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Eccentric houses, like eccentric people, can be uncommonly engaging or insufferable beyond measure. One’s response often depends on whether the singular phenomenon, human or architectural, seems spontaneously original or self-consciously bizarre. Looking back, nearly every edition of RECORD HOUSES has included at least a few structures that arguably belong in either category. We believe that this year's collection boasts more than the usual share of eccentrics, in the best sense of the word; we hope (as always) that departures from the norm, inspired by genuine conviction and individual genius, may offer fresh perspective on common values. The risks are obvious, but then there are risks in complacency, too. It would be sad, for example, if the widespread acceptance of “contextualism,” salutary though this idea is, were to turn us against idiosyncratic design on principle—especially in the realm of the single-family dwelling. No other building type potentially offers the architect or the inhabitant such free range for personal expression, or for adapting to the particular character of a unique site. Of course, just a glance at the wide open spaces outside the villa on our cover, or inside the urban residence rendered graphically below, is reminder enough that our subject is not mass-production housing. Even when available space and budgets are tight (and we do show several projects where these constraints apply), Record Houses occupy a relatively privileged, increasingly rarified, realm of enlightened patrons and specially commissioned art. Not surprisingly, we present one residence designed as a precious artifact, another intended as a collector's gallery-studio-home, and another created collaboratively by an architect and a painter. The results stand out in high contrast to the standard-container-with-appliances that many Americans gratefully call home, and that too many others long for in vain. Considering the current norm, our few eccentrics stand to teach us more than ever about the way we all live now—or wish we could. Douglas Brenner
A modern idyll
Not one pothole mars the dirt lane that winds through Pennsylvania woods as discreetly pruned as the shrubbery of an English park. Behind every mountain laurel, rock, and waterfall, one senses the constant husbandry of unseen hands composing the local color of the western Alleghenies into an Arcadian pastorale. The country house Roger Ferri designed for weekend residents of this idyllic domain embodies a congenial sensibility, a patrician taste for beauty whose quiet refinement almost belies the efforts that sustain it. Almost but not quite, since there is no mistaking the ambition or fastidiousness of Ferri’s architecture, or, implicit in it, the connoisseurship of his clients. Their program was ordinary enough: a sunny, airy, comfortable house, with all major rooms at ground level overlooking a nearby trout stream. And though they insisted on elegant materials and superb craftsmanship, the owners specified no particular style; they asked simply for a work of art. The result is exquisite—and sui generis.

Photographs of the building tend to emphasize curious details which, being strange and ambiguously familiar all at once (Minoan? Chinese? Jugendstil? . . .), move one to question whether the design is eclectic, original, or just outre. Unlike the Norman farmhouses, Cotswold cottages, and Early American homesteads on nearby estates—and despite a material palette borrowed from local vernacular building—Ferri’s villa eludes conventional art historical typology. On site, however, stylistic analysis gives way to astonishment that something so exotic seems so very much at home where it is—as though one had stumbled on the sacred precinct of an archaic civilization, miraculously intact in a neighbor’s garden. This mythic aura derives largely from an all-pervasive physical and esthetic rapport between architecture and nature. A roughly U-shaped layout at the edge of a forest clearing effectively orients living spaces for sunlight, views, and cross-ventilation, and affords two symbolic thresholds: a ceremonial forecourt tied to distant meadows, and an intimate outdoor atrium opening onto a terraced, stagelike mound, which descends into what the architect calls the “pillared hall” of the wooded flood plain. A castellar entry tower and outsized portal, battered plinths, and broad cornices imply protective enclosure and a quasi-urban dignity around the “public” perimeter, in contrast to the more extroverted, domestic-scale French doors and pitched roofs of the “private” sanctuary it embraces. Ferri skillfully avoided too simplistic a hierarchy by massing his linked pavilions in asymmetrical clusters of varied height, sculpting the terrain in sinuous contours, and plotting an oblique path of arrival, rather in the manner of ancient Greek temple compounds. From every angle the structure seems to advance or recede in syncopated rhythmic counterpoint to the landscape. Fanciful details enliven this tectonic dance: columns flaring upward to winglike fascias appear to rise from an earthbound podium like euryalea on pointe or phototrophic plants, and suggest that the timber walls behind them are an infill of nearly weightless screens; cup-shaped windows (recalling antique Cretan bull’s horns and Egyptian papyrus-bud motifs) and ponderous masonry piers mysteriously enshrine the homely shelter of a screened back porch; and a bold turn of a corner lays bare the fictive monumentality of a “giant” order applied to one-story frame facades. By reversing the onlooker’s expectations, these mannerist games with mass, scale, and decorum not only dramatize the play of forces specific to architecture, but heighten one’s enjoyment of artfully manipulated nature. The pleasure pavilion is nonetheless most voluptuous indoors. Above all in the long, vaulted gallery of the living and dining room, Ferri has infused static volumes with an empathetic sense of animation, density, and warmth. Solid woods and richly figured fabrics combine with complex curvaceous volumes and ample proportions in an ensemble of positively Edwardian luxury and ease. That it is by no means a revivalist pastiche makes this seductive interior oddly disconcerting: perhaps we have lost our faith that art objects produced in our ironic, hasty age can exude such confident joie de vivre. Douglas Brenner
The painted wood, weathered copper, and fieldstone used here are traditional building materials around Ligonier, although the compressed strata, deep-set mortar joints, and canted profile of Ferris’s masonry also evoke more archaic European precedents. An emphatically unclassical timber colonnade magnifies the apparent scale of one-story cedar-sided facades (and affords a seasonal sun shade).
The 18- by 36-foot expanse of the living/dining room, punctuated by tall oriels, recalls the proportions of long galleries in English country houses and in early domestic interiors by Frank Lloyd Wright (a likeness underscored by Wrightian banding of the vault and lowered eaves). Perri’s originality prevails in the fugal orchestration of upswept curves that enlivens the entire space, from the swoop of fiddlehead soffits to the coils of andirons and wall sconces, and the delicately bowed stems of torchères and dining-table pedestal (all architect-designed). Elliptical and tangential rather than circular and concentric, the subtly varied geometry gives each elevation its own rhythm: compare, for example, the almost baroque counterpoint of concave doorheads, serpentine fireplace, and oval medallion at the gallery’s west end (below left) with the calm, sustained harmony of concave lintels and arched niche at the east end (above and opposite). Echoing the oblique approach from drive to front door, the plan (page 79) defines diagonal pathways and vistas that enhance one’s appreciation of spatial complexity. Intersecting orthogonal axes lead the eye outward through north-facing french doors to an open courtyard, transitional stepped terraces, and the “wilderness” beyond (a connection made audible by the waterfall of a manmade weir nearby). Decor complements the role of the house as a civilized belvedere overlooking nature. Woodwork is solid mahogany. Upholstery covers are Venetian cotton and silk. The painted landscape is by Fairfield Porter.
Roger Ferri's parti expresses major functional elements as discrete pavilions, held together in a shifting balance of symmetry and asymmetry. Internally, a distinctive ceiling configuration reflects the uniqueness of each volume, while reiterating a leitmotif of gravity-defying architectural buoyancy. A tentlike pyramid rises above the master bedroom (opposite left); the airy canopy of a shallow groin vault spans the tower guest room (opposite right). Here, as in the living/dining room, color-stained plaster walls picked out with pencil-thin outlines of complementary hue, delineate solid geometry. (Patterned batiks and carpets add another layer to the play of figure and ground.) A more intricate flourish to Ferri's ornamental themes and variations appears in the mahogany-and-maple staircase just inside the front.
door (opposite). Besides embodying a formal kinship with curvaceous and tapering profiles throughout the house, the balustrade honors the structure's unifying spirit of exuberant upward growth. The stair rises from a newel-post finial shaped like a closed bud to another post whose inverted-bell terminus (a diminutive version of exterior column capitals) suggests an opening flower.

Private Residence
Ligonier, Pennsylvania

Architect: 
Roger C. Ferri & Associates,
Architects
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New York City 10011
Roger Ferri, architectural design; 
Maurice Saragousisi, project architect; Richard Ayotte, Brin Magee, assistants 

Interior designers: 
Roger Ferri with Parke Interiors

Engineers: 
Robert Silman & Associates 
(structural); John L. Allieri 
(mechanical/electrical); 
D'Appolonia (hydrology) 

Consultants: 
Robert Anthony (millwork detailing); Lazaro, Ltd. (lighting) 

Landscape designer: 
Channing Blade 

General contractor: 
Construction Group, Inc. 

Photographer: 
Cervin Robinson
Domestic arts

Diminutive size and do-it-yourself homebuilding generally do not occur in the context of back-country Greenwich, Connecticut, a neighborhood given to large estates and horse farms. But one look at the countryside—high, rocky, wooded, dappled with lakes and ponds, and wilder than one might expect—makes it clear why the land is so esteemed. Thus Allan Shope, a former country boy from upstate Connecticut who now practices architecture in Greenwich, jumped at the chance to acquire two and a half acres reasonably, particularly since the building lot is circled by 40 acres of wilderness protected by the township and since the local wildlife includes bobcats, tame deer, and bass for the catching.

Even when his house is far smaller than ordinary, an architect cannot rest content with mere shelter or the unexamined esthetic. Accordingly, Shope lavished considerable artist’s thought on his design, narrowing his sights to a single concept so as not to overwhelm the little building. The single, though complex, concept is “the integration of a simple form with a natural element that inspires awe in the beholder.” The natural awe-inspiring element on which he focused was “the contrast and movement caused by light. Both moonlight and sunlight were of equal importance.” Also important was the seasonal contrast between the warm, colored light of summer and the cold, silvery light of winter, not to mention the contrasting shadows cast by trees in blossom or by the leafless boughs of winter. The tool for exploiting these contrasts consists of 12 custom-built colored, leaded windows, carefully placed both to admit shadows of clouds and trees and to cast their own shadows on white walls (see following pages).

