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The ripple effect of such a bill makes it a matter of national importance. The pros and cons were listed in RECORD last September (see page 25) as well as the appropriate persons to write in the state capital for those so moved.

Another rise in housing affordability

The National Association of Realtors indicates that the year started with an affordability index of 86.2, a further rise over the last poll (see March news). This meant the median family income of $24,700 was that per cent of the amount required to buy the median-cost existing house at $70,000. Preliminary reports indicate that the year as a whole reached 83.6.

One of the star performers of the current recovery, the housing industry, is doing better than even the optimists were assuming not too long ago. Last fall, most industry analysts and the National Association of Homebuilders were reckoning on an annual-housing start rate of about 1.7 million starts for this year, a number equal to last year's.

However, as warm weather began to set in across the nation, NAHB revised its figures upward to 1.8 million starts for the year, spurred by the dramatic seasonally adjusted rate of 1.9 million for January and 2.2 million in February.

Part of the spurt is due to new financing techniques. In a World News interview with Betsy Qutb, the NAHB's staff vice president for mortgage finance said that builder bonds are "overwhelmingly the most popular option" among builders. These bonds, which were invented in the late '70s by big builders, are today used by builders of all sizes, accounting for maybe $3 billion annually— an amount equal to roughly 5 per cent of annual mortgage originations for new home construction (Total annual mortgage originations, including other use such as rehabilitation and renovation, total about $200 billion annually).

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Included in the fund’s activities are grants to the National Trust and matching grants to states for, among other things, certification to the National Register required for preservation tax credits (see RECORD July 1983, page 37 for an explanation of how these work). Last year $8.165 billion worth of rehabilitation projects qualified for the credits (up 87 percent over 1981 when the current more advantageous credit schedule went into effect). New and existing housing units totaled 38,637, accounting for about half of all rehabilitation projects. Without state certification, many of these projects would not have reached the register and consequently been carried out under the tax-credit program.

When polled, 64 percent of owners using the credits stated that they would have not undertaken the rehabilitation work without them. Total building rehabilitation investments in 1983 reached $21 billion, although much of this would have not qualified as work to restore historic character.

C.K.H.

Survey would reveal new value for design professionals

An informal survey taken among a limited number of design professionals across the United States by communications consultants Capelin & Landreth reveals the potential for important changes in the building industry after a decade marked by severe inflation and several sharp recessions. Most consistently observed was a marked increase in demand for “quality” in planning, design and construction. The designers attributed the demand to:

• Increased competition among developers for buyers, tenants or users, with design being used for its marketing value in getting buyers or tenants.

• A desire for long-term investment, which has given rise to the “facilities manager” for buying, analyzing and monitoring design services.

• Caution over the effectiveness of “fast-track.”

Other significant trends noted by the survey of designers include:

• Interest in rehabilitation of older structures to take advantage of existing structural systems, quality materials, tax incentives and simplified land-use approvals.

• A “cooperative” approach to planning and design as a means to satisfy all interests, ease regulatory procedures and protect investment.

• The architect’s role of a “facilitator,” using his own public and private sector contacts to effect development.

• Time saved through computer-aided design and other automation being reinvested in the design process to improve quality.

According to Capelin & Landreth principal, Joan Capelin: “Galvanized by economic experience, the successful design firm today has adopted new management techniques, long-range planning, and marketing and other business development methods, implemented by newly specialized, in-house personnel or by outside consultants. The result has been the evolution of a more aggressive business organization able to compete for more—and better—projects on which to apply its design skills.”

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In selecting houses for this issue, the editors of Architectural Record have not presumed to espouse a single esthetic canon. Nor have we arbitrarily dismissed empiricism or even the occasional extravagance, since the discoveries made by untrammeled inventiveness can sometimes more than offset a minor breach of conventional “good taste” or economy. We looked (as always) for designs that are at once visually provocative, physically attuned to their environments, and representative of the diversity of modern life—and we found again and again that the architects who submitted projects to our awards program had turned to history for inspiration. (The Shingle Style, in every latterday variety known to Vincent Scully—and a few novel permutations besides—is clearly as popular as ever. Of course, Palladio, Lutyens, Wright, Le Corbusier—and yes, Breuer too—still have loyal disciples from coast to coast. And Norman farmhouses remain in demand.)

We were pleased to observe that the products of this studious reflection, however admirable, are not confined to stylistic revival and adaptation of regional vernacular—though our roster of award-winners includes noteworthy examples of both modes. Especially gratifying are the signs of architects’ sensitivity to the less obvious ways in which a house becomes a personal historic landmark for the client, imbued with an individual’s or a family’s private traditions and alive with the spirit of a particular place.

If these dwellings gain a mention in future histories they will not, one hopes, be cited solely as the self-expression of architects’ egos. Admittedly, some of the buildings shown on the following pages embody grand gestures which, for all their present drama, may in years to come seem merely grandiose. But there is also plenty of the common sense, harmony, and patiently adjusted proportion that allow a house to fit its owner comfortably, to wear well, and even to grow more becoming with age. Douglas Brenner
“I think we’ve all had our fill of funereal buildings,” says Laurence Booth as he surveys the interior of a new Chicago residence his firm calls the House of Light. “We now want things to be light, lively, and delicate.” This desire, albeit commendable, is hardly novel, expressing an impulse that has inspired a long line of town-house architects from the brothers Adam on. More tellingly, perhaps, the freshness for us of Booth/Hansen & Associates’ radiant design is its aura of confident grandeur, a tone we no longer expect of city dwellings built in our own time.

One immediately senses the neoclassical derivation of the house without measuring the golden sections and perfect squares that have been painstakingly traced into its limestone-and-granite facade (opposite) or the double cubes and other mathematical figures defined by its axial parti. Nor is this classicism purely ornamental. On the contrary, the 5,200-square-foot structure erected on a vacant lot in Chicago’s Lincoln Park possesses a cool, almost abstract reserve that holds it aloof from the florid eclecticism of its turn-of-the-century neighbors. It is the visible warmth of the light-filled interior, contrasting textures, and Booth/Hansen’s gentle modulation of geometry that take the chill off the facade’s lapidary elegance.

The clients, a couple with one small child, wanted surroundings in which they could entertain formally on occasion without sacrificing a casual mode of daily life. To that end, Booth/Hansen freely reworked the front-and-back-parlor row-house type without its dark core and narrow hallways (but with its backstairs and top-floor nursery). They demarcated stages of formality with a sequence of permeable barriers that channels circulation around the central spine and molds softly rounded volumes within the rectangular shell. This spatial progression starts with a wrought-iron garden fence and glazed vestibule, extends through a pair of niches, and terminates in a rear bow window (photo below).

