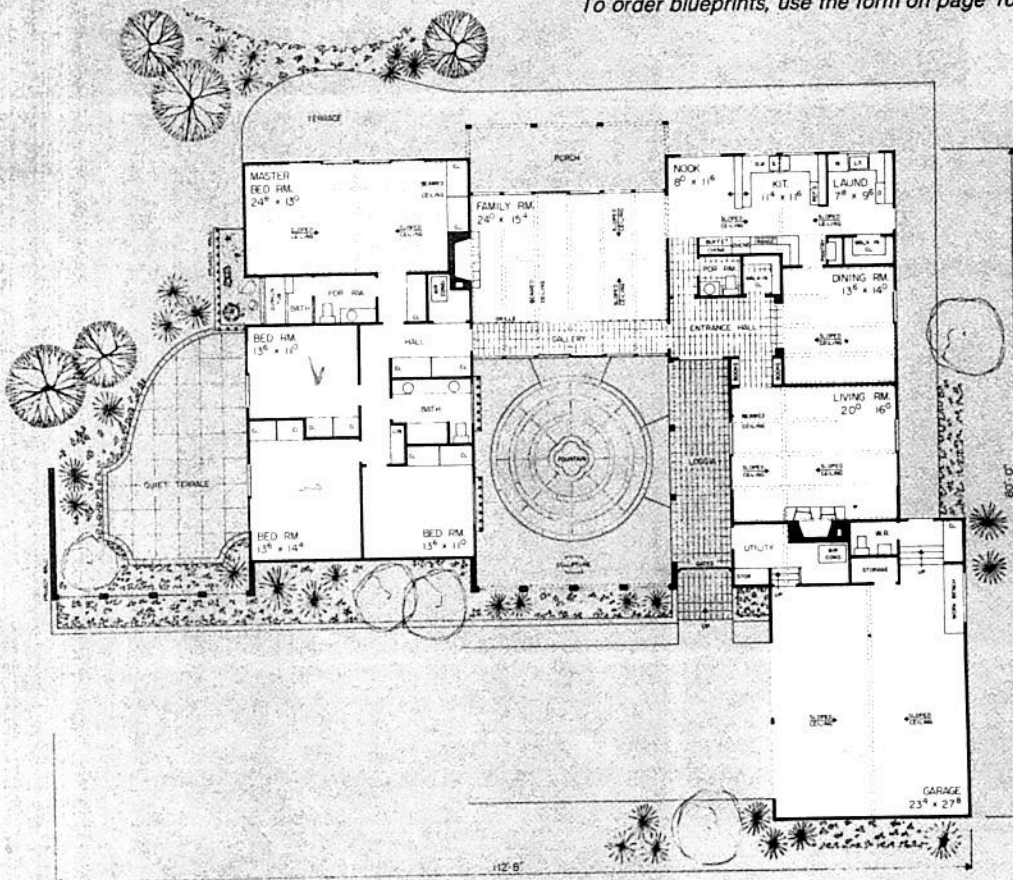


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Graceful Moorish arches fitted with wrought-iron grilles are carved out of the stucco wall that spans the facade of this 3,056-sq.-ft. Spanish rancho, above. The central courtyard with fountain and the side terrace are merely glimpsed through the arches of the wall that shields the house. To visually link structure and site, a planter is built along the bottom of the wall. The interior of the house, which is basically U-shaped, wraps around the courtyard and has windows and sliding glass doors that overlook and open to it (see plan). The family room looks out on the courtyard on one side and opens to the rear terrace on the other. The terrace can also be reached through sliding glass doors in the master bedroom, which has sloped, beamed ceiling. One of the two baths has a sunken tub that overlooks a secluded garden. Clearly, the outdoors is ever present in this expansive house.