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Designed for Entertaining,
a Curvaceous Desert Home
Embraces Its New Owners
and Visitors Alike



Rounded edges are part of the charm of this Scottsdale residence. In the great room, a comfy sofa and leather chairs form a conversation grouping, and a life-size bronze sculpture by Dave McGary, a Phoenix Home & Garden Master of the Southwest, commands attention. The adjoining wet bar has a chiseled-wood front embellished with rope detailing.



Boasting a coppery "umbrella" ceiling, the dining room glows with a warm, desert-inspired palette. To better showcase the Native American leather dress, the niche was painted with a textured copper finish.

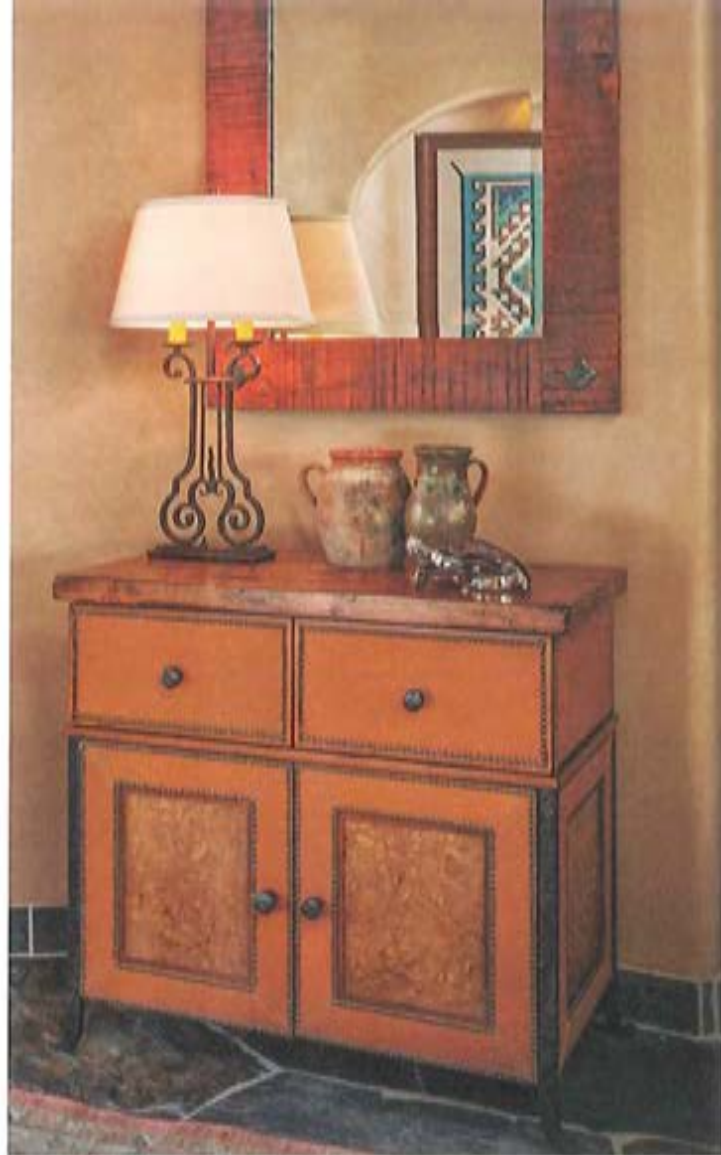
Opposite: Kim Scodro, ASID Allied Member, designed this chest specifically for the foyer.

AN INVITING courtyard with a striking boulder water feature, well-tended garden and comfortable seating transports guests from the city street to a quiet calm long before they reach the front door of this Scottsdale residence. Warm and welcoming, the home seems built for entertaining, and its newest owners are happy to carry on the tradition.

"We looked at a lot of homes in the area, but when we walked in the front door here, my husband and I knew this was it," comments the lady of the house. "We entertain a lot and love the curves and flow of the home. We realized it was the architecture that was drawing us in."

Designed by architect Lee Hutchison, a Phoenix Home & Garden Master of the Southwest, the residence boasts numerous specialized touches for which he is known—curving walls, unique ceilings and a small cozy hearth room located adjacent to the kitchen. Inside and out, the Southwestern beauty is loaded with high-end extras. The airy great room, for example, boasts a soaring sculptural ceiling, a rugged stone fireplace and windows that drink in the views. Standing guard here is a life-size bronze of an honorable war chief. The homeowners purchased the *Crow King* sculpture to mark their 40th wedding anniversary, celebrating its arrival with a dinner party for artist Dave McGary and his family.

