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# hillside haven

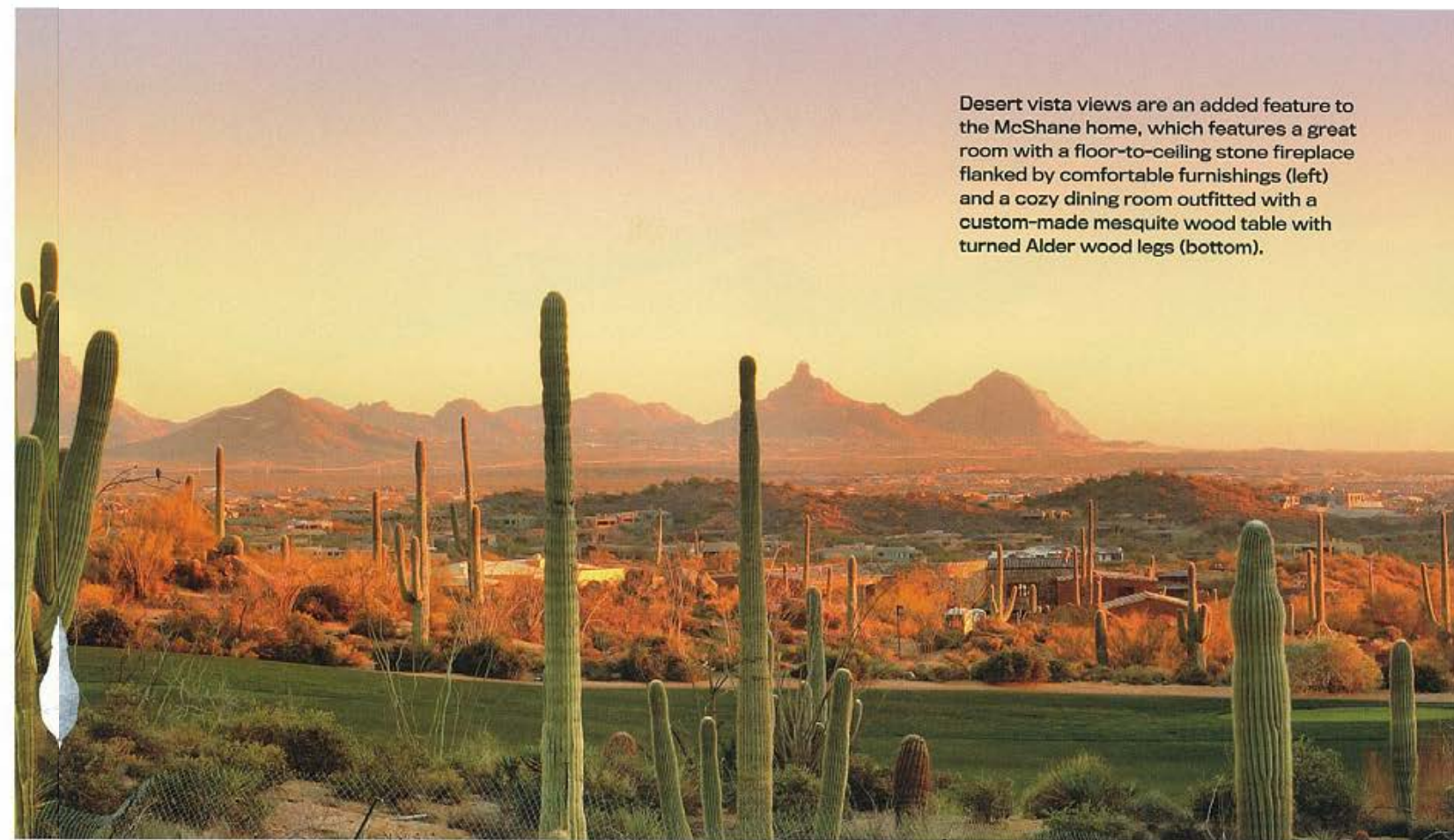
Located in the far reaches of north Scottsdale, in the exclusive Desert Mountain community, Tim and Debbie McShane's home gives new meaning to the term "off the beaten path" where stretches of winding roads and rolling hills dotted with majestic saguaro cacti lead to the couple's impressive, multi-level hillside gem.



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DESERT DREAM







Desert vista views are an added feature to the McShane home, which features a great room with a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace flanked by comfortable furnishings (left) and a cozy dining room outfitted with a custom-made mesquite wood table with turned Alder wood legs (bottom).

