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Want to know how to deal with asbestos?

In line with its recent tougher guidelines on asbestos, the EPA has inaugurated its first training center for architects and other building professionals at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. The center is dedicated to providing first-hand knowledge of how to deal with this carcinogenic material.

The EPA says it expects to open additional centers in early summer in Boston, to be run by Tufts University, and in Kansas City, to be operated by the University of Kansas. The EPA provided $125,000 to Georgia Tech to run its center.

On opening day, the Asbestos Information Center presented an awareness seminar aimed at general audiences, focusing on how to identify asbestos materials, how they affect human health, and available alternatives. Normally, the center offers three-day conferences for professionals having to decide how to reduce the effects of asbestos, and five-day courses for operators who do the actual work, including hands-on experience in a mock-up environment that emphasizes proper control techniques. Careless asbestos abatement can be more dangerous to health than leaving the material in place, EPA says.

More generalized courses will be offered to parents, school officials, teachers, building owners, etc.

EPA's assistant administrator for pesticides and toxic substances, John A. Moore, called the center "an expansion of our national asbestos technical assistance program." Each of EPA's ten regional centers has had an asbestos coordinator since 1973. The new center "will bring an added dimension of formal training to the program," Moore added.

Smoke movement prediction made easy

Scientists at the Center for Fire Research at the National Bureau of Standards have completed a "draft" version of a new practical computer model that will predict the spread of fire, smoke, and toxic gases, and that promises to be faster than previous programs.

To point out the importance of this development, NBS reports that 80 to 90 per cent of fire deaths are due to smoke and gas rather than flames or heat. Until now, computer models of fire phenomena have been used almost exclusively in research. But the new program called FAST, a somewhat strained acronym derived from the title, "A Model for the Transport of Fire, Smoke and Toxics," is intended for specific applications by building and product designers, fire safety experts, and state and local regulatory officials.

"The model incorporates the same chemistry and physics as other models do, but it is considerably faster and more "robust,"" according to Walter Jones, a scientist at the center. "It can complete calculations for which some previous programs would run and run and not come up with an answer."

FAST is written in ANS Fortran, and so far it runs on mainframe and minicomputers. But researchers are trying to modify it for microcomputers. Claims Jones: "Anyone who is moderately knowledgeable about computer modeling can use FAST." Jones says initially it will probably be used by those larger fire-protection, engineering, and architectural firms that now use modeling to solve potential fire spread problems. But he expects its use to be picked up by other types of professionals as well.

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• How long it will take, as well as what concentration levels it will produce.

Future versions are expected to predict fire and smoke movement in high-rise buildings, and they will also take into account the effects of forced ventilation.

Computer testing is fairly cheap, often costing less than $100. A full-scale burn under lab conditions can cost $20,000, takes a lot of time, and tests only one specific situation. A computer model, says NBS, can simulate the effects of different room sizes and shapes and of other variables.

Zoning measures in three California towns are designed to keep convenience stores from being pushed out in favor of tourist-oriented businesses such as "boutiques and T-shirt shops." As analyzed by the American Planning Association, the ordinances work something like this: Berkeley has established a quota system for any one type of business such as restaurants, fast-food outlets and "gift/jewelry/craft shops." Sausalito is empowered to review each new store to assure some degree of community responsiveness. And Carmel-by-the-Sea separates village shopping and tourist-related shopping into two distinct areas. The three towns have come to grips with a growing problem for resort towns across the nation. For more information, contact the APA at 1313 East 60th Street, Chicago, Ill. 60637.

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Summary of Building Construction Costs

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| Western U.S. | | | |
| Mississippi River and West Central States | 122 | 0.20 | 2.22 | 1631.92 |
| Pacific Coast and Rocky Mountain States | 106 | 0.01 | 1.62 | 1718.02 |
| Average Western U.S. | 228 | 0.11 | 1.94 | 1716.95 |

| United States Average | 505/ 0.28 | 2.65 | 1657.15 |

* Using only cities with base year of 1977

Costs:
Yes, stability continues to be stable, but watch out for labor fluctuations. If no news is good news, then little report on construction price fluctuations certainly cannot be bad. This fourth quarter 1984 report completes a full year of fairly stable costs. While, overall, costs in the fourth quarter rose by a modest amount, six cities—Atlanta, Birmingham, Dallas, Miami, San Francisco, and Seattle—showed a decline, the first three cities reporting a similar performance between the first and second quarters.

On a regional basis, only the Eastern U.S. showed increases above one per cent. New York showed the biggest, followed by Boston, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. Over-all, labor and material costs for the construction industry rose an average of only 2.65 per cent during the entire year.

Material costs in the fourth quarter of the year moved very little, with plywood recording the largest increase in the period—23.5 per cent. It was followed by concrete block, up 18.1 per cent, and concrete, up 1.6 per cent. The slight lowering of mortgage and interest rates provided a small growth in housing starts that was enough to increase demand and cause the minor increases of price in these basic building materials.

Labor rates continued to feel the pressure of a mixed construction economy—the growth of non-union activity assisting in keeping, at least for the present, labor rate increases minimal. With most contracts up for renewal in the spring and early summer of 1985, however, it can be anticipated that construction labor rates will increase slightly more than in 1984—especially if the industry continues to expect a growing construction economy.

McGraw-Hill Information Systems Company studies are conducted quarterly by direct contact with union and non-union sources, direct material suppliers, construction labor consultants, and both general and specialty contractors in each city.

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If our cover makes you itch for the white paste and blunt-edged scissors you haven’t used since Dick and Jane were required reading, don’t be dismayed. Grab your crayons or paper dolls and join in. The kit of parts designed by architects Smith & Others is a creative plaything for adults of all ages, though it is not (as the article and photographs on pages 104-109 confirm) just make-believe or nostalgic whimsy. Smith & Others’ adaptable loft house is only one of the more engaging examples of familiar elements skillfully—and provocatively—reconsidered that we illustrate in these pages. Yet even without the prevailing interest in history and iconography, a retrospective mood would inevitably color this issue, since this is our 30th yearly collection of Record Houses.

The first Record Houses, published in 1956, divided that year’s award-winners into two categories, “Houses for Family Living” and “Adventuresome Houses with New Ideas,” a distinction that now seems rather quaint. It isn’t that we in 1985 have forsaken the homely virtues for stylistic or technical high jinks, or abandoned originality under a cloud of post-Modern malaise. On the contrary, our current sample of residential design reaffirms the perennial iconic allure of the freestanding, single-family house—and offers a few ingenious strategies for holding down the cost of what has become, for many, one of America’s less affordable dreams. The value of innovation per se is necessarily debatable. A good number of the planning schemes, structural techniques, and esthetic devices that have emerged as “new ideas” during the past 30 years can still be practical and look “modern” (see, for example, the Hoekstra house, pages 78-81); other former novelties are merely dated.

Socially, of course, these three decades have been times of enormous change, and perhaps the most adventurous domestic architects are those who have questioned our basic assumptions about “family living” without losing sight of “home.” In its 30th installment, as in its first, Record Houses is not meant as a primer or a copybook for what is, after all, a complex, very grown-up design problem. At the same time, though, we hope Record Houses 1985 is a lively lesson in imagination, fantasy, and some of the other not-so-childish things we should never put away.

Douglas Brenner
House in Westchester County
New York
By R. M. Kliment &
Frances Halsband Architects
There is a tinge of insecurity lacing the pride in Robert Kliment's voice when he labels the house he and partner Frances Halsband designed for the shore of a tiny, exurban lake "easy to like." Which is curious only if you forget that not so long ago Kliment and Halsband would have been banished from the inner circle of "serious" architects for committing such a crowd-pleasing crime. But Kliment should relax: we've come a long way since the days when houses were considered to have merit only if they were constructed of some hopelessly complex, preferably abstract, theory — and looked it. Although the notion, oddly enough, has taken some getting used to, it's now perfectly respectable for an architect to design a house that looks like a house. Just as this one—with its shingles and gables, its bay window and front porch ... its instant accessibility—most certainly does. But lest cynics conclude that the gates to contemporary architectural eminence swing open to anyone with an Olde New England-style shopping list of domestic accouterments, a close look at (and behind) this Home Sweet Home facade reveals that you can still separate the men from the boys, the women from the girls, by scrutinizing the plan, the manipulation of materials, the overriding sense of order and rightness that has always distinguished the meritorious from the meretricious—regardless of what it looks or does not look like.

The house that this house looks like was determined—as such things always should be—by the predilections of the people who occupy it, and by the preconditions of the place it occupies. Here in Westchester County, for example, where New York's landed gentry retreat from Gotham's grime, there is a marked preference for "traditional" domestic accommodation. And though the area's luxe housing stock is not as genuinely venerable as residents might like to think (having more than its share of ersatz Tudor and Colonial), the appearance of venerability is nonetheless maintained. Which suits the clients, a couple in the early autumn of their life (as that unfortunate seasonal metaphor would have them), like a Mercedes station wagon. And while no specific "style" was mandated, Halsband and Kliment were informed that the house should have a sense of permanence and longevity, of stability and order: "They definitely didn't want strip Modern."

If at first glance you might suspect that you've seen the 12-gable Halsband-and-Kliment assemblage before, both architects and owners would regard it as a compliment. The oh-so-familiar impression doesn't last, however, as the near-generic house model has been tampered with—made specific. There are asymmetries in the fenestration, peculiarities in the detailing, and an uncharacteristic plan that reflects the sort of program a Kennedy or Buckley might supply. The stiff, somewhat formal public facade is an essay in neat, planar composition (facing page), whereas the loose, decidedly informal private facade is an essay in not-so-neat decomposition (previous spread). The architects bowed to "life style," and turned their backs on Colonial tradition, by inserting open-air roof decks between the gables of the tripartite central core and the adjacent saltbox wings; Kliment and Halsband played strictly by the rules, however, when it came to the issue of craftsmanship—just as they always do.

"If we'd been working 30 or 40 years ago, we'd have been Miesians," concludes Frances Halsband, referring not to any stylistic sympathy with the pristine iciness of the modern master's brilliant residential oeuvre, but rather to an affinity for the exactitude that always guided Mies's hand. And though Halsband and Kliment prefer to mine the riches of the classical, the vernacular, and the modern, rather than myopically aim their professional pick at a single vein, their eclectic compositions nevertheless appear as taut and rigorous as the designs of any International Style purist; "as inevitable ... as if it couldn't have been any other way." Perhaps this last aspiration falls into the category of conceit: this house could have, in fact, been any number of other perfectly respectable ways. Kliment and Halsband's way, however, happens to be one of the better ones. C. K. G.
It's the kind of house your grandmother might have—if your grandmother were Rose Kennedy: a slightly strict, but welcoming place rising proudly from a clearing in the woods. The imagery is not inappropriate considering the sylvan, seven-acre site, and the owners' frequent visits from their three children and two grandchildren. But since too much of a good thing is not, Halsband and Kilment were asked to insure intra-family privacy. The latter is reflected in the separate master suite wing (plan, facing page), in the upstairs bedrooms with their own playrooms and sitting rooms, and in the guest house that greets visitors midway along the winding drive (site plan, facing page). The stone wall supporting the lakeside terrace is a remnant from the house razed to make way for this one (bottom).
"There's detail, but it's not baroque," assays architect Robert Kliment, who feels that the "plain" is no less important than the "fancy" in matters of design. Translated into building materials, the architect's attitude results in spaces and rooms that, while reserved—perhaps even spare—are not without visual and tactile interest. The living room, for example, is outfitted with hints of richness such as extra-wide plank oak floors, slender picture rails, and light sconces, but the room depends equally (at least) on its spatial generosity for character and grandness: extra ceiling height and clerestory windows, courtesy of the 18-foot cubic dimension, work in concert with the neighboring inglenook-style library that extends the room's north face (facing page), the generously dimensioned music room that extends its west face (not shown), and the expansive views out across the lake that do the work on the south and east. The material palette changes, appropriately, for the adjacent dining porch (photo left)—a sky-blue slatted ceiling and stone floor register the relative informality of the indoor/outdoor room. In section (below) the house's dense center—weighted downstairs by the study and kitchen (below), and upstairs by two bathrooms—is revealed as the pivot upon which the luminous perimeter rooms revolve.
Contrary to the convention that mandates stairs in the foyer, architects Frances Halband and Robert Kliment preferred to let practicality be their planning guide. In deference to the relegation of the upstairs to the family’s second- and third-generation users, the architects slid the stairs down the front hall, directly on axis with the dining room (below), and handy to the mud room, laundry room, kitchen, and garage. Though the staircase is out of the formal way, the architects did not skimp on detailing, which is characteristically idiosyncratic: “We don’t do copybook details,” quips partner Halband. Clearly not. The combination screen/balustrade is a carefully worked out composition of horizontals and verticals with “just the right amount of perforation,” hopes Kliment (photo right). At the top of the stairs (photo facing page), a window seat alcove provides a cozy corner for weary grandchildren to nap, not-so-weary children to amuse themselves with a board game, or very-eager-for-the-kids-to-come-home parents and grandparents to wait for arrivals.

