

**POWAY—BERNARDO
HOMES**

It Has A Sofa-Rock, A Free-Form Tub

Unique Poway Home Is Two - Family Project



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It's a three bedroom-two bath home just right for a modest family looking for a touch of the unusual.

That's what you might say about an ordinary house or even a custom-built house. But if you were describing this adobe beauty located on Arroyo Vista in Green Valley Highlands, you'd have to phrase it a bit differently.

It's a three bedroom-two bath house extraordinaire. It was designed and fashioned from the ground up by two families in a combination Spanish-old world castle style that will either captivate your imagination or cause you to stand back in awe. It is perfect for the not-so-modest family with a not-so-small income.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Ott of Poway and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Weir of Escondido and their combined 13 children did all the work. Weir was the actual designer, but everybody pitched in with suggestions.

The house was built with some 10,000 adobe bricks - 16-inch brick on the exterior; 8-inch brick on the interior. Each large brick weighed about 45 pounds and Mrs. Ott said lifting those was a real muscle-building experience.

Each window and each door is arched. In fact there are 45 arches in the house. The doors are made of 2-inch plank, hand-carved and stained. Three-inch thick hemp rope has been placed around the frame of each window adding another old-world touch.

Besides the three bedrooms, and two baths, there is an all-electric kitchen with eating area and access to the outside, a formal dining room, living room with fireplace, a laundry closet and at least six other

closets, plus a three-car garage and a small cabana; 3500 sq. ft. in all.

A circular tower (which houses the heating system and

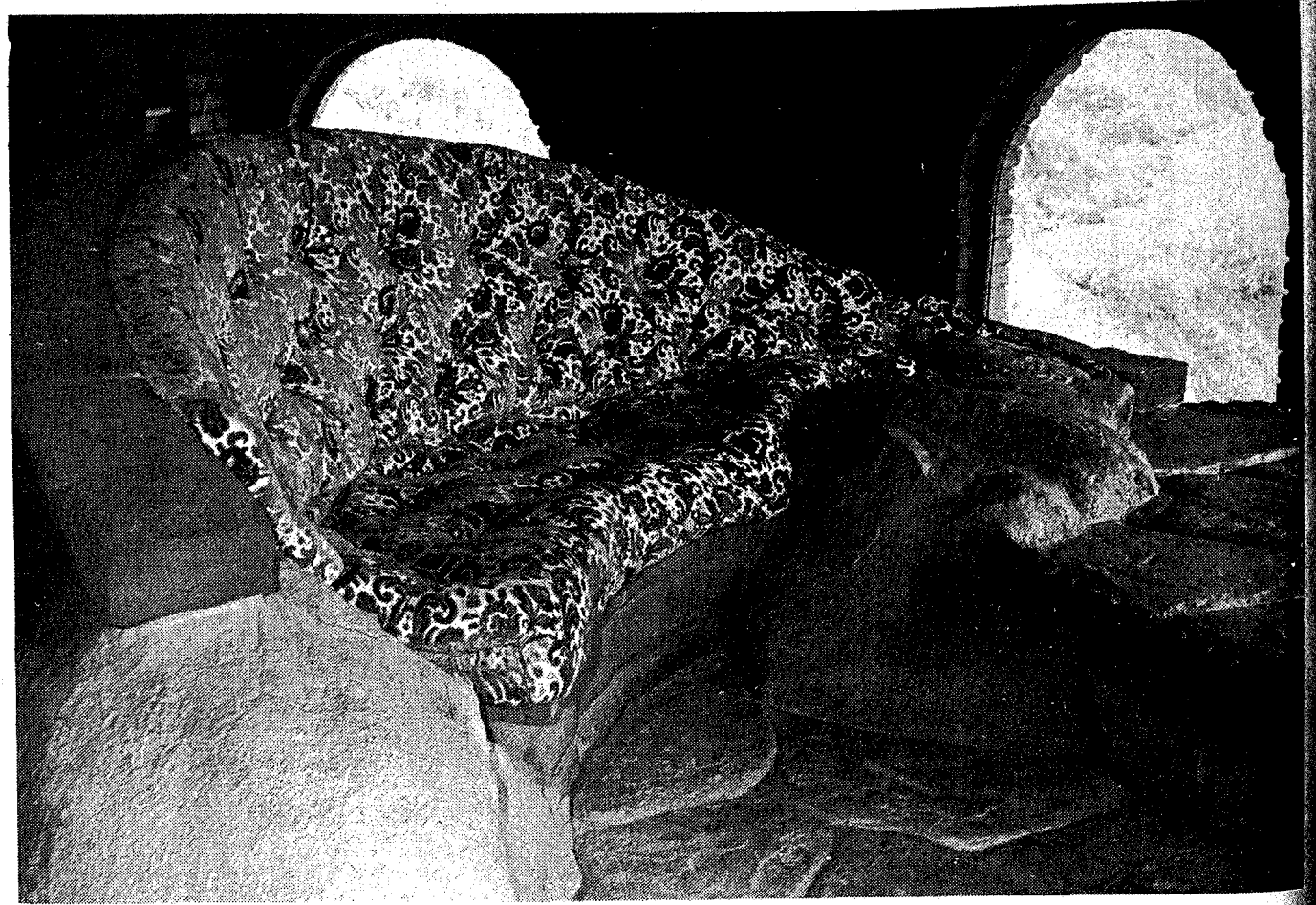
other utilities) acts as a buffer between master bedroom and dining area and also provides foyer space as you enter the house. Ceiling beams fan out

