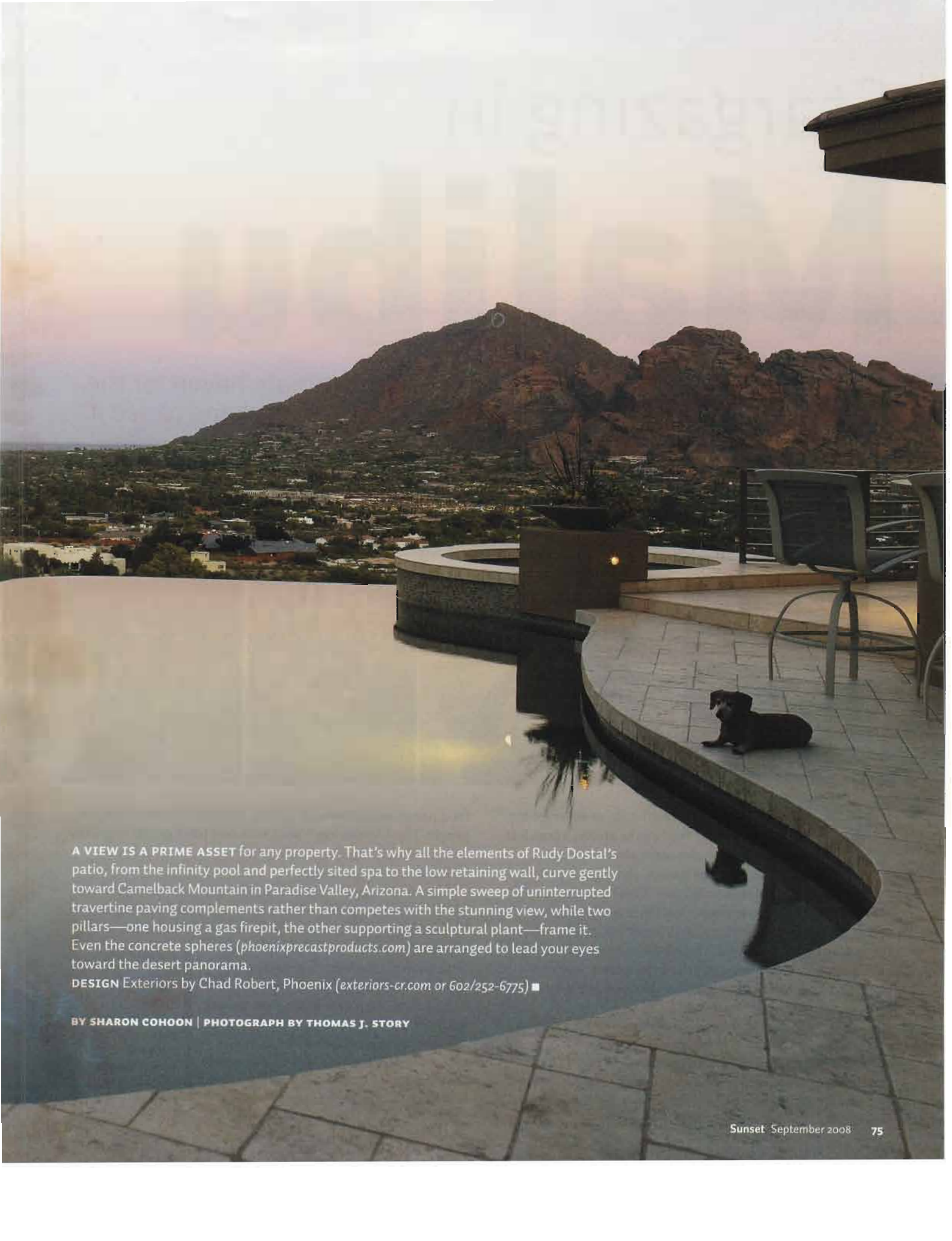


Water, fire & stone

An Arizona patio's quiet drama
lets a mountain vista take center stage





A VIEW IS A PRIME ASSET for any property. That's why all the elements of Rudy Dostal's patio, from the infinity pool and perfectly sited spa to the low retaining wall, curve gently toward Camelback Mountain in Paradise Valley, Arizona. A simple sweep of uninterrupted travertine paving complements rather than competes with the stunning view, while two pillars—one housing a gas firepit, the other supporting a sculptural plant—frame it. Even the concrete spheres (phoenixprecastproducts.com) are arranged to lead your eyes toward the desert panorama.

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