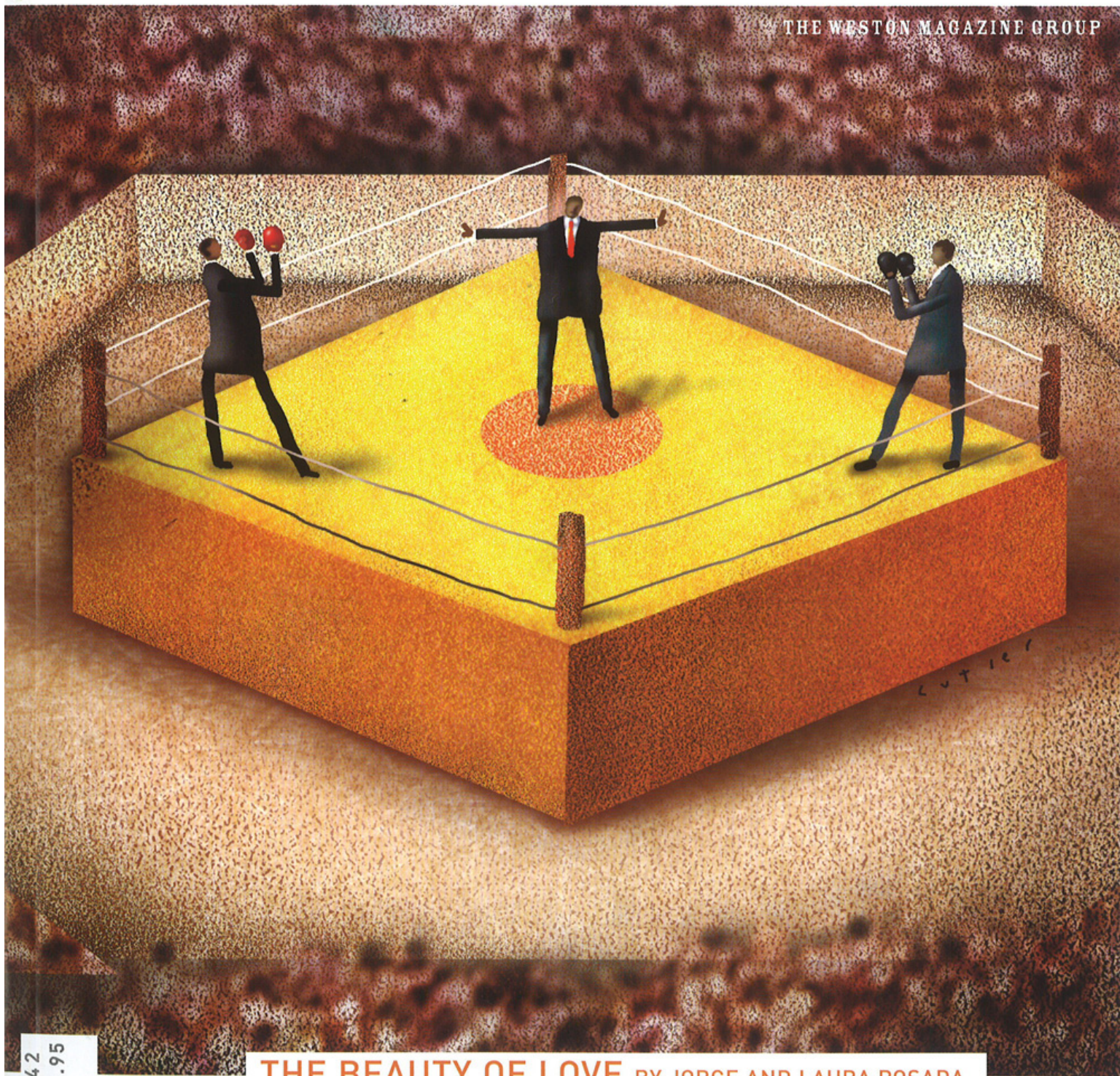


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SANTA BARBARA By Carly Silver

You don't have to go abroad to vacation on the Riviera. Santa Barbara, California, known as "The American Riviera," has an allure all its own. Santa Barbara is refined yet relaxed, with the best of all worlds: the Pacific, mountains, art, architecture, spas, a film festival, shopping, and offerings for gourmets and oenophiles. Planning a trip is simple; the city has a comprehensive website with some of the most recent savings packages. www.santabarbaraca.com.