Though laid out for the convenience of a family without live-in servants, the enfilade of variously shaped rooms and anterooms is not unlike that of a London town house by Adam or Soane, or a small Paris hôtel of the 18th century. More exceptional is Booth/Hansen’s placement of the dining room at the base of a three-story skylighted gallery flanked by open stairways (overleaf)—a spectacular, if distracting, set piece. At night, a glowing oculus outside the second-story library takes over as a private household sun. D.B.
The superimposed grids of glazed panels help to create a visual (and climatic) screen for the living room (upper photo below). This reception area (see also page 63) is in effect only an anteroom, a prelude to the virtuoso piece beyond: a skylighted gallery rising the full height of the house (opposite and lower photo this page; fire-code requirements initially prompted the installation of multiple stairways). Columns, architraves, and a deep niche give the dining room its own identity at the base of this luminous stairwell, although one's eye is inevitably drawn to a lighted oculus outside the second-floor library (below and opposite). The round feet of the dainty balcony posts are raised one quarter inch above their actual bases, intensifying the sensation of a space alive with dancing rhythms.
Curvilinear forms in the family room (below) echo arches in the partially visible entry facade, the apsidal screen wall in the formal living room (opposite), and the open vault above the niche between dining room and kitchen (far right in photo opposite). However, unlike the living and dining rooms, which strike the visitor as vantage points for architectural extravaganzas, the relatively self-contained family room is a welcoming island of calm. A spiral staircase opposite the fireplace offers a more intimate alternative to the grander steps at the center of the house (and also helps to satisfy Chicago’s fire code). Architect Laurence Booth reports that the owners’ son, who must climb to a third-floor bedroom, is “a very careful little boy.”

House of Light
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Architects:
Booth/Hansen & Associates
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assisted by Keith W. Campbell,
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Millett has left an ample basement for future expansion beneath the present living space, which is framed in six-inch studs with a cladding of tongue-and-groove cedar and corrugated galvanized steel. High windows ensure seclusion while illuminating the multifaceted habitat of white walls and Swedish-finish particle board floors. Much of Linda Farriss's collection is the work of Northwest artists, such as Sherry Markovitz, whose polychrome animal heads hang above the bathroom and kitchen, and Peter Millett, the architect's brother, who painted a special panel for the front door.
Looking at the contemporary art Linda Farris shows in her Seattle gallery and collects at home, one appreciates the fitness of the residence she commissioned from Mark Millett. Besides affording an impressive variety of backdrops for changing displays within only 1,200 square feet of space, the house itself reflects Farris’s taste for vibrant pattern, emphatic profiles, and piquant twists of convention. Stylistically, the corrugated-steel-trimmed box she calls home stands as far apart from the warmth-of-wood tradition of modern Northwest design as it does from the jerrybuilt bungalows that crowd the surrounding neighborhood. Closer in spirit to Millett’s design are the artist’s studio houses of early 20th-century Paris, which similarly enclosed versatile living and working lofts in simple cubic constructions. Bold simplicity suited Farris’s $40,000 budget as well as her stated desire for one big all-purpose room with a view where a single woman or a couple could as happily live alone as throw a party for a crowd. The steeply sloped urban lot Millett found for his client brought the economic advantages of an unfashionable address and the reusable foundations of a bungalow destroyed by fire; another asset was a panorama of the Cascade Mountains. Extant concrete stairs in the yard inspired the steps that are the leitmotif of Millett’s scheme, in plan, elevation, and section.

Raising the frame dwelling six feet above the downhill grade permitted the insertion of a huge picture window without compromising privacy or security. Stepped indoor platforms offer vantage points for the view and define functional zones without cramping the space into discrete compartments. The uppermost tier is a gallery opening onto a sun deck, with more gallery space on the entry level below. The bed/couch and all storage are built in, seating is arranged at will by strewing the platforms with cushions (decorated by the owner’s artist friends), and opposite the kitchen, the bathtub occupies a place of honor in an open alcove lined with corrugated steel. Only one of many contrasting textures amid the bright collage of the interior, the rippled metal sheets become a dominant architectural element outside. Applied horizontally at the foot of the cedar-clad walls they imply a basement podium; standing vertically around the sun deck, they suggest a massive cornice. As Frank Gehry demonstrated some time ago, galvanized steel has an allure all its own, but there is many a gray Seattle day when Ms. Farris must be glad to view the world through rose-colored walls. D.B.
While many people think of eastern Long Island in terms of the fashionable Hamptons, an older, gentler tradition of farms and small towns still prevails in much of the region. Not only does the weekend house shown on these pages share one boundary of its yard with a potato field next door. The house itself occupies two recycled potato barns. Such barns, a familiar building type in these parts, usually have dark weathered shingle siding and roofs. Unpropitiously for residential conversion, on the other hand, they never have windows.

To make one house with two barns, architect Carlos Brillembourg butted their narrow ends, transforming the larger barn into high living space and the smaller, with the insertion of a second floor, into sleeping space. The first item on the renovation agenda was to get daylight into the unfenestrated building. To that end, Brillembourg designed a large glass bay at the front of the house and introduced outsized windows into the living room walls—8-over-8 double hung sashes paired one above the other to look like prodigious 16-over-16 (see preceding pages). Other additions included three pairs of dormers built athwart the ridge of the smaller barn to provide headroom in the upstairs bedrooms and bath, and a square skylit pavilion for the master bedroom at one corner. A spreading front porch and a central tower, purely for pleasure, have the kind of carefree difference that induces relaxation. The porch and tower overlook a T-shaped swimming pool and two small new buildings—one a changing room and one for mechanical equipment.

The exterior of the house both defers to and distinguishes between old and new. Dark weathered shingle houses in the region customarily have bright white painted trim. Here, however, white also identifies the new—new windows and doors are painted white, and new dormers, like the new pavilion, have white clapboard siding in contrast to the old weathered shingles (though in fact new shingles have replaced the old).

Inside, Brillembourg wanted especially to save the old roof trusses, at least in the larger of the two barns. Rather than drop a ceiling beneath tie beams to make room for insulation, he laid insulation on top of the old roof and then built a new shingle roof over the whole. The old structural complexity, its visibility preserved, includes the interlaced rafters of an old extension and the underside of the old shingles, all newly painted white.

The most commanding change, though, is a central tower that impales the roof of the larger barn. At its base, it encloses a dining place apart, where a gridded trellis supports a cove ceiling of old-fashioned tongue-and-groove panels. On top of the dining pavilion, an aeriellike balcony, brightly lit even on overcast days by surrounding windows, overlooks the living room and serves as widow’s walk, study, playroom or hideaway as occasion suggests.

Almost as commanding as the tower is the double staircase, which in another house might even be called grand. From a low landing, the left staircase leads to the upstairs bedrooms. The right staircase leads to a small landing, thence to a short curved stair beneath a curved balustrade, thence to a little bridge and—aha!—the aeri. G.A.
Turning two potato barns into a weekend house, architect Carlos Brillembourg wanted the kind of capacious porch seen on Edwardian summer houses. To invest the porch with suitably romantic ease, he ornamented it with a sort of jigsaw trellis in modern dress, gridded elements that, as it turns out, also see service as towel racks for swimmers and as climbing toys for adventurous children. The same squares recur as ornament elsewhere, notably in frames surrounding windows in the tower (opposite) and around the interior dining pavilion (directly above). The red lacquered tables were designed by the architect.
House in the Tidewater of Maryland
By Hugh Newell Jacobsen
Hugh Jacobsen has always been quick to translate the inherent drama of any site he works with into a "grand" Beaux-Artian scheme. This seaside weekend and summer house is no exception.

Here, the shore, a duck pond and an old fire lane leading to the bay have been handled with great aplomb: reinforced with a double row of trees, extended into the water by a long pier, and surfaced with local ground-oyster shells, the fire lane has been converted into a truly grande allée—and into a strong design motif for the whole scheme.

The house is sandwiched between lane and pond, and has its four linked pavilions and two outbuildings stretched out like a row of little fishing cottages—or, as Jacobsen might say, "a string of tourist cabins." The siting of the house was a deliberate (and successful, as can be seen from the photographs) attempt to reduce its size as seen from the water—and to take maximum advantage of the primary bay and the secondary pond views.

