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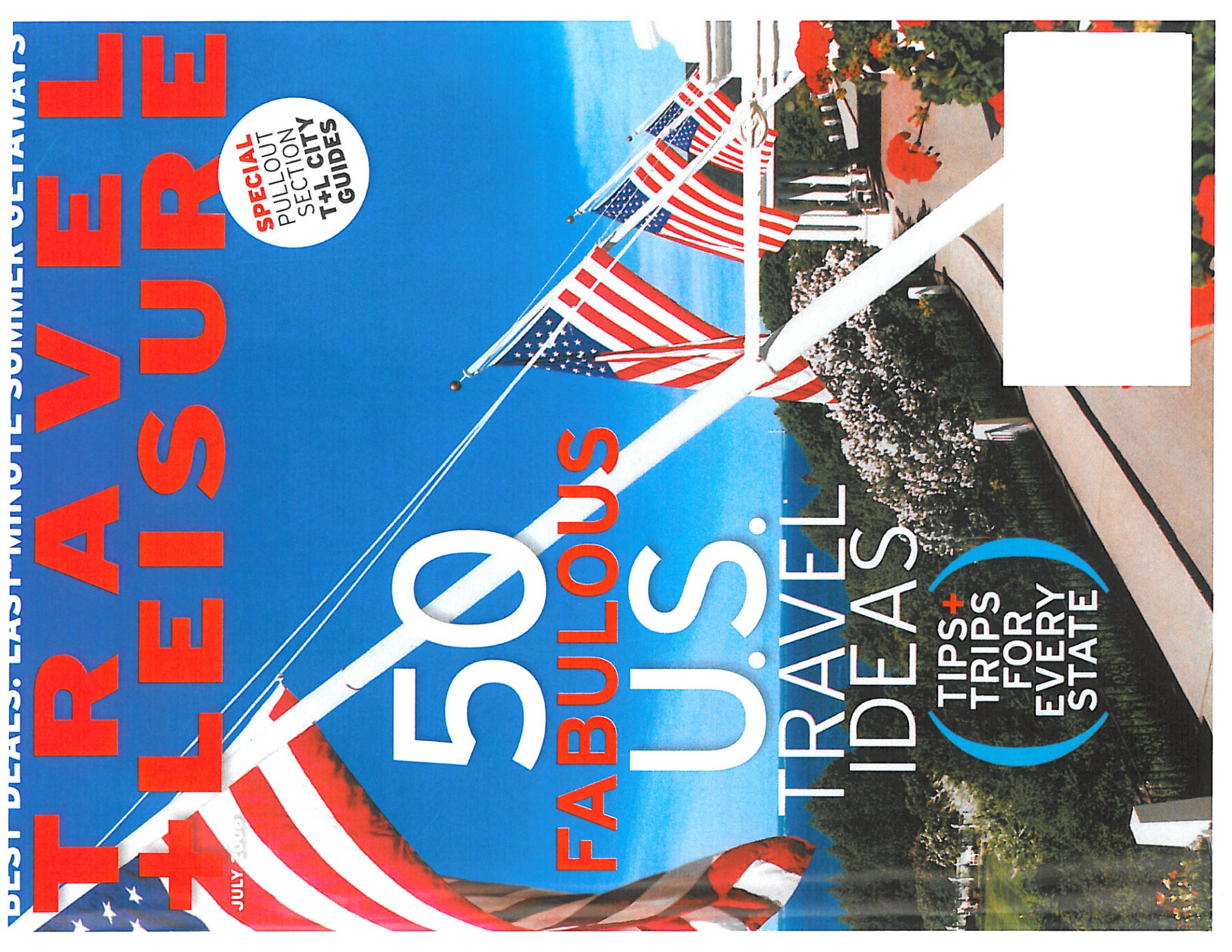
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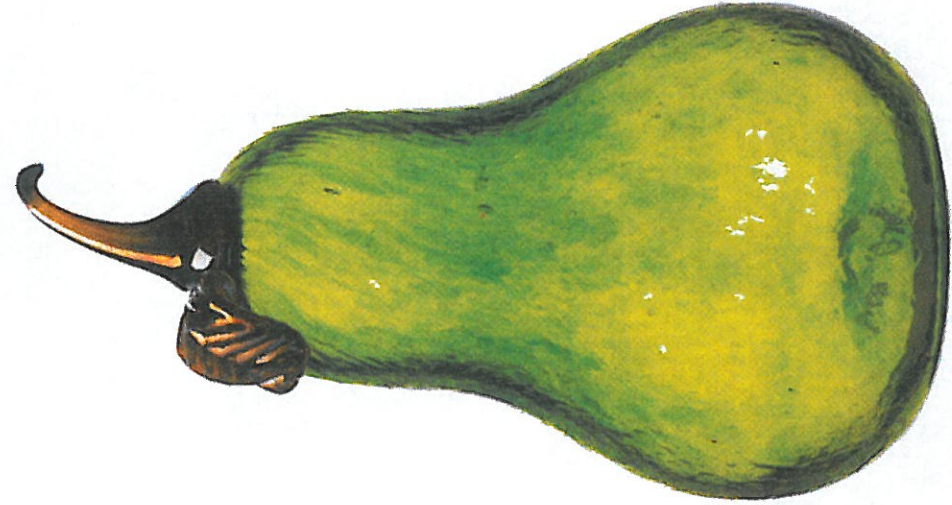
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Because of the incandescent beauty of Tacoma's colored glass. This once-industrial city has become an international destination for glass art. The birthplace of acclaimed glass designer Dale Chihuly, Tacoma is home to not only the Museum of Glass (866/468-7386; museumofglass.org), but also galleries, shops, and a few unexpected spots that have embraced the medium. At the new Hotel Murano (888/862-3255 or 253/238-8000; hotelmuranotacoma.com; doubles from \$169), each of the 21 guest-floors honors a different artist (from Australian Cobi Cockburn to Chihuly), and rooms are filled with one-of-a-kind handblown pieces.

A Jesse Kelly glass pear, available at the Museum of Glass shop, in Tacoma.