



## THE CONTAINER HOUSE

Architect Peter DeMaria and his firm won a special Jury Award, recognizing Redondo Beach's Pirk residence for "innovation in affordability." The home is believed to be the first ever to use cargo containers as the basis of its very structure. "This is an excellent example of low cost housing that has been very individualized for the owner," the AIA jury wrote.



# Beach architects honored

Three local architectural firms were recipients of the South Bay/Long Beach American Institute of Architects Biennial Design Awards, a coveted architectural honor bestowed for excellence in design and innovation.

Kirkpatrick & Associates Architects won a Citation award - given to a project that demonstrates "unique design in specific elements" - for their "Beach Cottage" in Hermosa Beach. The 2,000 sq. ft. home occupies a half parcel near the intersection of two streets, thereby requiring an unorthodox approach that resulted in what the architects described as "a compact pavilion scheme" that features a single open living space on the ground level and an enclosed protected sleeping and bathing spaces on the upper level.

Hermosa Beach based Studio 9one2 won a Merit award - given to a project that "demonstrates exceptional characteristics and design in a regional project" - for their "Paws A While" design. The project, accord-

ing to the architects, seeks to blend "the old planning of brownstones with newer trends of open plan housing that work well in our Mediterranean climate."

DeMaria Design Associates won a special "Jury Award" given for "special innovation" in the use of cargo containers in the project completed for Sven and Anna Pirk in Redondo Beach last year. The architects said that "skyrocketing construction costs, the desire to be environmentally responsible, and progressive thinking drove the design of this non-traditional home." The clients are both sports fanatics who plan to put a steel cable down the hallway so they can reach up, grab the handles and ride to the next room. "We'll probably also put in some swings, some gymnastic rings. We figured, why wait till you go the gym to or go off on vacation to do that sort of thing," the Pirks said.

Projects by local architects Dean Nota and Michael Lee were also considered for awards.

- Mark McDermott

## THE HERRON RESIDENCE

Michael Lee's design for this Santa Monica home was also among the projects considered for the South Bay/Long Beach chapter of the American Institute of Architects Biennial Awards.



## THE MCLAGAN RESIDENCE

Architect Michael Lee's design for this Manhattan Beach home, completed last year, was among the projects considered for an AIA design award.