The exposure and isolation of the site give both considerable benefits—and disadvantages. On the one hand, the extreme privacy permitted about 90 per cent of the skin of the house to be of insulated glass to make the most of the views and expand the sense of space from within. But, when unoccupied, there is the possible danger of violent storms and vandalism. A tidy answer to this was developed by the use of floor-to-ceiling shutters, ranged all around the house, and operated by electrically driven winches. Closed, they form solid, clapboard-like walls; open and raised, they form adjustable sunscreens for the terraces and help reduce the heat load. They are supported by a trellis-like verandah, whose columns, and even the downlights (which Jacobsen emphasizes in the plan), intentionally echo the vertical march of trees down the avenue. Individual pitched roofs for each of the house-units further emphasize this progression of forms. Inside the house, a long, narrowing hall recalls this in a forced perspective with a rather lighthearted insouciance.

The house is built of simple materials: horizontal wood siding on wood studs; asphalt roof shingles; drywall interiors; bluestone flooring; aluminum-framed sliding glass doors. But all are put together with meticulous craft and from a sensitive palette of details which Jacobsen has developed through his career. Though some of the design vocabulary might be the same, this house has a strong and unmistakable individuality of its own—as do most of his structures, be they tiny or huge. Each is done with enormous style, if not a style—and they also work! H.L.S.

The strong, tree-lined avenue developed for the house stresses the long, linear scheme. The plan is in distinct units: a pool area, living room, kitchen and dining area, and two bedroom blocks. Each area is flanked by stone or oyster-shell terraces.
Modest, and quite "Eastern Shore" in its appearance, the real scope of the house—and even the large parking lot—are artfully screened by trees. What looks as if it has always been there, but was indeed planned, is seen above and the drawing top left.
The various aspects created by the ingenious automatic shutters can be seen in the photos here and overleaf. Operated by motorized garage openers, the units also serve as adjustable sunscreens and blinds—from open slats to solid, protective walls. Glazed links between the building units have interior vertical blinds. These, coupled with sliding insulating-glass walls and the surrounding stone or oyster shell terraces lead to indoor-outdoor living as it should be. Night lighting is very effective, with indoor wall washers, downlights along the trellis edges, and outdoor lights for the trees.
The precision of craft and detail includes such niceties as crisp, stainless steel flashings. Two of the terraces—off the living and dining areas—are screened. Heating is by a fireplace and water-to-water heat pumps. Two outbuildings house a kitchen by the pool, tool storage by the parking area.
The living spaces, indoors and out, are closely welded together by the same stone paving, nearly invisible glass walls and the extending trellises. And a revival of the conversation pit of the 1930s is singularly effective to preserve the views of crab pots and ferryboats.

House in the Tidewater area of Maryland
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Alfred H. Kraus, FASCE
(structural)

General contractor:
Nuttle Lumber Co.

Landscape contractor:
Kurt Bluemel, Inc.

Photographer:
Robert C. Lautman
Denton House
Aspen, Colorado
By William Lipsey

Architect William Lipsey’s client for this house in the Rockies is a contractor who wished to build it himself while showing off his skills as a craftsman in wood. His wife, a weaver, hoped for a house that would look and be, for the most part, handmade. The couple also asked for broad, sheltering roof forms designed to suggest the 19th-century mining-camp architecture of the region. They wanted a house that would be easy to take care of and inexpensive to heat.

The heart of the house is what Lipsey calls a “live-in trombe wall.” It is a two-foot-thick rubblestone spine, 43 feet long and 17 feet high, whose 110-ton mass stores incoming solar gain from the large proscenium-shaped window on the south elevation (photo below) and from skylights (section). A brick floor also soaks up heat. All the rooms in the house back up to the mass wall and each has a potbelly stove set in a niche in the wall, with flues buried in the masonry, allowing the stones to capture additional heat from the departing combustion gases. An automatic roll-down insulating curtain in three sections, controlled by a thermostat, covers the glass wall when heat would be lost rather than gained. The passive solar design of this house has turned out to be quite successful. On the coldest days, approximately 50 per cent of its heating needs are taken care of by the sun. A back-up coal-fired hot-water system operates at about one-third the cost of an equivalent electric system.

The house is sheathed in cedar bevel siding with a cedar shingle roof. Its main entry porch (photo right) has a room to store wood, and leads to a coatroom that serves as an airlock, further reducing heat loss. The six-paneled dormer above contains a greenhouse. As the interior photos and plans indicate, the living, dining and kitchen spaces fill the area formed by the solar proscenium and its parallel mass wall. A series of balconies meander above, containing or connecting a weaving studio, library, study, the greenhouse, and the master bedroom. All bedrooms, including those for the couple’s three children on the first floor, are on the north side of the mass wall and can be shut off without significantly affecting the heat gathering process.

In designing the house Lipsey spent a lot of time on its shape, proportions, colors and texture: “I tried to give familiar materials and shapes a new context to make them extend the pleasure they give us.” He and his clients have succeeded in creating a lively and richly habitable home that is unusually direct in its expression of energy conservation and handicraft. M.F.S.
Private House
Northeastern Coast
By Graham Gund Associates

The setting is a barrier island located a few miles off the coast of New England. Long shorelines, virgin forests, deep harbors, and windswept dunes come into sharp focus as the ferry from the mainland approaches. No teeming resort this place—only a simple boat landing, a tiny village centered on a triangular green, and a collection of summer cottages that for generations have sheltered residents of Boston, New York, Hartford, and Providence seeking an escape from their weekday labors.

If the idyllic character of its location so close to the hectic northeastern megalopolis is an anomaly, the seasonal retreat that Graham Gund Associates have designed for a young couple from Boston is likewise idiosyncratic. Although the clients had a fairly typical program for the 2,125-square-foot house—living and dining rooms for entertaining, a master bedroom and two guest chambers for visitors, and screened porches for eating and sleeping during warm weather—they also sought architectural imagery at once distinct from and in harmony with the other summer residences on the island.

There are, to be sure, some obvious historical allusions to 19th-century seaside architecture at work in a house that consists of a huge cedar-shingled mansard roof dotted with an array of white clapboard dormers, bays, and porches. It is just as apparent, however, that the dwelling is no archaeologically precise imitation of past forms. Seen from the water’s edge, the roofhouse (as it has been dubbed by both the architect and owner) rises mysteriously out of a low bluff like the Brobdingnagian belvedere of some Victorian fantasy that has been stripped of all traditional ornament. The dormers, placed in seemingly random fashion on all four elevations, function admirably by exploiting both intimate and expansive vistas into the surrounding landscape. One such projection appears to have slipped off the roof and become embedded in the ground just outside the dining room where it frames a perfect 19th-century seascape and defines the edge of a small patio (photo below).

Given the exuberance of the exterior, the rather straightforward nature of the interior is something of a surprise (plans left), and one is quickly reminded that the structure’s curving walls enclose what is essentially a simple cube. The three-story, vertical arrangement of the space in fact has a citified quality not unlike an urban town house—that is, until one takes a whiff of the salt air and peers out one of those dormers toward the distant New England hills. P.M.S.
The open ground floor benefits from striking views through a curved wall of double-hung windows (top). Only a brick fireplace interrupts the spatial flow between the living and dining rooms (above). Outside, a ship’s ladder follows the slope of the house to a sheltered roof deck, a contemporary adaptation of the traditional sea-facing widow’s walk (facing page).

