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San Manuel Stack Demolition

A Resident's Perspective

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Pinal Nugget

I debated with myself about writing this story. After all, how do I put into words being present for the end of an era, for the end of what built my hometown, as well as provided for our family? How do I explain this whole thing to people who would say, "What's the big deal?" How do I even attempt to try and share the emotions, the tears, and the trauma of watching the San Manuel smelter stacks come down?

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But try I must, if only for the people who know what the big deal is, and weren't able to make it to the demolition on Jan. 17, 2007. Sort of our own little day of infamy in San Manuel, Arizona. It's for those of you out there that spent your days working the mine, were the spouse and children of these people, or maybe just came to know and love my hometown because you knew me or my family. It is for you, and maybe for me too, that I'll give it a try.

San Manuel was once a

booming copper mine, located 45 miles northeast of Tucson. My sister, Ann, and I were both born there, although Ed and Teri arrived in mining towns also, Superior, AZ and Silver City, NM. My dad was the chief geologist for 35 years before retiring. Our lives and livelihood revolved around life in a mining town. I spent a couple of summers working at the mine site, though on the surface, not underground, making money for college. The two smelter stacks, or as we



BEFORE THE COUNTDOWN

The San Manuel Smelter Stacks before they were demolished. Photo by T.C. Brown



THE COUNTDOWN BEGINS

The San Manuel Smelter Stacks were demolished Jan. 17, 2007.

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They became a beacon of sorts, guiding travelers and commuters home, being visible from miles out, and shining brightly through the night.



called them, smoke stacks, were a part of the scenery in the town of 5,000 - 6,000 people. In my grade school days, when the stacks were literally spewing forth sulfur smoke, many a recess had to be spent indoors due to the smoke being down, blanketing the town. As the process improved, the smoke disappeared, but the stacks continued to reign over the town, a part of our lives in San Manuel. They became a beacon of sorts, guiding travelers and commuters home, being visible from miles out, and shining brightly through the night. Driving home from Colorado over the last few years, my eyes would always tear up as we came around the corner headed down from Oracle, and could see the stacks out

across the valley. Home, I was almost home. At Christmas, the company would put a huge star on one of the stacks, which in itself would bring tears to my eyes if I were home for the holidays. I also still associate the whistle that blew at shift change and curfew, as coming from the stacks, although I imagine there was some other location at the smelter or mill that actually sent forth the noise. And what about those times standing in the back alley behind my house in the late afternoon and early evening, watching them pour the molten slag down the embankment, the blazing hot liquid lighting up the sky and the stacks, only to become a hard black rock when cooled? It's only been a few days since I've learned that the

stacks actually were named... Fugitive and Converter. Or maybe I knew that once, but had forgotten. Either way, I will never forget being there when they fell, feeling the explosions hammer my chest as the dynamite went off, or the impact of all that concrete hitting God's earth, covering us all in a layer of dust, and blocking out the sun as the dust passed overhead.

What was once the world's largest underground mine was closed in 1999 after being bought by an Australian company, BHP, in 1996. The impact of the closure on my family, and the entire town and surrounding communities, has been tremendous. Many a life was changed because of a decision made a half a world

away, despite many years of copper left to be extracted. The area has been going through the reclamation process since closure, and bringing down the stacks was the last step in removing the structures associated with the mine, smelter and mill.

The initial date for the demolition was set for April 2006. Due to some problems getting the correct permits, that date was canceled, and a new one was finally set for Jan. 17, 2007, at 1 p.m. I never dreamed that I would be able to be there for the demolition, since up until late November 2006, we were living in Canon City, Colorado, and making it to the event was out of the question. But the drive from

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our new house in Tucson to San Manuel is only about an hour and 20 minutes. So there wasn't any question about not going now. My dad and mom had been invited as VIP's and would watch the demolition from the administration building, after having lunch and a presentation on the event by BHP. What could possibly be going through my dad's mind at this point? He was in San Manuel when the stacks went up, and now he was only a couple hours out from watching them crash. The bulk of his career was spent at Magma Copper Company, and everything he helped to build had been demolished piece by piece. Are you beginning to understand what the big deal is? This is more than just bringing down two smelter stacks, with a combined make-up of 10,000 tons of concrete. It's the end of many a dream, as well as many a future.

