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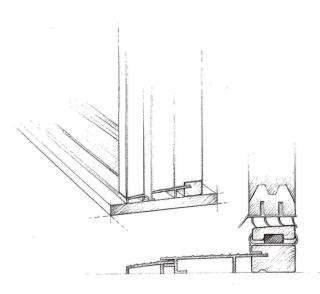
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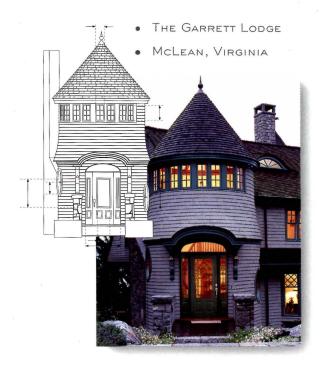
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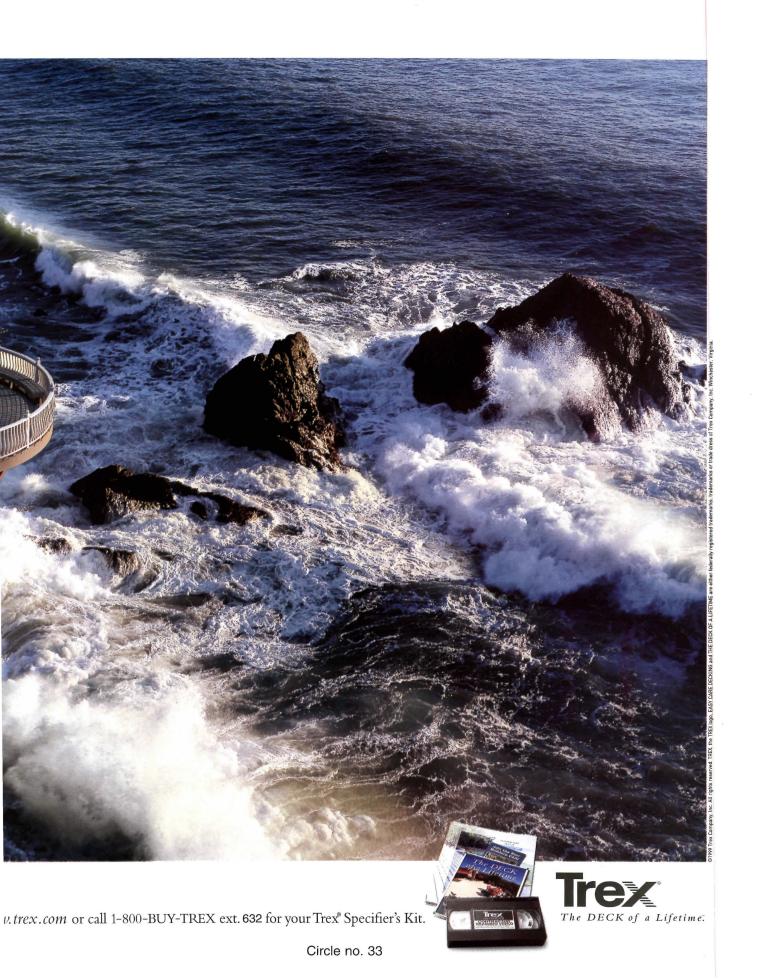
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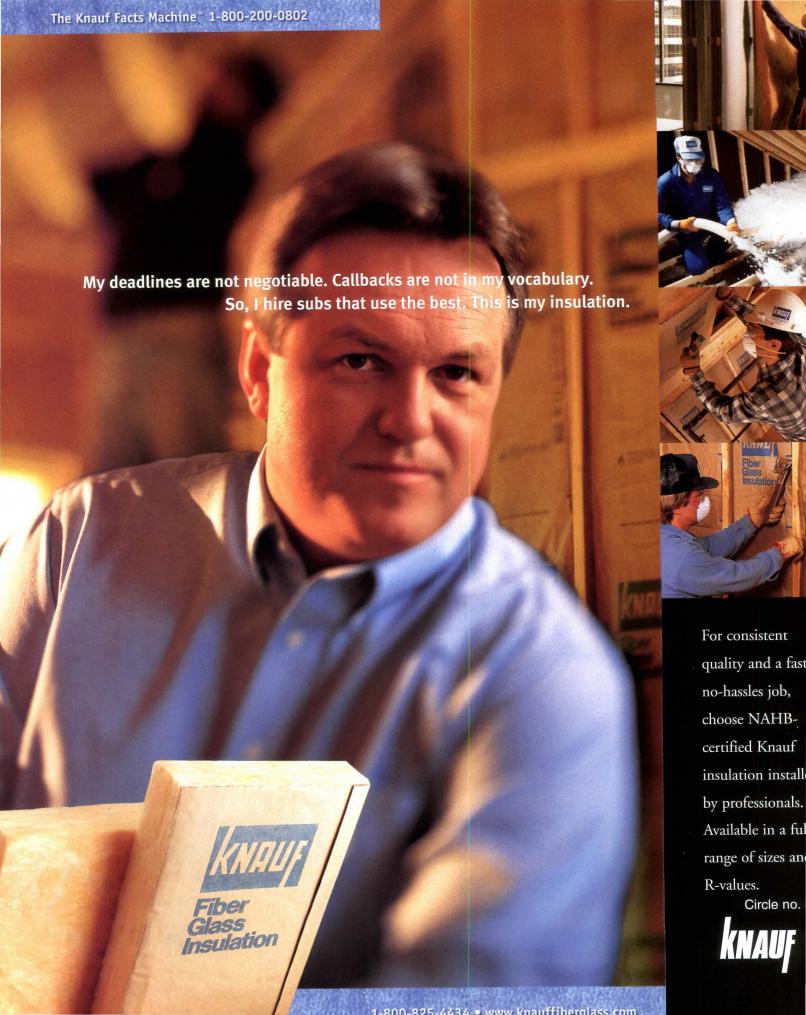


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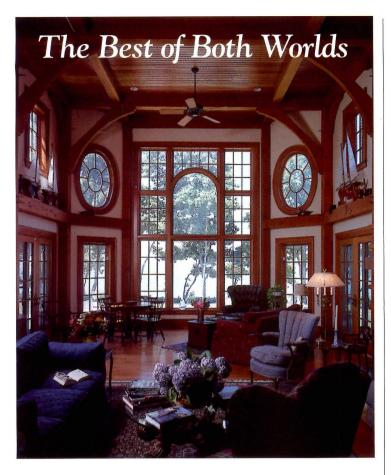
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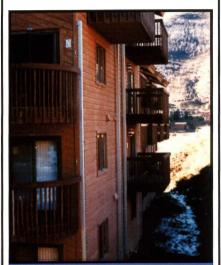
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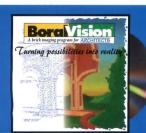
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#### undiscovered talent

Of course, I have a selfish motive here. I want to see your work in the pages of our magazine and I want you to enter our awards competitions. We've



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launched a new one this year. The results of our first annual residential design awards program begin on page 45. We have some beautiful projects among our winners, but I know there are other impressive projects out there, undocumented, slipping out of everyone's grasp.

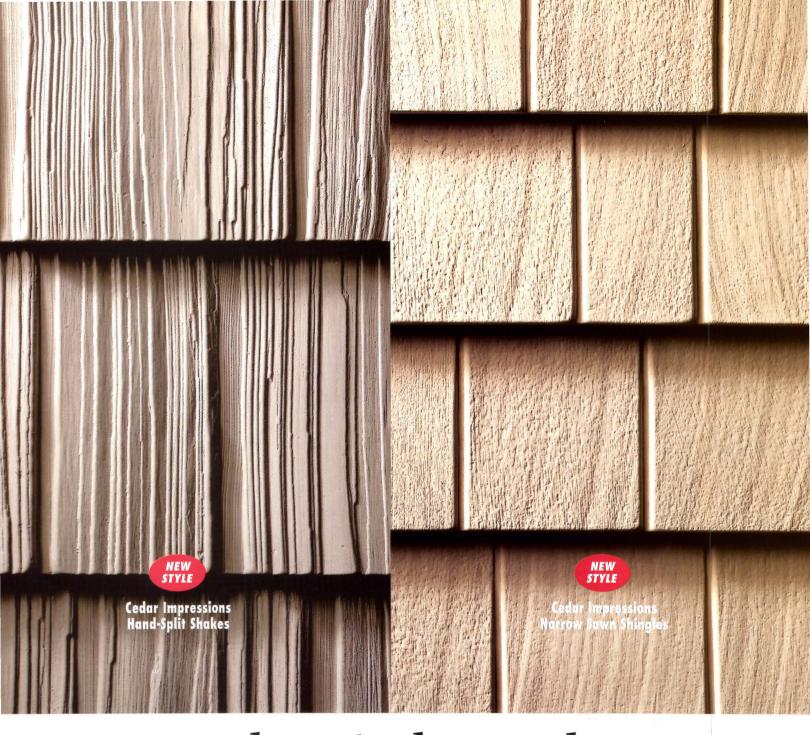
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At the very least, take your camera and shoot several rolls of film. Send those "scouting shots" with a floor plan and a project description to the editors of magazines you admire. Many will split the cost of photography or foot the bill entirely, depending on their budgets. All it takes is a little enterprise and ingenuity.

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## letters

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#### a positive note

ust wanted to send a note expressing how much I enjoyed the February issue—and not just because of the Perspective article I wrote ("Low-End Luxury," page 20). Your magazine is the only one I know of that really focuses on residential architecture in such a true sense, and the projects you highlight are always of great interest. I think the Habitat section ("The

Homes for Habitat Design Awards," page 25) was exceptional. Keep up the good work.

> Ed Binkley, AIA Bloodgood Sharp Buster Orlando, Fla

#### code words

t is a dark and rainy day in the Northwest and I have just spent the morning going through back issues of architectural magazines in the office. In the process, I came across your May/June 1999 issue and reread the "Fine Red Lines" (page 83) article about code compliance issues. I was not sufficiently disturbed upon the first reading of the hanging handrail project (page 88) to write, but the second reading did it.

The building code in use was not specified. However, in addition to not meeting guard-rail requirements, the handrail does not appear to meet



graspable standards of the Uniform Building Code. The article also mentions an office in the basement area but does not state whether or not the public will use this stair to gain access to the office space. The article also does not reveal whether the hanging handrail was approved as part of the plan review for permit or



constructed without prior approval and therefore without a valid permit, another potential violation of the code.

UBC Section 104.2.8 provides alternatives and the method of documentation for alternative code compliance. A licensed professional architect should clearly understand and support the various building codes and either prepare a design in minimum code compliance or obtain approval of an alternative design prior to its construction. From the designer's statements, it appears an excess of design ego got in the way

of his creativity and aesthetic good sense. I presume a licensed architect and AIA member is otherwise both capable and competent enough to dispose of this matter in compliance with the codes.

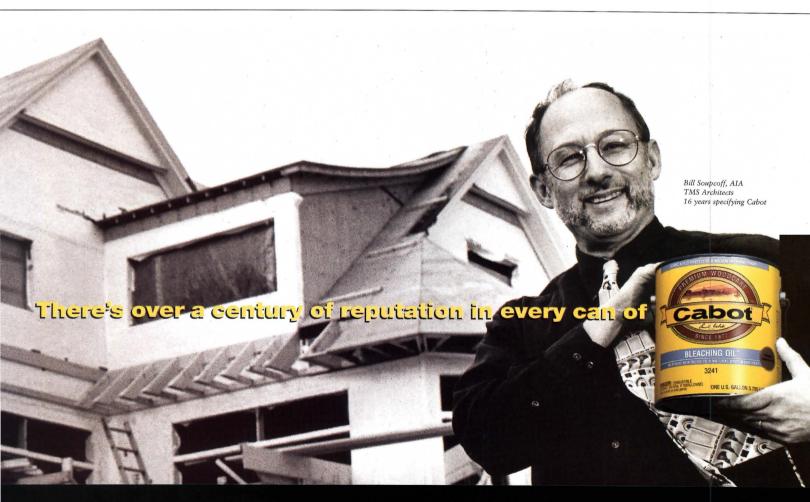
I know of no authority given to a code official to accept a personal waiver of responsibility from the owner of the property in lieu of code compliance and I can find no justification, short of political, for such an accommodation. In this case, the architect of record, the contractor, the owner of the property, the individual code official, and the jurisdiction

may all be liable for damages, in varying degrees, should an injury occur due to code violations. Guests may have children. The property may be sold to people with children. An older person, or someone with limited hand strength or grasping ability, may use the stair. Then what?

Your staff should consider the repercussions when publishing articles that seem to encourage something other than full compliance with the law. The code is intended to protect the public—and enforcing officials are not enemies of the design community.

Lowell D. Erickson, AIA The Erickson Architects Bellevue, Wash.

The editor replies: You are, of course, correct in emphasizing the importance of code compliance. And you are also correct to point out that there is, indeed, some ambiguity in the article you cite surrounding the issue of whether the hanging handrail complies with code. In hindsight, we regret that ambiguity and apologize for any impression the article may have given that we support anything less than full code compliance.



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#### gold star

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On residential design: "I like it because you face the client directly. It's different from designing, say, an office building, because you're dealing one-

on-one with a human being. It's a real challenge ... We do no more than two houses at a time, because it's very time-consuming for us ... We design houses down to the doorknobs."

On color: "Color to me comes from a very deep cultural."

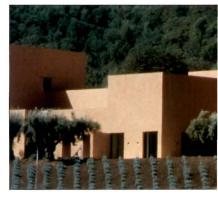
On color: "Color to me comes from a very deep cultural tradition. In Mexico [Legorreta's native country], color is an everyday thing. It's not an intellectual thing. People love to paint their own houses with bright shades and dress colorfully—it's very natural. For me, choosing

color is a purely emotional process ... Sometimes I choose the color before I even do the design."

On learning from the past: "Historical structures have a very strong influence on me ... To truly understand a building you have to go back to its roots ... Understanding the past is not the same as nostalgia. The challenge is to take the past and go forward."—meghan drueding











(portrait) Courtesy Legorreta Arquitectos Legorreta's residential portfolio includes homes in the Mexican resort town of Valle de Bravo (above and below, center): Monterrey, Mexico (below, left); and Sonoma, Calif. (below, right).



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#### clean machine

nstitutional foot pedals are put to clever household use under a vegetable sink in this San Francisco kitchen remodel. "I have a foot pedal in my own kitchen," says Bruce Tomb, who designed the kitchen with former partner John Randolph. "They're great because your hands are free to work in the sink, and because you can turn it on and off effortlessly, you tend to use less water." The maple cutting board is another motion saver. It's notched to slide easily along the countertop.

Instead of repairing the scar on the wood



Charlie Brown

floor left by the old base cabinets, the designers used glass tile that wraps upward to become a backsplash.

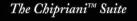
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#### millennium models

through june 1 pacific design center, los angeles



This exhibit of the work of New Blood 101, a group of young L.A. designers and architects, aims to provoke and surprise by subverting traditional approaches to design. The show features three-dimensional models of homes, buildings, products, and concepts. Shown here: model of a residence by Hagy Belzberg. For more information, call 310.657.0800.

#### national design triennial

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#### frank lloyd wright: windows of the darwin d. martin house

through august 20 national building museum, washington, d.c.

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#### a century of design, part II: 1925-1950

may 9-october 29 the metropolitan museum of art, new york city

The second of the Met's fourpart series of exhibitions surveying design in the 20th century highlights major European Modernist designers of the Bauhaus, De Stijl, Scandinavian, and other avant-garde design movements. At right: armchair (1927) by Ludwig Mies van der Rohe. For more information, call 212.535.7710, or go to www.metmuseum.org.



#### american modern, 1925-1940: design for a new age

may 16-january 7 metropolitan museum of art, new york city

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#### the home show

june 4-august 20 walker art center, minneapolis

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role in shaping society's notions of home; and a retrospective of the gallery's own Idea House projects of the 1940s. Shown here: sleeping and bathing area of the Ost Kuttner Apartments in Manhattan (1997), by Kolatan MacDonal Studio, from The Un-Private House. For details, call 612.375.7622 or visit www.walkerart.org.

