop off expired

or unwanted medications which were collected and destroyed by the DEA. The police department also partnered with Shred-It Arizona to collect and shred citizens' personal documents on site for a donation to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for

Special Olympics. Thanks to community participation, 59 pounds of medications were collected, \$354 in donations were made to Special Olympics, and 3,890 pounds of paper were shredded. The police department extends a big "thank you" to volun-

teers from the Dysart High School Key Club, Girl Scout Troup #2370, and representatives from the Arizona Special Olympics for partnering to help make the community safer.

## El Mirage PD leads new Child Abduction Response Team

Hopefully, there will never be a need, but should a child go missing or be abducted from the City of El Mirage, the Police Department is prepared. According to Detective Kim Walden who spearheaded creation of the West Valley Child Abduction Response Team (CART), a timely and well coordinated law enforcement response is crucial during the initial stages of a child abduction. The CART program is modeled after a similar effort in the East Valley.



Participating West Valley law enforcement agencies include Avondale, Buckeye, El Mirage, Glendale, Goodyear, Luke Air Force Base, Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, Peoria, Surprise,

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## Spotlight on Gardeners and garden contributors

Mayor Lana Mook (back row, center) is joined by gardeners, garden contributors, and City staff at the Sept. 18 City Council Meeting. The Council thanked each group for its contribution to the ongoing success of the Community Garden project. Standing from left are Michelle Palladino, Pat Gregan, Jose Macias, Emma Gordon, Joe Carranza, Monica Dorcey, Mayor Mook, Mike Sutter, Jim Farley, and Councilman Jack Palladino.



## POLICE: CART, From 5

of the East Valley CART in investigating missing/abducted child cases, enabling a large team response to such incidences. Members also attend situational trainings to learn how to work together in the most effective and ef-

ficient manner. The East Valley and West Valley CART's make up the central region of the state, and efforts are underway to engage other regions of the state as well to ensure that a CART response is available everywhere.

**EL MIRAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TOY DRIVE**

The El Mirage Police Department is sponsoring a Christmas toy drive to benefit the Children of El Mirage. You can help by donating new, unwrapped toys.

Toys will be accepted starting November 1, 2012 at the El Mirage Police Department 11405 N. Palm St.

For additional information, contact Officer Monica Rios, [mrrios@cityofelmirage.org](mailto:mrrios@cityofelmirage.org), (623) 433-9536

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**Christmas Tree Lighting Festival**  
Friday, December 7, 2012  
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#### Benfica Youth Soccer League:

Benfica is proud to provide year round developmental soccer in a fun environment. Registered participants in the Monday through Thursday (6 to 8:30 p.m.) academy will be taught the sport of soccer by professional trainers and coaches. For information, call 800-BSA-0886, or go to [www.azbenfica.org](http://www.azbenfica.org).

**White Tanks Little League:** For information regarding upcoming seasons, send inquiries to [whitetanksl@msn.com](mailto:whitetanksl@msn.com). Volunteer board members are also needed each season. Contact White Tanks Little League at 623-241-4602.

#### El Mirage Martial Arts Academy:

Kids ages 6 to 12 are taught in a traditional, structured setting. Students learn effective self-defense skills through diligent training. Students routinely learn important life skills with special emphasis on "stranger danger." The program is available for a \$45 monthly fee. Ages 6 to 12 will meet 6 to 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Individuals ages 13 and up will train at their own speed. Students work to become healthy and well-conditioned, both physically and mentally. They train to master the art of weaponless defense. Classes are 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday evenings.

For information, call 623-628-6725.

**West Valley Youth Football:** West

Valley Youth Football (WVYF) provides flag, tackle, cheer, dance, and step for ages 5 to 15. The program focuses on the development of the "Student Athlete" with emphasis on academics while being a part of a competitive program.

Visit [www.wvyf.com](http://www.wvyf.com), or e-mail [wvyouthfootball11@gmail.com](mailto:wvyouthfootball11@gmail.com) for information.

**NSA Adult Softball:** NSA Softball provides Co-ed softball leagues on Friday and Sunday evenings during the fall and winter season. For more information, contact Tim Zimmerman at [tim@playnsaaz.com](mailto:tim@playnsaaz.com).

