

# What to do in the Rockies

## April



### SALT LAKE CITY

#### Artsy day on the town

Spring into the local art scene at Artspace City Center, a hive of small galleries and artists' studios in a renovated 1905 warehouse on the burgeoning west side. Start with Galleryuaf (Utah Arts Festival) for a look at painter Chase Leslie's urban landscapes. For a glimpse inside the studios, join the citywide Gallery Stroll receptions (6–9 Apr 18; free; [gallerystroll.org](http://gallerystroll.org)). Closed Sat–Sun; 230 South 500 West; [www.artspaceutah.org](http://www.artspaceutah.org) (Artspace) and [uaf.org](http://uaf.org) or 801/322-2428 (Galleryuaf). **SNACK BREAK** Pre- or post-gallery hopping, dine at the Tin Angel Café, where the vibe is bohemian, the food is mostly local and organic, and there's more art, plus live music on weekends. \$\$; closed Sun; 365 West 400 South; 801/328-4155. —VIRGINIA RAINEY

### DENVER

#### CELEBRATE STRAWBERRY SEASON

When springtime grocery-store displays begin to stand tall with boxes of brilliant red strawberries, the place to be is Duo Restaurant, where James Beard–honored pastry chef Yasmin Lozada-Hissom serves up a deluxe version of classic strawberry shortcake (\$7). Between two warm, crumbly brown sugar biscuits, you get three miniature scoops of tangy lime buttermilk gelato and sweet,

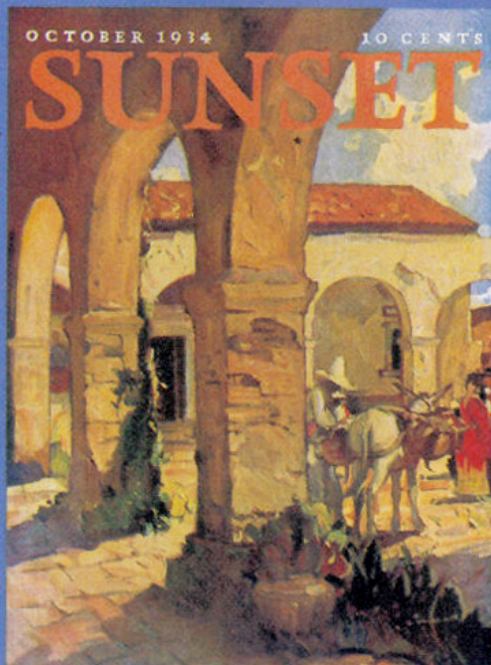
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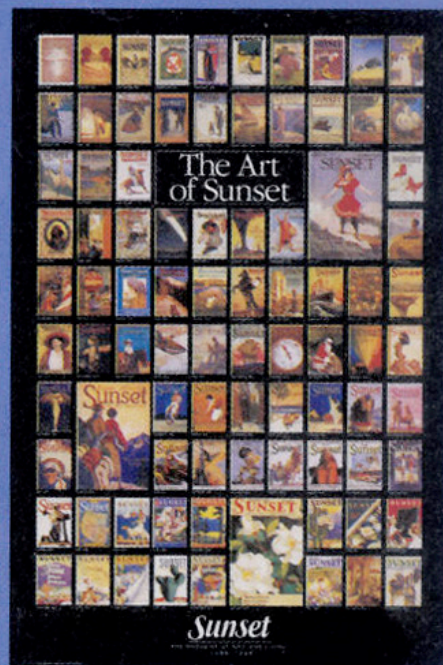
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—KAZIA JANKOWSKI

#### FRISCO, CO

**DINE LIKE A KING ON A DIME** If stacked fish tacos with red corn tortillas, housemade coleslaw, and red chile tempura-style fish sound like just the thing after a day of spring skiing, we've got just the place for you: Food Hedz World Café. Tucked away in a shopping center just minutes from Breckenridge (or en route back to Denver from Copper Mountain, Vail, and all points west), it's the rare mountain eatery serving made-from-scratch meals—like lobster and crab mac 'n' cheese—for a song. \$\$; closed Sun–Mon and for two weeks each in May and Oct; 842 Summit Blvd./State 9, Ste. 19 (just south of I-70); 970/668-2000.

—CLAIRE WALTER

#### MORGAN, UT

**GET A JUMP ON CAMPING SEASON** Beat the crowds and take advantage of four new heated yurts at East Canyon State Park, 40 miles east of Salt Lake City. Early spring means glassy water perfect for casting a line—park managers predict a boom year for trout. And if you're lucky, you might see—and hear—the first of the season's loons

passing through on their spring migration (listen for their haunting call early in the morning at the water's edge). Yurt sleeps six; \$60 per night, \$7 day-use fee; 5535 S. State 66; [utah.com/stateparks/east-canyon.htm](http://utah.com/stateparks/east-canyon.htm) or 801/829-6866.

—HARRIOT MANLEY

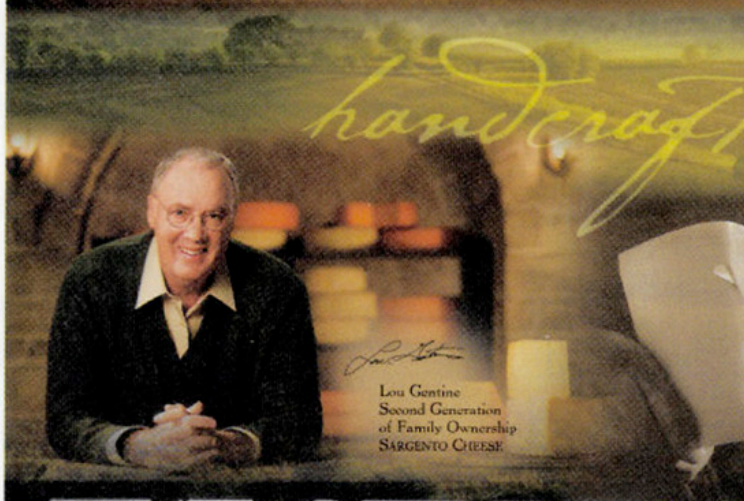
#### WALDEN, CO

##### WATCH BIRDS GONE

**WILD** Imagine dozens of ground-dwelling birds in costume, burbling at an underwater ball, and you've got an idea of what it's like to visit a greater sage grouse lek (animal-courtship site). Some of the best strutting grounds for North America's largest grouse are near Walden, about four hours northwest of Denver, where each spring, they gather at dawn to display their spiky fanned tails and luxurious white-feather stoles. The North Park Chamber of Commerce organizes overnight tours (with a presentation by the Colorado Division of Wildlife) to a greater sage grouse lek that's otherwise off-limits to the public (Apr 19–20 and Apr 26–27; call for prices; reservations required; 970/723-4600). Or visit a lek on your own at nearby Delaney Butte Lakes (\$10.25 Habitat Stamp required; off County Rd. 5; [wildlife.state.co.us](http://wildlife.state.co.us) or 970/723-4625).

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