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Tricia's two grandchildren (ages 4 and 5, who live across the street) peeling the backing off tiles and adding the last tiles.

Built in 1957, the pool was the first in the area, and Tricia taught many local kids to swim. Its curves counterbalance the angular design of the 3,500-square-foot-house that Dorothea Smith designed with architect Ray Jung. The house grew to 5,200 square feet to accommodate Tricia's family in 1993. (In Dorothea Smith's biography "The First 90 Years," available at county libraries, Smith says that had she'd been born a man, she would have been an architect.)

The design elements that the banks considered unconventional in 1949 are tenets of good design



The kids' pool in the foreground includes three mosaic "drips" and a mosaic version of the Asian symbol for "center/core." Mosaics that snake along the sides of the both the kids' pool and the adult pool pick up the colors of the ocean. RAYMOND ELSTAD

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