

Best properties on the market

This week: The best homes of the year



1 ◀ Kukio, Hawaii This residence on the Big Island consists of one main home and three separate guest suites. The Asian-style main house features mahogany cabinets, sliding pocket doors, concrete floors, and exposed-beam ceilings. The main lanai is set for entertaining with a kitchen, a bar, and an outdoor living room. \$5,499,000. Brandon C. Wood, Island Resort Property/Christie's International Real Estate, (808) 960-4396 **STATUS: Price reduced to \$4,995,000**



2 ▶ Santa Barbara, Calif. Built in 1964, this three-bedroom home at the end of a cul-de-sac was renovated this year. Interior features include a kitchen with high-gloss cabinetry, a sliding walnut bookcase that opens to the master suite, and a wall of sliding glass in the great room with views of the Channel Islands. A glass guest bedroom has a private entrance and a full bath. \$2,895,000. Riskin Associates/Village Properties/Top Agent Network, (805) 565-8600 **STATUS: No change**



3 ◀ Branford, Conn. This four-bedroom house is on Belden Island, one of the Thimble Islands, an archipelago in Long Island Sound. Built in 1912, this home features the original wainscoted walls, gaslights, and two fireplaces. Exterior amenities include large wraparound porches, a manicured lawn, and a newly built dock. \$3,950,000. Margaret Muir and Tony Nuzzo, Sotheby's International Realty, (203) 605-5231 **STATUS: Off market**





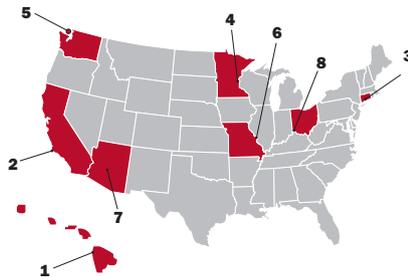
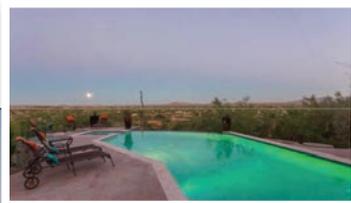
4 ▲ Wayzata, Minn. This seven-bedroom house lies on a bank of Brown's Bay in Lake Minnetonka. Built in 1920, the home features a new kitchen, a sunroom, a game room with a bar, a balcony with bay views, and a rooftop deck. The 0.7-acre property includes 230 feet of shoreline. \$5,250,000. Cynthia Redmond, Coldwell Banker Burnet, (612) 850-7015 **STATUS: Price reduced to \$4,475,000**



5 ▼ Orcas Island, Wash. Lying on 10.6 acres, this two-bedroom home designed by Indigo Architecture looks out onto other islands and the Salish Sea. The house is cantilevered 28 feet in both directions from its base, giving the illusion that it is floating. The interior features retractable glass walls, vaulted ceilings, and concrete floors. \$2,495,000. Mariah Buck, Windermere Real Estate, (360) 317-7426 **STATUS: No change**



6 ◀ Clayton, Mo. Set on 1.5 acres, Brentmoor Classic is a six-bedroom brick colonial. The interior features a solarium with French doors, a wine room, an elevator, a chef's kitchen, and a master bedroom with dressing rooms and a study. Amenities on the property include a rear terrace, a koi pond, and an in-ground pool. \$3,475,000. John Ryan, Coldwell Banker Gundaker, (314) 993-8000 **STATUS: No change**



7 ◀ Carefree, Ariz. This two-story Black Mountain home features a full gym downstairs alongside a theater, a gaming room, and a climate-controlled wine cellar with a tasting room. The seven-bedroom, nine-bathroom house has floor-to-ceiling windows with views. Outdoor amenities include a pool, a hot tub, and a patio. \$3,995,000. David Larchez, Silverhawk Realty, (480) 822-8898 **STATUS: Sold**



Steal of the year

8 ▲ Cincinnati The Herschede Mansion is a seven-bedroom, 9,400-square-foot house in the North Avondale neighborhood. Built in 1908, the Italian Renaissance Revivalist home features a marble-lined foyer, a double-winged staircase, mahogany pocket doors, and a barrel-ceilinged ballroom. Additional details include a music room with hand-painted murals and a dining room with hand-tooled leather art panels. \$474,900. Sanregret Team, Keller Williams Advisors Realty, (513) 259-3001 **STATUS: Sold**

