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From the Publisher

It IS WITH GREAT EXCITEMENT AND PRIDE that I welcome you to the
Arizona Pride Guide, 6th Edition. The Pride Guide family started six
years ago with its first publication in Arizona. The Pride Guides are the
only guides of this type in the country. The Pride Guide concept has been so
welcomed that I am especially proud to provide this total LGBT resource... the
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visitors, new residents and new businesses to this beautiful area of our country.

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Michael McFall
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Welcome



Welcome to the beautiful state of Arizona!

I am so pleased that you chose Arizona for your vacation or relocation. Once you see our painted deserts and beautiful mountains, meet the diverse population of kind and friendly people and feel the warmth of our sun and hospitality I know you'll understand why Arizona is so special.

I urge you to take advantage of all that Arizona has to offer, to meet our people, and to learn about our history and culture. You'll find a place you'll love coming back to and a place you can call home.

Sincerely, **KYRSTEN SINEMA**
State Representative, Arizona State Senate



As Mayor, I welcome you to the city of Phoenix and the state of Arizona!

Whether you are visiting our great city on vacation, for business, or considering moving here, I know you'll find many exciting things to do and see. Phoenix offers fine dining, shopping, outdoor fun, sporting and cultural events and so much more – all in and around a dynamic and growing city famous for its warm weather and beautiful sunsets.

Best of all, you'll find our residents as warm and pleasant as the weather, eager to make you feel right at home. Find out for yourselves as you visit local businesses and meet our diverse and vibrant community up close.

Again, welcome to Phoenix, welcome to Arizona, and welcome home!

Sincerely, **GREG STANTON**
Mayor, City of Phoenix



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Warmest regards, **TOM SIMPLOT**
Councilman, City of Phoenix

On behalf of the Office of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, thank you for visiting Arizona.

For those of you who are new to this magnificent corner of the country, welcome to the Grand Canyon State. And for those of you who call Arizona home, I hope you will take some time to reacquaint yourselves with all that this great state has to offer.

As you travel through Arizona, you will find endless things to do and places to explore. Whatever your interest – art, shopping, hiking, camping, biking, skiing – you will find it here in Arizona.

Visitors to Arizona will be welcomed with open arms throughout this beautiful state. Whether you are here for a week or for a lifetime, thank you for choosing Arizona. Enjoy the state's rich culture, history and diversity – and if your travels take you elsewhere, please come back soon.

Sincerely, Pia Carusone, Chief of Staff

U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords



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Welcome to Awesome Arizona

Often dubbed the Grand Canyon State,

also referred to as one of the Four Corners states, Arizona borders New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California, and Colorado and Mexico.

Close your eyes and imagine the most beautiful setting possible – miles of wilderness filled with as many different cacti, wildlife, pine trees, red rock mountains, or visualize getting lost in the vastness of the clear blue skies – this is what we have in Arizona. And there are many ways to enjoy the beauty: mountain biking, poolside relaxing, golfing, shopping, dining, clubbing, visiting museums, or many exciting state attractions, or simply kicking back with your feet up in the shade – it's all possible here.

Arizona is blessed with more than 330 days of sunshine. Visitors and locals alike

enjoy the ability to get outside and enjoy the sun-filled days. From northern Arizona to southern, one can enjoy moderate temperatures and take a short drive just to watch the amazing scenery change.

Arizona is noted for its desert climate, exceptionally hot summers, and mild winters, but the high country in the north features pine forests and mountain ranges with cooler weather than the lower deserts.

State attractions include the Grand Canyon, the Petrified Forest, the Painted Desert, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead, Fort Apache, Kartchner Caverns, and the reconstructed London Bridge at Lake Havasu City.

Arizona has a very strong Native American Culture, possessing one of the largest U.S. Native American populations in the country — 21 federally-recognized tribes.

Traveling To & Around Arizona

BY AIR:

Both Phoenix and Tucson have international airports – Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport and Tucson International Airport. Bullhead City's airport serves Laughlin, Nevada as well. Flagstaff has a smaller airport mostly for general aviation but it's served by one commercial airline, U.S. Airways Express.

Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

Sky Harbor is one of the busiest airports in the world, with non-stop service to over 100 cities in the U.S. and 20 international cities. It is the hub of U.S. Airways and Southwest Airlines has a large presence there as well. Sky Harbor is conveniently located just over two miles from downtown Phoenix.

Tucson International Airport

Tucson's airport is the oldest municipally owned airport in the country. It is not a hub for any airline, but takes arrivals from the Southwestern U.S. and occasional flights from the Pacific Northwest and the East. Ten airlines provide non-stop and connecting service to Tucson.

Laughlin/Bullhead City International Airport

The airport takes flights from several U.S. cities. Some flights are part of Laughlin, Nevada hotel deals, so check with your travel agent about special pricing.

Flagstaff Pulliam Airport

Flagstaff's Pulliam Airport is considered a general aviation airport but does take flights from U.S. Airways Express.

BY ROAD:

Interstate highways provide great access to Arizona's vast and gorgeous scenery. Interstate 10 crosses the state from Southern California to southern New Mexico and runs through Phoenix and Tucson. Interstate 40 runs across northern Arizona through Flagstaff. Phoenix and Flagstaff are connected by Interstate 17. Visit www.gayarizona.com for help planning your road trip.

By car, it takes about 10 hours to drive east from Phoenix to Santa Fe. Going west to San Diego takes about 6 hours, likewise, the trip to Los Angeles takes approximately 7 hours, depending on the time of day!

Within Arizona, it takes a little over 2 hours to drive from Phoenix north to Flagstaff and about the same to drive south to Tucson. Additionally, from Phoenix it takes about 4 hours to reach the Grand Canyon and about 2 hours to reach Sedona!

Top photo courtesy: Dr. Gregory Triandafilou; Lower photos L-R: McCormick Ranch Golf, Havasu Falls, sunset riders/Scottsdale CVB, San Augustin Cathedral by David Jewel/Metro Tucson CVB, Oak Creek by Ray & Joanne Reed/Sedona COC

- Drink lots of water. It's hot and dry here
- Wear sunscreen – 330 days of sunshine!
- Arizona has its own time zone – Arizona Time – NO Daylight Savings time





By Jason E. Posey

Celebrating 100 Years

The State of Arizona celebrates the 100th anniversary of achieving statehood on February 14, 2012. The Grand Canyon State has long presented an image of Wild West ruggedness and individualism. Both before and after achieving statehood, the Arizona territory has developed a reputation, for better or for worse, of doing things its own way.

From Prehistory to the Wild West

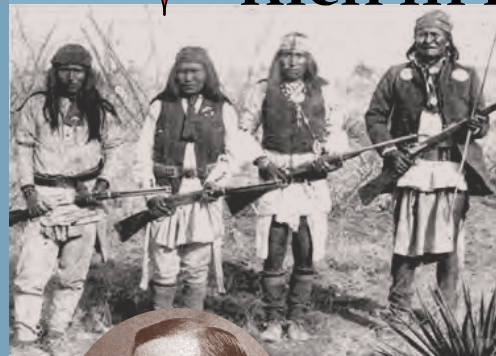
The lands of Arizona have been home to a variety of native cultures over the centuries. Some, such as the Hohokam, Anasazi, and Mogollon peoples, established settled communities, most of them known to us only from ruins and artifacts. Others remain with us today, including the Navajo, Apache, Hopi, Tohono O'odham, and Pima, or Akimel O'odham - though some of the modern nations may be descendants of the ancient settled communities. These peoples lived together on the land, sometimes in peace and sometimes in conflict, both before and after the establishment of a distant and often tenuous rule by Spain in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Rule from Spain was thrown off in 1821 with Mexican independence, but Arizona was not to remain a part of Mexico for long. Texas, long settled by Anglos of American descent, declared independence from Mexico in 1836, and by 1848, almost all of what is now Arizona had been annexed by the United States through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, with the remainder of Arizona territory claimed as part of the Gadsden Purchase of 1853.

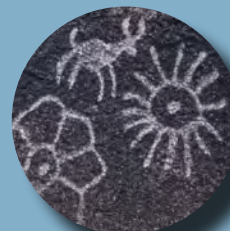
Initially, Arizona and New Mexico were a single territory. In 1861, during the Civil War, southern parts of the then-New Mexico Territory around Tucson (now in southern Arizona) and Mesilla (now in New Mexico) seceded to form the Confederate Territory of Arizona. Several battles were fought on Arizona territory between Union and Confederate forces, most famously the Battle of Picacho Pass near Picacho Peak, north of Tucson, fought on April 15, 1862. The Union successfully reconquered the territory, but in 1863, split the New Mexico Territory in half, along a north-south rather than an east-west line, creating the Territory of Arizona.



Rich in History



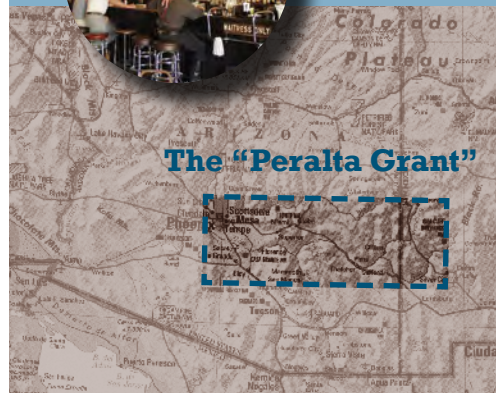
Arizona is home to the Real Wild West... Geronimo, (above, far right), Wyatt Earp, left, Native American



petroglyphs from Saguaro National Forest, center, and a current, Tombstone saloon.



The fraudulent "Peralta Grant" (below) included a huge section of the Arizona & New Mexico territory.



The "Peralta Grant"

It was largely after the incorporation of the territory as part of the American Union that adventurers and settlers from farther east began making their way in larger numbers to Arizona - and gave these lands the rough & ready reputation they would have for decades - a frontier lifestyle and mentality which, it could be argued, still in many ways defines Arizona today.

Arizona became the fiercest of the frontier lands, a place where adventurers and outlaws - it wasn't always easy to distinguish the two - ran wild. Doc Holliday, Wyatt Earp, Big Nose Kate, Kit Carson, and many other colorful characters and gunslingers fought each other and the Native Americans, particularly the Apaches, who in their turn were led by such men as Cochise and Geronimo. The most famous shootout of the Wild West occurred at the OK Corral in Tombstone, on October 26, 1881, between Doc Holliday and the Earp brothers on one side, and the Cowboys gang led by Ike Clanton on the other.

The frontier-era craziness wasn't limited to gunfights. From 1882 through 1896, Arizona was rocked by the claims of James Addison Reavis, the so-called 'Baron of Arizona,' a skilled forger who purported to be in possession of a land grant - the Peralta grant - bequeathed to his wife's ancestors by the King of Spain, which would have made him owner of a huge tract of land covering much of the state. Reavis, who changed his name to Peralta-Reavis as part of the scheme, produced huge quantities of documentation and a complex history to support his claim, and made millions of dollars selling land rights to railroad companies and other investors.

Petroglyph photo: David Jewel, Tombstone bar: Rick Machle, both images courtesy Metro Tucson CVB.

and collecting 'rent' from confused and frightened settlers on 'his' property. It took over a decade before an investigation by the Federal government revealed the Peralta grant to be a massive fraud. The would-be Baron spent two years in prison, and the rest of his life in poverty.

THE PATH TO STATEHOOD

Arizona residents had sought to turn their territory into a state as early as 1891, when a state constitution was actually drafted and presented, unasked-for, to Congress, which ignored the petition. A second attempt was made in 1906 to admit Arizona and New Mexico together, as a single state. Though approved by New Mexico voters, Arizonans were opposed, and defeated the measure.

It wasn't until 1910 that Congress passed an Enabling Act, directing the citizens of the Arizona Territory to set up a convention in Phoenix to draft a constitution. The constitutional convention, dominated by Progressive politicians, drafted what was then considered perhaps the most liberal state constitution in the Union, including such radical elements as the citizen's initiative, which is the right of

the people to petition the government, the referendum, which is the right of the government to refer legislation directly to the voters, and the right of the voters to recall judges. Arizona voters overwhelmingly approved the document, but President Taft, a strong believer in the independence of the judiciary (he would eventually become Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court), refused to ratify the new constitution so long as the provision allowing recall of judges remained.

The recall provision was stricken, and Arizona voters approved the amended constitution. On February 14, 1912, President Taft signed the bill which made Arizona the 48th state of the United States. He'd been ready to sign two days earlier, on February 12, but that was the birthday of Abraham Lincoln. The next day wouldn't do, either - after all, founding the new state on the 13th would have been unlucky - so Valentine's Day was chosen instead. Arizonans celebrated with church bells and celebratory gunfire, and one couple, Joe Melczer and Hazel Goldberg, decided to use the occasion to become the first couple married in the new state. The ring bearer at their ceremony? Future Senator and presidential candidate Barry Goldwater, then age 3.

Later that same year, Arizona held her first elections as a state, and voters promptly reinstated the recall provision into the constitution. They also approved universal suffrage for women, giving Arizona women the right to vote eight years before the country as a whole.

