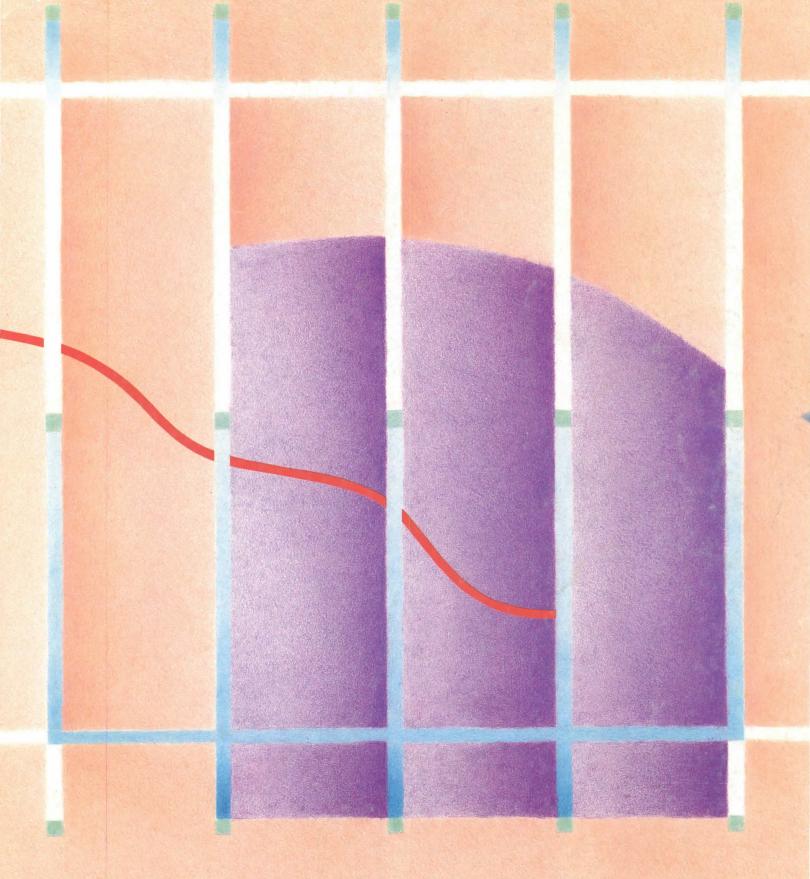
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Interior design

Introduction: Give and take

The designer/client relationship is considered in this year's interiors issue.

All the world's a stage

Montreal architect Harry Parnass designed four shops that feature his own "Parachute" clothes.

High touch

Architects Powell-Tuck, Connor, Orefelt & d'Avoine have accommodated the high-tech aspects of Research Recordings, Ltd., in a low-tech setting.

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The polychromed porch

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Breaking the grid

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Great revivals

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Free association

Christian Hubert's loft apartment for artist David Salle translates the imagery of Salle's art into architectural design.

Throwaway chic

Architects A.A. Robins and E.H. Cavanagh gave a small space a feeling of openness, with allusions to architecture, using inexpensive materials.

Space modesty

Michael Kalil, working with the client-owner, has upgraded an unpromising ground-floor apartment, designing on-site.

128 Warm up, cool down

Architect Brian Murphy's design for the West Hollywood gym Queststar combines several disparate functions into a coherent whole.

Celebrity homes

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Investment and image

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The issue of fire

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Designer's Saturday

This year's schedule and featured products at the showrooms are supplemented by suggestions of places to visit in the four showroom areas.

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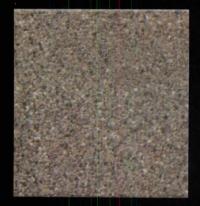
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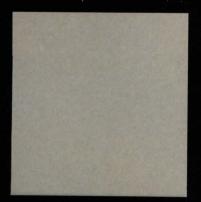


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## Taste publics and private taste

The big new mansard-roofed house, not quite symmetrical and too visible from the street, with white gravel in front;

the too-compact "ranch house," with assorted trophies, vegetable and mineral, on the manicured front lawn;

the condominium with a free-form chandelier under the ample porte-cochere—and an upside-down arch motif in the masonry; the developer's atrium slathered with marble in hot flesh color, with polished handrails too large for a grown man's hands;

the pastel stucco house with a Taco Bell silhouette, with painted bricks edging formal

beds of bright flowers.

We all see such places, and as design professionals we usually react with distaste or-in the last case—with tolerant amusement. We can accept poor design if done by a do-ityourselfer of modest education and means. What nags at most architectural professionals, as well as many social and aesthetic critics, is the apparent lack of dependable taste among our own educational and economic peers-our classmates, our relatives, and our neighbors. Even more irksome is the knowledge that somebody-often a licensed professional-has been paid to design much of what we find so discouraging.

None of this is new. Social commentators of the 19th Century scolded Americans for their vulgar pretensions. Sinclair Lewis skewered the smug, conformist suburban house in his 1922 novel about the real estate

man, Babbitt.

In recent years, several popular books have appeared that try to explain what each American cultural subgroup wants in its possessions. In his Popular Culture and High Culture (Basic Books, 1975), Herbert Gans made a serious effort to identify "taste cultures" and the "taste publics" that shared them. In sorting out these cultures, he effectively demolished the preconception of a simple pyramid with high culture at the peak, but his questionable conclusion was that many subcultures were equally worthy of media attention and government support. In 1980, the most entertaining book on taste to date appeared, The Official Preppy Handbook by Lisa Birnbach (Workman Publishing, 1980); it was delightfully on-target with its depiction of one upper-middle subgroup and has spawned imitations in America and abroad.

Last year, two books appeared that attempt to identify the cultural preferences of various social groups—or perhaps more to the point, to identify such groups by what they like. The thin volume Class, by Paul Fussell (Summit Books, 1983) tries to delineate several classes by their taste in literature, clothing, food, and recreation, as well as design. It

Architectural professionals must live and work in a world where design judgment does not correlate predictably with education or economic power.

ends with a scoring chart for living rooms, with points added for "every item alluding specifically to the United Kingdom" and severe penalties for figurines or laminated plaques; Scientific American subtracts a point, but Hudson Review adds eight, a reward equivalent to a "thread-bare carpet."

About the same time, Joan Kron brought out Home-Psych (Clarkson N. Potter, 1983), which makes much of women's crucial role in decorating. Among the rather motley contents is a summary of a report from the Stanford Research Institute's "Value and Lifestyle" research. This also uses the old living room as a gauge, with succinct inventories that establish nine decorating culture groups, from Survivors at the bottom, up through Belongers and Emulators or

through their more "inner-directed" opposites, the Experientials and the Societally Conscious, to the pinnacle of the Integrated, who know why they want what they want and don't care what others think. Here dwell, we hope, most architects and interior designers.

Fortunately for architects and interior designers, most members of the public set aside their personal preferences when considering commercial or institutional buildings. They now expect these to be impersonally Modern, just as they once expected them to be impersonally Classical, and they often find deviations from the expectation disturbing.

In considering the public's design taste, architects and designers must realize that it has very little to do with aesthetics, almost everything to do with associations (even allowing for the tendency of social commentators to overemphasize such factors). The simplest lesson from this: If we don't disrupt our public's associational values, they will more readily accept our aesthetic ones. Looking deeper into our own design preferences, we could learn from sorting out which ones depend on association and which ones tap basic aesthetic principles. The fundamental architectural qualities involving scale, proportion, light distribution, etc., do have their meanings, and most of the public will, I believe, respond to their effective application.

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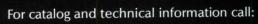












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Housing subversion

By the term "social housing" (P/A, July 1984), do you mean to imply that housing which is not subsidized is anti-social? Perhaps not, but with few exceptions your "expert's" views on the "condition and potential of social housing" read like a simple assault on the free market system.

It is amazing to me that centralized governmental command and control systems can so often be exalted as the obvious solution to social problems when so few examples of societies with admirable Big Brothers exist. I suppose that the degree to which one admires such a system is directly related to the power which one expects to achieve through

the system—always in order to impose good. Is that what being the bastion of the avant-garde is all about?

Thomas M. Colbert, Instructor
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[We are writing here about housing that the free market, operating alone, simply does not provide—so where's the "assault"? When government programs make such housing financially possible, many "free market" developers, builders, and architects share in the benefits.—Editors]

Design management

I am grateful to *Progressive Architecture* and Weld Coxe for the thoughtful article, "Can Design Leadership Be Managed?," in the July 1984 issue of P/A (p. 57).

I was impressed with the article to the extent that I would like to see the subject matter continued in a series of articles which explore the subject in greater detail.

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Architecture's young hopefuls

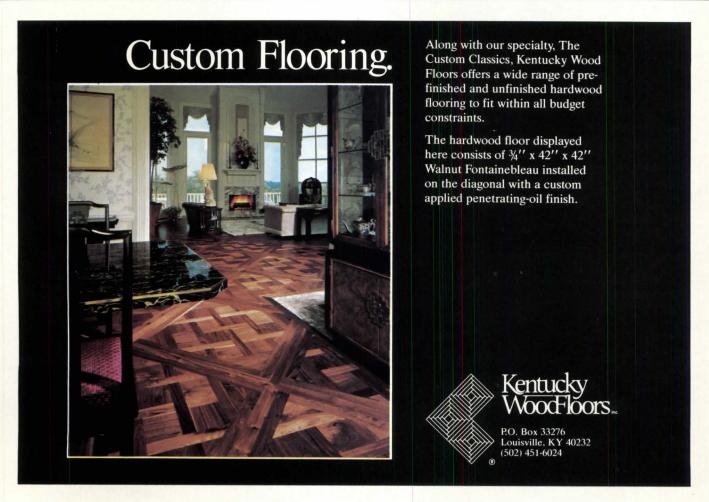
The article by C.M. McReynolds (P/A Practice, June 1984, "So You Want To Be An Architect") is woefully accurate in its depiction of the plight faced by both architectural graduates and practicing architects. While I agree with Mr. McReynolds' suggestion of

monitoring and enforcing city, county and state laws regarding the preparation of design documents, I feel that we also need to monitor and enforce the laws regulating the practice of architecture within the architect's office.

I believe that those conditions cited by Mr. McReynolds are more a symptom of a much larger and far reaching problem. In many offices, the individuals charged with the responsibility for preparing the technical documents necessary for construction and in directing the efforts of their consultants are not licensed. In addition, many lead or senior project designers are not licensed and are not acting under the direct control or supervision of a licensed architect. What pains me the most about this particular aspect is that it erodes the whole practice of architecture as a profession and treats it as a mechanical necessity. So where does this leave the graduate and the young aspiring architect when he sees that registration for an architectural license merely satisfies a technical requirement which is not uniformly enforced and does nothing to promote the practice of architecture as a profession? It leaves him with the dubious honor of being a draftsman destined to be replaced by a CADD system.

I suggest that in addition to Mr. McReynolds' proposals for enforcement, we "clean our own house" before we throw the first stone

Oza E. Bouchard, AIA Houston, Texas [Views continued on page 12]



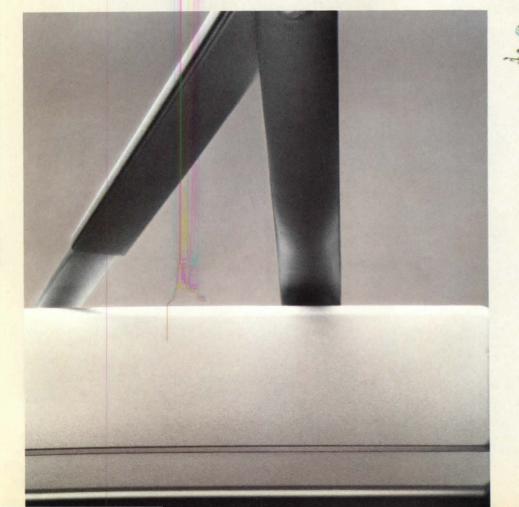
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Robert L. Thomas MNT Architects/Engineers, Inc. Edmond, Okla.

[The writer doesn't indicate whether he has seen the library or give any reasons behind his opinions. Those of us who have seen it can't understand why he concludes that the users are to be pitied.—Editors]

**Energy priorities** 

I was disturbed to read that "Owens-Corning Fiberglas has canceled its Energy Conservation Awards program after a survey of architects indicated that energy is no longer the urgent priority it was 12 years ago" (P/A, May 1984, p. 20). These architects are apparently in accord with the government, which plans

to rely heavily on nuclear energy to meet future power needs (buildings are estimated to consume 60 percent of this figure).

Nuclear energy yields, as plutonium, strontium-90, and dangerous radioactive poisons. used to produce nuclear weapons, has a half life of 24,400 years, and is poisonous for at least half a million years. We now have about one hundred million gallons of dangerous radioactive effluents that no one knows what to do with, and it's globally increasing at a catastrophic rate.

The nuclear future is not inevitable! Amory Lovins and others have documented the fact that a combination of known conservation measures and renewable energy sources can more than meet our future needs. With buildings as the major consumers of power, their designers have an enormous responsibility in determining our future energy paths.

In our office, as in most, energy is not the primary concern. Our major goal is to make art. Energy efficiency is seen as given—a programmatic input rather than as the end product of the design process. Much of what has been termed "energy conscious design" has provided less than helpful models—dealing with dull, diagrammatic solutions sadly lacking in architectural content. Competitions such as the Owens-Corning Awards have the potential to discover work which creates art out of developing technologies—resulting in architecture appropriate to our time.

