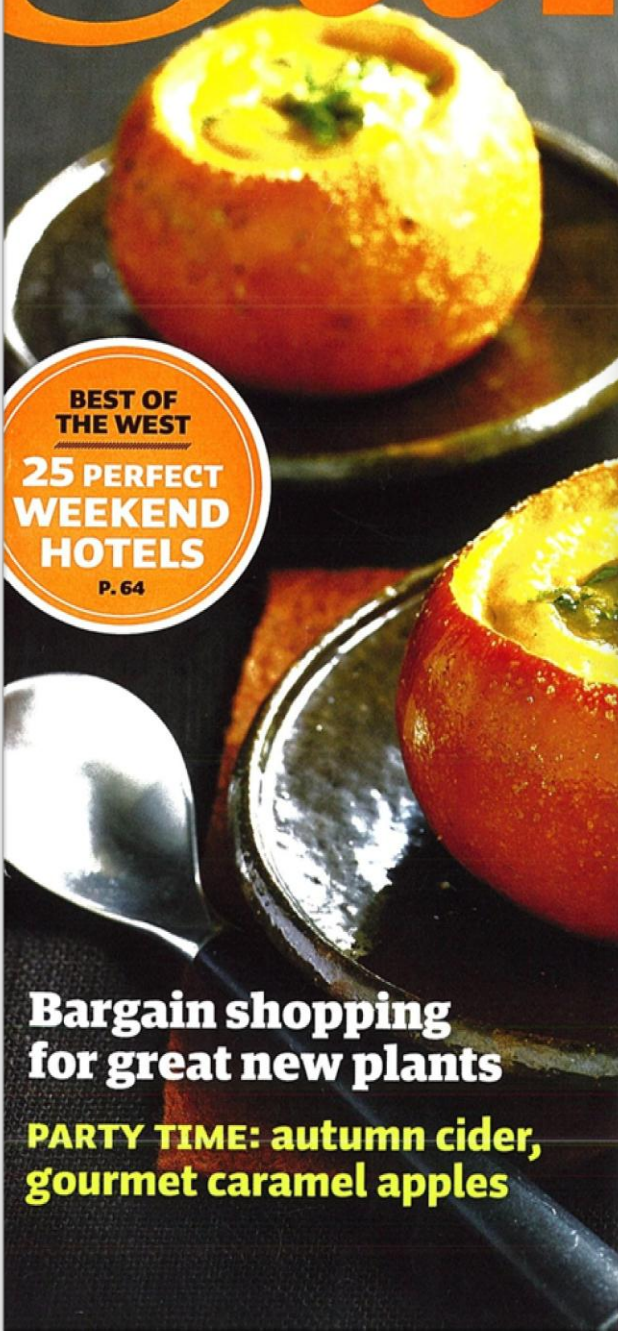


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#### SALT LAKE CITY OWLS UP CLOSE

They're wise, mysterious, and essential to wizards (Hedwig, is that you?). Make eye contact with a curious long-eared (below), and listen to the hoot of a great gray, plus six other species in Tracy Aviary's new Owl Forest. This fragrant woodland is dense with coniferous trees and interactive displays on these often-hidden creatures of the night. Come the last two weekends in October for a Halloween Hoot with bird shows and storytelling. \$7; [tracyaviary.org](http://tracyaviary.org)

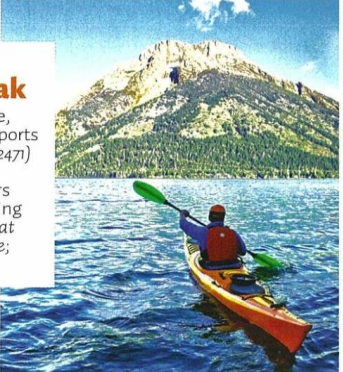


#### BOULDER Where veggies are fun

Chef Hugo Matheson wants your kids to be veggie evangelists. Which explains why entire families leave recently opened **The Kitchen [Next Door]** wearing mustache stickers shaped like eggplants and carrots. The pub serves farm-to-table food with a twist: Each sandwich, salad, and snack costs less than \$9, and \$2 from every kids'-menu item goes to help grow Boulder-area school gardens. But it's not all about the kiddies—you'll see when you try the meaty, flaming-red beet burger or the salty, crispy kale chips. Word on the street: Denver may be getting a location next spring. \$; 1035 Pearl St.; 720/542-8159.

#### NEAR JACKSON, WY Fall color on a kayak

For one last autumnal adventure, rent a ride at Rendezvous River Sports in Jackson (from \$35/day; 307/733-2471) and head to nearby **Leigh Lake**. Leigh's uncrowded, placid waters perfectly reflect the slopes glowing yellow and red this month. Park at String Lake Picnic Area, \$25/vehicle; boat fees from \$15; [nps.gov/grte](http://nps.gov/grte)



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