They had already elected George W. P. Hunt as the first governor of the state. Hunt - bald, with a drooping handlebar moustache and, at 5'9", weighing in at about 300 lbs - referred to himself as "Old Walrus" and would truly make his mark on Arizona. A staunch Progressive, he had presided over the constitutional convention and was a firm believer in women's suffrage and worker's rights. He was sworn into office the day Arizona became a state, choosing to walk the roughly two miles from his hotel room to the Capitol for the inauguration. After that experience, though, he had himself chauffeured about in a state-owned Cadillac (he tried - once - to learn to drive himself, but that ended badly after he drove himself into a ditch several times. In his own words, "One started out in the morning with exhilaration and by nightfall was towed home in shame").

Hunt was to serve seven terms, not all consecutive, as Arizona governor - a national record - during which time he championed worker's rights and Arizona's share of Colorado River water. One of the earlier contests, the election of 1916, was so tightly contested that Hunt was initially declared the loser to his Republican opponent, Thomas E. Campbell, by a mere 30 votes. Hunt challenged the election results, claiming there had been fraudulent voting in several precincts and refusing to leave office, until a state Supreme Court order forced him out. Campbell served as de facto governor for a few months, but Hunt's challenge was eventually upheld, and he was declared the winner of the election, by 43 votes, over a year after it had taken place. It wasn't a good omen for Arizona politics in the future.

Flamboyant and controversial in life, Governor Hunt wasn't going to let something like death stop him from making a statement. Not too many politicians in American history have had the nerve to have a pyramid built - on public land - for their tomb, but he did. Hunt's Tomb, a white pyramid (they used bathroom tile for the exterior) houses the Governor's remains along with those of his wife and several other relatives. It stands to this day in Papago Park, in Phoenix, and can readily be seen from the Phoenix Zoo.



Arizona Voters approved universal suffrage for women in 1912, giving Arizona women the right to vote eight years before the country as a whole.



Above photo courtesy: Greater Phoenix CVB

THE MODERN STATE

Since Hunt's time, Arizona has continued to have her share of interesting and unusual history. During World War II, a POW camp had been set up in Papago Park in Phoenix. In December 1944, some 25 German prisoners of war secretly tunneled out of the camp and made their escape. It didn't take long for them to be recaptured, though. They had obtained a map of the region and planned to reach Mexico by floating to freedom down the Salt River - unaware that the riverbed was, as usual, dry.

In 1964, Arizona Senator Barry Goldwater ran for President of the United States on the Republican ticket, the first of a number of Arizona candidates to run for the highest office in the Union. All of those candidates have also lost, starting with Goldwater, who garnered only 38.4 % of the popular vote and the electoral votes of only five states (including Arizona).

On June 21, 1967, Arizona experienced her latest-ever sunset - the sun didn't go down until 8:41 pm. Restaurant owners and others protested, and the next year, the state legislature voted to end the state's participation in Daylight Saving Time, which has meant ever since that folks here don't have to reset our clocks twice a year, but do have to remember that certain times of the year it can often be too late to call the East Coast. Not all of Arizona ignores Daylight Saving Time, though - the Navajo Reservation, stretched across four states, continues to observe it.

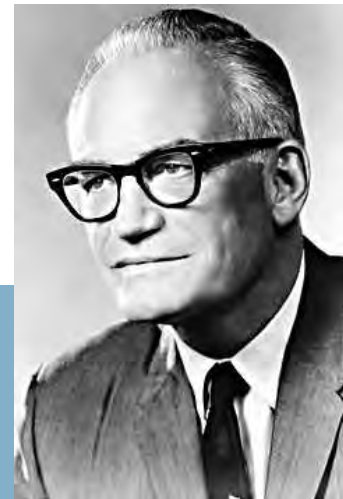
Things haven't exactly quieted down in more recent times. From the late 1980's, a series of scandals have unseated two governors, led to the indictment of two senators, and affected a number of members of the state legislature. The state faced a boycott for initially failing to enact a holiday for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., before voters approved the holiday in 1992. The

state has received both praise and blame - both within and beyond her borders - for being home to 'America's Toughest Sheriff,' Joe Arpaio, and for enacting the toughest immigration legislation in modern times.

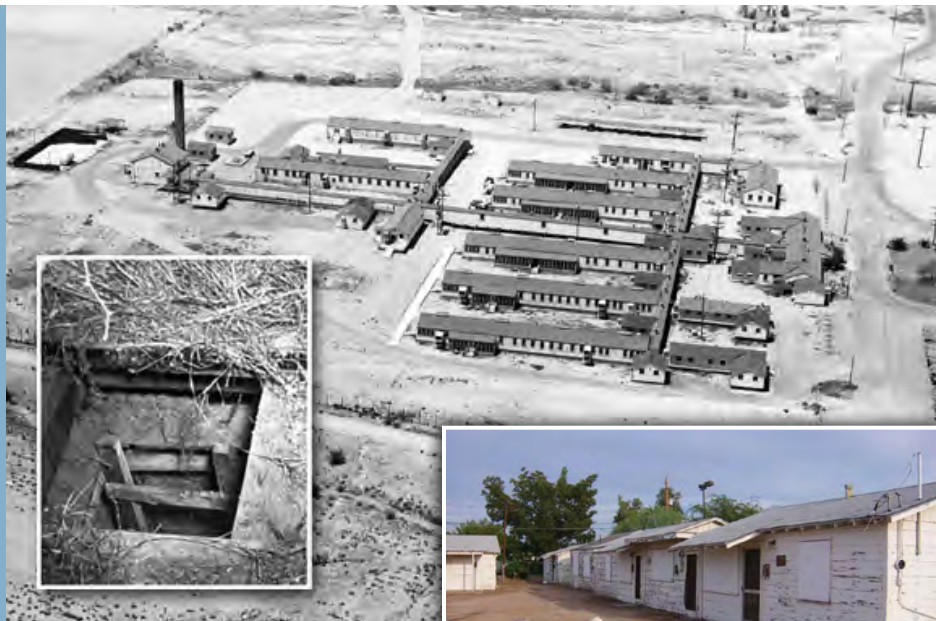
The Arizona legislature voted to overturn the state's sodomy law in 2001, two years before the US Supreme Court struck down such laws nationwide. And the state's voters defeated a referendum restricting the definition of marriage in 2006, becoming the first case in the country of such a referendum being defeated at the polls - only to approve a more narrowly worded measure banning same-sex marriage in 2008. We've seen one of the most far-right state legislatures in America voted into office; at the same time, Arizona civil rights activists have become national figures, with such actions as the Right To Marry walk pushing for the right of same-sex couples to legally wed gaining local and national attention.

As Arizona reaches 100 years of statehood, the political and cultural battles continue. But whether it's gunfights or gubernatorial pyramids, land grant scams or pink underwear, women's suffrage or gay rights - Arizonans can be expected, as always, to do things their own way.

The Arizona Pride Guide thanks the Arizona Historical Society for their help in providing historical images.



WWII POW Camp in Papago Park, (left page), Senator Barry Goldwater, (above), and Arizona Equal Rights Protest, Phoenix, 2011 (left).





By Jason E. Posey
Portraits of Arizona

Arizona's amazing natural beauty has inspired artists, poets, and everyday people for centuries. The state's richly varied landscape, ranging from the peaks of the San Francisco mountain range to the raging rivers of the Colorado, from the northern forests to the iconic Sonoran desert of red rocks and towering saguaros, provide a breathtaking splendor which cannot but impress anyone who takes the time to view them.

Dr. Gregory Triandafilou, doctor and owner of Desert Rose Chiropractic in Phoenix, has been making a name for himself in recent years as an amateur photographer possessed of both skill and an eye for beauty. His stunning work captures images from across the state of Arizona. We had the opportunity to talk to Dr. Triandafilou about his work and what inspires him. Here's what he had to say:

Pride Guide: Do you have any formal training as a photographer?

Dr. Triandafilou: Yes, I have had formal training as a photographer through the New York Institute of Photography. I am a graduate of their correspondence course in August 2007.

Pride Guide: What inspired you to take up photography?

Dr. Triandafilou: I've been involved in the arts my entire life and am an extremely visual person, and knew that it was just a matter of time before I took up photography. I was planning on waiting for retirement due to the complexities of film photography and all that it entails. Then digital photography came along and it was easy to get started without all the mess! I bought my first digital camera in October of 2004 and was getting some great pictures. I decided I couldn't wait for retirement to get involved in photography so I started attending seminars and then signed up with the NYIP.

Pride Guide: You are a chiropractor by trade and also perform with Desert Overture. Is it ever difficult to find time for all of your activities? How do you strike a balance?

Dr. Triandafilou: I get asked this question all the time. Patients and friends ask, where do I get the time to do everything? It's not easy running a business and being involved in 2 hobbies- photography and music. However, photography is more of a



Images by Dr. Gregory Triandafilou





cerebral art at this point in time. I study and edit my photos 95% of the time and the other 5% I'm actually shooting. I mostly take pictures when I go on trips. However, I have written down many ideas of things/exhibits I would like to produce and this will have to wait until retirement due to the time factor. I switch back and forth from concentrating on photography or music (play trombone and euphonium) at any given point in time.

Pride Guide: What themes particularly inspire your photography, and why?

Dr. Triandafilou: I enjoy landscapes and closeup photography the most. However, I enjoy all aspects of photography from people to architecture. Being a fine art photographer, I like to show people a different viewpoint than they normally see, whether it be a picture from The Painted Desert or a closeup of a flower. I'm really inspired by pictures that either show a different viewpoint or evoke an emotion.

Pride Guide: What awards have you received?

Dr. Triandafilou: I've been entering county and state fairs starting in 2008. I have won numerous awards including first place, best of class and best of show. I have yet to enter any of these competitions and not walk away with at least one ribbon, if not several. Recently, I have started looking into entering online competitions and just entered Audubon's third annual photography award contest.

Pride Guide: Are there any topics or styles of photography you have not yet ventured into, but are interested in exploring in the future?

Dr. Triandafilou: New topics or styles of photography pop into my head all the time. I write them down for the future, again retirement, when I will have more time to pursue them as I eventually want to be in exhibitions.



Pride Guide: Has there been a particular experience related to your photography that has been especially important for you?

Dr. Triandafilou: This is a difficult but poignant question. I was asked to take pictures at the last minute of my own father's military funeral which was back east in NY. My father wanted pictures of the funeral yet my family overlooked hiring a photographer. I had to borrow a point and shoot camera from someone. During the first shot of the gun salute, I was taken by surprise and the camera jerked upwards. The resulting picture created a beautiful

abstract blur as if following the pattern of the riflemen's bullets, with the riflemen and tombstones still discernable in the picture since the camera had a stabilization mode. It is one of my most favorite pictures ever taken and this happy accident makes me feel as if my dad was speaking back to me.

Pride Guide: Do you have any advice for up-and-coming photographers and artists?

Dr. Triandafilou: My advice for up-and-coming photographers and artists is to follow your passion. If you love what you do and believe in what you do, you can accomplish a lot!



Weddings & Commitment Ceremonies

Photo courtesy: DT Design Studio

Although not yet legally recognized in the state of Arizona, weddings between gay couples are on the rise. Committed partners want the same opportunity to pronounce their love to one another in front of friends and family, to create that special day to cherish for the rest of their lives. Once the question is popped, however, there is a lot of planning and execution involved in preparation for that special day.

The hardest question for couples when they begin planning their wedding or commitment ceremony is “Where do we start?” Managing this hefty task is dependant upon exactly what a couple wants, how many guests will be in attendance, and how much money is available to be spent. Another factor that needs to be considered when planning your commitment ceremony is the necessity of seeking out LGBT-friendly businesses to aid in the process.

There are a multitude of businesses, services, and individuals in Arizona who specialize in assisting gay couples with this task, including catering and bartending services, officiants, and wedding planning companies. Couples who find the importance of seeking out these LGBT-friendly companies can easily find them by browsing through the *Arizona Pride Guide* and www.GayArizona.com.

Once the commitment is made and the date set, planning the ceremony can

be done best by creating and sticking to a timeline. Tasks such as creating a budget, finding a venue or location, hiring an officiant to perform the ceremony, and creating a guest list are things that should be done first, about a year before the date of the ceremony, if possible.

Researching and choosing of: the DJ, catering services, photographer, and honeymoon details should be considered no later than six months before the service, and final preparations such as RSVPs and seating charts should be accomplished three weeks from the wedding date. This timeline will aid in managing the hectic, and often stressful, process of achieving the wedding of your dreams.



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Categories to look for when planning your special event:

- BARTENDER SERVICES
- CATERING
- CEREMONY PERFORMERS
- DJ/ENTERTAINMENT
- FLORIST
- LEGAL SERVICES
- JEWELERS
- INVITATIONS
- PHOTOGRAPHY
- TRANSPORTATION
- ACCOMMODATIONS
- CEREMONY & CELEBRATION SITES

Charmayne Danton & Kathy Horon, winners of Pride in Your Love Commitment Ceremony, Photo courtesy: David Sunfellow Photography

How Dr. Dilley's experience can help you

When the cancer bombshell is dropped on a person, a number of things happen almost simultaneously. Each can affect the patient and those who are close to them.

