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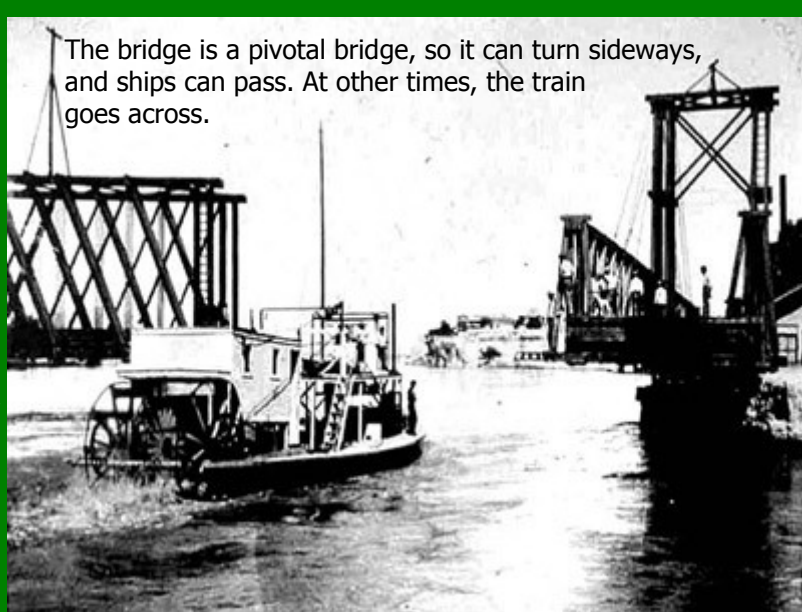
History of Yuma

Yuma straddles the Colorado River, at a point where the river narrows to under 1000 feet across. It is an ideal crossing point, hence the original name Yuma Crossing. Original settlers were native Americans, whose descendants now live on the Cocopah and Quechan reservations nearby. Numerous explorers and expeditions passed over Yuma Crossing, including Juan Bautista de Anza, the Mormon Brigade, Father Kino, etc. –in the time before dams, the Colorado River was very tempestuous at times, and the 2 granite outcroppings at Yuma Crossing provided a relatively safe passage to cross.

The town did not take the name Yuma until 1873. It was virtually destroyed by the Great Flood of 1862, and had to be totally rebuilt, on higher ground. From the 1850's to the 1870's, Yuma Crossing was primarily known for its ferry crossing, and it was also the major steamboat landing for boats heading up the Colorado River, to the mining and military camps north. From 1864, the Yuma Quartermaster Depot supplied all military outposts in present day Arizona, and large parts of New Mexico, and Colorado. Goods were offloaded at Port Isabel, since seafaring vessels could reach that point through the Sea of Cortez, and then transhipped to the Depot, or the steamboats, a short distance.

The Gold Rush of 1849 turned everything on its head, as over 60,000 miners passed through Yuma, heading west. Fort Yuma was established in 1852, and in 1876 came the famous territorial prison. The Southern Pacific Railroad made its first crossing on a pivotal bridge (so the bridge could be opened for steamships) in 1877.

Today Yuma is home to the Yuma Marine Corp Air Station and the Yuma Proving Ground. It is also a major producer of winter vegetables, including lettuce and other leafy vegetables, citrus, dates, and much more—making Yuma County the third most productive winter vegetable source in the nation. Nice diversity.



UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mar 1	Comerica Theatre	Korn
Mar 2	Downtown Carefree	Carefree Art & Wine Festival
Mar 3	Tempe Beach Park	Great Arizona Beer Festival
Mar 3	Camelback Ranch	Fanfest
Mar 3	Salt River Fields Stadium	Spring Training Begins!
Mar 3 & 4	Fountain Hills Community Ctr.	Gem & Mineral Show
Mar 4	Maryvale Ball Park	Spring Training Begins!
Mar 5	Camelback Ranch Stadium	Spring Training Begins!
Mar 6	Tempe Diablo Stadium	Spring Training Begins!
Mar 10	Tempe Town Lake	Desert Sprints Regatta
Mar 10	Kiwanis Park	Nun Run
Mar 10 & 11	Estrella Mountain Regional Park	Tres Rios Festival
Mar 12	Comerica Theatre	Willie Nelson
Mar 15-18	Skyway Church	Carnival
Mar 16-25	Superstition Springs Mall	Carnival
Mar 17	RT O'Sullivans	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 17	Padre Murphy's	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 17	Z Tejas	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 17	Rula Bula Irish Pub	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 17	Robbie Fox & Johnny Fox	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 17	Seamus McCaffrey's Irish Pub	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 17	Frank Murray's Turf Irish Pub	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 24	Kiwanis Park	Catch-A-Wave Car Show
Mar 24	JW Desert Marriott	Fight Night
Mar 24	Comerica Theatre	The Pink Floyd Experience
Mar 28	Comerica Theatre	Kevin James
Mar 30-Apr 1	Downtown Tempe on Mill	Spring Arts Festival
Mar 10-Apr 8	Desert Sky Mall	Carnival



Help Yourself

Get Motivated!

It's easier to give up on things that it is to push forward and accomplish your goals. But then there is no reward, and you are left with a feeling of disappointment. If you need some motivation, [here](#) are 9 secrets to help you get and stay motivated.

Sometimes It's The Simple Things in Life...

...that make us happy. Reading through [this article](#) I realized they were right about every one of the things they listed. The last one about making your bed really hit home. When my house gets messy, I feel a lot more stressed out. Then once it's clean, I can breathe again. If you don't already, try applying some of them to your life and see if it makes a difference for you!



In the long run you make your own luck—good, bad, or indifferent
—Loretta Lynn

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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