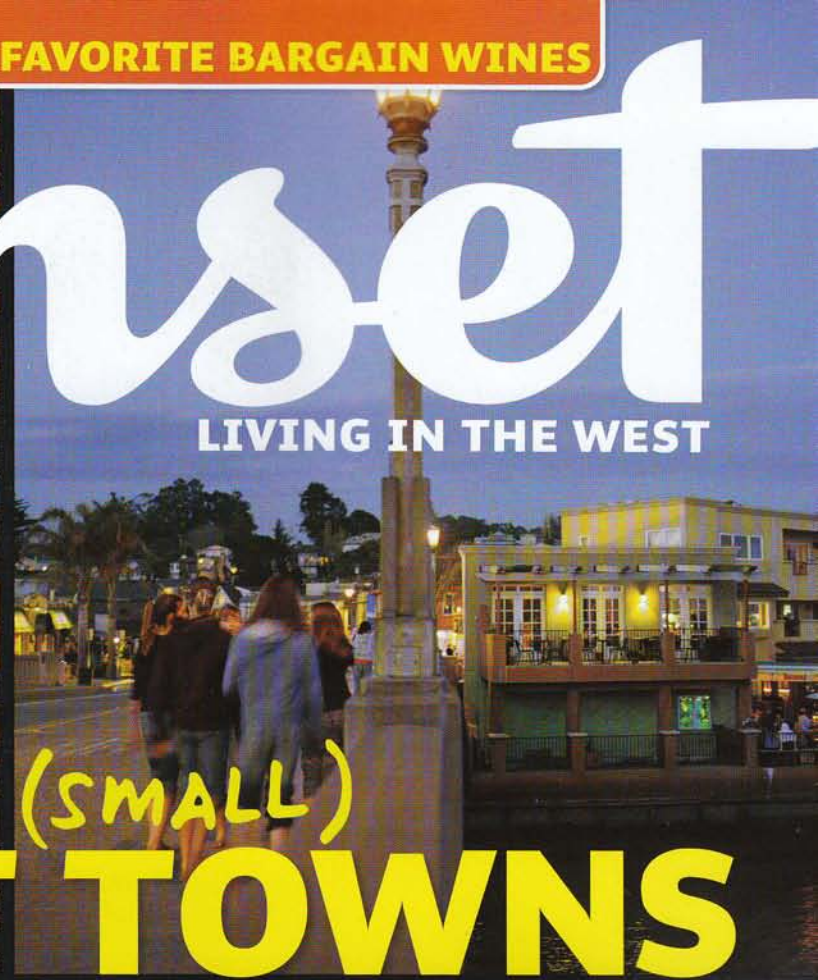
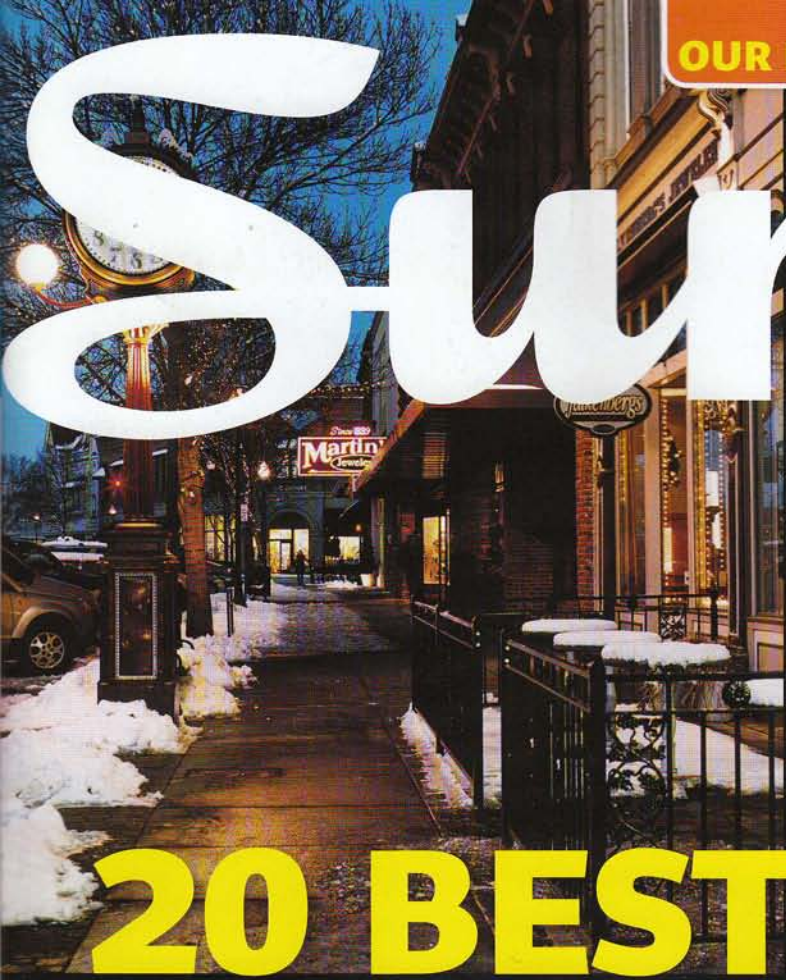


