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The World's Most Powerful Woman (cover story)

The Virgin Mary is both a personal intercessor and a global sensation.

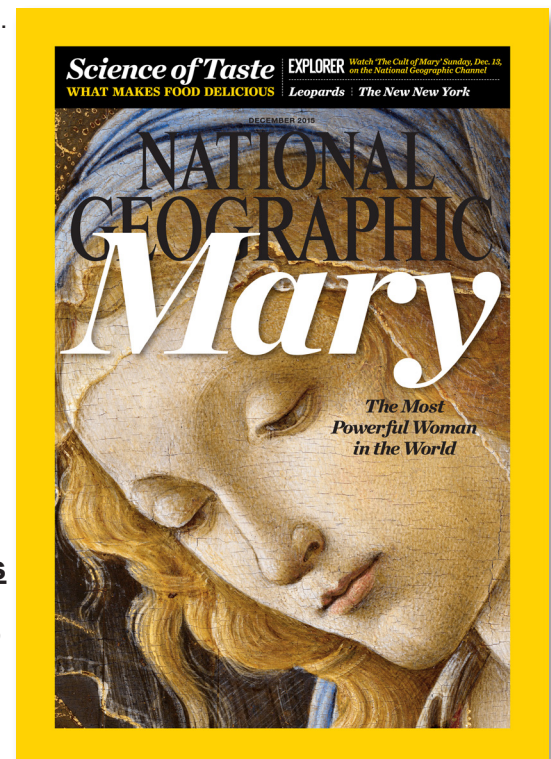
(by Maureen Orth,
photographs by Diana Markosian)



The Science of Delicious

Taste receptors, volatiles, gustatory cortex: There more to *yum* than you might think.

(by David Owen,
photographs by Brian Finke)



New New York

The bird's-eye views of the skyline make it clear: This city may never sleep, but it surely does change.

(by Pete Hamill,
photographs by George Steinmetz)



Haiti on Its Own Terms

When young Haitians photograph their nation, determination shines through the hardship.

(by Alexandra Fuller,
photographs by students of FotoKonbit)



Out of the Shadows

As cities grow and habitat shrinks, leopards are moving into the neighborhood.

(by Richard Conniff,
photographs by Steve Winter)

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