The house’s massing favors the image of the traditional New England cottage, the weathering shingle walls supporting a steeply pitched roof with deep overhangs and paneled soffits, traditionally meant to shed snow and falling leaves. Square flat-topped towers at each end, however, recall not down-to-earth Yankee practicality but rather the more romantic 19th-century Italianate villa. One tower contains the stairwell and carries a wisteria trellis (opposite), the other encloses a chimney (right). Glassed doors flanking both towers make the end elevations symmetrical and at the same time establish view corridors to the outdoors for anyone entering the house.

If the towers seem overscaled, the appearance is caused chiefly by the comparative sizing of normal chimney and smaller than normal house. But the apparent discrepancy has major significance for the house’s performance. The architect reports that the fireplace and its warm chimney provide about 90 percent of the house’s heating needs. (The owners are currently burning logs from the few trees that had to be cleared from the site.) Moreover, the three large windows in the stair tower face south to capture sunlight shining through bare branches in the winter.

Though it has only two rooms in 500 square feet, the house was not cheap: $150,000 plus the equivalent of the owners’ labor. Much of this cost has to be attributed to such handwork as the beautiful windows and custom-built cabinetwork. Otherwise, the Shopes and friends performed all construction work, including clearing the site, digging trenches for footings and the slab, and pouring concrete. (From time to time, they would cleanse and refresh themselves with a dip in the lake downhill across the driveway.) Grace Anderson
The ground floor of the two-room house functions much like the traditional New England kitchen, with space for cooking (right), eating and reading (left), and conversation and entertaining throughout. Because glass on all four sides admits such an amplitude of light and views, the Shopes found that the visual richness so competed with their paintings and prints that they took them all down. The building materials themselves add considerable richness, not only the leaded windows but the oak flooring and the oak beams. The closely spaced exposed beams are a conscious stylistic break with the prevalent New England form; Shope says that he took the form from Southwestern architecture out of admiration and for the strong axis it establishes on the ceiling plane. Beyond that, the wood had a certain sentimental value: the architect acquired the timber from a demolished McKim, Mead and White house. The same wood was used for stair treads and for new Shope-designed furniture that now replaces the Shope-built table shown opposite. The sconces above the fireplace and elsewhere in the house constitute another break with traditional country style: high-tech metal museum fixtures surmounted by specially designed lenses.
The leaded windows that adorn the living room and the stairwell (opposite and bottom left) have approximately 600 pieces of glass each. In addition to the leaded geometrical patterns, the pieces of glass vary in density, texture, color, and chemical composition, subtly fracturing one's view out as well as throwing constantly shifting colors and patterns on the white walls according to weather, time of day, and season—then vining a new set of changes by moonlight. The glass includes such off-the-shelf types as etched bathroom glass and small beveled strips and such special types as what the architect calls “silk” glass—a randomly rippled glass seen in the central panes. Shope reports that Thomas Finsterwald, who built the windows, keeps a large collection of colored glass, amongst which he picks and chooses much as a painter uses his palette.

Shope House
Greenwich, Connecticut

Owners:
Julie and Allan Shope

Architects:
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Consultant:
Thomas Finsterwald (leaded glass)

Builders:
Owners

Photographer:
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Family business
There are two roads into Virginia Beach, and the more-traveled one leads to the Salasky/Sedel house. "You can't miss our place when you come to town," says co-owner Arnold Salasky. Although prominent beach, not street, frontage is usually the thing to boast about in a resort area, builder/developer Salasky and his partner (and cousin) Jon Sedel had a different agenda in their unlikely choice of a roadside site: exposure, like this, is good for business. Besides constructing condominiums and shopping centers, year-round residents Salasky and Sedel also build houses for themselves, which they subsequently sell for a profit. For their latest residential venture, the duo invited New York-based Bentley LaRosa Salasky, Design to compete against three local firms for the commission. Salasky and Sedel selected the out-of-town architects, citing their innovative solution to the double-house problem as the decisive factor. (The fact that BLS's Franklin Salasky is Arnold's brother might also have influenced the choice.)

Avoiding the conventional duplex parti of mirror-image floor plans on either side of a party wall, the architects devised a more flexible strategy of differently shaped but equal-size volumes—roughly a square and a rectangle hinged together by an observation tower—that together form an L-shaped enclosure for the swimming pool. A porte-cochère and driveway fill the remainder of the 80- by 120-foot site, which is surrounded by a wood and concrete fence that creates the effect of a stately compound (on a collision course with oncoming traffic, the fence is reinforced with steel along the highway).

Both clients were single four years ago, when BLS began schematic design. Arnold was immediately drawn to a centered unit of stacked rooms and overlapping spaces while Jon, conveniently, preferred a linear one of rooms enfilade. Since then Arnold has married and had a baby, and Jon has reconfirmed his bachelorhood; what began as a formal contrast of volumes is now serendipitously conducive to disparate lifestyles. Marital status aside, however, both clients have always had certain requirements in common: privacy from the street, southern exposures, views of the ocean to the east from upper floors, and semi-enclosed porches and patios for outdoor entertaining during the extended summer season. BLS accommodated all of the above in each of the two houses, along with a living room, dining room, kitchen, and three bedrooms and bathrooms apiece—all under a varied assortment of gables and dormers. Although the resultant roofline may look frenetic from the highway (previous pages), especially within a frame of traffic lights, power lines, and directional signs, it is not an ad-hoc assemblage. On the contrary, as a view of the front elevation reveals (photos left and opposite), the composition of square, rectangular, and round openings is held together by a material palette of dove gray shingles, Bahamian pink stucco, and turquoise and cream trim. While the fragmented massing and purposefully plain portico relate the complex to a hodgepodge of bungalows throughout the community, endearing idiosyncrasies distinguish this house from the built-on-spec genre that surrounds it. Moreover, the architects' attention to detail made the most of the standard building products that the conservative budget and the clients' regular suppliers imposed. Note, for example, the whimsical grace note of tapered porch piers or the subtle rhythm of alternating rows of wide and narrow cedar-shingle panels (a trick inspired by a firm field trip to the Jersey shore). The architects also brought their "fun with shapes," as partner Ronald Bentley describes the esthetic, into the interior of both houses, where curved soffits over windows suggest valances, and niches are filled with built-in benches or bookcases.

Although Arnold and Jon did not intend to settle down permanently in their new compound, the peripatetic partners are now having second thoughts. The decision whether to follow through with their original plan is no longer strictly business: Arnold's wife, Ava, who is contemplating future additions to the family, wants to stay.

Karen D. Stein
Instead of twin duplex units connected by a party wall, architects Bentley LaRosa Salasky created two different layouts of approximately 2,700 square feet, each of which has four exposures. The facades facing the swimming pool are lined with sliding glass doors and a varied assortment of windows for maximum southern light (photo previous page), while the other sides of the house were punctured sparingly for more selective views (plans, at right). Bleached—and in one unit, pickled (top photo and opposite)—oak floors and painted wood cabinetry complement cream-colored interiors. Balusters that screen both staircases (and accentuate the opening between the living and dining rooms in one unit), repeat the pattern of exterior sunscreens, railings, and porte-cochère.
Double identity

The traditional, Father-Knows-Best family of dad, mom, and the three kids has been supplanted these days by increasing numbers of single-parent households, unmarried couples, and adults living alone. Though life in the suburbs has changed, suburbia hasn't: moving to its tree-lined streets still means buying a conventional, single-family house. In addressing the urgent need for innovative residential prototypes for the untraditional family, developers and architects might well study one alternative in Seattle called Doublehouse. Distinguished by two pitched roofs, one atop the other, the pair of low-cost units houses single adults or couples within small-scale infill at the rear of a typical suburban lot.

The unusual form of Doublehouse is the product of an unusual combination of talents: Norman Millar, an architect, Sheila Klein, an artist, and Ries Niemi, an industrial designer and fabricator, who are the partners of the Los Angeles-based firm of A/Z. Its design began routinely as a commission for two brothers on a budget, Peter and Thomas Scribner, who assigned the young trio to create a couple of apartments for the backyard of their bungalow, one of which would be rented to help pay the mortgage. Peter Scribner, formerly an urban planner with the Seattle Parks Department, envisioned the new addition as an L-shaped arrangement of one-story "urban cabins," each laid out as a studio with kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping loft. Undaunted by the $50,000 initially allotted for the construction, architect Millar consolidated the original plan by repeating the units as a pair of 15-foot cubes stacked vertically (section), and set about distinguishing the simple volumes of the two "houses" with the assistance of partners Niemi and Klein. "We are committed to using common North American materials with economy and grace," Millar asserts. A/Z's penchant for making the most out of the cheap and the ordinary is also evident in the firm's do-it-yourself designs, including a "ready to walk" line of linoleum rugs, a cage for comedian Pee-wee Herman's cat, and an audio-visual room called "DomeHome," which Klein describes as "a cross between Star Trek and a chateau."

As A/Z's first freestanding building, Doublehouse exudes the same witty ingenuity as the firm's rugs, furniture, and interiors, and proves that its designers, behind their zany facades, are completely serious. Its deceptively simple form, proportioned to harmonize with the clients' early 1900s bungalow, is intended to look "timeless," according to Millar who, with Niemi, went so far as to devise a theoretical, high-rise version of the piggyback units called "Mushohouse." To avoid the innocuous image usually associated with low-cost housing, the partners decorated the timber frame and staircase like a steamer trunk, edging the doors, lintels, stair rails, beams, and sills in the same galvanized sheet metal used for the flashing (left). Even this sensitivity to craftsmanship proved cost-effective: the construction of the two units totaled a low $86,000. Combining the art of custom homebuilding with the economics of spec development, Doublehouse offers a refreshing hybrid of suburban and urban living. Part of its success as a prototype for a new-age suburbia is, no doubt, due to the unorthodox attitudes of its designers, who ignore the traditional boundaries separating not only building types, but professional disciplines. Klein succinctly discriminates between the fine and applied arts: "The difference between art and design is this: art has guts and design has manners."

