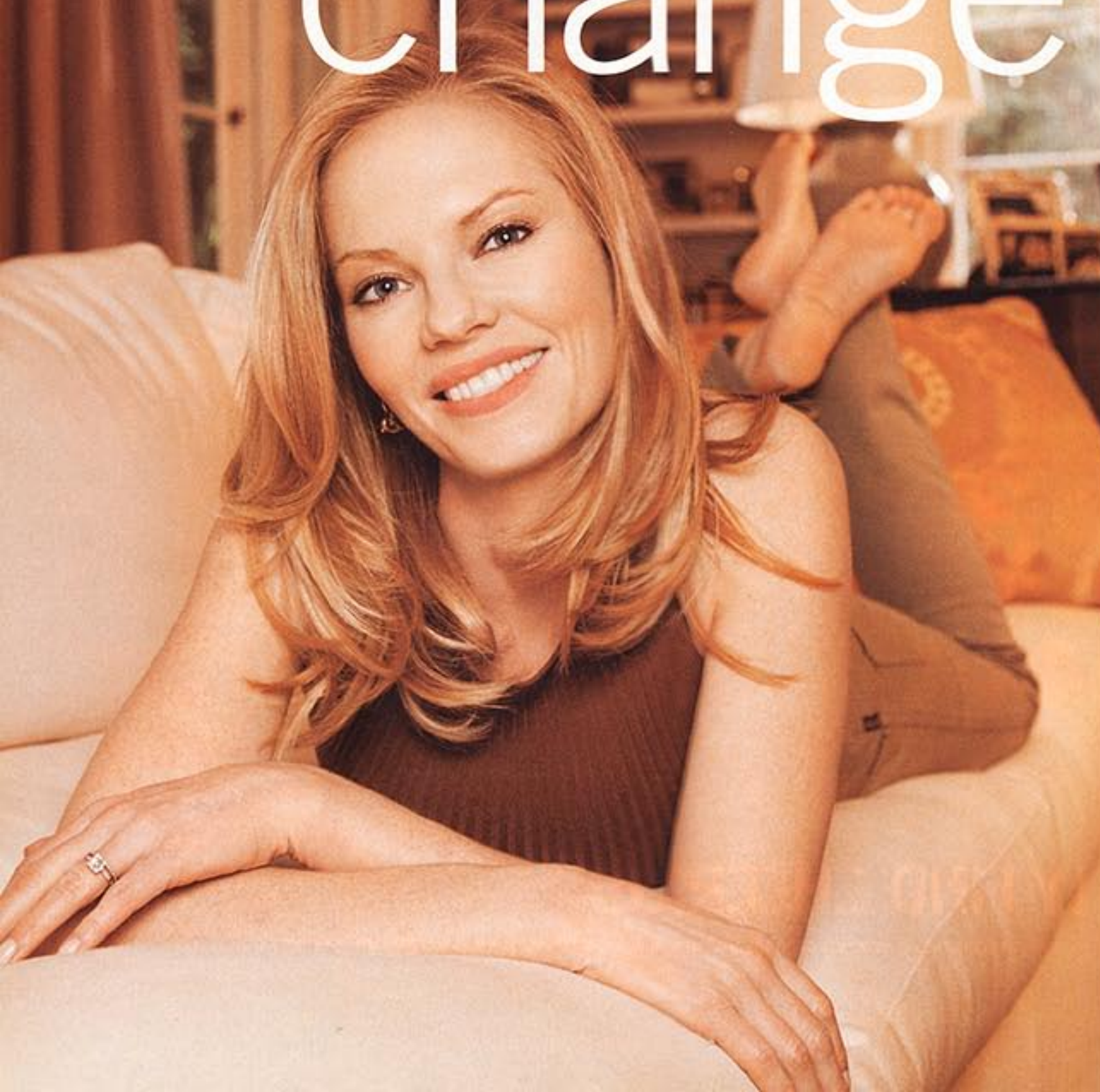
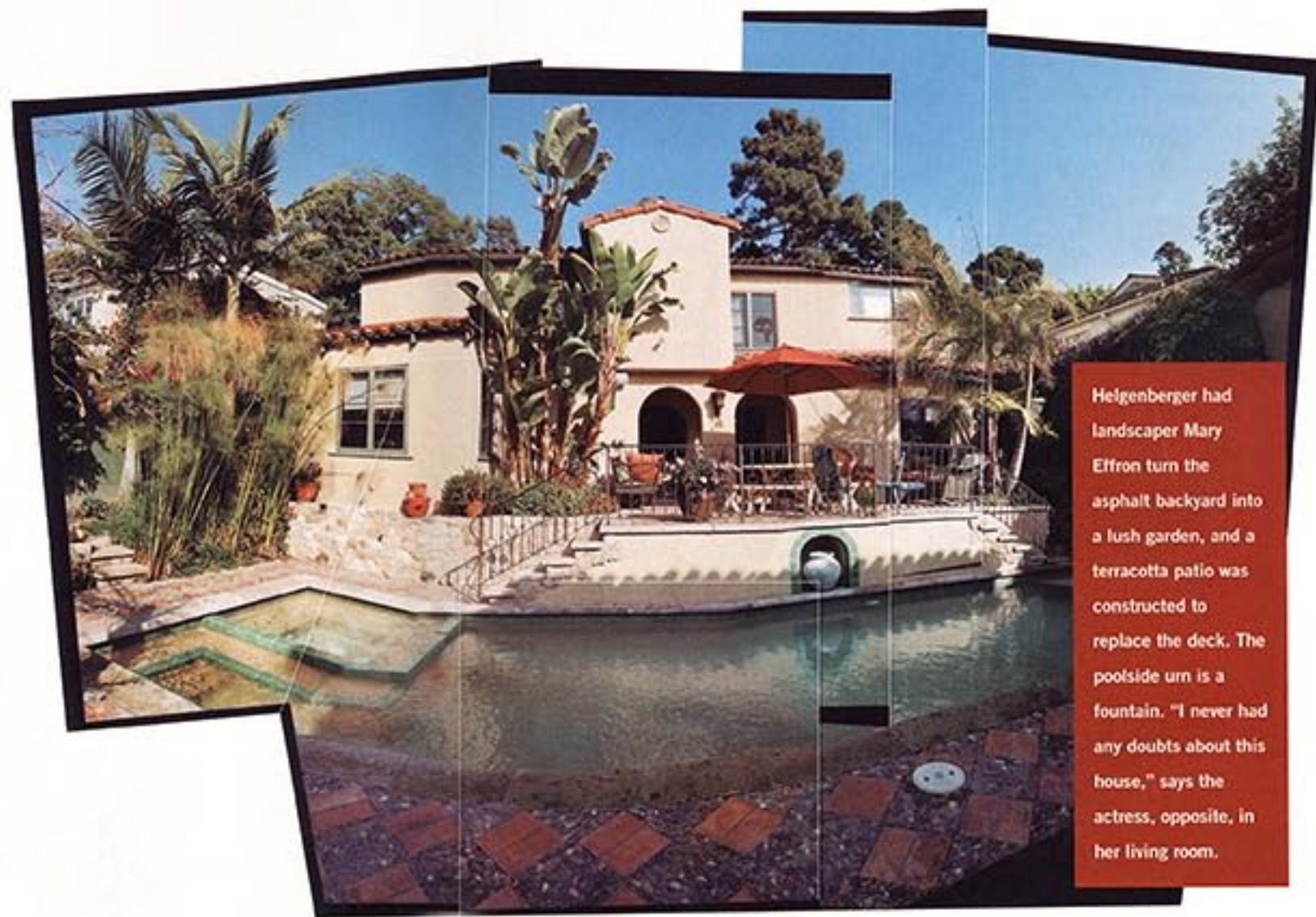


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Helgenberger had landscaper Mary Elfron turn the asphalt backyard into a lush garden, and a terracotta patio was constructed to replace the deck. The poolside urn is a fountain. "I never had any doubts about this house," says the actress, opposite, in her living room.

Marg Helgenberger, star of the hit series *CSI*, took on a tough case when she decided to renovate her Spanish-style house in L.A., restoring it to its architectural roots. But the result—practical, cozy and family-friendly—was worth the effort

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