Private House
Northeastern Coast

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Le Mesurier Associates
(structural)

General contractor:
Boston Services, Inc.

Photographer:
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Private House
Lincoln, Massachusetts
By The Office of Michael Rosenfeld
An inviting front court was formed by siting the apartment perpendicular to the house (top photo). The apartment and its deck sit on a new garage, partly embedded in the hill, making the apartment lower than the house's second story but higher than the first. The greenhouse (bottom photo) extends beyond the rear wall of the original house and can be seen from the new living and dining rooms.

An addition to a simple 1950s box house (by Constantine Pertzoff) nearly doubles the original living area and provides the amenities of a later generation: a greenhouse, a large kitchen/family room, and even a mother-in-law apartment.

The Pertzoff house (at left in top photo), of frame construction with cedar clapboard siding, was sited on a sloping wooded site overlooking a pond. The owners, a couple with two school-age children, wanted the addition to give them a feeling of being outdoors and also a sense of spaciousness.

To achieve this, architect Michael Rosenfeld designed what are essentially two new rectangular boxes. The smaller one, sited alongside the original house and set back slightly from the front wall, is the kitchen, defined by oak cabinets and a high (10-foot-six-inch) ceiling. The larger one, which forms an ell, consists of a series of elements united by a screen wall that echoes the International Style idiom of the original house. These include a play area, set off from the kitchen by cabinets, a quarter-round seating area under a low ceiling (photo right), and a corridor lined with louvered cabinets leading across an outdoor bridge to a small apartment with its own deck. The screen wall, which also embraces a mature tree, serves as the visual boundary of the addition, providing the desired sense of spaciousness without enclosing more space than would be appropriate. While it is a deferential nod to the style of the original house, it is also playful, for the openings in the trusslike structure are intended to be seen as a series of "eroded windows," and they have been outfitted with planters in order that greenery can soften the hard edges and turn the wall into a modernist "ruin."

Because foliage also responds to the client's desire for a feeling of being outdoors, planters have been mounted on the deck in front of the apartment and along the louvered cabinets. In addition, there is a generous greenhouse next to the kitchen, part of which is below grade level (photo left). Reached by a spiral staircase, this two-story conservatory is simply a part of the basement opened to the living area so that it can accommodate trees and other tall plants. Rosenfeld believes that bringing light to the rest of the basement will also make the space more usable.

The new sense of spaciousness does not end with the addition. The original living room has become a large dining area, backing onto the new kitchen, and the old kitchen and dining area are being turned into a large, open living room overlooking the garden. N.G.G.
Serving as a pivot between the house and the apartment, a quarter-round seating area offers an intimate place to read, watch the children at play, or simply enjoy the flowers in the greenhouse. It is shielded from the working areas of the kitchen by cabinets (visible behind sink in bottom photo). The greenhouse on one side of the kitchen and the corridor leading to the original house on the other serve as the connective tissue that links the addition to the house. This function is emphasized by the use of plate glass, glass brick, and steel, and by the eight-foot ceilings that contrast with the taller ceilings of the kitchen/family area.

Private house
Lincoln, Massachusetts

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General contractors:
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Office of Michael Rosenfeld —
Charles Barry, field supervisor

Photographer:
Paul Ferrino
Petrie House
Wainscott, New York
By Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown

It would be easy to come off as an architectural arriviste in the private Long Island enclave for which Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown designed the Petrie residence. A weathered gatehouse guards this domain of rambling old shingled cottages set among artfully tended woods and dunes, and rude ostentation has been discreetly kept at bay. Mr. Petrie, an investment banker, and his wife, a trustee of the Whitney Museum, sought architects who could build a modern seaside retreat with the quiet distinction of its venerable neighbors. The site they obtained, one of the last in the vicinity with direct access to the shore, suited the Petries' love of sailing and their desire for a house open to maritime views and the prevailing winds.

As in earlier residential projects on Nantucket and Block Island, Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown have developed the parti of an asymmetrical compound of modest-scaled structures (plans overleaf). In this instance, the slightly skewed juxtaposition of the gable end of a garage-cum-boathouse against the horizontal sweep of the gambrel-roofed main house not only forms a picturesque ensemble, but defines an entry forecourt (top photo opposite). This studied deviation from strictly orthogonal geometry—equally evident in details such as the meandering pool-yard fence and the trapezoidal garden plot between house and garage—lends the entire complex the air of well-mannered informality that animates the best Shingle Style design. It is evident that the Petrie house draws upon a kindred esthetic, despite the absence of shingles from the shiplap-sided walls. The time-honored palette of grays and tans, picked out with white, black, and muted greens and blues, reflects the coloration of the surrounding landscape. Banded windows accentuate the taut wooden skin and elongated dormers emphasize the generous breadth of the roof, whose pent eaves shade the walls below like the brim of a sunbonnet.

A wave pattern painted on the plywood panels between the dormer windows is a whimsical touch of local color, but the formal gesture that most specifically ties the house to its Long Island setting is the gambrel roof. "Dutch Colonial" in the lexicon of New York builders, this characteristic feature of regional vernacular architecture appears on several turn-of-the-century summer places near the Petrie house. Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown's own references to the past are unmistakable, if generic rather than literal, and updated with flush surfaces and oversize details, both outside and in (see photos overleaf). As in many Shingle Style dwellings, a central fireplace and stairway anchor the flowing space of expansive first-floor interiors, which connect to an ample deck. (Regrettably, the full external effect of the inner core is diminished by the lack of a substantial chimney.) The more intimate second-story chambers fit snugly into the dormered gambrel, with balconies overlooking a saltwater pond and the ocean. More compact than some of the old-fashioned villas it emulates, the Petrie house nevertheless has the up-to-date newcomer's advantage of superior insulation and interiors zoned for year-round use. D.B.
Cross ventilation cools the entire house throughout the summer, and in wintertime sliding pocket doors enable the kitchen and master bedroom to be sealed off from the rest of the house, with zoned forced-air heat on the first floor and hot-water heat upstairs. Interior finishes and trim repeat the contrived character of exterior ornament. The overscaled painted chair rail and dentil course in the living room (opposite below) are keyed to the bold cyma moldings of cornice and mantel, in the esthetic genre of sophisticated primitivism. The genuine folk art of Sicilian puppet heads adorns Mr. Petrie's second-floor study (opposite above), which opens onto the rear balcony. Below the built-in desk is a wainscot paneled with beaded board, a common wall treatment in old Long Island houses.