Although little work was necessary to make the house theirs when they moved in, the homeowners called upon designer Kim Scodro to freshen the interiors to reflect their personal style and interests. "The previous owner did a great job on the bones of this house, but the home had a Contemporary look and the new owners really wanted to embrace the flavor of the Southwest," Scodro explains.




Giving prominence to artwork that the couple had collected along the way and interpreting their vision in unexpected and playful ways, she created a relaxed yet elegant Southwestern look. The owners are especially fond of a pair of cowhide chairs the designer had

made for the great room and a Western-themed bedroom with two sets of trundle bunks. Designed to encourage frequent visits from the couple's five grandchildren, the room has whimsical touches that include a ceiling painted to look like the sky, crown molding with rope detail and an accent table with a hidden whistle.

The rewards of living here are many, with numerous areas that lend themselves to the lighter side of life. A media room with a billiards table is filled with touches that highlight the homeowners' penchant for race cars. The back patio, snuggled next to a golf course and surrounded by mountain vistas, is a haven for family and friends who enjoy the sparkling pool with its swim-up bar. The home originally had two guest casitas, but the owners turned one into a second garage with a porcelain tile floor and a slot-car table game that never fails to attract the young—and young-at-heart.

With hobbies that include golf, flying and car racing, the homeowners admit that they don't sit still very long. But when they do, their desert dwelling provides the comfort, privacy and relaxed Arizona lifestyle they had envisioned—a place to gather family and friends and make memories. "Kim really took the home to a different level, making it warm, comfortable and very user-friendly," notes the lady of the house. "We feel very fortunate to come home to our own special and private resort—how wonderful is that?"