TC and I were up early and on the road to Ann's house to pick her up, arriving into San Manuel about 9:30 a.m. We passed a warning sign - special event - is that what this is? We swung by mom and dad's house to make a pit stop, raid the food (nibbled on custard, figs and Butterfingers), then head out to find our spot. TC and I had driven around the area a few nights prior, checking out possible angles and locations for viewing. The airport would have room for 3,200 vehicles, but we weren't much impressed with that view, and quickly eliminated it and a few others. The event was set to draw about 10,000 people, so early arrival was key. Ann and I stopped in the newly opened historical society, of which my mom and dad have been instrumental in creating. We parked in the lower arcade, and hauled our

chairs down to the highway, on the stretch between the courthouse entrance and the bunk house road. Along the way, I bent down to pick up a couple of chunks of slag that were mixed with the gravel. I've been picking up chunks of slag for years, but today it held a whole different meaning. "No parking" signs were posted along the highway, and not many people thought of bringing chairs, so we were alone for a couple of hours. Ann and I decided we would try and head across the highway to take some pictures a little closer, only to draw the attention of the Pinal County Sheriff's Office who gave a quick blast on their siren and directed us back across the highway. I wandered down to the Fast Stop on the corner and picked up a Pepsi, Cheetos and Corn Nuts. Walking back I noticed Shirley and Vern Stedronsky arriving, and had a quick visit. Shirley also wandered over to say hello to TC and Ann. Getting settled in my chair again, we soon noticed a photographer heading our way. Turned out to be from the Arizona Republic asking if he could take our picture. He took our names and asked where we are from ... San Manuel of course! Then for the drama of it, TC and I listed our residence as Canon City, CO. "You mean you drove all the way here for this?" I told him of course, this is my hometown. He was more than surprised that Ann and I were sisters, that many of our family had worked here (after we had rattled off dad, brother, husband, nephew, son, he just combined it all as family), and when asked how long the family had been in town, (1955 we thought), he said "You mean since this place opened?" Yep! So he took our

picture and headed down the road. About 11:45 a.m., I wanted to wander the area and see where all these people were settling. So off I went again, down towards the Fast Stop. By this point, their entire parking area was 3 or 4 cars deep, leaving just enough room to pull in to the gas pump. The opposite corner was filling with people, and looking up McNab I could see car after car, crowds of people, lots of cameras, and more people pulling in. A party atmosphere for now. As I headed up the street toward the lower arcade, I heard my name. Waving at me from a truck

backed up the hill was Danielle and Mary Large. They had arrived from Farmington, NM and after a stop at La Casita, would head back home after the blast. After catching them up on the family and getting big hugs, I continued up the road. The lower arcade, the hospital grounds, the hills on both sides were full. How many of these people have connections to San Manuel? How many just came for the show? How many of the locals couldn't handle it and just left town for the day?

Back at my chair, folks had begun to ignore the no parking

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HISTORIC VIEW

The San Manuel Smelter Stacks, which were demolished Jan. 17, 2007, can be seen in the background of this historic photo of the San Manuel Mine.