One is the virtually inevitable sense of shock and the ensuing emotional roller coaster ride. Another is the delivery of a great deal of information by the doctor and being urged toward a course of action. Yet another is a flood of advice by well-meaning friends and family. Underneath it all is a pervasive sense of uncertainty.

Since nothing is really black and white and few guarantees are offered, there can be an incredible amount of stress for all involved. This underlying tension can persist throughout the treatment. Dr. Robin Dilley, in sharing her story, provides a refreshing sense of relief in a number of ways:

- She delivers hope. She is a cancer survivor and proves that cancer is not the death sentence it is often consciously or unconsciously perceived to be.
- She brings comfort. When you see her inner thoughts and feelings you know those you are experiencing are natural and okay.
- She avoids offering treatment advice; she simply relates how she arrived at the choices she made—which may assist you in making your own choices.
- She shares what she learned of her partner's experience as the one who went along for the ride but was not in the driver's seat.
- She gives solid, practical information on a number of unavoidable situations, like dealing with doctors, medical staff, and insurance companies.

- She details non-medical support resources she employed that can help you and your loved ones in working through your journey.

Perhaps the most important thing Dr. Dilley learned is that the patient is the only one in charge of their medical care. Knowing this can smooth the road for anyone dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

When Dr. Dilley received her diagnosis she desperately sought a book like this one. None existed then. You can purchase it at www.psychotherapyunlimited.com, Amazon.com or download it to your Kindle or Nook. Dr. Dilley is also available for speaking engagements.

PG: How did you decide to write a book about your journey with breast cancer?

Dr. Dilley: Michael, I had to research so much medical information that the process exhausted me. I just wanted to read someone else's story, a story that would inspire me, give me hope, and help me understand I was doing the best that I could.

PG: We just love the cover of your book, Can you tell our readers how you came up with the idea and what it symbolizes?

Dr. Dilley: The Tiger is a very powerful personal symbol for me and I was meditating about what image to use to help me work with my own healing process using guided imagery. The Tiger seemed to be a natural fit to be my healing ally.

The labyrinth, the other symbol of the front of the book, is a wonderful spiritual tool that I feel especially connected to as a resource to help me trust, build hope, and move forward in my life. Walking it allows me to take my concerns to the womb of the universe and to re-emerge with a sense of well-being and peace.

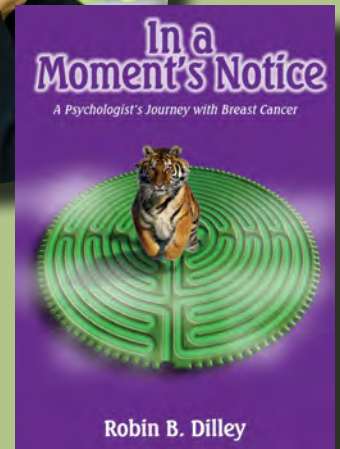
PG: You wrote that you informed your clients about being a diagnosed with breast cancer. How did you feel your personal life was affecting your professional life?

Dr. Dilley: It was very hard for me because I like to keep my personal life out of my professional life, but I am a huge believer in authenticity and felt that I needed to inform them as an act of honesty and congruency in my life. I knew if I was a client, and my psychologist did not give me a choice to see someone else during such a personal crisis, I would have strong feelings, perhaps of betrayal or abandonment.

PG: Can you explain how this book might help other people with the fear of being treated differently as a homosexual?

Dr. Dilley: I feel our LGBT community is often discriminated against and was concerned that I might experience some prejudice as a result of being so openly lesbian. I am happy to report that never, not once, did it occur in all of my treatment. (There is some research that says lesbians have a higher risk for breast cancer than the general public. Given those statistics, I was a bit more concerned.) I believe as a psychologist, I have bit of an advantage about how to read people and how to respond to their apparent discomfort. I would recommend that any LGBT person who feels there is a negative bias, look for some other treatment team. The rule of thumb is to always have an advocate with you. If you do not have a partner who can go with you then take a friend ... do not go alone. There is just too much information to process.

PG: How do you hope *In a Moment's Notice* will affect your readers?



Dr. Dilley: This is best summed up by a reader. *"I thought I was going to learn about a woman's battle and journey with breast cancer; and I did. However, I learned so much more...in fact, everyone should read your story because it is a guide book of life, for all to experience."* Scott Jeffrey

PG: Do you get involved with Susan G. Komen for the Cure fundraising events?

Dr. Dilley: This is the first year that we did not do the race. There are so many cancers... so we may be switching to a venue for all cancer survivors, The Relay for Life. However, for newly-diagnosed breast cancer survivors, the Susan G. Komen's sea of pink is an absolute boost in hope and camaraderie.

PG: Do you have advice for professionals who are dealing with a serious illness?

Dr. Dilley: *"Stop taking yourself so seriously and lighten up."* And, a quote from my mentor and hero, the famous family therapist, Carl Whitaker, *"Put yourself first."*

Pamela Rose Anders tells of her personal transition to a whole and happy person



Pamela Rose Anders operates an independent paralegal business in Phoenix, rides with a motorcycle club, and owns a publishing company, Real Publishing, which was established in 2001. Already the author of two short satirical works, *How To Lose Friends and Influence Enemies* and *Rules of the Rude*, in 2011 she released *Gypsy Moon*, her first narrative, non-fiction book.

Gypsy Moon chronicles the author's life from 2005 through 2007 as she made her great personal transition, from male to female, from Philip to Pamela Rose Anders, from successful magazine publisher to over-the-road truck driver, and from someone who had felt fractured her entire life — to a whole and happy person. Endearing and engrossing, her crisp prose pulls the reader in to her compelling story, through highs of humor and joy — to lows of fear, sadness, anger, and back again — *Gypsy Moon* is hard to put down, and impossible to forget.

The *Pride Guide* had the opportunity to ask Ms. Anders a few questions about her book, her plans, and her experience as a transwoman:

PG: What inspired you to write and publish *Gypsy Moon*?

Ms. Anders: I got the idea to write a book right after I came out to the trucking company that I drove for, and began presenting as a female. I encountered issues with my usage of the women's restroom in the company facilities, which soon turned into a legal battle. As the story evolved, that incident just became a chapter in the story. I went on to write a complete story which chronicled the nearly three years of driving.

After I finished driving and went back to college for my paralegal degree, I went back "into the closet". I was working as a cocktail waitress, had been accepted as one of the girls, and was living the life of a female. I decided against finishing and

By Jason E. Posey

publishing the book for fear that it would "out" me as a trans woman. I changed my mind during OUTday in October 2010, where I was inspired to out myself as a transwoman and complete the story.

PG: Did you have any fears about the repercussions of publishing a book about your transition? Have you faced any difficulties as a result of *Gypsy Moon's* release?

Ms. Anders: My biggest fear was how my new friends and co-workers would react, particularly the people in my motorcycle group. Surprisingly, everyone took it well. So far, there have not been any repercussions that I am aware of, other than the fact that I sometimes sense a bit of uneasiness from certain people. But I don't let it affect me.

PG: What drove you to start publishing again? What inspired your company's name, Real Publishing?

Ms. Anders: I formed Real Publishing in 2001, right after I left my job at a major magazine publishing company. I had told one of my co-workers that I was going to launch a stable of magazines with no investment capital, and her response was, "Get real, you can't do that". She gave me the idea for the name of my publishing company.... Real Publishing. My company slogan is "Get Real".

I put the company to rest in 2004 (as described in *Gypsy Moon*), and then resurrected it this year as the publishing company for my book. My future plan for

the company is to publish select works from other authors, as well as my own future books.

PG: Do you have any plans to continue writing, and if you do, what might we expect?

Ms. Anders: I have a couple of novels in the works. I expect to have one finished and published in the spring and another in the fall of 2012.

PG: And finally - do you have any advice for others who wish to transition - and for those who have made the transition, but are afraid to be 'out' about being transsexual?

Ms. Anders: The best advice I can give anyone is to plan carefully. How are you going to earn an income during and after your transition? How are you planning to finance the high cost of transition? It's a very rough journey, with the most difficult challenge being financial. It is an expensive process, in the neighborhood of \$50,000 after all the surgeries and electrolysis. Will you be able to withstand the backlash from your friends, family, and co-workers? The slow process of transition is a very difficult time, and you must have an incredible amount of determination and resolve to get through it.



Your Community Centers of Arizona...

By Jason E. Posey

...a place to gather, to learn, & to be supported.

The history of American society has been marked from the earliest days by a tradition of many different cultures and subgroups living and working together while maintaining a sense, both of common citizenship, and of their continued distinct identities. Participation in civic life is a cultural given in America; people of all backgrounds and walks of life, individually and in groups, take the initiative to organize themselves and play an active part in the life of the country.

One manifestation of this civic-mindedness has been the establishment of community centers – physical and organizational structures designed to serve as cultural and social meeting points for particular subgroups of society. African-American, Irish-American, Italian-American, and many other cultures and ethnic groups have kept their own community

centers running for many years now.

Since the 1970's, the LGBT community has also created centers to serve this same purpose. LGBT community centers in Los Angeles, New York City, and other metropolitan areas across the country have played a vital role in the fight for equal rights and acceptance as well as in maintaining a strong, vibrant LGBT culture.

The state of Arizona is currently home to three LGBT community centers – the Prescott Pride Center, Wingspan, in Tucson, and One Voice Community Center in Phoenix. Each plays a vital role in their respective area.

The Prescott Pride Center, serving the city of Prescott and the greater Northern Arizona area, was founded in 2000. This community center provides a safe meeting place for members of the LGBT community and allies, books and other resources, classes, seminars, and social events, such

as DiningOUT and T-Time for Trans.

Wingspan, serving Tucson and Southern Arizona, is the state's oldest LGBT community center, having been founded in 1988. In addition to meeting space and resources, Wingspan hosts the Eon Youth Programs, providing programs and support for LGBT youth. In addition, they provide Senior Pride, which supports LGBT seniors and educates the wider public about the needs and issues affecting older LGBT individuals. In addition, Rainbow Families provides a venue for LGBT families to socialize and share resources. Wingspan also runs the Anti-Violence Project, which provides crisis intervention and support services to victims of violence as well as education to the community about issues of domestic violence, hate crimes, and suicide prevention.

One Voice Community Center serves the LGBT population in Phoenix and the central Arizona region. It is the youngest of the three centers, having been founded in 2005 and only more recently establishing a physical space. Aside from meeting space, One Voice hosts the B.J. Bud Memorial Library, art exhibits, and a number of programs such as the Men's and Women's Discussion Groups, the Coming Out Discussion Group, and a schedule of classes offered at minimal charge through the Communiversity program.

Not only do community centers provide programs, services, and a place to meet for members of the LGBT community and allies, but they are an excellent place to go for new and visiting LGBT individuals looking to connect with their peers. Don't forget to pay them a visit!

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Prescott Pride Center

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Wingspan Community Center

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Above & below: One Voice Community Center, ribbon-cutting day.



Bellow: Wingspan Community Center



Events

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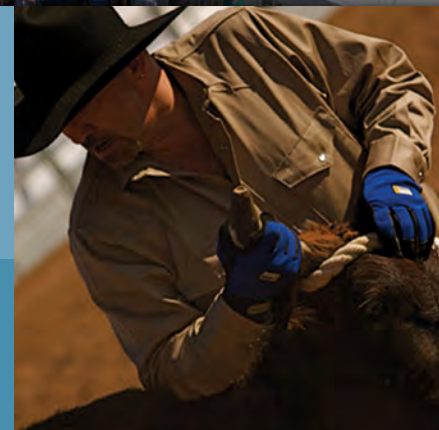
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MAY

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ARIZONA HUMAN RIGHTS FOUNDATION

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Saturday, April 21st, 2012

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Arts & Entertainment

By Jason E. Posey



Jennifer Burden at Angelica Gallery, Phoenix, photo by Andrew J. Fisher

Arizona's natural beauty and wild frontier spirit have long attracted artistic souls. From the ancient patterns of Native American music and design, to luxuriant Spanish Missions, Mexican mariachi music, Old Western cowboy art, a rich variety of modern music, art, and architecture, Arizona boasts a surprising and delightful array of attractions for both the artist and the connoisseur.

Phoenix is home to a wide variety of artists and entertainment venues. These include the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, which plays some 150 shows per year both at downtown Symphony Hall and other locations around Metro Phoenix. Ballet Arizona performs at Symphony Hall and the Orpheum Theatre downtown and includes the School of Ballet AZ. There are two major opera companies in town - Arizona Opera, performing at Symphony Hall, and the Phoenix Opera, performing at Orpheum Theater.

Phoenix is home to prestigious art museums, such as the Phoenix Art Museum and Heard Museum. The Phoenix Art Museum features both an acclaimed permanent collection of local artists and works from around the world, and a schedule of exhibitions from a remarkable array of periods, artists, and cultures, as well as hosting live performances, festivals, art films, and educational programs. The Heard Museum is a globally recognized center for collections of Native American art and culture.