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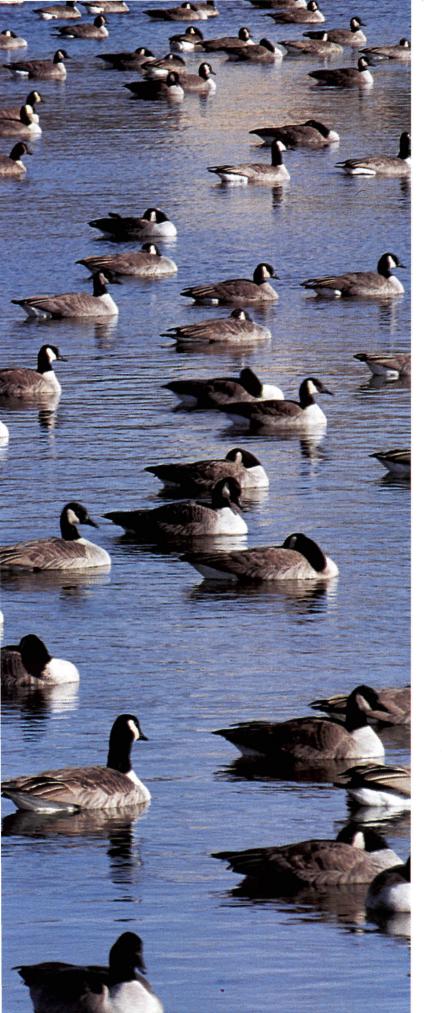
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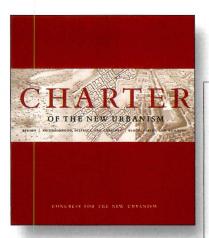
he New Urbanism is neither new nor exclusively urban. Get past the clunky nomenclature, however, and it offers a compelling antidote to sprawl. The *Charter of the New Urbanism* attempts to set forth the movement's guiding principles in 27 essays by planners and architects who consider themselves its evangelists.

The so-called principles fall under three headings. Those within "The Region: Metropolis, City, and Town" address economic issues, land use, infill, historical influences, affordability, and transportation. "Neighborhood, District, and Corridor" covers topics relating to neighborhood identity, pedestrian friendliness, housing diversity, transit, design codes, and the need for parkland. The final section, "Block, Street, and Building," looks at the buildings and byways

that make up our communities.

Unfortunately, these "guiding principles" read not like a charter, but like a collection of master's theses written by exceptionally bright planning students. There is no consistent style or voice. A "guiding principle" on infill development, for example,

cites only Chicago, the contributor's hometown. Regional revenue sharing is addressed solely from the author's experience in Minneapolis/St. Paul. Other essayists, however—notably Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, Bill Lennertz, and Ray Gindroz—are to be commended for their focused and comprehensive treatment of the principles they write about.

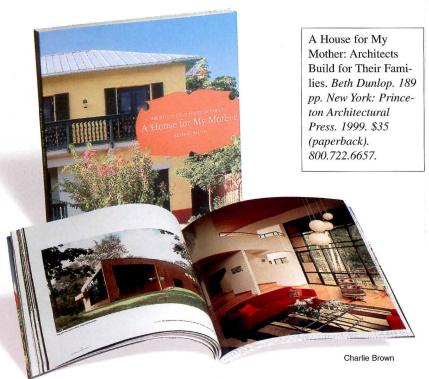


Charter of the New Urbanism. Congress for the New Urbanism; Michael Leccese and Kathleen McCormick, editors. 194 pp. New York: McGraw-Hill. 2000. \$50 (paperback). 415.495.2255.

As a provocative and intelligent collection of thoughts on contemporary planning, it works well. But to call it a charter is a stretch.

A lighter and lovelier collection is to be found in *A House for My Mother*. Architecture critic Beth Dunlop visits 25 houses designed by architects for their parents. The author profiles work by "names" such as Robert Venturi, Richard Meier, Charles Gwathmey, and Peter Bohlin. But she also features lesser-known architects still building their careers.

A House for My Mother is at once architectural and delightfully personal. Dunlop describes the family needs and politics that shaped each house, and illustrates most with homespun photos of family members. Sadly, much of the architectural photography looks homegrown as well. But mediocre photography can be overlooked if we take this book for what it is: an intimate look at parent-child relations and the creative process of making a house a home.—susan bradford barror



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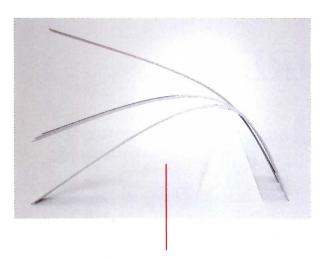
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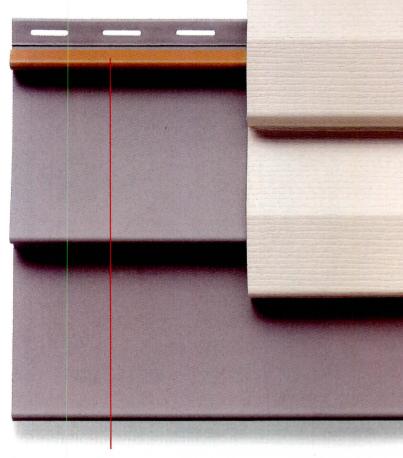
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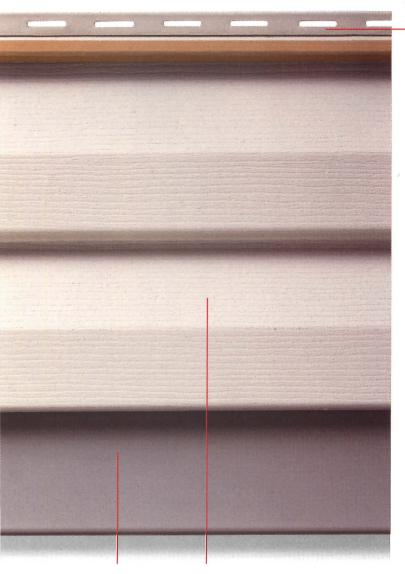
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tuck under storage cabinets, a sliding chalkboard, and a fold-out theater for puppet shows.

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ing wall, and color-coordinated mobile carts that make putting toys away almost as fun as taking them out. The bins slide under a long drawing table, complete with a roll of paper at the ready. Everywhere, bright colors bring out the room's whimsy and warmth.

Says Cathi House, who headed up the design team: "It's what a playroom is supposed to be—playful and joyous and exciting."

This story first appeared in residential architect's sister publication REMODELING.



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Before

House + House Architects transformed a drab garage room into this vibrant playroom. A subtle orderliness underlies the new space's boisterous appeal: There's a place for every toy and every activity.

#### uli's prize

s part of its ongoing mission to encourage responsible land use, the Urban Land Institute has established a new award: the J.C. Nichols Prize for Visionary Development. The nonprofit research organization will grant the \$100,000 award to an individual or organization with a history of significant contributions to North American urban



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community development. Nominees are expected to represent a variety of disciplines, from architects to academics to public officials.

Endowed by the Nichols family of Kansas City, Mo., the prize was named after one of ULI's founding members, developer Jesse Clyde Nichols (left), whose legacy includes Kansas City's landmark Country Club Plaza, one of the

country's first shopping centers.

The winner of this year's J.C. Nichols Prize will be announced in October at a ceremony in Kansas City.

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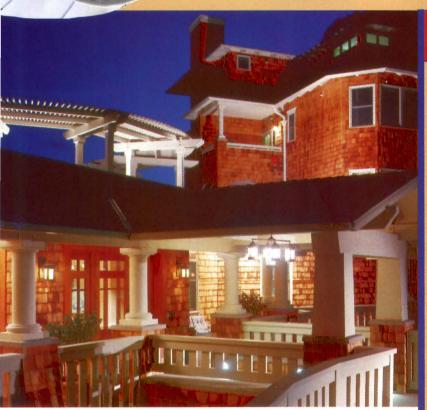
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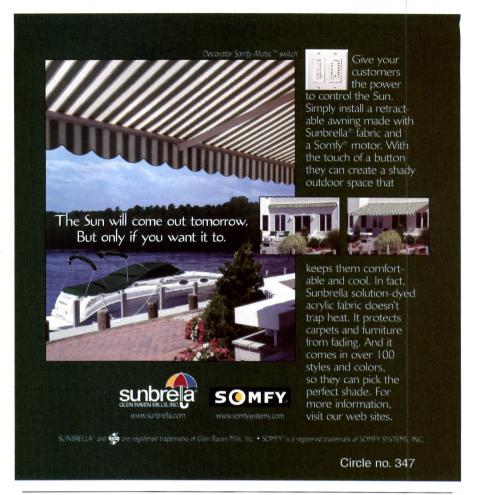
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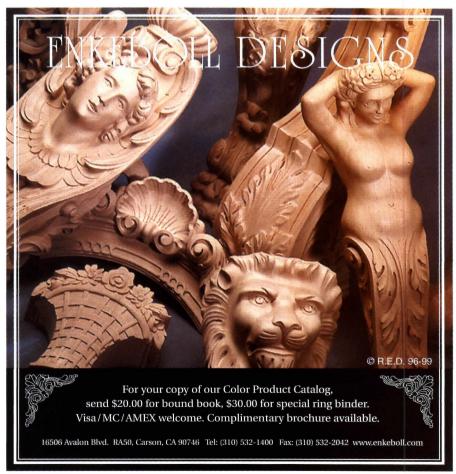
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## busting the builders

how to stop builders—and others—from stealing your plans.

by sharon o'malley

ike most architects in this time of booming home sales, Ann Capron is busy—too busy, she says, to chase builders who are copying her plans without her permission. "I have more trouble with people taking a sales brochure [from a model home] to a draftsman and reproducing my plan," says Capron, who works for McIntyre, Batchelor, Capron Architects, in Paoli, Pa.

But plagiarism is difficult to prove, she says, and accusing someone of it in court is expensive, so she has never filed a claim. "It's aggravating," she adds.

## worthwhile pursuit

Yet Capron may be forfeiting more money than she knows, says Orlando, Fla., copyright lawyer Herb Allen, because courts have been awarding architects amounts equal to the value of each home built with pirated plans. So pursuing a builder who is illegally duplicating plans "may be worth it," says Allen.

Many architects are not aware that the federal government in 1990 overhauled the law that shields their intellectual property from being used by others with-



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out permission and payment, notes Takoma Park, Md., architect Charles Poor, of Studio Partnership Architects. "Most architects don't know the limit of their protection and also how it may affect their practices," he says.

## the copyright protection act

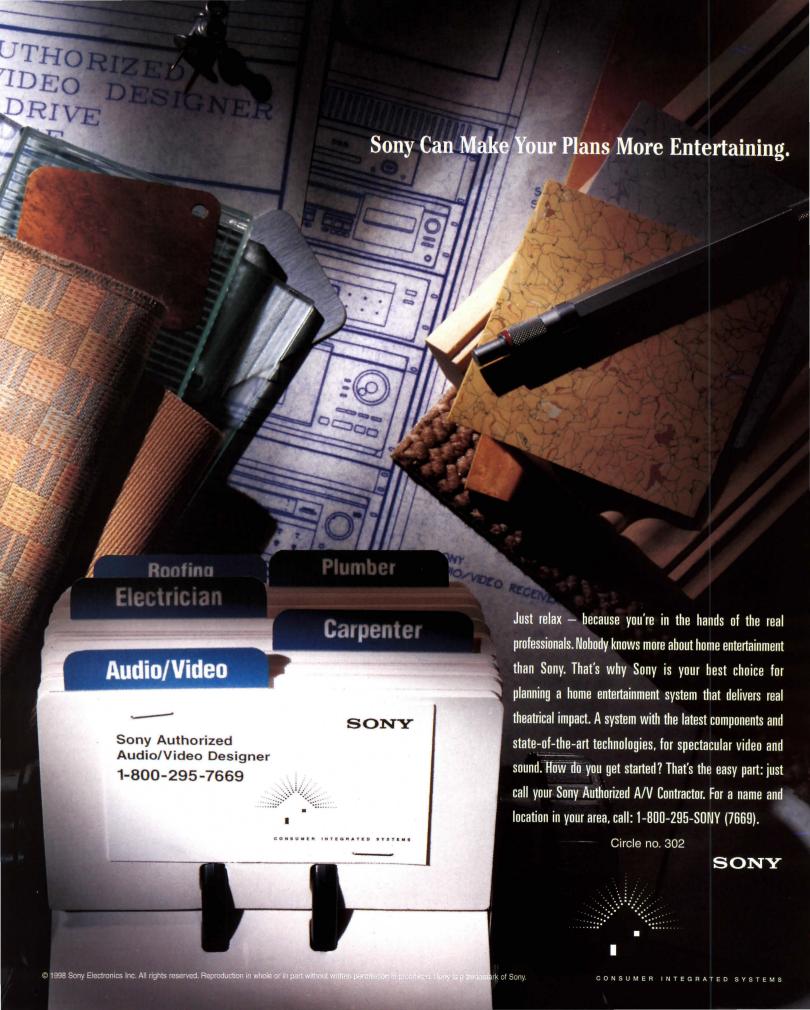
In fact, the Architectural Works Copyright Protection Act of 1990 says nobodynot even the owner of the building—may reuse plans unless the architect agrees. The act makes the design's creator its owner until the architect transfers that ownership to a builder or homeowner. The architect holds the copyright even if he or she has not registered the design with the U.S. Copyright Office or marked it with the symbol ©—the copyright notice.

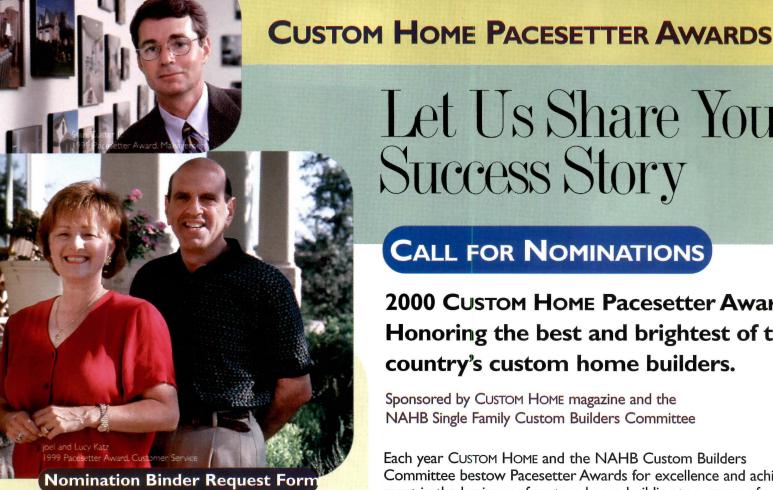
Before 1989, explains

Allen, work that was published in any form—as a floor plan in a builder's brochure or as a photograph in a magazine—was fair game for copycats if the original drawings did not sport the © symbol.

Since 1990, however, the copyright act has protected both drawings and buildings from duplicitous draftsmen unless the creator of the work gives permis-

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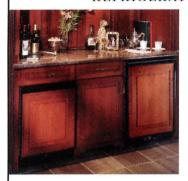
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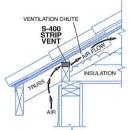
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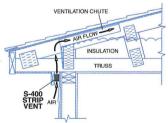
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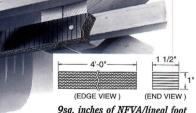
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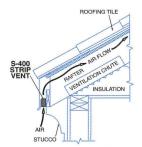
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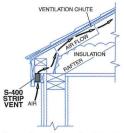




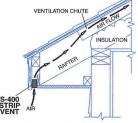
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sion. The architect also is entitled to payment for reuse.

#### fine lines

Old habits, it seems, are hard to break. "Builders seem to think they can take a plan they see in a magazine, hand it to an inhouse draftsman, draw it up, and it's free if they've architects who are drawing a real fine line. Just because we build a car with four wheels, that doesn't mean we owe you money."

