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Barbican
Des Moines, Iowa
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SOLUTION: Forty-two condominiums are contained in this five acre site in a fashionable part of a small city. The form springs from the programatic need for sixty interior garages, common space, and units to be positioned in such a way as to cause minimal disruption of the site. Additionally, the architects wished to produce an environment that reflected the unique nature of the site, with its urban and rural face, and to produce dwellings that offered a degree of internal character, even to the point of some modest eccentricity. Three trees were taken for construction.
OWNER: Northwestern Bell
CONTRACTOR: The Weitz Company, Inc.
PHOTOGRAPHER: Paul Kivett
Charles Herbert & Associates

PROGRAM: The owner requested the maximum development of an inner-city urban renewal area site for the construction of a Data Center. It was stipulated that night shift personnel have a well-lit, secure area for their use.

Programming defined needs for two larger floors to house present and projected computer technology and two levels for accounting functions plus dining, medical and building service facilities. A partial level for storage and a mechanical penthouse completed the description.

SOLUTION: The form of the building is generated by the construction area between the parallel north and south property lines and the curving streets on each side. Pedestrian entrance is gained through a sky-lit lobby on the uphill portion of the site. Vehicles proceed to underbuilding parking.

Placement of the two largest floors containing computer hardware at the top of the building affords security and reduces vertical travel. Higher population glazed levels below are shaded by the windowless construction above.
HONOR AWARD

College Block Building
Bushnell's Turtle Restaurant/Apartments
Iowa City, Iowa
Hansen Lind Meyer, P.C.

OWNER: College Block Partners
CONTRACTORS:
Streb Construction Company
PHOTOGRAPHER:
Hansen Lind Meyer, P.C.

PROGRAM: To restore the exterior facade of this building to its original appearance, meeting the requirements for a building on the National Register of Historic Places.

To design a restaurant facility consistent with the restored exterior of the building using owner-furnished antiques of the period.

To provide modern apartments on the second floor without disturbing the antique qualities of the building facade.

SOLUTION: The building is an excellent example of late 19th century Victorian architecture. Originally designed by architect Chauncey Lovelace, who had his offices on the 2nd floor, the building's facade provides an interesting display of ornamental pressed tin and heavy bracketed cornice.

Restoration was in harmony with the stringent requirements for buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The only record of the original street facade was an 1880's photograph with little detail. The exterior design resulted from research on other buildings of the period and assistance from historical preservationists. Construction included repair, cleaning and reattaching metalwork. Painted masonry was scraped clean by hand and tuck pointed. Rotted window frames and sashes were duplicated and replaced.

After gutting the interior, a central brick bearing wall which divided the building into two equal parts was restructured to integrate the two sections of the restaurant. A period bar and back bar separate the public zone of the restaurant from the service and administrative areas. Great care was taken to place antique-stained glass and furnishings in proper relationships to the spaces. New wood paneling was made to match owner-furnished antique paneling. Lighting fixtures and floor materials were provided consistent with decorative characteristics of the late 19th century.
OWNER: Whitney Center
DEVELOPER: Life Care Services, Inc.
GENERAL CONTRACTOR:
H. Wales Lines Company
CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:
The Weitz Company, Inc.
PHOTOGRAPHER: Julius Shulman

SOLUTION: A retirement community incorporating two hundred dwelling units, a sixty bed nursing unit, and a large array of common spaces is the main program for this project and its ten acre site. Of course, the geometry of the property took its inevitable toll on the building form, but the six levels are used to gain access to a fine distant view via the roof garden, which contains half of the common area. A "street front - garden side" theme runs through the planning of the first floor of the building.
HONOR AWARD

Architect's Office Engelbrecht/Rice/Griffin
Des Moines, Iowa
Engelbrecht/Rice/Griffin Architects

OWNER & ARCHITECT:
Engelbrecht/Rice/Griffin Architects, P.C.

