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## **U-1**

### **Nichols House**

14418 Minetta Street

1934, F. McM. Sawyer

Roy B. Nichols, then postmaster of Houston, developed this subdivision, Main Street Gardens, 12 miles outside Houston on the Main Street highway. Nichols had Sawyer design for him this diminutive, picturesque Mediterranean style house, which is built of reinforced concrete block. *All* components are concrete.

## **U-2**

### **The Fountain of Praise**

13950 Hillcroft Avenue

2003, Morris Architects

Pete Ed Garrett designed the 2,500-seat Fountain of Praise as a performance-like arena inset within the serpentine curved front of the church's freestanding building.

## **U-3**

### **West Orem Family YMCA Building**

5801 W. Orem Drive

2007, Brave/Architecture

Fernando Brave volumetrically expressed the building's program in a series of offset spatial containers that aggregate around the recessed entrance bay.

## **U-4**

### **Jean Hines Caldwell Elementary School**

5515 W. Orem Drive

2005, PBK Architects

The diagonal alignment of classroom blocks and the rotational spin-offs visible in the school's entrance bay seek to compensate with architectural exuberance for evident construction economies.