House in Westchester County
New York

Architects:
R. M. Kliment & Frances Halband Architects
255 West 26th Street
New York, New York 10001

Engineers:
Robert Silman Associates (structural); Jack Green Associates (mechanical/electrical)

Consultant:
Mariette Himes Gomez (interior decorating)

General contractor:
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It is somehow very appropriate to include this house, with its spare elegance, in this 30th issue of Record Houses. It tidily crystallizes a number of the evolving esthetics and concerns of those 30 years: from bright red lally columns to open planning; from “modular coordination” to pre-fab “design-build” concepts. But it is hardly just a case of *déjà vu* or “historical revivalism.” Everything has been carefully re-thought, and used to obtain optimum space, timing, and costs for *this* era—all executed with a simple freshness and verve.

The basic program was typical: a young family with a very limited budget, who wanted the most square-footage for their money—including three bedrooms, two baths and a two-car garage. However, the site they chose—beautifully wooded and about 45 miles from Chicago—was a small, steeply sloping one with difficult sandy soil conditions. More crucially, they had within three months from the time they contacted architect David Hovey to move from quarters they then occupied.

Though they went to him because they liked a house he had built for himself, Hovey turned out to be an unusually interesting choice. He is president and chief designer of a small development firm, Optima Inc., that has a staff of 10, including eight architects. Their practice, started in 1978, consists largely of multi-family housing—for which they buy the land, design the buildings, do the contracting, and successfully sell the units quickly in a market that has been economically tenuous.

Long interested in industrial techniques, Hovey had previously used some modular ideas in housing. With the short time-frame desired to produce this house, it was a challenge to further explore an aim of prefabricating a basic structure to be erected in one day—and to cut typical red tape and costs of individual houses by combining design and contracting with standard, modular products.

A plan was quickly developed, based on eleven welded-steel modules of 10-foot- by 24-feet—nine feet tall where enclosed—and with all elements selected on a basic two-foot unit. Working drawings were produced in a couple of weeks, permits soon obtained, and a large fabricator of press-formed steel channels contracted to deliver welded “steel envelopes,” with floors and ceilings in place, on 11 semitrucks. With the aid of a crane, they were assembled in one day. As most of the other elements were prefinished, the family enthusiastically moved in at the end of the three months. And for the long range, energy concerns were not forgotten: thermal glass (only one wall, and high strip windows elsewhere, some operable sash) and thick insulation in all the voids. Says Hovey of the design: “We don’t want 200 side-by-side, but perhaps dotted in trees here and there.” *H. L. S.*
Stepping down with the hillside, the house lightly rests on lally columns set in minimal concrete foundations. The offset of the levels also creates a bedroom "wing" and permits clerestory windows in the big open living-dining-kitchen area. A flat, modular steel unit forms a terrace for outdoor living off the dining area and convenient to the kitchen for serving. Utilities are banked into two "service cores," with washer-dryer closeted by the baths at the head of the stairs, and heating and air-conditioning equipment flanking the kitchen. Lots of storage walls abound through the house and garage. Fenestration is designed to provide privacy from the street side with solid panels and high windows, and glazed openness to the woods. Solid exterior panels are cement board with a "limestone appearance." Roof and ceilings are exposed steel; basic lighting is by surface-mounted downlights. The interiors were also done by Optima Inc., with walls of painted plasterboard; floors of rubber or Berber wool carpets; simple modern furniture "classics" of glass, chrome and leather, and a sectional sofa. Completed square-foot costs were reportedly less than half the $90 to $100 per-square-foot current in the area.
Hoekstra House
Homewood, Illinois

Owners:  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hoekstra

Architect:  
David Havey
37 South Wabash  
Chicago, Illinois 60603

Stephen Gawlik,  
Michael Glynn,  
Mehran Farahmandpour,  
project associates

Engineer:  
Nejat Tokay (structural)

General contractor:  
Optima Inc.

Photographer:  
Bill Hedrich,  
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Architectural Record Houses of 1985  81
Radler House
Bridgehampton, New York
By Bruce D. Nagel

“No flat roofs,” insisted Bruce Nagel’s client, Harvey Radler. This prohibition may sound like an outright dismissal of modernism at large, but in fact the veto has more to do with the strict sense of appropriateness that seems to dominate every aspect of life in New York’s fashionable Hamptons. “If we had been building in the dune area to the south, we would have had a flat roof, too, like the others,” Radler explains. “But here (a one-acre site next to 40 acres of potato field) it’s more rural and a peaked roof fits in better.”

For Mr. and Mrs. Radler’s country retreat, Nagel adapted the ad-hoc compound layout typical of eastern Long Island farms, breaking down the 2,200-square-foot program space into a cluster of distinct units. Thus, there is a main single-gabled “farmhouse” sheltering the living room, dining room, and a second-story bedroom, with a “lean-to” wrapping around to enclose the kitchen and guest apartment. The master-bedroom suite occupies a “shed” connected by a passageway to the main complex. A 30-foot, freestanding chimney stack at the west end of the house instantly conjures up “silo.” No sooner has the mind registered “farmyard,” however, than it detects playful departures from that pastoral genre. On the south front, for example, facing the potato field (opposite), the main volume sheathed in gray shingles gives way to expose a stucco facade pierced with a mosaic of operable windows and doors. Besides allowing for energy efficiency, the stucco wall and openings anticipate an interior that is emphatically modern. On the north, the blank face of a shingled screen wall suggests a more formal street facade. A pivoting door (below) heightens the drama of entrance, as does a low ceiling that funnels towards a curved pink wall and suddenly expands into a living room soaring 28 feet up into the rafters (or rather T-beams) of a pitched roof (overleaf).

Nagel has emphasized the airy openness of this lofty volume through contrasting elements of sculptural mass: a second-floor bedroom that juts like a projection booth over the living room; the fireplace, a carved-out block that punches through a grid system of windows to the west; and the curving wall of the entry that also helps to mold the dining area. The open plan that accommodates the Radlers’ informal style of entertaining in the major living spaces is offset by the privacy of bedroom suites that can be closed off entirely when not in use. Articulated forms and a palette of dusky colors further accentuate the particular identity of each element. Bruce Nagel’s decision to design “a piece of modern architecture dressed in rural clothing” has yielded a surprisingly comfortable blend of countrified sophistication, an image that reminds us of the abstract purity that artists in many media have discovered down on the farm. J. V. I.
The clustered massing of low, gray-shingled volumes associated with eastern Long Island's farmyard vernacular is most pronounced on the public facades to the north and west (upper photos opposite); the south face (above), viewed from a neighboring field, interjects the contrasting note of a boldly punctuated stucco screen wall, commonly associated with a different Hamptons "vernacular" grounded in the design of Gwathmey Siegel and Richard Meier (Nagel worked in the offices of both firms before establishing his own practice). The 6-ft 8-in.-wide pivoting front door (near left), a cast-concrete chimney stack, and a circular outdoor shower with window (at right, above) compose a playful idiom of the architect's very own.
The Radlers asked that the gabled west wall (above) be as open as possible for viewing sunsets. Nevertheless, the focal hearth is a reminder that, facing back toward the dining area and sleeping loft (opposite), one can enjoy a subtle vista of geometry and color. A pink lighting cove (left in photo above) is the hue of potato fields in bloom.
Rader House
Bridgehampton, New York

Owners:
Mr. and Mrs. Harvey L. Rader

Architect:
Bruce D. Nagel
66 Newtown Lane
East Hampton, New York 11937

Structural engineer:
Severud, Perrow, Szegedy, Sturm

General contractor:
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The Arkansas Office
Norton House
Venice, California
By Frank O. Gehry & Associates

Venice, California. Envision a place where food stamps are as common as platinum American Express cards will soon be, and where the carriers of each have managed to effect an uneasy truce at best. Envision a place where a generation of wanderers came to hang out in the ’60s, burned out in the ’70s, and stayed on to cool out in the ’80s. Envision a place where those who can’t make it in the L. A. fast lane downshift into idle, and where record moguls who find Santa Monica too suburban and Malibu too far away carefully try to hide their irritation when asking the welfare mother who lives next door to please keep her kids off the red BMW. Envision a place where the professionally unemployed wile away the cloudless blue days following superannuated flower children handing out save-the-world pamphlets, while mad-at-the-world punks with Mohawk haircuts sneer at Arnold Schwarzenegger’s old buddies pumping iron on their bench presses by the sea. Envision a place where balding blond beach boys pretend the summer hasn’t ended and go right on looking for that perfect wave. Now envision all that all that implies.

It’s a 10-minute stroll from Frank Gehry’s office to Bill Norton’s house. This being greater Los Angeles, of course, you could drive, but it’s better to go on foot—at least the first time. You’ll take Ocean Walk, the city’s hurly-burly pedestrian thoroughfare, and along the way you’ll get a crash course in the sorrows and joys of what sociologists would term “a transitional community with a heterogeneous population.” If the decibel at which Venice blares its socio-economic cacophony explains why some horrified visitors see lurking in its tortuous streets a ready indictment against the errors of our fast-track society’s ways, it also explains why architect Frank Gehry remains so loyal to the place. Venice is for Gehry an intensified microcosm of the American city—warts and all—and the American city is where this architect practices architecture. Though he hasn’t built much here, Gehry never forgets Venice in his work: it is his source of inspiration, storehouse of raw materials and context of choice. To the squeamish, he might point out that we do not live in a perfect world, so why pretend.

For Bill Norton, who spent his youth keeping close watch over the bronzed California girls immortalized in song, Venice is understandably sentimental. And though Norton climbed down from his lifeguard tower and headed for Hollywood years ago, he returned to a one-story box that houses the bulk of Norton’s possessions. He’d built Norton’s ramshackle cottage without interrupting the abrasive fabric of its environs. Like an acquisitive beachcomber, Gehry gathered up the bits and pieces that compose Venice, and then, with the hand of a sculptor, re-assembled them. Most recognizable in his palette of found objects is the lifeguard tower perched above the sky-blue tile ground-studio. The diminutive study is not only a winsome reminder of screenwriter Norton’s well-spent youth, but a practical lookout from which he can search sand and sea for the elusive muse. As backdrop for the tower, which has become a much-loved local landmark, Gehry replaced the former cottage’s courtyard and garage with a three-story box that houses the bulk of Norton’s 3,000-square-foot program.

Though Gehry is better known for assemblage than appliqué, a $180,000 budget forced him to forego the former in favor of the latter. Even so, the vivid juxtaposition of polychromatic tile and stucco, with corrugated metal and chain link appurtenances, suggests that Gehry is uncompromised by the change. A final bow to the neighborhood is revealed on the south facade, where Gehry expressed his need “to make relationships... to form connections” by specifying glass, not stucco or tile (overleaf). “I don’t do Disneyland,” asserts a remorseless Gehry: “I do what I do, and my career suffers or gains by it. But that’s me, and that’s what I do.” C. K. G.
By situating the vertical circulation along the perimeter of the Norton residence, architect Gehry hoped to create the impression of a house caught in the act of construction/deconstruction. The SITE-style move works in concert with the exposed studs of the very low-tech greenhouse attached to the south facade, which, at first glance, suggests that the contractor walked off the job. Gehry went public with the traditionally private workings of the house in an effort to "make a positive kind of connection with the neighborhood." The stubby columns punctuating the green-tile stair linking the third-floor bedrooms to the roof deck (preceding page) were designed as pedestals for small pieces of sculpture to be contributed by Bill Norton's friends in the local art community; similarly, the billboard-scale panel set beneath the stair is a blank canvas in wait for artist/wife Lyn Norton. At alley-side the house is perhaps better mannered than its dilapidated neighbor (facing page), but certainly not intimidating enough to evoke fear of gentrification. Although the interiors of the house are rich only in light and space, not finish, Gehry prefers to let the occupants forge their own direction in matters of interior decoration. Which they are doing. The pleated screen terminating the third-floor stair emerges intact on the exterior: it was intended to be glass—a crystalline object set into the richly variegated south facade—but a $60-per-square-foot budget could only stretch so far.
The original scheme for screenwriter Bill Norton's study called for a telescoping, metallic structure that bore an uncanny resemblance to Darth Vader's helmet (RECORD, June 1983). The nonexpandable $180,000 budget, however, recommended more modest allusions. Gehry's alternate scheme, a bona-fide reproduction lifeguard tower, found instant favor with former lifeguard Norton, who found his architect's dollhouse treatment of the study infectious, and has furnished it in the friendly clutter and flashy wallpaper that any child could appreciate. Pragmatic-minded adults will take comfort in the knowledge that the study is fully equipped with plumbing.

