

Are having trouble agreeing on a master bedroom d'Écor?

If you and your spouse are having trouble agreeing on a master bedroom d'Écor, you are not alone. Perhaps you want a room alive with luscious garden prints while your spouse craves rich plaids or paisleys - so what do you do? Most men simply cannot, in their masculine heart of hearts, admit that they love the flowery look in their bedroom. And many women prefer the masculine motifs remain in the study or the game room.

There are two theories about settling this "war of the roses." One is that many men negate the floral theme without even realizing what it would look like; they see a flowery sample and automatically disallow it. If you think this is the case, show your spouse pic-

tures of rooms that have been decorated using florals. Often, the perspective of a picture where you can see the overall effect convinces a man that it's not as bad as he thought.

The other theory is compromise. There are countless fabrics, wallcoverings, patterns, and accessories on the market that cater to a more masculine romantic. Ask yourselves the following questions:

- What patterns can the two of you agree on? Stripes plaids, geometric patterns, paisleys, etc.?
- What colors can you agree on? Blue, hunter, rose, red, black and white, or something else?

• What furniture styles do you both like? Traditional, transitional, modern, Victorian, eclectic, country?

Once you find a common ground, then it's easier to make a decision. Perhaps you can agree on a floral print in richer, "masculine" colors the husband will like, or maybe there is a bold stripe featuring colors the wife loves. A bed that sports a multitude of pillows will give your room that romantic look as well as the necessary comfort, no matter what the style.

Of course, you could call a decorator for an in-home consultation. This is a convenient route to take when both you and your spouse are busy with work, family and social engage-

ments. The decorator you choose should have samples from which you can choose right in the comfort and lighting of your own home. This service saves you time and needless aggravation. Imagine an in-home decorator who can help you and your spouse through the difficult throes of the masculine/feminine master bedroom conflict!

However you decide on the master bedroom decorating dilemma, remember that it is a room in which you will relax for many years. Life can be exhausting at times, and it is important that both you and your spouse find peace and relaxation in your bedroom.