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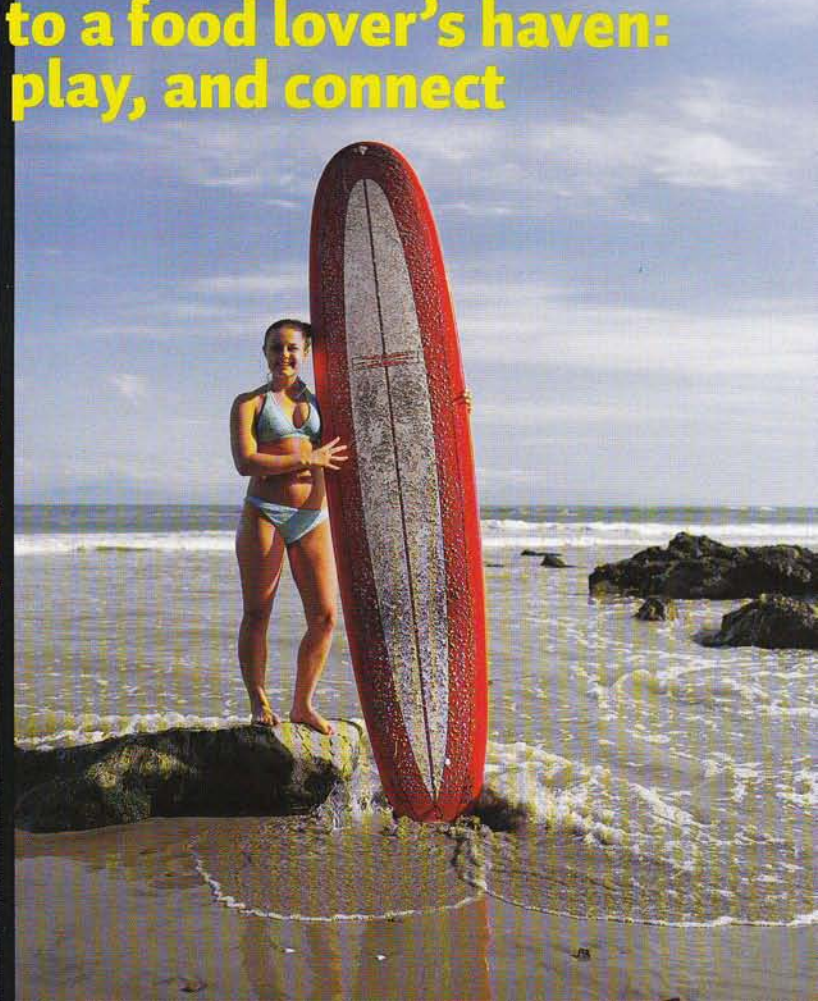
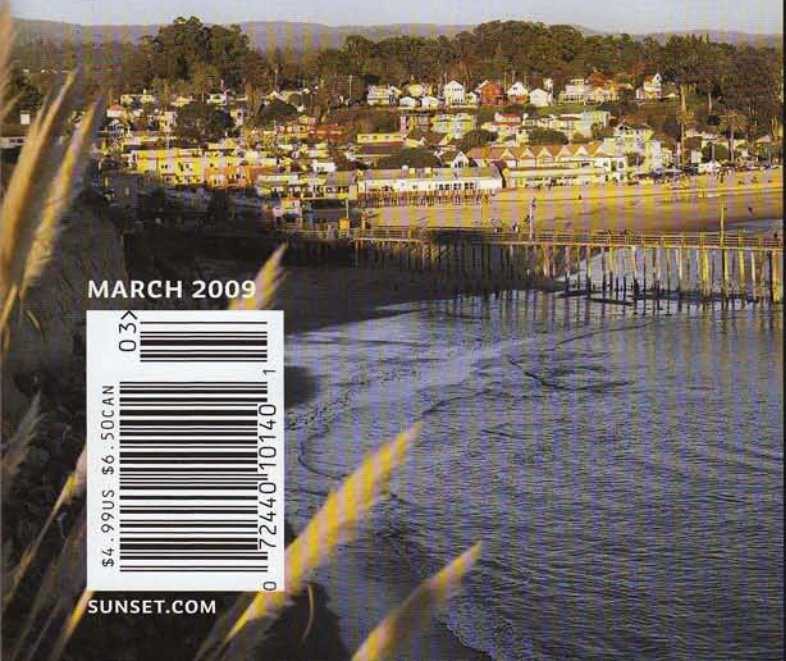
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ECOTOP (shown in Concrete) This blend of bamboo, recycled paper, and wood fiber was originally used for skateboard ramps. **COST** \$35/sq. ft. **ECO-FRIENDLINESS** 100% water-based resin, FSC-certified. **INFO** Klip BioTechnologies, Puyallup, WA (kliptech.com)