from the tower over the dining and living rooms giving a rotunda effect.

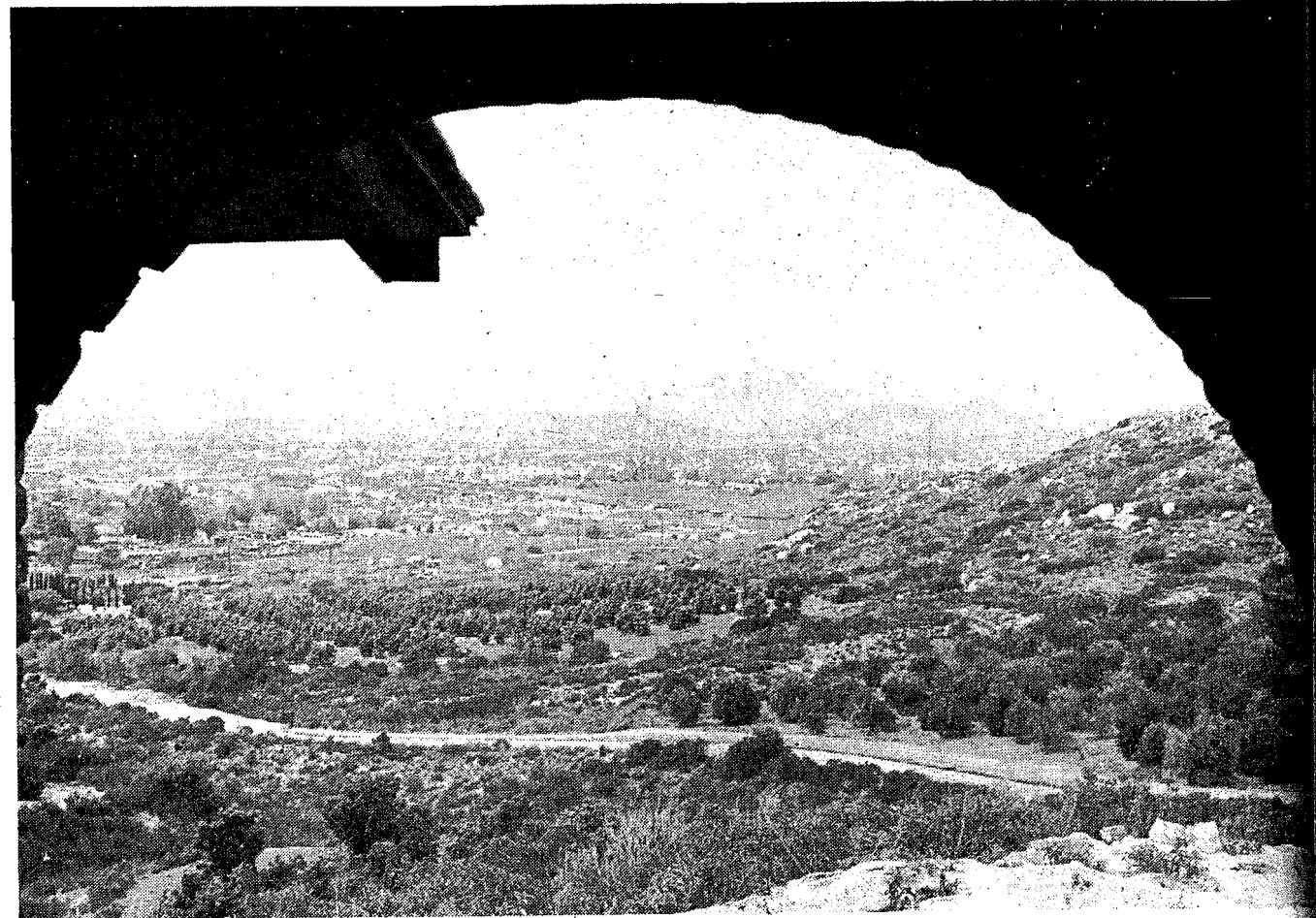
Probably the most unique feature about the house is the

huge boulder that rises out of the living room and reaches to the dining room on the floor above.

