

Through the gate proclaiming "Whip or Wheel," up the winding drive, sits the house, rising out of the hill to provide a spectacular view of the pond out front and the stables off to the side.

Luxury is what entrepreneur Ron Nusbaum and his wife, Sue, wanted when they hired Alden Construction in Fairlawn to design, build and decorate their new home. Luxury is what they got.

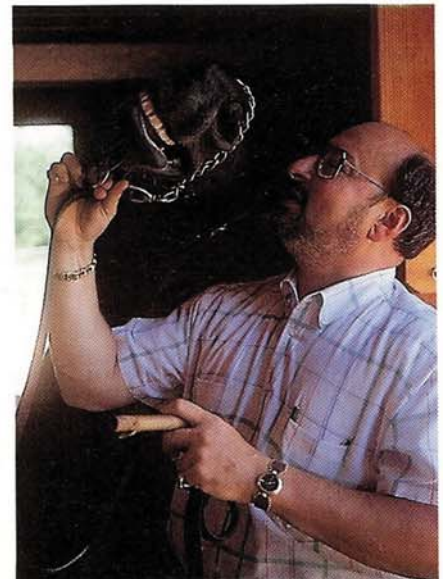
Completed a few months ago, the nearly 9,800-square-foot house on the outskirts of Richfield Township is truly a dream home. The amenities include a grand foyer with a wet bar that can be used for entertaining, close-circuit television to the stables so Nusbaum can keep an eye on his 52 horses, three living rooms, exercise and game rooms, a master bath with separate his-and-her facilities and a steam shower that can accommodate several people, an outdoor wave pool, a deck that runs along most of the 188-foot length of the rear of the house, a floor-to-ceiling parrot cage in the kitchen and, as a centerpiece, a hand-crafted, three-story circular



staircase of bleached oak that took thousands of manhours to build and install.