Norton House
Venice, California

Owners:
Lyn and Bill Norton

Architects:
Frank O. Gehry and Associates
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Venice, California 90291
Frank O. Gehry, principal-in-charge; John Clagett, co-designer;
David Kellen, Rene Illustre, design team

Engineers:
Kuriy & Szymanski (structural)

General contractor:
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Nottingham, New Hampshire
By Amsler Hagenah MacLean

The woodsy lake-front regions of New Hampshire have long been a favorite weekend and summer retreat for Boston-area urbanites. But in recent years the growing hustle and bustle of Haagen-Dazs-invaded rural towns has begun to send many natives into the hills for peace and quiet of their own. After Nottingham resident John Wharton observed Amsler Hagenah MacLean in action on a job at nearby Phillips Exeter Academy (RECORD, November 1983), where he teaches sculpture, he and his wife Patt asked the Boston architects to design a house on their property. The Whartons and their two sons had been living in faculty housing and wanted a refuge from the academic enclave of overachievers. They also placed stress on a house that clearly nurtures family values: Patt is a judge who often deals with cases of child abuse and broken homes. After surveying the 2.4-acre site, Ken MacLean and associate Gail Woodhouse developed an axial scheme of connecting and overlapping spaces that step northerly, between the hemlocks, downhill toward Lake Pawtuckaway. The program included a generous living room, dining room and kitchen, four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a studio for John.

Only a day after the scheme was completed, while the architects were still congratulating themselves on a job well done, the clients phoned to announce the purchase of a boat that they intended to use as their primary residence. In the next breath they reassured the architects that, yes, they were still planning to build a house; it would just have to be, well... smaller. So MacLean and Woodhouse returned to the drawing board to “tighten up” the spaces of the first scheme as much as possible. Respecting the Whartons’ passion for life on the water, they took their cue from the compactness of boat design. A bedroom and bathroom were eliminated (the studio was built separately), the living areas were compressed into double-height spaces with sleeping lofts, and, adhering to the Whartons’ vision of close-knit family living in the woods, the architects defined the major rooms as three discrete but firmly joined cabinlike volumes.

The main house now has a walk-through kitchen that leads directly into the living and dining rooms, which open out on three sides to views of the surrounding landscape. Below, the “son’s house” is every teenager’s dream: a separate pad that is never far from a good home-cooked meal. Finally, a screened porch terminates the string of graduated volumes. A glazed hallway links the three pavilions and emphasizes the “procession” down through the woods to the dock. Without much difficulty, the house can be extended by future additions. After all, as the architects knew all too well, the Whartons just might change their minds... again. K. D. S.
The three graduated volumes were inserted, just barely, among the trees so that a corner of the "son's house" narrowly clears a nearby trunk. The architects adopted a wait-and-see strategy, modifying roof heights during construction as necessary, and chopping trees as a last resort. Now, when the wind blows, the steel roof and cedar shingles are brushed by swaying hemlocks.
Like good sailors, the owners—and the architects—wanted to take advantage of every inch in the 1,800-square-foot house. For example, the treads of the three stairs between the kitchen and front door (top left) flip up to provide storage for muddy boots, and a ship's ladder provides access to the son's sleeping loft (top right). The flue of the ceramic coal-burning stove the Whartons selected for the living room (bottom right) is attached to the suspended "mantel" behind it, which doubles (as does everything in the house) as something else—in this case the headboard for the master bedroom loft beyond. Two plastic tubes capture the heat that collects in the loft and recirculate it underneath the living room floor—the tubes are also the railings for the open stairwell (below left) to the bedroom.
The glazed hallway that runs the eastern length of the house has become a gallery for several of John Wharton's smaller sculptures and a showcase for the contractor's painstakingly precise oak floor joints. Scrutinizing the superb craftsmanship, architect Ken MacLean confides, "In a job like this the contractor makes all the difference."

Wharton House
Nottingham, New Hampshire

Owners:
John and Patt Wharton

Architects:
Amsler Hagenah MacLean, Architects, Inc.

Engineers:
Charles Chaloff, structural;
Fitzemeyer & Tooci, mechanical

General contractor:
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Gail P. Woodhouse, associate

Architectural Record Houses of 1985
Frantz 3
Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts
By Richard C. Tremaglio

For once, the architectural photographer's convention of unpopulated spaces seems true to life: Richard Tremaglio's retirement house for Beatrice and David Frantz is, in fact, a home that awaits its owners. Year-round residents of Martha's Vineyard, the Frantzes are still firmly ensconced in another dwelling Tremaglio designed for them only a few miles away from the new house. "Frantz 1," a rambling assemblage of personal mementos and hand-crafted structure, was conceived on site and built between 1968 and 1972 through a collaborative effort of architect, client, and friends (see RECORD, May 1982). "Frantz 2" is a remodeled tower in the Azores. If each of those buildings is virtually an autobiographical essay, neither was intended as a definitive work; looking ahead to future chapters, the Frantzes foresee a time, maybe five or 10 years hence, when they will need a smaller, more manageable establishment. To that end they providently acquired a secluded two-acre lot and engaged Tremaglio to devise "Frantz 3," a compact yet comfortable retreat that could be rented out until they decide to move in.

The architectural heritage in the Frantzes' neck of the woods, never one of the Vineyard's more fashionable resorts, runs to unpretentious shingled bungalows and ranches. "I hoped to refer to these precedents but also transform them—gently—in a complex mixture of wood-framing methods," the architect says. The seemingly casual arrangement of his manifold transformations belies a coherent esthetic and functional order. Working outward from a "four-poster" of concrete columns (one of which he pushed outside to mark the entry), Tremaglio dovetailed post-and-beam structure, partitions, and movable screens to form a nest of discrete rooms and overlapping spaces. The layout is uncommonly adaptable, permitting the house to be zoned for summer or winter use, and for occupancy either by multiple tenants or by the owners downstairs and a servant or nurse in the loft above.

Outside, the calm horizontals of roof planes and a stringcourse at second-floor level unify the subtly varied rhythm of frame, cladding, and fenestration, and securely link the carport to the main body of the house. Indoors, the masonry columns and a brick hearth reinforce the symbolic focus of a family living and dining area, which is clearly visible from the downstairs bedroom. The Frantzes wanted a house where if one spouse is eventually bedridden, he or she would never feel shut off. Indeed, even a solitary resident need not complain that "nobody's home," according to Tremaglio: "You can sit alone at the table and it's almost as though the three columns are friendly company. They seem to say that you and the things the building is made of are all part of the same place." D. B.
Though he generally avoids historical decoration, Richard Tremaglio explains, "I've always picked up clues from the local environment." His design for the Frantz residence reflects study of the modest cabins and ranch houses that characterize this relatively untraveled part of the island, rather than the classical mansions, Shingle Style villas, and gingerbread cottages that constitute the picture-postcard image of Martha's Vineyard architecture. At first glance, viewed through the trees, the Frantz house suggests a bungalow that just grew over the years as its owners tacked on a verandah here, a shed there. It is a relaxed effect that suits the Frantzes' quiet way of life, and gives their home an immediate air of "belonging." On closer examination, of course, massing, elevations, and the mix of materials prove to be anything but ingenuous or haphazard—just as Beatrice and David Frantz are hardly simple backwoodsmen. The entry sequence, for example, has been gracefully contrived to shield the front door from the public road to the east (preceding pages) yet still afford a measure of processional drama. By filtering light and glimpses of foliage and sky, the slatted garage enclosure, overhead trellises, and open porches ease the transition from landscape to architecture, just as staggered flagstones blur the foundation line, and extruded posts and beams imply continuity with the building's internal structure. Rather than ignore the garage as a regrettable appendage, or disguise it as a mock barn, Tremaglio has integrated it into the body of his design. In similar fashion, a porch and peak-roofed bay dignify the back
door (opposite) which overlooks a customary short cut to the waterfront used by area residents. Gray bleached cedar shingles and painted trim come straight from the familiar Vineyard palette, but the intricate articulation of the facades is very much the product of Tremaglio's own philosophy. Always an advocate of building method as a generator of form, the architect has also recorded the process of decision-making in the visible fabric of the house. Just as Tremaglio first conceived the plan as a four-square group of concrete columns, which he then modified (transposing one pier to the entry porch) and elaborated to suit his program, he initially ordered the enclosing walls into a series of regular gabled pavilions, which in turn could be expanded or cut away. Like pentiments, inset panels of slate imply the displacement of primary window units, and vertical copper strips (e.g., under the right-hand gable slope in photo opposite) trace the hidden intersection of interior partitions with exterior cladding. Tremaglio contrasts this almost obsessive calculation with his approach to earlier designs: "When I started on the first Frantz house I was a product of the '60s. I lived on site and I encouraged ad hoc involvement by clients and builders, in the hands-on spirit of the time. Times have changed, though, and partly through my teaching at MIT, I've become more interested in methodological discipline and economy of means. I now feel that I can reach this degree of order better through drawing in the office than by being out in the field struggling for a consensus on which kind of nail to use."
In winter, sliding partitions can be closed to seal off the solarium (top photo) and increase the thermal efficiency of a wood stove and fireplace in the main living/dining area. During the warmer seasons, clerestory windows, glazed ceiling hatches, and skylights open for ventilation. Meticulous craftsmanship is apparent throughout in exposed structure and finish details that seem to define space without containing it; the effect is equally reminiscent of Japanese architecture and de Stijl.

"I wanted to bring out the collective quality of space," says Tremaglio. "It is a gathering of people, furniture, and structure.\" Floors are oak, trim is clear pine, kitchen cabinets are cherry, beams are fir, and first-story ceilings are mango plywood. Tremaglio rightly placed great faith in his contractor: the construction foreman was once a shipbuilder and most of his crew were "local boat types." The few surprises they presented were happy. Having roughly sketched out a curved opening for headroom at the top of the stairs, for example, Tremaglio returned a week later to find a perfect wooden arch in place, complete with imposts. Caught off guard by a "post-Modern" detail that he would not have designed himself, Tremaglio asked the foreman how it came to be. "This is what all the architects around here are doing now," he was told. Tremaglio chose to leave the arch in place as "part of the whole collage."
San Diego certainly has its share of developer-built tract housing—the ubiquitous three-bedroom two-bath that suits the four-person nuclear family just fine, but is less amenable to childless, single-parent, or one-person households. Happily, the city also has Ted Smith, a young architect who is attracting considerable local, and now national, attention with a new kind of house that provides a flexible, moderate-cost alternative for a whole range of people seeking a way into the city’s high-priced residential market.

Together with associate Kathy McCormick, Smith has designed a trio of virtually identical, 1,985-square-foot structures—dubbed “loft houses”—that are nestled into the base of a secluded canyon, incongruously within earshot of the San Diego airport. Built on spec for $40 a square foot, the houses embody a seemingly paradoxical Smith philosophy—namely, that “beautiful next to ugly looks terrible, but a lot of ugly together can look good.” Not that either Smith’s architecture or the surrounding context of modest stucco “haciendas,” wood-sided ranches, and an occasional bungalow should be characterized as “ugly”: “homely” (in the literal sense) might be a better word to describe the typically San Diegan, urban-yet-woodsy enclave. As infill housing, Smith’s buildings clearly refer to their neighbors in color (a subtle palette of cream, gray, tan, and blue-green), materials (stucco, plywood-and-batten, and tongue-and-groove siding), and details (a shallow peaked parapet, a pyramidal cap, and a trellislike screen). “Blendo” is the neologism that Smith has invented to define the relationship of his buildings to their context, which in the case of the Upas Street houses implies a certain stylistic neutrality.

If Smith’s esthetic notions strike some as a bit offbeat, his ideas regarding residential interiors are likewise unconventional. In order to allow for 12-foot-high spaces totally unencumbered by fixed partitions (except for two baths and a master bedroom upstairs), Smith has designed the L-shaped houses with all load-bearing walls on the perimeter. The concept of open-space planning, currently the norm in commercial architecture, is not unusual; what is unusual in Smith’s design is a “kit of parts” comprising eight-foot-high white birch cupboards and room dividers that McCormick developed to enable buyers to create their own interior environments (isometric drawings pages 108-109 and cover). While the furnishings are meant to be portable (they are, in fact, mounted on casters to facilitate reconfiguration), such accoutrements as French doors, beamed ceilings, painted wainscoting, and fireplaces provide a bit of permanent luxe. After all, even the broadest-minded purchaser appreciates the enduring symbols historically associated with the image of home. P. M. S.