Yet the law does not say exactly how much of a design one has to copy before it's considered an infringement.

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—don evans, the evans group

seen it published," complains Don Evans, of The Evans Group, in Orlando, Fla. "It ain't that way anymore."

Still, admits Hal Woods, of The Woods Group Architects, in Santa Ana, Calif., some architects have "gotten a little bit carried away" in their zeal to claim copyright, suing builders and other architects for using designs so common that nobody can really lay claim to them.

"There's only a certain number of ways to design a single-family home," says Woods. "An architect who designs a two-car garage can't say that nobody else can build a two-car garage." Evans agrees: "There are certain 20 percent, but there is no magic formula," says Allen, who gives this rule of thumb for checking similarities between plans: Copy both onto transparencies. Lay the original on top of the alleged infringer and note where lines match on floor plans or elevations. "We're looking for copying," he says, and notes that only drawings and buildings—not concepts—can be copyrighted.

#### what to do

Allen points to three ways architects can bolster the chances that others will not steal their plans.

First, put the copyright notice—the © symbol—on every plan, even if it has not been registered with the U.S. Copyright Office. The law automatically grants the copyright to the creator.

Second, use the client contract to spell out the fact that the architect owns the plans and that nobody—not even the builder—may duplicate them without permission from and payment to the designer.

Finally, pursue those who borrow plans without permission. Send a letter to the infringer and file with the U.S. Copyright Office at the same time. The architect can use those two documents in court to get a speedy injunction that says the builder may not use the plans.

For important works, advises Allen, it's prudent to file with the U.S. Copyright Office. Registration may be done by mail and costs \$30. Forms can be downloaded from the Internet at http://lcweb.loc.gov/copyright/.

Allen says copyright extends to plans that are shared with clients via electronic mail and the Internet, although Thomas Gallas, an accountant who works with architects Torti Gallas and Partners/CHK, in Silver Spring, Md., says it's easier for would-be thieves to delete the architect's identification from electronic documents than from paper.

Sharon O'Malley is a freelance writer in College Park, Md.

## yours, mine or ours

who owns the plans?

Harit.

Copyright law grants ownership to the architect who draws the house plan. But who owns the plan if the architect has hired a freelancer or assigned an employee to make the sketches?

Florida copyright attorney Herb Allen says it depends on the arrangement the architect has with the colleague.

If an architect hires an independent contractor to create and draw the plans, the contractor owns the plans. In order for the architect to own those plans, he or she must get the freelancer to sign a contract that assigns all rights to the copyright to the architect.

If a freelancer and the architect work on the plans together, they have joint ownership. Again, the contractor must transfer copyright rights in order for the architect to claim exclusive ownership.

The rules are different for a salaried employee, however. The architect owns any plans created by his or her employees. Those plans are considered works for hire and do not require a written transfer of copyright.

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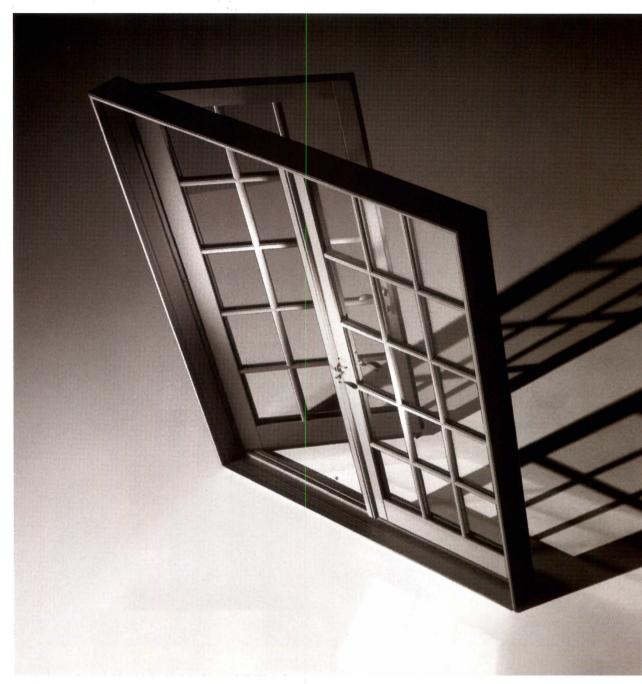




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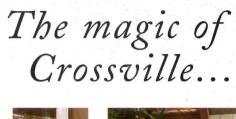
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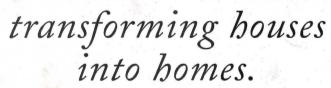
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inning isn't everything, but it's pretty darn nice. Although the editors of *residential architect* search high and low for beautiful projects to publish each issue, we thought it important to stop for a moment, step back, survey the field, and single out the best of the best for special distinction. In fact, we gave our

editors a break and brought in an independent panel of judges to make those tough decisions. The result of their blood, sweat, and excessive caffeine consumption is our first annual *residential architect* Design Awards.

RADA 2000 exceeded our greatest expectations and drew more than 300 entries from across the country. With such a large pool of entries, the competition was robust and our judges had some very difficult hair-splitting to do. Still, some work clearly stood above the crowd and was distinguished accordingly. In all, the judges selected 24 projects for awards, including one project of the year, four grand awards, and 19 merit awards. Our initial competition established seven categories of awards, but we gave our judges freedom to tinker with the program. And they did. Those of you who entered may recall we had two custom home categories divided by square footage; our judges chose to combine them into one category. They also combined two production housing categories into one. Their final program included awards in the following categories: custom, renovation, multifamily, affordable, production, and on the boards. From the built categories, they selected a best overall project of the year.

Serving on this year's panel of judges were six accomplished architects who specialize in residential architecture: Anne Lewis, FAIA, Washington, D.C.; Jim Nagle, FAIA, of Nagle Hartray Danker Kagan McKay Architects Planners, Chicago; Max Jacobson, of Jacobson Silverstein Winslow Architects, Berkeley, Calif.; Aram Bassenian, of Bassenian/Lagoni Architects, Newport Beach, Calif.; Sandy Fennell, of William Devereux and Associates, McLean, Va.; and Roger K. Lewis, FAIA, of Roger K. Lewis Associates, Washington, D.C., professor of architecture at the University of Maryland and architecture writer for *The Washington Post*. They did a fine job—and, best of all, they gave our editors a much needed day off.

### project of the year

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he 113 entries in the custom home category were liberally appointed with marble floors, granite countertops, climate-controlled wine cellars, and luxurious master baths. But the judges chose as project of the year a modest structure covered in asphalt shingles and corrugated metal, built for a bargain \$80 a square foot. "This is a very, very beautiful home," said one juror.

The beauty of the house, by McInturff Architects, lies in its simplicity, economy, and humility. It wasn't meant to steal the show itself, but to focus attention on its primal, wooded site and on a delicate work of art commissioned by the client,

an art history professor at the University of Maryland. Having grown up in a house designed by renowned landscape architect Dan Kiley, she wanted her new house to recall that intimate relationship with nature she'd come to love. And she wanted Tom Wolff it to serve as a

backdrop for a light sculpture by artist Janet Saad Cook. Principal Mark McInturff, AIA, and project architect Stephen Lawlor, AIA, responded by modeling the house after the simplest structure they could think of: a bridge.

The house looks like a pulled-apart cabin, with the private rooms on either end and a two-story living room in the middle. Hoisting it up off its sloped site not only achieved the "bridge" referMark McInturff, left, and Stephen Lawlor used thin metal deck railings and corner windows to lighten the house's visual impact on the land.





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ence, it also eliminated the need for installing a costly drainage system. Instead, rainwater flows right under the house and down the hill.

On one side of the living room, a blank white wall stretches out like a canvas for the owner's sculpture, a dance of light that follows the sun's progress through the day. Horizontal rows of windows sandwich the wall so that light can still enter that side of the house. The opposite wall is all metal-framed glazing, bringing in views of the woods beyond. A pedestrian bridge spans the room to link a second-floor bedroom and study.

The house won points with the judges for its masterful orchestration of the indoor-outdoor relationship. "I especially like the idea of using the asphalt shingles and corrugated metal inside," commented one. Decks on both ends of the home allow the client to fully enjoy her private setting; the project's one concession to luxury, an outdoor spa, is embedded in the entry porch. Maple flooring and cabinetry inside, as well as a wood-burning stove, create a rustic feel without resorting to log-cabin stereotypes.

A superb conduit between landscape and artscape, McInturff's bridge house accomplishes everything it set out to do and more. Like the best bridges, it elevates function to a fine art.—*m.d.* 

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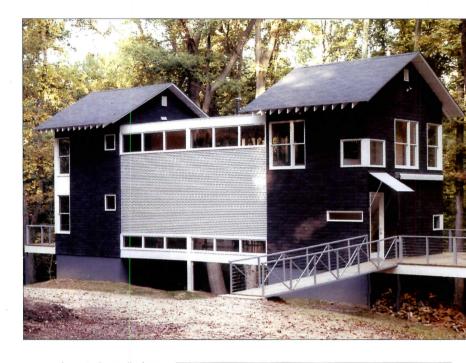
construction cost:

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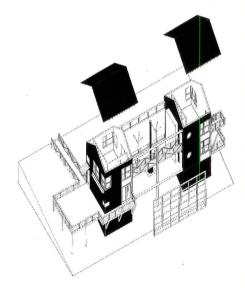
photographer:

Julia Heine, McInturff Architects

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An exterior wall of corrugated metal reverses to a blank white canvas for a custom-designed light sculpture. The industrial material appears again inside, against a background of asphalt shingles.







#### custom / merit

sharon's california house II manhattan beach, calif.

holabird & root

chicago

hen architect Gerald Horn saw the views of the Pacific from his clients' new property in Manhattan Beach, Calif., he knew just what to do: Turn their world upside down. That's precisely how he created the design for this 3,400-square-foot home.

"Our whole purpose was to turn the house upside down, place the living quarters on the upper floors, and put all other functions downstairs," he says. "That way we could maximize the view, and still work within the strict height limitations in this neighborhood."

The upper floor contains the living room, dining room, and kitchen in one wing, and a generous master bedroom suite in a separate wing accessible through a glass-enclosed walkway. Informal spaces such as the guest room, office, and family entertainment center are on the lower level, arranged around an intimate courtyard.

The result is a dynamic residence that the judges called "sensational" and "beautifully detailed," with a "creative" floor plan ideal for California dreamin'.

James Schwartz is a freelance writer in Washington, D.C.

#### project architects:

Gerald Horn, FAIA, and Jim Stapleton, AIA, Holabird & Root

#### general contractor:

John Katnik, Diversified Development, Manhattan Beach

#### landscape architect:

Warren Waltz, Warren Waltz & Associates, Culver City, Calif. **project size:** 

3,400 square feet

site size:

.16 acre

construction cost:

Withheld

photographer:

Tim Street-Porter

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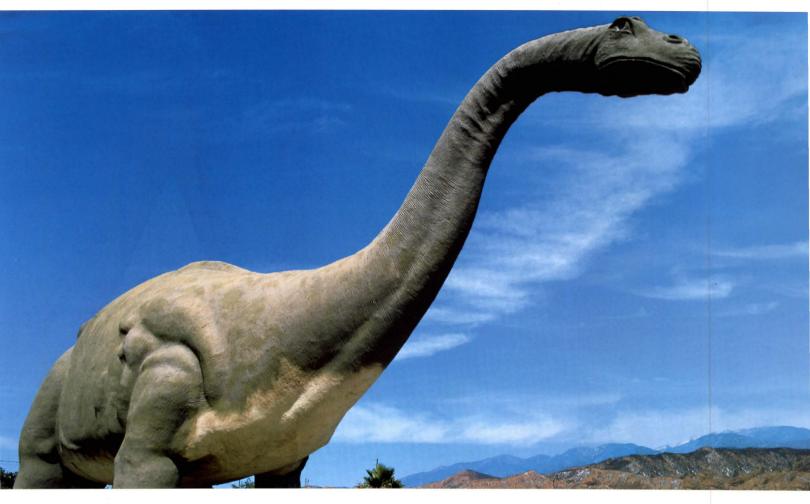






The house's two glassenclosed wings stretch toward the ocean, gathering light and views. Vaulted ceilings amplify the feeling of spaciousness inside.

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#### custom / merit

marek house chaska, minn. sala architects minneapolis

n their 11 acres of agrarian land, these clients wanted to build "something simple and with good proportions." Architect Jean Larson gave them a structure with historical references to the farmhouses now decaying across the Midwest, but not a studied duplication of the past.

"Have you ever tried to design a new house that looks old?" a judge asked. "It's not easy." A 12:12-pitch roof, a broad porch, and double-hung windows that extend low to the floor evoke the tall, proud farmhouse form. Larson made the interior work for contemporary life by designing spaces that are open yet well defined by blocks of storage. Bookshelves that

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wrap three sides of the fireplace, a large pantry, a dining buffet, and a media center read as passageways between the living areas. "There's a thickness you pass through from one room to the next," Larson says.

On the house's facade, the architect used traditional detailing but bolder proportions. The gable-

end design, for example, draws on the old attic vents, but Larson chose a larger, thicker board for a more dramatic shadow line. "Lovely," the judges concluded.

Cheryl Weber is a freelance writer in Severna Park, Md.

project architect:

Jean Larson, AIA, SALA Architects general contractor: Al Hirsch & Co., Delano, Minn. project size:

2,300 square feet

site size:

11 acres

construction cost:

\$150 per square foot

photographer:

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Wrapping two full sides of the house, the porch is an elaboration of those from another time. Generously sized windows flood the kitchen with light. The island's lowered table invites pastrymaking or a child with a coloring book.









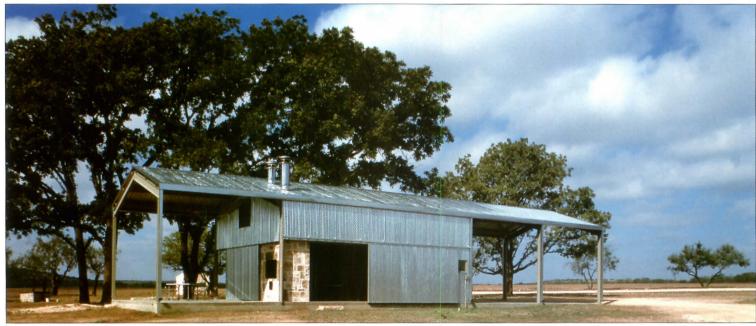


Larson designed the house as two sections, like an old farmhouse with a later addition. A garage and potting shed sits off to the side. Inside, tall, vertical stair rails play with light and shadow and help connect the different levels.

#### custom / merit

ranch shelter
tom green county, texas
rhotenberry wellen architects
midland, texas





he simplest things are sometimes the most powerful. Mark Wellen's design for this no-frills shelter on an 8,000-acre working ranch in Texas struck a chord with our judges, one that continues to resonate in the architectural community.

The client, an admirer of architect Frank Welch's simple, haunting little building "The Birthday," approached Wellen with a similar program. She wanted a shelter for ranch operations, indoor-outdoor entertaining, and basic accommodations for an overnight stay. Wellen responded with "an elemental building using inexpensive pre-engineered materials," he says. "It's loosely based on oil-field buildings, compressor stations. I'm mesmerized by these simple forms." Plain-Jane steel framing and corrugated galvanized steel siding are made more "intimate and personal," says the architect, by the addition of salvaged stone and pine

sheathing from the client's family home.