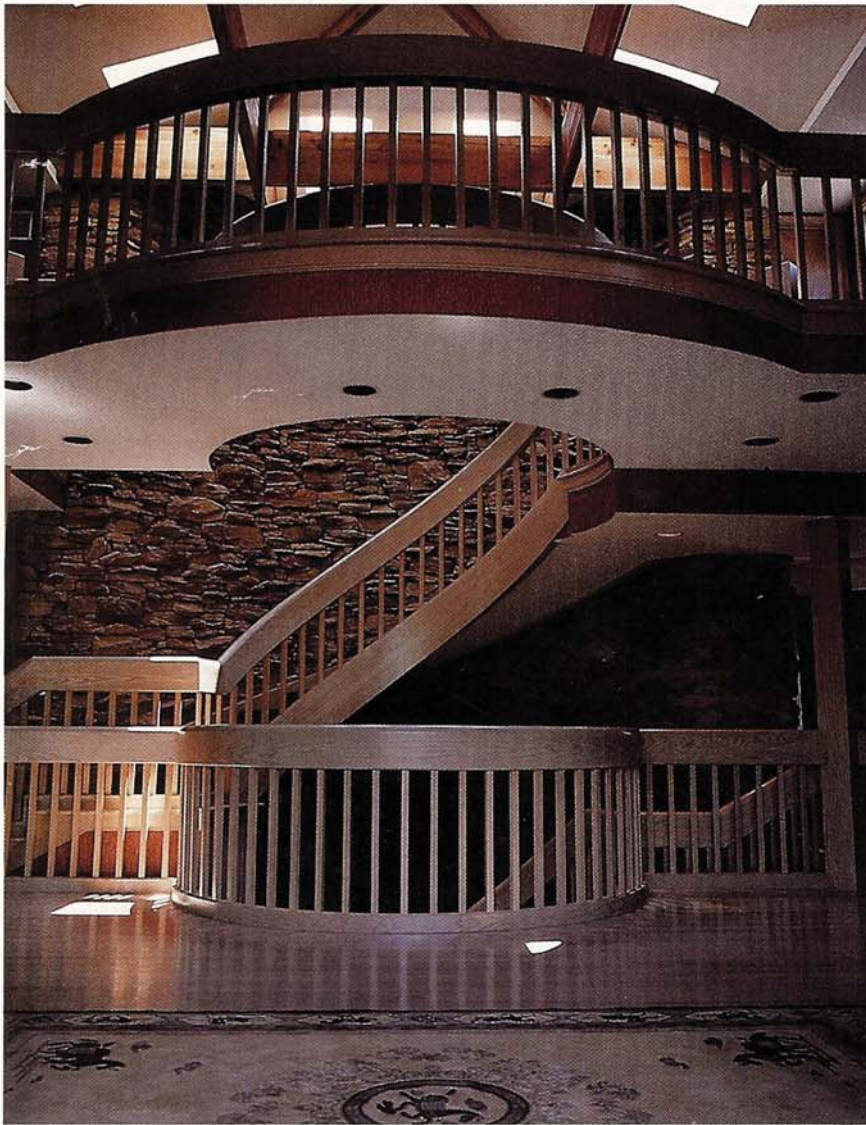
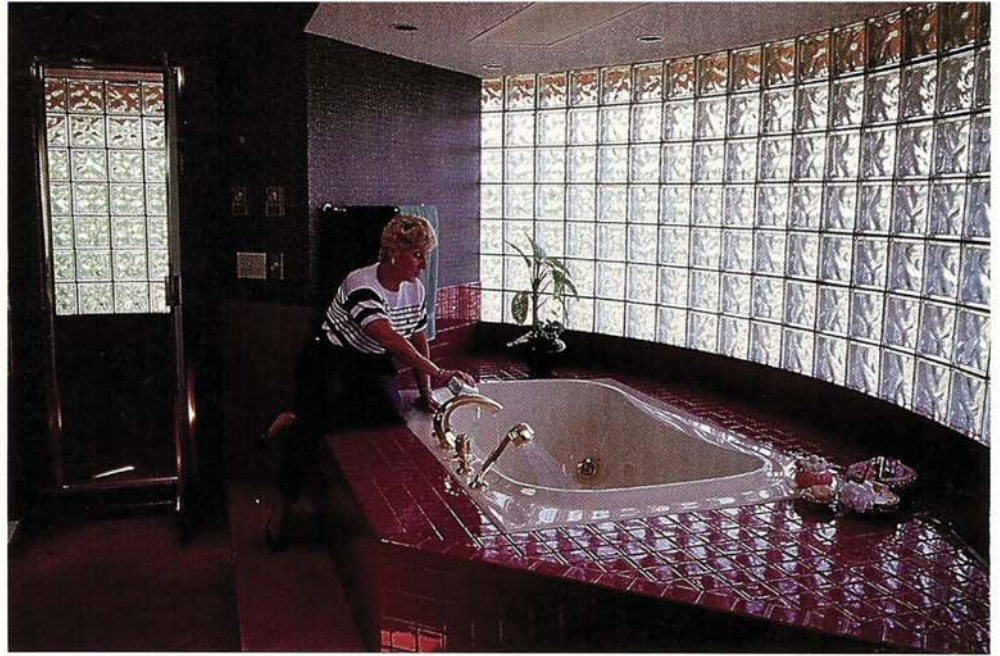
"Our customers are looking for the unusual," says Al Schleider, co-owner with Dennis Baughman of the 8-year-old Alden Construction Co., which has received several awards from the Home Builders Association of Greater Akron. "We never duplicate a design; every house is a whole new product. We're not content to be ordinary."

Above, Alden Construction Co. describes the design of the spacious Nusbaum home in Richfield Township as a mixture of Frank Lloyd Wright and Colorado Contemporary. At 188 feet, the rear of the house is nearly two-thirds the length of a football field.



Above, The Nusbaum estate includes Whip or Wheel stable, where Ron keeps his 52 horses, including prize stallion Lakewater Glory who on May 26, 1989, set a world record for a half-mile track at Northfield. Left, Although the Nusbaums gave Alden carte blanche in designing and decorating the house, one of their few requests was a cage in the kitchen for their 10-year-old parrot, Donald.

Right, Although they've only lived there a few months, Ron and Sue both say one of their favorite rooms in the house already is the luxurious Texas-style master bath with separate his-and-her facilities, leaded glass and a spacious steam shower.



Left, The front doors open onto the foyer and this view of the spectacular, hand-crafted, three-story circular staircase of bleached oak. The railing alone took 1,100 manhours to install because the curve necessitated that it be done one piece at a time. Above, At the bottom of the staircase is the game room, featuring working antique slot machines, a jukebox, original Chuck Jones cartoon cells and, in homage to Nusbaum's racehorses, a wood sully made by the Amish in Millersburg to simulate the old high-wheel carts.