Phoenix offers a variety of options for live theatre, including the Phoenix Theatre, (part of the Arizona Theatre Company), founded in 1920, and the Herberger Theater Center, as well as smaller theatre companies like the groundbreaking, risk-taking Nearly Naked Theatre.

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Additionally, Phoenix is host to a large number of art galleries. The First Friday Art Walks draw hundreds to the city's principle gallery district at Roosevelt Row, with a smaller gathering at 7th Avenue, featuring not only art galleries but street performances and vendors.

The city of Tempe is home to the main campus of Arizona State University and the ASU Art Museum, featuring a variety of permanent collections and exhibitions. It also hosts the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed ASU Gammage theatre, one of the largest university-based performing arts theatres in the world. Tempe hosts the Mill Avenue District Community Arts Project (MAD-CAP) Theater, providing a venue for live music, dance, theatre, and independent film screenings. Edgy and independent, Stray Cat Theatre keeps the Tempe theatre scene buzzing. And twice a year, the city hosts the Tempe Festival of the Arts, an event which draws thousands of visitors.

Scottsdale, situated next to both Phoenix and Tempe, is well known for art galleries featuring both contemporary and traditional works, which adorn the historic and hip Old Town Scottsdale district. The Scottsdale Art Walk, held every Thursday evening, highlights the city's arts and entertainment. The Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art features a variety of

modern arts exhibits including such notables as Andy Warhol and Keith Haring.

The city of Sedona is famous for its vibrant arts scene. Home to hundreds of artists and a host of galleries, the city holds a First Friday Art Walk on the first Friday of every month, as well as the annual Sedona Arts Festival.

Farther north, Flagstaff is home to Northern Arizona University and the NAU Art Museum, as well as the Museum of Northern Arizona, which specializes in presenting the native cultures of the Colorado Plateau. The Coconino Center for the Arts is the largest art museum in Northern Arizona, featuring the best local and regional artists. Downtown Heritage Square is home to art galleries and vendors. The downtown area also hosts its own First Friday Art Walk. And the Flagstaff Symphony Orchestra, established in 1950, brings the sounds of classical music to the pines.

Also in Northern Arizona, the small town of Jerome was once a bustling mining town. After the closing of the mines, it became a ghost town, and in the years since, has become a notable artist colony, boasting a remarkable array of studios and art galleries. Jerome holds an Art Walk on the first Saturday of every month.

Tucson, Arizona's second largest city, has a rich arts scene. Home to the

University of Arizona's Museum of Art and Archive of Visual Arts, the Tucson Museum of Art, and the Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA), Tucson also hosts the twice annual 4th Avenue Street Fair, and the annual All Souls Procession, a massive Dia de los Muertos-inspired parade and festival put together by Many Mouths One Stomach, a Tucson arts collective (many-mouths.org).

The Arizona Theatre Company provides Tucson with live theatre performances at the Temple of Music and Art, in the city's downtown. Tucson is also home to the Ballet Arts Foundation, Ballet Tucson, which was founded in 1986 and became a full professional ballet company in 2004. The Tucson Symphony Orchestra, established in 1929, is the state's oldest continuing performing arts organization, including, as of 2003, the 90-voice Tucson Symphony Orchestra Chorus. And there's the Arizona Opera, now headquartered in Phoenix but originally the Tucson Opera Company. Arizona Opera performs five shows a year in Phoenix and five in Tucson, at the Tucson Convention Center.

Also in Southern Arizona, the old mining town of Bisbee - at one time one of the busiest settlements in Arizona and one of the largest copper mining operations in the world - now serves as a retirement community and a thriving artist colony. Considered one of the prettiest towns in America, amidst her old Victorian homes are Old West saloons and other establishments now converted into numerous shops and galleries. The Bisbee After 5 art walk, held every second Saturday of the month, features live entertainment, artist receptions, and over 30 shops and art galleries.

The town of Tubac, south of Tucson, also has a reputation as an artist colony and a gem in the desert. Featuring the Tubac Center for the Arts, the town boasts a number of artists and art galleries in a variety of styles. It also hosts the annual, five-day Tubac Festival of the Arts every February, the longest-running arts festival in the Southwest, featuring both fine and pop art along with street vendors, live entertainment, and horse-drawn trolley and wagon rides.

Many people come to Arizona for the warm climate and natural beauty. Whether it's theatre or photography, classical ballet or modern art, be certain to enjoy Arizona's rich and varied arts culture, as well. You'll be glad you did.



Photos courtesy L-R: Greater Phoenix CVB: Orpheum Theatre, Modified Arts Gallery First Friday Art Walk



Photos courtesy L-R: Derek Davis Hoop Dancer/Scottsdale CVB, Belleza Fine Arts Gallery, Bisbee



Ian Christensen, Phoenix



Not to be constrained by just one form of artistic expression, Phoenix native, Ian Christensen, has established himself as both a consummate actor and a talented painter. A graduate of Fullerton College and Carnegie Mellon University's School of Drama, Ian started drawing and painting as a child and initially intended to become a painter and illustrator before being drawn to the theatre. Now, he does both.

Ian's acting career has taken him around the country. He spent a number of years living in New York City before returning to his native Arizona. Here, he's performed with Phoenix Theatre, Stray Cat Theatre, and Nearly Naked Theatre, in roles ranging from Guiseppe in *"The Light in the Piazza"* to Jack in *"Saucy Jack and the Space Vixens."* He also hosts his own fabulous cabaret show.

In between acting work and the cabaret, Ian finds time to paint. Working with acrylics and gouache, his art pops with color and vibrancy. For Ian, painting offers a way to stay connected with the little boy inside him. His work frequently features themes and characters drawn from cartoons and movies he watched as a child growing up in the 1980's. They also play on themes drawn from religion and the Bible, reflecting his childhood attempts to connect the religious teachings he received with the cartoons, fantasy and science fiction movies which were a primary influence. His work has been featured at gallery exhibits both in New York City and in Phoenix, with his first Phoenix exhibition, *"Book of Dork,"* at Lux Cafe and Gallery in May 2009 and his latest, *"Book of Dork II,"* at Sidebar, in October 2011.

Kelley Foy, Jerome-Cottonwood

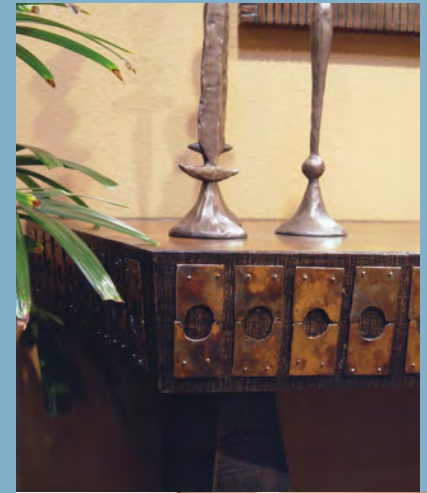
Kelley Foy has solo-designed and hand-crafted furniture since 1997, a female anomaly. She remains one of the few independent female furniture designers/makers in the Southwest. At 39, she has already worked across a wide range of disciplines to create everything from chairs, tables, armoires, lamps, mirrors, household ceramics, a custom bicycle, and even a restaurant.

Foy started experimenting with furniture design as a Fine Arts student at Arizona State University. While still in college, Foy collaborated with other art students to produce ceramics and sculpture, later venturing on her own and carving wood. After graduating, she joined a small outfit making custom furniture in Phoenix. She worked with the group a few years and bought the company in 1999.

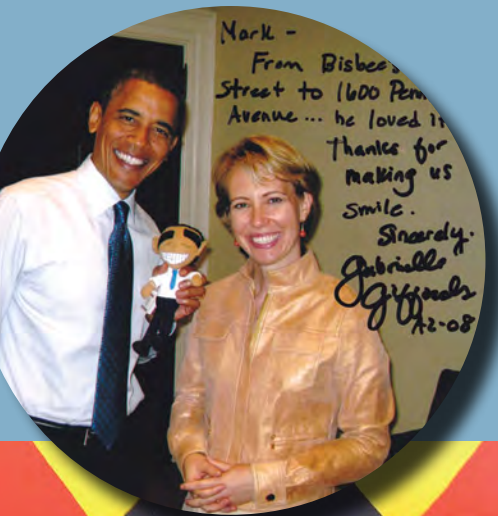
She relocated her studio first to Jerome and then expanded into Old Town Cottonwood. Foy's work is easily recognized by her hand carved woods and custom finishes, along with patina metals that resonate with the rich mining history of Arizona. Foy is a self-taught furniture designer and maker who does everything from the rendering to the final finish.

Her solo work and collaborations are found in showrooms and homes throughout the Southwest. Foy collaborates with architects, designers, contractors and other artists — encompassing modern and old world styles. She has participated on full-scale projects from personal resorts to restaurants. Individual collectors frequently commission her work one piece at a time.

Look for Kelley's work at Gallery 527 in Jerome and McNamara & Hirschman in Scottsdale. To learn more, visit foystudiodesign.com.



Mark Hundley & Hywel Logan, Bisbee



Mark Hundley and Hywel Logan are the proprietors and creative minds behind Teeny Tiny Toy Store in Bisbee, specializing in one-of-a-kind, handmade stuffed animals and dolls.

Mark sews the stuffed animals and dolls, crafting them individually without a pattern. He typically makes one stuffed animal per day, and estimates he's created about 5,000 so far, all by hand, except for some parts for which he uses a 1946 Singer sewing machine. Hywel draws and paints. In addition to offering traditional paintings, he also crafts individual cards for each of the stuffed toys. They are also working on their first children's book, based on the adventures of a few of Mark's stuffed animals, illustrated by Hywel.

Though specializing in children's toys, the pair's most famous creation to date was aimed at an older audience - a line of Obama dolls they started in 2008. The dolls have proven so successful they had them manufactured as a limited edition collectible. The curator of the Politics and Reform section of The Smithsonian in D.C., who was in Bisbee one day, stopped by their store and bought a handmade and a manufactured Obama doll for the museum's permanent collection. Shortly thereafter, Rep. Gabby Giffords stopped by the store and bought one of the dolls to take to the President as a gift. She returned in November 2010 with a photo of herself and President Obama holding the doll!

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Northern Arizona is home to numerous native American tribes. The Navajo, Hopi, Havasupai, Hualapai and Kaibab-Pauite are most prominent. By far the largest of all five reservations, the Navajo Nation, created in 1868, has a population of over 250,000 and is more than 18,000 square miles, extending into Utah and New Mexico.

For over 1,000 years, Native American communities have surrounded the Grand Canyon, developing diverse cultures and traditions. The Havasupai, meaning the people of the blue-green waters, live in the Grand Canyon, farm during the summer months and hunt on nearby plateaus during the winter. Their culture has long been associated with exquisite but functional crafts, which reflect their close ties with nature. Fine collectibles created by native artisans began to be marketed to outsiders in the 1880s.

Today, tourism is the primary economic staple for the reservation, with Havasupai

Canyon (left) attracting approximately 12,000 outdoor enthusiasts per year.

COTTONWOOD

The Town of Cottonwood is surrounded by jagged mountains on the south and west, and to the north and east by mesas and buttes. Named for the beautiful Cottonwood trees that grow along the Verde River, the town grew from a small farming community to the Verde Valley's population center, called "the biggest little town in Arizona" by the late 1920s. At that time Old Town businesses supported residents and workers of the many mines that operated in nearby communities.

Located just minutes from Sedona, Jerome and Clarkdale, Old Town Cottonwood is ideally situated near the Verde River offering a variety of recreational activities that include camping, horseback riding and fishing. Historic Old Town on Main Street is home to a number of gay owned and friendly antique shops, fine restaurants, wine bars and art galleries. Plus a multitude of wineries and vineyards, Dead Horse Ranch State Park, the Verde Canyon Railroad, and the Tuzigoot and Montezuma Indian Ruins. Visiting Old Town provides a spectrum of activities to please everyone.

Ride the Grand Canyon Railway and visit spectacular Havasu Falls. Navaho Rugs are renowned world-wide for their beauty and quality. And, you can go skiing just twenty minutes outside of Flagstaff! Take a tour of the picturesque, art-filled communities of the cool-climate of northern Arizona.



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FLAGSTAFF

Flagstaff: A college town, a mountain town, a town filled with history and charm. Skiing, hiking, museums, astronomy, festivals; this is what Flagstaff has to offer. Adjacent to the towering 12,633 foot tall San Francisco Peaks, Flagstaff is surrounded by Ponderosa Pine trees, lies at an elevation of about 7,000 feet and is nestled along historic Route 66.

Home to Northern Arizona University (NAU), the college atmosphere brings a wonderful eclectic mix of coffee houses, bookstores, shopping, restaurants and eateries to the area.

In this lovely small mountain community, you'll find yourself surrounded by the 1.8 million acre Coconino National Forest. A hiker's delight, you'll find a wonderland of mountain meadows filled with Aspen trees swaying in the breeze. You can close your eyes and hear their leaves singing in the wind. Since the majority of the state is surrounded by desert land, these grassy meadows, often dotted with wildflowers, sing to your soul. Just outside of Flagstaff, you'll discover ancient Indian ruins with

villages that are almost completely intact. A must-see on your visit is the Wupatki National Monument. First occupied in 1100 AD, Wupatki was once home to the farmers and traders of the Anasazi and Sinagua people. The dwellings include several pueblo-style structures and a large open-air amphitheater.

