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At home: The way to fine living,
from Russel and Mary Wright, 4D

Test drive: Mazda Protegé, 7D



Colleen Seyritz, Photographer

Destinations & Diversions

late breakfast: \$16
long, lazy lunch: \$37
midnight movie tickets: \$16

a sunday without thinking
about monday: priceless



there are some things money can't buy,
for everything else there's MasterCard.



By Matthew Mattman

A hard choice: Concrete countertops are comparable to granite — and often more expensive.

AT HOME

Concrete countertops pouring into kitchens

The Romans invented it 2,000 years ago, and now it covers millions of miles of roads and parking lots. So who could have predicted that common concrete would become the current countertop of choice for kitchen snobs?

Dispatches

After years of granite dominance in the high-end countertop market, concrete is coming on strong. *Kitchen & Bath Design News* reports it's the source of the most buzz in the industry.

Concrete is lighter than granite but not always cheaper. The high-end stuff can cost \$80 to \$150 a square foot; granite typically costs \$60 to \$110.

Concrete can be smoothed and polished like stone, colored and textured like tile, or inlaid with fossils, semiprecious stone or mementos.

— Maria Puente

