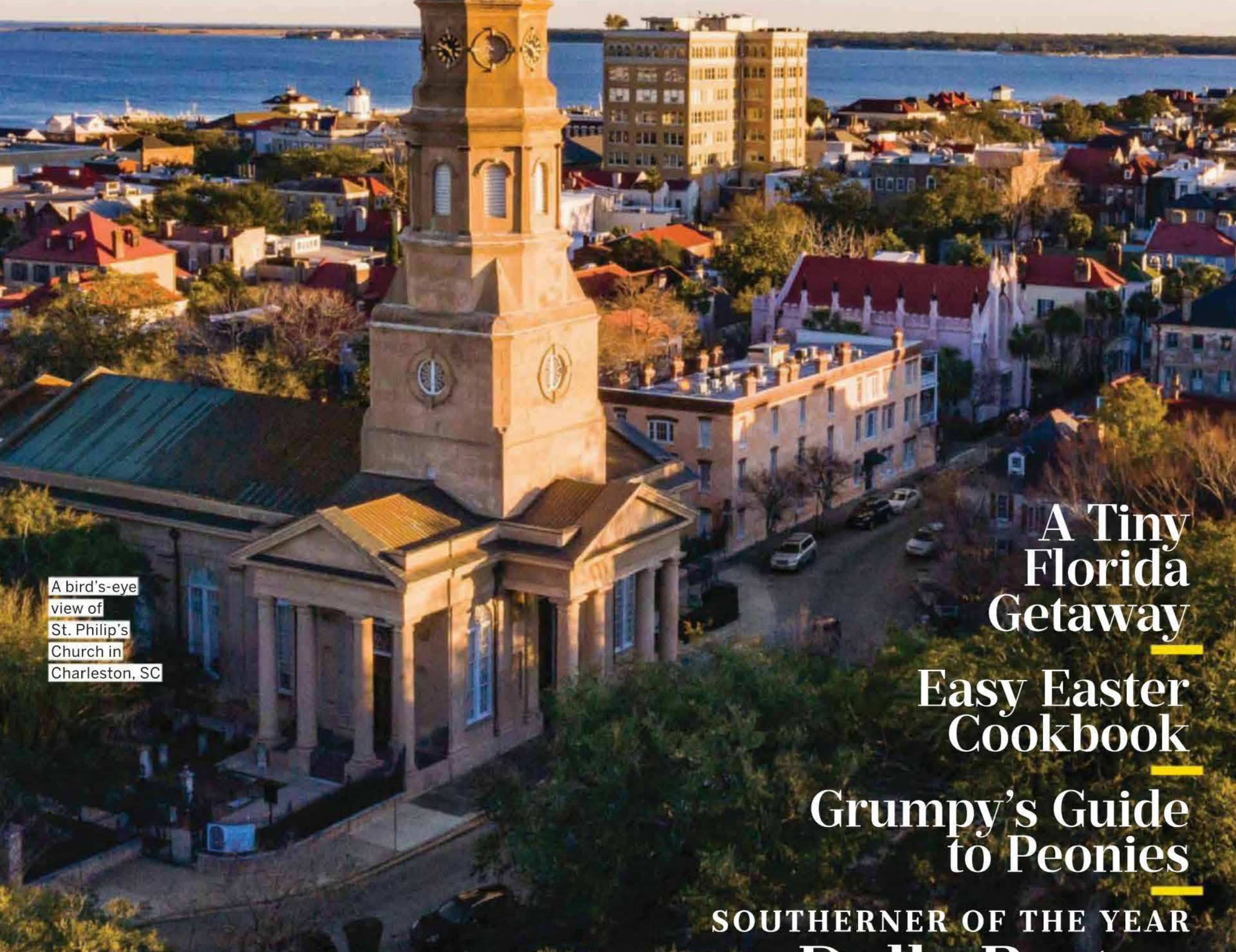


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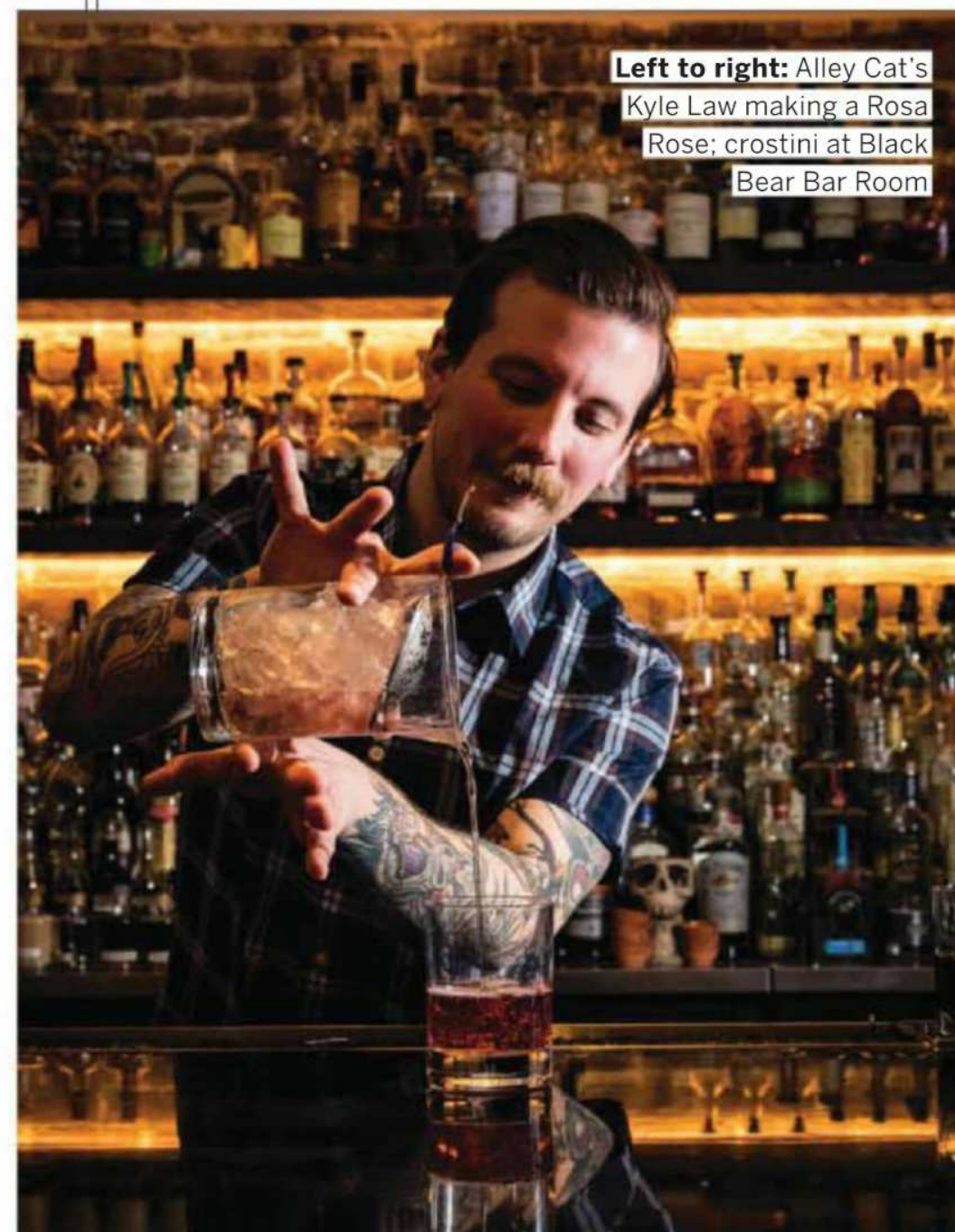
A bird's-eye view of St. Philip's Church in Charleston, SC

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Left to right: Alley Cat's Kyle Law making a Rosa Rose; crostini at Black Bear Bar Room



BEST BARS

A Toast to the Top Ten

You'll find everything from sustainable wines to tiki drinks at these reader favorites

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No. 1
Alley Cat Lounge
Savannah, GA

A newspaper-like menu features over 150 cocktails, along with lots of helpful commentary guiding you from sweet to sour and offering suggestions to suit your taste. You can even choose a drink based on your astrological sign.

No. 2
The Living Room at The Dewberry
Charleston, SC

This is not your ordinary hotel bar—and it has James Beard Award-semifinalist status to prove it. From a carefully curated library to luxe sofas imported from Denmark, each detail makes the space feel like home. Signature drinks include the Dark as Night, described as the “nightcap of nightcaps.”

No. 3
Saint-Germain
New Orleans, LA

Serving top-rated wines without the white-tablecloth formality, Saint-Germain channels the breezy spirit of a French bistro in the Bywater neighborhood.

No. 4
The Fox Bar & Cocktail Club
Nashville, TN

