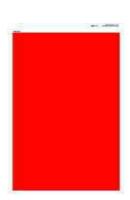
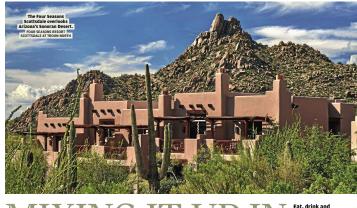
MIXING IT UP IN SCOTTSDALE

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Rustic Old West meets

modern-day luxury at its finest in Arizona

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. want to see for yourself, lace to start is Old Town. If you want to see for yourself, good place to start is old Town, here the city began in the late 000. Its Old West flari is appar-it day and night. By day, shop for both Native merican art and jewelry (be renot to miss the Native Ame-entic Western appartel. etern an owned Art Markel 1 and au-entic Western appartel. etern and and head for the Rudy Spur Joon, where there's live coun-ymusic nightly. You may have to belly up to the Rudy to be Rudy

bar tor your cold one, as the Rusty Spur's tables are occupied pretty much whenever it's open. Don't let that stop you; it didn't stop Western icons John Wayne and Clint Eastwood, who were known to frequent the Rusty Spur when in town. to frequent the kusity sput when in itown. Cattle drovers, ranch hands, town marshals, gunslingers and other demizens of the Wild West probably didn't do much muse-probably didn't do much muse-museums apart. I do much muse-museums aparter base. However, you should make museum is aparteriging as West-dale experience, especially if the museum is aparticipaing as West-ern Spirit: Scottsdale's Museum of the Switzbing and the Switzbing and

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esty of the West, book a tour at Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin West, a counterpart to the archi-tect's Wisconsin Taliesin. Using it as his winter home and studio from 1937 until his death

ntil his death und as much -colored des-ls of the Mc-as he did in in 1959, Wright fo Wisconsin. He once famously described the view from atop his mesa as "a look over the rim of the world." Visitors experience the same

Visitors experience the same awe at this National Historic Landmark and UNESCO World Heritage Site as they wander from room to room, all connected by terraces, pools and gardens.



Those who live in parts of the country given to lush green veg-etation often think the desert doesn't bloom. They couldn't be more wrong. It blooms differ-ently, but boy, does it bloom. Among desolate dunes and end couldned, conce, flowigh

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es flourish marigold, the plume, sert laven-e and whit-which bring a dust-hued brittlebush, desett marigold, faily duster, Apache plume, Arizona poppy, desett laven-der, desett primrose and whit-estem paperflower, which bring splotches of color to a dust-hued landscape. The best place to see the flora is the Desett Botanical Garden in find the world's major collection of arid-climate plants – not just from the deserts of the Southwest

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Definited Scottisable Protoco but from those sound the world. Some \$0,000 plants are scat-tered among the red rocks of the Papago plantse, best viewed by trails. Cactuses native to the frow themesof trails. Cactuses native to the So-norn Desett are also prepsented the prickly pear cactus, which some may know only through its some may know only through its measure and twisted arms as it ages (some have as mary as 25), two spanses of the some and the source of the flower of the source of the flower in the spring and effurt in the summer.

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