The “blendo” contextualism of Ted Smith’s three Upas Street houses is so convincing, his buildings are sometimes hard to pick out in photographs. For the uninitiated: two of the houses lie below cliffhanging boxes on stilts (facing page) and beyond a modest ’50s vernacular (left). Although a third stands seemingly in isolated splendor (above), it, too, exhibits the details and colors of its neighbors.
Prior to putting the Upas Street houses up for sale, the architects constructed three model homes that showed prospective buyers how they might customize the loftlike first-floor space with a modular system of cupboards, appliance covers, screens, and archways (photos above and facing page). The flexibility of the interiors is also revealed by three hypothetical upstairs plans (right). Although fixed walls define two bathrooms and a polygonal master bedroom, shaded areas on the plans mark a 480-square-foot space that can be divided or left open to accommodate, say, a family with two older children (top), a family with two young children in need of a playroom (middle), or two unrelated people needing separate-but-equal sleeping facilities (bottom). The options, as the brokers would put it, are infinite.
In order to illustrate the variety of interior configurations available, the architects created an isometric projection of one house, together with some 60 cutout pieces of Kathy McCormick's "kit of parts" that can be maneuvered at will. Although not based on any specific historical style, the cabanalike cupboards and overstuffed upholstered pieces exude a certain 1940s domestic charm. One possible arrangement of the furnishings (above) shows the cupboards arrayed to delineate a large formal dining room, living room, and small kitchen. Upstairs (facing page), a gridded screen covers two bedrooms created by the manipulation of movable room dividers. Playing house was never so much fun.
Prince House
Albuquerque, New Mexico
By Bart Prince
Those seeking inspiration for a contextual vacation house on Cape Cod or a glass-and-steel Miesian pavilion in one of the better suburbs should turn back now, and quickly. For we are about to embark on "a journey of the mind," as Rod Serling might put it, a voyage into the imagination that will take us far from the cozy domesticity of the neo-Shingle Style or the serenity of mainstream Modern. We are entering the highly personal world of Bart Prince (portrait below), whose own house on a quiet residential street in Albuquerque exemplifies the architect's place within the tradition of American architectural expressionism.

Although some observers see his buildings simply as biomorphic or space-age fantasies sprung full-grown from the overactive mind of a child of the '50s, there is much more at work in Prince's architecture than an artist's comic-book conceptions of the future. Born of the Southwest, Prince has been subject to a whole range of visual stimuli—both natural and manmade—that may have profoundly affected his work. Albuquerque's quintessentially garish Route 66 strip, the stark lunar landscape of New Mexico, and the powerful imagery of nearby pueblos and kivas might easily lead one to believe that almost anything is possible on the high plateau. That impression was reinforced at Arizona State University, where Prince first immersed himself in the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and later, Bruce Goff, whose idiosyncratic buildings seemed in harmony with Prince's own notions of design. After graduation Prince spent four years in Goff's office, and although he left his mentor in 1972 to set up his own practice, their relationship remained close right up to Goff's death in 1982. (That relationship, in fact, continues today with Prince's supervising the completion of Goff's last design, a new museum of Japanese art in Los Angeles.)

In the manner of Goff, Wright, and even Sullivan, Prince's buildings express the individual character of his clients, and for his own 4,000-square-foot house that character is inextricably intertwined with the architect's debt to his three progenitors. The geometry of circles and spirals that preoccupied Wright from the 1940s onward is evident throughout Prince's house, from two round ground-floor living and studio spaces and four structural cylinders supporting the capsulelike upper story, to circular concrete columns rising from the building perimeter and cylindrical solar collectors that warm the bedroom area (plans left and photo facing page). Sullivan's experimentation with metal ornament is brought up to date with the spiky steel rods that Prince utilized as a frame for solar shading fabric and as a "feathery transition between the house and sky." Underlying the building's odd shape (some see it as a rocket ship, others a caterpillar) is the architect's claim that the actual form evolved from the inside out: the curving upper-level walls are a result of Prince's desire for soft, comfortable interiors and are not based on any preconceived formalistic ideas.

Despite the unwavering support of his clients, Prince's buildings do have their critics, particularly those who feel that all architecture in New Mexico should be of the brown-stucco-to-look-like-adobe school. (One fanatical detractor went so far as to burn down Prince's Santa Fe studio three years ago.) What the naysaying contextualists fail to see, however, is that Prince is the latest in a long line of American originals—Goff, Wright, Soleri—whose work seems to flower with special brilliance in the desert sun. Seen in that light, his house is firmly rooted in the history of the freewheeling Southwest. P. M. S.
Structural steel I-beams support third-level bedroom quarters (below), which are clad in tongue-and-groove decking over custom-bent, three-inch-diameter metal ribs. By covering all walls and floors in monochromatic gray carpeting, Prince created a serene contrast to the more aggressive exterior—an effect that is heightened by light filtering through the translucent acrylic panels of a semicircular terrace door. Descending one of two circular stairways enclosed by structural cylinders (two other cylinders house bathrooms and mechanical equipment), one first reaches a middle level, occupied mainly by south-facing balconies (not shown). Down a few more steps is Prince's studio and library (facing page), one of two circular ground-floor living areas entered separately via spiraling brick ramps. Twenty
feet high at its apex and 40 feet in diameter, the studio is set into a windbreaki ng earth berm, much in the manner of Wright’s 1945 Jacobs House. A corresponding circle, 20 feet in diameter, houses a kitchen/ living room wing (plans overleaf). In both spaces 14-inch-wide poured concrete columns support a light-steel roof frame covered with translucent acrylic panels and tongue-and-groove wood siding.

Prince House
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For many young architects, the first built structure, accomplished soon after graduation, is the House for Mother. But how many mothers commission yet a second dwelling? A question difficult to answer, but we know that Mark Simon’s mother, Joan Crowell, and his stepfather, David Crowell, now enjoy two houses by their favorite architect. The first (left top) is a berm house tucked into a Vermont hill, to protect it and the Crowells from fierce New England winters. “I wanted a lighthouse,” she told me, “but he gave me a tunnel.” Well not exactly. Mother’s House I is actually a warm cave hidden behind a 19th-century homesteader’s facade with a splendid view of the Green Mountains. But Simon’s early exercise in the Shacks-and-Shanties Style has a touch no woodsman or trapper would have been likely to attempt—an oval oculus over the porch.

The second time around, Joan Crowell got her lighthouse, in just the right place, off the Atlantic coast on Long Island’s South Fork. The Crowell’s Hamptons property is on the dunes and includes a large and welcoming family house with a broad terrace overlooking the sea, a swimming pool, and a studio for painter and sculptor David Crowell. What it lacked was a second private workplace—a space for dreams, a sanctum, for writer and composer Joan. Like V. Sackville-West or William Butler Yeats, she would have been content with just a tower. It was necessary, however, to consider the possibility of rental or resale, and therefore Mother’s House II was designed to eventually function in the ordinary way, with a small kitchen, bath and rooms usefully linked in a living, dining, bedroom sequence. But the interior remains a place of self-enclosure, the center of an artist’s world. Here the challenge to Mark Simon, which he has bravely met, was to represent his mother to herself.

If the house seems serene within, however, it is full of surprises without, a small collage of unlikely fragments assembled to form an unforgettable landmark. Simon has created a sense of movement, in the spirit of the site, a place where one comes to enjoy the wind and the weather in a house that boldly contends with it. “I see the house,” says he, “as an old man standing in the wind with his cape flapping off him.” Indeed, the hip roofs as they descend from the octagonal tower give the appearance of spinning in one direction, while the gabled entry seems to rotate in another. The windows facing the entry porch get larger as they approach the tower, intensifying the impression of entwining, spiral force.

From some angles the little studio has a vestigial look, perhaps a remnant of a once great house in the Shingle Style, now a touching ruin. From other viewpoints the house suggests that there should be more to come, as in the rambling extensions that through the years aggregate around a recycled windmill. Asked if he were not tempted to carry the narrow entrance porch beyond the front door, making it wider at this point, spinning it around the base of the octagonal tower, and extending the hipped roof to form a deep, shaded veranda, Simon acknowledged that he had considered the idea. The Crowells, as noted however, already had a deck overlooking the ocean. “It is really intended to be an inside house,” the architect explains. “On the porch there is room for just one little chair.” And he wanted the half of the tower facing the beach to rise straight from sand to cupola, without interruption.

Furthermore, extending and enlarging the porch would have interfered with the choreographed movement he devised for the house. Said Simon: “The narrow entrance porch conceals a crooked stair. As one climbs it, there is a slow getting used to the house just before finding the door to the main room. From this space one climbs again, past a little room in the octagon, on up to the belvedere by means of another stair that wiggles and meanders to give a sense of organic crookedness.” Finally, beneath the dome, there is a circumambient walkway allowing Joan Crowell, in Simon’s words: “to walk in circles when worrying.” And look out to sea. M. F. S.
Were chimney, dome, and lantern ever more boldly conjoined? "In some ways it looks accidental," admits Simon, "but it certainly is extremely intentional. I am intrigued by things that compare back and forth, and those two shapes—one a tall thin stick and the other a big round dome—are very opposite to each other, but they just seemed to go together as a pair, symbiotically." Windows and dome were deliberately overscaled. The dome consists of eight segments sheathed on the inside with drywall, on the outside with plywood and finished with lead-coated copper. Windows are big on the south facing the ocean, small on the north. The porch roof, edged with lattice, has been dimensioned to screen the summer sun, but admits the winter's rays deep into the interior to warm it. The principal space will eventually have a wood-burning stove to supplement the building's oil-fired hot air system. In summer the house is adequately cooled by cross-ventilation and an updraft when the windows are opened in the belvedere.
Although the spaces may eventually be used as designated on the plan, the entire building now functions as a studio. Joan Crowell composes at the piano on the first level (right below), but also works a few steps up within the octagon (opposite page) and enjoys the belvedere (right), which is just big enough for a single comfortable chair, a footstool and a shelf for books. When she leans back, the Atlantic horizon is at eye level.

Crowell House
Eastern Shore, Long Island
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The Arkansas Office, except as noted
While on a trip to England, as they admired the rolling hills and distant vistas of the western counties, architect Herbert Newman and his wife developed a yearning for a weekend house of their own with similarly stirring views. But as happens with dreams, amplification set in. The Newmans wanted more than surcease on weekends. They wanted daily "physical and spiritual separation from the workaday world." Like Candide, they found their dream close to home. In the same Connecticut town they had lived in for 24 years, the Newmans found just the site: the highest point in Woodbridge, a wooded hill 650 feet above sea level with a clear field of view down to New Haven's harbor on Long Island Sound seven miles to the south and to the eastern end of Long Island 15 miles beyond that.

Apart from considerations of site and spiritual separation, however, Newman, like any architect worth his salt, perceived the design of his own house as a chance to draw on and fuse a lifetime's worth of observation, experience, study, and meditation. The virtually symmetrical house bestrides a strong north-south axis running through a central tower. Though the tower contains many functional benefits, its basic architectural purpose is compositional, producing a focal point on the elevation and a pivotal point for both plan and section. At the same time, the architect wanted interior height for a great hall at the center of the enclosing house. Thus the tower's evocation of Italian villas and stately homes is scarcely incidental.

On the other hand, the central tower's overriding message may be psychological. At its base, a square hall reaches up three stories past large windows to a belvedere under the roof, and the many glazed openings drench the travertine floor and white walls with bright daylight. The space emulates the great halls found in stately homes—Newman mentions Chatsworth and Blenheim. To a visitor entering a great hall, the space proposes to offer generous welcome and perhaps to inspire a sense of awe. But though welcome was certainly on Newman's mind at Round Hill, awe was not his aim, and emulation of palatial tradition stops short of the monumental dimensions of ducal seats: the 16-foot square floor has a more domestic scale. The hall's most important quality, however, as with its models, is the tenants' constant use of and exposure to the space; whether they move from living room to dining room, from bedroom to breakfast room, from the front door to any room, all routes lead through the central hall.

Outside and inside, in two dimensions and in three, the architect made use of the opportunity to play intricate and multifarious games with geometry. From plane geometry, he took the circle, the square, and the triangle. From solid geometry, he took the cube, the pyramid, and the spiral. And then he pitted each form against the others. The circular carriage sweep that terminates one end of the central axis, for instance, repeats the circular form of the pool that terminates the other end, and a pair of hollowed-out cubes embraces the pool from the ends of the semicircular living-room glass wall. The square entrance hall fits inside the larger square of the tower, while the corners of the tower are beveled to form an octagon. The large rondel above the main entrance looks in on a truncated pyramid, where a sloping skylight joins the outer tower with the belvedere. This transparent overlapping of disparate forms offers rich food to the eyes both outside the house and within it.

