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Creating an indoor basketball court, whether in a living room or a room all its own, requires more than high ceilings. Just as important as the backboard and net is the floor. The Pappas' great room floor is no different from one you would find in a high school gym. Maple floorboards sit on top of two layers of plywood and a half-inch-thick rubber pad system for the right bounce.

To keep the noise down, the Pappas used one-inch-thick acoustic wall panels, and to prevent broken glass, but still allow for ample light, they covered the lower windows with protective structural glass.

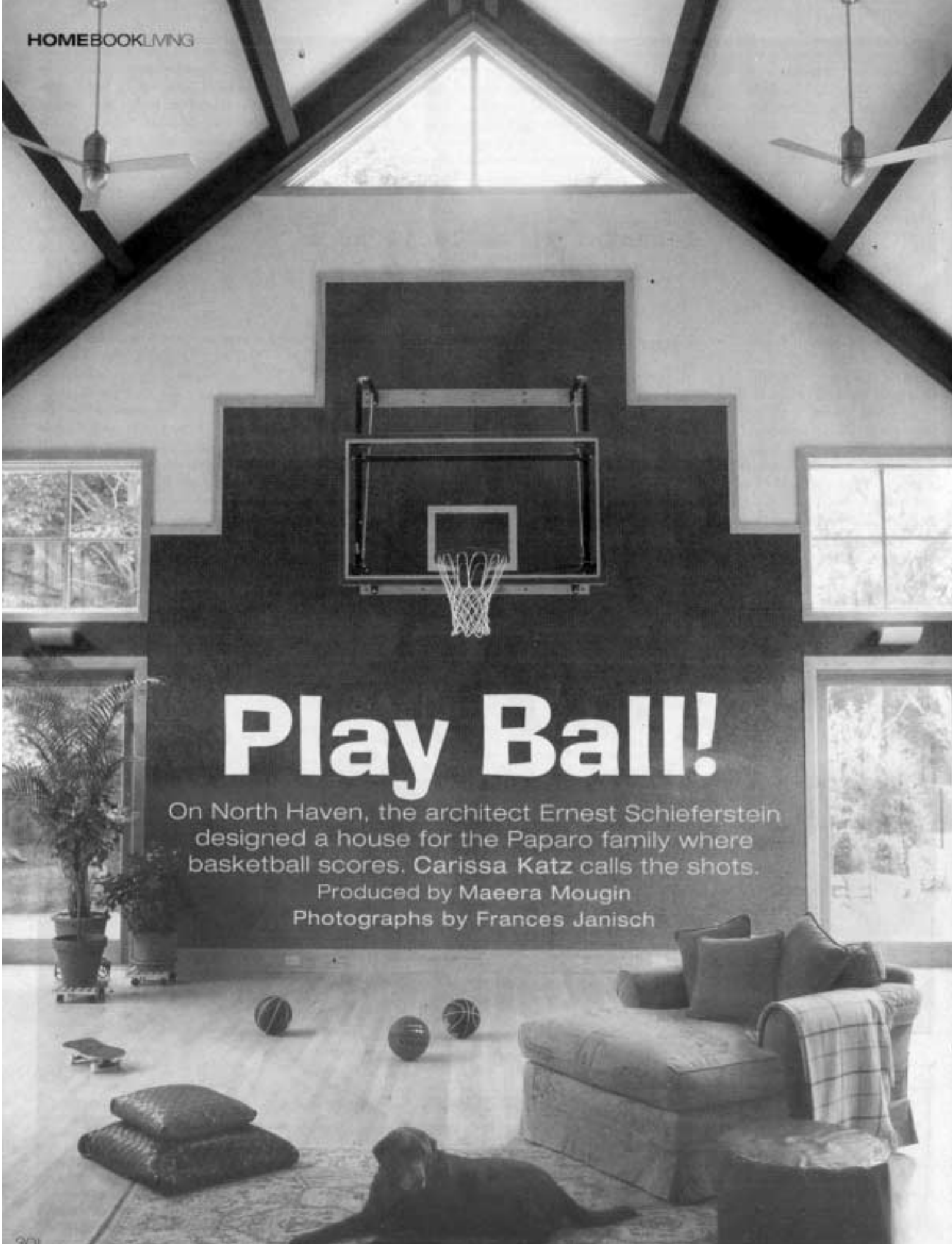


Playing ball is allowed only in the living room. In the porcelain-tiled kitchen, the Pappas boys make do with drawing paper and crayons.

Play Ball!

On North Haven, the architect Ernest Schieferstein designed a house for the Paparo family where basketball scores. Carissa Katz calls the shots.

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A dramatic stone fireplace at the center of the house is open on two sides – to a main living space, which doubles as a basketball court, and the adjacent kitchen. The leather basket on the hearth, above, and the leather pouf, woven leather pillows, and cashmere window-pane throw are from Christopher Fischer. Cesar relaxes on the rug, opposite page.