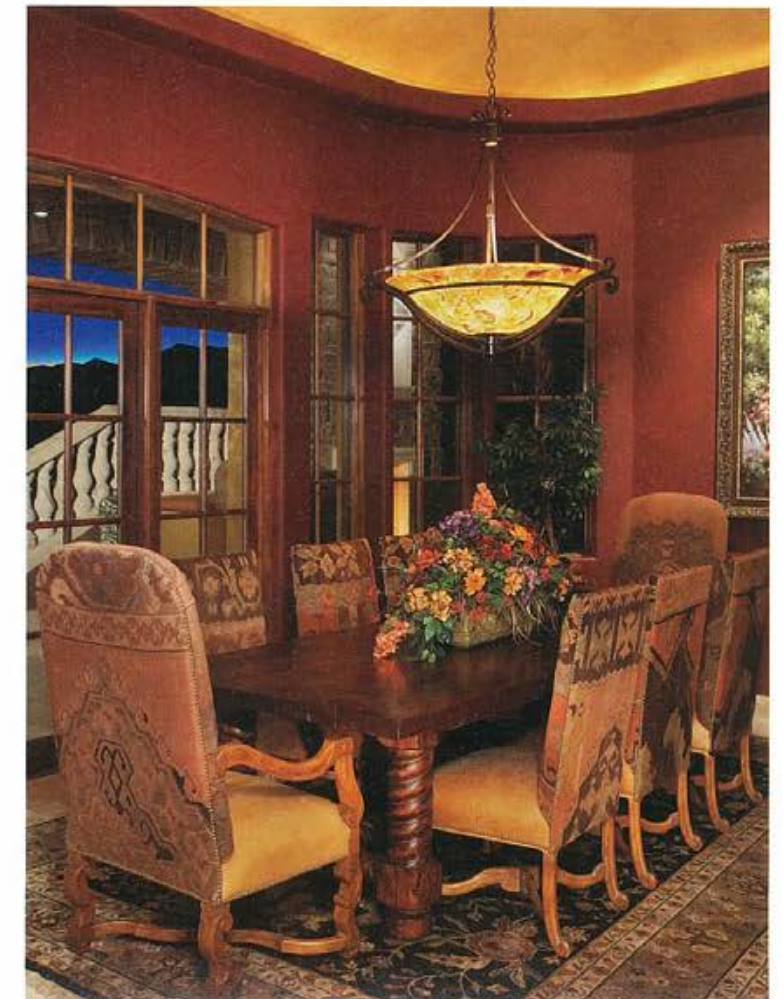
**MARRIED 17 YEARS**, and the parents of two young boys, the McShanes drew from their New York, New Mexico and Arizona lifestyles to create an environment that would reflect their personalities. They chose Italian villa-style for its warmth and charm, infusing it with a combination of family treasures, custom-built pieces and an original-art collection.

"We wanted our home to be casual, cozy and comfortable," says Tim of their 6,500-square-foot home with 3,000 square feet of outdoor living spaces.

The McShane's home was built by Scottsdale-based, Augusta Design-Build, LLC, where Tim is a principal. The company's preferred architect, Tor Barstad of Phoenix-based ArchitecTor PC, handled the design and Shirley Kern Brown of Robb and Stucky in north Scottsdale, served as interior designer. Together, they delivered a home in which the family could live comfortably and enjoy completely.

"It's a family home, and it feels like it," says Kern Brown.

Warm bronzy-gold background tones are accented with terra cotta reds throughout. Plentiful Cantera and Travertine stone







