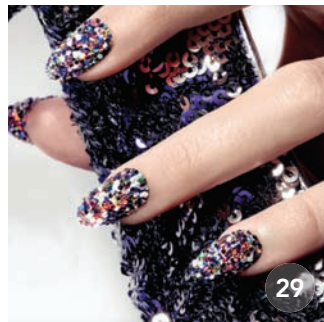
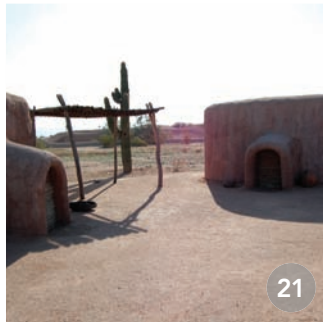
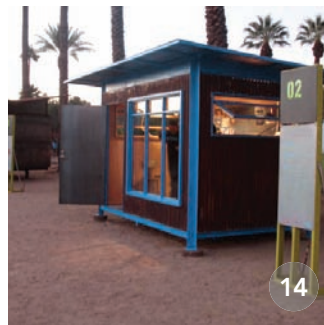
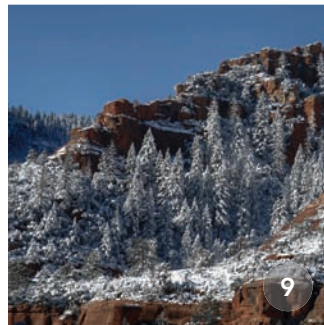


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- 1 Comedian **Louis CK** at Celebrity Theatre Dec. 22 (page 26)
- 2 Ice skating on the **rooftop pool deck** at the W Scottsdale (page 26)
- 3 Tempe's Fall Festival of the Arts, the **largest arts and crafts event** in the Southwest (page 28)
- 4 The Lost Leaf, a **house-turned-bar** with live music nightly and 158 beers on the menu (914 N. 5th St., 602.258.0014)
- 5 Cowpunk band **Supersuckers**, originally of Tucson, at Phoenix's Crescent Ballroom Dec. 6 (page 30)
- 6 Deconstructed fish taco salad at **The Vig** (page 32)
- 7 Pulled pork and pineapple salsa tacos at **Distrito** (page 58)
- 8 **"The West Select: A New Western Classic"** at Phoenix Art Museum (page 35)
- 9 **Snow in Sedona!** (page 75)
- 10 Shabby chic goods at **Melrose Vintage** (page 42)
- 11 **Vibrant glass sculptures** at Mesa Contemporary Arts (page 35)
- 12 Illuminated monkeys **jumping in trees** at Zoo Lights (page 30)
- 13 Browsing **local crafts and indie jewelry** at MADE art boutique (page 49)
- 14 **Tiny houses** and big ideas at "Micro Dwell 2012" at Shemer Art Center (page 34)
- 15 **"The Nutcracker"** by Ballet Arizona Dec. 7-24 (page 28)
- 16 ZZ Top's **legendary beards and tunes** at Wild Horse Pass Casino Dec. 8 (page 26)
- 17 Half-price bottles of wine every Wednesday at **indoor/outdoor sushi/teppanyaki** lounge Sapporo (page 25, 64)
- 18 Picking the perfect pair of **cozy leather boots** at J. Gilbert Footwear (page 50)
- 19 **Sweet Republic ice cream** in such flavors as pumpkin spice and honey blue cheese (9160 E. Shea Blvd., 480.248.6979)
- 20 Flagstaff's snow-laden ski mountains, **just 2.5 hours north**
- 21 Evidence of the **bygone Hohokam people** at Pueblo Grande in Phoenix (page 20)
- 22 **Valley resident Alice Cooper's** Christmas Pudding, a yearly variety show that benefits the musician's charity (pages 22, 26)
- 23 **Cozy lakeside dining** at Buster's (Mercado del Lago, 8320 N. Hayden Rd., 480.951.5850)
- 24 Pop-art **pet portraiture** by Ron Burns at Bonner David Galleries (artist appearance Dec. 27; page 38)
- 25 Holiday-themed train rides among **more than 50,000 lights** at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park (page 28)
- 26 Oil paintings and bronze sculpture at **Legacy Gallery** (page 38)
- 27 Seeing the Valley from a different view at **Desert Skydiving Center** (3000 S. Palo Verde Rd., Buckeye, 602.271.0440)
- 28 **Rocking out** to Bruce Springsteen at Jobing.com Arena Dec. 6 (pages 20, 26)
- 29 **Glitter-encrusted nail polish** by Ciaté at Sephora (page 48)
- 30 Baskets brimming with saucy creations at **Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que** (page 70)

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