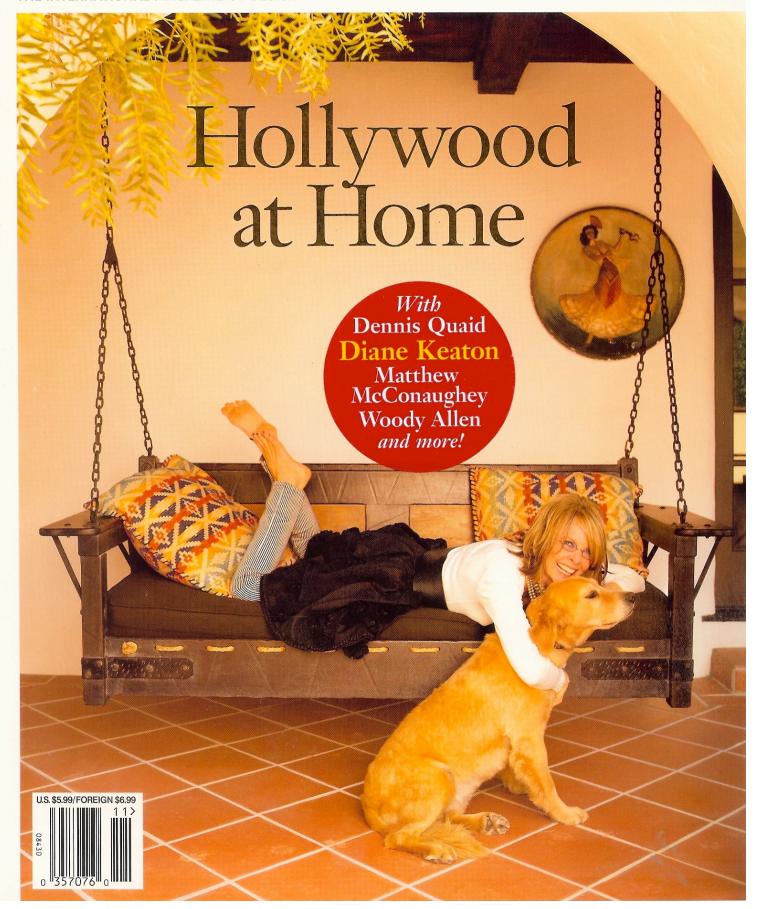
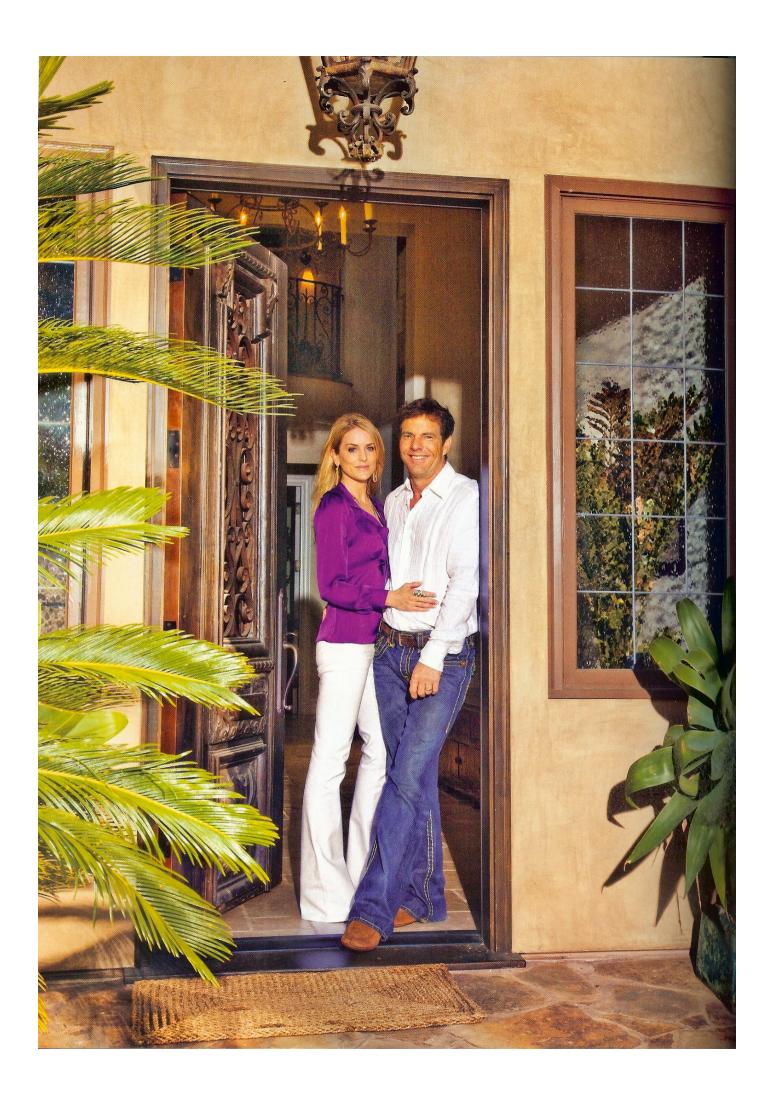
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Dennis Quaid