Gay travelers will be happy to know that each year the Northern Arizona Pride Association sponsors Pride in the Pines, an annual pride festival. Now in its sixteenth year, the festival brings in guests from all over the state.

GRAND CANYON

A national park since 1919, attracting more than five million visitors yearly, the Grand Canyon is the most visited national park in the United States.

I think most visitors would agree when they first see the Grand Canyon, that it inspires a feeling of awe and wonder. Environmentalist John Muir described its magnificence: *"It seems like a gigantic statement for even Nature to make all in one mighty stone work. Wildness so Godful,*

cosmic, primeval, bestows a new sense of earth's beauty and size... But the colors, the living, rejoicing colors, chanting morning and evening in chorus to heaven! Whose brush or pencil, however lovingly inspired, can give us these? In the supreme flaming glory of sunset the whole canyon is transfigured, as if the life and light of centuries of sunshine stored up in the rocks was now being poured forth as from one glorious fountain, flooding both earth and sky."

The Grand Canyon, with its powerful and inspiring landscape, overwhelms the senses through its immense size; 277 river miles long, up to 18 miles wide, a mile deep, and 1.2 million acres overall.

The park is home to numerous animals such as the California condor, mountain lions, cougars, rattlesnakes, elk, bald and golden eagles, bighorn sheep, and over 1,500 species of plants. It is one of the most complete archaeological sites dating back thousands of years. Sustaining these plant and animal communities, as well as carving the Canyon, is the powerful Colorado River, the lifeblood of the desert southwest.

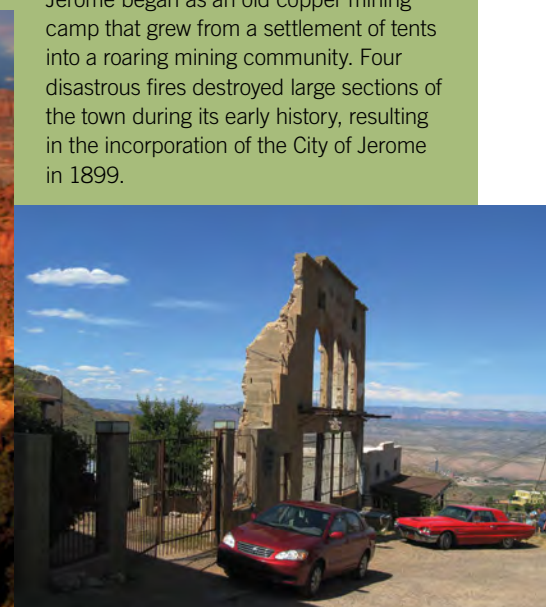
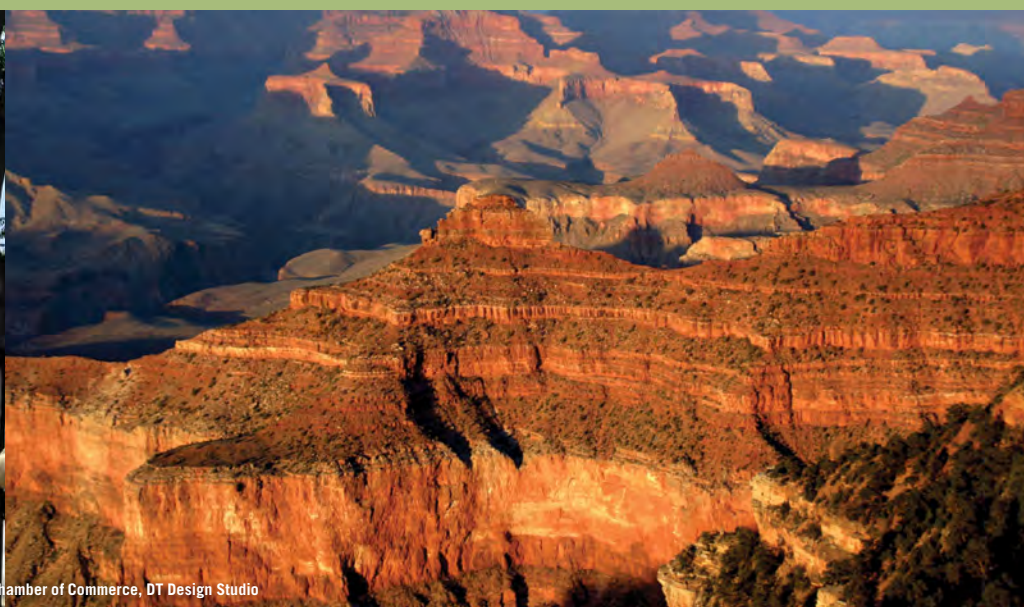
You can tour the Grand Canyon by foot, mule, water, or by train. You will not be disappointed with any method you choose.

The Hualapai (WALL-uh-pie) tribe, the "People of the Tall Pines," located on the far west end of the Grand Canyon, have recently completed a breathtaking skywalk over the canyon. The Skywalk is a horseshoe-shaped steel frame with glass floor and sides that projects about 70 feet from the canyon rim. Today, you can travel to Grand Canyon National Park along the same rail line your parents or grandparents did, on the Grand Canyon Railway.

The Grand Canyon offers so many trips, tours and packages it's difficult to sum up in one page. There are a multitude of websites that offer very good advice on how to best see the Grand Canyon safely... what to pack, what time of year to visit, what time of day and what to avoid.

JEROME

Jerome screams old mining town with its coppery glowing hillsides. It is often dubbed the "Largest Ghost Town in America". It's a town that just won't die. Jerome began as an old copper mining camp that grew from a settlement of tents into a roaring mining community. Four disastrous fires destroyed large sections of the town during its early history, resulting in the incorporation of the City of Jerome in 1899.



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Once the fourth-most prominent city in the Arizona Territory, the population peaked at 15,000 in the 1920's. The Depression of the 1930's slowed the mining operation and the claim went to Phelps Dodge, who holds the claim today. World War II brought increased demand for copper, but demand declined after the war. Dependant on the copper market, Phelps Dodge Mine closed in 1953. The remaining 50 to 100 hardy souls promoted the town as a historic ghost town resulting in the town being designated as a National Historic District by the federal government in 1967.

Jerome's population today boasts 450 which includes artists, craft people, musicians, writers, hermits, bed and breakfast owners, museum caretakers, gift shop proprietors and perhaps an old prospector or two.

Much of Jerome's charm today comes from its external appearance, as it hasn't changed much in nearly 100 years. Many of the buildings used by present-day businesses are those built after the fires of 1894 and 1899. A number of the buildings have been restored and more are planned for restoration. Due to the 30-degree incline of the mountainside, gravity has pulled a number of buildings down the slope. To the delight of some, one of those

buildings was the town's jail. Those buildings still standing make for interesting visiting and with a little research you can find their historical significance. One notable section is the "Cribs District." You will find this area across the street from the English Kitchen, in a back alley where all the buildings were part of Jerome's ill-famed "prostitution row."

Be sure not to miss "Jerome Art Walk" which is on the first Saturday of each month. Recently rated one of the top ten events to attend on a weekend by *Arizona Highways Magazine*. Over 30 shops, galleries and art studios stay open late, with plenty of activities and entertainment. Be sure to add this event to your calendar.

The LGBT community takes over every third Saturday of the month in Jerome. This monthly LGBT event where galleries, shops and ghost tours extend their hours and entertainment is often provided by the Mile High Grill on Main Street. Have a great time "Out in Jerome" and visit the many gay-owned businesses.



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PRESCOTT

Take a step back to the old Southwest. Redolent of the past, the town's architecture still holds onto the secrets of the days gone by. Prescott, pronounced "PRES-kit" in a way that rhymes with "biscuit"... any local will surely let you know it.

Prescott's allure is its beautiful downtown area called Courthouse Plaza, currently surrounded by a lovely grassy square where families walk hand-in-hand. It's common to see people having lunch under the elm trees. However, in the late 1800's it was a very different scene. The court and its staff were busy convicting criminals and a hanging in the square was also common practice.

If you were roaming the downtown area of Prescott in the early years and looking for more refined entertainment than hard drink, prostitutes, or opium dens, you would find such elegance at the Elks Opera House, built in 1905 and still in operation. Prescott is filled with many historic buildings and areas. Fort Whipple, a former military base now serves as a medical facility. In 1927 the Hassayampa Inn opened for business and in 1928 the Sharlot Hall Museum opened. Prescott was home to "Whiskey Row" a notorious

red-light district until 1956. "Whiskey Row" burned to the ground on July 14, 1900, but was quickly rebuilt!

Prescott now hosts annual events such as Frontier Days, The World's Oldest Rodeo (1888), the Bluegrass Festival, Earth Day, art festivals, Shakespeare Festival, Navajo Rug Auction, Prescott Film Fest, Folk Arts Fair, the Prescott Highland Games, and several marathons. Also located in Prescott are the Heritage Park Zoo and numerous golf courses.

SEDONA

Sedona is filled with wide-open spaces. Enough space for a mountain bikers, hikers, Jeepers, and four-wheelers delight. Still seeking more? Sedona has it! Visit a state park, go for a game of golf, a scenic drive, stargaze, or visit a winery. Have I piqued your interest yet? There's still more! If you prefer to stay indoors, Sedona activities include art galleries and shows, musical and theatrical performances, spiritual and personal enrichment activities, annual festivals and many community events.

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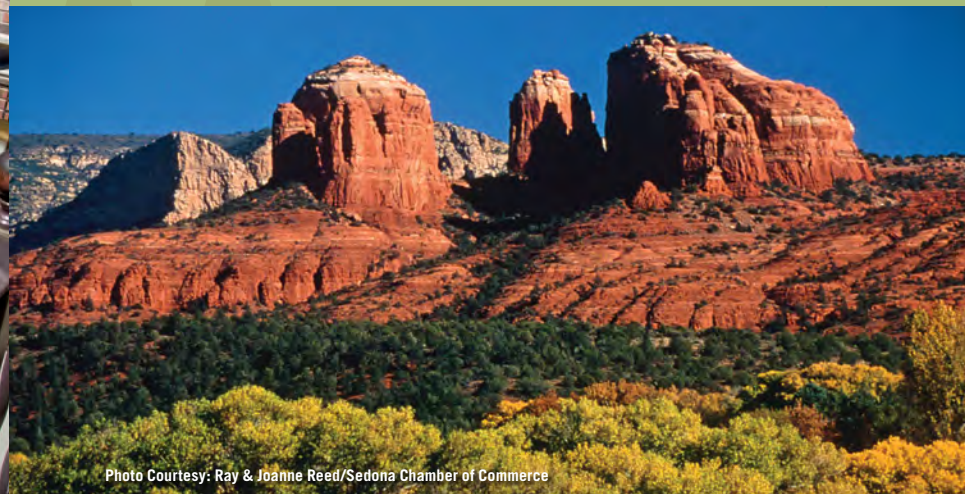


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look it is filled with spectacular views of picturesque red rock formations with colorful names: Coffeepot, Cathedral Rock, Thunder Mountain, Steam Boat Rock, Courthouse Butte, and more.

Historically a ranching community, Sedona became wildly popular through the motion picture industry with movies such as, "Apache", "Broken Arrow", "The Comancheros" and "Johnny Guitar". Now a premier tourism, recreation, and resort community, Sedona serves four million tourists from around the country annually.

At the north end of the city is the stunning Oak Creek Canyon, full of twists and turns. It's often rated as one of the top 10 canyon drives in the country.

Sedona is a very eccentric and accepting community. With no specific designated gay or lesbian bars, the local pride group, Sedona Gay Pride, has organized a weekly gathering at Red's, Sedona Rouge's lobby bar, each Thursday for the LGBT community to have an opportunity



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to mix n' mingle. In addition, Sedona Gay Pride hosts events throughout the year, and an annual pride festival in September.

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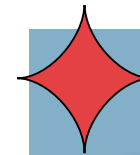
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Moving to Phoenix Metro

The “Valley of the Sun” is truly an Oasis in the Desert. Phoenix has become the 6th largest city in the country, with the Phoenix Metro area having enjoyed an average growth rate of 39% from 1995 to 2005, increasing from 2.6 million to about 3.7 million. The population of the Phoenix Metro area is currently estimated to be over 4.2 million.

The Valley of the Sun draws people with virtually 330 days of sunshine. It has extreme summers but enjoys moderate temperatures for the majority of the year, making this an ideal escape from cold and rainy weather conditions. Perfect for in-town hikes or biking in one of many desert mountain preserves *inside the city limits!* And, of course, you must relax by the pool.

Phoenix and Glendale are home to five major professional sports teams with slick new arenas throughout the valley. Several cities throughout the valley host pro baseball’s Cactus League Spring Training, bringing visitors from around the world.