Doublehouse has both. Deborah K. Dietsch
Both Doublehouse units are organized according to the same efficient plan—central living area, dining alcove, kitchen, bathroom, and sleeping loft—but each assumes a distinctive character through changes in section and handcrafted details. The simple, timber-frame construction and pitched roofs that convey the image of two separate boxes from the outside are also expressed inside (axonometric drawings). While the upper unit is nestled under the top roof (right) with rafters left exposed (above), the lower unit incorporates the walls above its eaves in order to accommodate a higher, pitched ceiling and to heighten the sleeping loft (left). The lofts are reached from the living rooms by steel ships' ladders with fir-trimmed handrails (above and opposite), designed and fabricated by A2Z partner Ries Niemi, who also created the galvanized sheet-metal baffles for the units' future wood stoves and kick plates on the doors (bottom left). This sensitive detailing of ordinary finishes is extended to the floors in a pattern of vinyl and Masonite tiles designed by artist/partner Sheila Klein. To provide light and air in the sleeping lofts, architect Norman Millar crowned the top unit with dormers (above and right) and furnished the lower loft with a pair of clerestories above the roof. Angled to echo its pitch and reminiscent of Northwest Indian art, they look like eyes borrowed from a totem pole (top photo, opposite).

Doublehouse
Seattle, Washington
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Ries Niemi, Sheila Klein,
Greg Andrews, project team
Engineer:
Jim Harris
General contractor:
Kevin Cottingham
Photographer:
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The Arkansas Office
Mahoney Residence
Mattapoisett, Massachusetts
Peter Forbes and Associates, Architects
Entire of itself
Set well inland on its island plot, the Mahoney house cold-shoulders the north with a near-blank shingled facade (preceding pages) but opens fully to the cedar grove and sea views on the south. Though only the garage/guesthouse is truly a separate element, the house presents itself (photo and drawing below) as a trio of discrete but interlocking volumes—parents’ year-round home, vacation quarters for grown children, and central tower with top-floor eyrie and first-floor tunnel. In the main wing, big square windows expand to a continuous glass wall shielded by massive, independently supported hurricane shutters (photos facing page) that, when open, line the deck with protected private niche. As befits an area renowned for its boatbuilders, the fir-lath shutters are braced by stainless-steel cable tightened with turnbuckles.
Not for Peter Forbes the Modernist cliché of the house as a machine for living, but the mythos that a dwelling should not only embody the quotidian rounds of its occupants but satisfy the atavistic impulse toward possession of one's own special corner of earth. So while his houses are highly individual—even eccentric—in their modes of responding to their owners' spoken desires and unspoken dreams and capitalizing on the particular qualities of the chosen site, they have in common an intimate, knowing relationship with the land as well as a simple, accessible geometry, often based on cubes and pyramids, that dignifies and orders the small ceremonies of daily life.

The setting of the Mahoney house, which is both the year-round residence of the couple and a vacation retreat for their grown children, derives particular resonance from the memories of the 

\textit{pater familias},

who as a small boy growing up in the nearby village played along the beach and among the cedars and tangle scrub of the low narrow island jutting between Buzzard's Bay and Mattapoisett Harbor. Here he absorbed the harsh beauty of the land and its unbroken prospect south across the bay to the barrier islands and open sea beyond. The successful attorney who much later acquired his childhood playground for a home site also recalled, though, the serpents in his paradise. The open vista to the sea, for example, is also an open passage through which every hurricane striking the New England coast since 1877 has swept to lash the island shore. In addition, the island is bridged on its inland edge, where it joins a saltwater marsh, by a causeway that in summer generates heavy traffic crossing between the town on the east and public beaches on the west. To these practical site constraints, Forbes added the proximity of the village's small 18th-century houses, separated from the eastern edge of the island only by a tidal stream.

In keeping with the dual program, the parents' year-round home and children's vacation quarters occupy discrete wings on either side of a central entrance tower—a donjon pierced by a triangle-arched passage that raises the mundane act of entry to a rite of penetration to a private domain of land and sea. The actual entries to the house, however, are unobtrusive side openings that detract from neither the ceremonial role of the passage nor the differing attitudes with which the wings confront the tower: the parallel main wing with the tentative nudge of a glass-walled vestibule; the spayed summer wing with an abrupt, random-angled collision.

The breach in the tower gains visual impact from the chaste closure of the long low-slung wings, which turn their unbroken faces to summer's traffic noise and winter's cold northern blasts off the wetlands. Inside, the main wing is fortified by a continuous storage wall lining the circulation path. To the houses across the stream on the east, the structure addresses a neat gabled elevation of like modest demeanor; to the broader New England context, the kinship of homely materials and spare, Puritan-plain masses—albeit unconventionally disposed. The watchword for the rigorously simple detailing, Forbes says, was "crisp." But the execution is never rudely curt and, indeed, absent cornerboards or other signals of shifts in vertical plane, the shingled cladding reads as a seamless silvery membrane drawn taut around the connecting volumes. Horizontal lines, however, are decisively scribed to underscore, as in an O'Keefe painting, the continuum of the house with its foreground cedar grove and beach, midground of bay and low-lying islands, and horizon of sea and sky.

On the south side of the house this outer vista merges with rooms strung along the 100-foot length of the main wing and continuously walled with triple-hung windows that, when raised, compose a loggia giving access from every room to the adjoining deck. Here 10-foot-square wooden shutters hung from steel bents march at 20-foot paces. Closed, the shutters form storm barriers across the vulnerable glass facade; open, they define outdoor rooms sheltered from the blazing summer sun and relentless shore breeze—sketching in miniature the embrace of the house around its private island realm. \textit{Margaret Gaskie}
A simple railroad plan centered on a "great room" (photos above and facing page) combining kitchen, dining, and living areas, strings study/office, guest room, and master bedroom at either end of a storage-lined north corridor. Atop the tower is a birds'nest retreat reached via winding stair from the entry of the summer wing, which houses in addition to bedrooms an outdoor sunning pergola and showers.
Complicated by the need for hurricane protection, the south foundation wall deploys both inner pilasters to support pipe columns and an outer set to support the metal bents, anchored to a grade beam at the other end, that carry the shutters. Flitch beams between the columns substitute for lateral bracing at the curtain wall, while cable-and-turnbuckle rigging acts as tension chords for the gable.
A comfortable house

Hansen House
Wilmette, Illinois
Hammond Beeby and Babka, Architects

If architecture’s current fascination with history too often has produced buildings that are shallow parodies of past styles, it has also led to a welcome re-appreciation of once-neglected modes and building types. Take the residential architecture of the early 20th-century American suburb: scorned by Modernists as hopelessly derivative if not downright vulgar, the suburban house is now emulated assiduously by architects like Robert A. M. Stern and scrutinized by historians like Alan Gowans, whose recently published book *The Comfortable House* celebrates the stylistic diversity and social implications of American suburban architecture from 1890 to 1930.

One of the communities that Gowans might well have visited during his research is the Chicago suburb of Wilmette, a compact residential enclave on Lake Michigan that was developed largely during the first 30 years of the 20th century. Though clothed in a panoply of classical-revival and picturesque modes, the houses that line Wilmette’s straight, tree-shaded avenues are essentially stylish variations on what Gowans calls the suburban foursquare—a two-and-one-half-story box that features a short flight of stairs leading to a full-width front veranda, a dormered hip roof occasionally crowned by a cupola or central chimney stack, and an interior floor plan characterized by four nearly equal-size rooms. In upper-middle-class Wilmette the basic foursquare was usually extended into an oblong whose overriding horizontality is quintessentially Midwestern and whose generous proportions seem to embody the American suburban dream.

Although the Wilmette house that Hammond Beeby and Babka recently designed for Eadie and Erik Hansen might at first glance appear to be simply a gracious exercise in stylistic neighborliness, there is a bit more at work here than just contextual sensitivity. True, the clients wanted a house that “looked like Wilmette,” according to HBB principal-in-charge Tannys Langdon, and the stucco-clad, hip-roofed result does exhibit some of the outward characteristics of its progenitors. But the Hansens, a couple with two young children, also requested what might be considered a suburban anomaly: an elegant small house which, as Eadie Hansen puts it, “we won’t have to sell when the children are grown.”

The basic premise of a small house would not seem unreasonable, given the Hansens’ modest two-bedroom, two-bath requirements and the physical limitations of their 50- by 175-foot lot. (While these dimensions are typical of lots in Wilmette, some local residents, perhaps hoping to retain a bit of open space in the densely settled neighborhood, felt that the narrow street frontage might preclude any building on the site.) The architects’ real challenge, however, was the need to manipulate the apparent size of the diminutive, 1,500-square-foot structure to harmonize visually with the scale of its bulkier neighbors. Toward that end, they wrapped a broad veranda around either side of the house, extending the 22-foot-wide building almost to the property’s borders. They also adhered rigorously to a well-ordered, Palladian symmetry and articulated each facade with a dignified, pedimented temple motif. Finally, by configuring the interior vertically, they raised the house to three full stories, or 28 feet from porch base to ridge line—a height roughly equal to that of adjoining dwellings.

