

The West at its best



Atomic Garden



The bar at the Trappist



Pass it on

Canned beer goes boutique

THE NEWS The once-down-market can gets some serious cred, thanks to craft beer-makers at microbreweries from Maui to Colorado.

OUR TAKE Cans of beer travel lighter, chill faster, and recycle more efficiently than glass. Cans we're cracking open this season? Hell or High Watermelon Wheat from San Francisco's **21st Amendment Brewery** (\$9 for six; available at [Beverages & More in California](#), [bevmo.com](#); [21st-amendment.com](#)); **Maui Brewing Co.'s** silky Coconut Porter (\$10 for four; available in Hawaii and at [Beverages & More in California](#); [mauibrewingco.com](#)); and **New Belgium Brewing's** flagship Fat Tire amber ale (\$16 for twelve; check availability at [newbelgium.com](#)).

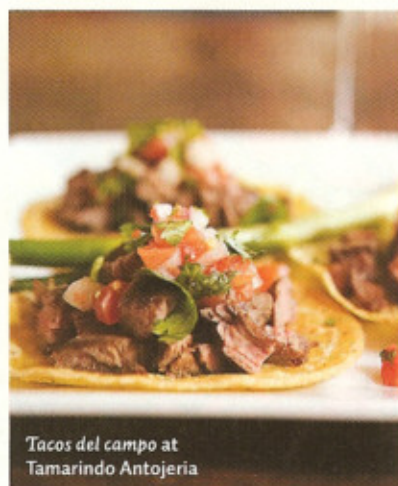
On the verge

Oakland

Been there, done that in San Francisco? *Sunset* staffer Irene Edwards hunts down the next hot neighborhood

Head across the bay for a glimpse of urban renewal at its most exciting. The historic area of **Old Oakland** (Broadway to Jefferson St. between Seventh and Eighth Streets) is the epicenter, with a cluster of popular restaurants that make for a lively little scene. Much of the action can be traced to an enterprising young couple named Alfonso Dominguez and Johnelle Mancha, who are involved in the highbrow gallery **FiveTen Studio** (Thu-Sat or by appointment; 831 Broadway; 510/451-9900) and the farm-chic boutique **Mignonne Décor** (closed Mon; 1000 Jefferson St.; 510/444-5288). Alfonso's mom, Gloria, is at the helm of **Tamarindo Antojeria** (\$; closed Sun; 468 Eighth St.; 510/444-1944), serving up irresistible small-plate trios of tacos and *sopecitos*. Next door, **the Trappist** (closed Mon; 460 Eighth; 510/238-8900) has 15 beers on tap and more than 100 microbrews by the bottle. Ten blocks north, in the **Uptown District**, are two of the most promising signs of the neighborhood's comeback: the buzzy restaurant **Flora** (\$\$\$; closed Sun-Mon; 1900 Telegraph Ave.; 510/286-0100) and, set to reopen in late fall, **Fox Oakland Theater** (19th St. at Telegraph; [foxoakland.org](#)). Farther north, **Atomic Garden** (5453 College Ave.; 510/923-0543) specializes in sweetly pretty sustainable gifts—from all-natural perfumes to handcrafted baby goods.

EDITOR'S PICK: An unassuming storefront hides the treasures within **Bibliomania** (closed Sun; 1816 Telegraph; 510/835-5733), a vintage bookstore with a wondrous mix—old cookbooks, fashion tomes, and entire shelves dedicated to fairy tales and gypsies.



Tacos del campo at Tamarindo Antojeria



Mancha and Dominguez at FiveTen Studio

TV towns

Western cities are turning up on the small screen like never before

Albuquerque: *Breaking Bad*; *In Plain Sight*. **Beverly Hills:** 90210. **Hillsboro, OR:** *Little People, Big World*. **Honolulu:** *Dog the Bounty Hunter*. **Las Vegas:** *CSI: Crime Scene Investigation*. **Los Angeles:** *Californication*; *Entourage*; *Nip/Tuck*; *Project Runway*. **Malibu:** *Hannah Montana*; *Two and a Half Men*. **Phoenix:** *Medium*. **Reno:** *Reno 911*. **Sandy, UT:** *Big Love*. **San Francisco:** *Eli Stone*; *Monk*. **Santa Monica:** *Curb Your Enthusiasm*; *Private Practice*. **Seattle:** *Grey's Anatomy*; *Harper's Island*. **West Hollywood:** *The I Word*.