

Sanders Create Plantation In Rockies

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"The interior decoration began with the marble," said Mrs. Sanders, who coordinated the task herself.

A few steps ahead is the two-story living room / ballroom with a 20-foot ceiling. The fireplace facing and hearth repeat the pink New Mexico marble of the entry hall.

To the left is a hallway leading to the formal dining room, family room / entertainment center, kitchen, breakfast room, guest room / maid's room with its own kitchenette, back stairway to the second-floor utility room and four-car garage.

A wet bar nestles to one side of the living room and faces the dining room across the hallway. The bar's countertop also sports the pink New Mexico marble.

The kitchen is tucked in behind the bar. Its warm tones spring from the cherry wood cabinets and maroon red bricks that create an archway over the stove cooktop.

Across to the right of the living room is a short hallway leading to the master suite, a study and the guest bath.

A two-way gas fireplace serves both the sitting and sleeping areas of the master suite. An exercise room is off the master bath that includes two walk-in closets, one with a built-in ironing board. Italian tile graces the bathroom counters and backsplashes.

Upstairs are three bedrooms, each with its own bathroom and veranda, and a den/game room that includes space for future hi-density television installation.

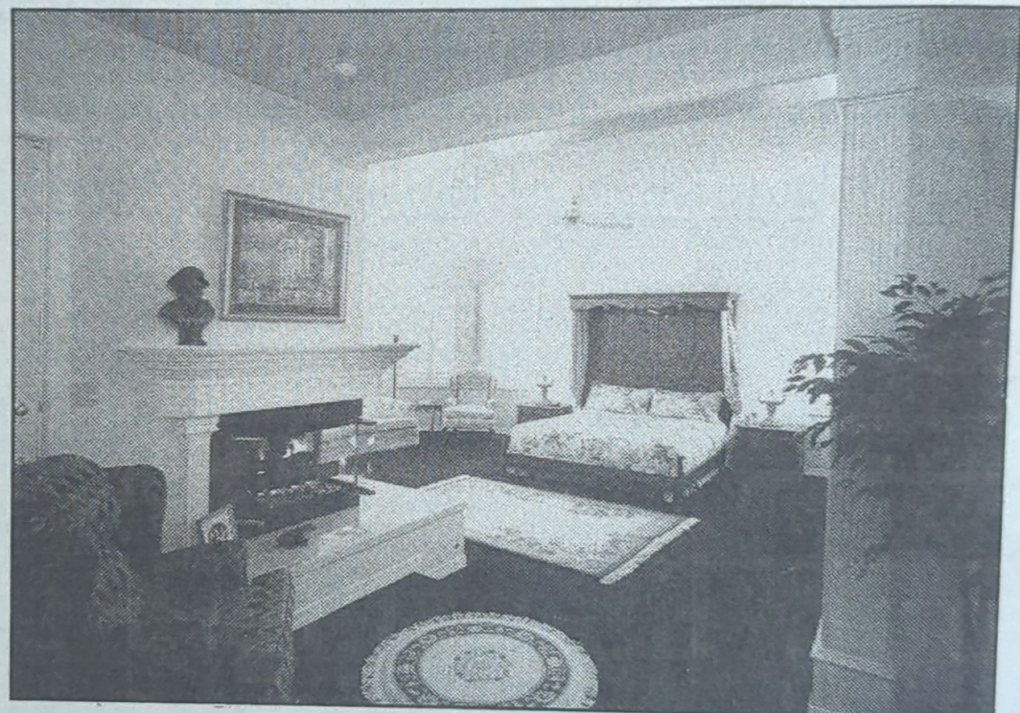
Sanders, founder of Advanced Cardiovascular Technology, said he and Mrs. Sanders found the home they wanted in Dallas — "the right color of brick, everything" — and briefly considered moving to that city to have their dream home built.

Instead, they found DiCor in Albuquerque. "We had gotten a basic floor plan of the house in Dallas and took it to Emil and like what he came up with even



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One of the family areas of the home centers around a fireplace that separates the breakfast area from the family/entertainment room. The back staircase leads to one wing of the second floor.



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The master suite also features a two-way fireplace shared by the sitting area, foreground, and bedroom.

better," he said.

Now, Mrs. Sanders said, the family has their Southern colonial home but without the mosquitoes and humidity of the deep South.

Soon after the family moved into the home last year, they invited family and friends to a Southern Cotillion for "an evening of dining and dancing in celebration of a dream remembered."

Guests came in 1800s period dress, and the guests of honor were the home's builders: Emil and Sandra Burbridge. Another guest was the late Gen. Theodore

Marrs.

"He served under four presidents," Sanders said, "and was the man who wrote the document that got Robert E. Lee reinstated as a citizen." Lee had lost his citizenship when he led the South's army against the North, and it was restored posthumously.

The home has 45,000 bricks and there are six different woods used throughout the home, from the cherry cabinets in the kitchen to the extensive oak floors on the first level to the maple, oak and birch of the front staircases.