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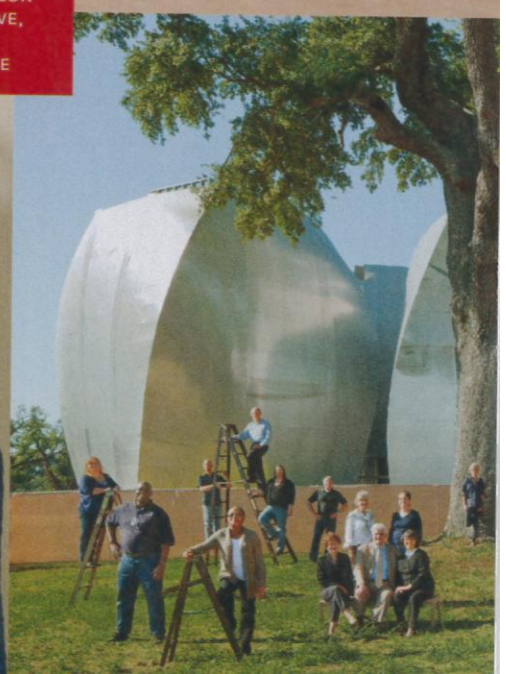
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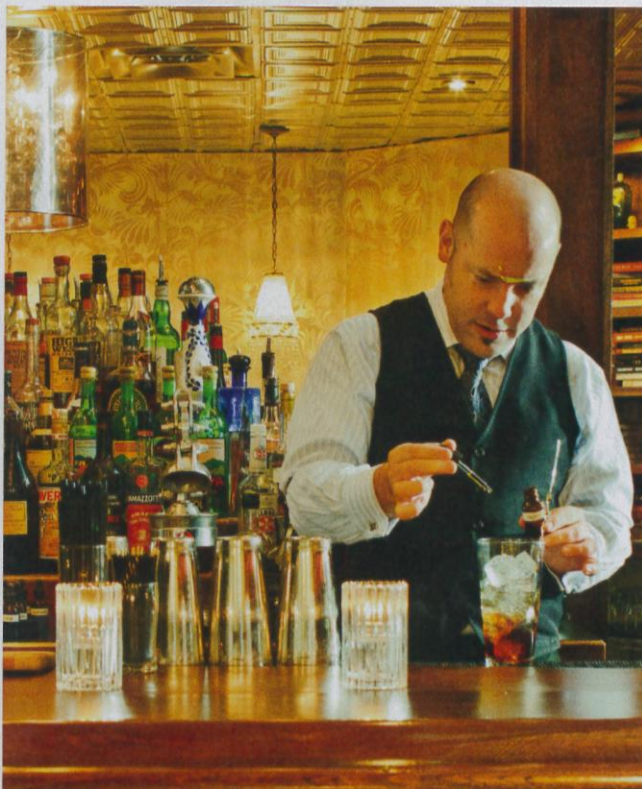
TRAVEL AWARDS

Mama taught us not to brag, but it has to be said—there's no richer, more soulful place than the South. And we can prove it. From boutique hotels to the best hamburger you've ever eaten, here are our favorite new sights, sounds, and flavors across the region.

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SPEAKEASIES

WITH THE RISE OF THE CRAFT COCKTAIL MOVEMENT—artisanal ice, house-made infusions, a newfound appreciation for bourbon—it was only a matter of time until we got more suitable digs. Enter the modern speakeasy. The low light and cozy quarters create a Prohibition-era vibe of incognito, while the meticulous bartenders remain entirely conspicuous in their reverence for a well-made drink.

1 THE GIBSON, Washington, D.C.

No signage out front? Check. Unassuming front door? Check. Reservation required? Check. The 48-seat Gibson is a dark, intimate spot along D.C.'s U Street Corridor. You wouldn't call the bartenders "chummy," but watch one spend five minutes building your cocktail—a torched orange peel here, a furious muddle there—and you'll understand the drink is meant to speak for itself. thegibsondc.com or 202/232-2156

2 THE PATTERSON HOUSE, Nashville, TN

Since The Patterson House introduced the modern speakeasy to Nashville in 2009, nowhere in the Deep South has pressed bourbon into such inventive service (e.g., the Bacon Old Fashioned). And the house rules keep it civilized: No seat, no drink. No cell phones. No "shenanigans." thepattersonnashville.com or 615/636-7724

3 B BAR, Miami Beach, FL

Truly underground, the B Bar is accessible only by descending a hidden staircase off the lobby of The Betsy hotel to an unmarked, locked door. Inside it's dusky and tight but plush with maroon banquettes, a reflective vinyl ceiling, and clusters of beautiful people. Bold and bright cocktails, such as the cumin-spiked Sun Virgin, will keep you in the basement all night. bbarmiami.com or 305/531-3934

