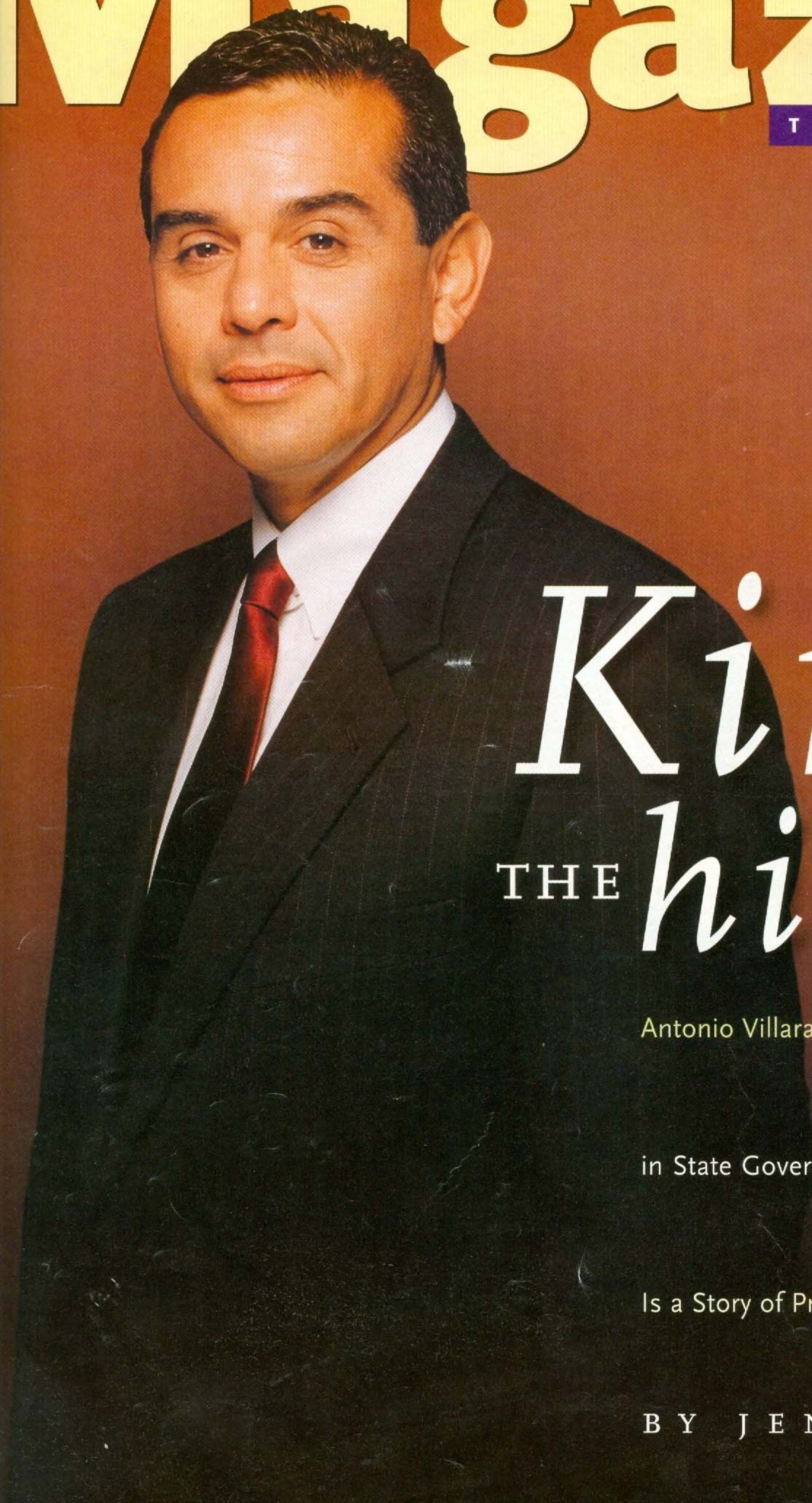


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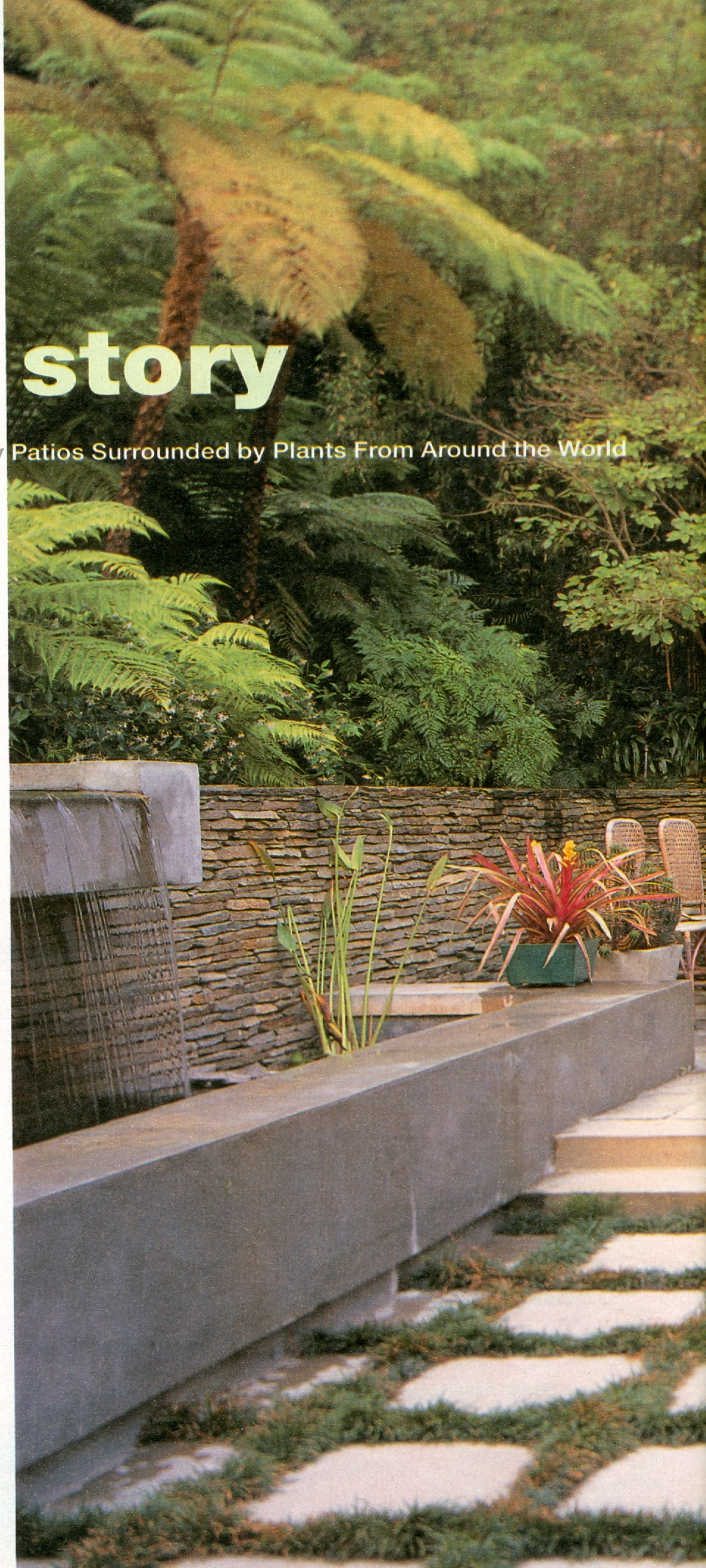
the outside story

Extending California Hospitality to Shady Patios Surrounded by Plants From Around the World

during their two decades in Rustic Canyon, Cydney and Gary Mandel had revamped their 1920s house twice before considering its relationship to the garden. In the third and final remodeling, San Francisco architect Tom Goodwin made the outdoors into pictures using glass walls and French doors and Santa Monica garden designer Nancy Power created garden rooms to lure people outside. Organizing the landscape, Power worked with the bold volumes of the building, creating functional patios, as well as walks, steps and understated fountains. L.A. architectural designer Clive Bridgwater conceived finishing touches—such as stacked stone walls and a free-standing fireplace that warms a terrace behind the house. Now, in place of the soggy lawn the Mandels seldom used, they have an outdoor kitchen and dining room, plus ample space for open-air lounging and parties.

by susan heeger

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The terrace of this Rustic Canyon house provides a shady backdrop for a 1930s French chair from Blackman-Cruz and a Scandinavian chaise longue found in Paris. Behind the chaise are crinum lilies and tree ferns; a potted Hawaiian elf schefflera and a small orchid tree grow to the left of the fireplace.



The fountain opposite the kitchen is framed by bamboo that marks the property line and serves as a natural screen. While the sound of spilling water fills the air, bromeliads add color against the rough-hewn stone wall. The chaise by the pool (left) was purchased at the Santa Monica Antiques Show.

