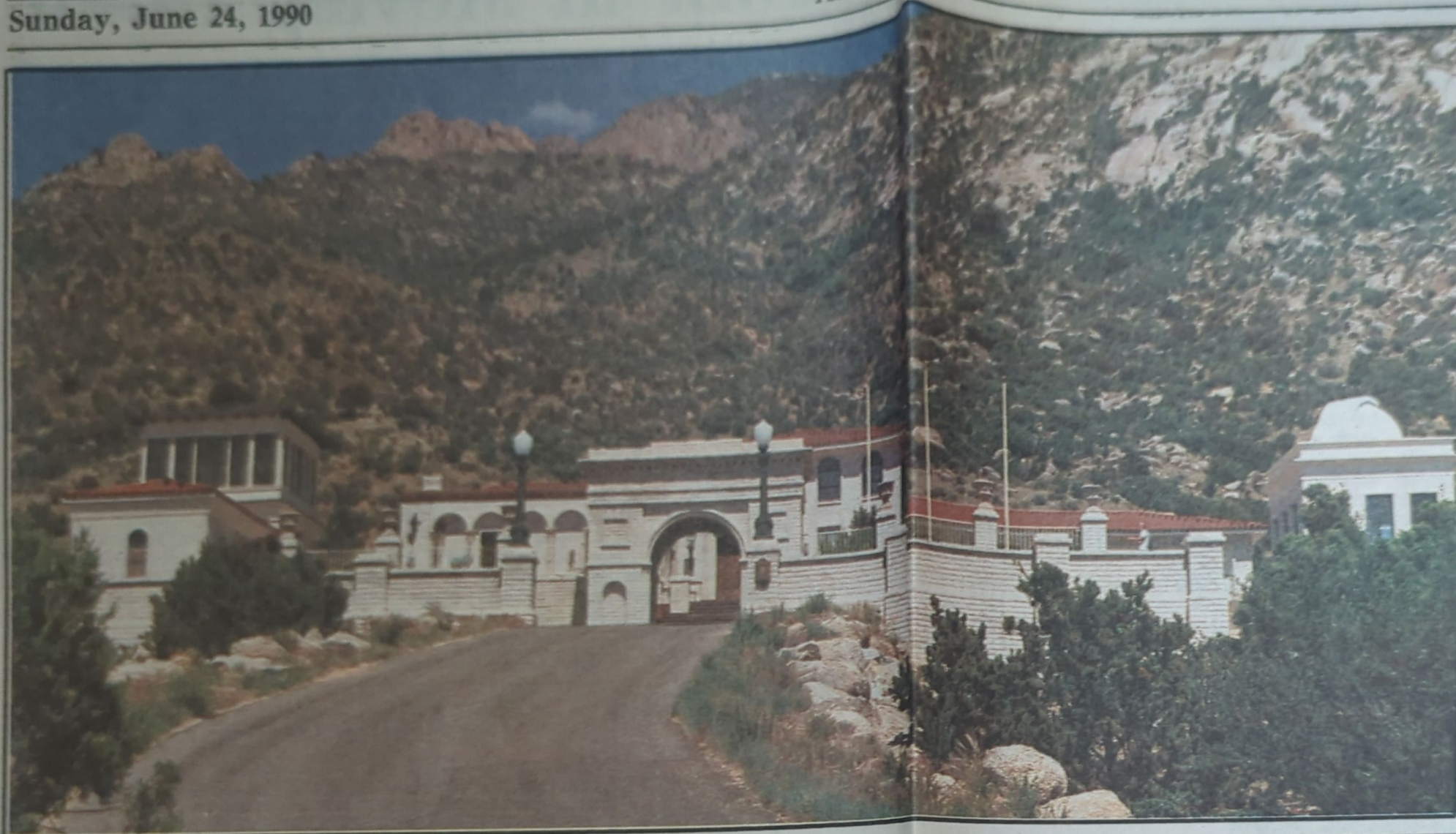


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The Mediterranean villa, left, on the slope of Sandia Mountain is visible from much of the Rio Grande Valley in the Albuquerque area. Built in 1976, the main house is 4,100 square feet with formal living and dining rooms, a family room and separate library, four bedrooms and 2½ baths. The facility includes four outbuildings: a cabana for the swimming pool, a "tower house" that provides a 360-degree view from its perch on the mountain, an animal house and, probably the most striking element, the domed conservatory/observatory. Looking from the open patio at the north end of the front portico, below, the London street-light fixtures flank the front doors. In the background is the conservatory/observatory.

Mountain Mansion

Unexpected Sight In the High Desert

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Among the more unusual Albuquerque homes on the market is a Mediterranean villa bordering the Cibola National Forest on the western slope of the Sandia Mountains.

Known as Hadrian West when it was built by Great Britain native Graham Flint in 1976, the 4,100-square-foot residence has undergone some interior

remodeling by current owners Joe and Beryl Pleasants, but the facade is unchanged.

The approach to the home sets a formal tone. A Roman archway divides the lower parking lot from the tiled grand staircase that transports a visitor to the bronze-mounted doors of the west-facing main entrance. The wooden double-doors formerly

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The expanse of the living-dining-entry areas on the first floor can be seen in the photo, left, taken from the fireplace at the north end of the living room. Two of the four French doors leading to outside terraces and four of the six Italian chandeliers are visible. The grate over the living room entry is 16th century Italian and hides speakers for the sound system.

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