Moreover, the geometric devices affect both the transference and perception of light within the central hall—Newman calls it "layered light." On sunny days, light in abundance makes its way through the outer round windows to the sloping skylight, thence to interior round windows and gridded railings to fall on walls and floor. To insure the fullest possible penetration of light to lower surfaces, Newman inserted triangular wood grids at the corners of the octagon along the second-floor balcony (see plan). From the interior, one's eye of course follows the path of illumination in reverse for glimpses of sky and foliage. And at night, the whole tower turns into "a natural light fixture." G. A.
The strong axis that bisects the central tower leads the eye from the circular drive through Round Hill's open door and the living room's glass wall to Long Island Sound seven miles away and 630 feet downhill. At the back of the house (next pages), the living room and flanking terraces overlook a circular pool matching the form of the drive in front; Newman fancifully sees the pool as a skipping stone aimed at the water in the distance. The symmetry of the 3,200-square-foot house eases from time to time: the breakfast room, for example, occupies a curved bay window at the end of one wing (lower photo opposite). The tower at the center of the wood-framed building is finished with brick veneer, the wings at either side with wood, and the whole painted white.
The living room at the Newman house (above), sunk three steps below the floor of the central hall, commands an expansive view of Connecticut and Long Island. The semicircular wood lattice that screens the glass wall in summer admits unimpeded south light to warm the room in winter (see also preceding pages). Though the central tower is inextricably tied to the rest of the house—no one moving around the house can miss either the hall or the views—it is set apart by a 4-foot space on all sides, a space that provides for balconies, stairways and mechanical equipment (plans and section opposite). The corner of the square hall is the nexus of the house's layered geometries—squares, circles, cylinders, spiral and, at the corner of the pyramidal skylight, a glass triangle (photo opposite right). The round-headed wall cabinet in the dining room, which Newman admits he cribbed from New England kitchen furniture, is lighted naturally through a window behind its lining. To anyone entering the observation deck via the spiral staircase (photo bottom opposite), the first sight is Long Island 20 miles away. He does not yet know that behind his back is the Housatonic Valley 40 miles away.
The Mystery of the Flying Staircase; or, How Do You Get There From Here? And, What Holds It Up? In the entrance hall at Round Hill, architect Newman installed a spiral staircase overhead as an air-borne object to tantalize the caller. Seeming to spring directly from the lintel over the front door, and clearly leading to a brightly lit something at the top of the house, the stair has no visible means of access save to winged creatures. But the mystery is, after all, mere illusion. Hidden access for humans is available behind one of the hall’s partitions, where a stairway leads to the second-floor balcony (see plans on preceding page). As with the circulation pattern, the structure of the flying staircase also surrenders to logical explanation. A steel beam at the base of the stairway transfers structural and live loads to the house’s timber frame; the steps are supported on either side by continuous spirals of plastered laminated wood, the wood protruding from the plaster to furnish a handrail.

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Woodbridge, Connecticut
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—John Martin

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Landscape architects:
Peter Rolland Associates/Connecticut
Consultant:
Sylvan R. Shenitz (lighting)
General contractor:
Panza Construction Co.
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Dickinson House
Madison, Connecticut
By Duo Dickinson

What more deserving client can an architect have than a young couple with limited means who are determined to have a house of their own? In this instance that young couple happens to consist of the architect himself, Duo Dickinson, and his wife Liz, a law student. And luckily Dickinson believes that "when there is less quantity, you can up the quality of your efforts... The limits are liberating."

Limits Dickinson had in abundance. A tight budget not only limited the size of what he could build, but the lot that best met his price and location criteria, a subdivision of the backyard of an existing house, was wetlands—thus the first floor had to be 20 feet above mean high water, any basement walls would have to be hydrostatically designed, and an expensive septic system was needed. Further adding to costs, 100 feet of ledge had to be blasted for utility lines. Because of the lot's proximity to the seller's house, its style and a sightline restriction had to be considered. And a north-facing view made passive solar heating impractical. Balancing the limitations were a superb location—on, but hidden from, the main road of a desirable Connecticut shore town. A superb view—of six acres of salt marsh, a sea of reeds that changes with the seasons. And superb trees—three ancient white oaks and one grand old maple that are home to countless birds.

True to his word, Dickinson did find these limitations liberating. He created a house that has been variously described as an ark, a covered bridge, a doghouse and a car wash—a simple gable-roofed rectangle cantilevered out over two bearing walls that lift it to the height of the white oak branches (and dispense with the expensive basement). Its 38-foot length was derived from 16-inch framing modules; its 20-foot width from uncut 2 x 10 joists. The ark analogy is apt, for not one inch of space has been wasted: the two-story living room is just long enough to avoid being perceived as a shaft; the galley kitchen has just enough space for two cooks to collaborate; minimum space has been devoted to closets and bath. Yet the effect is not confining. A major axis allows the eye to travel the full 38-foot length of the house. The nautical tightness of the kitchen and office areas merely emphasizes the exuberant vertical spaces to the north and south. The oversize windows draw the eye up and out. And the entry, carport, and deck add 800 square feet of useable space to the house’s 1,100 square feet of finished, heated space.

The Dickinson house is about the same size as the condominium units many young couples buy these days. Dickinson wishes they realized they could afford more; he’s even writing a book about small houses. So it was with great glee that he reported that condominium units with a view are selling for $135,000 in his town. His house, including land, came to $105,000.

N. G. G.
The focal point of the living room is the surprising interior use of an ordinary bay window (opposite), which lends scale to the expanse of shear wall used to stiffen the open area. Other scale-giving devices in the living room, which is 21 feet high at its peak, include an 18-foot-wide shelf (top left), which also hides a steel rod reinforcing the north wall; a whimsically decorated fireplace that, according to Dickinson, "mediates between the size of the furniture and the size of the space"; and extra-wide baseboard moldings that wrap around all openings because, says the architect, "there's something about a framed opening that seems to make furniture more comfortable." The dual-career office area tucked under the sleeping loft on the south side of the house is shown at bottom right. Floor plans (previous page) show the simplicity of the entire scheme, with private areas relegated to a loft and public areas below. Heating is zoned so that the north-facing rooms can be closed off from the south-facing office and bedroom to save warmth. To expand the house, Dickinson would either extend the loft along the east wall, turning the fireplace area into an inglenook, or build a two-bedroom tower alongside the house.

Dickinson House
Madison, Connecticut
Owners: Elizabeth and Duo Dickinson
Architect: Louis Mackall & Partner
50 Maple Street
Branford, Connecticut 06405
Duo Dickinson, partner-in-charge
General contractor: Post Road Wood Products
Photographer: Mick Hales
Mixon House
Houston, Texas
By Taft Architects

John and Judith Mixon never worry about keeping up with the Joneses. On the contrary, there must be Joneses all around Houston who despair of ever keeping pace with the Mixons. It isn't only that the ebullient couple thrives on a demanding two-career marriage (he is a prominent law professor, she is a full-time junior high school teacher); the Mixons also have energy to spare for extracurricular joie de vivre, whether collecting antique cars and contemporary art or giving elaborate costume parties. "We have a history of high flying," says John Mixon with a laugh. "You might say we're show-offs of the first degree." Judy Mixon raises an eyebrow indulgently and adds, "Well, John really means we both enjoy sharing things with other people."

Gregarious as they are, however, the Mixons concluded several years ago that they were sharing rather too much privacy with others at home. They liked the informality of their modern, glass-and-stucco courtyard house, but were uneasy with the perpetual togetherness imposed by a multilevel open plan—especially if John Mixon wished to hold a tutorial at the same time that Judy Mixon was grading term papers, and Millicent, her teen-age daughter by a previous marriage, had friends over to watch TV. With characteristic enthusiasm and acuity, the family analyzed their needs and desires down to specific room relationships and dimensions before approaching Taft Architects with the commission for a new house on a 50-by-100-foot parcel in one of Houston's older residential enclaves. Among the Mixons' more explicit desiderata were a triple-decker interior with garden-level quarters for Millicent, a continuous living/dining area on the main floor, and a separate master suite above. Judy Mixon requested an open central kitchen, where she could see and talk to guests, and generous decks for outdoor entertaining. John Mixon asked for a "spittin' porch" facing the street: "I know our back yard is prettier than the front," he said, "but I still want some sort of contact with passers-by."

Appreciative of their neighborhood's traditional architecture, and hopeful that their own addition to it would be sympathetic, the Mixons were nonetheless unwilling to dictate any particular style. "I made only one modest proposal," John Mixon recalls: "I'd like a house that will make people hit their brakes as they drive by on Buffalo Speedway." Taft's three partners, John Casbarian, Danny Samuels, and Robert Timme were unfazed by these seemingly contradictory intentions. As the trio demonstrated in their design for Fort Worth's River Crest Country Club (RECORD, October 1984), they are equally adept at decorous bows to precedent and eye-catching flourishes all their own. More problematic was a formal correlative to the exact balance of privacy and extroversion in the Mixons' daily lives.

In the course of discussing alternative schematic models, it transpired that the clients envisioned "some kind of formal room" near the front of the house. "I needed a place where students and lawyers could come by and, if they didn't pass muster, wouldn't go any further," says John Mixon. Taft conceived this antechamber as an updated version of the turn-of-the-century reception room or front parlor, where respectable hostesses could screen callers before receiving them "at home." In Taft's final parti, the public/private distinction is expressed in the duality of separate pavilions joined by a bridge (interiors overleaf), with the hipped-roof parlor-cum-study stationed like a gatehouse at the head of an oversize stoop. By manipulating the scale and proportions of other familiar domestic elements—portico, balcony, lunette, oriel—the architects composed facades that are at once proper and provocative. The use of alternating bands of smooth and split-face concrete block to suggest the rusticated stone trim of classic brick houses is fully in tune with this esthetic, inexpensively creating a memorable frontispiece. The only genuine stone on the facade is a granite plaque above the garage inscribed with the street address. "It was John Mixon's idea," says John Casbarian. "He got it from a local tombstone dealer. He even wanted to carve our name and firm logo on it. But we felt that was a bit much." D. B.
Because their 2,800-square-foot residence faces a quiet side street on the erstwhile "carriage-house" segment of a corner lot, the Mixons enjoy vistas up and down the landscaped back yards of neighbors along busy Buffalo Speedway. The lack of houses directly in front of or behind the property enabled Taft to design relatively open facades on the north (preceding pages) and the south (detail opposite). On the garden side, concrete-block rustication (whose module is repeated in the glass-block base of the parlor "bridge") and a pedimented oriel echo the imposing classicism of the street facade. The poolside terrace, open decks, and the giant north portico furnish the expansive settings for outdoor entertaining that Judy Mixon requested. Indoors, the uninterrupted sequence of living and dining areas and kitchen is similarly hospitable (upper photo right). The parlor (lower right) is more introverted, though an uplighted blue pyramidal ceiling seems to dissolve into ether, reinforcing the effect of what Robert Timme calls "a metaphorical garden pavilion." The proverbial machine in the garden is a computer, whose screen displays a drawing of the Mixon house.
The false perspective of the swimming pool, as seen from the solarium, magnifies the apparent depth of the back yard (upper photo near left). Interior vistas heighten the drama of movement and arrival: niches frame the bridge between parlor and dining room (top left); the slope-shouldered silhouette of a fireplace draws the eye up a staircase (lower photo near left); a dressing room frames the view of the marble-trimmed master bath (large photo bottom left). Taft originally designed doors to enclose the tub, but the clients insisted on removing them. Judy Mixon recalls: "Danny Samuels said, 'I don't mean to question your bathroom habits, but...'

"Untroubled by the array of windows in this private aerie, John Mixon comments: "I've determined the distances beyond which it's not worth looking in."

Mixon House
City of West University Place
Houston, Texas

Owners:
John and Judith Mixon

Architects:
Taft Architects
807 Peden Street
Houston, Texas 77006

John J. Casbarian, Danny Samuels;
Robert H. Timme, partners;
Larry Dailey, project manager;
Suzanne Labarthe, Robert Bruckner, support team

Structural engineers:
Cunningham Associates, Inc.

General contractor:
Pat Marshall Custom Builder, Inc.