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and were encroaching on our little spot, so we moved the chairs to the edge of the highway, getting support from a couple next to us that had indeed just come for the show. As time ticked on the mood and atmosphere began to change. The sheriff's vehicles began to appear in number, as well as various search and rescue folks scouting the area across the highway. I sat back in my chair, stared at the stacks, full of memories and emotions, and silently dared anyone to ask me to move so they could park where I sat. Cars, motorcycles, and motor homes continued to arrive. They were going to shut the road at the junction, but we didn't know when. About 12:45 p.m., the sheriff parked near us told one of the vehicle owners that if he tuned into a particular radio station, we could hear the countdown. He refused, but we hoped someone nearby had done so. At 12:50 p.m., the sheriff's radio cackled with the news that the junction was closed and the crowd around us continued to quiet. I took

a couple "final" photos of the two stacks, with their wonderful backdrop of the Galiuro Mountains and a few wispy clouds. My mind raced with thoughts, my heart beat with emotion, and I started to get butterflies way down deep in my stomach. Then it was 12:55 p.m., and I stood up to get ready, hoping somehow, we'd hear the countdown. I looked at Ann and TC, trying not to lose it yet. Then suddenly we heard it ... nine, eight, seven, six, five ... cameras in place. Will they drop one at a time, what will it be like, will I hear the bang or see smoke first, how will I really feel, what's the big deal? Then there was an explosion; I heard three blasts. I felt them slam into my chest. I started clicking off pictures. I had hoped they would take them down one at a time so I could shoot one and just watch the other. But I saw it all through my viewfinder instead: they were dropping together. It was all in slow motion. I hear that happens sometimes but hadn't really experienced it. We had laughed on the

drive in that maybe they will topple them together, but they will bump into each other and get stuck half standing - nanny nanny boo boo on you sort of thing. The stacks began to fall into each other, but they didn't get stuck - one broke in half. I could still feel it in my chest; the butterflies were really flopping now. I kept taking pictures. I could hear Ann's reaction; she was beginning to sob, but still running the video camera. TC had his digital on continuous and just held down his shutter. The crowd around us was a mixture of screams and laughter. Fifteen seconds it took to topple our lives, not long at all in the grand scheme of things. Then the stacks hit the ground, the earth shook on impact, the rumble rattled my bones and broke my heart. I lowered my camera and stared. Just like that, the smoke stacks were gone. Some kid behind me hollered "Do that again!". I wanted to turn around and tell him to shut up. But he was just a kid, without a history

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like mine, too young to care what it really meant to many in the crowd, and many in the world unable to make it to the event. It took all of another 15 seconds for vehicles to begin to stream out onto the highway. How can they just pack up and leave, just like that? Don't they get it? This is more than just a show. I began to cry. TC gave me a hug. Ann was sobbing, we grabbed her for a group hug, crying into each others' shoulders as the dust cloud began to grow and rise. The cloud came right over us and right over the town. I couldn't see the Fast Stop anymore; my camera was covered in dust. Then my knees began to go, I had to sit down. Ahead of me the dust was beginning to clear and there wasn't a stack in sight. Vehicle after vehicle poured out of the area; the sheriff's office was busy. The Larges went by in their truck, hollering goodbye and blowing kisses. I waved and blew kisses back, but the tears kept coming. The sheriff's radio cackled and said that the traffic was backed up from the junction to the airport, perhaps 3 miles. We probably reached our estimated 10,000 in attendance. Finally my knees felt like they'd work, so I stood up and TC began to pack up our stuff. Ann and I stood there, arms around each others' shoulders, feeling the full impact of the last 20 minutes. Not wanting to go, but needing to. We would take a few steps, then turn around and look at the empty valley, a few more steps, look again. It went that way all the way to the car. She gave her keys to TC to drive, too worn out and emotional to do so herself. When we got to the car, it was covered in dust, tears came again. Ann said her car was

covered in smoke stack dust instead of smoke stack smoke. She took pictures. TC took an empty film container and cleaned off some of the dust into it. A memento of sorts. We headed back towards mom and dad's house. McNab was still backed up beyond 7th Avenue. The party was over. Life moved on, though with a much different view. The San Pedro Valley looked naked without Fugitive and Converter there to stand guard at the edge of town.