Petrie House
Wainscott, New York

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Architects:
Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown
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James H. Timberlake, project architect;
Steven Izenour, David Marohn, Chris Matheu, C. Stanley Ranyan, Jeffrey D. Ryan, Maurice Weintraub, staff

Associated architect:
Clayton F. Morey

Engineers:
Keast and Hood Co. (structural)—Sam Harris, project engineer;
Weber and Grahn (mechanical/electrical)

General contractor:
Harold R. Reeve and Sons

Photographer:
Tom Bernard
Villa on the Bay
Corpus Christi, Texas
By Batey & Mack
It is surprising that a climate as extreme as Corpus Christi’s has failed to produce a generally accepted local style of architecture. Yet a tour of the city’s bay-side residences reveals only the usual all-American suburban hodgepodge—from misplaced Cape Cod to sprawling ’50s modern. California architects Andrew Batey and Mark Mack didn’t help matters either when they tackled their commission for this house on the Texas coast. Instead of attempting to invent the missing regional vernacular—responsive to Corpus Christi’s torrid summers, bitter winters, and fierce annual hurricane season—Batey and Mack simply looked to the site they were given, a not-so-gentle knoll rising from the bay, and then turned (as is their practice) to a suitable archetype—in this case, the Roman villa. More specifically, Batey and Mack chose the villa suburbana as their model, since the classic duality between introverted public facade and extroverted garden front seemed made to order for their site, wedged as it is between four-lane Ocean Drive and an unobstructed view of Corpus Christi Bay. Once the contrasting aspects of the two facades had established an historical prototype, the antique villa theme was reinforced through classical proportions keyed to a unifying geometric order: an insistent four-foot grid reflected on the floor plane (in inlaid slabs of marble), on the wall (in aediculas), and on the ceiling plane (in coffers). And true to their sources, Batey and Mack defined a powerful central axis that dominates the entire plan (below). First established in the open-air atrium just inside the street entrance, the eight-foot-wide axis passes through a varied sequence of open and closed spaces, and rather than terminate this stately promenade with the obvious climax of a grand look-out window on the bay (photo overleaf), the architects extended an imperial avenue right down to the water’s edge. Although they take pride in the respectful references to classical precedent that include such details as Roman grilles, porticoes, and pergolas, Batey and Mack are most pleased with the solid masonry construction that gives the house its venerable monumentality—and helps to temper the inhospitable climate. No Nubian slaves were required to hoist the three-eighths-inch Italian travertine tiles onto the concrete block frame, but the effect comes as close to the glory that was Rome as any Texas Maccenas could wish. C.K.G.
"It's the only house in Corpus Christi that I'd care to be in during a hurricane," announces Andrew Batey. His confidence relies on the 40-foot piers that lift the villa onto a concrete platform, and the 30-pound-per-square-foot bulletproof glass which ensures that no one inside would miss the spectacle of palm trees flying by in 120-mph gales. Even in calm weather, the view is spectacular—both out and in. A small reflecting pool has been oh-so-carefully positioned so that one looks out to the water across water; the effect is surreal. The rough Mexican stone steps leading down to the Bay are flanked with rectangular columns that suggest the remains of some noble ruin. Batey and Mack like the suggestion. The pillars are sheathed in a mottled pink-beige-gray limestone that reappears above the travertine datum of the exterior.
Though San Francisco architects Andrew Batey and Mark Mack have made their reputation on modest (primarily stucco) houses in California’s Napa Valley, their Texas clients presented them with the extraordinary opportunity to design without any economic restrictions. Budget? “It was never mentioned...never even alluded to,” confesses Batey. The architects took full advantage of the chance to “explore the use of refined and lasting building materials.” Rarely does one find such luxurious materials—Italian travertine, Mexican limestone, Texas granite—in contemporary houses, and the quality of the craftsmanship is comfortably above the grasp of all but the grandest budgets. One doesn’t proceed far, either around or through the house, without realizing the benefits of such client largesse. For material richness isn’t reserved merely for the public spaces: the bathrooms (left) are no less opulent than the public rooms opening off the eight-foot-wide central axis that runs through the house, from street to water.

Villa on the Bay
Corpus Christi, Texas

Architects:
Batey & Mack
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San Francisco, California 94113

Andrew Batey and Mark Mack

Associate architect:
John Wright

Engineer:
Wallace Wilkerson (structural)

Interiors:
Norman Foster

Contractor:
O.J. Beck & Sons—Joe Ortiz, construction supervisor

Photographer:
Tim Street-Porter except as noted
The clients for this weekend house are a psychoanalyst and his wife, a family therapist. Like most mental-health professionals, they take the entire month of August off to heal, as the saying goes, themselves. High on their agenda for the August of 1979 was the demanding yet joyful chore of finding the right architect to build a longed-for house on their beautiful land overlooking the Berkshires. But the liberating month came and almost went and no suitable architect had so far been found. Their schedules precluded their looking again until August 1980.

One more year and still no start made on their house? Stress, tension, angst. Then one day in the local bookstore, they discovered a set of back issues of RECORD HOUSES and bought them all. Studying and restudying the houses of Crissman & Solomon, they found them more and more to their taste. The thing to do was to call up the architects before Labor Day, but would such outstanding designers be willing to do their modest house? Fears of rejection. Fears worked through. Chance taken. Telephone call to Jim Crissman who of course was delighted to meet them, arrange visits to the houses they had liked in RECORD, and show them others as well.

The clients-to-be discovered that every house that Crissman &
Solomon had so far built is flooded with light and air. Each dwelling is single-mindedly related to a focal point—lake, sea, mountains. The firm’s architectonic repertoire that appealed so much to them includes steeply gabled wood frames sheathed in white clapboard with corner boards, modest understated entrances, and projecting curvilinear wraparound elements (often screened pavilions with decks). The couple also liked what they saw of Crissman & Solomon interiors. They noted that a typical living area always reaches the full height of the house and shares its spatial volume with certain upstairs areas, often with a mezzanine that usually includes a study overlooking both the living room and the view. They observed, furthermore, that such living rooms, in spite of their height, appear intimate because of the introduction of low soffits on the perimeter. And they liked the dining areas, usually lower and roofed by steeply sloping skylights.

Crissman & Solomon, once hired, set out to capture for their new clients the qualities the couple had admired so much in the firm’s work, while responding in fresh ways to this family’s own particular demands and sensibilities, and to the challenge of their magnificent site. M.F.S.
Because the couple have two young children, this 2,300-square-foot house meets the functional requirements of a small family. The house is placed on a knob just off the entrance drive, preserving the magnificent westward sweep of the site. The building's two-story living room and one-story dining room face west toward a truly breathtaking view of nearby woods and distant mountains. The deeply modeled west facade of the living room provides sun screening and helps frame and define the view. The bedrooms, kitchen, and study are to the east. The materials and detailing are indigenous though the assembly of forms, as in all Crissman & Solomon's work, is unique to the site and the client's requirements. Construction is conventional wood framing sheathed in white painted
clapboard with corner boards. The sloping roofs are of red cedar shingles and the flat roofs are tar and gravel. The interiors are finished with painted gypsum board edged with oak strips. The house is heated by a fireplace with an interior cylindrical chimney and a combination oil/wood warm-air furnace with a freestanding brick exterior chimney.

Private house
Northwest Connecticut
Architects:
Crisman & Solomon
Architects Inc.
44 Hunt Street
Watertown, Massachusetts 02172
Engineer:
Charles J. Chaloff (structural)

Consultant:
Lynda Log Hack (interiors)
General contractor:
Gilligan Brothers
Photographer:
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The architectural lineage of East Hampton’s fashionable summer colony reaches far beyond the turn-of-the-century Shingle Style houses that compose the standard building type in this part of town. These anything-but-humble “cottages,” which to our eyes epitomize the cultivated rustication of Victorian gentry, were conceived by their original architects as harking back to the modest frame dwellings erected by Long Island settlers two centuries before. Happily for East Hampton, this heritage of fond remembrance and respectful, if unpedantic, adaptation persists in the work of Robert A.M. Stern, who was commissioned to design a house for a couple with two children, in the erstwhile side garden of an old colony estate.