FUEZ GLASS (shown in Jade) With recycled glass, fly ash, stone, and shells, it's more durable than marble. **COST** \$80/sq. ft. **ECO-FRIENDLINESS** 60% to 80% recycled materials, including beer bottles; made using 100% wind-generated electricity. **INFO** InFuez, Portland (fuez.com)

BOTTLESTONE (shown in Mocha) Made of kiln-fired recycled glass and ceramic binders, it resists heat and stains. Can be custom-designed using wine bottles. **COST** \$68/sq. ft. **ECO-FRIENDLINESS** 80% recycled content; no VOCs. **INFO** BottleStone, Los Altos, CA (bottlestone.com)

DURAPALM (shown in Midnight Palm) Harvested from coconut palms, this wood is slightly stronger than oak. **COST** \$23/sq. ft. **ECO-FRIENDLINESS** 100% derived from old, nonfruiting palms. **INFO** Smith & Fong, San Francisco (plyboo.com)

SQUAK MOUNTAIN STONE (shown in Natural) An alternative to quarried stone, slabs are made of fly ash, post-industrial crushed glass, and low-carbon cement. **COST** \$50/sq. ft. **ECO-FRIENDLINESS** 50% recycled content including paper; 1/3 less CO₂ produced during manufacturing. **INFO** Tiger Mountain Innovations, Woodinville, WA (squakmountainstone.com)



Recycling your countertop

To keep old or outdated countertops out of landfills, look for a deconstruction (not demolition) service in your area, or contact a local salvage center for information on types of materials allowed. To find your closest salvage yard, visit buildingreuse.org

Cutting-edge countertops

High style meets Earth-friendly: an eco option for every kitchen

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