The result, said the judges, "is an extremely simple parti, but a very powerful object on this landscape."—*s.c.c.* 

#### project architect:

Mark T. Wellen, AIA, Rhotenberry Wellen Architects general contractor:

Randy Crooks, Rafter C. Construction, San Angelo, Texas **project size:** 

1,920 square feet

site size:

8,000 acres

construction cost:

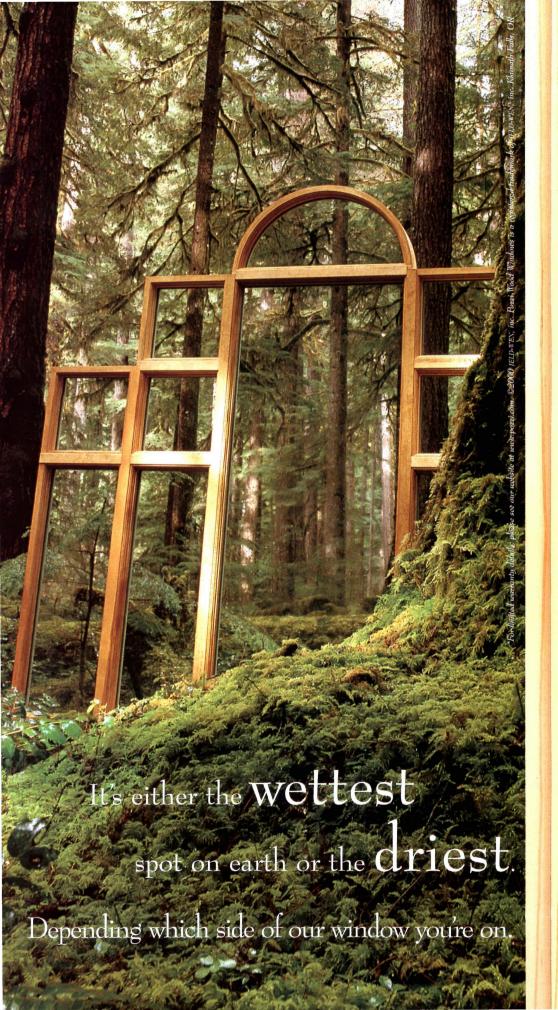
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#### custom / merit

urban residence
baltimore
swanston & associates
baltimore

ld and new coexist happily in countless renovations, but rarely are they juxtaposed so ingeniously as on this home in urban Baltimore. The latest in a series of warehouse-to-single-family-home conversions on this street, it sits within the shell of the original building. Architect Rebecca Swanston executed a virtual teardown—a fact that caused our judges to reassign the project from the renovation to the custom category. Swanston did retain three existing brick walls to act as a framework, while a remnant fourth encloses an outdoor courtyard that spans the 45-foot-wide rear of the house. The judges praised the unexpected view of old brick through a wall of windows along the first-floor living spaces.

Swanston's masterful floor plan unfolds along a diagonal



axis that only gradually reveals the courtyard and the house's pièce de résistance—a towering glass pyramid piercing two stories. "With the brick wall outside, I wanted to celebrate the space with a more sculptural piece," Swanston says. "You can see rain cascading down the glass; it changes with the weather." The pyramid also funnels light into the center of the house, an unexpected delight in this Federalperiod neighborhood. In the six months since the owners moved in, any reservations they had about building something so unusual have long since faded from memory.—c.w.

In the 1920s, this structure encompassed three single-family homes and was later converted to a ware-house. An understated front facade evokes that industrial past and blends with the street-scape. The glass pyramid continues along the roof's center line, funneling light into the heart of the house.

project architect:
Rebecca Swanston, AIA, Swanston & Associates
general contractor:
LCM Associates, Baltimore
project size:
3,300 square feet
site size:
.06 acre
construction cost:

\$185 per square foot photographer:

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A round skylight illuminates the second-floor family room. Hot air can escape through an exhaust fan set over the glass. The foyer's dramatic centerpiece is a circular maple-andmetal staircase.

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#### renovation / merit

hanson sciannella residence rockville, md.

mcinturff architects

bethesda, md.

he judges admired this interior transformation of a formerly dark, chopped-up ranch house. "It's unique because it stays in its original footprint yet changes so dramatically," said one.

Architect Mark McInturff removed several interior walls to maximize the flow of natural light, and moved the kitchen to the house's rear corner. The slight reconfiguration opened up sight lines between rooms and gave him the chance to exploit those long views for all they're worth. "We used a different color of plaster for each room, so the eye is naturally drawn through the series of spaces," he says. "The dropped soffit that runs the length of the hallway does the same thing, skewering each room like a kebab."

Maple cabinetry and floors enhance the project's ethereal tone.—m.d.

project architect:

Mark McInturff, AIA, McInturff Architects general contractor:

Dreick Builders Group, Gaithersburg, Md.

project size:

1,900 square feet

construction cost:

\$101 per square foot

photographer:

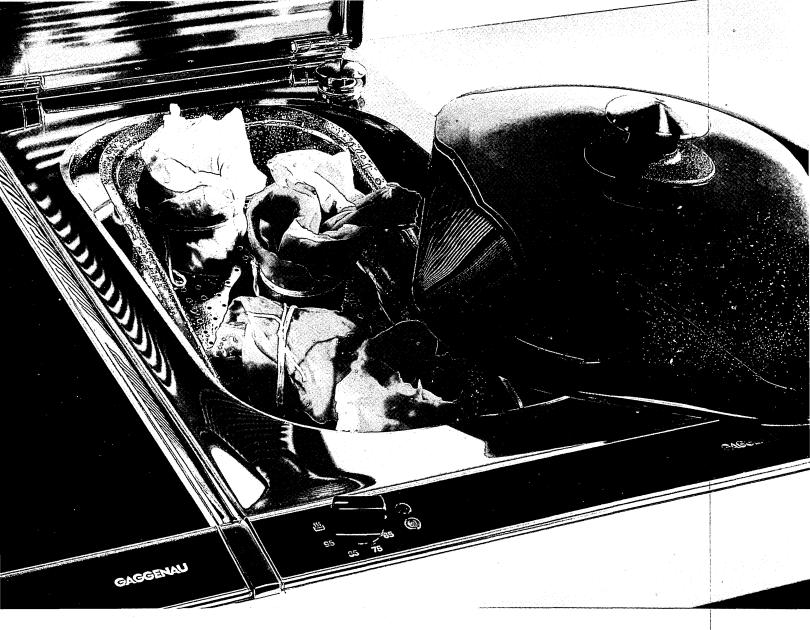
Julia Heine, McInturff Architects

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lights illuminate the maple-covered hallway soffit. The liberal use of glass throughout the house and a living room skylight allow sunlight to stream into each space.



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#### renovation / merit

weiner residence washington, d.c. mcinturff architects bethesda, md.

he program for this Washington, D.C., remodel was out of the ordinary, so architect Mark McInturff came up with a fittingly unusual solution. His client, the owner of a row house in the city's Capitol Hill neighborhood, had bought the house next door and asked McInturff to unite the two spaces. "The client really bought the adjoining house for its backyard



garden—the purchase wasn't driven by a need for additional rooms," says McInturff. "So we had the freedom to design the new space solely as a place from which to enjoy the garden."

The architect gutted the new space and replaced its back wall with glass. Between the first and second floors, he suspended a wooden platform, creating

a gallery-like atmosphere upstairs and a cozy master bedroom downstairs. Openings carved into the former party wall connect the two houses.

"He only touched parts of the overall house, but what he did, he did beautifully," said one judge. —*m.d.* 

#### project architect:

Mark McInturff, AIA, McInturff Architects general contractor:

Donald Malnati, Renovations Unlimited, Washington, D.C. **project size:** 

2,100 square feet after renovation (700-square-foot addition) **site size:** 

.025 acre

#### construction cost:

\$193 per square foot

#### photographer:

Julia Heine, McInturff Architects

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"The bedroom is like a little wooden cave inside a big white space," says McInturff, referring to the stripped-to-the-brick, white-painted former party wall. A rose-stained concrete floor guides the way to the new garden.



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#### renovation / merit

private residence newton, mass.

hecht scherding architects belmont, mass

rom the front, this suburban Boston remodel doesn't appear too different from its "before" photographs. But a peek inside reveals its dramatic transformation from a two-bedroom, 1,700-square-foot-cottage to a four-bedroom, 3,700-square-foot house. Architect Tom Hecht sliced off the home's low-ceilinged second floor and swapped it for one with more headroom. He also altered the back of the house, expanding the kitchen and dining area and adding a new family room.

The project works because Hecht kept the comfortable scale of the old house intact. "It was important to the client that the house not feel overwhelming," he says. "So none of the new spaces are gigantic." The woman of the house, an ecologist, asked that the house indulge her love of nature, so Hecht devised a greenhouse just off the living room and an interior palette accented with greens and earth tones. "This a true remodel," said one judge.—*m.d.* 

#### project architect:

Thomas Hecht, AIA, Hecht Scherding Architects **general contractor:** 

David Bardes, Paris Building Group, Boston project size:

3,700 square feet

#### site size:

.32 acre

#### construction cost:

Withheld

#### photographer:

Warren Jagger Photography

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The home's muted exterior shades (punctuated with a bright red front door) are in keeping with this historical neighborhood's guidelines. Inside, the open floor plan suits the active lifestyle of the owners, a couple with two young children.



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#### multifamily / grand

south side housing
pittsburgh
perkins eastman architects
pittsburgh

or designing urban expansion that enhances the community, South Side Housing takes top honors. In a twoblock section of Pittsburgh, Perkins Eastman Architects reclaimed old industrial sites with an intricate plan that includes 58 new and renovated townhouses—about 30 per acre, compared with the more common 10 units per acre. "Unless we could maintain that density, we couldn't get the scale and rhythm right," says project architect Stefani Ledewitz. Nevertheless, the firm packed in parking spaces and vest-pocket parks, creating fences and walls to make them private. "If you build smaller spaces with privacy, they're just as appealing to people as large yards that require more maintenance," Ledewitz notes. And since the lowercost homes are mixed in with larger units all around the block, they avoid the all-too-common fate of isolation. "The site plan is very strong and well organized," the judges said.

For economy and context, the architects made use of materials found on the site, as well as new, industrial-type products. Old brick and block stone reappear on new walls and courtyards. And the corrugated-metal stoops echo the site's past. "The best things about this project are the materials and their relationship to the site," the judges agreed. "There's a grammar for the vocabulary of materials."—*c.w.* 

#### project architect:

Stefani Ledewitz, AIA, Perkins Eastman Architects developer:

Jack Johnston, Allton Properties, Pittsburgh

#### general contractor:

Tim Fisher, Mistick Construction, Pittsburgh

#### landscape architect:

Michael Van Valkenburgh, Michael Van Valkenburgh

Associates, Cambridge, Mass.

#### project size:

960 to 1,750 square feet per unit

#### site size:

2 acres

#### construction cost:

\$62 per square foot

#### sales price:

\$100,000 per unit

#### units in project:

58

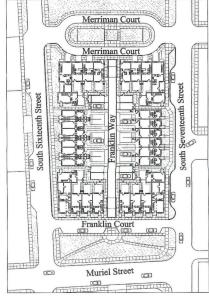
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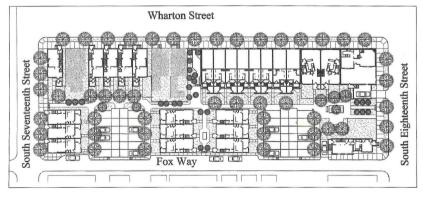


Inside the block of new townhomes are private parking spaces, service areas, and small yards.









On a renovated warehouse, the thick concrete slabs used to support machinery were too difficult to cut through, so the architects designed stair towers that connect the levels and let in natural light.

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#### multifamily / merit

brezza condominiums kirkland, wash. baylis architects bellevue, wash.

taly's celebrated hill towns were the inspiration for Brezza ("breeze" in Italian) Condominiums, a multifamily complex located on a steep hillside above Kirkland, Wash. "This site was a real challenge," says architect Brian Brand, but it afforded spectacular views of Seattle and easy access to Kirkland's rapidly developing downtown.

Brand's modern interpretation of a classic Italian model features two separate buildings, one a full story lower than the other. The spacious courtyard between them relieves the vertical mass of the buildings and allowed Brand to carve out apartments with a wide variety of different views.

Judges admired the "sophisticated and refined playfulness" of the design, and the way the massing is broken down by terraced top floors that reduce overall scale. Brand's siting and judicious use of materials also won plaudits from our judges—more high praise for a bravura performance with Italian flair.—*j.s.* 

#### project architect:

Brian Brand, AIA, Baylis Architects

#### developer:

Tom McCracken and Jim Jordan, Brezza Limited Partnership, Seattle

#### general contractor:

Rafn Co., Bellevue

#### landscape architect:

Randy Allworth and Holly Moore, The Berger Partnership, Seattle interior designer:

Brian Brand and Robert Reed of Baylis Architects, and Jo Krueger of Jo Krueger Interior Design, Kirkland

#### project size:

915 to 2,065 square feet per unit

#### site size:

1.05 acres

#### construction cost:

\$145 per square foot

#### sales price:

\$150,000 to \$750,000 per unit

#### units in project:

75

#### photographer:

Steve Keating Photography

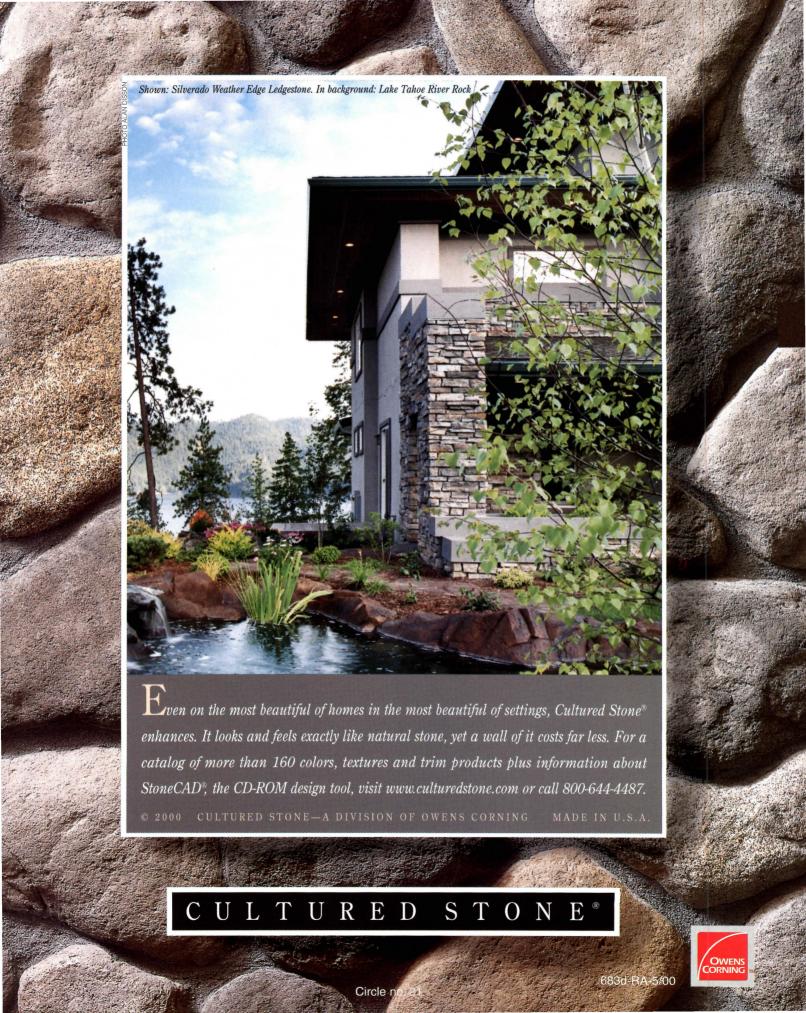
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A courtyard divides Brezza Condominiums into two buildings, each of which contains a range of unit sizes and prices. Stepping back the top floors creates "a transition to the sky," says architect Brand, who opted for durable materials like limestone, granite, brushed aluminum, and steel.



#### multifamily / merit

museum heights condominiums brentwood, calif.

gmp architects
santa monica, calif.

hat do you do with a site that is superbly located down the road from the J. Paul Getty Museum, but is also steeply raked and adjacent to one of the nation's busiest freeways? If you're architect Monika Moses, you turn the liabilities into assets.