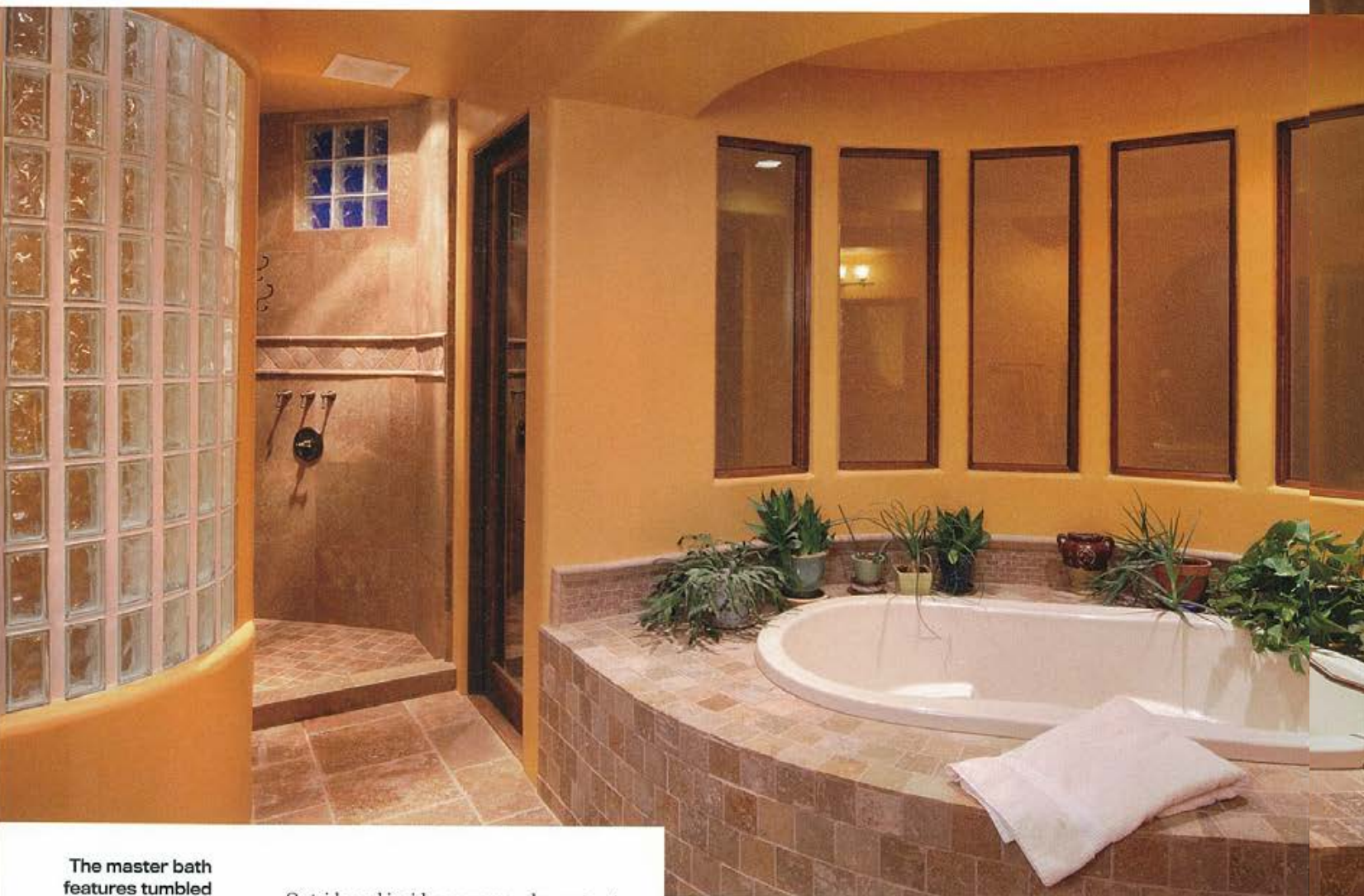
Ideally situated to serve guests, a centrally-located circular wet bar provides perfect access from the kitchen, great room and outdoor seating area.

are softened by wood, leather and tapestry furnishings. And nearly every room of the multi-level interior leads to an outdoor relaxation or entertainment patio.

Special features abound throughout the home. The dramatic, domed-ceiling rotunda entrance invites you in; then tempts you to linger and take in the exposed wood beams and floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace in the enormous, centrally located great room. Three matching iron and fabric-shaded chandeliers offer a rustic touch. And strategically-placed leather couches, Oriental rugs and side pieces bring the space down to a delightful first impression.

En route to the kitchen, a 1,000-bottle wine closet with its embossed iron and glass door offers a peek at the McShanes' collection. The nearby, circular granite bar suggests "just a taste."





The master bath features tumbled Travertine stone finishes off the jetted tub and glass-block snail shower.

