



# London magazine picks Surprise as 'City of Future'

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**SURPRISE** - There's no time machine to prove it, but a foreign investment trade magazine has dubbed Surprise a North American City of the Future.

*Foreign Direct Investment* magazine, or *fDi*, has ranked the city seventh in the Top 10 "micro" cities of the future with populations of 100,000 or fewer.

"It sends a message to businesses that this is a place you might want to take another look at," Surprise Economic Development Director John Hagen said.

The magazine's "Cities, Regions and Countries of the Future Competition" has existed for five years. The publication is part the London-based Financial Times Group, a unit of Pearson PLC, and caters to global market professionals.

The magazine ranks "North American Cities of the Future" every two years, with selections made by an independent panel of experts.

Yuma ranked fourth in the list of North American cities with 100,000 residents or fewer. The complete list is:

1. Zapata, Texas.
2. Ennis, Texas.
3. Sarnia, Ontario.
- 4. Yuma.**
5. Wilmington, Del.
6. Silverthorne, Colo.
- 7. Surprise.**
8. Fredericton, New Brunswick.
9. Plattsburgh, N.Y.
10. Poughkeepsie, N.Y.