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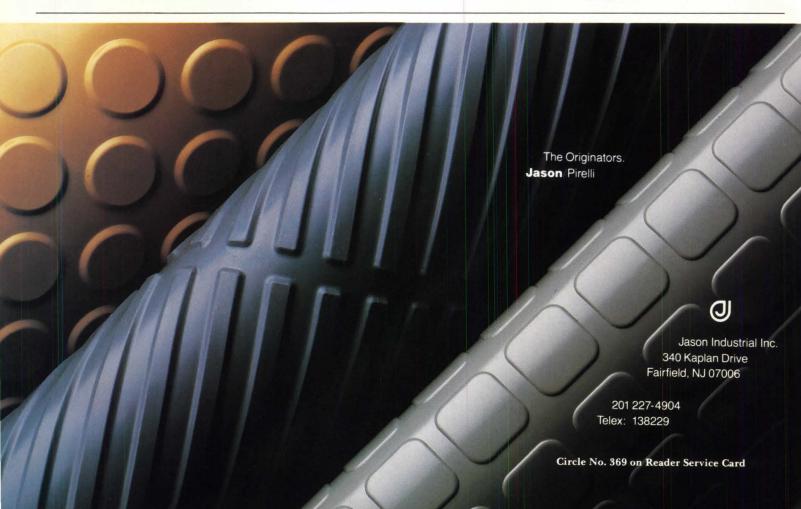
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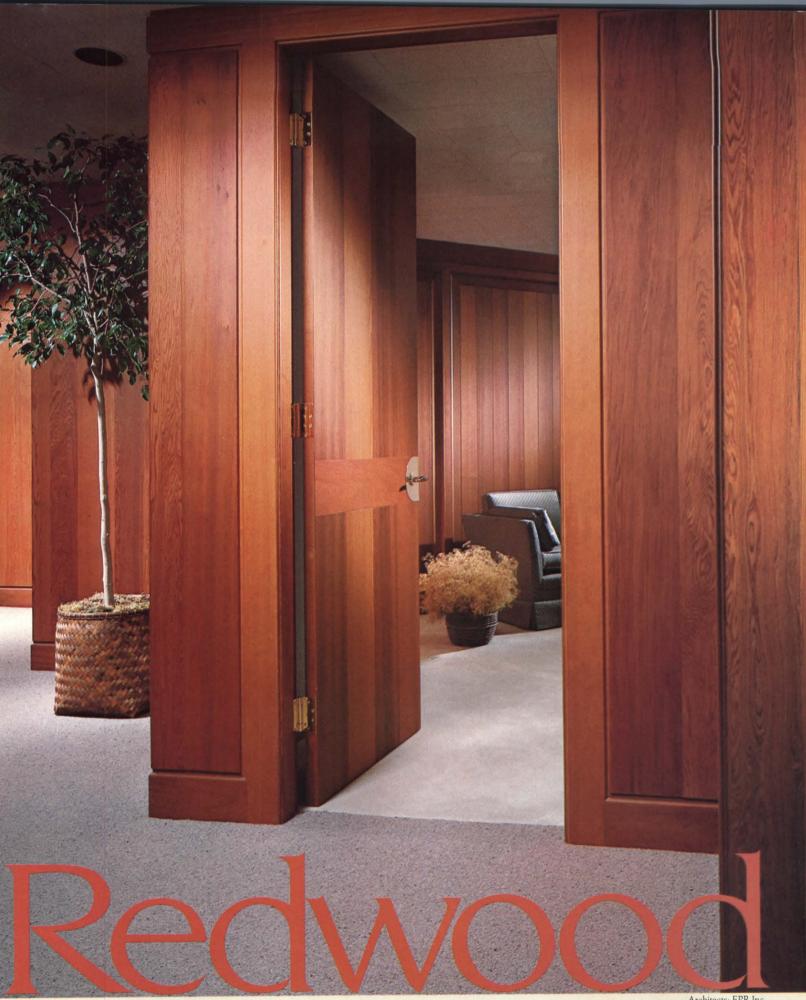
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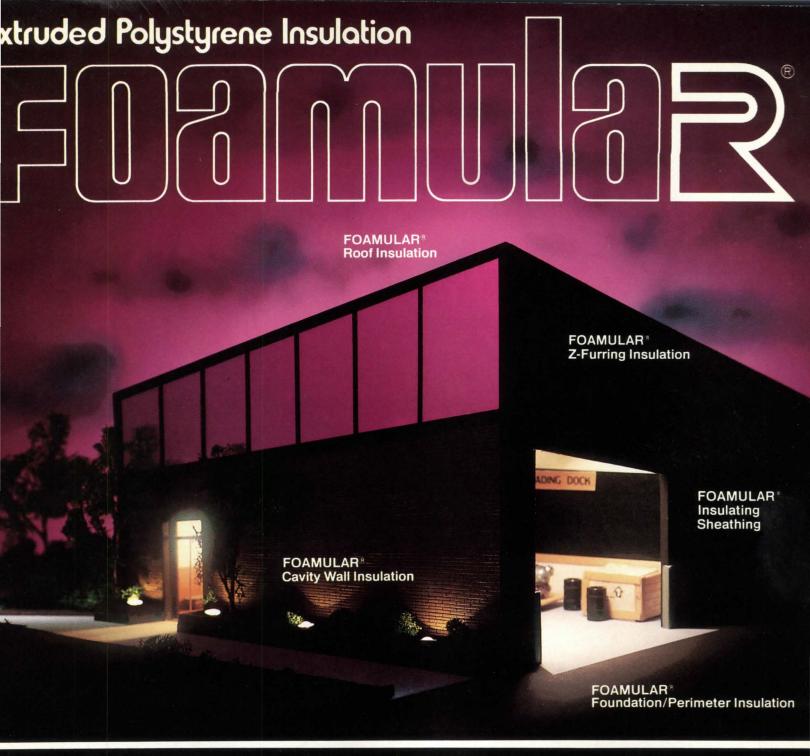
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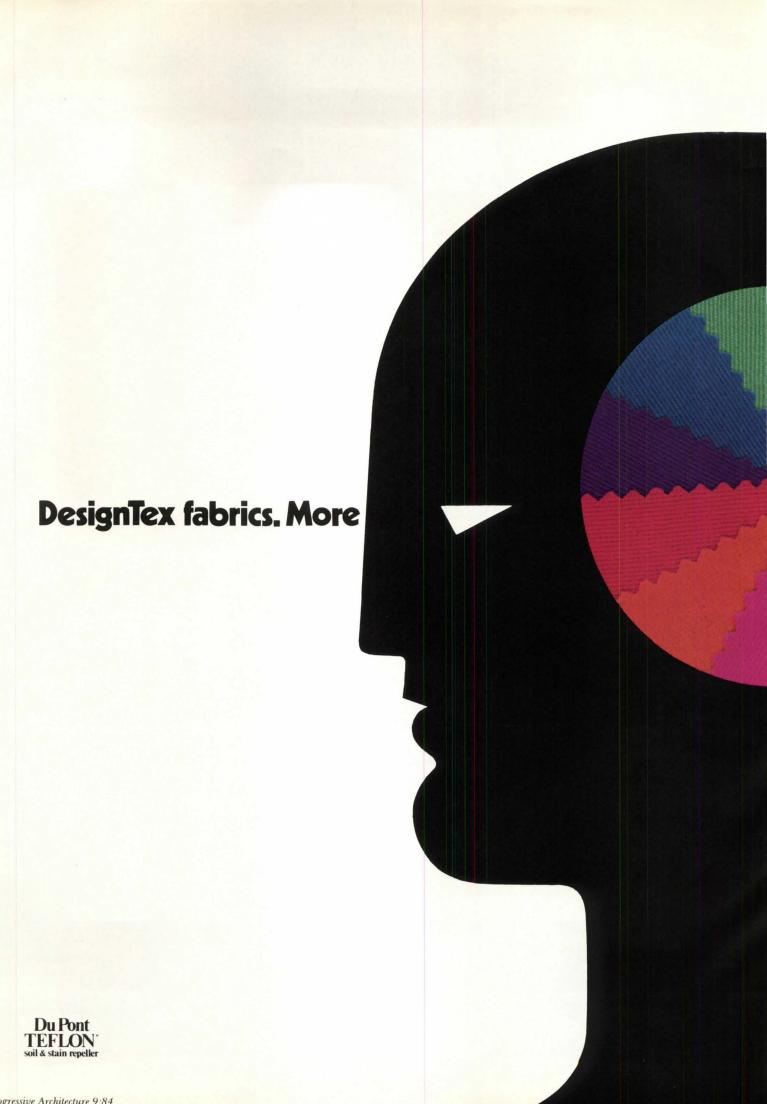


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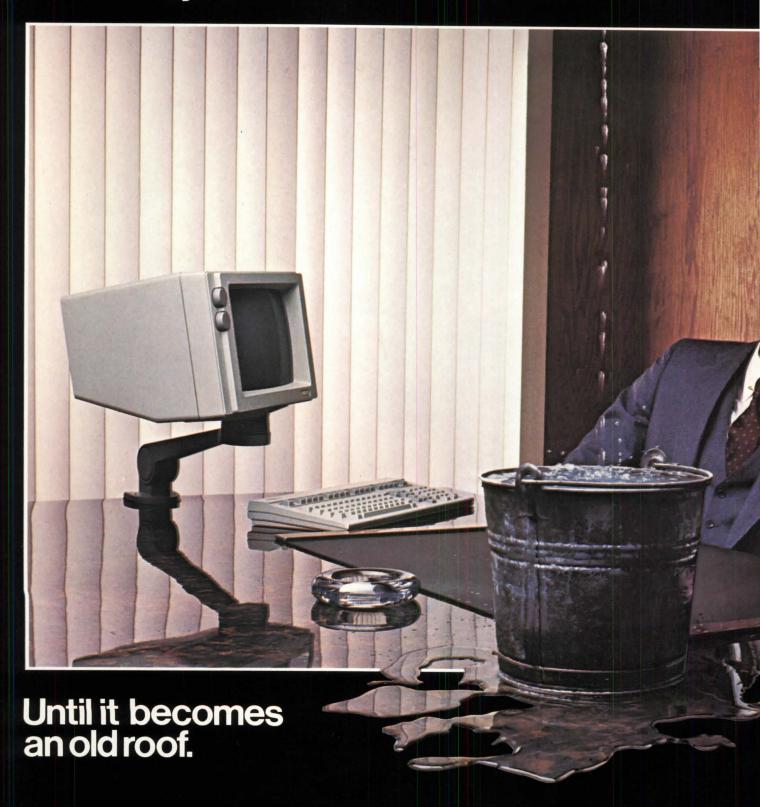


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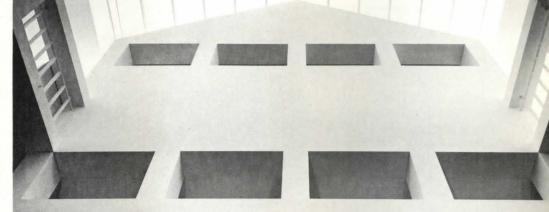
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## PA News report

Frankfurt's new Architecture Museum by O.M. Ungers and its first comprehensive exhibition are reviewed, and a new line of architect-designed products previewed in this month's News. Reports on the Venice Biennale, the RIBA conference, and MoMA's reopening follow.



### The subject is architecture

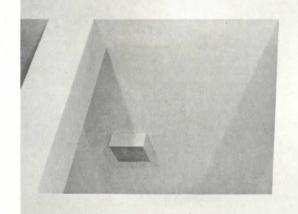
In 1969, Heinrich Klotz was visiting Mies van der Rohe's office in Chicago and admired a design model. When he later returned and asked about the model-the last, it transpired, to be constructed under Mies's supervision—it had been discarded, its usefulness in the design process past. As he tells it, this event drove home to Klotz, a professor of architectural history in Marburg and now director of the German Architecture Museum, the long-overlooked value of architects' drawings and models as works of art, as documents of the design process, and as records

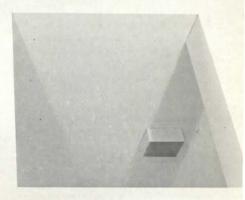
of the ideas behind a building-themes not always traceable in the finished product and certainly not sufficiently clear in photographs. From that time on, Klotz searched for the means and a site to create a museum devoted to architecture.

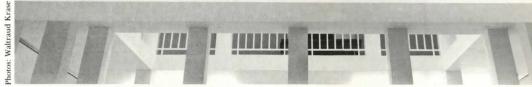
In 1977, the city of Frankfurt agreed to sponsor his project as part of the city's Riverbank of Museums (P/A, Aug. 1983, p. 94). The Architecture Museum, like most of the others along the Riverbank, is housed in a turn-of-the-century villa. For the adaptation of the house to its new use, Klotz turned to

German architect Oswald Matthias Ungers, whom he calls one of Europe's first Post-Modernists, and with whom he had worked in 1976 to develop a series of townhouses for a historic location in central Marburg. To the museum project Ungers brought his theme of the doll-within-a-doll, which he has also applied to a solar house design. As appropriate as this layering idea is, pragmatically, to passive solar design, it is also appropriate, symbolically, for an architecture museum. There are three layers: the exhibit housed in the villa, which is in turn housed within









Ungers' Architecture Museum, entrance façade (left) and interior (above).



