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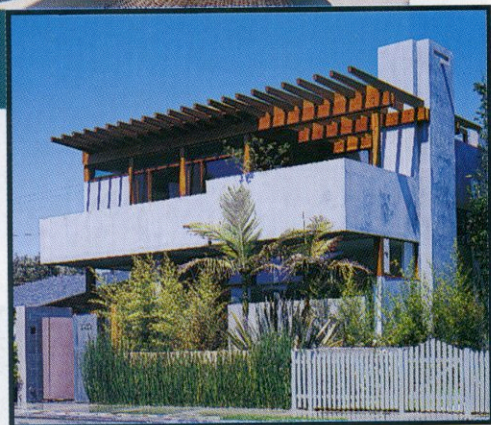
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OUTDOOR FAMILY ROOM off master suite offers palm-top view (above). Front entry is though walled courtyard (right).



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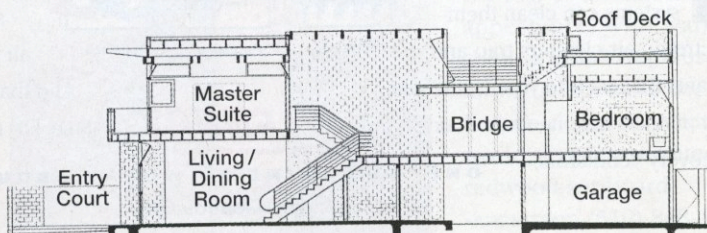
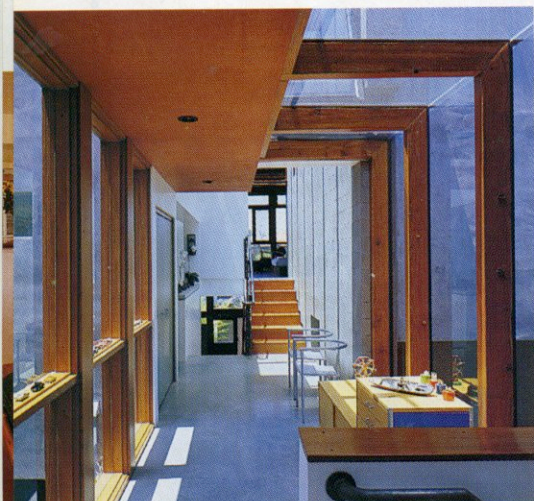
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“In a clever response to a tight neighborhood, the house opens as it rises. The backyard is in the air.” — *jury comment*

■ When an architect who is also a concrete fabricator builds his own house, you expect him to experiment with space and materials, so it's no surprise that David Hertz's home resonates with innovation. He is the owner of a company called Syndesis, which makes lightweight concrete tiles, sinks, counter-

tops, and furniture. His 2,700-square-foot house, which fills most of the 40- by 90-foot lot in a modest residential neighborhood, has unexpected outdoor areas that expand the living space, plus a daylight-flooded interior.

On the ground floor, a private front courtyard with an outdoor dining area



BRIDGE (far left) doubles as a tunnel of light connecting front and rear parts of house.