At the same time they were creating an overall illusion of bigness, though, the architects had to work in the opposite direction in their detailing. Porch-rail spindles, for example, measure just 3/4-inch square, and custom-turned posts are so slender that near the end of construction the Hansens' carpenter hesitated to remove temporary supports, fearful that the posts would be unable to bear the roof’s weight. The attenuated delicacy of the exterior, moreover, continues inside, where unusually tall windows and the vertical plan seem more akin to an urban town house than to a sprawling suburban villa. The Hansens’ delight in these compact interiors underscores something that city dwellers have long known: that the enjoyment of domestic comfort owes as much to style as it does to square footage. Paul M. Schachter

Street and side views of the Hansen House (top and facing page) reveal a villa-like monumentality that relates to the ample scale of its neighbors. By contrast, the rear elevation (above), with its asymmetrical juxtaposition of porch and door openings, is meant to address a different context—the frequently haphazard rear alterations and additions on nearly all the adjoining properties.
Handcrafted wood details throughout the house, including a curved built-in bench in the box-fronted sun room (below) and the newel post and door surround atop the main interior stair (bottom), were constructed by Swedish-born carpenter Ivar Swenson. A central skylight set among chimney quadrants illuminates the Hansens’ third-floor master bedroom suite (facing page).
There is an unacknowledged, but undeniable stylistic affinity between the pre-16th-century pueblo dwellings built by the Amerinds in New Mexico and the rigorous architecture of such early 20th-century European Modernists as Josef Hoffmann, Adolf Loos, and Walter Gropius. Separated by time and culture but united by a strict adherence to pragmatic concerns, the Indians and the early Modernists created architecture that relied on flat roofs, reduced all geometry to undorned cubes and rectangles, and emphasized functional aspects of design over surface decoration. The hand-crafted, regional quality of adobe pueblos and the mass-produced aesthetic of the early Moderns came together during the 1910s and '20s around Los Angeles, where Richard Neutra, R. M. Schindler, and, most notably, Irving Gill produced hybrid, “proto-modern” houses that successfully bridged the gulf between the arcadian Southern California dream and an emerging machine-age internationalism.

The stucco-clad house in Malibu that 27-year-old architect Lorcan O’Herlihy recently designed for his parents, actor Dan O’Herlihy and his wife Elsie, continues this significant California tradition. Located on a canyon-side plateau high above Zuma Beach, the house is a cool exercise in restraint and a deliberate contrast to the dramatic landscape and cacophonous architecture of Malibu, the rich but unkempt stepchild of Los Angeles’s tidier western suburbs. The 3,200-square-foot structure reflects not only the architect’s stated predilection for the tenets of Modernism—O’Herlihy observes that while his classmates at California Polytechnic State University were drawing Postmodern ornament during the early ‘80s, he was still under the sway of Mies—but also his parents’ request for a well-ordered, light-filled house-on-the-hill to replace the cluttered beachfront cottage that they had previously occupied.

In order to take advantage of intimate canyon views and distant Pacific vistas from the nine-acre site, O’Herlihy organized the house along two axes that intersect in the structure’s entrance gallery. The principal, or canyon, axis begins at a low-walled parking area, extends along a 66-foot, vine-covered pergola, and passes through the house before terminating in a backyard swimming pool pressed against the canyon’s edge (overleaf). Along the way an irregularly shaped gravel courtyard—loosely enclosed by the house, a separate garage/guest room, and the sloping canyon—catches the afternoon sun. The secondary, or ocean, axis traverses the living room, drawing one irresistibly toward a 10-foot-square window that frames a perfect coastal landscape. The scale of this window is typical of the commodious, even oversized proportions throughout the house: 17-foot-high elevations are generous by any current standard; so are sturdy, 13-inch-deep walls, whose thickness was dictated by a climatic consideration (high wind conditions in the area required 12-inch-wide framing studs) and by the architect’s wish to “ornament” his chaste, white-painted facades with deep window and door reveals.

Inside, the O’Herlihys’ philosophy regarding rooms and their dimensions might be summed up as “few, but big.” Ceilings are all a lofty 13 feet high, and the 32-by-24-foot living/dining room seems downright baronial. Still, despite these ample dimensions, the interior comes across as comfortably, if not exactly cozily, domestic. A coating of plaster over conventional gypsum board softens sharp, rectilinear wall surfaces, and such time-honored details as beamed ceilings and Mexican glazed-tile floors, together with the O’Herlihys’ collection of rustic, mainly Spanish furniture, contribute unmistakable regional character. And while the architect prefers to dwell on the almost ascetic minimalism of the exterior, speaking warmly of progenitors like Le Corbusier, Kahn, and Barragan, there is nothing incongruous about the building’s Mies-meets-Mission mode. Responsive to local culture, climate, and topography, its studied simplicity is a welcome alternative to the mindless stylistiness that characterizes so much of Malibu’s recent residential architecture. P. M. S.
Shimmering California sunlight and striking Pacific Ocean views dictated the south-facing orientation of the O’Herlihy’s impressive living room (right and facing page). Although Lorcan O’Herlihy wished to celebrate a certain visual ambiguity between interior and exterior, he deliberately avoided placing terrace doors directly on axis with the entry, contending that that would have drawn people too quickly through the house and into the landscape. Instead, one first enjoys the view—and the living room—through an enormous 19-foot-square window before exiting via flanking french doors (bottom photo facing page). Thanks to Malibu’s relatively smog-free atmosphere, nocturnal star-gazing is definitely encouraged.

O’Herlihy House
Malibu, California

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Elise and Dan O’Herlihy

Architect:
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The Villa Transformer
On Friday afternoons, Sheila Fiekowsky and Warren Schwartz strap ten-month-old Julia Meryl into her car seat and head off in the family Honda for their place in the Berkshires. Judging by the cozy picture of domestic bliss that mom, dad, and the baby create, and by the modest builder's Colonial they leave behind in a Boston suburb, one might envision their weekend retreat to be some sleepy clapboard cottage with leaky pipes, gingham curtains, and a sagging front porch. Not so. As the briefest glimpse confirms, the house at the end of the two-hour drive from Newton to West Stockbridge is as alien to such preconceived notions of country life as any house could be (opposite). So alien, in fact, that some area residents think it looks like a UFO that has inexplicably, but permanently, touched down here in the land of Norman Rockwell. Others, naturally, see in its thorny crown of aluminum rain spouts an obvious, if quirky, homage to Lady Liberty. And then there are those who are convinced that the owners took the old saw about a man's home being his "castle" a little too literally.

To explain the mystery of the queer little house on the hill, we must backtrack three years to the owners' honeymoon in Italy. (Where else could they go? He is an architect with Schwartz/Silver; she, a violinist with the Boston Symphony.) After the requisite nights in Venice, the newlyweds took the well-worn road west to pay their respects, predictably enough, to the 16th-century architecture of Vicenza and environs. Though duly impressed with the genius of Andrea Palladio's Villa Rotonda, it was Vincenzo Scamozzi's Villa Pisani at Lonigo that captured the honeymooners' hearts. When Schwartz and Fiekowsky returned home, they carried with them a treasured souvenir: the powerful image of the Villa Pisani's great octagon rising above its massive square base on a grassy knoll. It was then that Fiekowsky decided she had had enough of hit-or-miss summer rentals during the Symphony's annual stint at Tanglewood; not surprisingly, when she suggested a new house to her new husband, the architect jumped at the design opportunity. The search for property that matched, more or less, the couple's memory of the Villa Pisani's site ended on a 16-acre hillside plot, six miles down the road from Tanglewood.

If Schwartz had slavishly copied Scamozzi—doing the best he could with the $190,000 budget—we would have simply averted our eyes from the surely kitsch result, and pitied the poor architect his delusions of grandeur. But Schwartz prefers to leave pastiche to others, and draw inspiration, not facades, from history. True, the Villa Schwartz/Fiekowsky owes much to the Villa Pisani, but the model has been so thoroughly reworked, so completely redrawn in Schwartz's own, idiosyncratic hand, that we regard the house as an original. Assisting, of course, are the sprightly details and peculiar appurtenances that the architect devised to make Scamozzi's house his and Fiekowsky's own: the massive, aluminum "eyebrows" around the windows and doors; the whimsical, perforated-metal pyramid that sits on the stair tower skylight like some kind of high-tech dunce cap (left); and, of course, the proud, jagged crown that ceremoniously solves that most basic of architectural problems—getting water off the roof. Schwartz's goal in these quirky accoutrements was to create a "timeless" building that would speak not only of the past but also of the future. For esthetic clues as to what the future looks like, he turned to those murderous-looking, Japanese toy soldiers-of-tomorrow ("transformers" to the cognoscenti), which arrive in 100 impossible die-cast pieces that only a child and Schwartz (whose collection recently topped the 400 mark) can figure out. One is relieved to note that, like the Scamozzi connection, the "Proton The War Lord" connection is more spiritual than literal.