The Cheshire Cat Bed and Breakfast Inn is a charming place to stay in Santa Barbara. Christine Dunstan is the owner of the inn, which is comprised of a cluster of houses built in the 1890s. Originally from Cheshire, England, Christine has recreated the feel of a traditional English bed and breakfast in California. The inn is named for her hometown and one of her favorite childhood stories, *Alice in Wonderland*. Most of the rooms' themes and names hail from the Lewis Carroll tale: White Rabbit, Tweedledee, Tweedledum, and Dormouse. The luxurious Corner House has the Cheshire Cat Suite, with a king-size bed and a small Jacuzzi. Peppered with antiques brought over from England by Dunstan's father, the Cheshire Cat has a cozy feel reminiscent of northern



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THE CHESHIRE CAT BED AND BREAKFAST INN

England. Continental breakfast is served daily in the main house. Each room is uniquely designed with a lovely view of Santa Barbara. Three individual cottages are also available for monthly rentals. www.cheshirecat.com. 36 W. Valerio Street. Santa Barbara, 805/569-1610

Santa Barbara restaurants are renowned for their creative spins on the bounty from local farms and waters. Olio e Limone is a Santa Barbara favorite, owned by husband and wife team Alberto and Elaine Morello. Serving authentic Italian fare with a flare, specialties include Timballo di Melanzane con Puree di Pomodoro—eggplant soufflé with a goat cheese center served with a fresh tomato-basil sauce; Ravioli d'Anatra ai Funghi Porcini— a homemade duck ravioli with a porcini mushroom sauce; and the Tagliata di Bue con Rucola e Tortino di Patate—sliced beef tenderloin over a potato puree with arugula, shaved parmesan and truffle oil. Delizioso! Olio Pizzeria Enoteca and Bar just opened next door. 17 West Victoria Street, Santa Barbara. 805/899-2699; www.olioelimone.com.

All the elements come together at Elements Restaurant and Bar. What an enticing menu! Crispy Skin Arctic Char is served with local cherry tomatoes, roasted fingerling potatoes, tomatillos, smoked shallots and an avocado salsa verde vinaigrette; Maple Leaf Farms Duck Breast with house made duck sausage, potato puree, braised fennel, arugula and clementines; and Whole Roasted Game with rapini, mint couscous, and feta cheese. 129 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara. 805/884-9218

www.elementsrestaurantandbar.com.

So much to see, so much to do: The Downtown Urban Wine Trail is a convenient way to taste and tour eight wineries at their downtown tasting rooms. History buffs will appreciate the Mission Santa Barbara, a meticulously preserved Catholic mission that includes clerical vestments, replicas of living quarters, and a beautiful chapel. Move on to the Museum of Natural History; its Ty Warner Aquatic Center has foot-long sharks, while the Gladwin Planetarium

allows visitors to scan the skies for celestial sights. Rent a bike at one of several local shops and cycle by one of the numerous beautiful beaches.

The "Red Tile Walking Tour" offers an excellent introduction to downtown Santa Barbara's historic arts district. Begin at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse, a graceful 1929 example of Spanish-Moorish architecture surrounded by meticulously landscaped sunken gardens. The spectacular view from atop the 80-foot clock tower features the iconic American Riviera® panorama of Santa Barbara's red-tile roofs, the mountains, and the sea. Next, cross the street to the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, home to an impressive collection of fine art, including the only intact mural in the United States by world-renowned Mexican artist David Alfaro Siqueiros.

Fall is a wonderful time to explore the vineyards, farms, markets and restaurants of Santa Barbara. It's celebration season, the grapes are being harvested and there are festivals aplenty!

In September:

Old Town Harvest Festival: a partnership of local growers and restaurants.
California Organic Festival: 80+ booths focusing on organics and gardening.

In October:

Celebration of Harvest: 60+ local wineries, music, a silent auction, and food. Autumn Arts Grapes & Grains Festival: 20+ wineries, 15+ breweries, food, and art.