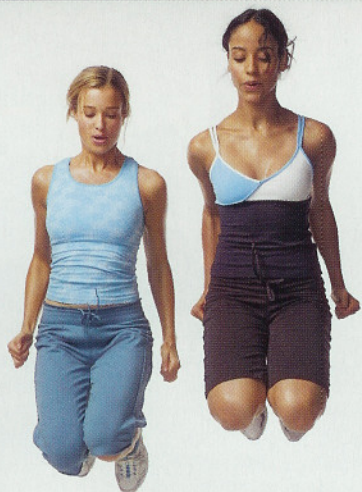


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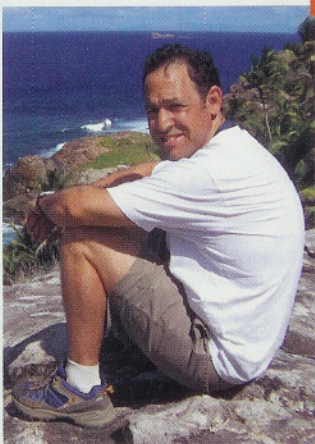
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Michael Behar

Switch from electricity to wind power? Check. Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent ones? Check again. Behar, 38, didn't just write our special report on global warming, Keep Your Cool (page 114)—he's taking action. Growing up in Seattle, he watched trees disappear due to unchecked clear-cutting, which sparked his passion for the environment. Working on this story, he says, "made me realize how global warming is our personal responsibility." Behar and his wife, Ashley, live in Boulder, Colorado. His work has appeared in Men's Journal, National Geographic Adventure, and Outside.

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Lorie A. Parch

Parch, 41, is grateful that she hasn't needed the information she gathered for In Case of Emergency... (page 130). "The last time I was in an emergency room, I was 9 and had a BB shot in my left eye," she says. The writer was surprised to learn that mishaps like hers aren't what fill up most ERs. "Women usually go in for versions of common ailments like urinary tract infections and abdominal pain." Parch, now fully recovered from her hospital visit, lives in Scottsdale, Arizona. Her work has appeared in Natural Health, Real Simple, Shape, and Town & Country.



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Tom Schierlitz

Schierlitz, 47, knows about packing light: He's made six cross-country trips on a motorcycle with his wife, Chrissie, riding tandem. The suitcases he photographed for our travel feature, Easy Going (page 134), would have been a luxury on those excursions. "We had about 10 pounds per person," he says. "I learned how to make the most of a 3-gallon space." Schierlitz and his wife live in New York City with their two daughters. He is a contributing photographer for GQ and shoots for the New York Times Magazine and Wired.



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Virginia Sole-Smith

A carb addict, Sole-Smith was worried that writing Hey, Sugar (page 108) would mean saying ciao to pasta. But she was relieved to learn that carbs aren't always evil. "If I switch to whole grain and watch portion sizes, pasta is fine," says the 25-year-old, who also learned that not eating can do as much damage as eating the wrong things. "Now I understand how bad it is to eat breakfast at 7:30 and not have lunch until 3:00." She lives in New York City, where she dines at Mario Batali's restaurant Otto as often as possible. Her work has appeared in Glamour, Marie Claire, the New York Times, and Runner's World.



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