FIC LOS ANGELES SANCTUARY FOR THE ACTOR AND HIS FAMILY

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Thomas Boone Quaid and race Quaid, twins born 11 ago to Dennis Quaid and berly, are slumbering in the irs, and the rest of the house de, the silence is broken only creek that meanders under py of sycamores and oaks, sional whinny from Dennis e-gray quarter horse. There

is evidence, here and there, of the actor's hectic life: On the farmhouse table in the kitchen, head shots for fans await his signature; an assistant is busy packing for a six-week trip to Germany, where Quaid is about to shoot his 66th film, *Pandorum*. But at the moment Dennis Quaid is kicking back, roaming around his semirustic property in the company of his wife and, variously, two Labrador retrievers, two pugs and one French bulldog. The two-

acre spread is something of an earthly paradise on Los Angeles's Westside—at least to all appearances. "The angled barbed wire on the fence is to keep out the coyotes," the actor states, pointing out a six-foot-high enclosure camouflaged with bougainvillea vines. "Then we've got snake wire that goes nine inches into the ground." "When we were out of town," chimes in Kimberly Quaid, "the neighbors called and said, 'There's a moun-

lit to feel like you're in the country," Dennis Quaid says of the 15-room house in Los Canyon that he shares with his wife, Kimberly (together, opposite), and their young erty, on which the couple built stables, backs onto a state park and 40 miles of ridin another world," remarks the actor. "There's a creek out front, which you just don't les." Above: To warm up the front façade, "we planted a lot of Boston ivy," he says.

Pennsylvania barn. The elaborately carved marble mantels were replaced with simple French limestone surrounds designed by John Everage. The oak floors, which had been pickled with a pinkish stain, were distressed and darkened, and light glazes refreshed the walls. When it came time to furnish the rooms, Krista Everage's recent travels gave the designers a head start. "I had just done a buying trip to the south of France," she reveals. "I didn't know the Quaids were in our future then, but we mortgaged our house to buy a whole container of things. And a lot of it really did fit this house. The pieces set the tone for the rest of the shopping and got all of us really quickly on the same page."

French treasures like a monumental 18th-century mirror and glazed terra-cotta pots were rounded out with local finds—an antique jeweler's table, tapestry-covered slipper chairs, an enormous French tower clock. Clear- and colored-glass sconces, lanterns and pendants strike an airy note, and the designers layered in texture with Asian antiques and upholstered pieces of their own design. The house contained a lot of blank wall space, and early on the Everages introduced the Quaids to their favorite art galleries. "Dennis immediately fell in love with Robert Kingston,"



ABOVE: "I've got steam; she has a big tub," the actor says of their separate baths. Donghia ottoman fabric. Ann Sacks French limestone pavers. RIGHT: Artwork, an important element throughout, figures prominently in the master bedroom. The paintings, from left, are by Rimi Yang and Thrush Holmes. Drapery fabric from Bergamo.