Though Schwartz loads down his family getaway with a heavy referential package, the house shows no sign of strain. On the contrary, it exudes self-confidence. The key, of course, is control: knowing precisely—as Schwartz does—the point at which charming becomes cloying, serious becomes ponderous, clever becomes silly, proud becomes pompous, and playful becomes frivolous. Charles K. Gande
Although the elevations of the Villa Schwartz/Fiedowsky suggest that celluloid super-hero Mod Max had a hand in the design, the plans and sections prove that designer/co-owner Warren Schwartz abdicated his architectural charge to no one. For, despite the house’s insouciant flourishes, it is actually a model of taut, rigorous efficiency. If the Boston architect strayed into the outer aesthetic limits, he compensated for his foray by establishing a 20-foot dimension that he then used as a governing device to discipline the house. The second-floor conservatory, for example (actually living/dining/kitchen), is a 20-foot cube whose corners have been carved away to create the faceted octagon rising above the four-square base, which accommodates 18-foot-cube bedrooms in three quadrants, and the stair tower in the fourth.
Schwartz and Fieckowsky may enter their weekend retreat by the informal ground-floor door, which opens onto an axis bisecting the four-square plan (far left), but visitors are routed to a much grander, ceremonial entry up the great stair (on the cross-axis to the octagonal second-floor "conservatory" (left). The monumental stair is a residue of an early—mercifully abandoned—scheme for the house in which Schwartz used an elephant as his model: the stair was the "trunk." (Can you find the tail?) Once they have ascended, visitors are confronted with the altogether pleasant options of remaining outdoors, on one of the roof terraces enveloping the octagon, or proceeding indoors for one of Fieckowsky's impassioned Bach violin solos.
If the exterior bespeaks Warren Schwartz's childlike fascination with such sci-fi film classics as Forbidden Planet and Star Wars (facing page), the interior bespeaks his and co-owner Sheila Fiekowsky's predilection for plain, of-this-world domestic accommodations (right). To some, this will come as a relief; to others, a disappointment. Despite its modest size (1,200 square feet) and simple amenities, however, the austere interior addresses the owners' first priority. Schwartz and Fiekowsky were intent on creating proper acoustics for her at-home concerts, which the architect achieved by means of skim-coat plaster walls, maple floors, and an exposed spruce ceiling held aloft by umbrella-like, black-painted steel roof trusses. As a backdrop for the in-house performer, the architect erected a 10-foot-high partition that also shields the galley kitchen from view (below). To celebrate the completion of the house, Schwartz commissioned Harvard composer Robert Kyr to write a string trio based on the villa's structure. Fiekowsky and her two colleagues in the Copley String Trio will debut the piece this summer.

Schwartz/Fiekowsky House
West Stockbridge, Massachusetts

Owners:
Warren Schwartz, Sheila Fiekowsky

Architects:
Schwartz/Silver Architects
313 Congress Street
Boston, Mass. 02210

Warren Schwartz, partner-in-charge; Mark Mahoney, Dion McCarthy, Paul Durand, Joan Heilberg, staff; Matt Conley, Paul Rovinelli, presentation drawings; Brian Andrews, rendering; Robert Silver, Margaret Deutsch, Gina Daskalakis, Laura Briggs, contributors

Consultants:
Mark Thorne (mechanical/electrical); Robert Kyr (musical composition)

Engineer:
Souza, True & Partners (structural)—Terry Louderback, partner-in-charge

General contractor:
Quadragen—David Haust

Photographer:
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Collage with a view

This is the kind of house that seems possible only in Los Angeles. Floating above an enclave of modest bungalows, it looks hastily constructed, not quite permanently placed, like a great plywood ark unexpectedly washed up on the shore of Elysian Park. Its prosaic form appears to be predicated on the simple rule of building as much space as possible for the least amount of money, to provide the client with a do-it-yourself shell with some land left over for a garden and the dogs. Whether or not it pleases the neighbors, who are still wondering when that house on the hill will ever be finished, is obviously irrelevant. This part of L. A. is, after all, a no-man’s land sandwiched between Dodger Stadium and the Golden State Freeway, a frontier of sorts even for the locals.

But don’t let the rough exterior fool you—the Herman house is very much designed. If the cheap materials, ad-hoc composition, and unfussy detailing employed by its architect, Frederick Fisher, seem unorthodox to some eyes, others will instantly identify them as the current pariancé of Southern California architecture. The master of this idiom, of course, is Frank O. Gehry, with whom Fisher once apprenticed. Like his former employer, Fisher is fond of the wrenched and the raw, and aligns himself with artists—both as collaborators and clients—to achieve the unexpected (an approach that resulted, for example, in a joint project with artist Eric Orr to transform the upper floors of a former factory into an ethereal loft with waterfall for a painter and her husband; RECORD, February 1985, pages 134-141).

For his latest project, Fisher was fortunate enough to be commissioned by Roger Herman, an energetic, German-born painter whose expressionistic canvases often depict shadowy buildings. That architect and artist should combine their talents in the design of the house was immediately understood. Their collaboration began with organizing a layout of multifunctional rooms modeled on Herman’s former warehouse loft: a ground-floor painting studio; a second-story space comprising the kitchen, living, and dining “rooms”; and a pair of bedrooms that also serve as study/workrooms, linked by a series of decks. A third bedroom, originally developed as a freestanding box on the roof, was extended from the mass of the house to satisfy the artist’s preference for the image of a turreted castle. Pleased with the solution, Herman was inspired enough to paint a portrait of the house soon after the first model was completed (left).

Fisher, who humbly characterizes his role in the design of the house as “keeping the facades coherent and creating a way to naturally light the interiors,” likens the collaborative process to creating a collage. His method of assemblage is distinguished from that of his L. A. contemporaries by a preference for the graphic over the sculptural, a construction of overlapping planes rather than of disjointed volumes. The elevations of the Herman house, for example, incorporate steel-framed windows scavenged by the client from an industrial building demolished near his previous studio, as well as such custom components as the 10-foot-high front door, proportioned to accommodate large canvases. Punctuated by the roof deck that projects between the living area and bedroom “towers,” the rectilinear pattern of openings and plywood panels on the street facade (opposite) exudes a self-contained monumentality that belies the wedge shape of the house and the sequence of distinct rooms contained within. Fisher’s skill in composing mundane architectural elements into planar abstractions of tensioned geometries extends to the interiors, where natural illumination is manipulated through skylights and windows to bathe walls and ceilings with sheets of light. Though the architect claims that the rationale for the Herman house is based on economy—“a tight budget forces you to make decisions that don’t depend on the details”—its no-frills, no-gimmicks aesthetic has exerted a profound effect on Herman. The artist has not only begun to paint more images of simple, boxy architecture, but has designed a building: a plywood doghouse for his two Great Danes. D. K. D.
Following the Los Angeles tradition of rooting buildings in the great outdoors, Fisher has sited the Herman house with views to neighboring Elysian Park and Dodger Stadium from roof decks that surround its plywood-sheathed volumes. At the western end of the house, a sturdy, wooden staircase connects the decks leading from the bedrooms on the second and third floors to the garden below (opposite). Contoured to the wedge-shaped lot, its floor plans (below) are organized with internal circulation relegated to the orthogonal perimeter along the street. The deck between the plywood "towers" that contain the living area and the bedrooms serves as an outdoor dining room shaded by a canvas awning (right). Both outside and inside the house, traditional decoration is shunned in favor of utilitarian elaboration, including the strips of metal flashing that define the four-by-eight-foot plywood panels (opposite and right) and the exposed wood studs, beams, and columns that grace Herman’s first-floor studio (overleaf). Illuminated by stud-framed clerestories, it demonstrates the architect’s predilection for planar compositions patterned in light and, as indicated by the canvases propped up against the walls, the artist’s preoccupation with buildings in his paintings.
Recalling architectural elements as familiar and comfortable as one's favorite easy chair, this country house re-introduces a lot of innovations that beguiled our grandparents—and which were later rejected as irretrievably out-of-date by the next generations. Interestingly, in their reincarnation here, similar design elements have acquired a new, although evocative, freshness.

Obviously, enough time has now passed for more objectivity about late 19th-century, Revivalist styles; and many are finding affinities in motivations between that period and our own: nostalgia and romanticism can ease malaise brought by a big change—whether Machine Age or Computer Age. Architectural historians are currently reveling in new books documenting that Edwardian era—and especially in British houses of the epoch that combined a bit of farmhouse vernacular with a touch of the Italian.

As chance would have it, both architect Stanley Tigerman and the owner of this house, a novelist, became interested in some of those books—and especially in a slightly eccentric, 1897 house called The Barn, in Exmouth, England, by architect E. S. Prior. The house was based on a simple version of a then popular "butterfly plan," which was later elaborated by Prior and many others—including Edwin Lutyens in his well documented (but now demolished) 1903 Papillon Hall, in Leicestershire, England. In essence, the butterfly plan angled two or more wings from a central hub, and achieved design force from "a clash of gables." The general desired effect was to create a new house which "might be old."

Tigerman has created his butterfly plan by placing two wings, of about 24 by 32 feet each, at right angles, and abutting an eight-foot, octagonal knuckle containing the foyer, with the owner's study above. This disposition, adorned with such Edwardian delights as lots of gabled dormers, tall chimneys, bold gutters and downspouts (all tied visually together by a dark-painted, curving suggestion of a portico), gives an unexpected aura of compressed grandeur to a relatively small house. The two wings were planned so that one, containing general living facilities for the owner and a small daughter, could be closed off in winter, if desired, from the wing housing a two-story living room, porch, and guest room. The angles created by the wings were used to form a motor court in front, and a paved terrace behind to overlook allees cut through trees cascading down to a river.