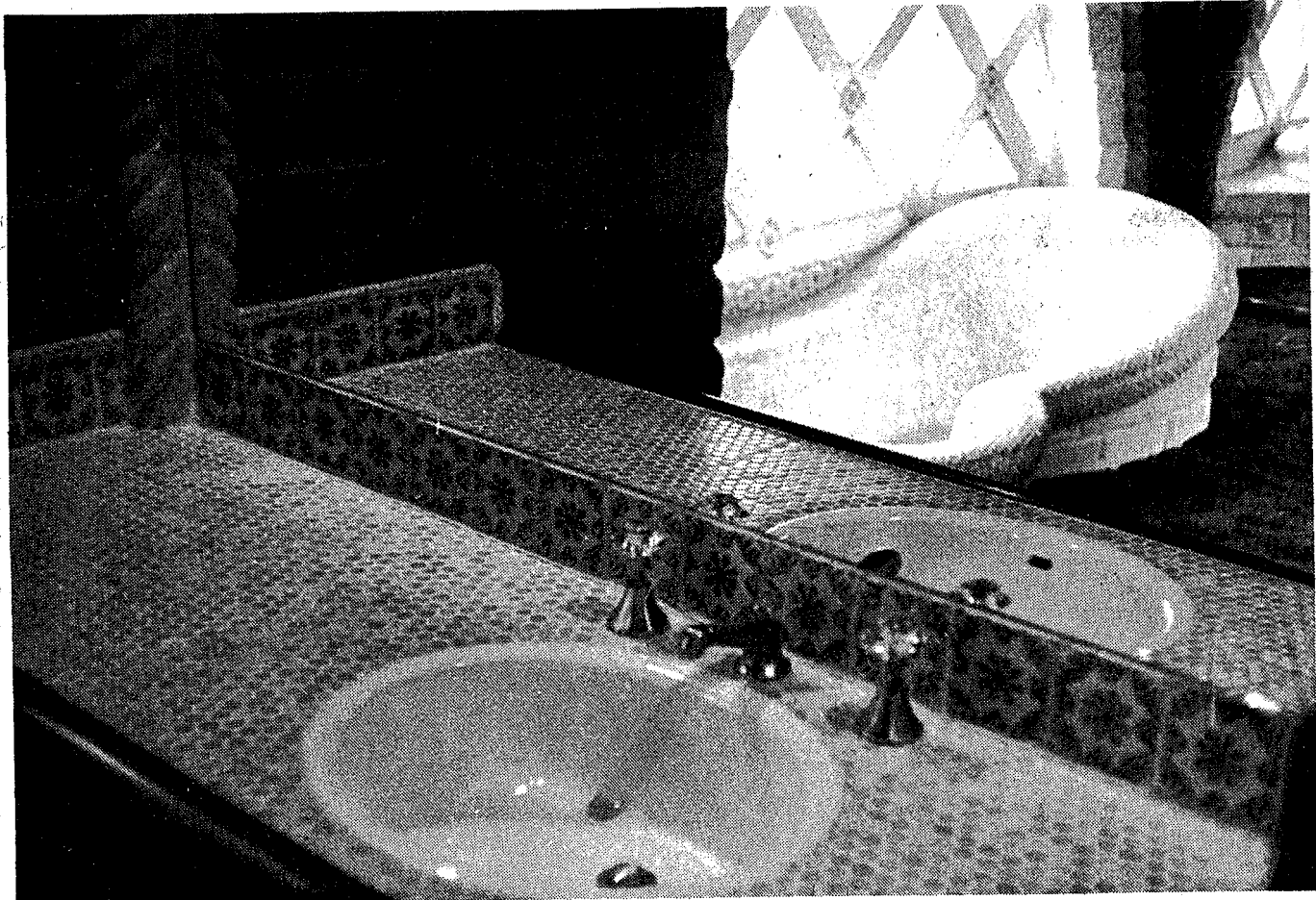
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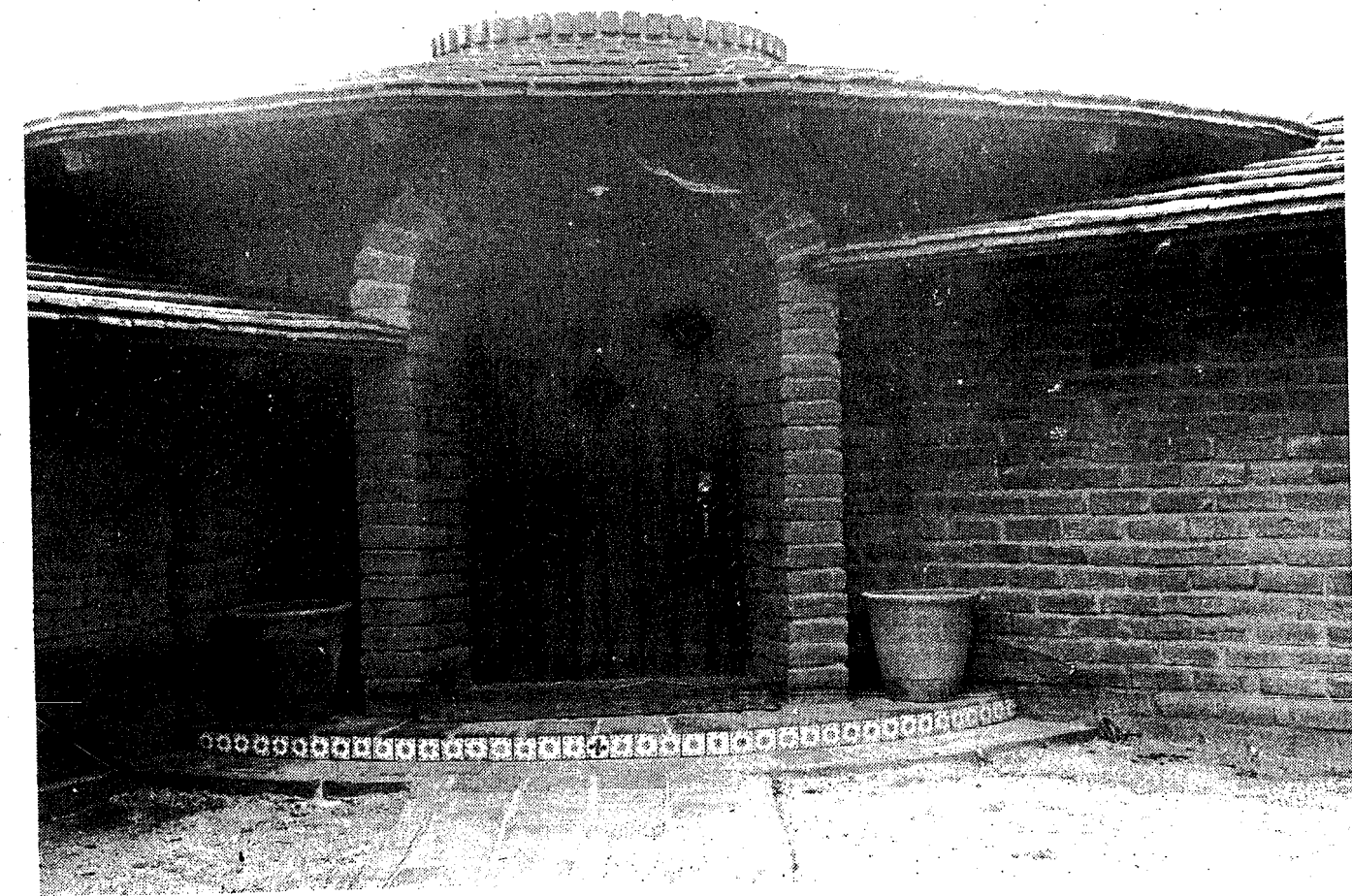
BOULDER BECOMES A SOFA — The natural boulder which the Ott's and Weirs retained on the site was fashioned into a comfortable love seat on the balcony overlooking the living room. The photo below shows the view of Green Valley and RB as seen from the sofa.