When we got to mom and dad's, mom had on a new shirt from BHP, commemorating the big event. Those folks invited to the VIP tent received a hat and a shirt each. Something about that made me cringe all over again. It didn't seem right that BHP had the nerve to not only shut down the mine, flooding and concreting the underground, dismantling all the structures, blowing the stacks, wreaking havoc on many lives, then they made hats and shirts to boot? Mom gave TC her hat ... "San Manuel Closure Project" and "Smelter Stack Demolition," it says. Wow, the upheaval of lives and the end of an era was not only considered a special event, but a project too.

We stayed for dinner with mom and dad, though none of us dared venture too far into our emotions, all of us struggling not to cry. The two of them also used the word traumatic to describe the day. As we headed out of town, TC still driving, darkness loomed at the edge of town. Where once the stacks had stood as sentinels over San Manuel, brightly lit in the night sky, now there was only darkness. They were only smoke stacks, built of concrete, but they signified much more to the people of



AND DOWN THEY CAME

The San Manuel Smelter Stacks were demolished Jan. 17, 2007.

Photo by T.C. Brown

San Manuel. And much more to me, long moved away, but still emotionally attached to my hometown, aware of the impact that Magma Copper Company had on my life, thinking those two stacks were an awesome sight as I came down the highway, and still struggling with the emotions as I watched them tumble down. It's a big deal.

**/s/ Joellen A. Brown
Jan. 21, 2007**

A few words from an outsider on this story ... I have been the staff photographer, the driver, and more on this road of life that brought me to San Manuel. We all have memories of growing up. Some are pleasant and others are less so.

From my experience, the stacks of San Manuel were a lighthouse to all of those that lived in San Manuel.

A town that was born for

copper mining. This town saw generations go to work underground and at the surface. People moved to the town for a job, a career, and to raise their families. Memories were made. Families were supported well by the wages that were provided by the copper industry. Kids grew into adults in the shadows of the stacks and had kids of their own.

There were ups and downs in copper mining, as in many other industries. Other mining towns became ghost towns as the materials they mined were gone or too costly to extract. An Australian company called BHP bought the mine in San Manuel. Here was a mine that had one of the most modern and efficient smelters in the world.

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the mine in 1999. The next few years found folks wondering who would take it over. That answer came with the falling of the stacks on Jan. 17, 2007. The mine shafts are filling with water since BHP stopped the pumps to keep the water out. All of the equipment and buildings have been sold. All of this would have been fine had the mine been used up. People would have expected and accepted that fate.

The difference between this and other mines is that there is still over 20 years' worth of copper in the earth below the San Manuel mine. Not to mention that copper has been at record highs since the closing and profits could have been realized. What was once a thriving community due to the mine has been stripped away.

End of an era and way of life for everyone that grew up there in the shadows of the stacks.

A great deal of speculation has been expressed on what will become of San Manuel. That really has no bearing on the demolition of the stacks and the emotions of those who called San Manuel home. So for those that say that it was no big deal, I can only feel sorrow for not having a feeling of roots. For San Manuel and the people who called the area home, the mine and the stacks were their roots. A piece of their life was demolished prematurely. That is indeed a big deal.

Say a prayer for those who have lost two friends and a way of life. The memories remain.
/s/ T.C. Brown
Jan. 22, 2007



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The San Manuel Smelter Stacks were demolished Jan. 17, 2007.
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Finally, Florence Copper is proud to continue its commitment to investing in the local community. They are thrilled to announce several community donations for the first three quarters of 2024 – including \$11,000 in local scholarship awards, \$23,500 in Florence Copper Community Foundation grants, and a \$50,000 donation to the Town of Florence to support a special project at Heritage Park playgrounds.

<https://www.florencecopper.com> CAPSTONE – PINTO VALLEY MINE

Pinto Valley has been in operation since 1972 and has produced more than four billion pounds of copper since then. Capstone acquired it from BHP in October 2013. The operation consists of an open-pit mine, a 60,000 tonnes per day (“tpd”) concentrator plant and a 25,000 tpd SX-EW plant. Pinto Valley is currently the only operating mill and the second-largest employer in the Globe-Miami district, supporting ~2,250 direct and secondary jobs each year.