Tigerman, in creating this evocative house, has possibly found a soulmate in E. S. Prior—who, it has been said, "never went with the crowd, indeed his instinct was to go the other way." Amidst Postmodernism, Tigerman seems to have found Premodern. Herbert L. Smith, Jr.
The house is only gradually revealed as one approaches down the entrance road (photo opposite). Because of its angled placement on a small, flattened area of the wooded hillside, views are usually foreshortened, emphasizing the verticality of the gables and bold downspouts. The dark, curved portico at the entrance (above) forms a horizontal, unifying element, and integrates various-sized doors and windows.
The full "clash of gables" effected by the butterfly plan is revealed on the terrace front of the house (below). Tigerman augments the clamor by adding two small, gabled porticos supported by Tuscan columns. One, over the kitchen door, houses only a bedroom closet (photos opposite above), while the other, over a door to the living room, is only suggested by a skeleton frame. These little variations, together with a difference in the window sizes, on the first floor of the kitchen and living room wings, are the only divergence from absolute symmetry in the stuccoed and slate-roofed facade. This balance is stressed by using a corbeled, dummy chimney (housing another bedroom closet) above the bank of screened-porch openings (opposite below).
The interiors also reflect a number of Edwardian planning and design favorites, such as the gallery serving as a little sitting space and hallway in the two-story living room (below left). The small foyer treats closets as paneled cupboards; the stairways are paneled with latticework, and one has a framed opening into the dining room (top photo below right), with its built-in china cabinets and buffet. All major rooms are entered at the corners, which Tigerman feels adds a desired sense of "incompleteness" by giving diagonal vistas towards the opposite corner. The kitchen (opposite) is treated as a sort of inglenook—if one can consider the range as a variant of a chimney breast. It is framed by short columns on capped pedestals, handled with the same gusto shown in the cornice moldings and baseboards.
Private Residence
Western Connecticut
Architects:
Tigerman, Fugman, McCurry
444 N. Wells Street,
Chicago, Illinois 60610
Stanley Tigerman, design;
Robert Fugman, partner-in-charge

Engineers:
Roy Bebee (structural);
Chicago Design Consultants
(mechanical/electrical)

General contractor:
Deacon Construction—
Jim Kilbourn, in charge

Photographer:
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Architects Henry Smith-Miller and Laurie Hawkinson call this frame house "Sticks," to distinguish it from two other residences, of different materials, that with it compose a trio dubbed "The Three Little Pigs." The storybook analogy is intentionally loose: the house named "Bricks" is actually concrete block, what ought to be "Straw" is "Stucco," and one suspects that the unidentified Big Bad Wolf is something fearsomely abstract. The chapters of Smith-Miller + Hawkinson's three-part tale are, as they recently explained them, "investigations of the idea of an architecture formulated by program rather than style. The single-family house is often seen as a paradigm for contemporary thought regarding design, and as such we present these three theoretical exercises, all commissioned by real clients and designed for real sites." Ronnie and Bruce Pardo, the clients for Sticks, had themselves grown impatient with style-obsessed New York architects by the time they approached Smith-Miller + Hawkinson. The Pardos were first attracted by a magazine article about an earlier project by the firm, "A House for Three Generations," because it reflected their own desire for a country home based on the structure of family life—a place to share with their respective parents and two children. This goal was hardly novel, though its very ordinairiness made it a fine subject for Smith-Miller + Hawkinson's research into the impact of real-life requirements on ideal prototypes.

The architects customarily express this interaction through analytic drawings which eliminate solid walls and play up deflection and overlay in order to stress a fluid, temporal response to diverse contingencies. Evidence of this design process persists in the final layout of each of the Three Pigs, where skewed axes and divergent or compressed volumes visibly articulate and serve a family's sometimes conflicting demands for individual privacy and community. Reconciliation of that dual imperative is especially obvious at Sticks, where the "extended" Pardo family must inhabit the compact 2,000-square-foot space allowed by a relatively modest budget. Within the self-imposed framework of narrow-span, two-by-four construction, chosen for economy's sake, Smith-Miller + Hawkinson set out to stretch a basic spec builder's kit of parts as far as it could go. The product of their ingenuity goes so far indeed that one might describe it as several houses joined in one. Conceptually, the parti evolved as the intersection of a centralized plan, supplying a common "public" focus, and a bilevel linear scheme, dividing private areas for different generations. Formally, the project took shape as an irregular cross between a Palladian four-square villa and an American shotgun house (or, as one guest described it, a train colliding with a station). From the classical side of this genealogy, Smith-Miller + Hawkinson took the idea of a pivotal rotunda, but pushed their cylindrical center hall off-center (and slightly outdoors) to acknowledge the oblique, variable orientation of their plan. On the other hand, down-home precedent inspired forthright treatment of the structure as a board-sided shed with standard contractor's windows—a low-key foil to all the geometric high jinks and a suitable image for the Pardos' rustic-suburban two-acre site.

On first approaching the house from the north, through the surrounding pine forest, visitors meet a plain if provocative welcome: a long entry facade comes to an abrupt halt at a tall, narrow gable end; tiny windows peer out with self-conscious reserve; barn-red siding shouts its presence amid the green of the pines and the ubiquitous gray-and-white of Hamptons architecture. Closer scrutiny reveals subtly rhythmic fenestration, an intriguing concave cut-out above the front door, and a curious jutting chimney bay that hint at complexity and contradiction lurking in the undecorated shed. Just around the corner, away from the driveway and the neighbors, the house literally expands and figuratively relaxes, thrusting decks and porches into a clearing to catch the sun. Though Sticks stands up solidly enough as a livable weekend home, the practiced eye can still appreciate where the huffs and puffs of theory have left their mark. D. B.
The skylit rotunda is at once a hinge and the center of gravity in a multidirectional plan (top left and opposite). This is also one of the few places inside the house where the interplay of centripetal and longitudinal plans is actually perceptible. A pivoting shoji screen at the base of the drum defines a foyer and breakfast room without interrupting the geometry of the cylindrical shaft. Adjacent to a ground-floor grandparents' suite, the breakfast room is a focal meeting place for all three generations. While not the sort of furniture in which to dandle a baby, Rietveld chairs and other modern classics comport with the geometric clarity of their surroundings. The living-room hearth (left center) likewise reflects Smith-Miller + Hawkinson's delight in basic solids and voids: "Everyman architecture," Smith-Miller calls it.

Pardo House
East Hampton, New York
Owners:
Ronnie and Bruce Pardo
Architects:
Smith-Miller + Hawkinson,
Architects
365 Canal Street
New York City 10013
Henry Smith-Miller, Laurie Hawkinson, Anna K. Thorsdottir,
Craig Konyk, design team
Engineers:
Severud-Szegedy (structural);
C. Marzot & Associates (hvac);
A. Szewczuk (plumbing); Edgar Cortes (electrical)
Landscape architect:
The Office of Pat Debells
Cabinetry:
Materials Design Workshop
General contractor:
George Kfoury, Artisan Associates
Photographer:
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I was thankful that I'd worn clean socks the morning I visited Teresa Bjornson's house in Venice, California, because the owner wouldn't let me in until I'd removed my shoes. She made the request in a pleasant but unapologetic tone, then pointed to a sign on the door bearing the signature, faux-naive style of its artist, David Hockney, and reading, sure enough, "No Shoes." After abandoning my alligator loafers, I was allowed to cross the threshold—only to be greeted by a half-filled, cast-iron bathtub on the left and a motorcycle with a train of neon exhaust on the right. In one of her characteristic flashes of insight, I realized that, Mercedes-Benz in the parking court notwithstanding, this was not going to be just another RECORD house call.

"She is a very special person," observes a smiling Arata Isozaki, who met Bjornson in 1981 while he was in Los Angeles to be interviewed for the city's new Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA). The Japanese architect is referring, of course, to his client's somewhat eccentric habits (such as sleeping on a table rather than in a bed, to name but one), but, more importantly, to her passion for art. A former Merce Cunningham dancer, the now 38-year-old entrepreneur is a seasoned exhibition organizer and an indefatigable collector (the bathtub is actually Robert Rauschenberg's "For Aqua," the motorcycle, Mario Merz's "Accelerazione Motocicletta"). The art maven found a kindred spirit in her architect, whose wife, Aiko Miyawaki, is a sculptor, and whose portfolio brims with poetic accommodations for paintings and sculpture. In addition to the now-completed MOCA, Isozaki has designed the Okanozono Graphic Art Museum and the Kitakyusyu City Museum of Art in Japan. Though Bjornson's project was less grand than these, Isozaki was intrigued with her two-part commission: she wanted a house for herself in Santa Monica and a studio/residence for "visiting artists" in neighboring Venice. Bjornson's priorities being what they were, it is not surprising that she put Isozaki's barrel-vaulted house design on hold until the Venice project could be realized.