**El Mirage Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition:** The City of El Mirage will be hosting a Punt, Pass and Kick competition as part of the El Mirage City Carnival 2 to 4 p.m. Nov. 17 at Gateway Park. Youth ages 7 to 14 are invited to come test their football skills. This is a free event and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Call Nick Russo at 623-876-4235.

#### EL MIRAGE BRANCH LIBRARY 14011 N. 1st Ave.

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All Maricopa County Library District Libraries are closed Nov. 12 for Veteran's Day and Nov. 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

#### CHILDREN

**DAY OF THE DEAD MASKS**  
Nov. 1 (Thursday) 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room

Ages 7 years and older will make masks commemorating the Day of the Dead/Dia de los Muertos, an important religious holiday in Mexico marked by festive celebra-

tion to honor the dead. All supplies provided. Registration required.

#### PUMPKIN PATCH STORY

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 (Tuesdays) 10 a.m. in the Community Room  
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#### TEENS

**TEEN BOOK CLUB**  
Nov. 15 (Thursday) 4 p.m. in the Community Room  
Ages 12 to 18 can discuss what they are reading with other book-loving teens. Snacks provided.

#### ALL AGES

**FRIENDS BOOK SALE**  
Nov. 3 (Saturday) 9 a.m. to noon  
Browse through a variety of books at a book sale located at El Mirage Family Health Fair, 12428 W. Thunderbird Road. The sale is provided by the Friends of the El Mirage Library.

#### ADULTS

**INTRODUCTION TO eBOOKS**  
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## WATER,

From 3 little research. The Phoenix Lawn Watering Guide is available at [ag.arizona.edu/azmet/phx/](http://ag.arizona.edu/azmet/phx/). In addition, the Maricopa County Extension Office at [extension.arizona.edu/maricopa](http://extension.arizona.edu/maricopa) has numerous resources related to water use. Homeowners may also determine water requirements through the use of "indicator plants." Lantana and Oleanders are often used by experienced landscapers because during the hot months, they are the first to show leaf wilt, indicating that all of the plants on the irrigation system may be in need of more water.

As most Arizona residents know, water is a scarce resource and water used for landscaping can be a significant portion of the total water bill. Utilization of drip systems and the general use of more desert friendly landscapes are becoming more common in Arizona. Proper irrigation programming is one more practice that can be utilized to reduce water waste.

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12341 W Rosewood Dr	3	2	1,229	2001 72,500
11822 W Sierra St	3	2	1,090	2002 103,000
12901 W Soledad St	3	2.75	2,108	2001 145,000
12702 W Sahuaro Dr	3	2	1,448	1977 151,000
12605 W Laurel Ln	3	2	1,090	2001 89,000
11821 W Charter Oak Rd	3	2	1,208	2000 90,000
12338 W Sweetwater Ave	3	2	1,106	2002 90,000
13009 W Columbine Dr	3	2	1,225	2002 95,000

11911 W Dahlia Dr	3	2	1,089	1999 95,900
12858 W Rosewood Dr	3	2	1,901	2002 120,000
12040 W Acapulco DR	4	2.50	1,978	2005 99,000
12458 W Via Camille	4	2	1,536	2003 87,000
12422 W Surrey Ave	3	2	1,183	2002 100,000
14704 N El Frio St	3	2	1,609	2004 105,000
12064 W Dreyfus Dr	3	2	1,515	2003 120,000
12716 W Mandalay Ln	3	2	1,685	2004 125,000
11744 W Banff Ln	4	2.50	1,495	2004 93,000
12821 W Valentine Ave	4	2.50	1,495	2002 105,000



(from left) HR Director Sandra King, Mayor Lana Mook, Special Events Planner Angela Serda, and City Manager Spencer Isom.