The short list for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art's competition to design Domaine Clos Pegase—a winery, sculpture garden, and residence in Napa Valley—reads like a page from Who's Who 1984: Batey & Mack with Peter Saari; Michael Graves with Edward Schmidt; Robert Mangurian with James Turrell; Stanley Saitowitz, Toby Levy, and Pat O'Brien with Elyn Zimmerman; and Dan Solomon, Barbara Stauffacher Solomon, and Ricardo Bofill with Ed Car-

 Also interviewed were Ron Goldman with Lita Albuquerque; Jennings & Stout with David Bottini; Olson/Walker and John Savo with Jim Hirshfield; Rob Quigley, Tom Grondona, and Ron Wigginton with Laddie John Dill; and William Turnbull, Jr., and Edgar Haag with Douglas Hollis.

Alvar Aalto's furnishings are the subject of a major retrospective, opening September 27 at the Museum of Modern Art, New York.

Demolition of the famous Lit Brothers department store in Philadelphia has been granted to Hansen Properties, developers. The Italianate turn-of-the-century emporium on Market Street is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Donald Trump is at it again. The New York developer says he now wants to build the world's tallest tower in Manhattan. If all goes as planned, his 150-story office/apartment/hotel complex will rise on new landfill in the East River. Will Chicago—whose Sears Tower is still tops-reply?

Trump also got a break from the New York Court of Appeals, which upheld his right to a ten-year tax abatement for Trump Tower, his luxury apartment/shopping complex on Fifth Avenue. The ruling may inspire a change in law to restrict abatements to low- and middle-income housing construction.

People's Bank of New England is interviewing Philip Johnson, Kevin Roche, Richard Meier, and SOM, New York to design a new \$50 million headquarters office building in Bridgeport, Conn.

• Three of the four, notes bank president David Carson, are past recipients of the Pritzker Prize. They are in good company: Cass Gilbert designed People's 1915 headquarthe new museum, thereby becoming an exhibit itself.

First, and last, let it be said that the building is stunning. In between, a few caveats must be listed. Surrounding an existing villa with a one-story layer-siting it within a pan, as it were-seriously compromises its proportions except as seen from a great distance. The garden is not perceived in clear contrast to the building's interior space because too much of it is opaquely roofed. The main entrance, through a glazed vestibule that fills the central two bays of the new, street arcade,



Enclosed gallery and garden behind villa.

is unsatisfying, not to say confusing; the two stairways that provide the main circulation through the building are difficult to find and narrow in dimension. Finally, the procession into and through the building, alas, is not grand.

This said, it must be repeated that the interior is dazzling. Most successful is the innermost building, a new, white house within the house, which shifts from trabeation to lattice to wall to archetypal pitched roof, as it rises from floor to floor, lighted by a skylight in the peak of the original building. The square-framed black-lacquered seating-a meeting of Mackintosh and Hoffmann-designed by Ungers, complements the otherwise white interior.

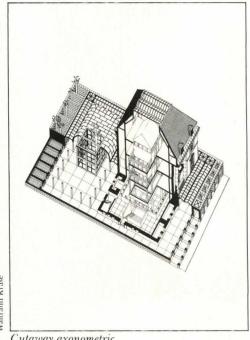
The Museum has released and will continue to issue publications; it will build a library of books (with an emphasis on theory), photographs, and slides, and most important, collect drawings and models from the 19th and 20th Centuries; its holdings acquired over the past two decades are already impressively broad.

Exhibitions will represent a variety of viewpoints. The first show covers Post-Modern architecture (see below); the next is titled "Destruction of the Villages"; and the third will examine technological expressionism, with works by Frei Otto, Conrad Wachsmann, Norman Foster, and possibly Buckminster Fuller. [SD]

### PM by any other name . . .

"Post-Modern" has become a derogatory label, points out Heinrich Klotz, and so he proposes a new one: The Revision of the Modern. "Revisionism," he explains, "is the middle road between conservatism and revolution," and the term covers a lot of ground.

So does the show, subtitled-actually mistitled-"Post-Modern Architecture, 1960-1980," which opened at the German Archi-



Cutaway axonometric.

tecture Museum in Frankfurt in early June (running through October 10). All the main players (or almost all) from the U.S., Germany, Austria, Holland, Switzerland, and Italy are there: some three dozen in all, represented by several hundred drawings, a good number of models, and only one pinboard of photographs (the latter is not part of the creative process, explains Klotz). Those invited to join this exclusive group were among the early questioners of Modernist dogma, who replaced "function" by "fiction" in the expression "Form follows. . . ." Work by Eisenman and Meier, then, shares a room with Abraham and Hejduk, Tigerman is hung next to SITE, Hollein diagonally across from OMA, and so on. The museum also commissioned twelve architects, among them Graves, Tigerman, and Moore, to prepare original displays for a row of niches along the garden's rear wall.

The show, which occupies all four floors of the museum, illustrates (if not explains) myriad philosophies. It also displays a dazzling array of talent, and therein lies its strength. If one does want some thread to bind the diverse exhibits, there is an attractive 15-minute audio slide show in the striking basement lecture room, but it's the type of propaganda ("Less is more . . . Is less more?") more suitable to the layman than the architect. More useful is the show's 360page catalog, illustrating most of the displayed material with accompanying explanations of the architects' philosophies. In the catalog introduction, Klotz outlines the dif-

ferences between U.S. Post-Modernism, initiated by Venturi and Moore, and European, whose introduction he attributes to Ungers and Rossi. The former, he says, responds to the need for humor, ornament, and signs; the latter, while rejecting applied ornament, looks for representation by abstraction, through expressive archetypal geometric forms. This contrast becomes evident in the show. In general, the Americans, even the neo-Modernists, cloak their buildings in an extra layer of "meaning," while the Europeans are sparer, cutting closer to



Niche designed by Charles Moore.

the architectural bone and weave their interventions into the existing fabric of cities.

Klotz admits that American PM can tend towards staginess, if not kitsch, but he apparently has a soft spot for it, giving it the largest and most prominent space—the ground floor with garden-and a lot of play in the slide show. This bias is justified in terms of initiative: Klotz dates American PM from 1960, European from 1963-4. Further evidence of Klotz's taste for the picturesquely applied detail is his emphasis on the Californian T.G. Smith. But the big question is-"Where is Robert Stern?" Stern is not even included in the list of omission apologies in the catalog introduction (with Isozaki, Bofill, and Alvaro Siza Vieira), and the declaration "PM fathers only" further confounds understanding of the omission. Stirling's absence, by the way, is regretted but not explained. And Jencks's role in the movement is scarcely mentioned.

The Museum owns most of the exhibited material, making it probably the largest repository of PM documentation in the world. It has bought nearly all of the Rossi models, for a quarter million dollars. It owns Venturi's first Oberlin column model, Moore's Piazza d'Italia and Kresge College modelsand the list goes on. Klotz predicts that the historical process of revisionism "will have us holding our breaths until the turn of the millenium." Given the breadth of his vision and definition, he can't be far off the mark. [SD]

### MoMA's back in town

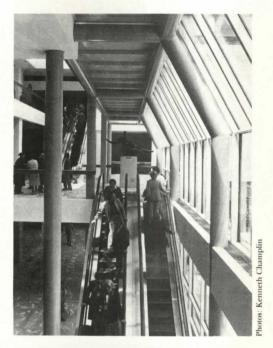
The May opening of the new, expanded Museum of Modern Art in New York, designed together with its condominium tower by Cesar Pelli & Associates, New Haven, was only the epilogue of a story that has generated more economic and legal than architectural controversy from the beginning. MoMA's innovative air rights transfer started a stampede among New York institutions, raising serious issues that have yet to be fully resolved.

The tower itself, subject of so much debate on paper, has proved to be a surprisingly modest presence on the skyline, but its shadow is painful evidence that the building is much oversized for its low-scaled midblock site. Nor do Pelli's Mondrianesque manipulations of the glass skin, executed in 11 shades of blue, beige, and gray, succeed in disguising the building's bulk.

The museum, of course, is a separate story, one which MoMA aficionados have regarded with great anticipation and not a little apprehension. The biggest gain from the \$55 million renovation/addition is space. At 370,000 square feet, the new MoMA is twice the size of the old; new galleries are roughly the same dimensions as old ones-there are simply more of them. The painting and sculpture department is doubled and photography tripled; drawings are separated from illustrated books and prints, each in its own space for the first time; film gets a second theater; and architecture/design weighs in at four times its former size.

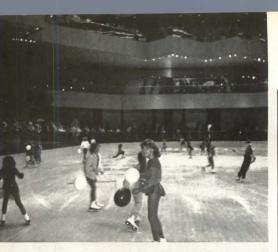
Subtle liberties distinguish these separate departments-brown linen walls for photography, a small "reading room" for prints and drawings. Architecture's fourth-floor nest, with its brown banquettes, tiled floor, and gurgling fountains, departs farthest from the norm-and meets with the least success. The crucial decision to give pride of place to architectural models-several of very recent vintage—is itself a curious choice. (The model of Norman Foster's Willis Faber and Dumas building, Ipswich, 1970-75, shown at great disadvantage without the surroundings it was designed to reflect, is the most absurd selection.) And the design department's clumsy signage system is a poignantly ironic example of bad design, each item burdened by a clunky, plexiglass cylinder whose large plastic number corresponds to a sign "trough" along the edge of the platform

While the art installation and lighting are better than ever, the old MoMA shell is treated with something less than the expected respect. The original grand stairway, made obsolete by new escalator banks, is abruptly chopped off at the second floor. The 1951 Philip Johnson wing is adapted for the façade of the new cafeteria wing in a dubious 'contextual" gesture, while one struggles to catch a glimpse of the old Goodwin/Stone facade behind Pelli's heavy-metal greenhouse euphemistically termed a "Garden





The new MoMA Garden Hall, inside and out.



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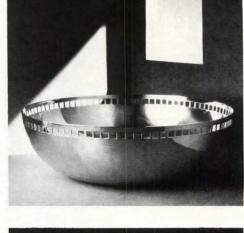
Hall." The essentials of the well-loved sculpture garden have been retained, though it has lost area on two sides. Also gone is the upper platform for temporary outdoor installations, as well as all opportunity for outdoor dining and, except for some slivers, afternoon sun, which has been sacrificed to the tower.

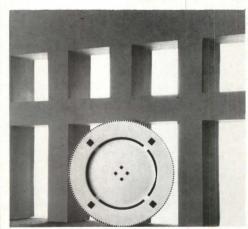
There are, moreover, some jarringly dysfunctional boo-boos. Circulation within the gallery is now very coherent, although bottlenecks build up at the entrances to each department; those who want to dash in and revisit an old favorite, one of the real pleasures of the old MoMA, must now snake through the entire sequence. Temporary ex-

hibitions are split between the street and lower levels with no internal gallery connection—that's fine if there are two shows, but disruptive for one large one, like the recent International Survey of Art and Sculpture.

The plan, restricted to nonmonumental, "neutral" proportions, does not supply the one feature the old MoMA lacked: a major public interior. Pelli tries valiantly to substitute a sense of motion for a sense of place, but escalators too have their associations with other such "neutral" modern settings as banks, airports, and shopping malls. The new MoMA occupies uncertain terrain between intimate and grand: It's a bigger but not a better version of its former self. [DDB]



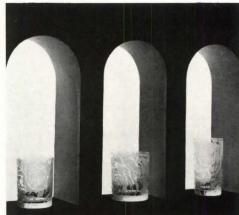




Clockwise from top right: Meier, Venturi, Gwathmey Siegel, and Stern.

### Dish, dish, dish . . .

While architect-designed furniture for production seems to be everywhere, architectdesigned china, crystal, and silver has been much harder to come by. But now, thanks to Swid Powell, you need only run down to your local Neiman-Marcus, Marshall Field, Bloomingdale's, Bullock's, and other highend department or specialty stores around the country. The young company, founded by Knoll veterans Nan Swid and Addie Powell, recruited Richard Meier, Robert Venturi, Charles Gwathmey and Robert Siegel, Robert A.M. Stern, Stanley Tigerman, Arata Isozaki, and Laurinda Spear to design its first tabletop collection, and the architects were only too happy to oblige.



Meier's prodigious output includes a silver series called "King Richard," while Venturi's 'Grandmother" pattern, first used on his Knoll furniture, adorns plates and cups, but looks best when stripped of its color and etched onto heavy crystal tumblers. One of the most elegant plates is Gwathmey Siegel's Tuxedo," a cool composition of early modern black squares. Stern's candlesticks are named Century, Harmonie, and Metropolitan, after the venerable New York men's clubs, while Tigerman's plates are ringed with his favorite R-rated cherubs. Business so far is brisk, and several designs have already been chosen for the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Frank Gehry, Steven Holl, and Andrée Putman will take their places at Swid Powell's table when its next collection is unveiled in November. [PV]



### Summer in Paris

"Three French Architects" (Institute Francais d'Architecture, through Oct. 6) isolates three representaives of the "new generation." Henri Ciriani, Henri Gaudin, and Christian de Portzamparc, all now in their forties, have reached a certain maturity in their most recent projects and have gained a larger following within France, thanks to their participation in the recent spate of competitions sponsored by the Mitterrand government. While both Ciriani and Portzamparc's challenging projects for the "People's Opera" at the Bastille (P/A, March 1984, p. 20) are highlighted in the exhibition, their earlier works in housing document a continuous exploration of Modernism's herit-



Above: C. Portzamparc, Conservatoire de Musique de Paris; right: H. Gaudin, Mauperas.