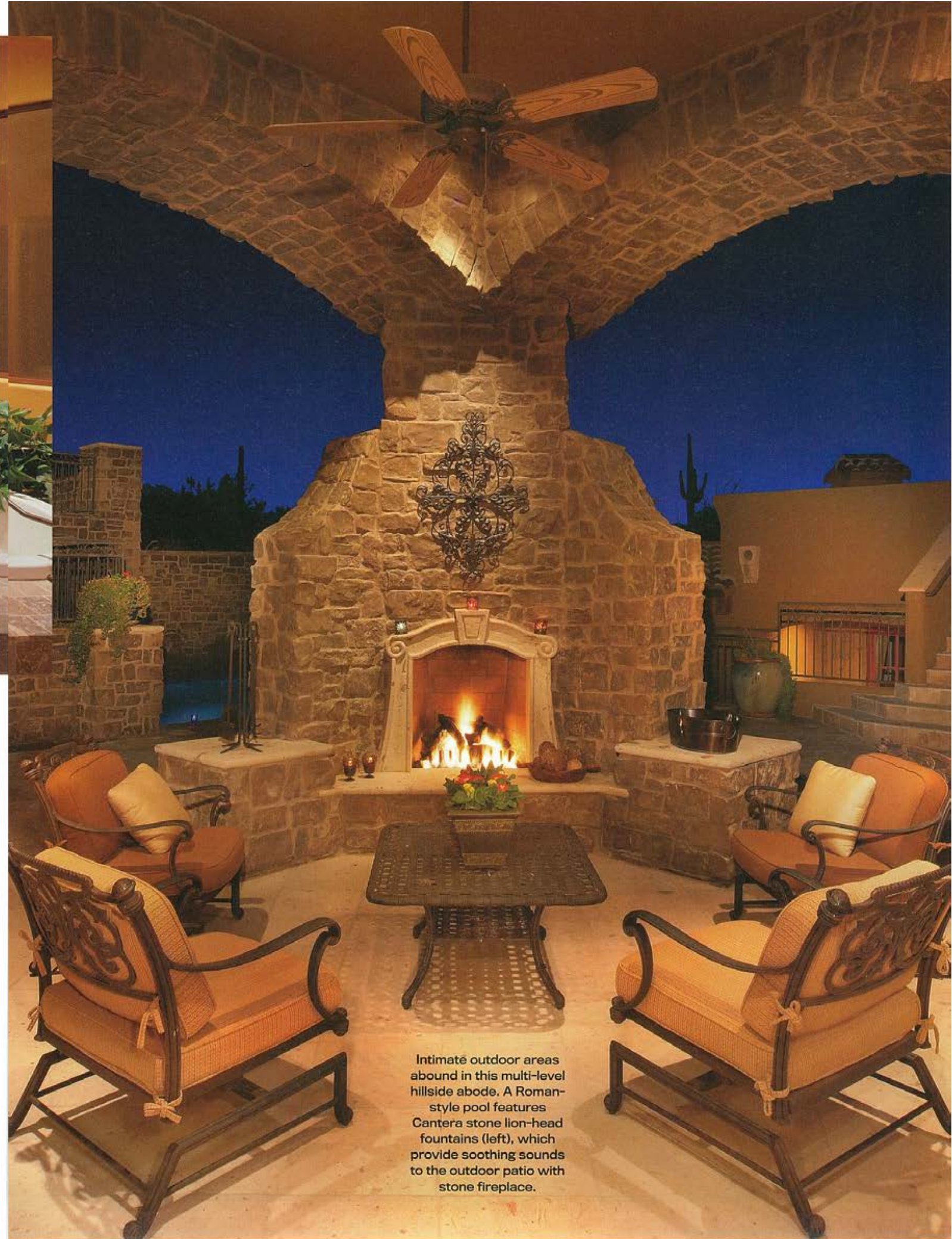
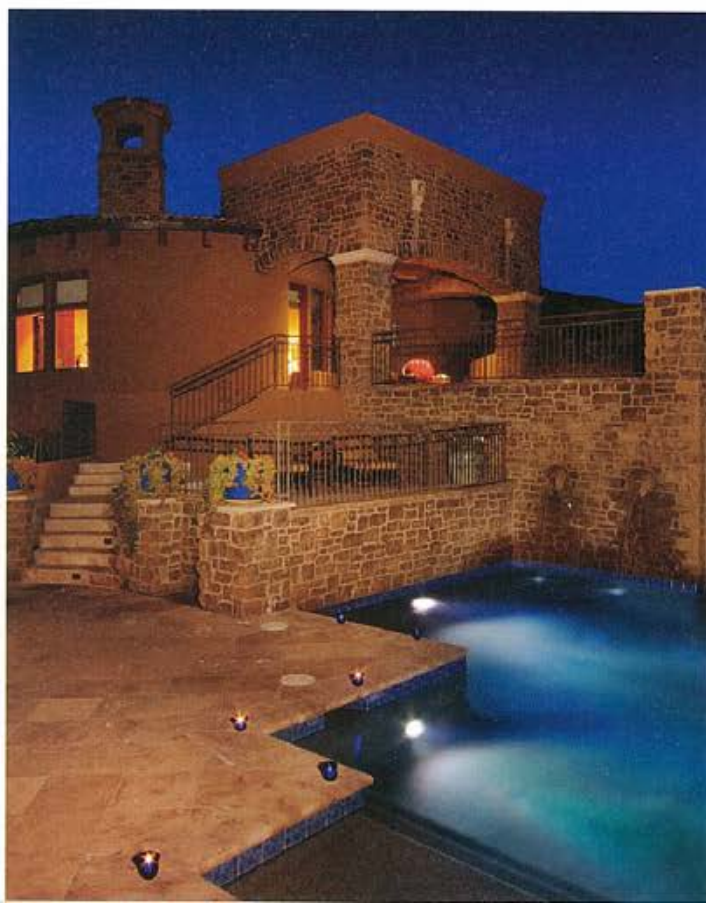
Outside and inside converge when retracting the two, 90 degree, 10-foot by 10-foot walls of glass from the kitchen to incorporate a patio as well as one of the home's six fireplaces, an oversized, granite-topped grill and a Roman-style pool.