Bjornson may be a tireless supporter of the arts, but a Medici (or a deMenil) she is not. Her $500,000 budget and 3,200-square-foot program suggested restraint, and Isozaki understood. He also understood that the artist end-users would prefer clean, open space, that wouldn't distract from the creative process, over an intrusive esthetic that might. Dubbing his solution a "simple, volumetric study," he, in effect, erected a loft which he then attached to a mini-house. The studio/loft is a luminous double cube—measuring 25 by 50 by 25 feet—whose corners have been sheared off and infilled with glass (opposite, and roofscape from the beach, below). White walls, wood floors, and as much natural light as Southern California has to offer are the great room's only ornament—save, of course, for the art. The minimal residential program was satisfied by another cube-and-a-half to the south (elevation page 142): the full cube houses the garage and a second-story bedroom, bath, and kitchen; the half, the ground-floor entry and lavatory and a second-floor dining room. But as yet, not a single artist has moved into the studio. After poring over Isozaki's plans for her Santa Monica house, Bjornson decided that her site "isn't good enough," and moved to Venice until she finds the perfect property. In the meantime, however, she has purchased 169 acres in the Mojave Desert, and invited, you guessed it, Isozaki to do the honors. C. K. G.
Despite its ramshackle appearance, Venice, California, is actually a showcase of avant-garde contemporary architecture. Frank Gehry, Hodgetts and Mangurian, Mayne and Rolandi, and Frederick Fisher have all built houses here, and now Arata Isozaki makes his debut in the funky, beach-side community. If there's a quasi-competitive spirit among the "local" talent, it did not infect the Japanese architect. The artist's studio and residence Isozaki designed for Teresa Bjornson is a model of unassuming modesty (right and below). Quite simply, the program called for as much space as the budget would buy, and Isozaki obliged by erecting an economical, wood-frame-and-stucco box that fills as much of the 39-by-123-foot site as the local building code allowed. Slicing off the box's corners not only satisfied the client's request for natural light, but also created— "accidentally," according to the architect—a traditional gable facade for the north elevation (opposite). Although Bjornson enjoys the anything-goes spirit of Venice, caution, she felt, was nonetheless advised: "There's always somebody around trying to tell you their life story." To ensure that they don't, Isozaki wrapped her site with a protective wall. Visitors are buzzed in through an electronic security door in the parking court wall on the south (plan page 115), and then snake along an unforgivingly narrow passageway to an almost-hidden entrance on the east. The only problem with the oblique entry sequence is that some people can't make it down the slender corridor. For Bjornson's full-figured guests, however, there is the north sculpture court entrance, where Klaus Rinck's stainless-steel water table and galvanized-steel four-legged table stand watch at the "back" door.
“I wanted one beautiful, spacious room with harmonious proportions and fantastic light,” recalls art lover Terese Bjornson, who got it (left and opposite). The 1,230-square-foot studio with a 25-foot-high ceiling that fulfills Isozaki’s client’s request is being used at present as a gallery for select pieces from Bjornson’s remarkable collection. As soon as she builds her also-Isozaki-designed houses in the Mojave Desert and in Santa Monica, the room with harmonious proportions and fantastic light will be emptied of paintings and sculptures and begin to serve its intended function as a working studio for visiting artists. At present, the great space is a living room (more or less). While its residential amenities are few, the owner does have a beautiful conference table from which to survey Sam Francis’s 1967 “Permanent Water” (the large canvas at left in photo opposite), Robert Therrien’s silver-plated “Untitled” (the three-tiered snowman in the middle of the room), Robert Rauschenberg’s “For Aqua” (the bathtub), Mario Merz’s “Accelerazione Motocicletta” (the motorcycle), Ed Ruscha’s “90° Devil 10% Angel” (the narrow red canvas in photo opposite) and “SEX” (the blue canvas at left in photo left), and, not incidentally, David Hockney’s “No Shoes” sign on the door.
If minimal, the residential portion of Teresa Bjornson's studio/residence in Venice is nonetheless adequate. Like the adjacent studio (plans and photos previous page), the living zone relies on the owner's art for ornament (opposite), and on architect Isozaki's sculptural way with volumes for character. At present, Bjornson sleeps on a high table under Andy Warhol's acrylic-on-canvas-with-silkscreen "Female Torso Triptych" (at right in photo opposite). Not just any table, Bjornson's bed, however. Like the dining and conference tables, it was designed by sculptor Klaus Rinka and crafted by Getty Museum artisan Ronald Bennett.

Bjornson House/Studio
Venice, California
Owner:
Teresa Bjornson
Architect:
Arata Isozaki & Associates
6-17, Akasaka 9-Chome
Minato-ku, Tokyo
Japan
Arata Isozaki, architect-in-charge
Engineer:
Dimitri Vergun (structural)
General contractor:
Ramfer, Inc.—Kemal Ramezani
Photographer:
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New products: Kitchens

1. Kitchen tree
For architects facing the problem of how to design the tiny apartment kitchen, Global Furniture may offer the solution. The demountable Kitchen Tree, manufactured in West Germany by Tecta, incorporates a granite cooktop, sink, wood chopping board, shelving, utensil holders, and a dishcloth rack that are attached to a 76-in.-high stainless-steel utilities column. All the accessories can be customized in a variety of finishes, and adjusted in height and direction to suit the user’s needs. Global Furniture, New York City.
Write 300 on reader service card

2. Cooker
The legendary British Aga cooker—a favorite of professional cooks and such luminaries as Paul McCartney, John Updike, and Princess Diana—is now available in the U.S. Designed in the early 1920s by a Swedish Nobel Prize winner, Dr. Gustaf Dalen, it works on the principle of stored heat. Constant heat levels at different temperatures are simultaneously maintained in its roasting, baking, simmering, and warming ovens, which are vented to an outside flue. The custom-assembled cooker is fueled by gas or coal, and is offered in seven baked-enamel colors. Aga, Stowe, Vt.
Write 301 on reader service card

3. Italian kitchen
The Gres kitchen is designed by the Venetian architect, Roberto Pamio, and manufactured in Italy by Aredila. The sleek components include rounded safety edges on all the cabinet doors, the drawers, and the white ceramic tiles that cover the countertops and shelves. A lighting fixture runs the length of the hanging cabinets to provide direct illumination over the work surfaces. Accessories such as a retracting iron, sliding knife holder, paper towel holder, and spice drawer can be installed on a track system underneath the cabinets.
IPI, Long Island City, N. Y.
Write 302 on reader service card

4. Mixer
The KV 1 single-control kitchen/bar mixer (shown with sink Model 124) is part of the manufacturer’s brass Sanitary Fittings series. Designed by the Danish architect, Arne Jacobsen, and selected by the Museum of Modern Art for its design collection, the mixer features a double swivel spout that allows the direction of the water flow to be easily adjusted. It is compatible with American plumbing standards and is available in 10 epoxy finishes, polished brass, and chrome. Kroin, Inc., Cambridge, Mass.
Write 303 on reader service card

5. Tile
Dish Is It specializes in hand-painted, customized ceramic tiles such as Sahara, the speckled pattern installed in last year’s San Francisco Decorator’s Showcase kitchen designed by Dan Phipps (shown). Tile patterns can be specified in any combination of 70 standard colors, and in matte and gloss finishes. Matte floor tiles are also available, and the firm provides consultation for custom designs. Dish Is It, San Francisco.
Write 304 on reader service card

6. Italian tiles
This selection of 18 patterns from 9 manufacturers illustrates the diversity of Italian-made ceramic tiles now offered in the U.S. Included are geometric-patterned, mottled, terrazzo-like, and textured tiles from Campiglione, L’Astoria, Gubbio, Artcolor, Gabbianelli, Toscana, Metrotreda, La Faenza, and Sant’Agostino. Italian Tile Center, New York City.
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7. Laminates
The manufacturer has introduced six new patterned and woodgrained, high-pressure laminates that are designed to coordinate with the manufacturer’s Color Grid and Color Trends collection of solid colors. Included in this new line are American Granite, intended to simulate real stone, and Papercraft, meant to resemble fine, handmade paper with visible fibers. Dust (shown) features a grained, sandlike surface in both matte and polished finishes. Formica Corp., Wayne, N. J.
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New products: Bathrooms

1. Sink
Furniture designer David Zeiman intended this bathroom sink to look like a metal sculpture, since it is located on the wall of a New York City apartment that is visible from the living room. The custom-built stainless-steel basin, brass fittings, and copper piping supported by steel brackets evoke a raw, industrial appearance that reflects the designer's approach to furniture and household objects. David Zeiman Designs, New York City. Write 307 on reader service card.

2. Pedestal sink
This 36-in.-wide, 24-in.-deep, wall-mounted marble counter with sink stands 30 inches off the floor. The pedestal lavatory is part of Kohler's new traditional line called Console Tables. A variety of leg styles, fittings, faucets, colors, and finishes are available; marble, vitreous china, or granite-like synthetic tops can be specified. Over 50,000 design combinations are possible, according to the manufacturer. Kohler Co., Kohler, Wis. Write 308 on reader service card.

3. Faucet
The Luxembourg Collection has been introduced as part of the manufacturer's seven new lines of European-styled faucets. The single-handle, washerless faucet is constructed of brass, and is available in chrome, white, and red finishes. It features a replaceable cartridge system for low maintenance and easy repair. Moen, Elyria, Ohio. Write 309 on reader service card.

4. Mirror
Designed by Rodney Kinsman for Bieffeplast, Specchio Due is now distributed in the U.S. by Gullans International. The unit's small, 25-in.-dia component features a magnifying glass on one side that rotates 90° on itself and swivels to either side of the larger, 55-in.-diameter wall mirror. The frame is available in chrome, black or white. Gullans International, Long Island City, N.Y. Write 310 on reader service card.

5. Faucet
The Corianodol series of faucets and fittings from Watercolors is now available in black, beige, blue, and polished gold finishes, in addition to white, red, yellow, and polished chrome. The line includes a single-hole basin mixer with swivel spout and pop-up waste (shown). In addition to this Italian-designed series, the company now offers a reproduction line of solid brass antique fittings and faucets imported from England. Watercolors, Garrison, N.Y. Write 311 on reader service card.

6. Bathroom
The manufacturer offers a complete range of ceramic fixtures, tiles, and accessories in coordinated colors and designs for the bathroom. The Tobago group (shown) comprises glazed, nonvitreous tiles, a one-piece toilet and a bidet in 12 matte and glossy colors, and accessories, including a toilet paper/brush holder, towel bar, mirror, and shelf. Villeroy & Boch, Pine Brook, N.J. Write 312 on reader service card.

7. Accessories
The Celada series features pegs for clothes and towels in hand-beveled crystal glass and chrome-plated brass that measure 4 3/4 in. diameter, 4 in. high, and 3 1/4 in. deep. Included in the series are a smaller peg, wall sconce, towel bar, toilet paper holder, and toilet brush holder. Interna Designs, Chicago, Ill. Write 313 on reader service card.

