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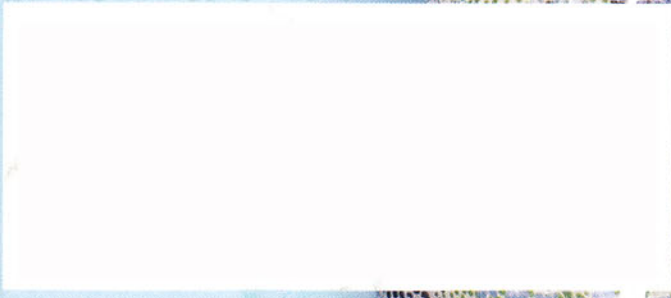
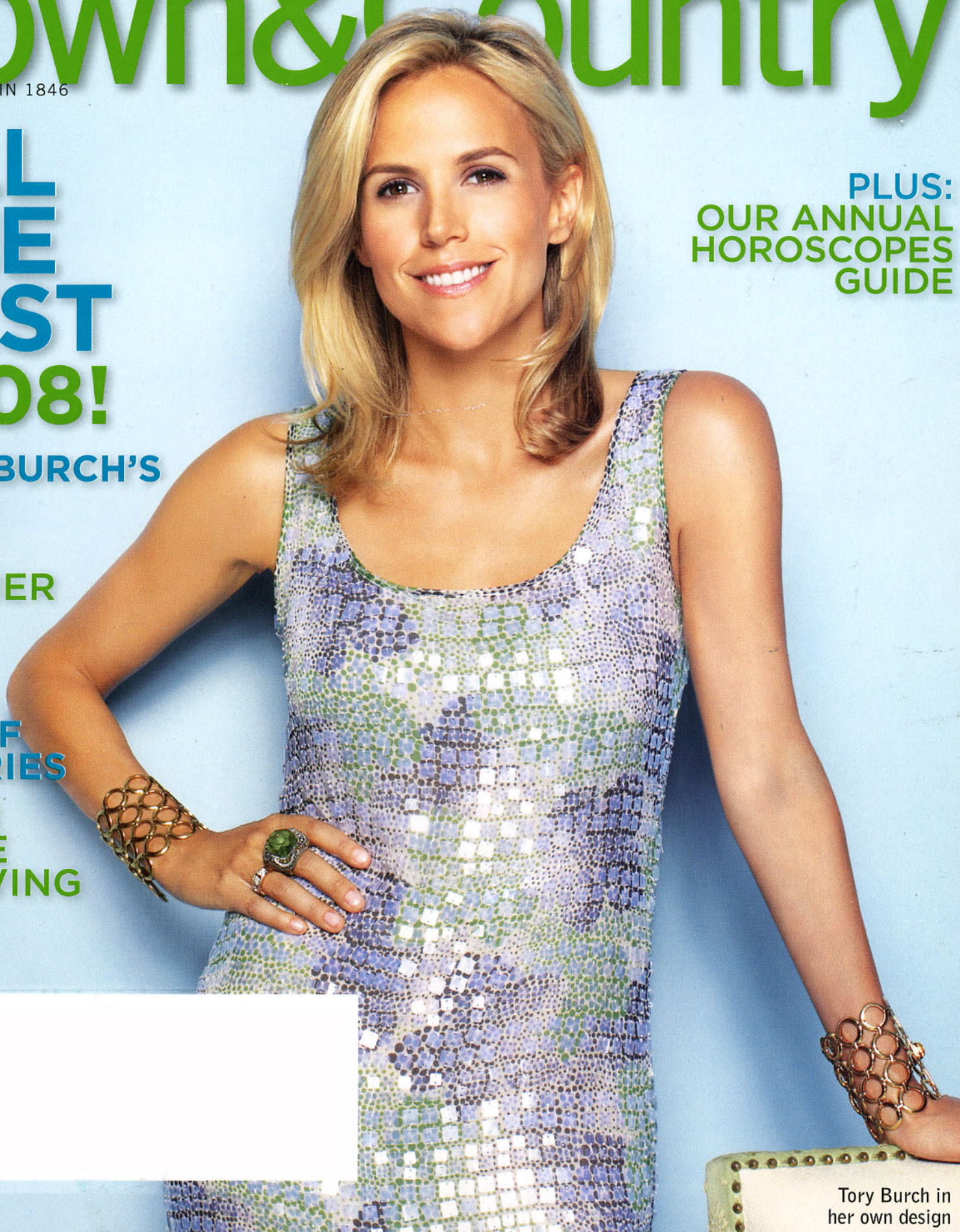
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## LAID-BACK LUXE IN NAPA

At **Solage Calistoga**, Napa Valley's latest hot spot, biking and hiking are as much of a draw as wine tasting, and dress shirts and cocktail attire are so scarce, you'd think they were forbidden. This property from the people behind Auberge Resorts (Auberge du Soleil, Inn at Palmetto Bluff) is intentionally not a formal, Tuscan-inspired wine-country resort. Kids and pets are welcome, and the retreat was built with environmentally friendly materials. Eighty-nine rooms are set within fifty-two agri-tourism-style cottages, built with wood siding, gabled roofs and cross bracing and scattered around the former horse pasture. The "studios" are more urbane inside, with open floor plans, concrete floors, Wi-Fi and iPod docks. Two bicycles per room are provided for outings to wineries and mountain trails. For indulging on-site, there's a spa showcasing skin-care guru Kate Somerville's facials and, in a nod to Calistoga's heritage as a proto-spa destination, mud treatments and soaking baths fed by the region's geothermal springs. Consider it luxury for the un-buttoned-up set. *Studios from \$325. 866-942-7442; solagecalistoga.com. MANDY BEHBEHANI*

A stylish and simple guest room at Solage Calistoga.



## BYE-BYE, BAGGAGE CLAIM

Private-jet travel is on a meteoric rise (see page 146), and with it, the demand for designer luggage too exquisite *ever* to check on a commercial flight. Here are some of our favorite lightweight pieces, clockwise from left: **T. Anthony** carry-on trolley in off-white goatskin with black piping (\$2,300; 800-722-2406; [tanthony.com](http://tanthony.com)); **Goyard** Croisière duffel bag in white Goyardine (a blend of cotton, linen and hemp) with the brand's hand-stenciled logo protected by a gum-arabic seal (\$3,500; at selected **Barneys New York** stores, 888-8-BARNEYS); **Valextra** expandable bag in soft-grained white leather (\$3,250; at **Saks Fifth Avenue**, NYC, 877-551-SAKS).

GILLIAN HEARST-SHAW

**>>> CRUISING INTO NEW TERRITORY** Among the pros and cons of traveling by ship, the overriding question is always this: do I really want to stay in a floating hotel for my entire holiday? **Crystal Cruises** now gives an alternative to reluctant passengers for whom the answer is no, with the company's Overland Adventures offering travelers both time at sea *and* extended inland journeys. During *Crystal Serenity's* 108-day World Cruise, which calls on forty-five ports in twenty-two countries, guests can slip ashore for up to six days on escorted jaunts. Our top picks include a three-night trek from Singapore to Borneo's Kinabalu Park and then to Sandakan (total distance traveled: 2,000-plus miles), or a three-night trip to Uluru, which takes you some 3,000 miles from where the ship drops anchor in Cairns, Australia (and back). The excursions come with fine dining, expert guides and top-notch accommodations. Once you've walked the Great Wall or heard your voice echo in the Valley of the Kings, you're safely returned to your stateroom, where you can quickly regain your sea legs. *Two-night Overland Adventures from \$1,205 per person, all inclusive. 888-799-4625; crystalcruises.com.*