The upscale kitchen boasts Alder cabinetry, two full-size refrigerator/freezers, two dishwashers and two ovens. The farmhouse-style sink, elongated "pot-filler" faucet, six-burner Viking range and deep-shelved pantry help Tim and Debbie entertain their large families and abundant friends.

"At Thanksgiving, we host 40 to 50 people," says Debbie. The custom mesquite wood dining room tabletop accommodates eight for more intimate dining. "It's a great house for entertaining."

Just off the living room is the theater-style media room with four leather recliners, each with cup holders. The whole-house sound system and other necessities are hidden within a wall of rich, wood cabinets, and a mini bar keeps drinks and snacks handy.

Each of the three individually-decorated bedrooms is actually a complete suite, with the master suite offering a tucked-away, stackable washer/dryer set that makes for



Intimate outdoor areas abound in this multi-level hillside abode. A Roman-style pool features Cantera stone lion-head fountains (left), which provide soothing sounds to the outdoor patio with stone fireplace.



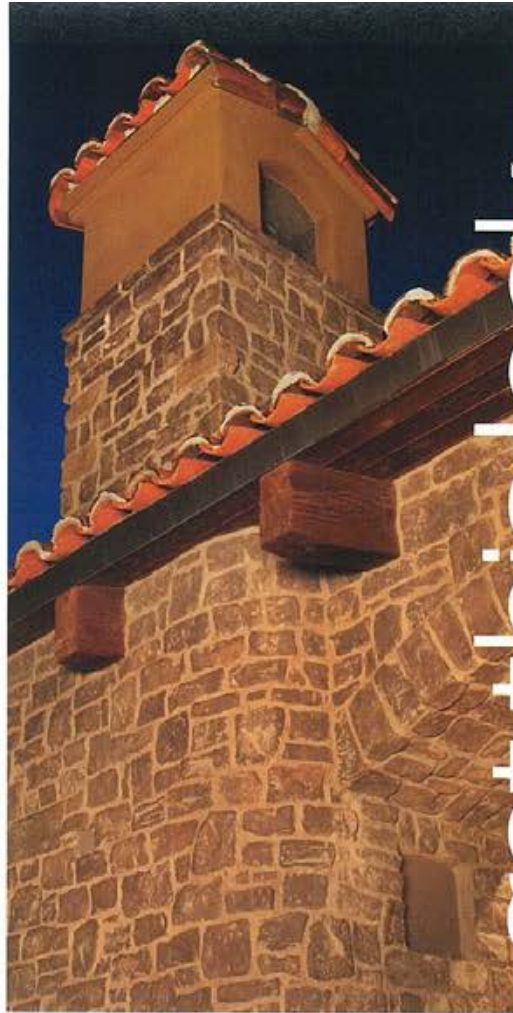
quick laundry turnarounds. Adjacent to the boys' rooms, is the "flex room," which hosts video games and other activities.

A culvert bridge connects to the master bedroom, with its striking, wall-sized, curved bay window, stone fireplace and exposed beams. The adjacent master bath boasts an extra-long, extra-deep jetted tub. Just outside the master suite is a private hot-tub and sweeping valley views. This wing also hosts the home office.

Out-of-town guests stake claim to the apartment-style casita and fitness room, with its shower stall doubling as a steam room. "We're always "booked" in advance," quips Tim.

The McShane's home is just what they want and where they want it. They enjoy the array of family-oriented amenities in Desert Mountain. "I just love it here," says Debbie, a full-time mom and community volunteer.

"It's like living at a five-star resort," adds Tim. //



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Here are some ideas on how to incorporate rich and rustic design styles into your interior space. // **M.J.**



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