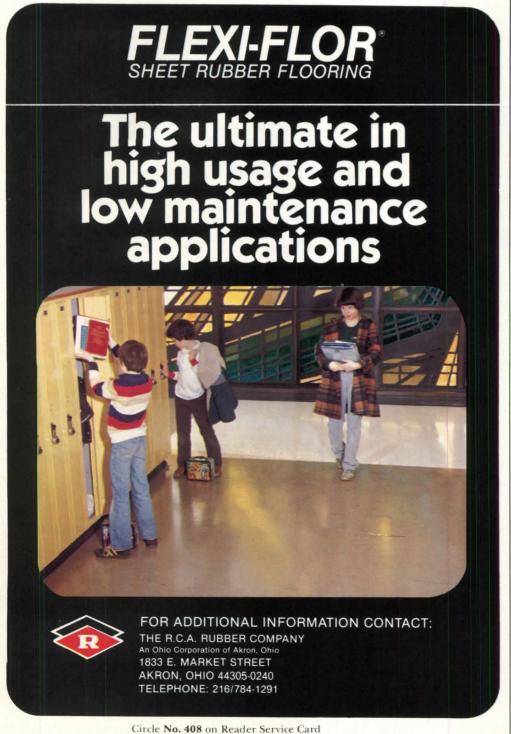
age. Significantly, that research has been conducted in the sacrosanct Modernist precinct of the "villes nouvelles."

If these three architects stand for a generation, they do not constitute a doctrine or school. The difference in their approaches is marked. Ciriani, who is undeniably the best known of the group, has built a great deal and was even honored with the Grand Prix d'Architecture (P/A, April 1984, p. 30). His reinterpretation of the 1920s "barre" or "zeilenbau" housing types, enriched by reference to both French and Italian countermodels, is especially evident in his muchacclaimed Noisy III housing at Marne-la-Vallée (P/A, Oct. 1982, pp. 80–85).

Gaudin, who has realized only three projects to date, presents a more lyrical, sensual architecture, at once calm in form and dynamic in spatial progression. Although his Modernist pedigree is apparent in an insistent, white abstraction, Gaudin's is a highly tactile, indeed palpable, architecture removed from the intellectual critique of its models which preoccupies his contemporaries. The public housing he realized at Mauperas (1975-81) represents an attempt to reintroduce a sense of place and event without recourse to the literal typologies of street, piazza, or place. Instead, he turns to an almost organicist and often decidedly mannered animation of the building's skin.

Portzamparc is no less an investigator of urban fragments; but unlike Gaudin, he sets out to compose a landscape by the reassembly of deliberately fractured elements. The highly differentiated façades of his Conservatoire du Musique, for instance, announce at once their different functions—public conservatory on the main street and private housing behind—while expressing the rhythm and ambience of two different Paris streets.

Other exhibitions for the summer architectural tourist in Paris included the adroitly installed exhibition at the Centre Pompidou, "Mobilier National: Twenty Years of Creation, 1964–84" (through Sept. 24) which highlights the recent history of the French state's furniture repository, created by Colbert in the 17th Century to furnish royal



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palaces, and its influence on French furniture design. Especially featured are the pieces created for the French pavilions at the 1967 and 1970 World's Fairs, as well as the furniture designed in 1971 and 1983 for the Elysée Palace, and Jean-Michel Wilmotte's new designs for the refurnishing of the French Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Of several historical exhibitions, expecially noteworthy is the first exhibition ever devoted to the lesser known of Paris's two designated landmark districts (the other is the Marais). "La Nouvelle Athènes" (Musée Renan-Scheffer, through Oct. 21) is an enclave of early 19th-Century Neo-Classical domestic architecture, once animated by Paris's best known actors, artists, and literary figures.

This summer also marks the reopening of the Pont des Arts, the first iron bridge in France (1801–03). Demolished in 1978 after two successive collisions caused irreparable damage, the completely rebuilt pedestrian way—now one arch short for wider boat passage—once again offers a traffic-free link across the Seine from the Louvre to the Institute, and a panorama of Parisian quais.

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Hoffmann's restored Austrian Pavilion.

### Venice Biennale: 1984 wrap-up

"Art and the arts: Current trends and history" is the theme of this year's Venice Biennale, in which 33 countries are participating. The Central Pavilion at the Giardini (the main venue) hosts two special exhibitions. One, called "Art in the mirror," treats the current preoccupation in figurative painting with art-historical reference, especially mythological or Neo-Classical. There is considerable overlap between this show and its neighbor "Art, environment, scene," which purports to show broad trends. The Italian national exhibit also includes several works made notable by their feeling for space and environment: Gianni Colombo's green columns curiously titled "Architettura cacogoniometrica Venezia," Mario Nanni's broken column construction "Stratificazioni," and Giuseppe Uncini's painting "Dimore No. 40."

What controversy brews over this year's Biennale, however, has little to do with the art. Many of the foreign countries who participate own their pavilions, putting them to use for only six months every two years. The Biennale authorities, in charge of their maintenance, have been sadly neglectful of late, and some countries, shocked by the dilapidated conditions of the buildings and their surroundings, have protested and threatened to withdraw altogether from future events. It is to be hoped that the organizers, led by their president, architect Paolo Portoghesi, will take heed.

One bright light among the Biennale buildings, however, is the Austrian Pavilion. Originally designed by Josef Hoffmann in 1934, it has been altered subsequently. Hans Hollein, the present Austrian Commissioner, has restored the building to its original state in honor of its 50th anniversary. Hoffmann's drawings and his correspondence with the Biennale are on view in the two rear wings.

The major historical show of the Biennale is a unique and exhaustive study of the work of the Vienna Secession—architecture, furniture, sculpture, and crafts—which fills all four floors of the Palazzo Grassi and boasts a wonderful collection of Klimt and Schiele drawings. It should not be missed; closing date is September 16, a week later than the main Biennale. [MONICA PIDGEON]



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### Out on the beach

"Art on the Beach," once a novelty, is now a New York institution. This year, matchmaker Creative Time, Inc., the nonprofit arts organization, selected eight teams, each with an architect, sculptor, and performance artist, and set them loose on the Hudson riverfront at Battery Park City. Site architects Elizabeth Diller and Ricardo Scofidio could not overcome the chaos endemic to this old-fashioned art "happening," but their new entrance gate is an elegant and ingenious work that outclasses all but "Port of Entry," by architect Robert McAnulty, artist Livio Saganic, and performer Steve Clorfeine (above).

### Architecture the RIBA way

Convened during the Institute's 150th anniversary Festival of Architecture, this year's Royal Institute of British Architects Conference at the University of York attracted more delegates than usual. A number came from the Commonwealth's affiliated institutes, others from as far afield as Peking and Washington, D.C., including AIA President George Notter who, at short notice, replaced an absentee panelist.

The RIBA Conference, unlike the AIA Convention, is not typically a decision-making affair but merely an opportunity for members to come together and meditate on some predetermined theme. This year, however, a palace revolution took place. Members, impatient with the Institute's slow, bureaucratic and gentlemanly reaction to the British Government's decision to replace the Greater London Council and other metropolitan authorities by appointed, non-elected bodies, forced through a unanimous resolution deploring the move and demanding the resignation of the Secretary of State for the Environment.

The conference theme "The State of the Art" was divided over a two-day period under five headings: meaning, context, resources, the profession and the public, and the potential of an architect. Outlines of presentations had been previously distributed through a special edition of *International Architect*, which included addresses by absentees Vittorio *Gregotti*, Sir Philip Dowson, Renzo Piano, and Piers Gough.

Ivan Illich, philosopher-at-large, wound up the conference, coupling architects with all those who presume to tell the "common man" how or where he should dwell. "It's none of their business," said he, then credited architect/sociologist John Turner's work in the Peruvian "barriadas" for elucidating how "common man" operates when unhindered by architect or planner. His provocative message was dismissed by most of the practitioners present. [MONICA PIDGEON]



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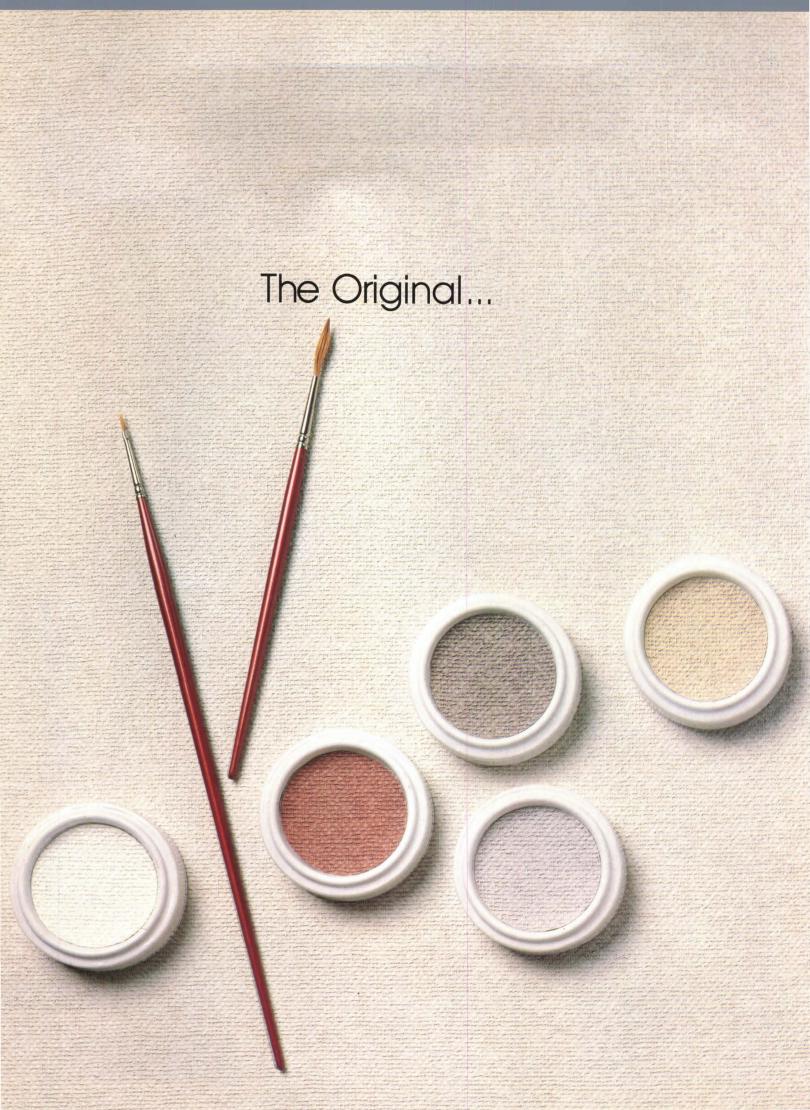
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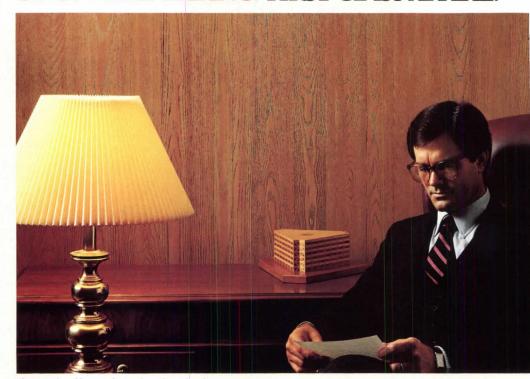
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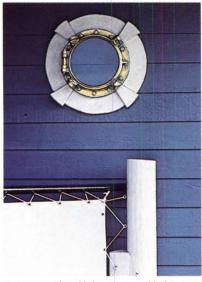


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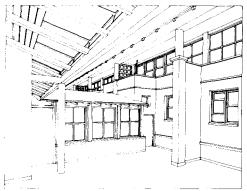
### Home Sweet (and Sour) Home

Without a doubt, the most socially relevant competition of the year was one for "A New American House," ironically held at a time when government sponsorship of housing has fallen to an all-time low (P/A, July 1984). Cosponsored by the Minneapolis College of Art and Design, the National Endowment for the Arts and Dayton's, the purpose of the competition was to design a 1000-square-foot prototype for a nontraditional household of three that included a professional workplace.

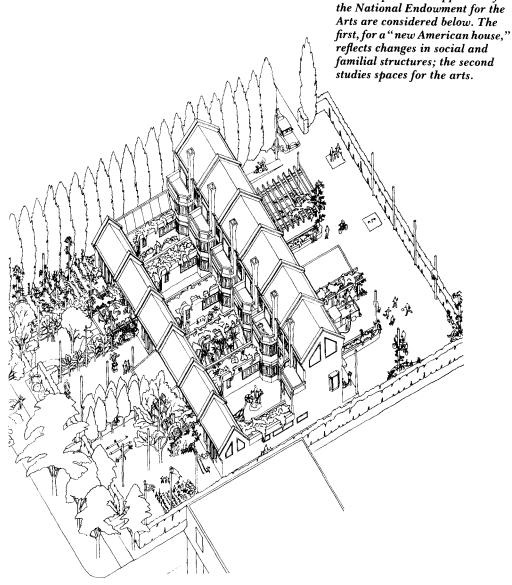
The program addressed current social trends as reflected in the 1980 census report: households are getting smaller (almost 23 percent of Americans live alone), more families are headed by working women, and more people are working at home (predicted to reach 15 million by 1995).