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"I'm not really sure you'll want to do this project," said New York businessman Daniel Silverstein to architect Paul Haigh, who knew that Silverstein and his wife had been shopping for an affordable vacation cottage on eastern Long Island. "I found a piece of land with this bungalow on it," Silverstein continued. "You remember when developers built little houses called 'The Ascot' or 'The Beacon Hill'?... Well, we've got 'The Framingham.'" The 1964 prefab three-bedroom ranch had plenty to recommend it for recycling—sound construction, a good location on a corner lot close to the Silversteins' beach club, and a very good price—but it didn't exactly look like the upscale New Yorker's ideal of a chic Hamptons hideaway. Haigh and his colleagues at Haigh Space assured the uneasy homeowners that, far from being an esthetic embarrassment, the Framingham had its own inherent charm. "We could have said, 'Let's just disregard this stuff and let our egos go wild,' which a lot of architects do in that part of Long Island," Haigh observes. "After all, the house would have a totally new function, different from the full-time Levittown-style family life it was designed for. But we decided to treat the house as if no architect had been involved—as if an ordinary builder skilled in that tract-house vernacular had been given our program."
The graphic style and captions of Haigh Space’s presentation drawing bring to mind the catalogs in which prefabricated model houses like the Framingham were advertised. Having demolished the original house to its frame, the architects faithfully reconstituted prototypical materials and decoration—such as oversize cedar shakes, dentil moldings, cupolas, and octagonal windows—while adroitly transposing the original aesthetic to another key. (Ironically, Haigh Space had difficulty finding local workmen who were still proficient in the building skills of the 1960s.) Paul Haigh comments: “Architectural ‘transformations’ like the screen walls and rotated plan are often applied in a Modernist context, but rarely in this vernacular. We figured that if these ideas work at all, they should work here, too.”

Preserving the Framingham’s integrity was a delicate task, since programmatic changes ultimately necessitated stripping the building to its studs, reorganizing fenestration, and nearly doubling the original floor area. Besides turning an unwanted garage into a screened dining porch (overleaf), revamping the kitchen, adding a fireplace, and transforming the third bedroom into a second bath, Haigh Space wrapped a sun deck around two sides of the house. Cranked three degrees off axis, as if stretching phototropically for the southern sun, and articulated as a roofless, skeletal offshoot of the primal Framingham—complete with cupola and mullioned sash—the mannerist sun porch (details opposite) betrays the hand of no ordinary builder. There are other wry hints of knowing metamorphosis, but overall, Haigh Space took pains to honor “period” materials and details.

“Such things are often misread as flippant,” says Paul Haigh. “But we seriously wanted the house to have a second level, so people will in some way involve themselves by looking again and asking questions. At the same time we wanted the house to still be ‘okay’ in the neighborhood.” Amazingly, the result is neither faux-naif nor patronizing and, as the architect puts it, “The faucets work.” A Framingham by any other name...
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15 Patio doors
A 4-page color brochure reviews the manufacturer's line of insulated steel patio doors. The hinged door system, which includes a screen door and comes in double or triple widths, is shown in four styles. Stanley Door Systems, Div. of The Stanley Works, Troy, Mich.

16 Roofing shingles
The manufacturer's residential fiberglass roofing products are reviewed in a 24-page color catalog and specification guide. The durability and intended application of each product line is described in the literature. A color selection chart is included. Manville, Roofing Systems Div., Denver.

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19 Washers and dryers
Several of the manufacturer's residential washers and dryers are shown in a 16-page color catalog. Energy-saving, convenience, and control features of the appliances are discussed in the literature. Diagrams show the dimensions of standard models. The Maytag Co., Newton, Iowa.

20 Oak flooring
The manufacturer's solid oak parquet flooring, manufactured in 6- by 6-in. tiles, is featured in a 4-page color brochure. Photos show several different tile patterns, textures, and colors for kitchen, bathroom, and living room applications. Dimensions are given in the literature. Harteco, Inc., Oneida, Tenn.

21 Tile products
The manufacturer's line of glazed ceramic tile products is featured in a 4-page color brochure. Photos show several different tile patterns, textures, and colors for kitchen, bathroom, and living room applications. Dimensions are given in the literature. Marazzi USA, Inc., Sunnyvale, Tex.

22 Bath fittings
The manufacturer's new d'Elegance line of faucets, spouts, and shower fittings is featured in a 12-page color catalog. Three finishes, including polished brass, satin chrome, and polished chrome, are shown in the literature. A selection chart is included. Speakman Co., Wilmington, Del.

23 Skylights
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24 Wood doors
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26 Kitchen design
A 135-page color catalog and kitchen planning guide features a line of German-designed kitchen cabinets, counters, and storage components. Twenty-five suggested kitchen configurations are shown in the literature. Photos show a selection of cabinet fronts and hardware. Tielsa Kitchens of W. Germany, Contemporary Systems, Inc., Woburn, Mass.

27 Ceramic tile
A 4-page color brochure features the manufacturer’s Creme de la Creme ceramic tile. Photos show how the 6- by 6-in. and the 6- by 3-in. tile can be used in several different color and pattern combinations in kitchens, bathrooms, or near fireplaces. Huntington/Pacific Ceramics, Inc., Corona, Calif.

28 Tile
A 24-page color brochure reviews the manufacturer’s line of wall and floor tiles. Photos of the new Concourse line of quarry tile, available in 6- by 6-in. and 4- by 8-in. sizes, are included. The color selection for each product line is shown. Mid-State Tile, Lexington, N. C.

29 Greenhouses/solariums
A 36-page color catalog contains information on greenhouse and solarium design and construction. A selection of the manufacturer’s 225 different models is shown in on-site photos. The glazing options for each model are described. Lord & Burnham, Irvington, N. Y.

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31 Ranges
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32 Wood windows and doors
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33 Roof membrane
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34 Leather-upholstered furniture
The Lario collection of leather-upholstered chairs and two- and three-seat sofas designed by Burkhardt Vogtherr is featured in an 8-page color brochure. Descriptions, photos, and dimensions of each unit are included in the literature. Brayton International, High Point, N. C.

35 Kitchen and bathroom cabinets
The manufacturer’s line of custom cabinetry for kitchens and bathrooms is illustrated in a 4-page color catalog. A selection of cabinet styles is shown. Special appliance cabinets and storage accessories are described in the literature. Quaker Maid, Leesport, Pa.

36 Masonry fireplace
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38 Ceramic tile stoves
A 10-page color catalog explains how the ceramic tile shell of a wood stove stores and slowly releases the heat generated by the fire in the interior cast-iron fire chamber. Eight German-manufactured models, available through an American importer, are shown. Ceramic Radiant Heat, Lochmere, N. H.

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39 Freestanding staircases
A line of standard and custom manufactured staircases is featured in a 22-page color brochure. Single- and double-helix models are shown. A chart that lists the passage width and tread angle of each model is included in the literature. Atlantic Stairworks, Inc., Newburyport, Mass.

40 Bathroom fixtures
The ribbonlike Whisper Patterns can be specified on the manufacturer's Ellisse Suite line of bathroom fixtures, which includes pedestal lavatories, basins, one-piece toilets, and bidets. An 8-page color brochure illustrates these fixtures with coordinated ceramic tiles, wallcoverings, and bath towels. American-Standard, New Brunswick, N. J.

41 Bi-fold doors
A 4-page color brochure describes the construction of KaneKraft bi-fold doors using 2 1/8-in. supporting rails that are concealed behind the open-weave cane panels. The panels are intended as an alternative to louvered doors. Ledco, Inc., Shelbyville, Ky.

42 Wood doors
The design and manufacture of the Mastermark line of fir and hemlock stile and rail doors is reviewed in an 8-page mini-brochure. Photos and descriptions of special features, including carved panels, raised moldings, and etched glass inserts, are also included in the literature. Simpson Door Co., Seattle.

43 Decorative tile
A 6-page color brochure shows the manufacturer's decorative tile arranged to form patterns and murals in the bathroom and kitchen. Several different mural patterns, including the Culinary Series and the Living Series, and a selection of border and field patterns are featured. Florida Tile, Div. of Sikes Corp., Lakeland, Fla.

44 Wood sliding doors
The manufacturer's line of sliding solid wood and aluminum-clad patio doors is featured in a 4-page color catalog. Diagrams show details of frame construction. Dimensions of each model and glazing, hardware, and insulating system specifications are included. Pozzi Window Co., Bend, Ore.

45 Building board
An 8-page technical brochure describes Ultra-Board, an asbestos-free, noncombustible, fiber-reinforced cement building board. Residential applications—as a wall or ceiling lining, for partitions, as an in-fill panel, and as a tile substrate—are reviewed in the literature. Weyerhaeuser, Middlesex, N. J.

46 Glass products
The manufacturer's line of residential and commercial glass products, including float glass in clear, bronze, and gray; tempered glass; insulating glass; and several solar glazing panels, is featured in a 20-page color brochure. The shading coefficient and light and heat transmission levels of each product are listed. AFG Industries Inc., Kingsport, Tenn.

47 Cabinets
A 32-page cabinet design guide includes color photos of the manufacturer's kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Five lines are shown, and the photos are accompanied by construction specifications and installation instructions. Kitchen Kompact, Inc., Jeffersonville, Ind.

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48 Fireplaces
The manufacturer's three new fireplaces, including a see-through, two-sided unit, a corner fireplace, and a zero-clearance fireplace with the look of masonry construction, are featured in a 6-page color catalog. A diagram shows the standard equipment for each model and optional features. Heatilator Inc., Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
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49 Roll-down shutters
Exterior-mounted shutters, constructed with either wood or aluminum slats, are featured in a 4-page color catalog. The roll-down shutters are electrically operated and are designed to provide shade, privacy, and wind protection. Soleil, Miami, Fla.

50 Carpeting
A 22-page color booklet provides general information about carpet selection and includes separate sections on texture and color. Photographs show several of the manufacturer's Anso IV nylon carpets in a variety of indoor applications. Allied Fibers, New York City.

51 Post-and-beam system
A 26-page booklet features the manufacturer's pre-engineered post-and-beam framing system. The advantages of a complete exterior shell package, including siding, insulation systems, and millwork, are explained. Color photos show the Cluster Sheds individually and grouped together to form larger living spaces. Timberpeg East, Inc., Claremont, N. H.

52 Ceramic tile
The manufacturer's new catalog features the most recent lines of unglazed and glazed floor and wall tiles. The catalog includes products for residential, commercial, and institutional applications. New color additions to several tile collections are shown in the literature. United States Ceramic Tile Co., East Sparta, Ohio.

53 Gypsum-coated wallcovering
A 4-page color brochure describes the manufacturer's gypsum-impregnated flexible wallcovering that crystallizes to plaster on the wall surface. The product is intended as a finish for masonry walls that are used in passive solar-heating systems. Flexi-Wall Systems, Liberty, S. C.

54 Residential steel framing
The advantages of the manufacturer's open web residential steel framing system are discussed in a 6-page color brochure. The energy-saving features of the pre-engineered system are reviewed in the literature. Meleo Home Building Systems, Strafford, Mo.

55 Millwork
A 24-page color catalog illustrates dozens of Victorian millwork designs for both interior and exterior decoration. Made of solid kiln-dried hardwoods, especially oak and poplar, the product line includes brackets, spandrels, balustrades, wainscoting, partitions, and grilles. Cumberland Woodcraft Co., Inc., Carlisle, Pa.

56 Laminated veneer lumber
Beams and headers made from the manufacturer's new Gang-Lam laminated veneer lumber are featured in a 16-page catalog. The laminate is said to have a greater weight-carrying capacity than standard lumber and can be nailed to any surface. Gang-Nail Systems, Inc., Miami, Fla.

57 Paints and stains
The manufacturer's "Professional Planning File" contains a paint and stain specification guide, bid sheets for analyzing and comparing estimates from paint contractors, and a list of nationwide distributors. The properties of various coatings and the necessary surface preparation are reviewed. Olympic Stain, Seattle.

58 Fluorescent fixtures
A 34-page color catalog illustrates Light Concepts decorative fluorescent lighting fixtures for residential applications. The literature includes photos and descriptions of grid and parabolic fixtures, wood-framed ceiling lights, and wraparound, circline, wall-mounted, and utility lighting. Lithonia Lighting, Conyers, Ga.

59 Air duct insulation
The manufacturer's thermal and acoustical insulation, designed for residential and commercial duct heating and cooling systems, is covered in a 20-page booklet. The duct products and insulations are said to be effective in reducing heat loss and noise levels in low- and medium-pressure air-handling systems. Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., Toledo.

60 Refrigeration
The manufacturer's line of built-in refrigerators and freezers is featured in a 12-page color brochure. Photos show the 24-in.-deep units installed flush with standard-size kitchen cabinets and counters. A selection of wood and laminate panels that can be inserted onto the front and side surfaces is shown. Sub-Zero Freezer Co., Inc., Madison, Wis.
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61 Entry system
An 8-page color foldout shows how the Lee Haven system combines the thermal performance of wood stiles and rails with the durability of a magnetically sealed, polyurethane-core steel entry door. All glazing and side light options are illustrated. Weather Shield Manufacturing, Inc., Medford, Wis.

62 Oak flooring
A newly expanded 16-page color catalog shows laminated oak parquet and plank flooring in several interior applications. The literature includes full product specifications and tips on floor care and installation. Anderson Hardwood Floors, Clinton, S. C.

