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• [SOLAGE CALISTOGA] Calistoga, CA

Opening just as Napa Valley's harvest comes into full swing, the new 89-room hotel and spa is "Napa barn meets SoMa loft," says its architect, Howard Backen. Nestled among ancient oak trees, it's an easy stroll from the town of Calistoga, where mineral springs abound. Each room has a private patio; a pair of bicycles comes free of charge. From \$325 per night (755 Silverado Trail; 866/942-7442, SolageCalistoga.com). —Diane Dorrans Saeks

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• [GIORGIO ARMANI]

The designer reveals the most treasured object in his home. "My Matisse, a present from Eric Clapton, is very special to me. I love it not only for the sentimental value but because Matisse is one of my favorite artists. His handling of the brush is second to none. There is such color and harmony, such invention and lightness to his work."

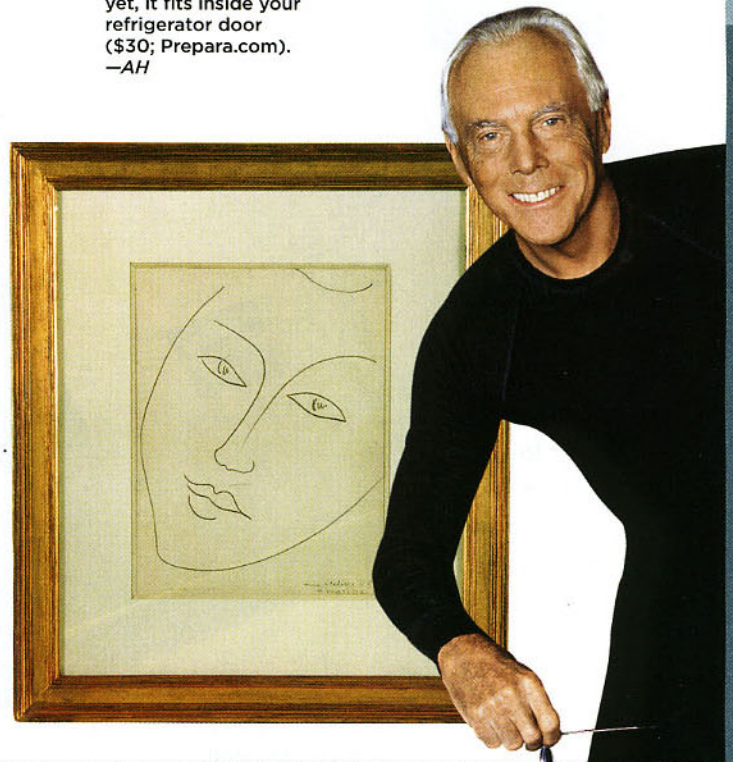
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