CONTRACTOR:
Elview Construction Company

PHOTOGRAPHER: Julius Shulman

PROGRAM: The second level of an old building was selected for the context of a new office for architects because of the interesting views and light the shell provided. The design discipline, therefore, included the requirement to make these amenities available to the entire staff while expressing the hierarchical nature of the organization and its work habits.
Remodeling of a Private Residence  
Des Moines, Iowa  
Cal Lewis  
Charles Herbert & Associates, Inc.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR:  
Miller Construction Company

PHOTOGRAPHER: Cal Lewis

PROGRAM: Provide a place of residence for a young single woman who had bought a deteriorating 100 year old house in an inner-city neighborhood that was just being rediscovered.

SOLUTION: Although the house had been modified and "decorated" innumerable times, the dynamic shape and pleasant scale were obvious. The complexity was accentuated by incorporating other strong forms while retaining the existing small-pane fenestration for its scale. The sculptural, but neutral, character became the background for her possessions. The first floor room configuration with its open character was retained, but the second floor was opened up to create a flow of living space for entertaining. The unfinished attic was claimed by adding a spiral stair and opening the roof with a north skylight toward the long view. The bedrooms and attic allow flexible use but house guests can maintain privacy.
HONOR AWARD

Valley National Bank Building
Des Moines, Iowa
Charles Herbert & Associates, Inc.

OWNER: Valley National Bank
CONSULTANTS:
Construction Management —
The Weitz Company
PHOTOGRAPHER: Paul Kivett

PROGRAM: This Art Deco bank building was completed in 1931. The structure had not been well maintained and had deteriorated rapidly during the five years it was unoccupied.

Following purchase by another bank, design goals were established, calling for the housing of modern banking methods in the old structure, improvement of climate control systems and consideration of energy consumption. All of these goals were to be accomplished within the context of what had been implied in the original architecture.

SOLUTION: Externally, the building was restored and modified in the appropriate character. Limestone work was repointed and waterproofed. Granite was cleaned. Storefronts were reconstructed with recessed glazing set in decorative frames reproduced from original castings. Bronze work was bright polished or oxidized, then lacquered. Fixed gray double glazing was installed in existing upper floor window frames after removal of deteriorated vent sash. Bank lobby glazing was changed to reflective to improve solar gain problems and permit removal of interior drapes. Sidewalks were re-poured and tree wells provided. Extension of one of the original stairways to all floors permitted removal of two unsightly fire escapes.
HONOR AWARD

Macomb Savings and Loan
Macomb, Illinois
Charles Herbert & Associates, Inc.

OWNER: Macomb Savings and Loan
STRUCTURAL CONSULTANT:
   James W. Wilson
MECHANICAL CONSULTANT:
   Kimmei/Jensen/Wegerer/Wray
PHOTOGRAPHER:
   Charles Herbert & Associates

PROGRAM AND SOLUTION: The site, adjacent to a non-descript street serving as a state highway in an older residential neighborhood, was assembled by combining several deteriorating properties. A zoning variance from residential use was obtained, conditioned on improving the experience of entering the town square and commercial area to the south while maintaining sensitivity for and compatibility with adjacent neighbors. Site development responds to these objectives. The street grid and a rotated grid are superimposed to provide a larger green space on which to locate the building, to create a strong emphasis on entrance from the business district for pedestrians and vehicles and to allow landscaped areas to visually screen parking from all directions. Internal elements also reflect the two grids. A skylit central space functions as a window to upper floor interior spaces and utilizes natural light to accentuate the hub of the banking activities on the entrance level.
Gartner Residence Attic Remodeling
Des Moines, Iowa
Cal Lewis
Charles Herbert & Associates, Inc.

OWNER: Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gartner
CONTRACTOR: Willett Construction Co.
PHOTOGRAPHER: Cal Lewis

PROGRAM: The husband and wife of a small family wished to convert the attic of their large 55 year old Tudor residence into a bedroom/sitting room. They both needed storage for their large book collection and a quiet place to read. They asked for a "New York apartment" where they could escape at the end of each day.

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