63 Cavity drywall systems
An 8-page brochure reviews the savings in labor, time, space, and materials by using one of the manufacturer's two I-stud cavity area separation wall systems as a substitute for masonry block for vertical fire barriers between adjacent wood-frame multi-housing units. Gold Bond Building Products, Div. National Gypsum, Charlotte, N. C.

64 Marble and granite tile
A 32-page color catalog features marble, thin granite, and stone tiles from all over the world. French limestone tile, Bavarian marbles and stones, and granite tiles and pavers in a variety of colors are shown in the literature. Marble Technics Ltd., New York City.

65 Lighting fixtures
A 68-page color catalog reviews the manufacturer's line of track, fluorescent, recessed, and specialty lighting fixtures for residential or commercial uses. Diagrams illustrate mounting options. Dimensions and electrical specifications for each fixture are included. NuTone Housing Group, Scovill Inc., Cincinnati.

66 Faucets and fittings
The Casa line of European-designed and manufactured faucets, intended for residential use, are featured in an 8-page color brochure. The chrome-plated product line includes seven styles of kitchen and lavatory faucets, a bidet faucet, two tub spouts, and bath and shower valves. Moen Group, Stanadyne, Inc., Elyria, Ohio.

67 Built-in fireplace
An 8-page color brochure reviews the Super Energy Mizer built-in fireplace. Fireplace accessories, including a pressurized air circulator and decorative grates, are described in the literature. The manufacturer's 25-year limited warranty is reviewed. Preway Inc., Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

68 Weatherproofing
The manufacturer's line of over 40 products that are intended to insulate and protect buildings from the effects of weather extremes or restore already damaged structures is reviewed in an 8-page color brochure. A range of applications, from small homes to highways and bridges, is shown in the literature. Thoro System Products, Miami, Fla.

69 Security locks
A 108-page color catalog reviews the manufacturer's line of high-security residential and commercial locks. The D-10 dropbolt, which is said to offer complete protection in high-risk situations, is featured in the catalog. Medeco Security Locks, Inc., Salem, Va.

70 Cedar shingles
A 4-page color brochure features the manufacturer's line of Fancy Cut shingles. The nine shingle patterns are shown alone and in several combinations. Illustrations show both restoration and new construction applications. Shakertown Corp., Winlock, Wash.

71 Closet storage
The manufacturer's Closet Maid closet organizer is said to effectively double the hanging space in a closet. A 4-page color brochure describes the system components, including double-hung shelf and rod units, pole supports, and shoe racks. Clairson International, Ocala, Fla.

72 Skylights and roof windows
The manufacturer's line of skylights and roof windows is reviewed in a 24-page color brochure. Different models and accessory options are shown. Information about flashings, installation, safety, and ventilation is included in the literature. Velux-America, Inc., Greenwood, S. C.
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<td>Cedar plywood&lt;br&gt;A 6-page color product guide illustrates and describes Western Red Cedar-faced plywood intended for use as siding and paneling. Panel sizes, thicknesses, and grades are listed. Finishing, installation, and maintenance instructions are given in the literature. Evans Products Co., Portland, Ore.</td>
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<td>Cast stone&lt;br&gt;A 4-page color brochure features Armstone cast stone floor tiles and wall panels for contract interiors. The manufacture of the tiles, which contain over 90 per cent natural stone, is described. The textured and monolithic surfaces; honed and polished finishes; standard and custom sizes; and a selection of 18 colors are shown. ArmStar, Lenoir City, Tenn.</td>
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<td>Concrete floor system&lt;br&gt;A cast-in-place concrete floor system for single-family and low-rise residential buildings is described in a 4-page flyer. The system, which consists of deck forms supported by collars on the joint forms that are in turn supported by brackets at the end walls and interior beam, is described. Portland Cement Association, Skokie, Ill.</td>
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<td>Sound-reducing matting&lt;br&gt;Enkasound is a two-layer composite, sound-reducing matting that is intended to meet sound rating requirements in both new construction and retrofit multiple-unit dwelling floor systems. An 8-page color catalog describes the product's advantages when used under a hard surface floor. American Enka Co., Enka, N. C.</td>
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<td>Cooktop&lt;br&gt;A 2-page insert features the Continental solid burner electric cooktop, available in almond, black, and white porcelain enamel. Features of the cooktop, including even heat distribution across the entire burner, a variable temperature control, and safety lights to indicate when each unit is on, are reviewed. Dacor, Pasadena, Calif.</td>
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<td>Whirlpool bath&lt;br&gt;Thirteen different whirlpool baths are featured in a 28-page color catalog. Diagrams give the dimensions and plumbing specifications of each model. Special features of the line, including the Water Rainbow waterfall fill spout and single-touch on-off operation, are reviewed in the literature. Jacuzzi Whirlpool Bath, Walnut Creek, Calif.</td>
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<td>Decorative windows&lt;br&gt;A 12-page brochure features the manufacturer's line of decorative windows and louvers, including rounds, half-rounds, ovals, and octagons. Color photos show a variety of applications. Diagrams illustrate several glazing, mullion, and frame options. Webb Manufacturing, Conneaut, Ohio.</td>
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<td>Cabinets&lt;br&gt;A 16-page color brochure reviews the manufacturer's kitchen cabinet line, based on European-styled frameless construction. Six different models are illustrated in a variety of configurations. Close-ups show the concealed hinges and melamine laminate surfaces. Wood-Mode Cabinetry, Kreamer, Pa.</td>
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<td>Windows and doors&lt;br&gt;Detailed descriptions of several new window and door products are included in a 56-page color catalog. Featured products include high-performance glass and Flexiframe window components, which permit fabrication of odd shaped windows that coordinate with the manufacturer's standard window line. Andersen Corp., Bayport, Minn.</td>
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<td>Redwood lumber&lt;br&gt;The durability, dimensional stability, and strength of redwood lumber is reviewed in an 8-page color brochure. Illustrations of interior and exterior applications are included in the literature. Handling and installation requirements are reviewed, and various finishes are suggested. California Redwood Association, Mill Valley, Calif.</td>
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<td>Bathroom fixtures&lt;br&gt;An 8-page color catalog features the manufacturer's line of one-piece vanities available with a variety of lavatory, apron, backsplash, and side-splash choices. Marble, onyx, and solid-color vanity units are illustrated as well as bathtubs, showers, and additional accessories. Lippert Corp., Menomonee Falls, Wis.</td>
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91 Garage door
The Thermowayne steel garage door, with a solid polyurethane core and a thermal break between the inner and outer metal skins, is shown in a 4-page color brochure. Features of the door, including an embossed wood-grain finish and a non-corrosive latch, are described. Wayne-Dalton Corp., Mount Hope, Ohio.

92 Fireplace
A 4-page color catalog reviews the standard features of the Supercirculator fireplace, including tight-fitting doors, outside air supply, flue damper, and forced-air fans. The dimensions and performance rates of the unit are included in the literature. Majestic, Huntington, Ind.

93 Reflective surfacing
A 6-page foldout brochure includes samples of the manufacturer's mirrorlike polystyrene decorative surfacing. The product is available with or without a self-adhesive, and can be applied to walls, ceilings, and furniture. Liberty Hardware Manufacturing Corp., White Plains, N. Y.

94 Plywood directory
A 41-page booklet includes a plywood manufacturers membership directory that lists the name and address of each plant, the maximum size of the plywood manufactured at each, and the glue, wood species, and finish used. Hardwood Plywood Manufacturers Association, Reston, Va. Available for $2.00 per copy.

95 Vinyl windows
The energy-saving advantages of the manufacturer's rigid vinyl double-hung residential windows are reviewed in a 6-page brochure. A photo of a window section shows the four sealed air chambers of the fusion-welded frame and the fin seal double and triple weatherstripping. Trocal Window Systems, Div. of Dynamit Nobel of America, Inc., Rockleigh, N.J.

96 Wallcoverings
A sample book contains swatches of the Torino II collection, additions to the Torino line of Italian-designed wallcoverings. The wallcoverings have a parchmentlike texture and are available in 11 new colors, including chalk, zink, barium, sepia, clay, feldspar, cobalt, nickel, iron, sienna, andumber. Donghia Textiles, New York City.
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**97 Skylights and solariums**
The manufacturer's custom-made tubular aluminum skylight and solarium systems are described in a 4-page color brochure. Features of the systems, including a thermally broken base extrusion and interlocking frame members, are reviewed. Drawings of construction details are shown. Habitek, Inc., Norristown, Pa.

**98 Cedar plywood**
A variety of residential applications of CedarFly Western Red Cedar plywood siding is illustrated in an 8-page color brochure. The available grades, types, and finishes of the plywood panels are reviewed. Flame-spread data and finishing instructions are included. Peninsula Plywood Div. of ITT Rayonier Inc., Port Angeles, Wash.

**99 Wood doors**
A 20-page catalog shows approximately 60 oak and mahogany interior and exterior doors with sidelights. Color photographs show the available models, which feature hand-carved details and etched, leaded, and beveled glass in a variety of residential applications. International Wood Products, San Diego.

**100 Bath fixtures**
A line of china bathtubs and shower trays imported from France is shown in an 8-page color brochure. Asymmetrical tubs, designed to fit into corners, and free standing double-apron baths are illustrated. The fixtures are shown in white and in a selection of pastel shades. Porcher, Inc., Chicago.

**101 Landscape lighting**
Spread, path, border, and accent fixtures for landscape lighting are illustrated in a 26-page color catalog. Photometric data for each fixture is given. Diagrams show dimensions and mounting options of each unit. Kim Lighting, City of Industry, Calif.

**102 Toilets**
An 8-page color brochure reviews the economical and environmental benefits of the Microflush toilet, which uses compressed air to draw waste from the bowl over the trapway. Photos of the different models are included in the literature. Microphor, Inc., Willits, Calif.
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103 Built-in ovens
Option J micro-convection ovens are featured in an 8-page color brochure. Photos of the built-in units, which have a microwave/convection oven on top and a conventional, self-cleaning thermal oven/broiler on the bottom, are included in the literature.
Thermador/Waste King, Los Angeles.

104 Aluminum siding
A 12-page color brochure features Cedarwood aluminum siding. The siding’s fluorocarbon coating is said to resist weathering, chalking, fading, staining, and to require no painting. The siding is shown in white, gray, beige, and brown.
Alcan Building Products, Warren, Ohio.

105 Ceiling tile
An 8-page color brochure includes photos of the manufacturer’s Auditone, Quietone, and Hacienda lines of mineral-fiber ceiling tile for residential use. The acoustical properties, fire-resistance ratings, and maintenance requirements of the tiles are reviewed in the literature.
United States Gypsum, Chicago.

106 Vinyl tile
The manufacturer’s line of vinyl floor tile, made from PVC resins, is featured in an 8-page color brochure. Simulated wood grain, brick, quarry tile, and marble patterns are shown in both commercial and residential applications.
Azrock Floor Products, San Antonio, Tex.

107 Indirect lighting
An 8-page color catalog reviews several methods of indirect lighting. A line of freestanding, portable, wall-mounted, and suspended fixtures is illustrated and described in the literature. The mirrored reflector of the line’s optical system is discussed.
Guth Lighting, St. Louis, Mo.

108 Windows and glass doors
A 56-page color brochure features the manufacturer’s line of wood and aluminum-clad windows, doors, and sloped glazing systems. The literature includes size charts for single units and combinations, energy performance figures, specifications, and detail drawings.
Pella/Rolscreen Co., Pella, Iowa.

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109 Tennis court surface
A 4-page color brochure describes a modular tile tennis court surface, said to be easy to install over any hard base such as concrete or asphalt. The manufacture of the tiles, which are made of treated polyethylene, is reviewed. Resort and residential applications are illustrated in the literature. Matéflex, Utica, N.Y.

110 Single-lever fittings
The Orchidea line of fittings for bathtubs, showers, and whirlpools is featured on a 2-page color flyer. Designed by Junko Enomoto, the fittings are individually cast and assembled from solid brass, and are available in six baked-enamel colors. Watercolors, Inc., Garrison-On-Hudson, N.Y.

111 Contract fabrics
A color foldout brochure describes the Millennium line of upholstery, drapery, wallcovering, and carpet designs. Aubusson tapestry, woven with five layers of wool, is featured in the literature. Several silk, wool, and Egyptian cotton patterns are shown. Jack Lenor Larsen, New York City.

112 Ventilating fans
Electric fans for the bathroom, kitchen, laundry room, and basement are illustrated in a 16-page color catalog. Fan-forced heaters and room-to-room fans that transfer heated or cooled air from one space to another are also featured in the literature. A selection of wall control panels is shown. Broan Manufacturing, Co., Inc., Hartford, Wis.