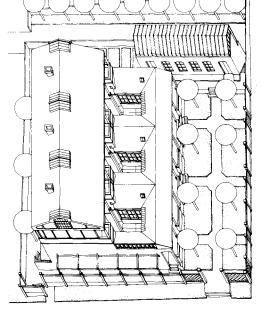
In awarding top honors, the jury seemed predisposed to schemes that separated home and work. Most of its five members felt the majority of submissions proposed innovative solutions. However, SITE's James Wines scorned the specificity of the program, which, he asserted, encouraged "middlebrow," marketable designs without challenging the definition of the house of the future. Juror Cynthia Weese pointed out that entrants responded more to the issue of work vs. home, than to the social upheavals affecting the nuclear family.

Unanimous in their decision, nonetheless,



Top right: Best Design, Troy West, Jacqueline Leavitt, Wakefield, R.I.; above and right: Honorable mention (one of twelve), Marta Gutman, Michelle Kayon, Thomas Krahenbuhl, Deborah Norden, Eugene Sparling, New York.



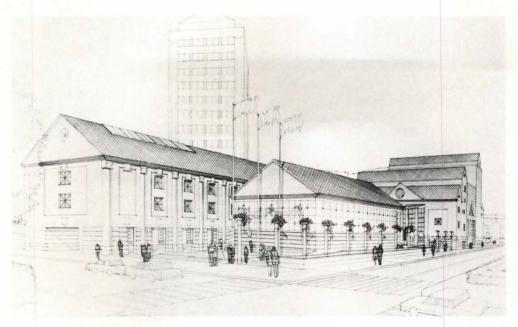


the jury awarded first prize last June to R.I. architect Troy West and planner Jacqueline Leavitt. Their scheme of three-story rowhouses attached to one-story work lofts, with two units devoted to day care, was likened by juror Michael Brill to "small English houses with potting sheds in their gardens." The jury applauded the projects' simplicity, flexibility, and lack of architectural pretensions. Both second-place winner, Philadelphia architect Jill Stoner, and thirdplace winner, U.Va. professor Carlo Pelliccia, proposed internal streets for access to work and home.

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One sour note marred the proceedings: The \$6000 prize money was withheld from the first-place winners because they violated the competition's presentation requirements. However, a happy ending may be in sight: MCAD is seeking a developer to finance and construct the project in the Whittier area of Minneapolis, and if successful, will award the \$6000 to the winners for design development. [DEBORAH DIETSCH]

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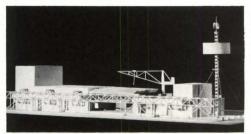
### Newport News, Va. Cultural Arts Pavilion

Subject of a national design competition, the \$14 million Cultural Arts Pavilion is to be the centerpiece of a proposed \$260 million mixed-use downtown development in the city of Newport News, Va. The complex, sited at the western edge of the so-called development "superblock," will host orchestra, ballet, opera, theater, and the visual arts.

The Philadelphia firm Dagit-Saylor was awarded the \$30,000 first prize for its historicizing scheme. Although the "cranked" or rotated plan seems forced, the underlying organization of programmatic elements is serviceable and logical.

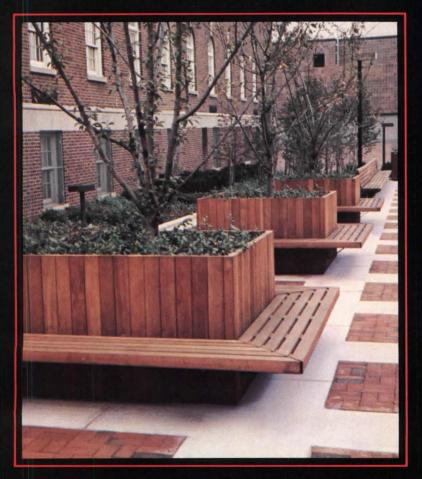
The Florida firm of Robert G. Currie and Hugh A. Stubbins III won the second prize of \$7000 with yet another, albeit different, cliché—that of the glazed galleria. Kelbaugh & Lee Architects of New Jersey picked up





Left: Dagit-Saylor; above top: Currie and Stubbins; above: Kelbaugh & Lee.

the \$5000 third prize with a high-tech solution meant to evoke the area's shipyards and coal terminals. The competition, organized by Ken Paolini of Boston, was supported by the National Endowment for the Arts. The Benham Group of Tulsa, Okla., Black Atkinson Vernooy of Austin, Texas, Spillis Candela & Partners of Coral Gables, Fla., and Jerry A. Wells of Ithaca, N.Y., received Design Excellence Awards. [DDB]

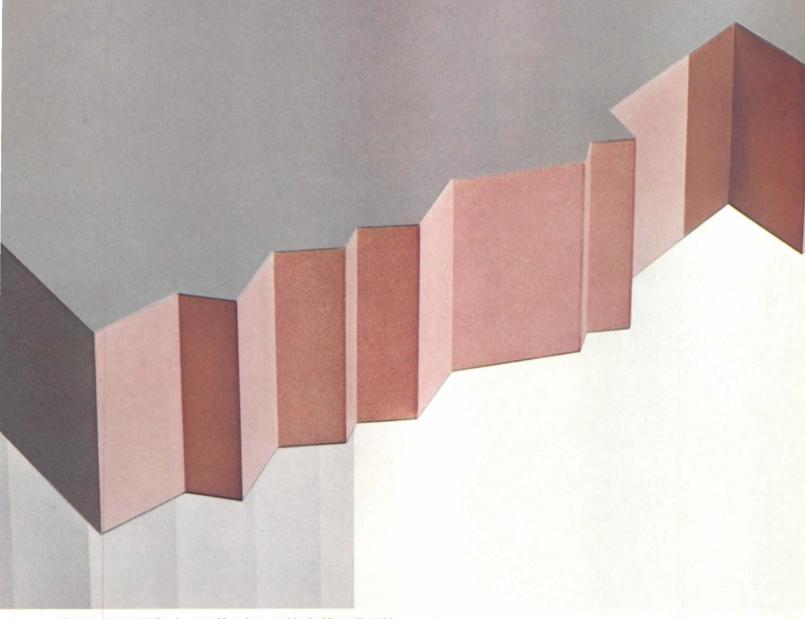


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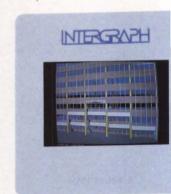
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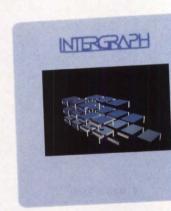
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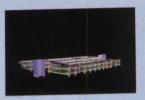
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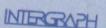
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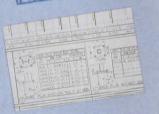


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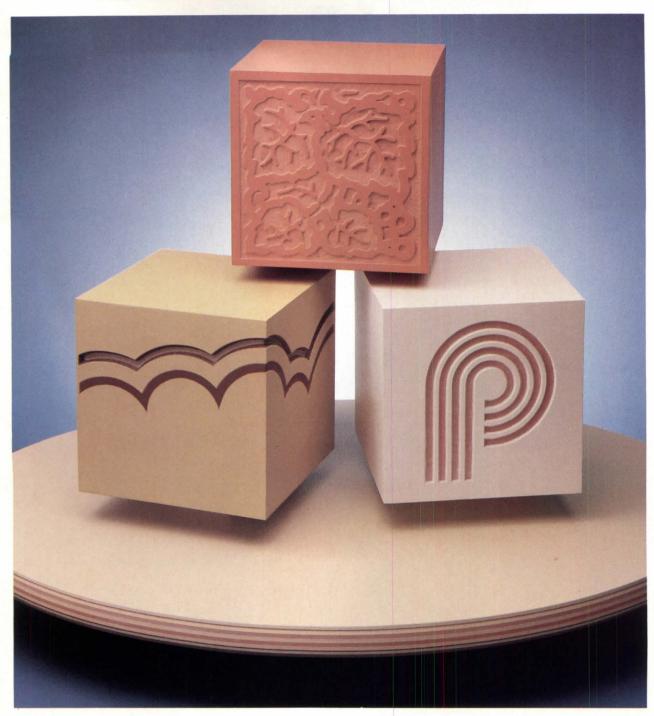
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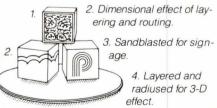
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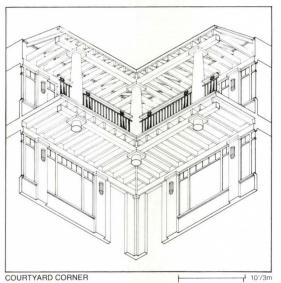
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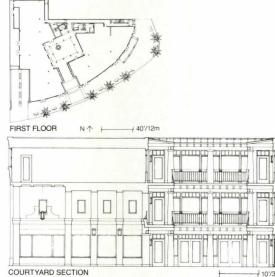
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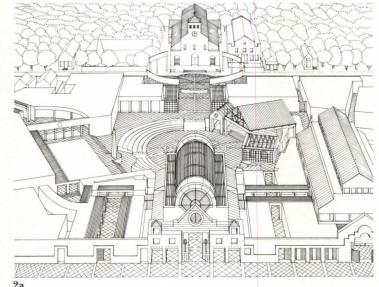






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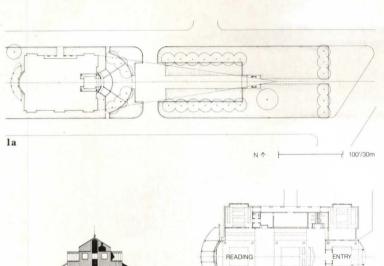


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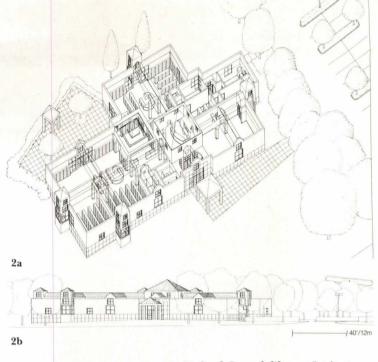
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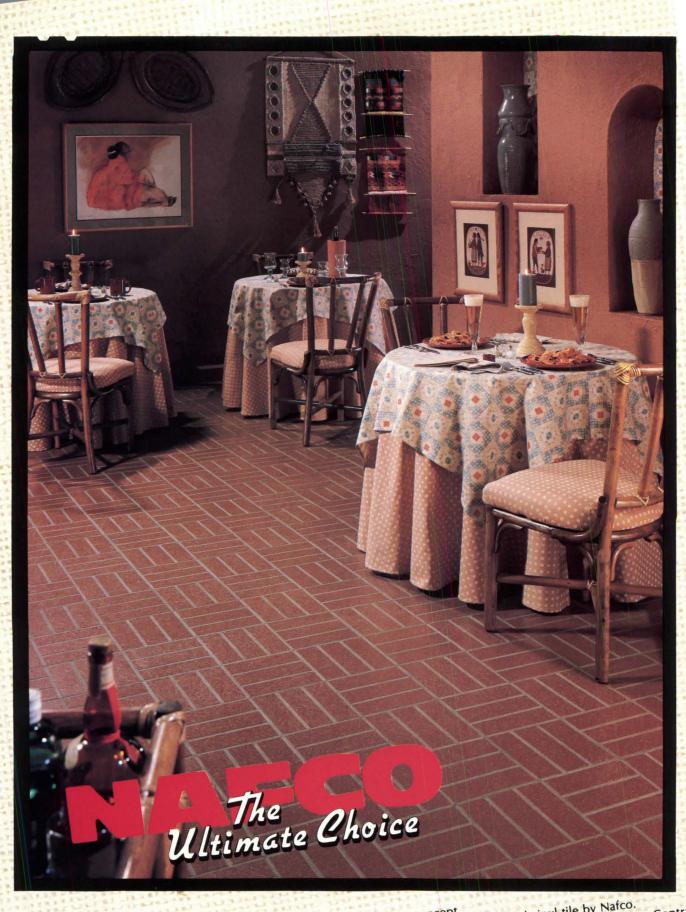
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**Through September 30** English Cathedrals: Photographs by Bruce Barnbaum. The Octagon, Washington, D.C.

Through September 30 Three Viennese Architects: Wilhelm Holzbauer, Gustave Peichl, Roland Rainer. Cooper Union, New York.

**Through October 28** Honor and Intimacy: Architectural Drawings by the Gold Medalists, 1907-1983. Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago.

Through November 9 Built for the People of the United States: 50 Years of TVA Architecture. University of Kentucky Art Museum, Lexington, Ky.

Through January 13 Visions of Liberty: photographs of the Statue of Liberty. The New York Historical Society, New York.

September 13-October 7 Adam's House in Paradise: Lower East Side, Manhattan. Storefront for Art & Architecture, New York.

September 18-October 20 U/K/Z Works 1984-86: Simon Ungers, Laszlo Kiss, Todd Zwigard. Façade Gallery, New

September 27-November 27 Alvar Aalto: Furniture and Glass. Museum of Modern Art, New York.

October 16-December 1 Le Corbusier: Paintings, Collages, Drawings (1922-62). Prakapas Gallery, New York. Also, January 11-March 2, J.J.P. Oud: Architectural Drawings and Photographs.

October 17-February 17 White City: International Style Architecture in Israel. The Jewish Museum, New York.

#### Competitions

September 29

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September 30

Entry deadline, Total Home Contest. Contact New Shelter Total Home Contest, Dept. JA, Emmaus, Pa. 18049.