Phoenix Metro is comprised of various towns and cities. Tempe, Chandler, Mesa, Gilbert, and Apache Junction are in the East Valley. Glendale, Avondale, Peoria, Goodyear, Sun City, and Buckeye are in the West Valley. Scottsdale and Fountain Hills are Northeast Valley communities and the state capital, Phoenix proper, lies in the

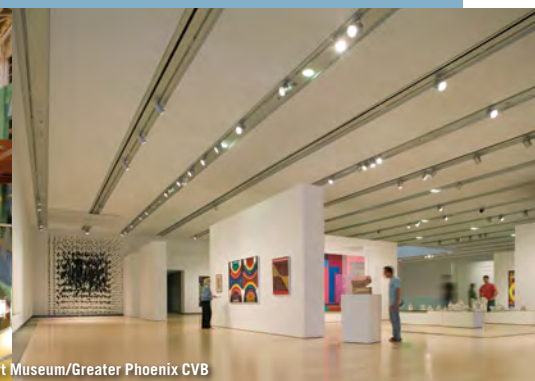
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While the whole country has been affected by the economic downturn, Phoenix has been especially hard hit due to the local economy’s dependence on the housing market. However, with tourism still holding its own, and the turnaround of the market in the foreseeable future, the Phoenix economy is on the verge of a rebound, with new industries creating new jobs for the residents of the Valley. The Valley Metro Light Rail currently connects Central Mesa to Central Phoenix. With an additional 37 miles of Light Rail scheduled to be completed by 2030, 20,000 jobs will be created to build and maintain the Light Rail system.

Arizona and Phoenix are leading the way in Biotech and Green/Sustainable innovation. Arizona State University’s School of Sustainability is the first of its kind in the nation, offering both Undergraduate and Graduate degrees. These newly popular industries are helping to rebuild the local economy through creation of new jobs. The Green/Sustainable innovations will also help sustain the Valley’s natural beauty for generations to come.



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PHOENIX

The Capital of the state of Arizona, Phoenix is its largest city, with over 1.6 million residents. Being so large, Phoenix offers something for every type of lifestyle, from the urban, city life of Downtown and the Central Corridor, to the more suburban, desert life of the Ahwatukee foothills in the southern part of the city.

Phoenix recently ranked eighth in the nation as one of the most inexpensive cities to live, work, and own a business. Its cost of living estimates are below that of Las Vegas, San Diego, and Seattle.

With the coming of the Valley Metro Light Rail, Downtown Phoenix has seen resurgence in life. Many new modern housing units as well as café's, coffee shops, restaurants, bars, and nightclubs have popped up along the Light Rail, which passes right through Central Phoenix.

Phoenix's cultural scene is also increasing in popularity. Phoenix plays host to various different national and international art exhibits throughout the year in its museums. Downtown hosts "First Fridays", a free monthly art walk on the first Friday of each month; galleries, studios, and other unique businesses feature local, national, and international artists and craftsmen. Phoenix's various theaters and performing arts centers feature local productions

as well as internationally traveling dance companies and shows year round.

Phoenix is not left out of the Shopping scene either. A valley institution, the Biltmore Fashion Park and the surrounding area, is home to internationally renowned luxury brands as well as much of Phoenix's fine dining. However, unique clothing shops and restaurants featuring all types of international cuisine and concepts are scattered throughout the city.

PHOENIX LGBT DISTRICT

Unlike some other major metropolitan areas, Phoenix does not have a central LGBT neighborhood. As Phoenix is so geographically spread out, most LGBT Phoenicians are too. However, the Melrose District of Central Phoenix has a high concentration of LGBT residents as well as LGBT and LGBT-friendly businesses. Many bars and nightclubs are situated in this area as well. This area stretches north from McDowell Road to Northern Avenue and West from 16th Street to 7th Avenue. Various LGBT businesses can also be found scattered throughout the Valley.



SCOTTSDALE

Bordering Phoenix to the east, Scottsdale has over 230,000 residents and is home to some of the finest residential living as well as recreational activities in the Valley.

Established by Army Chaplain Winfield Scott, Scottsdale has, since its beginning, been a haven for cowboys as well as the social elite. Many of the original settlers of Scottsdale, recruited by Scott from the east coast, were well-educated and had a great appreciation for cultural events. In 1937, Frank Lloyd Wright purchased 600 acres of Sonoran Desert land and built Taliesin West, his winter home and architectural firm/school's southwestern headquarters. In the 1940's, Scottsdale adopted the slogan, "The West's Most Western Town". Throughout the 1950's, greatly under the guidance of Del Webb, Scottsdale became an upscale getaway, with luxury resorts attracting movie stars and prominent public figures.

Today, Scottsdale still promotes its western heritage as made visible throughout its western-themed Old Town district. It has also become an upscale destination for shopping. Many of the world's most recognizable luxury brands have found a home at Scottsdale Fashion Square shopping center. And Scottsdale remains

a popular vacation destination with its many chic hotels and resorts. Scottsdale also has a thriving arts community, with over 125 art galleries, as well as museums and performing art centers. Scottsdale's nightlife attracts people from all over with its she-she-la-la Valley hot spots.

THE EAST VALLEY COMMUNITIES Apache Junction, Chandler, Gilbert, Mesa, Tempe

The East Valley cities have shared in the population growth along with Phoenix. Many who move to the East Valley count affordable housing and small town appeal along with proximity to the urban hub among their assets.

Mesa is Arizona's third largest city and one of the fastest growing cities in the state. Historically, Arizona has been home to countless citrus groves. Mesa has found a way to incorporate many of the existing orchards into commercial and residential developments, thus preserving the history and natural beauty of the area.

Tempe is home to Arizona State University as well as Mill Avenue, a main drag and Tempe's downtown, featuring shopping, restaurants, and a lively nightlife frequented by ASU's more than 50,000 students. ASU is also home to Gammage Auditorium, an opera house designed by

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Frank Lloyd Wright, originally proposed for Baghdad, Iraq. It is now a multifunctional performing arts facility that hosts Off-Broadway productions as well as various other performances.

Tempe is also one of the state's most dynamic business communities, with more than 15 percent of the state's high-tech companies located there.

FOUNTAIN HILLS & CAREFREE

The desert communities of Fountain Hills and Carefree offer some of the most beautiful views of the Valley's desert landscape. The town of Fountain Hills, located about 30 minutes northeast of downtown Phoenix on the eastern slope of the McDowell Mountains and about 500 feet above the Valley, is home to over 22,000 residents and one very conspicuous landmark. Situated in the middle of



a lake in Fountain Park, is a fountain that shoots a plume of water an amazing 560 feet into the air.

The town of Carefree is located 15 miles northeast of Phoenix and noted for its artisan population and cooler temperatures. The Carefree town motto is "home of cowboys and caviar, where the old west meets the new" and boasts the best of small town Arizona. Its population is less than 3,000, but growing.

THE WEST VALLEY COMMUNITIES Avondale, Buckeye, Glendale, Goodyear, Peoria

The West Valley has gone through a major makeover in recent years. Agriculture has made way for residential communities that are thriving as the Valley continues to spread out. Avondale has ambitious development plans and the smaller

city of Buckeye plans over 250,000 new homes in the next 20 years. Nearby Peoria is a model of the fast-growing Arizona city, with a stellar school system, affordable homes, and accessibility to rest of the Valley.

Arizona's fourth largest city is Glendale, a rapidly growing financial and business hub in the Northwest Valley. Glendale is a mix of older communities and new, master-planned developments. In 2008, Glendale hosted the NFL Super Bowl XLII at the University of Phoenix Stadium. The state of the art facility, designed by architect Peter Eisenman, boasts the first retractable, natural grass field in North America and permanent seating for approximately 63,400. It is truly a must see for anyone visiting or relocating to the state.

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Visiting Phoenix Metro Area

With the exception of often record-breaking heat during the summer months, the near-perfect weather in the Valley of the Sun goes hand-in-hand with exciting year-round recreation and outdoor adventure. There are over 200 pristine golf courses across the Valley and opportunities for biking, hiking, and boating, as well as many other outdoor activities abound. Piestewa Peak Park and Camelback Mountain, both in the heart of the Valley, provide great trails for the novice and experienced hiker alike. Tempe Town Lake is the practice ground for many rowing teams and has paddle-boats available to rent.

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If you are more of a spectator than a participant, Phoenix is home to all of Arizona's major league teams and hosts spring training for major league baseball. Professional sports teams include the Arizona Cardinals of the NFL, the MLB Arizona Diamondbacks, the NBA Phoenix Suns, and the WNBA 2009 Champions Phoenix Mercury as well as the NHL Coyotes.

The Valley also hosts world-class golf, tennis, and racing events. The WM Open (formerly the FBR Open) boasts the largest and most boisterous crowds on the PGA tour. The infamous 16th hole and the festivities at the Bird's Nest in the evenings are not to be missed.

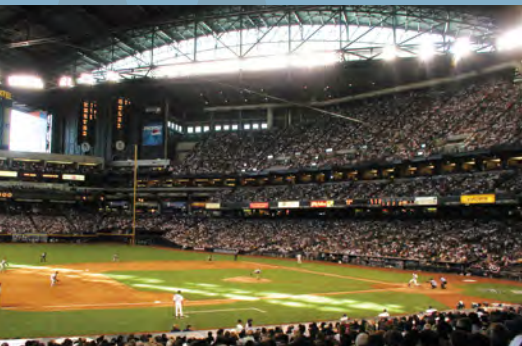
If shopping is your addiction, you will love the fabulous malls, unique boutiques, and antique shops across the Valley. East Phoenix features a Chinese Cultural center with unusual shops and restaurants.

You can also browse a multitude of museums and galleries, with unique works by local as well as international artists. The Valley has been privileged to host exhibitions from King Tut, Monet, Rembrandt, El Greco, Picasso, as well as many up and coming artists.

After a day of shopping, relaxing by the pool, or hiking Camelback Mountain, you'll need a good meal before tackling the Valley's nightlife. Valley restaurants have something for every pallet and every budget. With the amalgamation of so many different cultures and influences, the Valley's food scene will give any self-proclaimed "foodie" a vacation to remember. Wine bars and Tapas bars have had a recent upswing in popularity in American culture, and Phoenix has not been left behind.



