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From an even grander Grand Canyon to a luminous new Seattle chapel, from Denver's beer boom to ukulele fever across the West: the 100 people, places, and things that make us happy to live here now

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GROWING SUMMER

In the fertile soil of what is now Silicon Valley, a visionary grower is bringing back the taste of old-fashioned stone fruits. Their exquisite flavors shine in summer-fresh recipes.

Ripe nectarines add natural sweetness and color to homemade popsicles (page 82).

"People come to Andy's Orchard for something heroic: fruit grown for pure, mind-blowing flavor."

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THIS MONTH'S RECIPES

SALADS

Greengage plum salad GF/V 81

Little Gem wedge salad GF/LC/V 86



PASTAS

Homemade orecchiette LC/LS/VG 96

Orecchiette with cherry tomatoes, marjoram, and ricotta salata LC/LS/V 99

Orecchiette with clams, chiles, and parsley LC/LS 98

Sorrel and almond pesto pasta LS/V 86

MAIN COURSES

Asian chicken with Little Gem lettuce LC/LS 88

Chicken and potato salad with herbs GF/LC/LS 102

Grilled pork chops with fresh plum chutney GF/LC 81

Perfect steak: bison tri-tip with chimichurri GF/LC 104

Rhubarb-glazed shrimp LC/LS 90

DESSERTS

Nectarine creamsides with rose water GF/LC/LS/V 82

Rhubarb granita GF/LC/LS/VG 92

Spiced crostata with plums LS/V 82

RECIPE GUIDE

GF: Gluten-free; LC: Low calorie; LS: Low sodium; V: Vegetarian; VG: Vegan

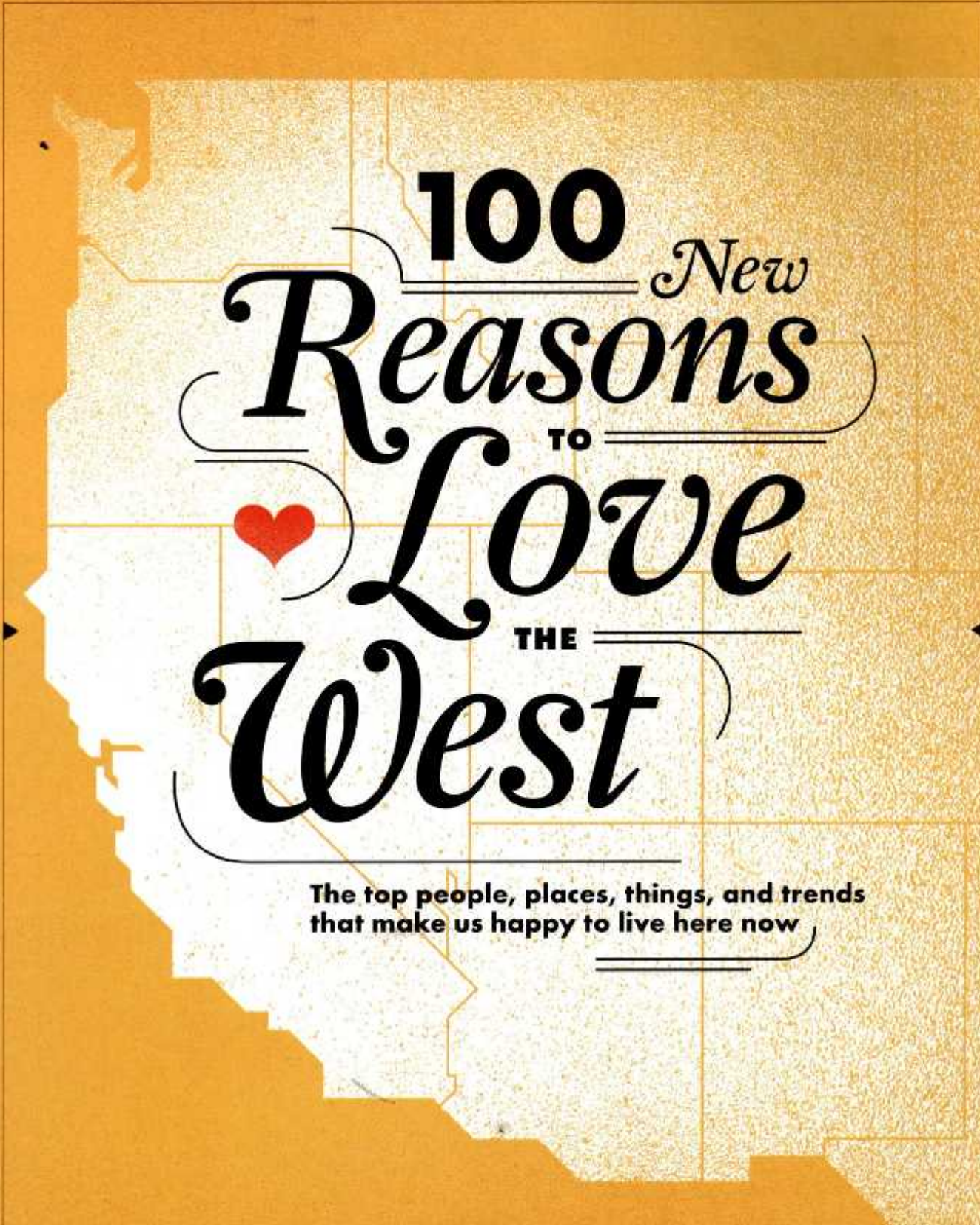
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Sunrise over the Grand Canyon, no filter needed. Just wake up, bundle up, and show up at Lipan Point on the South Rim's Desert View Drive. Photograph by Thomas J. Story





100 *New*
Reasons
TO
 **Love**
THE
West

The top people, places, things, and trends
that make us happy to live here now



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A NEW PUBLIC SPACE YOU HAVE TO KNOW ABOUT

When Seattle's Gethsemane Lutheran Church decided to expand its building, Olson Kundig Architects—one of the Northwest's most creative firms—got the call to create a chapel on a busy downtown intersection. The result, a luminous mosaic of colored glass, is a gift to the city. Stop in for a few moments of pure beauty. urbanfaith.org.

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THE YEAR'S COOLEST PLANT

Our horticulturists introduce a rainbow of new plants every year. This summer's brightest star: 'Secret Glow', an echinacea bred in Oregon by Terra Nova Nurseries and chosen from hundreds of thousands of their seedlings for release. Its school-bus yellow is a charmer alongside fleshy-leaved sedums. Find a retailer at terranov nurseries.com.



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Local lettuce, year-round

Soilless hydroponic gardening is all the rage for three simple reasons: It saves land, water, and time. "Lettuce matures three times faster with hydroponics, and we use a tenth of the water of traditional farming," explains Coby Gould of Denver's GrowHaus. This also means Denver now has a constant supply of local, fresh, organic greens, like Bibb lettuce (at Denver-area Whole Foods Markets) and bok choy, basil, and other leafy greens (at the city's Marczyk Fine Foods). For a behind-the-scenes look, join a free GrowHaus tour. 10 a.m. Fri; thegrowhaus.com.



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THESE COOKIES

Rich nutty brown butter, sweetness with a hint of sea salt—the Brown Butter Cookie Company, in tiny Cayucos, California, has baked something simply perfect. New this month: a *Sunset*-inspired citrus flavor. \$15/dozen; brownbuttercookies.com.