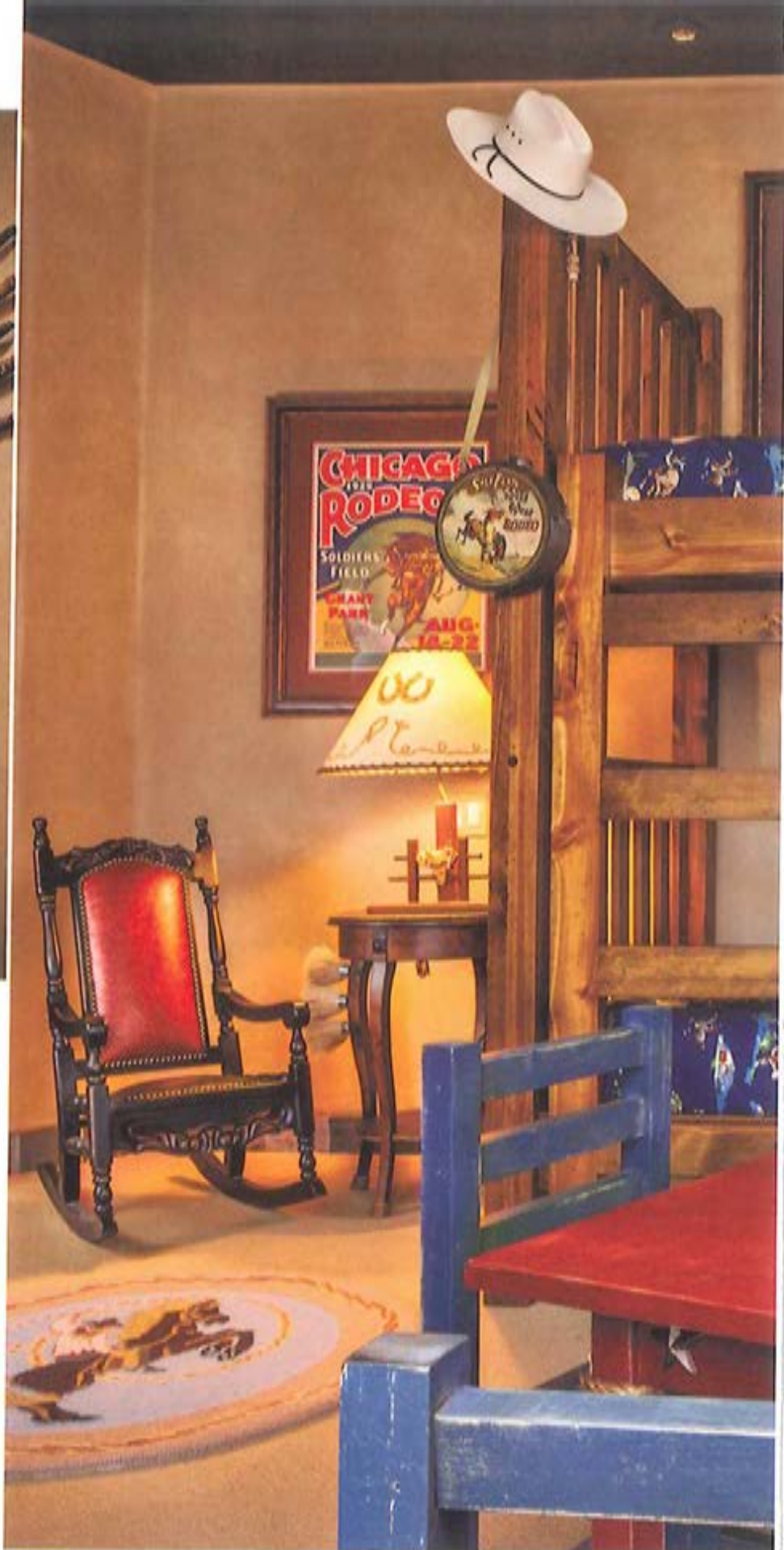


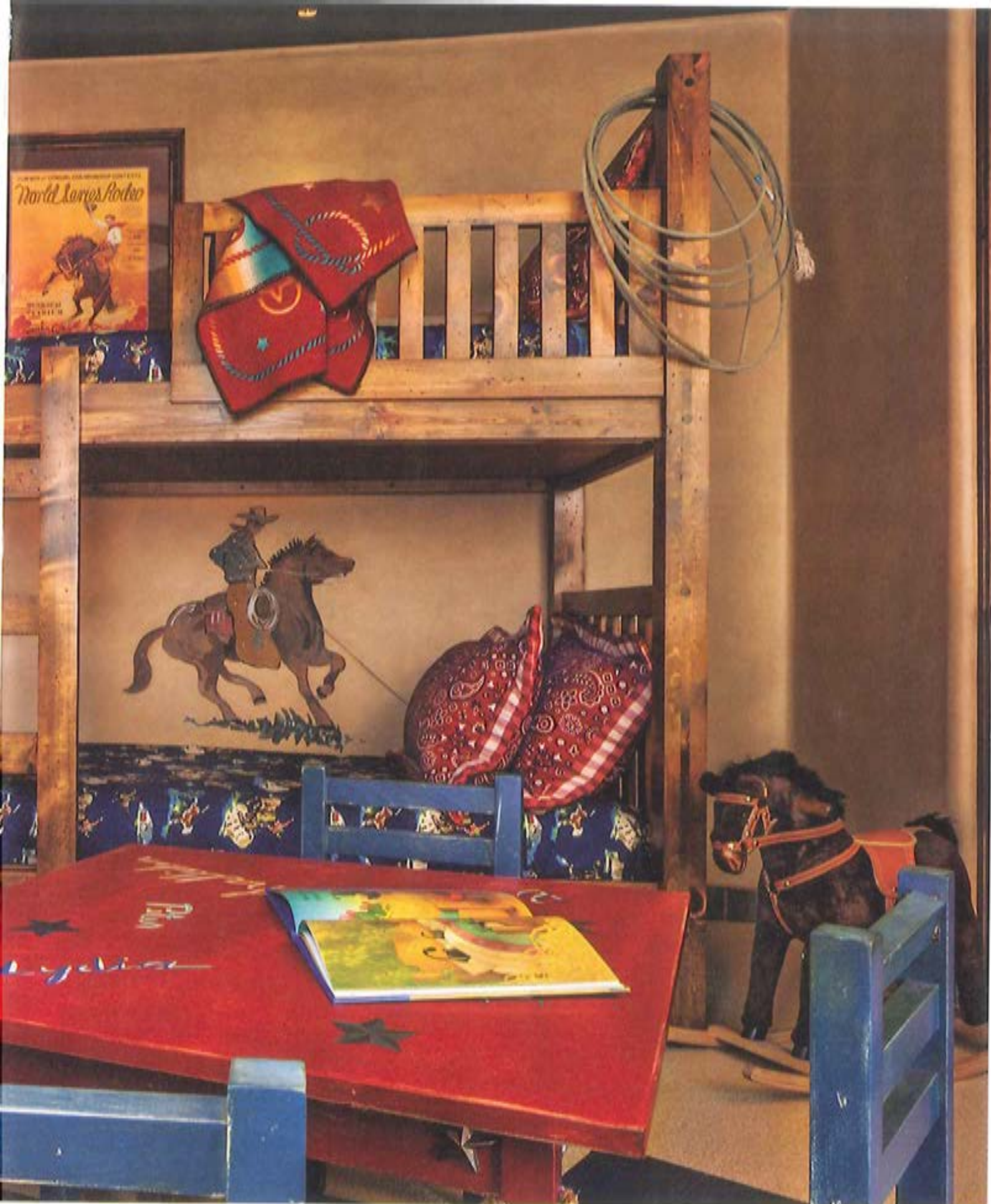
Hefty wood trusses heighten interest in the master suite, where a two-way fireplace separates sleeping and office areas. Kim Scodro used calming hues of powder blue and apricot here. "It's hard to find a Southwest feel that isn't all oranges and reds," the designer notes. "I am happy we were able to bring in some blues."