If the entry facade (below) presents an air of formal reserve to the street close by, the turreted garden front (photo preceding pages) is relaxed, open, and even playful, befitting the casual pleasures of family life. The layout of principal living rooms, as well as the deployment of deep verandas and generous expanses of windows, emphasizes the orientation of the house towards its hedge-bordered private domain. Like the 19th-century masters he emulates, Stern has tightly bound his amalgam of classical and vernacular elements within a skinlike shingle cladding, articulated with white trim and capped by a broad hip roof. A shallow brick podium also forms the floor of rear porches, where the shingle skin has been stretched back or cut away to define three open-air rooms, including a bowfront dining area. The gridded screen wall enclosing the upper level of the living room porch is a device used by William Ralph Emerson in his Hemenway house of c. 1883. Other borrowings from the past include Tuscan columns, eyebrow dormers, an attenuated chimney, and double-hung windows with upper sash divided into small lights. Despite such assiduous scholarship, Stern is unmistakably our contemporary in his free manipulation of his sources. Witness the mannerist flourish of the oversized broken pediment on the aedicule entrance (opposite top left) or the split conical roof that converts the turret into a light monitor for the dining porch below (opposite bottom right).

Stern’s disposition of spaces honors the planning principles of his esthetic forbears: a lofty stair hall (or “living hall” in the vocabulary of 100 years ago) is the pivot for the entire layout. Within the dignified geometric order defined by architectural elements such as a parlor inglenook, an octagonal dining room, arched niches, and wide landings, Stern has arranged a comfortable mixture of Stickley furniture and new seating, tables, and rugs of his own design. “All in all,” says Stern, “our effort has been not toward the reconstruction of a moment of time or the obliteration of memory (that still afflicts so much contemporary design) but to...examine the culture and context through the bright lens of optimistic creativity....” D.B.
Private House
Dallas, Texas
By Edward Larrabee Barnes
and Armand P. Avakian
As many things tend to be in Texas, this house is very big—and very special. Its design and planning are fine-tuned to the site, the client, and, above all, to Dallas—a city that tempers a slightly reserved sophistication with a good dollop of casual exuberance. It is a town where people shop at both Neiman Marcus and Sears, serve nouvelle cuisine and Tex-Mex food, and sponsor the arts and the Dallas Cowboys.

In an uncanny way, Barnes and Avakian have synthesized these qualities into a pared-down essence, much as Barragán has done in Mexico. But even with its disarming simplicity, the hacienda-like house is also a tour-de-force of modern comfort and mechanical equipment. Of its design, Barnes says, “While this is a so-called modern house, rational and functional, it is also a romantic house. There are overtones from other times, archetypical forms that have appeared in architecture for thousands of years—the enclosing patio, the tower, the two-story living room. It is a statement to do with a beautiful piece of land, a beautiful art collection, privacy in the suburbs, and family life.”

As the house replaces an older one, the 3½-acre site is a mature, partially wooded plot, which drops down to a winding brook. The new structure and its several courts and terraces are fitted into the slope to minimize its size: 12,686 square feet of enclosed space, 4,301 square feet of covered porches. From the entrance court, dominated by a big spreading oak, the house appears as four smallish structures, connected by the breezeways and long covered porches—“dog runs” in Texas.

From the back gardens, careful articulation of the cascading units gives an impression of a small hillside village, with intimate view-terraces and plazas, pools and a “waterfall” fountain. Most windows and screens slide into pockets to turn spaces into garden pavilions when the weather is right.

Inside, as Barnes puts it, the plan is also “a cluster of houses,” giving children and parents separate and private suites (with separate entrances), and at the same time bringing the family together in the outdoor spaces and the lower-level living areas—“the town with its public squares.”

Serenity and privacy are also enhanced by the walled-in courts. Off the entry drive is a service court to tuck parking and deliveries out of sight; the pool patio gives total privacy from neighbors—and just below it (and off the master bedroom) is a surprise court of flowering pear trees. This is a special house—but there are lots of lessons and delights to glean from it. H.L.S.
The functional aspects of the house are as considered and expansive as the more purely visual ones. As can be seen from the plans above, the four building "blocks" of the entry level rise into two "towers" on the level above, and all interconnect on the bottom floor, so that the house can function as a unit. At this lower level, the major service areas—kitchen, laundry, storage, mechanical rooms and the like—are all buried into the side of the hill. They not only link with all the stairwells, but have a special service entrance and elevator flanking the garage. Poured-in-place reinforced concrete is used for floor slabs, and for walls at grade changes and hill embankments. The remaining load-bearing walls are reinforced concrete block, finished with white stucco outside, and metal studs, insulation, and painted gypsum board on the interiors. Other materials are high quality and precisely detailed: limestone paving, copper roofing over cedar planking, black-framed metal pocket windows. Most equipment is of "commercial" quality. The lighting in the main living areas is specially designed for displaying the works of art. There are also extensive security, intercom, and stereo systems throughout the house. Heating and air conditioning have remote boiler and chiller rooms, with air pumped to individual equipment closets for each zone or floor—to minimize noise and vibration in living spaces. All construction was done under tight, computerized time and cost controls, under the fast-track management of Armand Avakian.
The interiors are simple, and very comfortable and spacious—and planned for the maximum appreciation of a collection of art and antiques. A balcony and rather grand staircase provide a formal entry to the main rooms on the lower level: living and dining rooms, an art gallery, and a big library. From the pool patio (overleaf) a little cascade of water channels through a breezeway down to a pool in the dining terrace (left),

*House in Dallas, Texas*

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**General contractor:**
Gene Campbell, Inc.

**Photographer:**
Nick Wheeler
Carriage House
Lancaster, Pennsylvania
By Caroline Northcote Sidnam

Before the city of Lancaster tore down a parallel row of outbuildings on the north side of the street to create a public park, the carriage house faced a narrow back alley. Caroline Sidnam was obliged to retain a two-car garage on the ground floor for the use of the owner and her tenants in a town house at the southern end of the through-block lot. Though the second-story living quarters, like most of the project, are new construction, Sidnam strove to preserve the character of the demolished stable, specifying molded bricks from the same source that supplied the original builder.

What might be called the garage apartment par excellence occupies one of a row of former carriage houses in downtown Lancaster. The owner, who leases out her ancestral town house across the back yard, looked to the converted stable for a more manageable pied-à-terre during periodic visits from her present home in New York. Though she conceived the project as a simple renovation, structural analysis revealed that most of the old fabric was unsound. Architect Caroline Sidnam's decision to raze the one-and-one-half-story building sparked controversy in this historic district, but the patent charm of her design and a promise to reuse roof slates, garage doors, and much of a party wall won over the landmarks commission and zoning board. The north-facing street front (above right) still has the workaday aspect of a genuine mews, whereas cozy domesticity prevails on the southern garden facade (above top and bottom). Behind the diminutive porch, living spaces interlock with the elegant precision of compartments in a fitted dressing case. The economy of the layout poses a deliberately surreal contrast to the rich decor of moiré silk walls and Empire furniture, a new variation on the Pennsylvania Dutch theme of plain and fancy. D.B.
The cruciform layout takes advantage of views and light along the north-south axis, with sleeping berths, bathroom, kitchen, and an elevator tucked into the corners (movable vertical louvers give bedrooms the full benefit of cross ventilation). A deck extends the usable floor area, while a skylight, pillars, and a tentlike ceiling amplify the perceptible scale of the 556-square-foot interior. Solar-tinted windows filter out ultraviolet rays that might damage an inherited collection of Empire furniture. Opulent neoclassical antiques are hardly the obvious choice for a bandbox dwelling but, says Sidnam, the idea of a mini-Malmaison over the garage “piqued the client’s sense of paradox.”