Considering the 1920s glamour of this spot (think blue velvet booths, sleek gold detailing, and quilted leather armchairs), you'd

No. 3
The Jasper
Richmond, VA

Named after iconic early 19th-century Richmond bartender Jasper Crouch, this place is serious about cocktails. Try the Caribbean Kween, and snack on the Togarashi Popcorn.

No. 4
Black Bear Bar Room
Grayton Beach, FL

Pair a natural wine with a tray of farm-raised oysters or house-made sourdough from sister cafe Black Bear Bread Co. next door.

No. 7
The Expat
Athens, GA

This two-story bungalow brings sustainable wine, French bites, and classic cocktails to Athens. Dine on fougasse and escargot at the downstairs restaurant, or settle in for a daiquiri in the upstairs lounge.

No. 8
The Atomic Bar & Lounge
Birmingham, AL

At random moments, bubbles fall from the ceiling at this eclectic Magic City haunt. Cozy up in one of the secluded alcoves for date night, or gather a group of friends and take advantage of the loan-out costumes.

No. 9
Columbia Room
Washington, D.C.

Sip in style at this D.C. hot spot that celebrates the art of the cocktail. Indulge in an intimate dining experience in the Tasting Room; order a Grasshopper Julep in the Spirits Library; or start a night out in the lush, whimsical Punch Garden.

No. 10
Ticonderoga Club
Atlanta, GA

At this Colonial-style bar hidden inside Atlanta's Krog Street Market, enjoy terrific plates, bold cocktails, and boisterous bartenders.