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Le Corbusier, "Two Women & Glasses," 1960, Prakapas Gallery, Oct. 16.

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### Conferences, seminars, workshops

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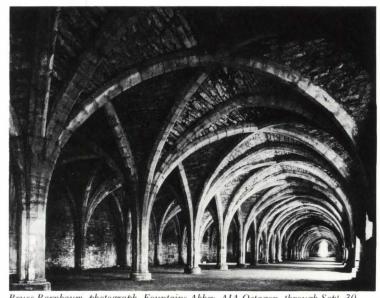
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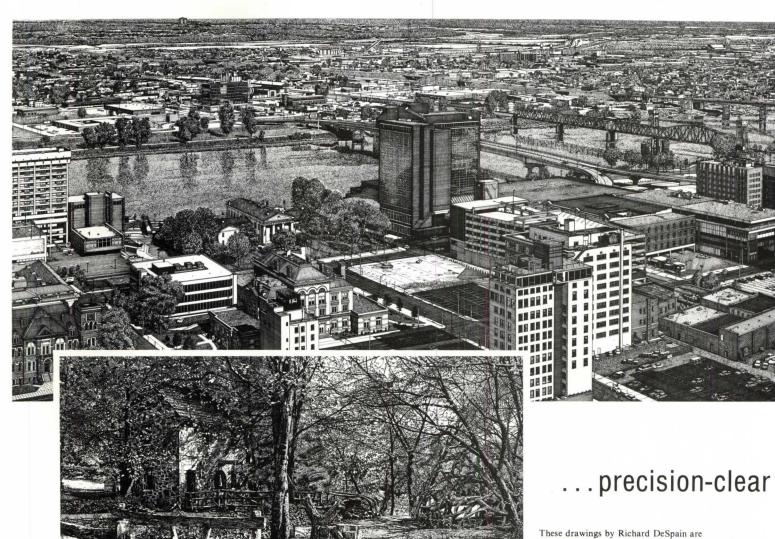
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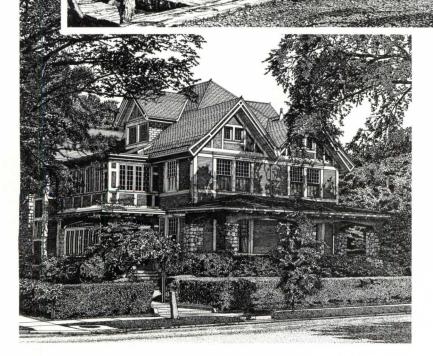


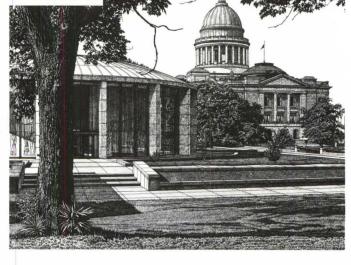
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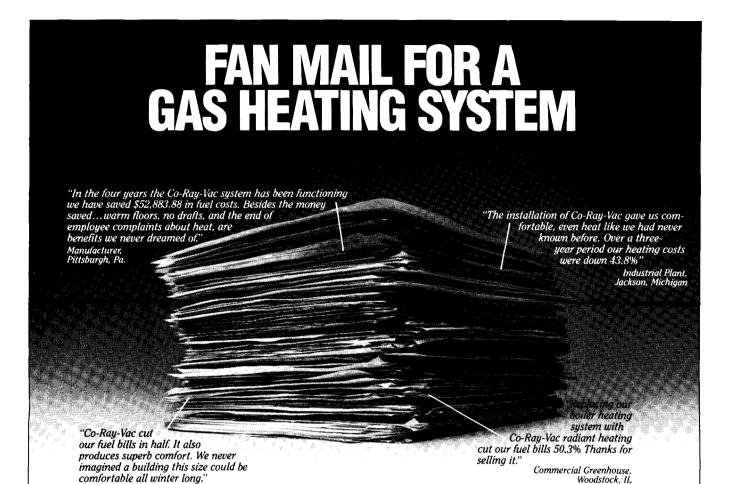
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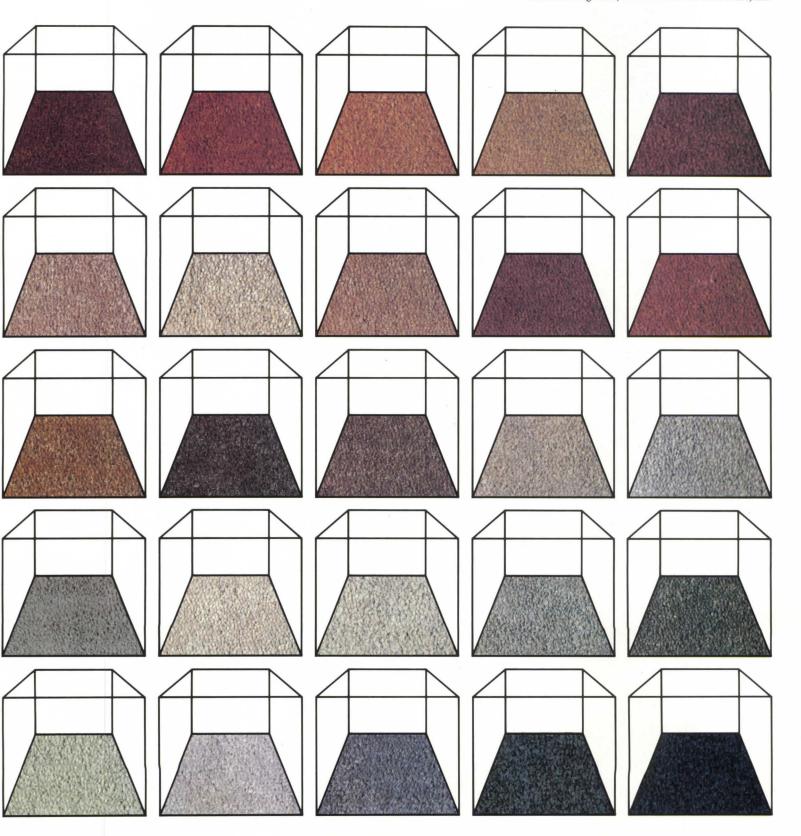
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### Games architects play

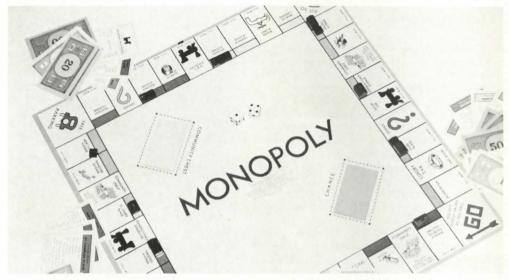
When the architect in charge relies on a specifier to prepare the project manual, there is usually close collaboration among all the parties involved. Sometimes, however, communication is less than perfect or the architect and specifier fail to take the same direction. It's then that the specifier must adopt a defensive position to protect himself—and the project-from games architects play. Here are a few examples.

I've Got a Secret: Of course the architect wants the drawings and specifications to be completed at the same time so the project can go out to bid without delay. But this means that the specifier must work with progress prints which are incomplete. If the architect doesn't indicate intentions and show materials on the drawings or convey information verbally, how can the specifier know that some material not (yet) shown is to be used-and therefore to be specified? Later, the architect may blame the specifier for an omission the specifier had no knowledge about. It's the owner who is likely to suffer (the cost of an extra) in this case. Though the work is divided up for conven-

ience, it must still be coordinated by the architect in charge to make sure it is completely

documented.

Catalog: While examining the progress drawings prior to setting up a table of contents for the project manual, the specifier begins to realize that on this modest-sized building there is an unusually large number different materials and installation methods. In fact, it may seem that there is a small quantity of almost every material known to man. The architectural consequences of such a patchwork-quilt building are likely to be severe, but the specifications implications are even more so. In general, the specification for ten square feet of a material is the same as for ten thousand square feet of that material, though the scale is quite different. Each material, no matter what its quantity, must be specified, coordinated, perhaps researched, certainly described in its installation; and when the contractor goes to purchase small quantities he is likely to get little in the way of volume discounts from his suppliers. Perhaps the architect can be persuaded to simplify his or her palette before the project manual goes to extra volumes and its cost rises out of proportion to the architectural result.



Pass the Buck: "How is this going to be built?" the specifier asks. "I need to know so I can specify it properly." "Don't worry," the architect replies, "let the contractor figure it out (i.e., detail it). We'll catch it in shop drawings." Aside from shifting design responsibility to the contractor, this game also makes specifying difficult (if not embarrassing) and calls for a lot of guessing on the bidder's part. Depending on the level of professional services to be provided, the architect ought at least to know how his or her building will go together and not leave it to others. When up against this game, the specifier can only try to give the contractor enough information on which to base a bid, describing the desired performance and other known parameters. Guess Which: A portion of the work is shown in two different ways on different drawings, probably by two different drafters. Sometimes the required specification is the same, but what's a poor bidder to do? If there's time, a contractor's query can be answered by an addendum from the architect; but if no time remains when the problem is discovered, the bidder will have to choose the less expensive way and bid it so. Should the case go to court, the bidder will probably be safe, since courts have tended to hold that choosing the more expensive way is not consistent with the contractor's aim to be low bidder.

Shopping List: The architect instructs the specifier to set up 20 alternates for pricing on the bid form. Each one must be described and its scope defined in the contract documents. But why are 20 needed? With this number of items, some are bound to be relatively minor and others often overwhelming. This is the architect's wish list if only the money were available ("add" alternates); or hedge against a high bid ("deduct" alternates) of items to be left out if need be. This game is being played because costs are not under control or because the architect isn't decisive enough. The result: a longer bid form and more complicated drawings and specifications. The contractor knows what's going on and so does a sophisticated owner. Good cost control and good cost estimating along the way can reduce the number of alternates to a few.

Roulette: The architect: "Let's make the toilet partitions out of stainless steel this time. They'll look better or they'll last longer." The specifier: "But that will cost three times as much as enameled steel and this job has a tight budget." The architect: "Yeah, but specify them anyway. Maybe we'll get lucky and the bids will be low." The unrealistic belief that bids are magical numbers unrelated to the cost of items specified and priced by the contractor may lie at the bottom of this fantasy game.

The inevitable last-minute cost-cutting and alternate-mongering suggest that the specifier should have a standard partition specification handy, too, though it may need to be kept under cover for a while until realism returns to the office. In addition to being the organizer of the project manual and the recorder of materials decisions, the specifier needs also to be the architect's technical advisor in such cases as these. Operating in the spirit of teamwork, the specifier can be of great value to the architect and to the project, thus making it unnecessary for anyone to play the games described here.

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### Malpractice claim insurance

Malpractice insurance for architects, engineers, and other professionals is generally written on a "claims made" basis (P/A, Jan. 1983, p. 162). This means that coverage is provided only if the policy was in effect during the period that the alleged error or omission was committed and such policy or renewal thereof was also in effect at the time a claim is made. Since claims may be asserted long after the architect's performance is completed, coverage may be lost if the architect cancels or fails to renew his policy continually.

Illustrative of the difficulties which may be encountered in dealing with "claims made" insurance policies is the case of Lehmann v. Engel and Continental Casualty Company (469 N.Y.S.2d 168). In this case, the plaintiff, who had asserted a professional malpractice claim against a land surveyor, sought a declaratory judgment that Continental Casualty Company, the surveyor's insurer, was obliged to defend and indemnify the surveyor despite the fact that the surveyor's insurance policy had been canceled before the malpractice claim had been asserted. The policy in question provided that it applied to errors, omissions, or negligent acts that occurred on or after its effective date "provided that claim is first made against the insured during this policy period and reported in writing to the company during this policy period or within 60 days after the expiration of this policy period." The surveyor, before the expiration of the policy's term, had requested his broker to have the policy canceled, and the broker had written to Victor O. Schinnerer & Company, Continental's underwriter, on February 6 requesting cancellation. Some two weeks after this letter was written, a malpractice claim was asserted against the surveyor, but the insurer was not given notice of the claim until some ten months thereafter, at which time it disclaimed any duty to defend or indemnify the surveyor.

There is a 60-day grace period after the expiration of the policy period, whether by its natural term or through cancellation, during which the insurer will provide coverage if notified within that period of the assertion of a claim which was made during the policy period. Although the claim in this case was made during such 60-day period, notice to the insurer had not been furnished within that period. Consequently, the plaintiff based its major position on the argument that the policy had not been, in fact, effectively canceled prior to the assertion of the malpractice claim. The policy, by its terms, provided that cancellation could be achieved only "by the named insured by mailing to the



company written notice stating when thereafter such cancellation shall be effective." Since no particular date was included in the letter requesting cancellation, it was argued that no cancellation occurred.

The Court, in rejecting this contention, stated:

"Here, cancellation was realized on February 6 when (the broker) at (the insured's) behest wrote to Continental's underwriting representative requesting that the policy be terminated. . . . No affirmative act on the part of the insurer was required. . . . Plaintiff's assertion that the cancellation was significantly defective and not in accordance with the policy's terms for it failed to contain a definite date on which the cancellation was to become effective is unpersuasive. It is undisputed that the February 6th letter from (the broker) to Continental was sent on (the insured's) behalf and that it contained the following prescription: 'Please cancel and allow minimum credit for balance of term.' These words 'could mean nothing except a direction to the carrier that the cancellation be as of that date.'