With the Museum Heights Condominiums, says Moses, "we divided the complex in two" and "softened the hillside" by stepping the two buildings up the site with a densely planted green corridor in between. Parking beneath the upper building raises it even higher, opening up views of the ocean and allowing residents to look over—not into—the busy freeway just outside.

To de-emphasize persistent highway noise, Moses enlisted the help of acoustical engineers and created a sophisticated system of double-glazed windows. "And we enclosed the balconies in a solarium, so that if you want to sit 'outside,' you can, but there is still another barrier between you and the freeway."

Judges applauded Moses' innovative plan, taking delight in her clever use of the solariums. Moses herself is most proud of the way she was able to incorporate "futuristic elements" like aluminum panels and black concrete block, creating what she calls "a high-density housing project with attitude." — j.s.

#### project architect:

Monika Moses, GMP Architects

land planner:

Monika Moses, GMP Architects

developer:

Steve Erdman, Museum Heights, Culver City, Calif.

general contractor:

Steve Erdman, CH Construction Co., Culver City

landscape architect:

John Hanna, John Hanna & Associates, Solana Beach, Calif.

interior designer:

Jennifer Scott, J. Scott Design, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

project size:

1,014 to 2,209 square feet per unit

site size:

2.4 acres

construction cost:

\$90 per square foot

sales price:

\$195,000 to \$400,000 per unit

units in project:

66

photographer:

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By dividing the Museum Heights Condominiums into two buildings and stepping them up the hillside, architect Monika Moses took advantage of both the steep site and dramatic views of Los Angeles. She used double glazing in windows and enclosed balconies in solariums to filter out freeway noise.

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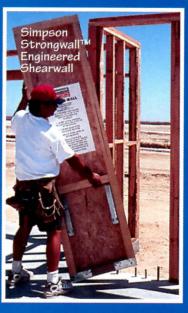
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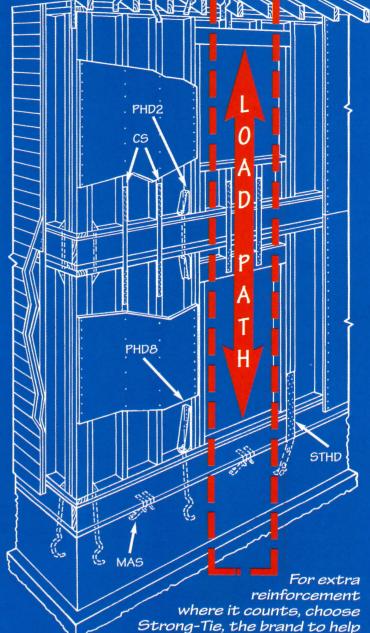
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#### multifamily / merit

the gate hoboken, n.j.

dean marchetto & associates architects hoboken

ean Marchetto did his homework before embarking on the design of this 10-unit, Arts-and-Crafts-influenced apartment complex in Hoboken, N.J. He and his developer client traveled to Glasgow, Scotland, where they studied the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh. Marchetto convinced the client to allow him to reinterpret Hoboken's traditional forms, incorporating elements from the great Arts-and-Crafts architect's work. The Gate's brick facade and vertically punched windows are a nod to Hoboken conventions; its black lintels and modern rooftop cornice pay homage to Mackintosh. The result? A building that, as one judge said, "understands history, rather than mimicking it."

The 10 residential units at The Gate sold out at the highest dollar per square foot in the city; a florist occupies the lone retail unit. "The buyers really liked the fact that this project had a theme," says Marchetto. "The Arts-and-Crafts concept definitely attracted more design-conscious types."—*m.d.* 

#### project architect:

Ramon Quiray, Dean Marchetto & Associates Architects developer:

Jenniann C. Barile, Hoboken

general contractor:

Bob Montesano, Delsano Contracting Corp., Union, N.J.

project size:

15,000 square feet

site size:

.05 acres

construction cost:

\$110 per square foot

sales price:

approximately \$250,000 per unit

units in project:

10 residential, one retail

photographer:

Stephen J. Carr Photography

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Marchetto reinforced The Gate's Arts-and-Crafts references with a four-square motif, repeated on the exterior and at the entryway.

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#### residential architect design awards

#### affordable / grand

villa flores
los angeles
john v. mutlow, faia, architects
los angeles

illa Flores isn't just a multiple-award-winning affordable senior housing community. It's also the prototype for a group of projects to be built on the same church-owned block in downtown Los Angeles. Gauging from the response to Villa Flores, the future of this block looks mighty bright: The jurors unanimously applauded architect John Mutlow's thoughtful response to a challenging program.

The block's master plan dictated an L-shaped building, one that would edge the street and have a sunny rear courtyard. Mutlow complied, and used protruding floor planes to erode the building's corners a bit. The oversized concrete floor slabs also add shade to the balconies beneath them. His meticulous attention to detail shows in everything from the emergency roof staircase, painted bright red for easy identification from the air, to the xeriscaped courtyard garden, whose design is based on an alluvial plain.

A budget-conscious resourcefulness is evident, too. The metal grid atop the roof contains a mesh filler to mask some mechanical equipment from view; a vertical triangular column of glass both denotes the entry to the building and allows extra natural light into every floor.—*m.d.* 

#### project architect:

John V. Mutlow, FAIA, John V. Mutlow, FAIA, Architects developer:

1010 Development Corp., Los Angeles

#### general contractor:

Morley Construction Co., Santa Monica, Calif.

#### landscape architect:

Arnold Swanborn, Lord Swanborn, Los Angeles

#### Arnold Swanborn, Lo

John V. Mutlow, FAIA, Architects

#### housing consultant:

Noel Sweitzer, Housing Development Services, Los Angeles

#### project size:

415 to 800 square feet per unit

#### site size:

.52 acre

#### construction cost:

\$115 per square foot

#### rental price:

one-third of resident's adjusted gross income (ranges from \$150/month to \$250/month per unit)

#### units in project:

75

#### photographer:

Michael Arden Photography

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Villa Flores' projecting concrete floor slabs match the precast stone facades of the two office buildings across the street. A pale yellow exterior paint with accents of bright blue and pale green satisfied both the architect's desire for "cheerful" colors and HUD requirements.

#### affordable / grand

urban residence
lawrence, kan.
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university of kansas
lawrence, kan.

ooks like a bunch of friends got together and put something really unique together," the judges said. "It's a slam dunk." Indeed, the project offered 13 graduate students at the University of Kansas School of Architecture a chance to translate their classroom learning into a real building. Their goal? To provide an alternative to run-of-themill affordable housing by using quality design and workmanship and innovative materials.

With muscle power and ingenuity, the students made their own forms for concrete walls, countertops, and walkways, and salvaged steel from junkyards. They subbed out only the HVAC, plumbing, and electrical work. "It was important to me that we imbue this house with a design that reflects the technology available to us at the millennium," says professor Dan Rockhill. Manufacturers donated \$23,000 worth of materials, including the house's skin of cement-fiber siding, and Lexan, a luminous, plastic-like surface the students used to extend the south wall.

"We've found that, many times, space that doesn't have a clear designation is taken over by the home's occupants in creative ways," Rockhill says. The house is owned by a single mother and her two young daughters, both of whom study dance and theater. The sunny bump-out, with its deep, continuous seat, has become their stage.—*c.w.* 

project architect:
Dan Rockhill, Studio 804
general contractor:
Studio 804
project size:
1,330 square feet
site size:
.13 acre
construction cost:
\$48 per square foot
sales price:
\$64,000

photographer: Dan Rockhill

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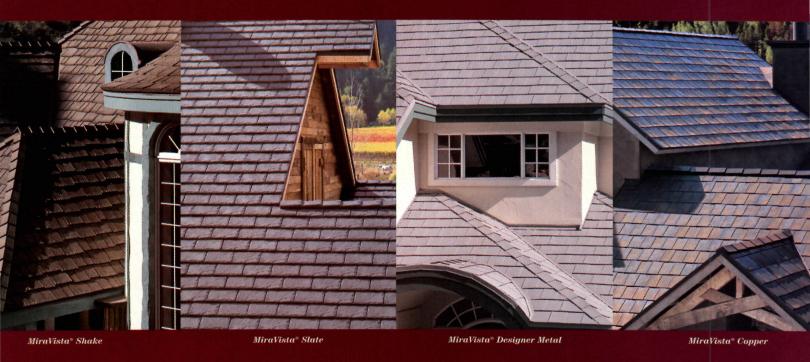


The house's I-shaped footprint is similar to that of other homes built in the early 1900s in the working-class neighborhood. A ramp leads to the wheelchair-accessible first floor.

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#### residential architect design awards

#### affordable / merit

west boulevard
los angeles
john v. mutlow, faia, architects
los angeles

est Boulevard's boldly striped entry and mix of unit types captured the judges' attention and imagination. "Anybody who has the guts to design that entry gets my vote," said one. Architect John Mutlow says the Dr. Seuss-style stripes and exaggerated roof on the project's entry perform multiple duties. "The other buildings on the street are vividly colored," he says. "The stripes are a way of referencing that context. I also wanted the beginning and end of the building to be clearly articulated; that's why the other end is painted purple."

Other important factors in the project's design include an interior courtyard where the residents can socialize, and an edge condition at the street similar to that of the surrounding buildings. Mutlow combined 12 one-bedroom apartments, two two-bedroom apartments, and six two-bedroom townhouses to create a vibrant community that proudly defies convention.—m.d.

#### project architect:

John V. Mutlow, FAIA, John V. Mutlow, FAIA, Architects developer:

Noel Sweitzer, Freeway Redevelopment, Los Angeles **general contractor:** 

Abe Fassberg, Fassberg Construction, Encino, Calif. landscape architect:

Arnold Swanborn, Lord Swanborn, Los Angeles

interior designer: John V. Mutlow, FAIA, Architects

project size:

540 to 897 square feet per unit

site size: .54 acre

construction cost:

\$90 per square foot

rental price:

one-third of adjusted gross income (ranges from \$150/month to \$350/month per unit)

units in project:

20

photographer:

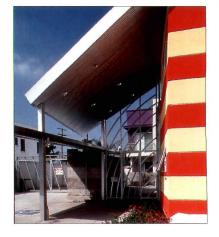
Michael Arden Photography

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The many contrasting elements present at West Boulevard—horizontal stripes and vertically articulated dwelling units, a sloped roof and a flat one, a metal entry and a stucco main building—lend the project charm and energy.



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#### affordable / merit

midway school apartments midway, ky.

sherman-carter-barnhart architects lexington, ky.

n 1926, when the Midway School's first students were gazing wistfully out the windows, who knew they might live there someday as senior citizens? The building has been converted into 24 handicap-accessible apartments, but the

classroom footprints and oversize window openings are preserved. Within each room, the architects carved out a kitchen, living room, bath, and bedroom; in some cases, they combined three classrooms into two double-bedroom units. The corridor walls were left intact. "The building still has that generous hallway that was necessary to run children up and down," says architect Steve Sherman. "It gives the project a nice scale." The judges agreed, deeming the plans "well carried out."

"A lot of people who went to the school came back and walked down the hallway," Sherman says. "They said we'd kept the character of the existing building. And now, no one gets penalized for looking out the window."—c.w.

#### project architect:

Steve Sherman, AIA, Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects developer:

Holly Weidemann, AU Associates, Lexington general contractor:

Jerry Osborne, Springfield Contracting, Springfield, Ky. landscape architect:

Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects

project size:

770 to 1,100 square feet per unit

site size:

2 acres

construction cost:

\$60 per square foot

rental price:

\$332/month to \$415/month per unit

units in project:

24

photographer:

Walt Roycraft Photography

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Sherman-Carter-Barnhart Architects faithfully preserved all the generous window openings and exterior details in the school-toapartment conversion.

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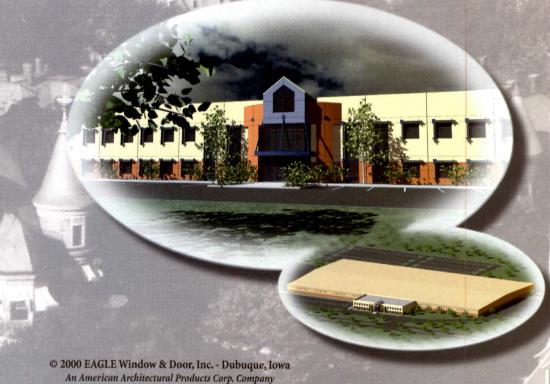


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blueprint 2000 chapel hill, n.c. looney ricks kiss memphis, tenn.

hen the editors of *Better Homes & Gardens* asked architect J. Carson Looney to design the ultimate house for the new century, he thought he'd be bound by tradition. "But the editors surprised me," Looney recalls. "They said, 'We don't want a typical front-porch house. We want you to push the envelope and design a truly modern, livable home."

Looney complied enthusiastically with an elegant design for a 3,000-square-foot residence in Chapel Hill, N.C. Our judges admired the design's "great floor plan" and "non-mainstream elements—like clipped eaves and metal roofs."

"This is a house that really balances function and beauty, neighborhood presence and family privacy," Looney notes. The principal rooms have "eyes on the street" to establish a connection to the neighborhood, but the generous courtyard offers a private and protected family space.

"We've had people come up to the house and say, 'I just love its contemporary lines,' followed five minutes later by couples who say, 'It's one of the best traditional houses we've seen,'" Looney laughs. "That in a nutshell is what this project was all about."—j.s.

#### project architects:

J. Carson Looney, FAIA, principal in charge, and Rob Carlton, project architect, Looney Ricks Kiss

#### developer:

Bryan Properties, Chapel Hill

#### general contractor:

Mark W. Kirby & Brian Dixon, Dixon/Kirby & Co., Cary, N.C.

#### landscape architect:

Southern Landscape Professionals, Willow Springs, N.C.

#### interior designer:

Joseph Boehm, Better Homes & Gardens, Des Moines, Iowa

#### project size:

3,000 square feet

#### site size:

.35 acres

#### construction cost:

\$239 per square foot

#### sales price:

\$718,000

#### photographer:

Geoffrey Gross Photography

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The house flows from a public front with "eyes on the street" to a private rear courtyard. Inside, the emphasis is on flexibility. Sliding walls allow the living and dining rooms to become one open space or two separate rooms.



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desert hills at desert mountain scottsdale, ariz.

downing, thorpe & james boulder, colo.



Covered entry courtyards protect the residents of Desert Hills from the hot Arizona sun.

esert Hills' Scottsdale, Ariz., setting is filled with scenic views of the Sonoran Desert, but they alone didn't satisfy project architect Rick New of Downing, Thorpe & James. "These lots don't have golf-course views like the other communities in Desert Mountain," he says. "They're also right next to a major road. We had to create some sort of alternative amenities that would overcome those negatives."

So the firm threw its energies into creating a strong connection between home and environment. The architects used materials that evoke the colors and textures of the desert, like sand-colored stucco and cultured stone.

And they paid attention to the landscaping, using native plants and creating unique outdoor rooms for each of three basic plans.

DTJ's efforts weren't in vain; the judges were universally impressed with the project's response to its environment. "It's an intricate response to its site," said one.—*m.d.* 

#### project architect:

Rick New, AIA, Downing, Thorpe & James land planner:

Steven James, AIA, and Susan Wade, Downing, Thorpe & James

#### developer:

J.T. Elbracht, Desert Mountain Properties, Scottsdale **general contractor:** 

Brian Ives, Price Woods, Scottsdale

#### landscape architect:

Susan Wade, Downing, Thorpe & James

#### interior designer:

Hillary Reed, Hillary Reed Interiors, Littleton, Colo. **project size:** 

3,159 to 4,528 square feet per unit

#### site size:

43 acres

#### construction cost:

\$136 per square foot

#### sales price:

\$750,000 to \$1,115,000 per unit

#### units in project:

36

#### photographer:

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provence at anthem, plan 2 las vegas ktgy group irvine, calif.

he judges liked KTGY Group's answer to the challenge of designing an attractive streetscape on a tight budget. Instead of a traditional front garage, the Irvine-based firm gave each house a 17-foot-wide porte cochere and pushed the garage to the back. "The long horizontal line makes the facade of the house appear bigger," one judge noted. And it makes for a more graceful front elevation.