8. Bathtub
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9. Fittings
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Residential roofing
All of this manufacturer’s residential roofing products are presented in a 16-page color catalog. The extra dimensioning added to the Timberline shingle is illustrated; roofs intended for the particular climate requirements of different regions are explained. GAF Building Materials Corp., Wayne, N. J.
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Roof windows and skylights
Residential applications of operating roof windows and fixed skylights are pictured in a color, 28-page catalog. Product-selection factors, installation details, glazing options, and light and ventilation characteristics are given for all Velux windows. Velux-America Inc., Greenwood, S. C.
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Pendant lighting
Eleven cord and chain-hung pendant lighting fixtures for the home are introduced in a 16-page color brochure. Styles range from the gas-lamp look of the Victoria Station fixture to a high-tech Pulldown Phantasty, complete with wire cage. Progress Lighting, Philadelphia.
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Locks
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Ceramic tile
This manufacturer's most recent catalog contains 32 pages of photographs showing on-site tile applications, and color charts of each product line. Florida Tile Div., Sikes Corp., Lakeland, Fla. Write 407 on reader service card

Kitchen and bath cabinets
Cabinets, accessories, shelving, and storage components for kitchen, bath, and other areas of the house are shown in a 16-page color catalog. Cabinets in several woods and melamine laminate range in style from concealed-hinge European to Country. Merillat Industries, Adrian, Mich. Write 408 on reader service card

Interior paints
Sample card holds color chips of all basic shades of Regal AqualPearl interior paint, higher in luster than eggshell finish, but softer than semigloss paint. Said to have a pearl-like sheen, the latex paint is particularly suited for kitchen and bath walls over any interior substrate. Benjamin Moore & Co., Montvale, N.J. Write 409 on reader service card

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Color folder highlights an in-stock and custom-design collection of ceramic and terra cotta tiles and accessories, both imported and domestic. Included are hand-decorated tile products for use on floors, walls, and counter surfaces in many residential and contract applications. Country Floors, Inc., New York City. Write 410 on reader service card

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Residential paints
Two color cards introduce Heritage Colors Collection II, said to contain surface and accent colors for the entire spectrum of Americana in architecture and design. These traditional colors are available in many of this manufacturer's interior and exterior paint products. Sherwin-Williams, Cleveland.
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Lavatory basin
A product data sheet on the Designer Line shows round and oval Eurostyle" porcelain-enamel-over-steel basins in place with Arca single-shank faucets. Custom shapes and colors are also available, with either brass or chrome fittings. Luwa Corp., Charlotte, N.C.
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Residential casework
A fold-out poster highlights the range of design and convenience features offered by Crystal cabinets. Both traditional and modern styles are included, in five price ranges. Drawings give dimensional data on all base and wall cabinets, furniture, and accessories. Crystal Cabinet Works, Inc., Princeton, Minn.
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Wood projects
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Decorative hardware
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Mirrors
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**Steel Tables**

These small-scale (30-in.-high) occasional tables, fabricated by designer Will Stone of burnished steel, have wavy legs fastened to circular tops by brass acorn-headed bolts. The tables and candlestick shown here are part of a collection of the designer's architectural ironwork that includes gates, grilles, railings, and fireplace screens in steel, iron, and brass. Giles & Lewis, New York City.

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**Streamline Revival**

The original styles of Jazz Collection furniture are based on the elements of the American Art Deco/Streamline Moderne period of the '20s and '30s, according to designers David Lee Memo and Marina McDonald. This Zephyr Club Chair includes several elements integral to the line: tubular chromed-steel trim; hardwood frames; and upholstery in leather, stock fabrics, or COM. The Jazz line also includes tables, ottomans, daybeds, sofas, and accent pieces such as torchères, magazine racks, and fireplace/radiator screens, all available in custom sizes, colors, and finishes. Jazz, West Hollywood, Calif.

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**Architectural Fabric**

Fabrics designed by Charles Rennie Mackintosh are now available to the contract specifier. Pictured is "Tulips & Checks," a reproduction of an original textile in the collection of the Hunterian Art Gallery, University of Glasgow. Printed using as many as 20 separate screens by Edward Turnbull and Co., these and other Mackintosh patterns are offered in both original and revised colorways. Ian Wall Ltd., New York City.

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Tub fittings
The Beau Monde deck-mount Roman tub set has fingergrip knobs. Shown in chrome/brass, other finishes include polished and brushed brass and chrome. The Broadway Collection, Olathe, Kan. Write 325 on reader service card

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The Playbox—shown here open and shut—consists of two cabinets the same height but different widths. The larger unit has a full-size door that slides on runners and then folds on hinges partly alongside the unit; the narrower cabinet has an illuminated circular window. Shelves are pull-out, and there is a turntable shelf for a television. The back partition is ventilated; outlets are furnished for power. Casework is scratchproof Cozozol; doors are lacquered in white, black, or Kyoto red. Design by Lodovico Acerbis and Giotto Stoppino. Atelier International, New York City. Write 323 on reader service card

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Marble fixtures
Lavatory with a carved apron and scalloped bowl stands 33 in. high on a paneled pedestal. Basin and faucets are from a line of bath fittings in marble, gold, and other luxury materials. Sherle Wagner Accessories, Inc., New York City. Write 344 on reader service card

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Incredible Eurospa shower heads come in 11 bright glaze colors, including sky blue, cherry red, and canary yellow. The shower heads flow at a water-saving 2 gpm, while actually increasing the force of the spray. Resources Conservation, Inc., Greenwich, Conn.

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**Leather-texture laminate**
An extension of this manufacturer's decorative laminate line, the Allegro finish is said to replicate the look of hand-crafted leather. It is available in 24 standard designs and colors. WilsonArt, Temple, Tex.

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**Club chair**
The Chambers Chair was designed by John Hutton for comfortable reading in a home library, or feet-up viewing of television or home video in a media room. The chair measures 35-in-wide by almost 40-in-deep; the ottoman provides another 26-in. to stretch out in. Donghia Furniture & Textiles, New York City.

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An addition to this maker's American Classic line of aluminum siding products, HarborTown features a ship lap profile with a beveled shadow line. Siding comes in smooth or roughwood finishes, in 10 subdued colors. Reynolds Metals Co., Ashville, Ohio. Write 359 on reader service card.

Teak/stainless-steel sink
A new bar sink from Eljer, the Bounty has a hand-made rim and fitting shelf of teak. The stainless-steel welded sink fits into the stretched-octagon shape; a coordinating serving tray with a teak cutting board covers a steel draining rack. Eljer, Pittsburgh. Write 358 on reader service card.

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Wall sconce
An addition to this maker’s residential lighting series, this wall bracket has an etched glass shade usable as either an up- or down-light. Fixture finish is polished brass. Thomas Industries Inc., Louisville, Ky. Write 370 on reader service card.

Lever-handle faucet
From the recently introduced Cambridge decorative faucet line, this centerset model is made of solid brass, in a bright finish. There are 12 different finish options, all backed by a three-year warranty. Sepco Industries, Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y. Write 369 on reader service card.

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This self-rimming kitchen sink features an extra-large utility compartment set next to a smaller, food disposal basin. Exterior dimensions are 22-in.-wide by 22-in.-front-to-back; sink is available in a selection of porcelain enamel-on-steel colors. Norris Plumbing Fixtures, Walnut, Calif. Write 371 on reader service card.
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Unglazed tile technology breakthrough: Specifiers find Quantum II Stain Shield has no “equal”

“The unglazed tile specified for the Holmes Oldsmobile/Honda showroom floor had to be extremely durable to accept the weight of automobiles,” stated Bryan Shiffler, of Shiffler Frey Baldwin Clause Architects PC. “The owner was adamant about low maintenance, stain resistance and long life. It had to be impervious to showroom stains such as motor oil and gasoline and it had to be slip-resistant because of customers tracking in snow and ice. It also had to give the showroom the sophisticated look the owner wanted.”

“We tested literally dozens of unglazed tiles for stain resistance, at one point even using battery acid, which we baked on. We managed to damage virtually every tile except Quantum II Stain Shield. We couldn’t believe that we simply could not stain it. With anything. In fact, Quantum II Stain Shield certainly has lived up to our client’s expectations since it was installed.”

Total particle fusion makes Quantum II Stain Shield virtually impenetrable.

Depending on your viewpoint, the arguments for and against using unglazed tile have been universal. For the specifier... the wearability, through-body color and slip resistance have made unglazed tile an excellent choice for the high traffic areas such as airports or shopping malls. However, unlike glazed tile, virtually all un glazed tile manufactured today proved susceptible to staining, particularly the popular lighter colors. This is because virtually all un glazed ceramic tile manufactured today has small "pores" throughout the tile body which allow stains to penetrate. Even the best un glazed tiles, with as low as a wet absorption as 2% can be permanently stained with the tough stains such as motor oil, red wine, grease, shoe polish or felt marker. Owners who like the superior wearability of un glazed tile had to accept the prospect of expensive maintenance. Generally, sealing the tile was the only alternative to the staining problem, and even then, after significant investment in labor and maintenance, the toughest stains could not be eradicated.

Buchtal recognized the advantages as well as the drawbacks of un glazed ceramic tile and launched project Quantum II Stain Shield, a product research and development project with the objective to produce the first un glazed ceramic tile that could not be penetrated by stains. In order to understand the staining problem, one has to look into the microscopic structure of the tile body. The tile body is made up of numerous minute particles of clay and other materials. Microscopically, these particles form layers similar to layers of tiny balls. During firing, the heat of the kiln starts a process similar to that of spot welding. The particles are partially fused together at points throughout the tile body to form a strong matrix which becomes the durable un glazed tile. These points of fusion or "spot welds" provide great structural strength and rigidity, but as in a spot-welded container, they cannot prevent liquids from penetrating. Similarly, even the densest un glazed tiles can also be penetrated. Buchtal sought the answer to obtaining "total particle fusion" in all areas of the tile which needed to be impervious to stains. The result was Quantum II Stain Shield. The Buchtal process of "total particle fusion" resulted in an un glazed tile surface with 0.0% water absorption which rendered the tile virtually impervious to even the toughest stains. Since the first production run was tested, Quantum II Stain Shield has met or exceeded the demanding criteria that were established at the onset of the project. Quantum II Stain Shield was challenged with the toughest of stains - dirty motor oil, acid, red wine, lipstick, felt markers, mustard, shoe polish...they were all easily removed. Its cleanliness surpassed all expectations. In the majority of cases, cleaning with a mild detergent was all that was necessary to eradicate the stain. Non-watersoluble stains were easily removed with an organic solvent such as acetone.

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