Despite the disclaimer of Continental Casualty Company as to coverage, and after it learned of the claim, the insurer wrote to the insured asking for details respecting the claim being made against him by the plaintiff and advising that an investigation thereof would be assigned to a claim representative who would personally contact the insured in the near future. The plaintiff contended that such activity on the part of the insurer constituted a waiver of Continental's right to assert the defense of lack of coverage. The Court rejected this argument as well, concluding that this activity did not establish a waiver and that furthermore, "where the issue is the existence or non-existence of coverage, the doctrine of waiver is inapplicable."

The waiver cases that do involve insurance claims generally relate "to an insurer's disclaimer for a specific reason such as lack of notice or subsequent retreat to some different technical ground other than that the claim is outside the insuring agreement." However, the Court, in dealing with the concept of the risk insured and in rejecting the applicability of the waiver cases, concluded that the time the claim was made was as vital a factor as the nature of the claim asserted in defining the scope of coverage.

Insurance policies that provide coverage if the negligent act occurred during the policy term and regardless of when the claim is made (occurrence insurance) do not present the problems that are engendered by "claims made insurance." These problems particularly have an impact on the architectural and engineering professions where claims often accrue many years after the alleged negligent professional performance. Since the courts in general have upheld the validity of "claims made" policies in the face of attacks based upon claimed violations of public policy, a professional can only protect against future claims for past acts by continuously renewing his policy, no matter the burden or expense, or if he changes insurers, by obtaining retroactive coverage.

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### Keep the notes simple

Many firms subscribe to the concept that drawings are for pictures and specs are for products and procedures. Now, the traditional relationship of drawings and specifications is open for fresh evaluation because of simple desktop computers. Although word processing has been used in the specification process for years, it has not had much impact, until recently, upon the creation of specifications. Assisting in the process of making decisions is a far more practical application of computers than assisting only in the processing of decisions.

A case in point is the creation of specifications on the screen of a desktop computer. This process generates substantial benefits. The architect can gain access to and evaluate more extensive information while actually preparing the specs and the notes for the drawings in one comprehensive process. That was not technologically or economically feasible just a few years ago. Today the old ways are too costly and prone to error.

Using a simple desktop computer, for example, the design professional can create and compose very descriptive notes, each of which may occur 20 to 30 times throughout the drawings; print them on a simple matrix printer in minutes; and, using simple pasteup techniques, assemble them on the drawings quickly and efficiently. There is no need to check the notes, and no conflict with the specs, because the "spec-writer," in most cases, also composed the notes. After a couple of projects, a standard note file can be evolved on simple floppy disks.

CADD systems can generate similar benefits. Instead of imitating hand-lettering, as is too often done, CADD systems can manage a complete library of descriptive notes. The notes can be called up, edited, and placed throughout the drawings as needed.

This concept has major implications for the relationship between drawings and specifications. In some cases it may be more economical to increase verbal descriptions. Instead of deciding what should go on the drawings and what should go in the specs, the architect can concentrate more on how best to communicate.

This concept also may bring role changes among personnel. Some procedures will be eliminated entirely, such as the typing of specifications. Specs eventually will go directly from the spec-writer's machine to the printer. The process of proofreading is eliminated because the operation that created the errors—retyping—is eliminated. Similar changes are happening in the drawing and notation process. As the drawing notes become computerized, there is really no need (and resulting liability) for abbreviations.

Simple desktop computers, as well as CADD systems, can help us communicate and make decisions. Let's welcome them because the computer benefits are there to help us maintain what we have been saying all these years: Let the "decision-maker" make the decisions.

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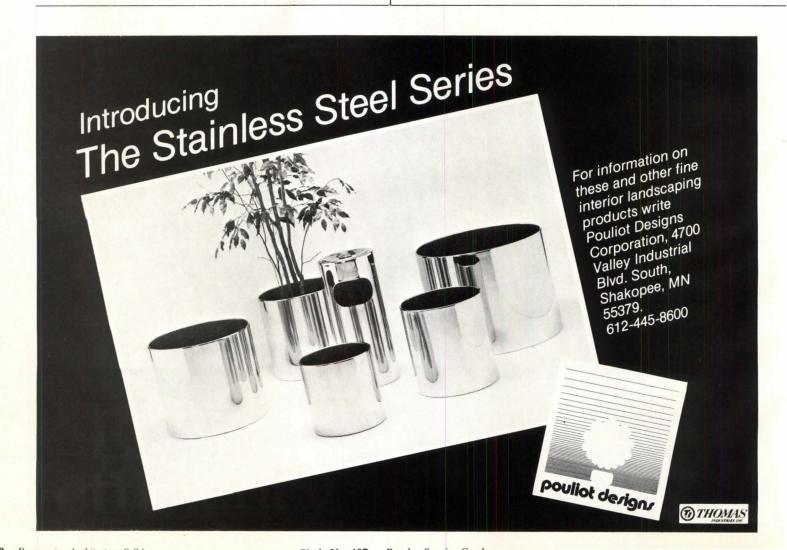
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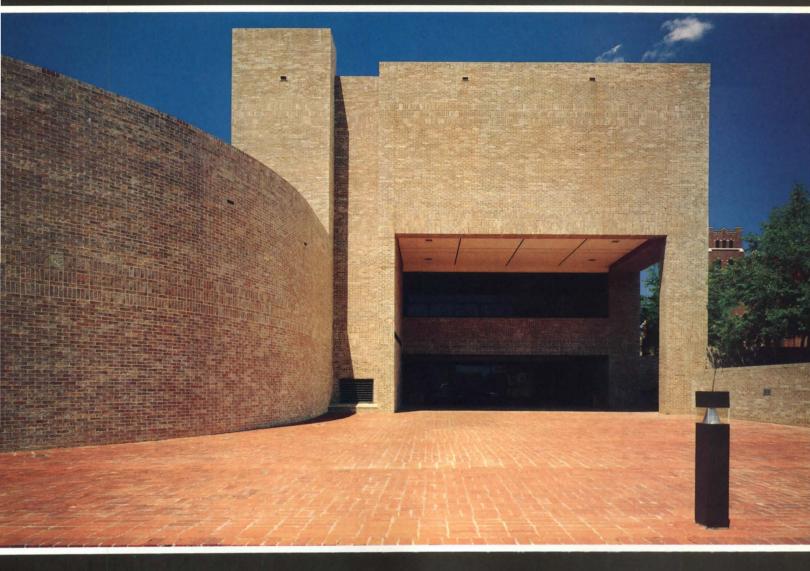


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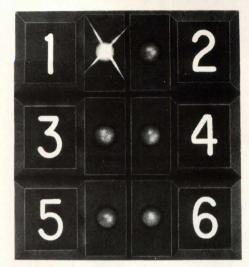
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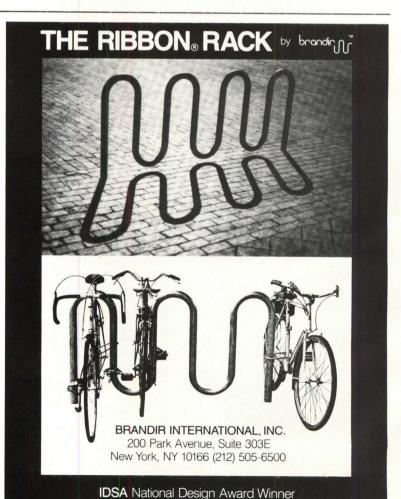
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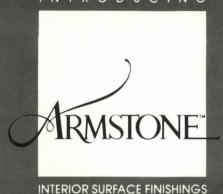
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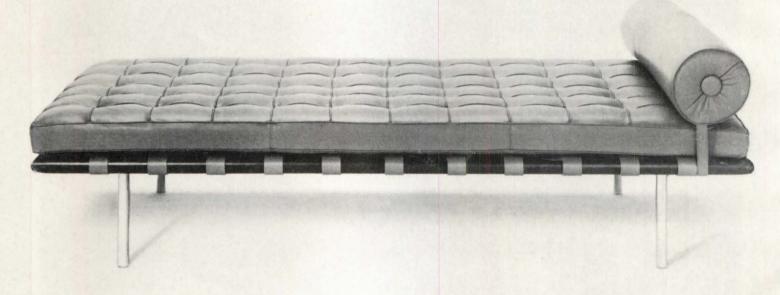
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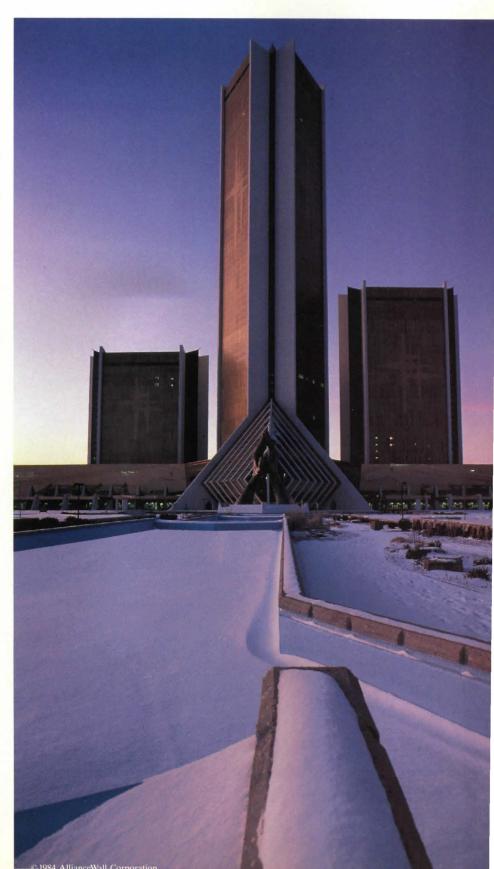
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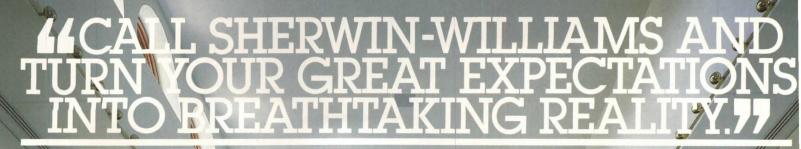
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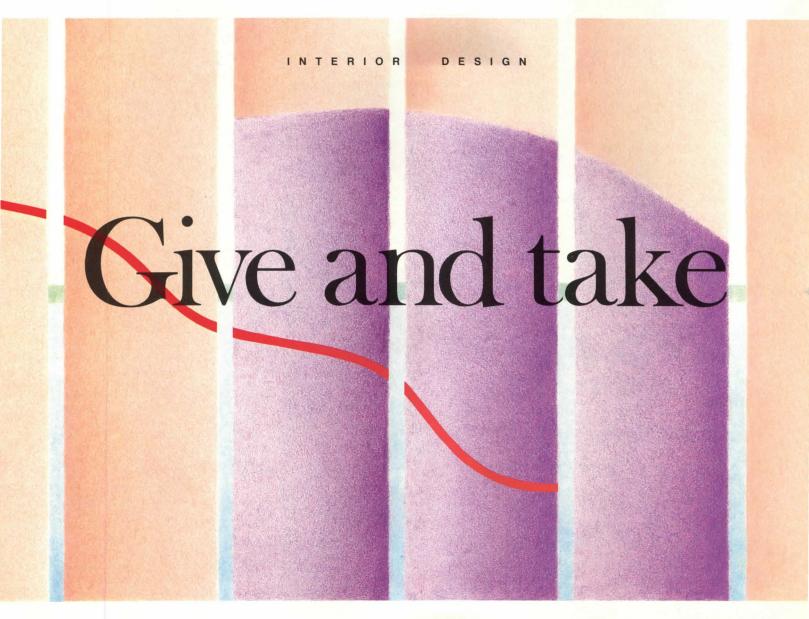
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#### Progressive Architecture



his is P/A's eighth annual interior design issue, and in preparing it we faced the problem we face every year: instead of simply parading this year's models around like so many beauty-pageant contestants, we preferred to address The Issue within the issue.

As it turned out, The Issue is as old as the hills: the designer-client relationship. Each has something the other wants; each has an agenda; and each has an identity, an image, or an ego to express. It is the last of thesethe image or ego-that raises interior design above the level of mere solving of functional problems. What does a client's office/store/ apartment say about that client? What does it say about the architect? And whose voice

should be louder? These questions are answered differently in each new project; if not, there would be no design profession. And it is precisely those differences that never cease to fascinate the profession. As in a good romantic comedy, the theme remains timeless: only the players change, but we still pack the theater.

In selecting the 16 projects that appear in the issue, we were consistently drawn to those that were connected to other projects, either by the particular aspects of the designerclient dynamic that they address, or by the way in which they address them. And for the most part, we have reinforced those connec-

tions by tying such projects into four groups. In the first, the designer is his own client—an architect turned fashion designer, who also creates the shops that sell his clothing. In the second, a single material meets two vastly different formal vocabularies. The third addresses the age-old problem of the barebones budget, while the fourth shows an architect designing work and living spaces for the same client. The remaining projects address the problem of client image: the interior as calling card. The questions raised here will continue to inspire (and inflame) designers and clients for years to come. We hope that the solutions offered will shed some current light on the matter.