Carriage House
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

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Structures, Inc. (structural); Moore Engineering (mechanical/electrical)

Consultants:
Susan Thorn (interior decorator); Classic Quarters (local decorating liaison)

General contractor:
Clayton Gerlach, Inc.

Photographer:
Langston Clay
Izenour House
Stony Creek, Connecticut
By Steven Izenour of Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown
This small dockside bungalow designed by architect Steven Izenour for his father, the noted theater designer, engineer and historian George C. Izenour, is an upstart, spunky presence. From the coastal road (overleaf), it flaunts an audaciously overscaled rose window that has the nerve to be a pilot's wheel. The jaunty nautical touch is a suitable emblem for a house by the sea and it also reminds the Izenours of the ferry boat that once took them to their former summer house on a nearby island.

The rear of the house as seen from the water (right) reminds the Izenours of much more. The senior Izenour has measured, photographed, and drawn the ruins of almost all the theaters of antiquity in order to learn their secrets. His love for classical theater buildings soon grew to include all of the architecture of the ancient world, and he wanted his new house to signify this passion. It was up to Steve to figure out how.

The program and local zoning called for a one-story house with the living area floor level at a minimum elevation of plus-12 feet above sea level to meet hurricane and flood conditions. Steve achieved the required elevation by building two platforms, one above the other. The lower podium leveled the site which originally sloped downward from the road to the shoreline. To the north at this elevation is a two-car basement garage split by the front entrance and stairway to the living room floor. Planted in grass, this lower platform is edged on the waterside with rough cut granite (rejects from a local quarry stone selected for the Johnson/Burgee AT&T Building). The second platform, supported on poured piers, serves as the main floor of the bungalow. To the south, this floor becomes a porch reached by a broad flight of wooden stairs and edged by four flat column cutouts which Steve calls "Doric." Because of their extremely exaggerated entasis they appear round when viewed from the sea. Above the porch is a half wheel window recalling the pilot's wheel to the north.

George Izenour is delighted with his south facade. For him it is a tetraestyle temple, complete with pronaos, stylobate, and Cyclopean wall, complicated by a classical fanlight. He is also overjoyed with his living room (below). In section it is like a horseshoeh (Moorish) arch but lacks the bull's eye window shown in the preliminary drawing (right). Too high and narrow to be appropriately photographed, it is a superb stereo sound chamber. George will tell how he and Steve shaped its acoustics in a forthcoming article for RECORD. M.F.S.

Izenour House
Stony Creek, Connecticut
Owners:
Mr. and Mrs. George C. Izenour
Architects:
Venturi, Rauch and Scott Brown
1336 Main Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19127
Steven Izenour, designer, with the assistance of Christine Mathew

Contractor:
(Built by Eric Stone and George C. Izenour)
Photographer:
Tom Bernard
House for a Musician
San Diego, California
By Rob Wellington Quigley

"You're kidding!" was architect Rob Quigley's first reaction when his clients showed him their site, a San Diego hillside overlooking a busy freeway, and described what they wanted to build there: a small house with a studio for the wife, a quiet room in which the musician husband could practice and teach...AND space where they could give chamber music concerts for their friends indoors in wintertime and outdoors in the summer. All of this at a budget of $94,000.

But the couple knew what they were doing when they commissioned Quigley. As the photo on the facing page shows, they got their concert space. And what's more, they got a house that is livable when the two of them are there alone.

Quigley had to overcome the two obvious problems built into his program: providing the requisite amount of space within a tight budget, and insulating that space from the noise of the eight-lane freeway. He devised a plan consisting of two stucco boxes separated by a deck and a small garden, and then wrapped the whole area with a high stucco wall to shield it from the noise. Total living area: 1,500 square feet.

The larger, rectangular, box contains the entry, kitchen, dining room, and living room, with the spaces arranged so that the dining room can be used as the stage, while the living room, which soars to two-story height on one side, holds seating for the audience. An overflow crowd can sit on the stairway that leads to the bedroom in the second box. As Quigley explains the acoustics of this space, 'the side walls, of white drywall, were left 'hard,' while the ceiling, of spaced redwood lath, is 'soft.' And the rear balcony wall can be used to 'tune' the room by adding or subtracting books and works of art." The clients are pleased, he says, and consider the result to be acoustically excellent.

The smaller, trapezoidal, box, which has the studio and music room on the first floor and the master bedroom and bath above, is reached by crossing the open courtyard either on the stairway or the open deck—this is, after all, southern California.

For summer concerts, musicians sit on the cantilevered outer deck framed by a broad archway, and the audience sits on the inner deck, the stairs, the upper balcony and in the dining room. The arch not only composes a proscenium for the musicians, but frames the best vistas of the surrounding landscape. One can also enjoy the scenery from the gabled dormer, and, on clear days, distant San Diego Bay is visible from the balcony windows. All this, and Schubert too. N.G.G.
Pressed for a stylistic label, one might describe the eccentric geometry of this stuccoed cottage as Spanish Revival Expressionism—the hacienda of Dr. Caligari. It is a curious blend of aesthetic references, but somehow appropriate for an outpost of chamber music and quiet study alongside the traffic of a southern California freeway. For summer concerts, musicians are framed by the proscenium arch and the audience sits on the deck, the balcony, and in the dining room at left. Rob Quigley hopes that trees, which are barely visible in the photos below, will reach the bottom of the balcony connecting the living area and bedroom. Photo below right shows a concert in progress in the living room.

House for a musician
San Diego, California
Architect:
Rob Quigley, AIA
11573 Sorrento Valley Road #217
San Diego, California 92121
Bob Dickens, project architect
Engineer:
South Bay Engineering
General contractor:
Strong Construction Company
Photographer:
Tim Street-Porter
House on Lake Memphremagog
Austin, Quebec
By Peter Rose
Peter Rose’s fine adjustment of classical proportion is particularly notable in the Vermont-slate-paved center hall (opposite). Here, as throughout the first floor, interior walls are articulated as a massive trabeated system with a continuous frieze. Receses and moldings imply the interpenetration of a major and minor order while entasis enhances the apparent height of the gallery. The subtly splayed embrasure of the portal at left emphasizes the density of the wall and focuses the axial perspective from a fanlighted door in the living room sun porch (this page, lower right) to an arched panel on the right side of the foyer. Inventive classical chimneypieces in the living room (above) and dining room (lower left) are alsoterminals for interior vistas. Along with the porch colonnade beyond, the range of French doors on the south facade (overleaf and detail lower right this page) mediates between the realms of natural and civilized order.

House on Lake Memphremagog
Austin, Quebec, Canada

Architect:
Peter Rose
1215 de Maisonneuve West
Montreal, Quebec, Canada
Peter Rose with Mark Pimlott

General contractor:
Sherma Construction

Photographer:
Timothy Hurley
Three kitchens and a bath
American homeowners for years have been a bit schizophrenic regarding the question of kitchen design. On one hand many still long for the charm of bygone days found in the Colonial kitchen, which is characterized by heavy wood cabinetry, busy gingham fabrics, paneled walls, and brightly colored trim. On the other hand consumers seem equally enamored of the latest in microcomputer-equipped touch-control appliances that one’s grandmother could never have envisioned. While Colonial charm and contemporary convenience are not by necessity mutually exclusive, the trend now in the design of kitchens appears to be toward a refined “European” appearance, which means either rectilinear or gently curving cabinets in wood or plastic laminate, pale colors, and a sleek, horizontal over-all appearance.