113 Ceramic tile
A 4-page color brochure features the manufacturer's Terrestrial tile, available in four colors that are intended to match standard bathroom fixtures and kitchen appliances. Accent tiles, offered in brighter colors and patterns, are also shown in the literature. Wenczel Tile Co., Trenton, N.J.

114 Roofing products
Organic- and fiberglass-based shingles and built-up roofing products are covered in a 12-page color catalog. The Valiant and Summit shingles, intended for residential applications, are featured. Product specifications and a color selection chart are included in the literature. Georgia-Pacific Corp., Atlanta.
115 Security systems
A 16-page buyers guide reviews several aspects of home protection systems: levels and types of security devices, fire alarms, central station monitoring options, and installation techniques. Floor plans indicate suggested placement of different security devices. Honeywell, Inc., Minnetonka, Minn.

116 Bathtubs
A line of bathtubs made with a molded fiberglass shell lined with plastic foam cushioning and covered by an elastomeric surface material is illustrated in a 10-page color brochure. Dimensions and water capacity of each model are given in the literature. The Soft Bathtub Co., Seattle.

117 Railings
Handrails and balustrades, shower rails, grab bars and many other residential hardware items constructed from the manufacturer’s nylon-coated galvanized steel components are shown in an 8-page color catalog. Product specifications and detail drawings are included in the literature. Hewi, Inc., Allendale, N. J.

118 Kitchen units
A 15-page catalog illustrates kitchen units intended for use by the handicapped or for installation in apartments for the elderly, hospitals, nursing homes, and limited-space residential applications. Full product specifications and available options are reviewed. Dwyer Products Corp., Michigan City, Ind.

119 Windows
A 26-page color catalog reviews the manufacturer’s single- and double-hung windows, rolling windows and doors, specialty windows, and greenhouse bays for residential, commercial, and institutional buildings. Frame and glazing details are illustrated in the literature. Capitol Windows, Harrisburg, Pa.

120 Plywood
A 56-page guide reviews the specification and use of plywood structural panels. Wall, floor, and roof construction techniques are explained and illustrated in color photos. Load-span tables for plywood products are included in the literature. American Plywood Association, Tacoma, Wash.
121 Wool carpeting
A 12-page color brochure outlines the manufacturer's line of wool carpets and custom shape, size, and color area rugs. Photos show a selection of hand- and machine-tufted textures and patterns. Production techniques are described and illustrated in the literature. V'Soske, New York City.

122 Kitchen and bath fixtures
A product information kit contains photographs, descriptions, and specifications of each item in the manufacturer's line, including kitchen and bathroom fixtures, washbasins, and garden and park furniture. The kit also contains a list of sales representatives. Kroin Inc., Cambridge, Mass.

123 Kitchen cabinets
A 16-page catalog features the manufacturer's selection of cabinet styles. Raised oak panels in light tones and European-styled frameless cabinets with melamine surfaces are shown in color photographs. Drawings illustrate the construction details of the different lines. Merillat Industries, Inc., Adrian, Mich.

124 Granite and marble
An 8-page color catalog features a line of granite and marble intended for residential and commercial applications. The literature describes how the manufacturer saws and processes 20-ton blocks into marble tiles, granite pavers, and custom-specified units. Granite & Marble World Trade, Chicago.

125 Folding doors
Decorative folding partitions and screens for residential applications are illustrated in a 12-page color catalog. The line includes solid face and carved, caned, mirrored, and glazed insert panels, and rigid vinyl folding doors. Operable walls for commercial use are also shown. Panelfold Inc., Miami, Fla.

126 Split-system air conditioner
A 4-page color brochure explains the energy-saving advantages of Medallion IV residential air conditioners, part of the manufacturer's line of hvac products that also includes wall-mounted units, heat pumps, and self-contained air-conditioning systems. The systems are said to be easy to install and maintain. Intertherm, St. Louis.
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<td>Ductless fans&lt;br&gt;A 4-page color brochure describes how ductless fan units can be used to filter contaminants, and deodorize and recirculate air in kitchens and bathrooms. Diagrams show the construction of the fans. Rush-Hampton Industries, Inc., Sanford, Fla.</td>
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<td>Tile-setting products&lt;br&gt;An 8-page color brochure includes product descriptions, suggested uses, estimated coverage, application instructions, and performance and test data for the manufacturer's line of tile-setting products. A selection of 18 ceramic grade grout colors and seven dry wall grout colors is shown. W. R. Bonsal Co., Charlotte, N. C.</td>
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133 Cast-iron fireplace
The Eclipse cast-iron wood- or coal-burning fireplace is featured in a 4-page color brochure. Photos show the airtight, zero clearance unit installed flush with the wall and recessed into it. Performance and construction data is included. Dovre, Inc., Aurora, Ill.

134 Replacement windows
A 2-page color insert describes the Thermalizer II all-aluminum, thermally broken replacement window for residential applications. Features of the window, including tilt latches, positive locks intended to discourage prowlers, and fin-type weatherstripping, are reviewed. Season-all Industries, Inc., Indiana, Pa.

135 Red cedar siding
Several Western Red cedar siding styles, including board-and-batten, board-on-board, tongue-and-groove, and bevel siding, are reviewed in a 4-page color brochure. Photos show a variety of interior and exterior applications. Western Red Cedar Lumber Association, Portland, Ore.

136 Heating/air conditioning
An 8-page catalog features the main components of the manufacturer's Sun Dial residential and commercial heating and air-conditioning product line. Included are electric, gas, and oil furnaces; heat pumps; and combination electric furnaces and plenum heaters. Square D Co., Mesquite, Tex.

137 Masonry stains
A 4-page color brochure describes Dynacryl water-repellent stains, designed to protect and improve the appearance of concrete, exposed aggregate concrete, common and face brick, stucco, and natural stone. The 10 standard colors are shown. Product test results are summarized in the text. Dampney Co., Inc., Everett, Mass.

138 Decorative glass
Several different decorative glass installations, including windows, skylights, screens, and shades are illustrated in a 6-page color brochure. Etched, sandblasted and carved windows; leaded and stained windows; and copper foil and zinc lampshades and domes are described in the literature. Elysian Art Glass Co., Denver.
139 Natural stone
Residential applications of marble and other natural stone building products are described and illustrated in a 4-page color brochure. Splitface ashlar, fieldstone and thin veneer stones and marble chunks are featured in the literature. Georgia Marble Co., Atlanta.

140 Windows and doors
A 72-page catalog contains information on approximately 5,000 standard shapes and sizes of wood windows and patio doors. All featured products, including round top windows, bow and bay windows, and terrace and patio doors, are described and accompanied by detail drawings. Photos show several pine-framed units. Marvin Windows, Warroad, Minn.

141 Vertical blinds
Residential installations of vertical window blinds are illustrated in a 36-page color booklet. The selection of available fabrics and textures, including vinyl, wool, cane, cork, grasscloth, and suede, are shown in the literature. Louverdrape, Inc., Santa Monica, Calif.

142 Tables
A 36-page catalog includes color photos of each Monoform table, available in cube, triangle, oval, and hexagon shapes. The text describes the process by which the natural wood veneer, polyester resin colors, and polished aluminum finishes are applied. Ordering information is included. Intrex Furniture, New York City.

143 Exterior finish
A 4-page brochure includes case studies of residential projects using the R-wall insulation system. The features of the insulation board, which is coated with an all-acrylic finish and is said to maximize heat retention in winter and minimize cooling losses in summer, are described in the literature. ISPO Inc., Mansfield, Mass.

144 Heat pump
A 4-page color brochure features the manufacturer's all-weather HP16 heat pump. Diagrams of the heating and cooling cycles show how the pump transfers and recirculates heat between the indoor unit and the outdoor unit. Lennox Industries, Inc., Dallas.
Kitchen sink
The manufacturer's new Bon Vivant kitchen sink has two 17- by 18- by 9-in. basins separated by a disposal basin. The enameled cast-iron unit is available in self-rimming or square-corner models and comes in a selection of colors. Kohler Co., Kohler, Wis.
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Weather and door seals
The manufacturer's Q-Lon urethane foam weather seals are said to provide better resistance than pile seals to air infiltration due to the expansion and contraction of aluminum and vinyl windows. The seals come in five thicknesses, from .15 in. to .375 in., and come in white, brown, and black. Schlegel Corp., Rochester, N. Y.
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Double-hung window
The manufacturer's new Ariel double-hung window has a wood interior and an extruded aluminum exterior frame. The sash liner is designed to be easily removable to facilitate painting or staining of the frame, and glass cleaning or replacement. Peachtree Windows & Doors, Norcross, Ga.
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Pendant fixtures
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Garage door
The manufacturer's textured steel garage doors can be specified for both single and double width garage openings. The doors come with the Sof-T-Lok track design to retain the rollers in the track as the doors are raised and lowered. Stanley Door Systems, Div. of The Stanley Works, Troy, Mich.
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Wallcovering
The manufacturer's new Tribute vinyl-coated wallcovering is intended for residential and contract applications. The fabric has a 3/4-in. vertical stripe pattern and is available in 25 colors. L. E. Carpenter & Co., Wharton, N. J.
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Dining furniture
Architect Warren Platner has designed a dining room table and matching chairs. The table base is laminated bentwood in a choice of white oak, walnut, or colored maple, and the top comes in beveled glass or wood. The chair's curved seat and back are made of molded foam that can be upholstered in the manufacturer's fabric or the customer's own material. CI Designs, Medford, Mass.
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Whirlpool bath
The manufacturer has introduced an eight-jet, dual air-control whirlpool system powered by a 1-hp pump and motor. The tub's acrylic and fiberglass construction is said to help maintain water temperature. Five models are available. Villeroy & Boch, Inc., Pine Brook, N. J.
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Brass levers
The manufacturer's two new solid brass levers are available with polished and antique finishes. The levers are designed for use on 1 3/8- or 1 3/4-in.-thick doors and have a reversible latch. Valli & Colombo, Duarte, Calif. Write 316 on reader service card.

Sealants and coatings
The manufacturer's Series 5000 sealants and Series 8000 coatings are said to waterproof and protect the building envelope from the damaging effects of heat, cold, rain, salt water, chemical pollutants, and ultraviolet radiation. The sealants and coatings can also be used to patch surface cracks. VIP Enterprises, Inc., Miami. Write 317 on reader service card.

Glass coating
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Kitchen cabinets
The *Nova* series of kitchen cabinets, imported from West Germany, has white laminate doors with oak side trim. The cabinets have molded drawers made from melamine and a continuous toekick trim. Liger Kitchens, East Providence, R.I. Write 318 on reader service card.

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Furniture
The Graffiti collection of leather-upholstered furniture was designed by Burkhard Vogtherr. The series includes a 45-in.-wide by 16-in.-high chair, a 67-in.-wide by 28-in.-high two-seat sofa, a 82 3/4-in.-wide by 28-in.-high three-seat sofa, a 81-in.-wide by 16-in.-high bench, and a 29 1/2-in.-square table. Brayton International, High Point, N. C. Write 322 on reader service card.

Light- and fan-control panel
The manufacturer’s new dual slide control panel is available in light/fan or light/light combinations. The unit can fit into the openings of standard-size wallplates and can be installed as a replacement for on/off switches. Lutron Electronics Co., Inc., Coopersburg, Pa. Write 321 on reader service card.

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The New Direction collection of 100 per cent cotton fabrics is intended for residential and commercial applications. The collection includes the Ajasai, Cat's Cradle, and Pentimento (shown) patterns. Each pattern comes in a 54-inch width and is available in a selection of colors. California Drop Cloth, Los Angeles. Write 324 on reader service card

Fireplace
The manufacturer's 300TH two-sided fireplace gives off convective and radiant heat from both sides. The unit is 40 3/4 in. high, 45 1/2 in. wide, and 26 1/4 in. deep and has a glass door opening of 34 by 14 in. Heat-N-Glo Fireplaces, Burnsville, Minn. Write 325 on reader service card

Table
The Techy table was designed by Anna Castelli Ferrieri and has an injection-molded top that is said to be easy to assemble. The table is intended for interior and exterior applications and comes in black, white, yellow, red, and green. Kartell USA, Easley, S.C. Write 326 on reader service card

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The new hand-woven Colombo pattern, designed by Jack Lenor Larsen, is available in half-meter-square tiles or in custom-specified area rug sizes. The pattern comes in 6 shades and can be ordered with or without a PVC backing. Jack Lenor Larsen, New York City. Write 327 on reader service card

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The manufacturer's Combo II entrance lock for residential and light-commercial applications has a 1-in. deadbolt. The deadbolt and the latch bolt are simultaneously retracted when the inner knob or lever is turned. Falcon Lock, Div. of NI Industries, Inc., Huntington Beach, Calif. Write 328 on reader service card
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