The mine uses conventional open-pit hard rock mining methods (drilling, blasting, loading and hauling) to move copper-bearing sulphide ore to the primary crusher. The processing plant is a conventional porphyry copper concentrator that produces a primary copper sulphide concentrate and a by-product molybdenum concentrate.



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The mine received a new US Forest Service Mine Plan of Operations in November 2021 and is fully permitted to operate for the duration of the current life of mine plan, which extends to 2039.

Pinto Valley is one of the oldest

and most productive mining districts in the US. Since its first recorded production in 1975, Pinto Valley has produced more than 4 billion pounds of copper, including 0.5 billion pounds of copper cathode. <https://capstonecopper.com/operations/pinto-valley/> (Scroll to the bottom of the page and take an interactive virtual tour of the mine.)

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The Ray Operations consists of an open pit mine with a concentrator and a solvent extraction-electrowinning operation, and associated maintenance, warehouse and administrative facilities. Cathode copper produced in the SX-EW operation is shipped to outside customers and to the Amarillo Copper Refinery.

Ray is located in Pinal County, just 18 miles to the west of the Hayden Operations. The Hayden Operations and General Administrative Offices are located



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Photo by Jennifer Carnes

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A local railroad, Copper Basin Railway, transports ore to the Ray concentrator to the smelter, and sulfuric acid to the leaching facilities.

The mine dates back to the late

1800s, when it was called the Mineral Creek Mining Company. It operated as an underground mine until the 1950s when open pit mining began. The open pit mine continues today.

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The Bureau of Land Management, Safford Field Office, will release a draft environmental assessment for the proposed Copper Creek Exploration Project and the associated Mining Plan of Operations on Nov. 7. The proposed project is located on BLM-managed public lands, approximately nine miles east of the Town of Mammoth in unincorporated Pinal County, Arizona. The release of the draft environmental assessment will start the 45-day comment that ends Dec. 22.

The applicant, Redhawk Copper, Inc. (Redhawk), submitted an application for a Mining Plan of Operations to the BLM SFO. If approved, Redhawk would be authorized to disturb up to 18 acres of BLM-managed public lands, which includes six acres for 67 drill pad sites and 12 acres for associated access roads. Before the Project is complete, Redhawk would reclaim 14 acres of the surface disturbance.

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Interested parties may review the draft environmental assessment and the Mining Plan of Operations then may submit comments online via the BLM National NEPA Register or by email to BLM_AZ_SFO_CopperCreek@blm.gov. Written comments may be submitted to the Safford Field Office, 711 S. 14th Ave., Safford, AZ 85546.

A virtual public meeting will be held on Nov. 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m., to provide information about the project and how to participate. Attendees must register prior to the meeting.

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A view of Resolution Copper's headframes.

The property is located in the heart of the prolific southwestern North America porphyry copper province, the Copper Corridor. It lies at the intersection of a major northwest-trending belt, which includes the well-known copper mines in the Miami-Globe and Ray mining districts, with a major east-northeast trending copper belt made evident by the former BHP Kalamazoo Mine in San Manuel, Arizona. The exploration site is approximately 16 square miles and has a rich history of exploration and mining across patented and unpatented claims. The area is politically secure and has access to established mining infrastructure.

<https://faradaycopper.com> **RESOLUTION COPPER**

The Resolution Copper project near Superior continues to await the re-release and signature of approval of the U.S. Forest Service Record of Decision. The Record of Decision is a critical milestone for the project as it will allow the mine to begin construction and next phases of final permitting.

Resolution Copper continues to work on underground infrastructure at the east plant and is beginning additional reclamation work on the west plant operations in Superior. The recent shaft sinking galloway required 24,481-man hours. The project completed by local miners, ensured that the number 9 shaft meets the high standards of Resolution Copper, Rio

Tinto and Red Path. They also completed additional work deck improvements on the number 10 shaft.