Three models recently unveiled by West German manufacturers exemplify the look. Poggenpohl’s SI kitchen (1) has an all-wood design of lightened ash or red beech veneers laid in 1-in.-wide bands over softly molded cabinets. Allmilmo’s Zeilostar line (2) was introduced at this year’s Cologne Furniture Fair and features a combination of colored laminates, cherry trim, and unusual fold-out doors. The crisp, angular 60 CM 600 series by Goldreif (3) also exhibits a combination of laminate and wood cabinetry and is available with coordinated light baffles, front edges, cornices, recess panels, worktops, handles, and toekicks.

As kitchens go, so goes the bathroom. Designed by Luigi Massoni and manufactured in Italy, ICF’s Glacé modular bathroom (4) features high-gloss polyester finishes in white, black, blue, green, wine, or beige with a choice of top surfaces that includes marble and granite. The system has the same flush front facade and concealed hardware as a matching kitchen that ICF brought out several years ago. More products on page 150

1. SI kitchen. Poggenpohl USA Corp., Teaneck, N.J. Circle 300 on reader service card
2. Zeilostar kitchen. Allmilmo Corp., Fairfield, N.J. Circle 301 on reader service card
3. 60 CM 600 kitchen. Goldreif USA Corp., Teaneck, N.J. Circle 302 on reader service card
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Installation photos and air-flow diagrams highlight an 8-page color brochure on a line of zero clearance heat-circulating fireplaces. All units are U.L.-listed. Optional accessories are described and illustrated. Superior Fireplace, Co., Fullerton, Calif. Circle 405 on reader service card.

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System 5 consists of a Century waste disposer, Aqua-Temp hot water and Aqua-Chill cold water dispensers, a Hi-Arc faucet, and a double stainless steel sink. The coordinated unit comes with a fitted cutting board and strainer. Elkay Manufacturing Co., Oak Brook, Ill. Circle 312 on reader service card.

Lavatory set
The Pluto lavatory set, shown here in polished chrome, comes in a variety of finishes. It is available as a deck tub set, a wall tub set, a shower set, and as a three-valve tub and shower combination. Paul Associates, Long Island City, N.Y. Circle 314 on reader service card.

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Lamp
Perfecta is a low-voltage, three-way reading lamp that accommodates a concentrated 25W halogen bulb. The 43½-in. unit was designed by Peter Hamburger and is available in polished brass, chrome, or black finishes. Koch + Lowy Inc., Long Island City, N.Y.
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Redwood siding
Imperial clear, all-heart California redwood bevel siding is 1/2 in. thick and is available in 6-, 8-, and 10-in. widths. The siding is saw-textured to hold finishes better than smooth wood. Pacific Lumber Co., San Francisco. Circle 333 on reader service card

Skylights
A line of polycarbonate plastic skylights is offered in both hyperbolic paraboloid and dome-shaped models. The units are treated with Kent-Guard coating said to prevent yellowing, dulling, and haziness from the sun. The skylights have R-values of up to 6.00 when installed with the manufacturer's one-piece insulated curb made of brown fiberglass-reinforced plastic. Kenenergy Corp., Orlando, Fla. Circle 324 on reader service card

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Ironically, sometimes a severe climate means more windows are needed. Not less.
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Window
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Dishwasher trim kit
A toe-kick trim kit by this dishwasher manufacturer is designed to give an unbroken horizontal line under European kitchen cabinets. Three available trim bottoms fit spaces of 5 in., 5½ in., and 6½ in. Thermador/Waste King, Los Angeles. Circle 335 on reader service card

Plywood siding
Guardian siding features resin-impregnated overlays bonded by heat and pressure to exterior-grade plywood. A woodgrain texture is embossed onto the overlay during bonding. The siding can be applied directly to studs and is available in 4-ft by 8-ft and 4-ft by 9-ft panels. Simpson Timber Co., Shelton, Wash. Circle 337 on reader service card

Kitchen sink
The Model 128 by Alape is a West German-made double-bowl kitchen sink with a center vegetable strainer compartment. The vitreous enamel-coated steel unit is available in solid colors with a decorative contoured stripe. Accessories include a chopping board, plate rack, and soap dispenser. Santile International Corp., Houston. Circle 338 on reader service card

Bathroom retreat
The Environment Masterbath combines a sauna, steamroom, shower, sunlamps, and whirlpool bath within one in-wall chamber. The unit features a deck above the whirlpool that is removable for access to the bath. It comes with a cabinet and towel bar, hand-held wall-mounted shower, and two vinyl-covered pillows. Two stereo speakers are mounted at the top of the unit for connection to a receiver. The chamber measures 91 in. by 52 in. by 82 in. The whirlpool alone measures 66 in. by 19½ in. by 33 in. A deluxe model features an upholstered deck, 24-carat-gold trim, and a teakwood interior. Kohler Co., Kohler, Wis. Circle 310 on reader service card

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**Bay window**
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**Bifold doors**
The Tudor Collection is a line of bifold doors that feature plain or ornamental mirrors framed in wood. The doors come unfinished for custom staining or painting. Mounting hardware is included. Ledco, Inc., Shelbyville, Ky.  
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**Built-in oven**
The Superba 27-in. electric double oven features a built-in rotisserie and meat probe. The ovens have tempered black glass front doors and a reinforced porcelain cavity surrounded by high-density insulation. Kitchen Aid Div., Hobart Corp., Troy, Ohio.  
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**Fireplace**
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Wood flooring
GenuWood vinyl bonded wood flooring is available in 12 wood patterns, including new pecan. All patterns in the line consist of a wood layer protected by a 20-mil vinyl surface on top of fiberglass-reinforced core vinyl sheeting below. PermaGrain Products, Inc., Media, Pa.
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Garbage disposers
Whirlaway garbage disposers feature permanent magnet motors, glass-filled nylon hoppers, and polyester drain hoses. Corrosion-proof stainless steel grind rings are standard on the top three models in the line, and all units are equipped with antigum swivel impellers. Anaheim Manufacturing Co. Div., Tappan, Anaheim, Calif.
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Bathroom fixtures and tiles
Whisper Colors represent a joint venture by American-Standard and American Olean to produce a new line of color-coordinated bathroom fixtures and tiles. Three hues—heather, shell, and sterling silver—are available in fixtures from American-Standard's Villa, Roma Suite, and Lehigh Suite series. Matching tiles are offered in both plain and diagonal linear, half-moon, or loop designs. American-Standard, New Brunswick, N.J.
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Appliances
This manufacturer has introduced two new colors—platinum and toast—to its full line of major kitchen appliances. The new shades harmonize with a variety of color schemes. They replace coffee and avocado, two colors that date from the 1960s. Whirlpool Corp., Benton Harbor, Mich.
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Bathroom fixtures
The Signature collection consists of a six-jet sunken whirlpool bath, two lavatories, a water closet, and a bidet. The fixtures are available in Aztec gold, sky blue, sun tan, cameo, buttercup yellow, tealwood, platinum gray, and white. Crane Co., New York City.
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Sinks

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