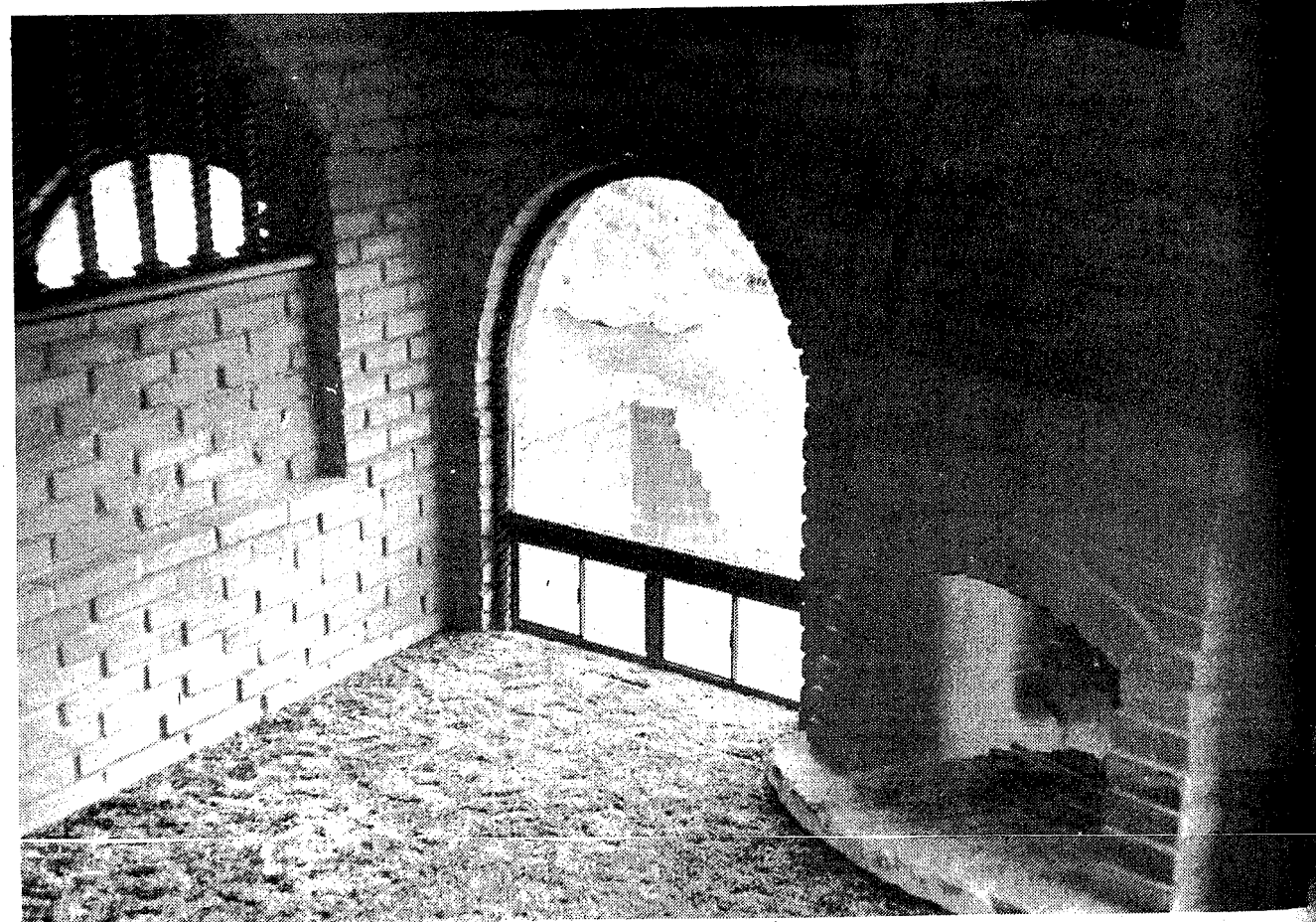
Photos by Judy Whalen.



IT'S BATHTUB — Mrs. Milo Ott, one of the builders of the house, shows what it would be like to luxuriate in the free-form tub fashioned from mosaic tiles, all individually placed by hand. The tub can be seen in the photo below through the wall-to-wall mirror over the bath's lavatory. To the left of the sink area is the shower. Other mirrors cover the doors on the two large closets in the bath.



FRONT ENTRANCE — Visitors pass through a wrought-iron gate into the courtyard of the all-adobe home. The handmade door is framed by hemp rope as are all the windows and outside doors in the house. A circular tower forms a rotunda effect inside. Exterior walls were made with 16-inch bricks.



LIVING ROOM — Beamed ceilings, huge arched windows and a large fireplace give the living room an old-world distinction. Each room in the house has a view to the outdoors. Master bedroom is through the archway at left, several steps up from the living room. A tiled patio surrounds the back of the house. The home is located on Arroyo Vista in Green Valley Highlands.