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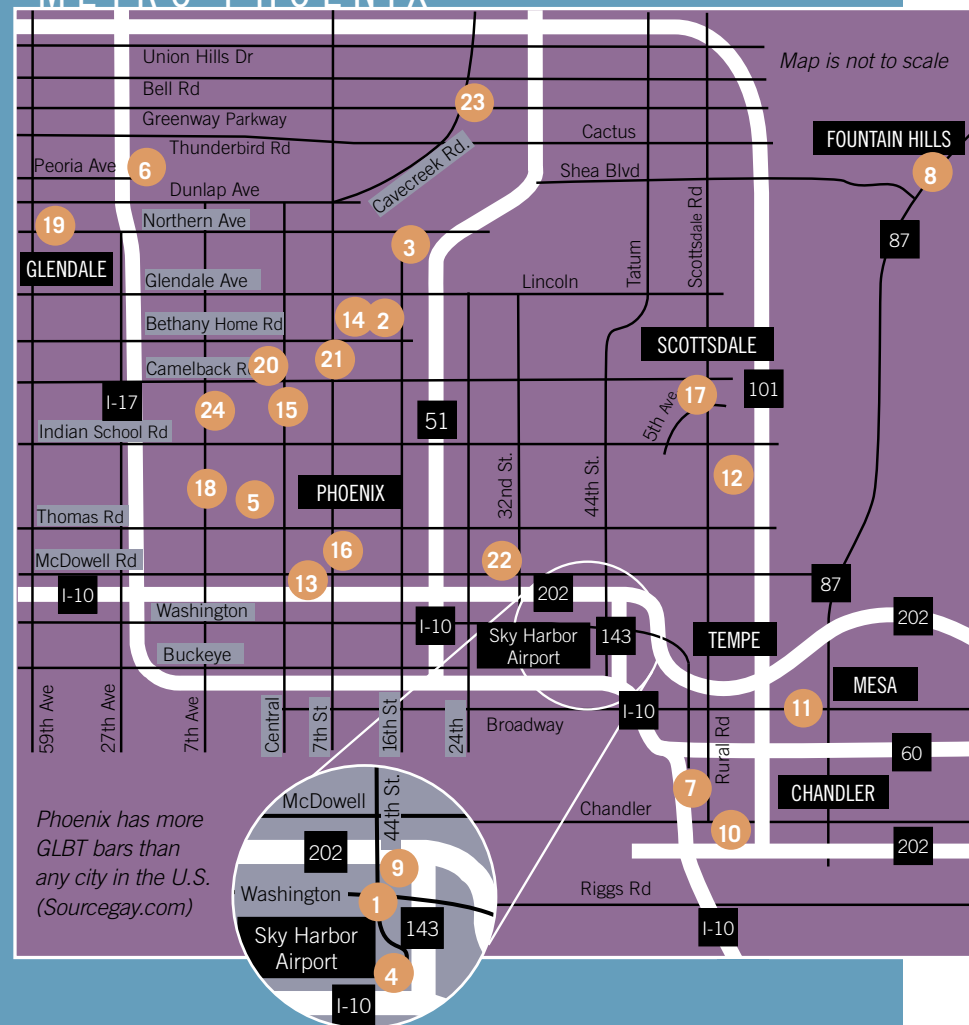
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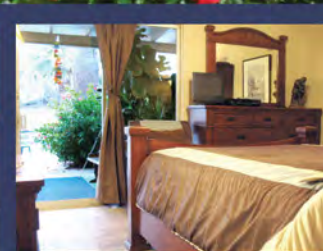
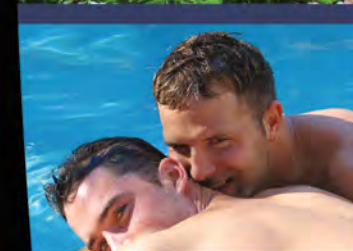
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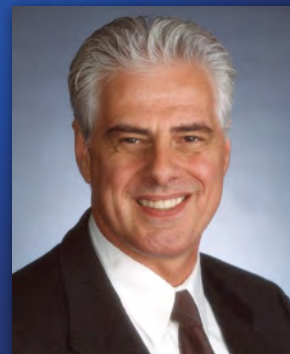
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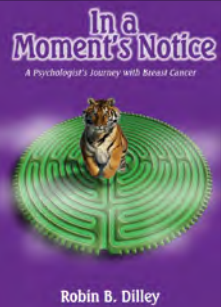
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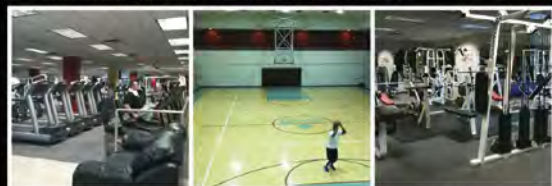
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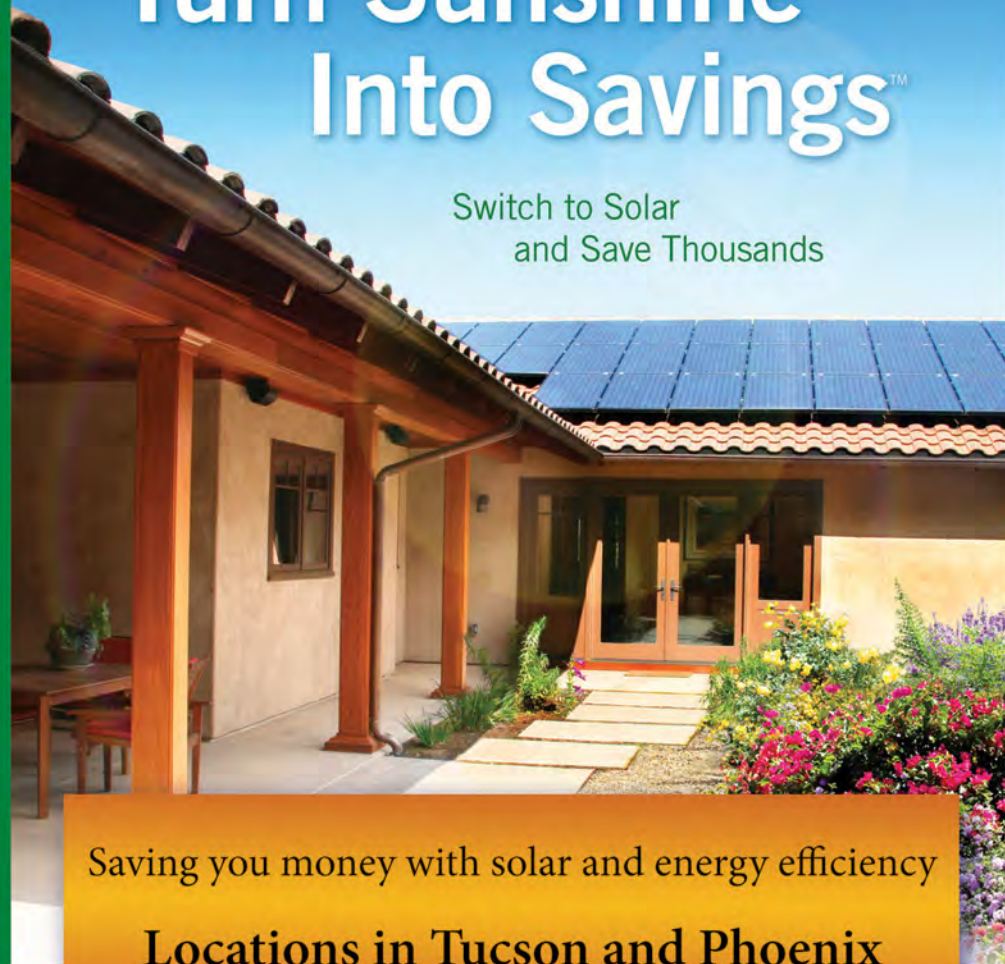


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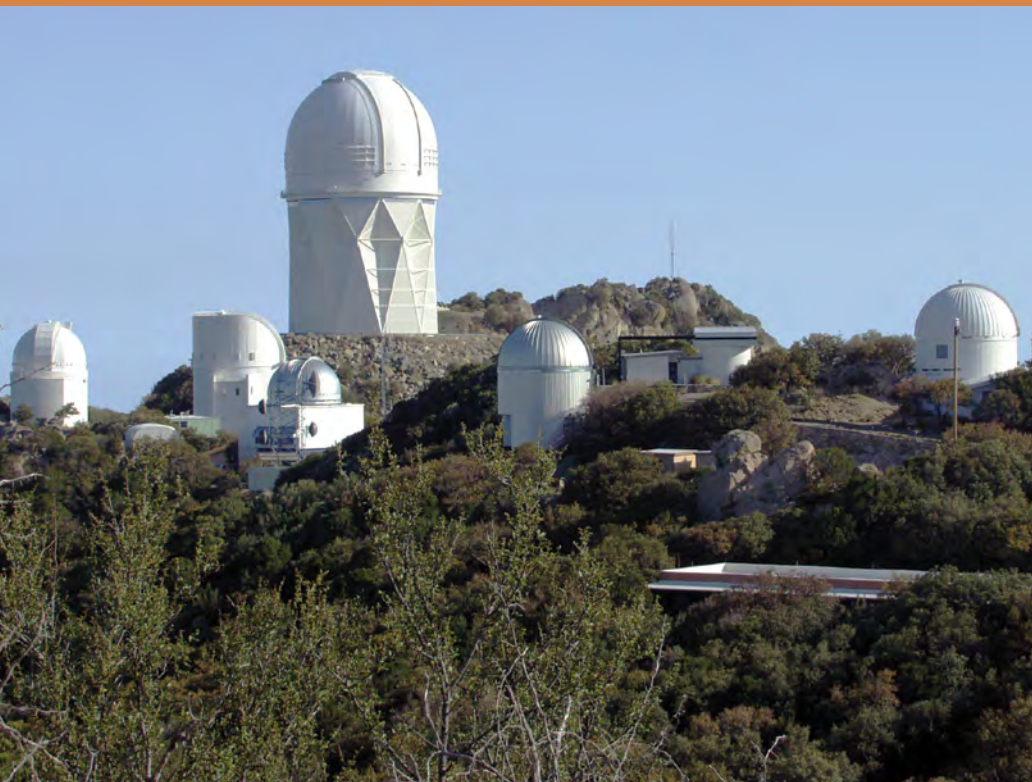
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Tucson is nestled in the valley of five small mountain ranges, the shining star of which is Mount Lemmon in the Santa Catalina range. At over 9,000 feet, it is the southernmost winter ski resort in the country. But don't let the mountains fool you: Tucson is a desert city. Several state and national parks surround the city, including Saguaro National Park, where a lot of the picturesque magazine photos

of imposing saguaro cactus come from. The Spanish mission, San Xavier del Bac is located near Tucson. Known as "the white dove of the desert", it is a charming sight to behold against its desert mountain backdrop.

Downtown Tucson is the historic and cultural heart of "Old Pueblo", with ten historic districts, an arts district, professional theatre, opera, ballet, and



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symphony. Downtown landmarks include the Hotel Congress and two historic train depots. The area is known for unique shopping, great restaurants, vintage theaters, bed-and-breakfasts, exciting nightlife and eclectic architecture.

Tucson is a great city to explore and enjoy. Dining out in Tucson should be experienced Southwestern-style. Filled with the smells of sizzling fajitas and mesquite-fired grills, Tucson boasts some of the best Mexican and Southwestern cuisine in the world. But there is dining to fit ALL tastes and all budgets in the Old Pueblo, from five-star restaurants to great local favorites.

One adventure not to be missed while in the Tucson area is south to the hidden gem of the desert—Arizona's rapidly growing "wine country". About 55 miles south of Tucson, in the Sonoita-Elgin area, are about fourteen wineries – tiny, but producing some world-class, award winning wines. Take a day, or even a weekend, to visit this beautiful part of Arizona and get a "taste" of our state's exciting new venture!



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BISBEE

Ninety miles southeast of Tucson, and situated in the Mule Mountains, Bisbee, Arizona, is the picturesque county seat of historic Cochise County. The town was founded in 1880 as a mining community. Once known as the "Queen of the Copper Camps", this Old West mining camp proved to be one of the

richest mineral sites in the world, producing nearly three million ounces of gold and more than eight billion pounds of copper.

By the early 1900's the Bisbee community was the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco and had become one of the most cultured cities in the Southwest – home to Arizona's first community library, a popular opera house, the state's oldest baseball field, and the state's first golf course.

When the mines closed, many artistic free spirits decided Bisbee was an ideal, attractive, and inexpensive location to settle in and pursue their artistic endeavors. Today, Bisbee has evolved into an attractive and welcoming artist and retirement community, known for its accepting and laid-back quality of life.

The happiest news is that up to 60% of Bisbee's population is GLBT. And the entire town is incredibly accepting of everyone. There are no gay bars in Bisbee, but the bars that are there are welcoming to all, allowing you not to think twice if you choose to share a kiss with your partner.



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All visitors are welcome in Bisbee, Photo right page courtesy Bisbee Pride





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TOMBSTONE

Perhaps Arizona's most renowned town, "The town too tough to die", Tombstone is a step back into Arizona's Old West history. Shootings and other crimes got so bad in Tombstone in the 1880's that then-President of the U.S., Chester Arthur, declared martial law in Tombstone and sent in the troops! That was just after the infamous shooting at the OK Corral in 1881 involving Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday. You can see re-enactments of that famous fight on a regular basis.

Residents of the city embrace their Old West history and have sought to preserve

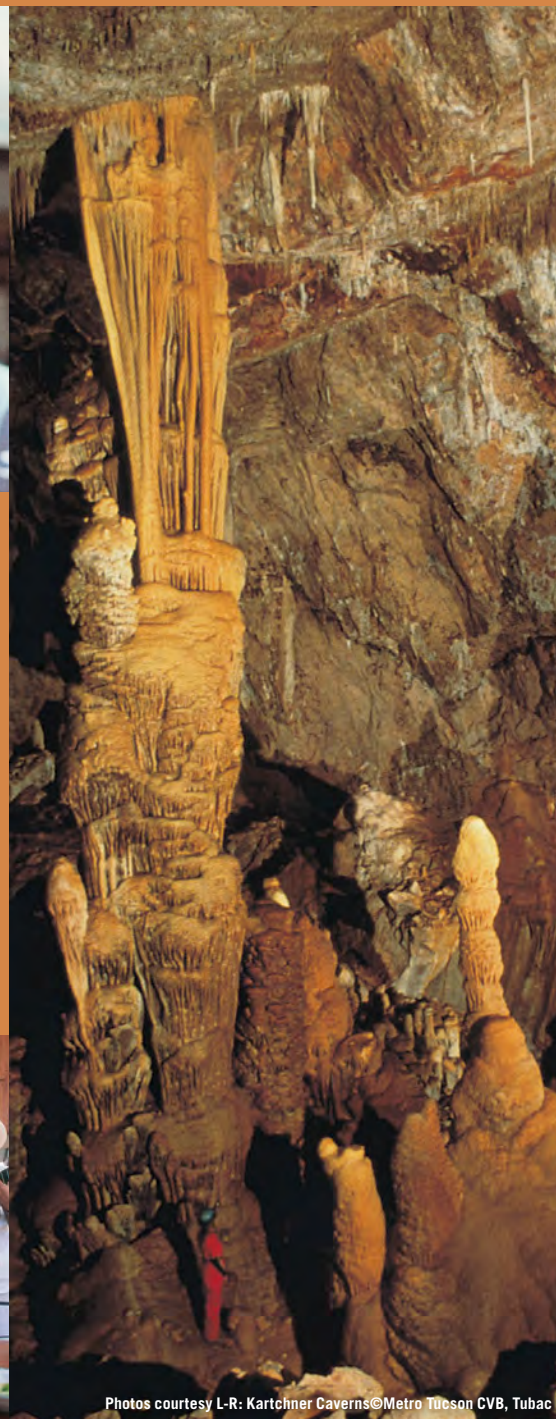
the historic old buildings and stories. The result is a unique look into America's past. The entire town of Tombstone is a true historic American landmark, and any lover of western memorabilia should definitely give Tombstone a visit.