Principal-in-charge John Tully says the porte cochere adds a custom touch to the houses. "It's a way of giving people a little more control over their environment," he says. "It gives them some additional shade—that's particularly important in this area of the country."—m.d.

#### project architect:

David Kent, AIA, KTGY Group

#### land planner:

Chris Crawford, Richardson Berdoon, Austin, Tex.

#### developer:

John VanderVelde, Del Webb's Coventry Homes, Henderson, Nev.

#### general contractor:

John VanderVelde, Del Webb's Coventry Homes

#### landscape architect:

Jaimie Demolina, Professional Design Associates, Upland, Calif.

#### interior designer:

Debra Newell, Ambrosia, Tustin, Calif.

#### project size:

2,058 square feet per unit

#### site size:

21.5 acres

#### construction cost:

Withheld

#### sales price:

\$147,990 per unit units in project:

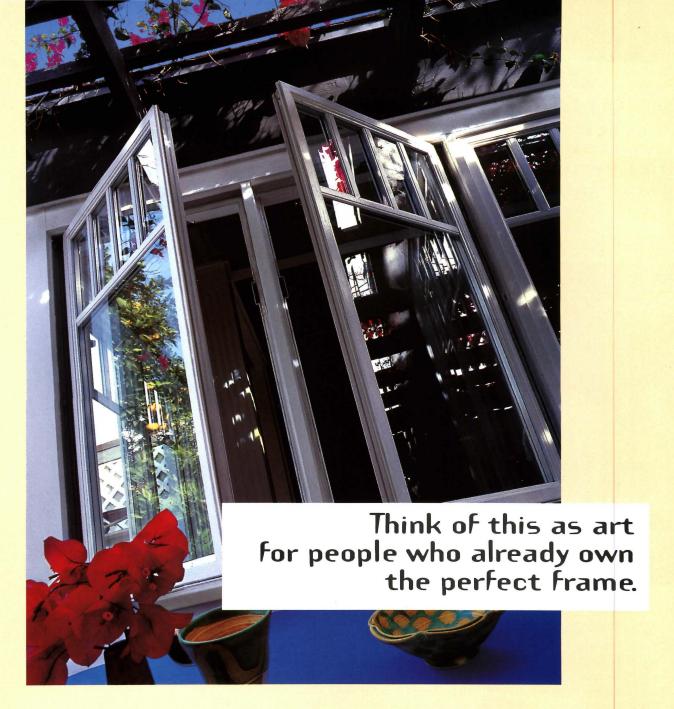
#### photographer:

Jeffrey Aron Architectural Photography

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The plan features a game room behind the garage and a Hollywood driveway.



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These detached townhouses grab outdoor space with private porches and a common green.

entlands, a Neo-Traditional community on the outskirts of Washington, D.C., just keeps on winning accolades—for its master planners, Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co. (DPZ), and for the architects who've followed their guidelines.

Torti Gallas and Partners/CHK have designed several phases in the 350-acre development, including the recent Charleston II, which our judges awarded a certificate of merit.

When project architect Maurice Walters, AIA, went looking for design inspiration for this cluster of four-story detached townhouses, he turned to another DPZ community, Seaside, Fla. The template helped him scale the tall homes properly, and he used some of the same elements—porches, several patterns of siding, solidly trimmed fenestration—to bring them down to size.

The judges admired the homes' deft detailing, even more impressive because of their moderate price range. The houses have sold swiftly, appealing to childless professionals and those with young families seeking what Walters calls a "light urban experience."—s.c.c.

#### project architect:

Maurice Walters, AIA, Torti Gallas and Partners/CHK land planner:

Duany Plater-Zyberk & Co., Gaithersburg, Md. **developer:** 

Great Seneca Development Corp., Gaithersburg **general contractor:** 

Mitchell and Best, Rockville, Md.

#### landscape architect:

Lawrence Reader Associates, Burtonsville, Md.

#### project size:

2,000 square feet per unit

#### site size:

7 acres

#### construction cost:

\$56 per square foot

#### sales price:

\$195,000 to \$260,000 per unit

#### units in project:

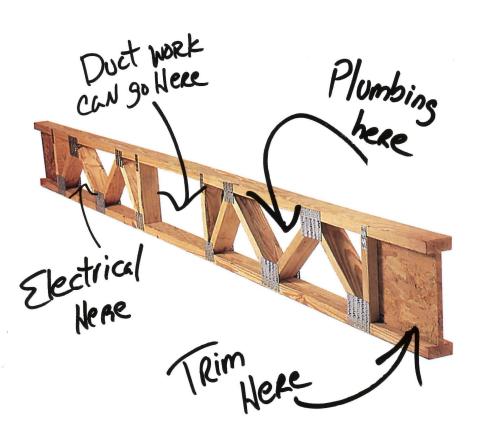
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dallas

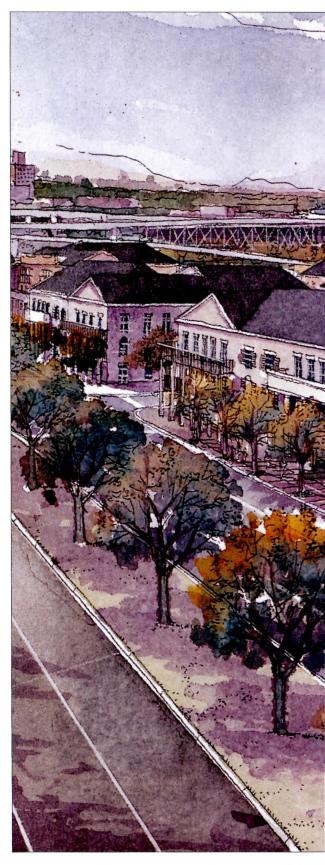
ike many tourist meccas, New Orleans faces the thorny problems of overcrowding and urban growth. So our hats are off to James, Harwick + Partners, who offer a head-on solution with the Saulet. The residential/retail development, slated to open at the end of this year, combines living, working, and public spaces that nicely preserve the architectural style, scale, and street pattern of its historic neighborhood.

The 708-unit apartment complex, once the site of derelict warehouses, lends a residential edge to the Lower Garden District on one side and the Convention Center on the other. Its retail spaces are just large enough for such basic neighborhood services as a dry cleaner, pharmacy, or corner deli. Purely residential units are ingeniously interspersed with live/work combos—small apartments above street-level workspaces, connected by stairs. "As more and more people become independent contractors or entrepreneurs," says architect Mark Wolf, "this kind of urban design is starting to evolve as a lifestyle issue."

JHP used materials and proportions to differentiate between the various uses. Retail areas are executed mostly in metal, a historic connection to the steel galleries and stylish filigree of the Garden District and the French Quarter. Residential and live/work units feature traditional wood, but are slightly different from each other in proportion and column layout. The residential apartments draw their mansion-scale details from those in the Garden District.

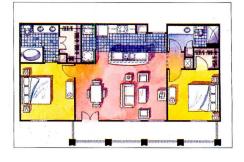
"We were careful to use the Garden District as a design precedent," Wolf says. "One of the pitfalls is to get too nostalgic. We tried to take a cleaner, more contemporary slant, which was driven in part by the realism of the budget." The judges approved, commenting that the design is "done elegantly and with a lot of variety. It looks very New Orleans without resorting to a lot of wrought iron and curlicues."

The Saulet enhances community life by combining living, working, and meeting places within a historic neighborhood.





#### residential architect design awards



At 55 units per acre, the project's density was a design challenge. The architects managed, however, to include three parking garages, 145 ground-level parking spaces, and a pocket park. "We tried not to let the automobile drive this thing too much," Wolf says. "But the design was also market-driven. We had to provide on-site parking." From a neighborhood standpoint, that amenity adds to the Saulet's appeal, as does the project's distinctive location and layout, and the cachet of the brand-new. "It's unique because there's not much residential construction in the city," Wolf says. "Finally people have an alternative to warehouse conversion and fix-it-up stuff."

Indeed, the Saulet is a refreshing alternative to the unsightly, anonymous sprawl all too common on America's metropolitan fringes. "I knew it was New Orleans the minute I looked at it," said a judge.—c.w.

#### project architect:

J. Mark Wolf, AIA, James, Harwick + Partners land planner:

J. Mark Wolf, James, Harwick + Partners

#### developer:

Michael W. Riley, Greystar Capital Partners, Houston

#### general contractor:

Tom Murphy, Greystar Development & Construction, Houston landscape architect:

Talley Associates, Dallas

#### project size:

874 to 1,375 square feet per unit

#### site size:

13.5 acres

#### construction cost:

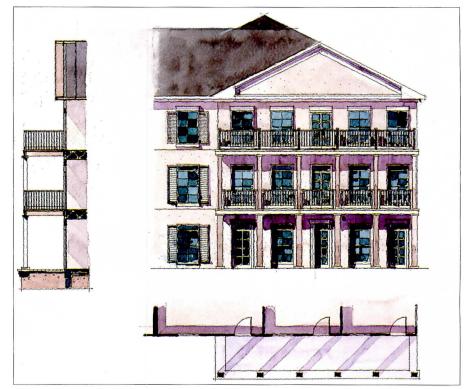
\$71 per square foot

#### rental price:

\$700/month to \$1,650/month per unit

#### units in project:

708



The architects artfully mixed purely residential units and live/work galleries, which connect a street-level office with an upstairs apartment. Both types of apartments feature traditional wood; retail areas are executed mostly in metal. Despite the project's 55-unit-per-acre density, JHP managed to pack in plenty of parking.





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#### on the boards / merit

mcallister point model homes
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erguson Shamamian & Rattner's graceful concept for McAllister Point Model Homes, a master planned community on the grounds of an 18th century plantation, befits the project's historical setting. The parcel of land designated for the project offers unobstructed views of a protected rice basin and bird nesting sanctuary and of the Ogeechee River. "The plan was generated by the location," says principal-in-charge Don Rattner. "Rather than just let one or two houses have that view, we decided to create a more 'urban' envelope."

FS&R followed the model of the traditional Savannah square, a landscaped square bordered by houses. They coupled it with plans designed in the Charleston side-yard tradition—each home is turned perpendicular to the street and contains a two-story side porch. The strategy honors the project's Southern roots, and it succeeds in granting all of McAllister Point's residents hard-to-beat views. "Having the houses frame the commons is just a great idea," said one judge.—m.d.

#### project architect:

Don Rattner, Ferguson Shamamian & Rattner land planner:

Ferguson Shamamian & Rattner

#### developer:

Dolan, Pollak & Schram, The Ford Plantation general contractor:

Sterling Construction Management, The Ford Plantation landscape architect:

Edmund Hollander Design, New York

project size:

2,080 to 3,940 square feet per unit

#### site size:

8 acres

#### construction cost:

Approximately \$225 per square foot

#### units in project:

24





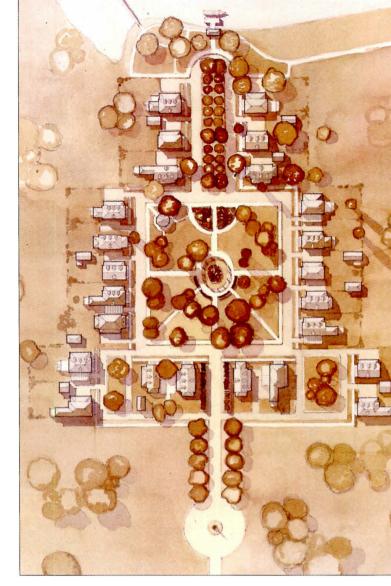


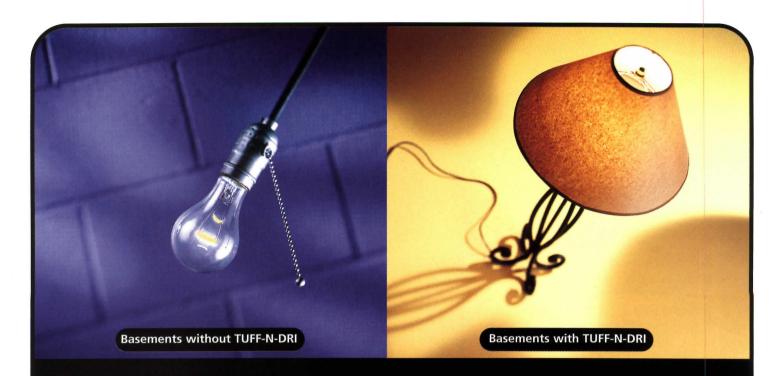












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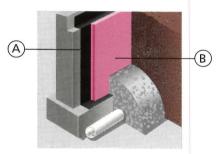
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esigning a residence for tiny Dewees Island, near Charleston, S.C., has presented architect Whitney Powers with a host of challenges. All materials will have to be transported from the mainland by barge or ferry; federal and local laws mandate a 12-foot elevation above grade; and only minimal clearing of the pristine site is permitted.

But Powers' design for the 2,200-square-foot house and adjacent guest quarters earned high praise from the judges, who applauded the project's "nice, simple scheme" and its seductive "clarity."

"We've used the vault idea here to establish the fact that from anywhere inside the main house you'll have a clear sense of the entire structure," Powers says. Even lofts above the bedroom and living room open to allow uninterrupted views of the space.

The vault also allows Powers to "keep a much lower profile" within the canopy height of nearby live oaks. "Had we gone with a ridge or shed, the house would have been much higher," Powers says. "This design is far more discreet, becoming part of the horizon when seen from a distance."—*j.s.* 

#### project architect:

Whitney Powers, Studio A

#### developer:

John Knott Jr., Island Preservation Partnership, Isle of Palms, S.C. **project size:** 

2,600 square feet

site size:

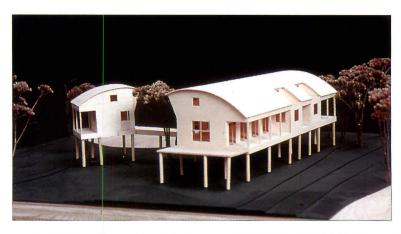
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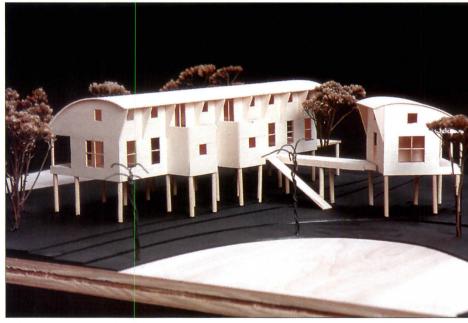
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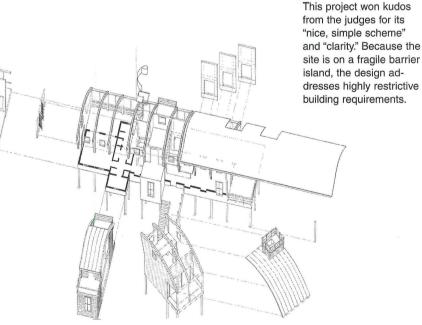
Anticipated \$150 per square foot

photographer:

David Edwards



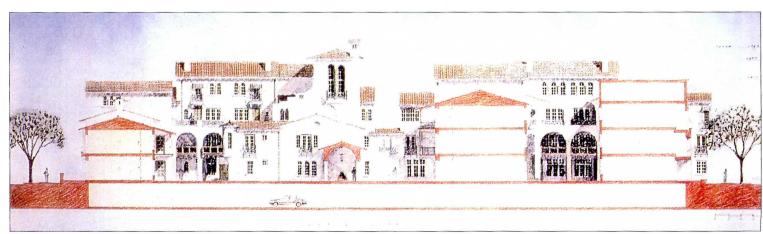


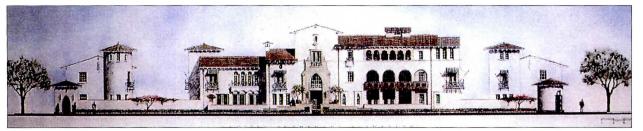




#### on the boards / merit

mansion condominiums at playa vista los angeles scheurer architects newport beach, calif.