The company continues to make significant investments into their social and economic programs across the Copper Corridor region. Recently they signed multi-year agreements with the Boyce Thompson Arboretum and the Superior Unified School District. The company also celebrated the signing of the Good Neighbor Agreement which was also signed by both Pinal and Gila Counties, the Towns of Superior along with other municipalities in the region and several non-profit organizations from throughout the Copper Corridor.

During this past year, the Apache Stronghold group, which opposes the transfer of Oak Flats to Resolution Copper. Apache Stronghold contends that the transfer would violate their freedom of religion. The group, represented by the Becket Fund lost their court case with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals at the En Banc hearing. The opposition group requested a Super En Banc hearing which was denied by the 9th Circuit Court. Apache Stronghold has taken their case to the U.S. Supreme Court, but at press time there had not been a response from the U.S. Supreme Court on whether or not the high court will take on the religious freedom case. <https://resolutioncopper.com>

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The mission of Superior Enterprise Center is to serve as a transformative catalyst to diversify Superior's economy through business services and workforce training. A one-stop shop for resources, training and information. A hub of connectivity and learning. The Center strives to enrich the community through engagement, education and opportunity.

The Enterprise Center plays a vital role in bolstering workforce development in the area as well as, providing programming and resources to the small businesses and entrepreneurs in the area. It conducts direct marketing and outreach to registered businesses in the Town of Superior and keeps abreast of the needs of the community through its Small Business Meetups, one-on-one time, and the Enterprise Center monthly newsletter.

If you have any questions, contact: Arlynn Godinez – arlynn@rebuildsuperioraz.org

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New Paranormal Book Features Superior Story

**John Hernandez
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Ghost hunting, haunted tours and all things paranormal have become popular the last few years. Thanks to television shows like Ghost Hunters, Ghost Adventures and Ghost Asylum, interest in the paranormal has grown. One paranormal researcher and author has written a book of untold and unusual Arizona stories of the macabre. The book is titled “Haunted Arizona Deadly Graveyards” and the author is Jethro Blanch.

The book was released on Sept. 13, Friday the 13th. It has 13 stories of individuals that have met their untimely deaths in Arizona cemeteries. One of the chapters features a cemetery in Superior. It is a tale of Andres Serna who was the grave digger and caretaker of the Fairview cemetery. Jethro says it is one of his favorite stories in the book as “it beautifully illustrates the unbreakable

bond between a man and his dog.” Other locations in the book include deaths that occurred in cemeteries in Phoenix, Glendale, Scottsdale, Nogales, Mesa, Tucson, Yuma and Camp Verde.

Jethro has been interested in the paranormal for over 25 years. He has been curious about the unexplained since he was 13 when he used to explore abandoned buildings and cemeteries. It was not



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This is the grave marker of Andres Serna who is interred in Fairview Cemetery in Superior.

until October 2001 that his interest really grew. He was 19 years old and on leave from the Army when he saw a ghost. He has not seen one since but that “sparked his fascination with the paranormal” and he has been hunting spirits ever since. Jethro became involved with several ghost hunting groups in Arizona. He has also run his own ghost hunting groups and ghost hunting tour groups but is no longer involved with them. He has gone on his own and took time off to concentrate on paranormal research and to write several paranormal books.

Jethro said he never intended to write a book. He was gathering information from old newspapers and police reports to potentially

“uncover haunted hotspots” to explore in the future. He felt these stories were so compelling that they needed to be shared with a wider audience. His book is self-published and was “a bit of a learning curve producing the book on my own, but it’s been an exciting process as well.” Jethro will be participating in some book signing events including one in Scottsdale at The Poisoned Pen bookstore.

Haunted Arizona Deadly Graveyards is an entertaining book, whether you are an avid ghost hunter, interested in the paranormal or just curious about the unknown. It is available in eBook, paperback and hardback formats on Amazon, and can be ordered from other retailers where books are sold.



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The author of Haunted Arizona Deadly Graveyards is Jethro Branch.



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