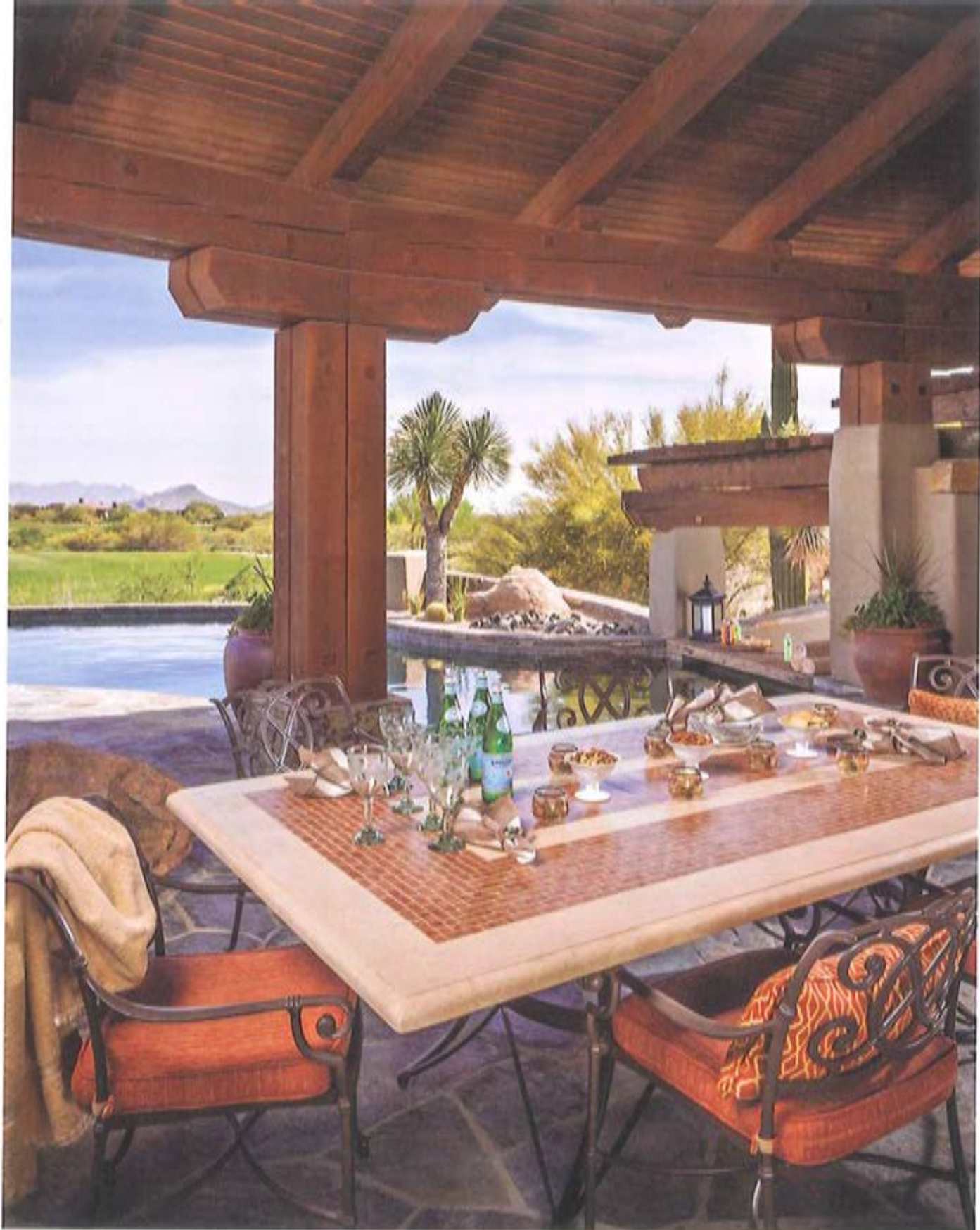


Above: A curving hallway with slate flooring and thick overhead beams is populated with artwork and family photographs.

Right: Interior designer Kim Scodro's deft use of color and touches of whimsy jazz up a "bunk room," where grandchildren can sleep, play and celebrate their inner buckaroo. Richard Kovacich painted the cowboy on horseback to match the comforter. Adding a personal touch, each child's name was hand-painted on the pint-size table (foreground).







This page and opposite: An expansive covered patio overlooks the pool and the golf course beyond. Nestled in rocks to the left of the swim-up bar is a fire feature anchored by a tree-like yucca.

See Sources.

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