The judges approved of the Mansion Condominiums' asymmetrical elevations. Turrets, arched windows, balconies, and varying roof heights lend authenticity to the project's fictional history as three large houses subdivided over time.

he judges applauded the romantic contextuality of the Mansion Condominiums at Playa Vista. "It *is* L.A.," said one. The folks at Scheurer Architects would be happy to hear that; according to director of design Bob White, that's exactly what they were going for.

White, that's exactly what they were going for. "We used the L.A. courtyard buildings of the 1920s and '30s as our inspiration," he says.

The Mansion Condominiums' one-acre site is located at the intersection of two major streets in this ambitious Neo-Traditional community. In addition to modeling the 35-unit complex after classic L.A. courtyard buildings, White and his team opted to give the project its own personal history. "We wanted it to look like an old house that's been converted into condos," he explains.

The three street facades each resemble a Spanish villa. Inside the arched entry, the "mansions"

are carved up into condominiums with courtyards, gardens, and other semi-private outdoor spaces.

—m.d.

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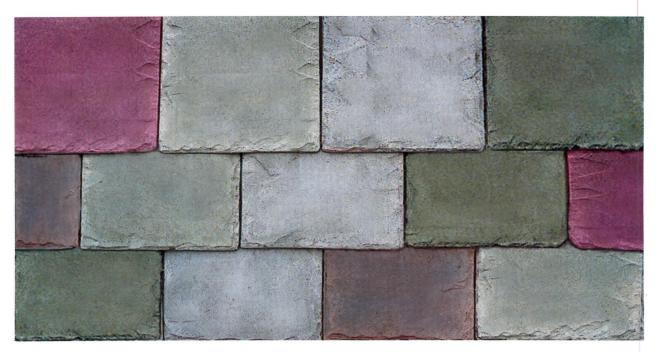
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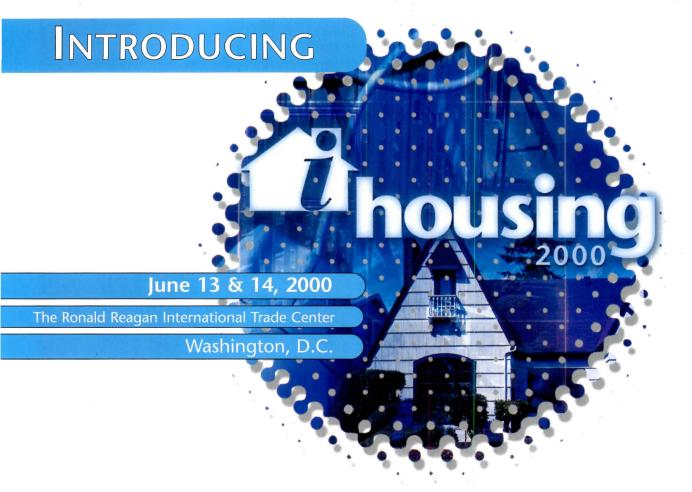
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9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. The Promise of E-Commerce, Keith T. Brown, BuildNet; Alan Laing,

Pulte Home Corp.; Ron Ross, Cameron Ashley; Brad Mattson, CertainTeed Corp.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Wired—Creating an Internet-enabled Company, Ian McCarthy, Beazer Homes

USA; Kenneth P. Neumann, Neumann Homes

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch

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Mike Cunningham, MASCO Corp.; Kerry Young, Buildscape

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"We're creating metal roofing for the masses," says T.J. Brown, general manager of Gerard Roofing USA, in Brea, Calif., who hopes the company's new Guardian shingle, a stone-coated panel, will help the company snag a larger share of the 170 million squares of roof-



Courtesy Gerard

Metal roofing manufacturers hope to capture a larger portion of the residential market by offering products that replicate the look of more common finishes like high-end laminate and slate.

ing installed annually. "The biggest obstacle [to boosting market share] is the lack of awareness outside the context of standing seam."

#### closing the gap

The industry's challenge is compounded by the perception that metal is simply too expensive for mainstream housing—especially if home builders are involved in specifying the roofing finish. "Builders are reluctant to put any extra money into the roof," says Brown. "They don't think they'll recoup the cost."

Until recently, the price barrier for metal roofing has been twofold: Not only is the initial cost of the material itself prohibitive,

but its installation is expensive, too. "The biggest influence on overall cost is the geometry of the roof," says Tom Black, executive director of the Metal Roofing Alliance, in Seattle. Traditional metal roofing, whether long panels or individual shingles, is harder to cut and apply on site than other finishes, he says, requiring special bending tools and fasteners, particularly if the roof is steep or complex in its design.

In their search for ways to make their products more attractive in terms of both cost and aesthetics, metal roofing manufacturers looked at trends in asphalt comp finishes. "We saw a housing market that

wanted more durable and expensive-looking roofs," says Brown, referring to the increase in premiumgrade laminate shingles. In response, Gerard and other companies developed modular roofing panels embossed and textured with stone coatings to replicate that look. "It's an opportunity for us to develop a product on our lower end that's comparable in its dimensional profile to high-end laminate shingles," Brown says.

The new-look metal roofing also addresses installation costs. Gone are the cumbersome rows of battens; rather, the modules are applied to the deck from

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eave to ridge with common roofing fasteners, just like a three-tab shingle—though the modules do interlock on all sides to help seal the roof and prevent tear-offs in high winds. While the simulated shakes and shingles make metal roofing appropriate for a much wider variety of home styles, "the real benefit of modular panels is quick installation," Black says.

Yet another advantage of the new panels is that, unlike conventional standing-seam products, they do not involve special-order requirements. Instead, they're available through standard distribution channels and contractors.

## educating architects

In addition to training installers, manufacturers of modular metal roofing are conducting seminars for architects, with many classes qualifying for continuing education (or CES) credits. "Architects understand the concepts of life-cycle costs and low maintenance associated with metal roofing," says Nancy Carl, with ATAS International, in San Diego and Allentown, Pa. "They're interested in metal's advantages over other roofing products."

The primary advantage of a metal roof, especially for reroofing, is its light weight. At less than 1.5 pounds per square (compared with twice that or more for high-grade asphalt comp), metal can often be installed over an existing roof finish, eliminating tear-off chores and cost. And, unlike much heavier concrete and fibercement finishes, metal does not require a beefed-up roof structure for support.

A common knock on metal, however, is its potential for corrosion and its poor impact resistance. To address these issues, makers have invested heavily in new coatings. Although polyester resins remain popular (because of low cost), more advanced silicone additives (or SMP coatings) and fluoropolymers (trade names Hylar 5000 and Kylar 500) better mitigate thermal, chemical, and UV intrusion, and thus minimize problems with cracking, chalking, and fading. Trade groups also recommend a G-90 zinc coating on both the top and underside of the metal for corrosion protection. Stonecoated varieties create a weather and wear barrier for their metal substrates, and new insulation and underlayment products lessen noise as well as thermal transfer and expansion.

In addition, factory-coated aluminum panels are recommended for coastal or other extreme conditions to limit rust potential, while the stone-coated and dimensional profiles (as

opposed to the long, flat exposures of a standing-seam panel) hide or even diminish damage from hail. In fact, the Texas Department of Insurance classifies metal roofing as resistant to the state's notorious hail storms, resulting in 35 percent reductions in premiums related to roof damage coverage in homeowner insurance policies.

Black concedes that it may take a while to overcome the popular view of metal roofing as a corrugated barn cover or a snow shed on a ski chalet. "There's a limited sense of what metal roofs look like, especially for residential," he says. But with these

new modular products and their varied looks, those perceptions may well start to change. ra

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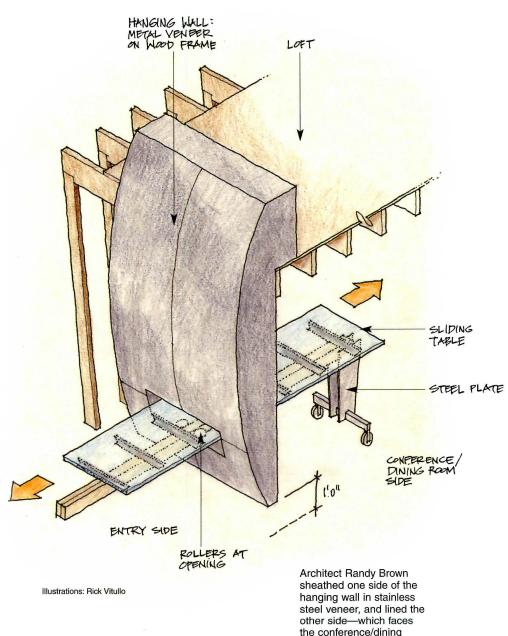
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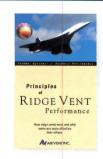
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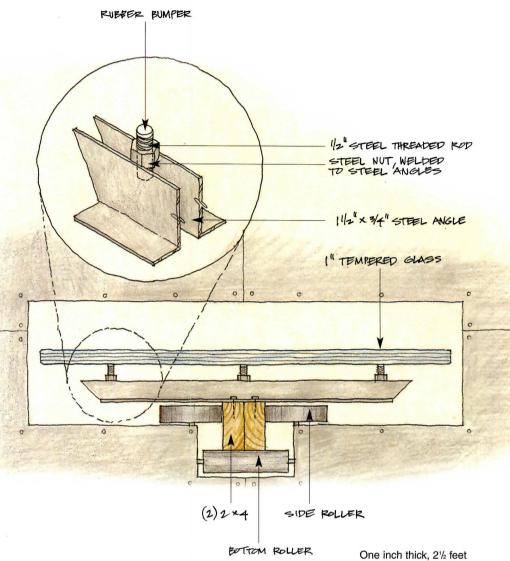
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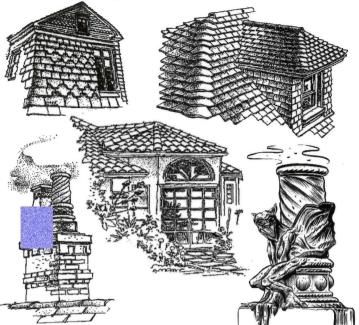
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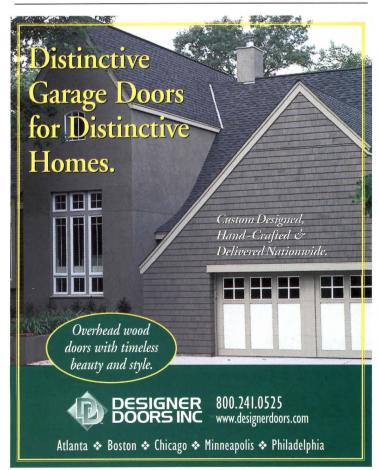


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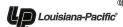
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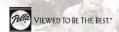
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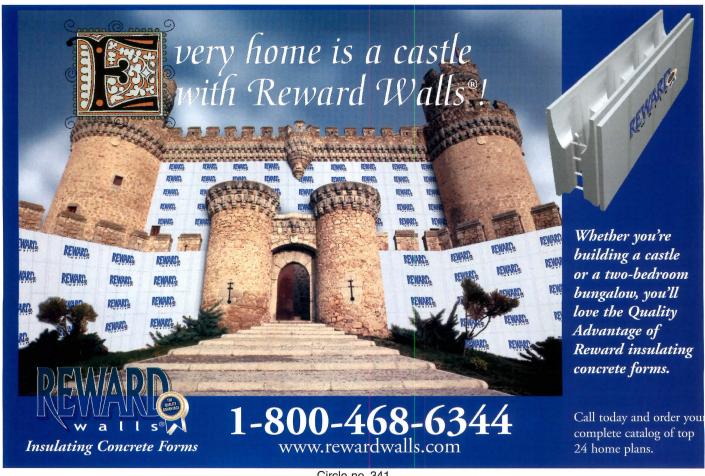


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page 50—Sharon's California House II



bathroom plumbing fittings and fixtures: Kohler, Franke; bathroom and kitchen cabinets: custom; countertops: granite; dishwasher: Merlo; entry doors, patio

doors, and windows: Duratherm; flooring (wood): mahogany; garage doors: Roll-Up Metal; kitchen plumbing fittings and fixtures: Franke; oven: Thermador; paints/stains: Benjamin Moore; refrigerator: Sub-Zero; structural lumber: Douglas fir and mahogany beams

page 52—Marek House



countertops: maple
butcher block; flooring (wood): maple

page 54—Ranch Shelter



bathroom and kitchen plumbing fittings: Delta; bathroom plumbing fixtures: Kohler; bathroom and kitchen cabinets and countertops: custom;

brick/masonry products: Featherlite; fireplace or wood stove: custom; hardware: Weiser; insulation: GAF; kitchen plumbing fixtures: Elkay; lighting fixtures: Hubbell; oven: Dacor; paints/stains: Kelly Moore; windows: Marvin

page 56—Urban Residence



bathroom plumbing fittings: Kohler, Grohe; bathroom plumbing fixtures: Kohler; bathroom and kitchen cabinets: custom; countertops: Corian, granite;

dishwasher: Frigidaire; entry doors: solid bubinga; freezer and refrigerator: Sub-Zero; hardware: Corbin; HVAC equipment: Carrier; interior doors: cherry; kitchen plumbing fixtures: Kohler; oven: Dacor; structural lumber: TJI; windows: Sherwood

page 58—Hanson Sciannella Residence



bathroom plumbing fittings: Grohe; bathroom plumbing fixtures: Kohler; bathroom and kitchen cabinets: custom; countertops: granite, limestone; entry

doors, patio doors, and windows: Weather Shield; fireplace or wood stove: Majestic; flooring (ceramic tile): limestone; flooring (wood): maple; hardware: Stanley, Schlage; insulation: Owens Corning;

interior paneling: maple; kitchen plumbing fittings: Chicago; kitchen plumbing fixtures: Kohler; lighting fixtures: Lightolier, Flos, Artimede; paints/stains: Benjamin Moore; range: Thermador; roofing: CertainTeed

page 60—Weiner Residence



entry doors and windows: Weather Shield; flooring (vinyl): Pirelli; flooring (wood): pine; lighting fixtures: Lightolier; paints/stains:

Benjamin Moore; **structural lumber:** fir; **trim work:** fir, maple

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bathroom plumbing fittings: Harden Industries, Hansgrohe, Delta; bathroom plumbing fixtures: Kohler, American Standard, Toto; countertops: granite; dish-

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brick/masonry
products: Darlington
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(ceramic tile): Molyneaux Tile; flooring (wood): Bruce; kitchen cabinets and trim work: CE Cabinets; kitchen plumbing fittings and fixtures: American Standard; lighting fixtures: Prescolite, Liberty Lighting; roofing: Owens Corning fiberglass shingles; windows: TRACO page 66—Brezza Condominiums



bathroom and kitchen plumbing fittings: Delta, Grohe; bathroom and kitchen plumbing fixtures: Kohler; bathroom and kitchen cabinets:

Huntwood Industries; brick/masonry products: Mutual Materials; countertops and flooring (ceramic tile): Mannington; dishwasher, oven, and refrigerator: GE Appliances; entry doors: Celco Doors; exterior siding: Dryvit; fireplace or wood stove: Fireplace Manufacturers; flooring (wood): Kahrs; garbage disposer: Whirlaway; HVAC equipment: Trane; insulation: Dow, Owens Corning; interior doors: Premdor; lighting fixtures: Lightolier, Halo; paints/stains: Sherwin Williams; patio doors and windows: Milgard; roofing: US Intec; sheathing: US Gypsum; skylights: Milgard, Crystalie; structural lumber: Trus Joist MacMillan

page 68—Museum Heights
Condominiums



bathroom plumbing fixtures: Kohler, Delta, Lasco; bathroom and kitchen cabinets: Euro Design; brick/masonry products: Angel Block; dishwasher,

oven, and refrigerator: GE Appliances; flooring (ceramic tile): Daltile; garage doors: GI Metal Design; garbage disposer: In-Sink-Erator; hardware: Schlage; HVAC equipment: Carrier; insulation: Owens Corning; kitchen plumbing fixtures: Kohler, Delta; paints/stains: Dunn Edwards; patio doors and windows: ABC, Arcadia; roofing: GAF; security system: Panasonic