### El Mirage employee wins wellness contest

Recently, City employee insurer AzMT (Arizona Metropolitan Trust) conducted a contest among staff in its member municipalities – El Mirage, Avondale, Youngtown, and Apache Junction – to find a name for its new AzMT Wellness Program. From more than 80 entries submitted, AzMT Wellness Ambassadors representing each member entity chose “L.I.V.E.” – Live in Vitality Everyday - as the winning entry. Angela Serda, El Mirage Special Events Planner, submitted the winning entry and was awarded a backyard sports fun pack and congratulations from City officials.

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12313 W Larkspur Rd	3	2	1,106	2001	79,900	12342 W Charter Oak Rd	4	2	1,615	2003	120,000
12921 N Cesar Chavez Dr	3	2	1,089	1999	82,100	14006 N 127th Dr	3	2	1,534	2002	95,000
12815 W Ash St	3	2.50	1,691	2001	90,000	13034 W Pershing St	4	2	1,832	2002	108,500
12913 W Columbine Dr	3	2	1,588	2002	110,500	11614 W Wethersfield Rd	2	2	1,208	2001	82,500
11533 W Shaw Butte Dr	3	2.50	1,383	2002	98,000	12829 N 127th Ln	2	2	988	2003	90,000
13814 N 127th Ln	4	2.50	2,577	2002	140,000	12525 W Redfield Rd	5	2.50	3,086	2003	159,900
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11837 W Larkspur Rd	3	2	1,068	2000	88,900	11810 W Sunnyside Dr	4	2	1,832	2002	114,000
12917 W Aster Dr	3	2	1,245	2002	93,000	12953 W Via Camille	3	2.50	2,178	2000	120,000
12629 W Shaw Butte Dr	3	2.50	1,385	2001	111,700	12513 W Sierra St	4	2.50	2,004	2001	141,000
12402 N 130th Ln	2	2	1,243	2002	75,000	11818 W Larkspur Rd	4	2	1,518	1999	60,000
12642 W Laurel Ln	4	2	1,832	2001	88,750	12741 W Soledad St	3	2	1,229	2002	95,000
12905 W Valentine Ave	3	2	1,578	2002	123,000	12517 W Corrine Dr	3	2.50	1,862	2001	100,000
13005 W Mauna Loa Ln	4	3	2,178	2004	87,000	13102 N Poppy St	3	2.50	1,385	1999	104,000
11791 W Windrose Ave	4	2	1,756	2000	93,000	11762 W Caribbean Ln	4	2.50	1,978	2006	106,000
11833 W Mauna Loa Ln	4	2.50	1,973	2005	97,101	11935 W Scotts Dr	3	2	1,089	1999	95,000
11706 W Poinsettia Dr	4	1.75	1,832	2002	100,000						
12448 W Mandalay Ln	3	2	1,685	2003	108,000						

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able community we can all enjoy.

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## MAYOR: Sustainability Plan, From 1

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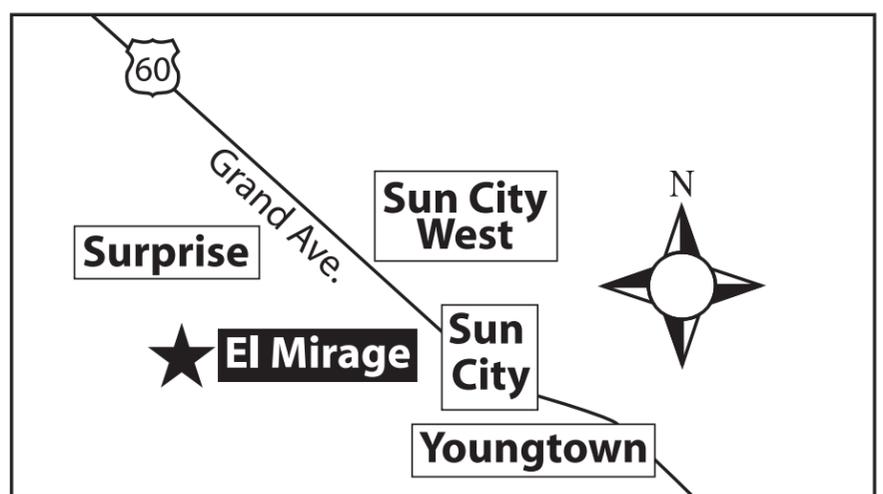
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