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TUBAC

Another nice road trip to take while in the Tucson area is 50 miles south on Interstate 19 to Tubac. Established by the Spanish in 1752, Tubac is now a growing artist colony with over 80 galleries to browse and some of the state's best import shops.

The landscape is high desert with cottonwood and mesquite forests. Tubac boasts temperatures several degrees cooler than both Tucson and Phoenix in the summer months, making it a nice little getaway.

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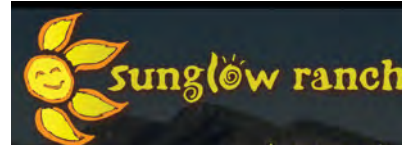
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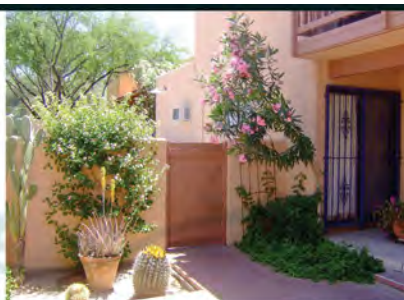


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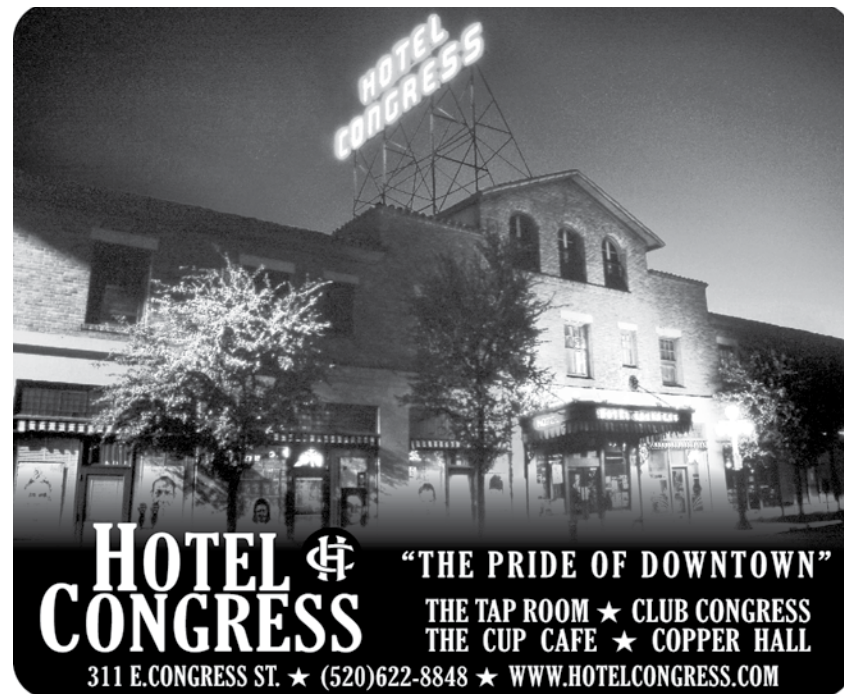
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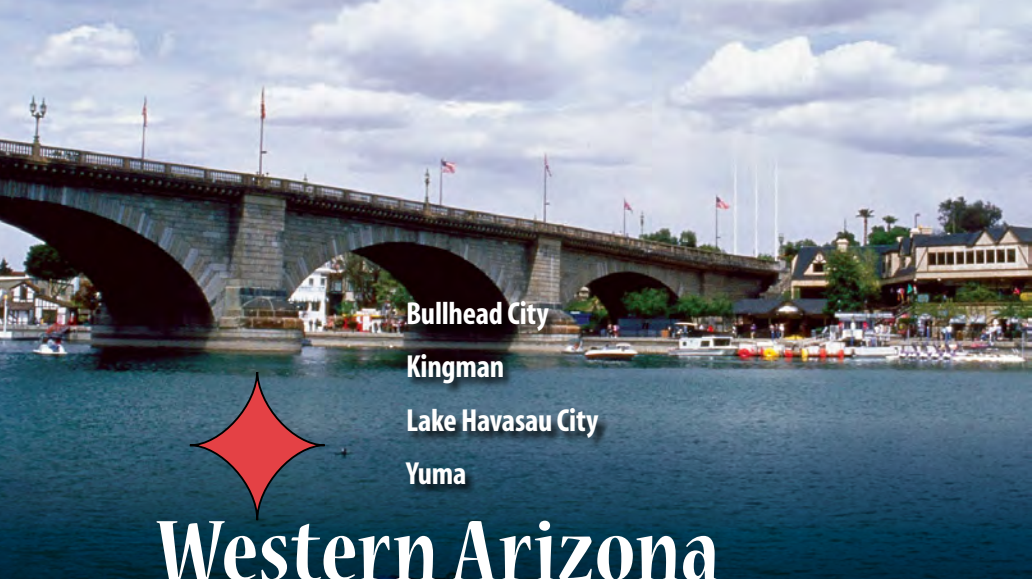
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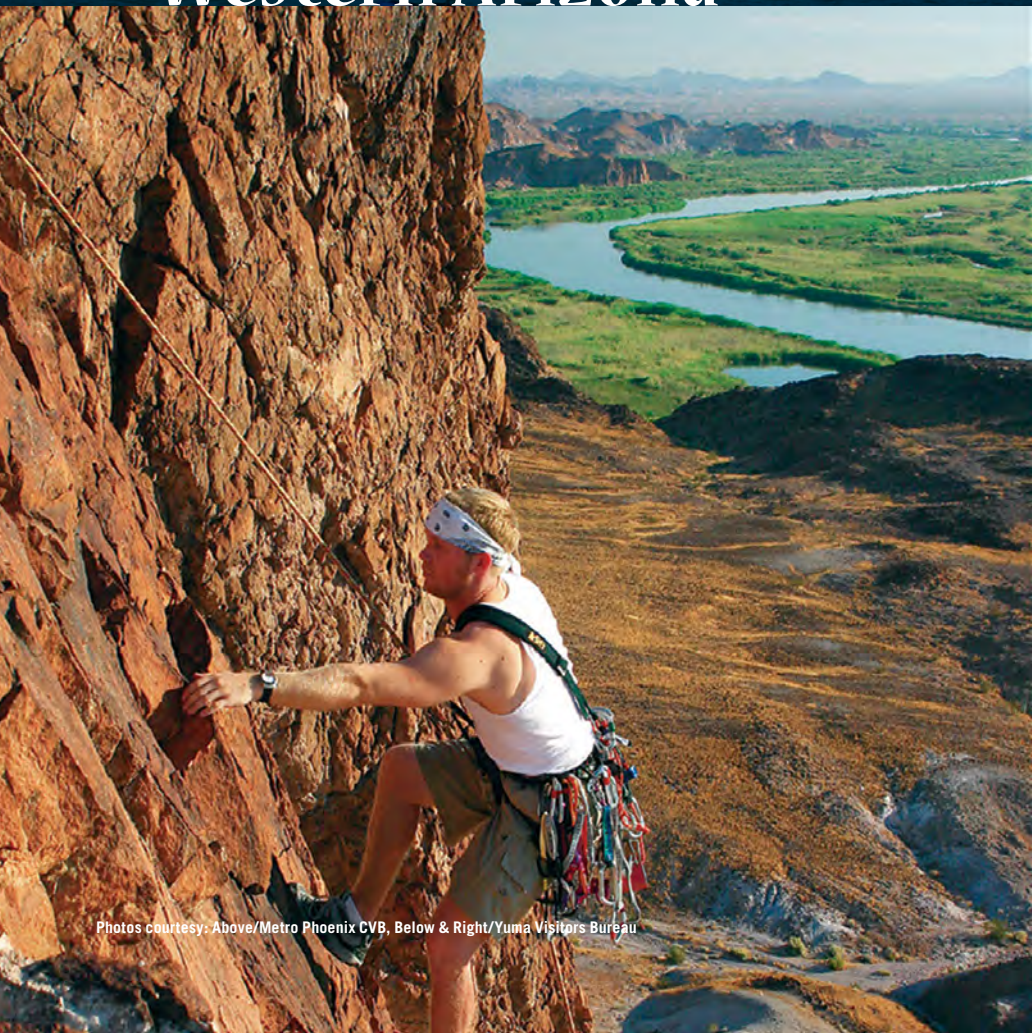
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Regularly scheduled events such as the Bluegrass Festival, the annual River Run Motorcycle Rally, and the Chili Cook-Off provide family oriented activities. And as we said, the climate is perfect for outdoor recreation all year long. A variety of lodging, shopping and dining experiences are offered by the area's many businesses, and the gaming casinos in nearby Laughlin, Nevada, just across the Colorado River, offer twenty-four hour entertainment.

LAKE HAVASU CITY

There is nothing more amazing than the contrast of the arid Arizona desert and the cool, refreshing, rapid Colorado River. Along Arizona's border, stretching more than 300 miles from Nevada to Mexico, the Colorado unfolds in a sapphire-blue lake teeming with fish and surrounded by an abundance of wildlife. Nowhere is this convergence of land and water more spectacular than in the center of it all, Lake Havasu.

Rising effortlessly from the shore and set against the scenic backdrop of the Sonoran and Mojave deserts, Lake Havasu City and its surroundings take many forms: sand swept dunes, hidden canyons, and breathtaking rock formations among them, and offers everything from lake and desert tours to golf, tennis, shopping, dining, to a full range of water-sports activities. Lake Havasu is quite the exciting sports and recreation mecca.

Lake Havasu City gained international attention when the London Bridge, which spanned the River Thames in London, England, from the 1830's to 1968, was reconstructed brick by brick across Lake Havasu's Bridgewater Channel in 1971.



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Yuma was ranked by Money Magazine as one of the top places to live in the U.S., and is one of the country's fastest growing cities. City leaders say Yuma's livability, accessibility, proximity (especially to California and Mexico), and climate make it a popular place to visit and to live.

Yuma is home to the Yuma Territorial Prison State Historic Park. The prison was started in 1876 when Arizona was a U.S. territory, and closed in 1909, when it was moved to Florence. It is now operated as a historical museum. Other places of interest in Yuma are the Yuma Quartermaster State



Park, and a historic downtown, which is designated as an “Arizona Main Street City”. Over 20 movies have been filmed in Yuma, including “Shawshank Redemption” and the 2007 version of “3:10 to Yuma”.

Yuma has a growing and active LGLBT population that keeps locals informed about the club scene in nearby Mexico and the many LGBT activities and events that are happening all year 'round.

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We all know about the dangers of drinking and driving, but



do we truly realize how it can change the lives of everybody around us? When we get behind the wheel after drinking, a high percentage of us feel we are fine to drive. That is why 6 out of 10 drinking members of the LGBT community have been arrested for a DUI, (based on a study performed by the Mile High Council based in Denver, Colorado). This might shock some in our community, yet, to others it is not surprising. The Pride Guide finds this a concern, not just in the LGBT community, but in all communities. This is why we are writing this article.

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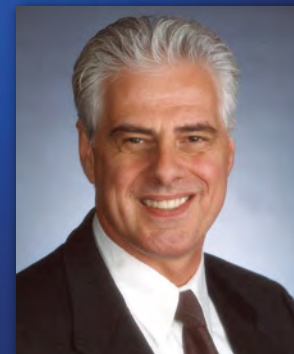
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cost and penalties for being convicted of a DUI, we were amazed that the numbers of arrests were so high. We are told on the news, billboards, and commercials not to Drink and Drive. As one states, "You will get Caught". Are the penalties and advertising not getting the word out? This makes us even more determined to get this information into public awareness.



The State of Arizona has a zero tolerance on Drinking and Driving. So, if you have just a trace of alcohol on your breath or blood test, you can be arrested for a DUI.

Be prepared when going out. No matter if you are going to a sporting event such as a spring training baseball game, a concert, festival, happy hour or even a pool party, there is a very good chance you will have a drink. There are other options besides getting behind the wheel! Public transportation



services have increased in such places in Phoenix with the light rail, and plans for a light rail in Tucson are in the works. Do check the bus and light rail schedules, as they are always changing due to our state's economic hardships. Also, the light rail only runs in

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As we stated before, after having some drinks, we think to ourselves, "I am fine to drive". Please, before you get behind the wheel, think about the penalties. Arizona is known as the toughest state on DUI's and doing the research, we can agree with that statement. The average cost of a DUI from attorney fees, fines, jail, alcohol classes, and the interlock device is about \$11,900 and can go up from there. Plus, an average person arrested for DUI can lose their job due to lost time on

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the job, and loss of their driver's license. Then, there is the trickle-down effect with your loss of income that affects everyone else in your household.



A night out should leave you with fond memories, not a long-term nightmare. So, please, stop and think before getting behind the wheel. Besides the fines and lost income, you risk the possibility of injuring or worse, killing, innocent people. One night can be a nightmare for life and for those affected by your actions.

We have listed resources below about laws and fees and how a person can get help for alcohol abuse. We care about you and our community! Please be safe DO NOT DRINK AND DRIVE!!!



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