

PHOENIX

Vintage scores

Phoenix's shopping scene does go beyond strip malls and retail cha

Take **Frances**, an indie shop at a

looking (but perfectly safe) place  
corner of Central Avenue and Camelback

Road. Owner Georganne Bryant, who named the store after her grandmother, picks the entire collection of jewelry, cards, handbags, vintage clothes, and home accessories herself, much of it locally made (we like the resin antlers).

francesvintage.com -ELIZABETH EXLINE

NEW MEXICO ROAD TRIP

Hot springs  
escape

Named after a 1950s game show, Truth or Consequences (just off Interstate 25) is a great place to pull into for a soak and a bite to eat. Stop by **Blackstone Hot Springs**, a 1930s hotel with a charming vintage feel and a private bath, the **Wet Room** (bath \$25 per hour for two people; blackstonehotsprings.com), that you can rent. The plant-filled room has a soaking tub, steam room, and waterfall. Afterward, head to **Cafe BellaLuca** (\$; 575/894-9866), an Italian gem with a community table and convivial vibe. You can't go wrong with a calzone and a Tire Biter Golden Ale.

-RONNI LUNDY



Desert after dark

When the mercury rises, explore the Southwest's incredible landscape by moonlight

SEDONA

Sedona's rock towers and iron red mesas are stunning at any time of year, but as temperatures climb in summer, try seeing this otherworldly landscape by sunset or full moon. **Red Rock State Park** stays open late two nights each month for guided 2-mile moonlight hikes. If you can't make it July 6 or 7, ask a volunteer naturalist at the visitor center to recommend a map and a sunset walk you can do on your own—the park also offers guided sunset hikes every Friday. \$7 per vehicle; moonlight hikes 7 p.m. Jul 6–7 (reservations required), sunset hikes 6 p.m. Fri; 928/282-6907. -DINA MISHEV

MOAB

Yes, we know Moab is far for a lot of Southwesterners, but let us offer a case for it: **Canyonlands National Park** (shown above; \$10 per vehicle; nps.gov/cany). Its 527 square miles of sandstone, carved into crazy, bright red shapes by the Colorado River, encourage endless exploring. To see it by moonlight, take an evening cruise with **Canyonlands by Night and Day** (\$65, including dinner; canyonlandsbynight.com): The two-hour adventure takes you up the Colorado River in a pontoon boat as lights illuminate the nearly 600-foot, rust-colored canyon walls (you see why Moab is called "land of fire"). At the end, the beams are switched off so you can stargaze into one of the darkest night skies in the country. -SHARAE KOLBERG

FLAGSTAFF

This month, celebrate the 40th anniversary of man's first steps on the moon with a visit to **Lowell Observatory**. One of the country's oldest observatories (built in 1894, it was made a national historic landmark in 1966), it's also in the world's first International Dark Sky City. Visitors can peer through Lowell's historic 24-inch-wide telescope and the smaller scopes scattered around the Mars Hill campus. Through the end of this month, you can also learn about Flagstaff's contributions to the Apollo program at its exhibit **Flagstaff Goes to the Moon**. \$6; lowell.edu -D.M.

Don't miss

Pay homage to the West's prince of pop art at **Wayne Thiebaud, 70 Years of Painting**. Through Aug 16; \$5 donation suggested; at the Loveland Museum/Gallery, Loveland, CO; 970/962-2410.