#### page 70—The Gate



bathroom plumbing fittings: Delta; bathroom plumbing fixtures: American Standard; bathroom and kitchen cabinets: Merit; brick/masonry products: Cloud

Ceramic; countertops: Corian; dishwasher, oven, and refrigerator: GE Appliances; elevator: Dover; entry doors: Weyerhauser; flooring (ceramic tile): American Olean, slate; flooring (vinyl): Kentile; hardware: Schlage; HVAC equipment: Lennox, Sanyo; insulation: Celotex; kitchen plumbing fittings and fixtures: Dayton; lighting fixtures: Thomas; paints/stains: Benjamin Moore; patio doors: Kawneer; roofing: Firestone; security system: ADT; sheathing: USG; skylights: Bristolite; structural lumber: Trus Joist MacMillan

#### page 72—Villa Flores



bathroom and kitchen plumbing fittings: Symmons, Broan; bathroom plumbing fixtures: Mansfield; bathroom cabinets: Basco; brick/masonry prod-

ucts: ORCO Block Co.; countertops: Formica; elevator: Thyssen, US Elevator: entry doors: Pacific Steel; exterior siding: Senergy stucco system; flooring (ceramic tile): American Olean, Custom Building Products; **flooring** (vinyl): Armstrong; freezer and range: Hobart commercial; garage doors: Windsor Door; garbage disposer: In-Sink-Erator; hardware: Schlage, Pemko; HVAC equipment: Carrier, Mammoth Manufacturing; kitchen plumbing fixtures: Kingsford; lighting fixtures: Progress Lighting, Lithonia; oven: Whirlpool, GE Appliances; paints/stains: Frazee; patio doors and windows: CV Aluminum, Fleetwood; refrigerator: Roper, Hot Point; roofing: GS Roofing Products, Manville; security system: Cerberus Pyrotronics; skylights: Glasteel

#### page 74—Urban Residence



bathroom and kitchen plumbing fittings and kitchen fixtures: Kohler; bathroom plumbing fixtures: American Standard; countertops: concrete; dish-

washer and refrigerator: GE Appliances; entry doors, patio doors, and windows: Pella; exterior siding: James Hardie; flooring (wood): oak; hardware: Hafele America; HVAC equipment: Carrier; insulation: Dow; lighting fixtures: Contech; paints/stains: Benjamin Moore; roofing: McElroy; sheathing: OSB; solar energy system: GE Appliances; structural lumber: MNP



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bathroom plumbing fixtures: Mansfield; bathroom plumbing fittings: Price Pfister; countertops: Formica; exterior siding: Highland Stucco; flooring (ceramic

tile): Daltile; flooring (vinyl): Armstrong; kitchen plumbing fittings: Kohler; kitchen plumbing fixtures: Elkay; lighting fixtures: Progress Lighting; oven/range: GE Appliances; refrigerator: Frigidaire; skylights/roof windows: Bristolite; windows: International Window Corp.

page 78—Midway School
Apartments



bathroom and kitchen plumbing fittings: Delta; bathroom plumbing fixtures: Mansfield; bathroom and kitchen cabinets: Tru Wood; countertops:

American Bluegrass Marble; entry doors: oak; flooring (vinyl): Armstrong; garbage disposer: In-Sink-Erator; hardware: Schlage; HVAC equipment: Janitrol; insulation: Owens Corning; interior doors: Mohawk; lighting fixtures: Lithonia, Progress Lighting; roofing: Firestone; skylights and windows: custom; structural lumber: pine

page 80—Blueprint 2000



bathroom and kitchen plumbing fixtures and fittings: Kohler; bathroom and kitchen cabinets: KraftMaid Cabinetry; brick/ masonry products: Cultured Stone; dish-

washer and oven: Frigidaire; entry doors, patio doors, skylights, and windows:
Andersen; exterior siding: James Hardie; fireplace or wood stove: Heat-N-Glo; flooring (ceramic tile): Daltile; flooring (wood): Pergo; garage doors: Designer Doors; HVAC equipment: Bryant Heating & Cooling Systems; insulation: CertainTeed; interior doors: Andersen, Masonite; interior paneling: Southern Forest Products; lighting fixtures: George Kovacs Lighting, Lightolier; paints/stains: Benjamin Moore, Ralph Lauren; refrigerator: Marvel Industries; roofing: Custom-Bilt Metals weathered copper; structural lumber: Boise Cascade

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bathroom plumbing fixtures and fittings: Moen; bathroom cabinets, garage doors, interior paneling, and lighting fixtures: custom; countertops and flooring (ceramic

tile): AZ Tile; dishwasher: GE Appliances; garbage disposer: In-Sink-Erator; HVAC equipment: Carrier; insulation: Owens Corning; kitchen cabinets and plumbing fixtures: Kohler; oven: KitchenAid; paints/stains: Dunn Edwards; refrigerator: Sub-Zero; roofing: Mission Barrel Tiles; security system: Honeywell; skylights and windows: Western Insulated Glass

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Plan 2



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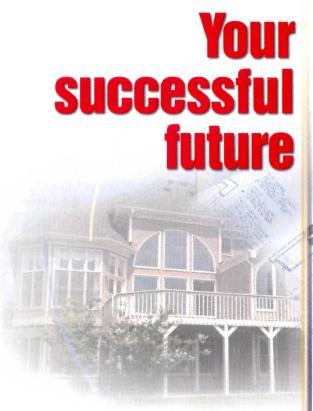
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bathroom and kitchen plumbing fixtures and fittings: Delta; bathroom and kitchen cabinets: Timberlake; countertops: Formica; dishwasher, garbage

disposer, oven, and refrigerator: GE
Appliances; entry doors, interior doors,
trim work, and windows: Barber & Ross;
exterior siding: cement board; flooring
(ceramic tile): Florida Pro Select; flooring
(vinyl): Mannington; garage doors: Clopay;
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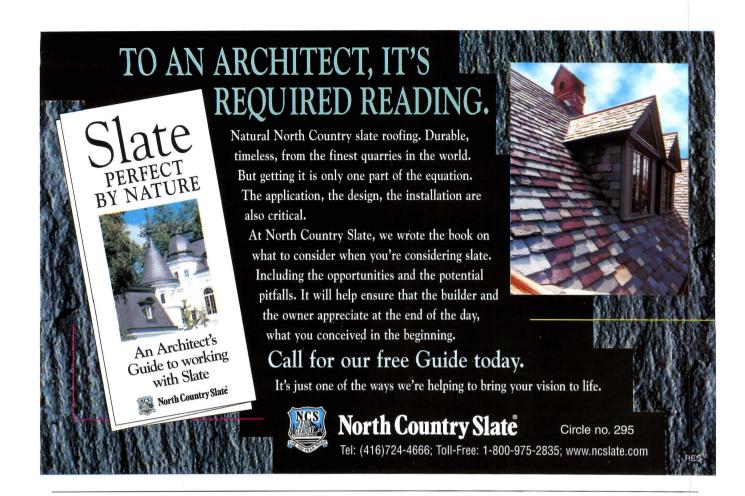
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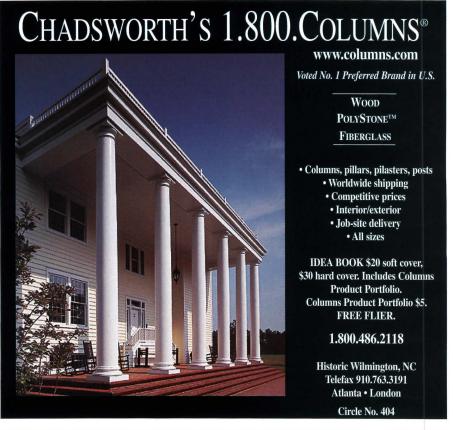
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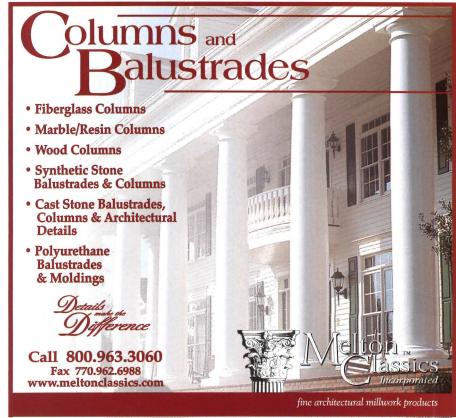
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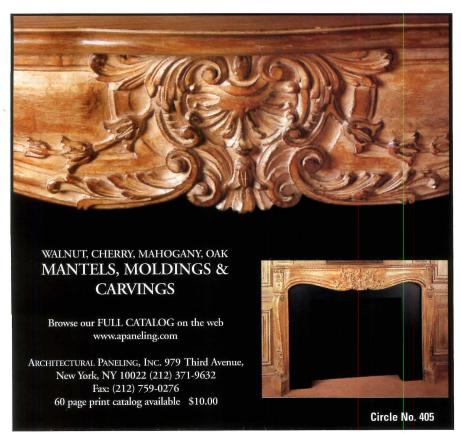




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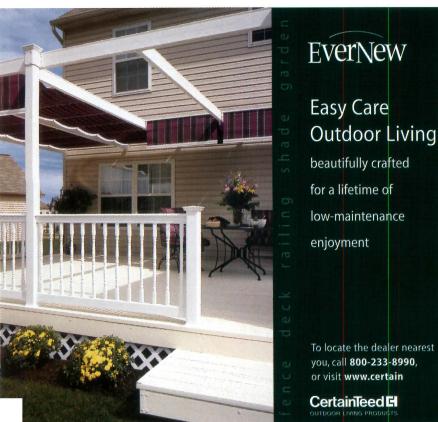


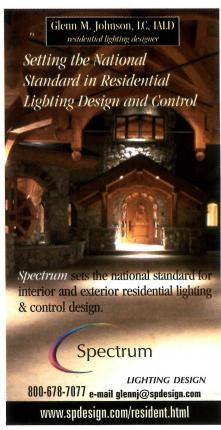
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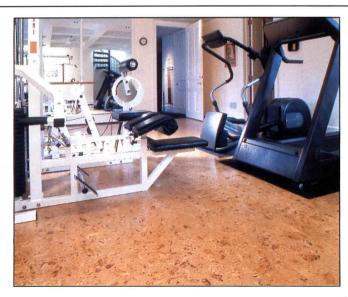
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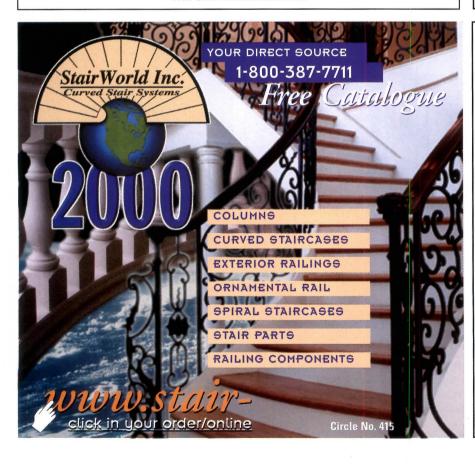
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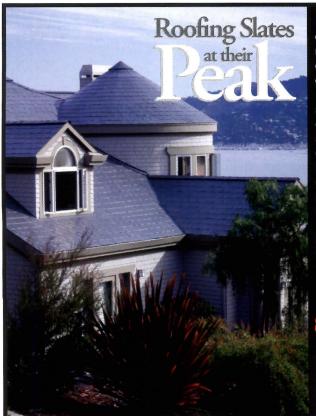
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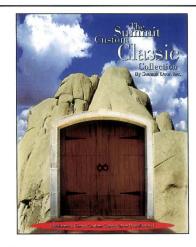
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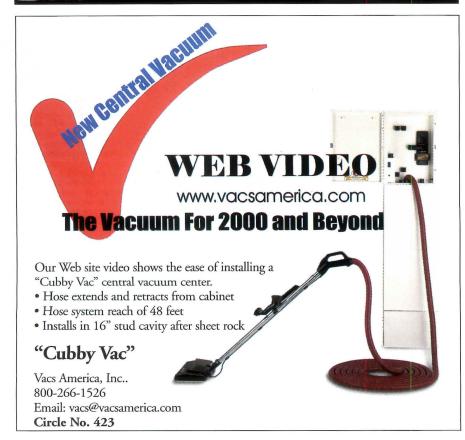


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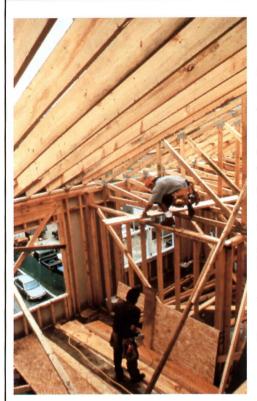
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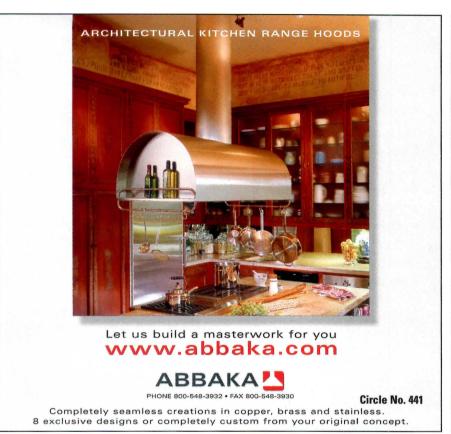


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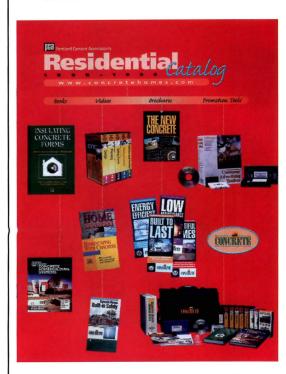




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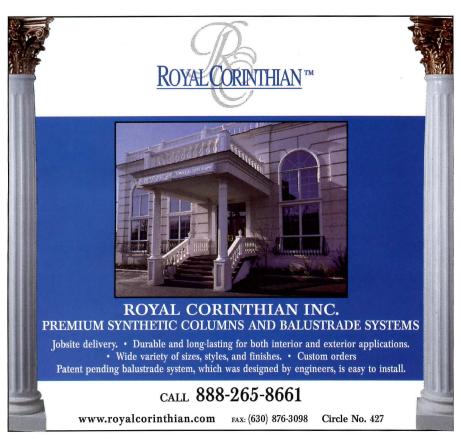


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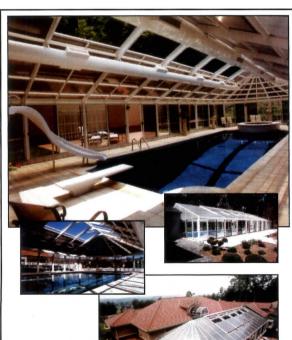
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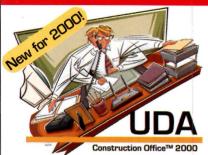
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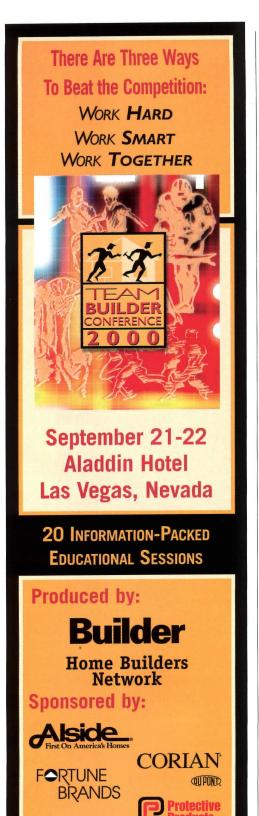
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