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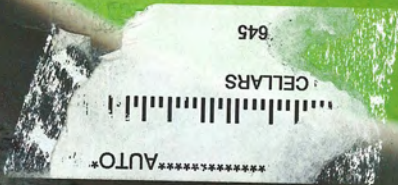
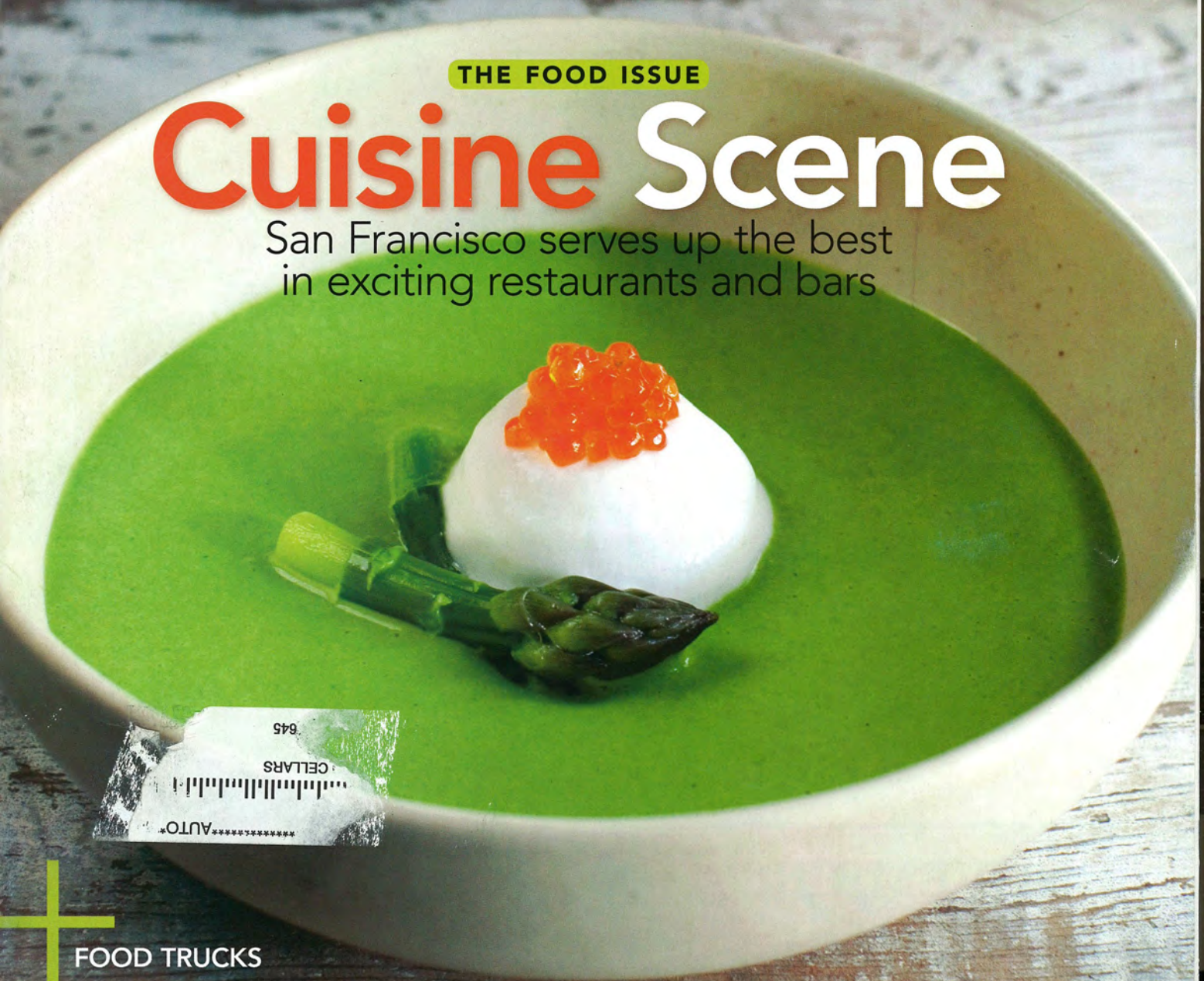
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The Complete Travelers' Magazine

THE FOOD ISSUE

## Cuisine Scene

San Francisco serves up the best  
in exciting restaurants and bars



FOOD TRUCKS

BUENA VISTA  
WINERY

THE "LION KING"  
ON STAGE

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# 30 things we love about San Francisco



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## » LOCAL FLAVORS

### Mobile Markets

Off the Grid brings gourmet food vendors and hungry customers together in one place, creating unique, pop-up marketplaces throughout the city. Here, find everything from caramel-glazed beignets to ground pork belly burgers. These food sellers truly are masters of their craft, as they usually specialize in a single type of food, whether it's cupcakes, tacos or tandoori chicken. Off the Grid currently operates 12 weekly markets throughout the greater Bay Area, working with more than 50 small, independent local vendors to bring you quality and variety. So bring some friends (and your appetite) and hang out at one of these mobile marketplaces. Check their website to find when and where the next one will be and which of your favorite food trucks, carts and tents will be there. (offthegrids.com)



#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

##### MONDAY

St. Mary's Square (California and Quincy Streets) 11 am-2 pm. Trucks convene for lunch within blocks of SF's famous Chinatown and North Beach.

##### TUESDAY

UN Plaza (Market and Hyde Streets) 11 am-2 pm. A convenient stop for those checking out San Francisco's City Hall, look for a half dozen trucks at this spot.

##### WEDNESDAY

5M (Fifth and Minna Streets) 11 am-2 pm. If you're shopping in Union Square, trucks are parked a few blocks away next to the San Francisco Chronicle.

##### THURSDAY

UN Plaza (Market and Hyde Streets) 11 am-2 pm. Similar to Tuesday lunch in UN Plaza, Off the Grid brings around six trucks for the lunch rush.

##### THURSDAY

Upper Haight (Haight and Sanyan Streets) 5-9 pm. Off the Grid parks around a dozen trucks in the heart of SF's colorful Haight District (steps from the world famous record store Amoeba Music and lots of shopping).

##### FRIDAY

Civic Center (Civic Center Place) 11 am-2 pm. Six trucks await Civic Center area lunchgoers, a convenient stop before taking in a theater or cultural event.

5M (Fifth and Minna Streets) 11 am-2 pm. Same location as Wednesday lunch, but with all different trucks.

##### FRIDAY

Fort Mason Center, 5-10 pm. The original Off the Grid market is also its biggest and best, with around 30 trucks and tents as well as live music and a cocktail bar.

##### SATURDAY

McCoppin (McCoppin and Valencia Streets) 11am-3 pm. Off the Grid's weekend affair usually hosts four or five trucks. The same location is occasionally used for theme nights such as spicy foods and breakfast for dinner.



## » WINE COUNTRY

### OLD LEGACY, NEW LOOK

California's first premium winery just completed its very first major renovation since its inception in 1857. The historic Buena Vista Winery, just outside the town of Sonoma, is a California Historic Landmark, and home to a popular winery, tasting room and visitor's center. It recently celebrated both a birth and a re-birth, as this year marked the 200th birthday of founder Agoston Haraszthy (a.k.a. the "Count of Buena Vista"), as well as its first renovation. The massive restoration included a renovation of the champagne cellars and caves as well as a new fountain, vineyard landscaping and stonemasonry detailing, all aimed at returning this renowned winery to its full former glory. Stop in for a tour, and taste world-class Cabernets, Pinot Noirs, Chardonnays and Zinfandels. Tasting room open seven days a week, year round. Reservations recommended.

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