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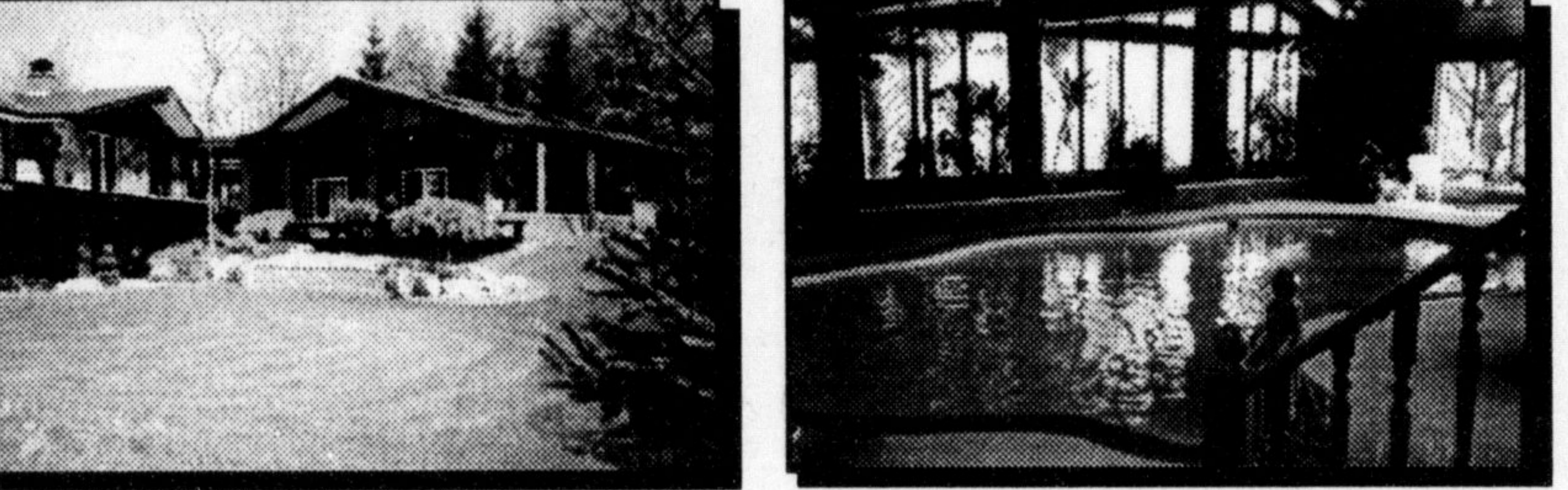
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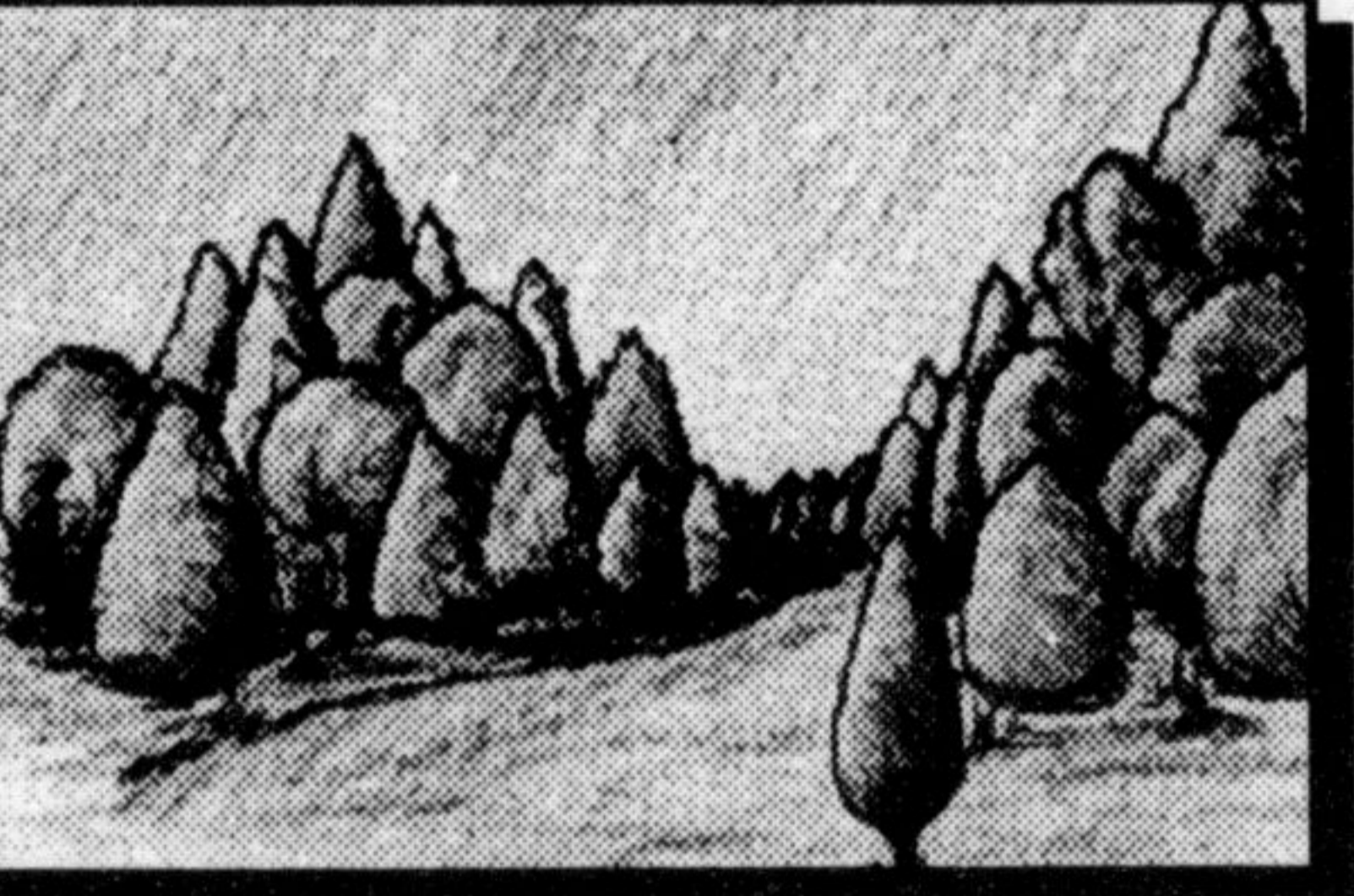
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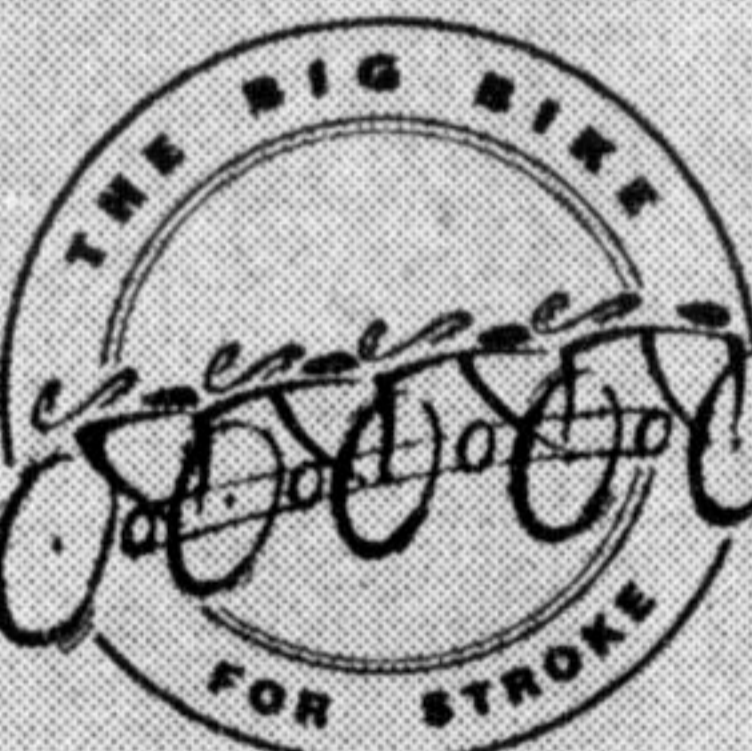


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