[PILAR VILADAS]

## All the world's a stage

he theater is in Harry Parnass's blood. By the age of 13, he had acted in 13 Hollywood films, played classical piano at Carnegie Hall and on radio, and towards the end of World War II, entertained American troops in Europe with his tap dancing. Later, the city became his stage. He earned graduate degrees in architecture and urban design at Columbia University and Harvard, respectively; was appointed tenured professor in the School of Architecture at the University of Montreal; and during the 1970s, as a member of General Urban Systems, prepared master plans for the re-

Four shops designed by Montreal architect Harry Parnass are theatrical urban sets in which to try, and to buy, clothes...by fashion designer Harry Parnass, with Nicola Pelly.

vitalization of midtown and waterfront areas in several Canadian cities, with the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs in Canada as client

During this time, abandoning neither his teaching nor his architectural and urban design careers, he began to play a new role. With his partner since 1977, Nicola Pelly, he began clothing the performers on the urban scene—those young avant-garde folk who strut and stroll along the city streets, who dance and sing and swing in the discos, who see and are seen in the sidewalk cafés of the world. Today, the free-flowing clothes

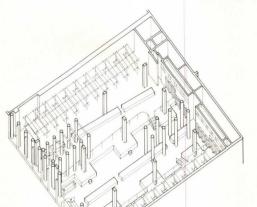


labeled Parachute are sold in 156 shops in Europe, 35 in Japan, 12 in Australia, and across America. Several shops, owned or franchised by Parnass, are devoted to Parachute clothes alone, including ones in Milan, in Geneva, in Tokyo, and in Los Angeles, as well as the four that are shown in these pages—in Chicago, in Bal Harbour, Fla., and two in New York. More are planned for Los Angeles, Montreal, and New York. And for all those shops devoted exclusively to Parachute, Harry Parnass is the sole architect.

We are all players

Lest the "theater" metaphor seem stretched, let the reader be assured that this is the language in which Parnass speaks, thinks, and designs, in fashion and in architecture. His clothes may be inspired by a Samurai top and a Shinto priest's pants, but his shoppers test them in front of bleachers, interacting with models on multiple video screens moving through surrealistic urban sets.

For it is not, take note, theater as observed by a prim and passive audience coolly separated from the action by a proscenium arch. It is theater of involvement, and everyone interested must perform. The clothes demand it, as do the shops, whose architecture is that of backstage-sealed concrete floors or woodboards, lofty ceilings of unfinished concrete, high-intensity spotlighting, metal catwalks. It is backstage, and the shoppers do their own creating: The set, in part, is the wholesale schmatte factory, and the customers select, from metal industrial racks, cross-culturally inspired layers which they combine freely, emerging from unmirrored dressing rooms to strut and study themselves and perform before high mirrors, in front of all who may watch. The rock music industry, by the way, is enthralled, and Mick Jagger, who shops at Parachute, has danced up the



Parachute Chicago

The 7800-square-foot Parachute Chicago (left and opposite page) is built into the ground floor of a parking structure. Because the ceiling was only 9 feet high, Parnass excavated the central section to achieve an extra 3½ feet, leaving the original column footings for merchandise display. As in the other shops, wares are laid out on a central rubber-covered slab, and giant



### The polychromed porch

n her New York office, Formica Creative Director Susan Grant Lewin came up with an idea, another in a series of highly successful concepts to demonstrate the versatility of her firm's products, especially its Colorcore surfacing material. Unlike Formica's earlier Surface and Ornament competitions (P/A News report, Aug. 1983, p. 29), which dealt with objects, this project would take an architectural stance. It would consist of remodeling Formica's own 500-square-foot showroom in Chicago's Merchandise Mart.

In his Chicago office, architect Thomas Beeby of Hammond Beeby & Babka, to-

On the following pages, one material, Colorcore, takes two different forms: first, Hammond Beeby & Babka's temple of Classical ornament.

gether with his associate Dennis Rupert, was pursuing another idea, inspired by studying 19th-Century Beaux-Arts drawings that reconstructed polychromed Greek temples.

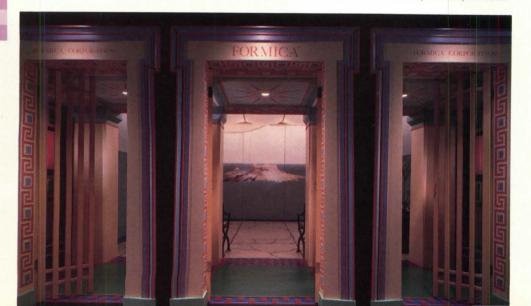
Client and architects saw eye to eye. Wouldn't the color palette of Colorcore, as well as the trompe l'oeil surface effects of Formica's plastic laminate lines—marbles, woodgrains, metallics—be suitable for the illusionistic creation of a Greek temple?

The architects took the idea of illusion and ran with it. There would be, in fact, no tem-

ple. Walking *from* the Mart's corridor *into* the showroom, you "leave" the "temple," pass through a dimly lit, classically proportioned and articulated loggia, and "exit" onto a brilliantly sun-filled terrace high on a Greek island. From there, you gaze down upon the deep blue Aegean Sea, catching a glimpse of an "Acropolis" on another, distant, isle.

The clever and delightful effect of the spatial ambiguity is amplified by the lighting effects: the intensity of track lights above a white scrim canopy can be varied, to produce the illusion of dawn, midday, and most romantically, sunset. An imaginative range of techniques is applied to the laminate products. Volumes, such as columns and door rails, are rendered using the 7/64-inch Colorcore. For flush floor patterns in the loggia, standard laminate is inlaid into Colorcore. Routing is used to achieve both the geometrical fret pattern in the loggia door jambs, and the free-form stone paving pattern on the terrace. On the loggia ceiling, flat and relief patterns are created by silkscreening and by applying Colorcore panels. Woodgrained, metallic, and marbleized laminates are inset as deeply as possible into Colorcore, to increase their "precious" appearance. Most obviously, the island-in-the-sea illusion is created by a mural, a collage of chipped and straight-cut Colorcore.

If the temple's use of trompe l'oeil laminates adds a new element to history's roster of faux materials, the showroom brochure adds a new wrinkle to product literature: It is a pattern book of the temple details, to have, to hold, and—why not?—to emulate. [SUSAN DOUBILET]



Standing in the corridor (left), you are "in" a Greek temple looking "out," through the temple's loggia (actually, the entrance to the showroom) to the terrace and a view of an island in the Aegean Sea (actually, a Colorcore mural). As you pass through the loggia (facing page), you see at either side a "window" niche (a Roman feature) made of onyx-patterned, bronze, and mirrored metallic laminates, inlaid into solid-colored Colorcore.

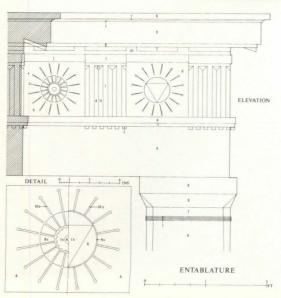


#### Formica Corporation Showroom

On the terrace (top right), looking back at the loggia, you stand under a draped canopy of scrim fabric shrouding lighting whose intensity can be varied to simulate dawn-todusk effects. The space is furnished with 19th-Century cast-iron antiques. The terrace floor uses standard laminate routed to resemble stone pavers on earth. The entablature (bottom right) is of laminate, upon which ink medallions are silkscreened and Colorcore panels are applied. The gate rails (facing page) are built up of two layers of Colorcore, while the fret pattern on the door jambs is achieved by routing Colorcore. Below are details from the pattern book, drawn by Dennis Rupert.







Project: Formica Corporation Showroom, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill.

Architects: Hammond Beeby & Babka Incorporated, Chicago (project architects, Thomas H. Beeby, Dennis E. Rupert; project team, Theresa Luthman, Thomas Rajko-

Client: Formica Corporation, Susan Grant Lewin, creative director. Program: remodel 500-sq-ft product showroom, demonstrating versatility of Formica products for interior ornament and trompe l'oeil effects. Major materials: Formica laminates and Colorcore surfacing material; plywood and composition

board back-up, drywall, paint, scrim fabric, steel rods and tubes (see

Building materials, p. 250). Structural and mechanical systems: existing.

Consultants: Formica Corporation Product Design Department.

Contractors: floor, Formica; entry, Exhibitor Displays Inc.; installation, CSI (Convention Service Inc.); The Merchandise Mart.

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### Breaking the grid

he large body of work that makes up Vignelli Associates' output has been characterized over the past years, especially in the graphic and interior design areas, by their imaginative and innovative use of the grid. And although they have been responsible for elevating it to new heights in the design world, they are beginning to break out of that format.

Their first excursion was with the Artemide lighting showroom in Los Angeles last year, where a large, free-form, multicolored and multilayered reception desk, com-

For a new showroom in Milan, Vignelli Associates have interrupted their well-known insignia—the grid—in a very dramatic manner.

pletely surfaced in Colorcore, was used as dramatic introduction to an otherwise highly ordered space.

In the newest of Artemide's showrooms, the Vignellis have designed in plan an area of high, sinuous, rose-colored walls for sales and discussion. Not exactly a "room," the space occurs directly at the point where the branches of the L-shaped space meet. The two long and narrow flanking rooms of the 3320-square-foot space, whose vertical surfaces are almost all covered in Colorcore, face different streets, with the major entry on Corso Monforte and a secondary one facing Via Santa Cecilia. The major spaces are not at right angles to each other but, because of the non-grid organization of the city, are in

a slightly obtuse relationship. The architects decided, however, to use only one orientation for organizing the space, and selected that of Via Santa Cecilia—the minor street.

Even though the curving central space forms a transition between the two major spaces, which could easily have allowed a redirection of the grid established at Via Santa Cecilia, the orientation of the grid was not changed for the wing facing Corso Monforte—the main entry façade. This sets up a situation that offers rich possibilities of use, and the Vignellis have seized the opportunity.

Where the grid is orthogonal to the street, the display for the lighting fixtures is perfectly straightforward. The pieces, whether for ceiling, wall, or floor are arranged in stalls (or "boxes" as they are called in Italy) that face directly toward the street through the glass storefront. Because the grid does not shift, and the open side of the stalls is not changed in the other wing, everything there is on an angle in relation to the street and not visible from it. There, one can look only into one trapezoidal display area or, once inside, down the angled hall of variously graytoned stalls to the rose sales area.

As the use of the curve originated with the Los Angeles showroom, so did the concept of the stalls, which allow you "not to have to show everything all at once," the Vignellis say. The concept works especially well because it permits the pieces to be displayed by type, by designer, or even by a particular line. It also, in this case, becomes a particularly handsome display for Colorcore. The only vertical surfaces not covered in that material are the old building's irregularly placed and differently sized stone columns. In this newly renovated space, no attempt was made to conceal them; they were simply "left as ruins," the Vignellis explain. [DAVID MORTON]





In the Artemide showroom in Milan, Vignelli Associates has put the light fixtures for display into stalls (left and facing page) surfaced in varying tones of gray Colorcore (other colors seen result from various light bulb types). Fixtures are grouped by type, designer, or line in the stalls, but are treated differently in the main entry area (far left).



#### **Artemide Showroom**

At the junction of the two wings of the building, a rose Colorcore-clad sales/conference area interrupts the grid established by the minor entry side. Throughout the two wings of the space, the buildings' existing stone columns were left as "ruins," although they remain structural. The "Tessera" chair and "Gaudi" table in the conference area were designed by Vico Magistretti.

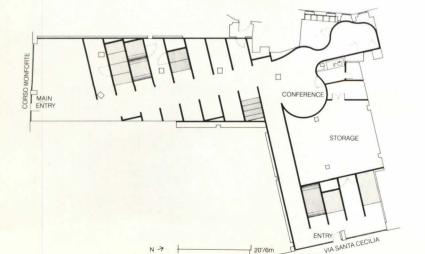
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**Project:** Artemide Showroom, Milan, Italy.

Architects: Vignelli Associates (Massimo and Lella Vignelli, principals in charge, Michele Kolb, senior designer; Donata Cocchi, site direction).

Client: Artemide, Inc.

Program: renovation of showroom. Major materials: Colorcore, Magnagrid suspended ceiling, existing black granite floor (see Building materials, p. 250).

Consultants: Artemide, Inc., lighting display.

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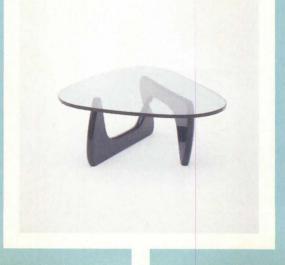


#### Great revivals

ome furniture, like some fashion, never goes out of style. Demand for Le Corbusier's chaise longue, Marcel Breuer's Wassily chair and his ever-popular Cesca, and even Mies van der Rohe's pricey Barcelona chair seems only to increase with the passage of time. These classics are, however, only the core of a general revival of early 20th-Century furniture which has gained considerable momentum over the past several years. Shown on these pages are some of the more recent offerings, an eclectic portfolio ranging from the organic art furniture of Erik Gunnar Asplund to the rationalist work of Giuseppe Terragni.

While these nine pieces are significant in and of themselves, each also represents a broader commitment on the part of manufacturers and distributors to make available not just the odd collector's item but a whole series of works by a given designer. The Breuer couch is only the latest in a long line of Breuer pieces reproduced by Thonet over the years. ICF expects to add to its collection of furniture by Eliel Saarinen on a yearly basis, while Jack Lenor Larsen's introduction of the Riemerschmid Music Room Chair follows last year's Armchair. Atelier International has reintroduced three Asplund designs, and Furniture of the Twentieth Century carries a total of six pieces by Terragni.

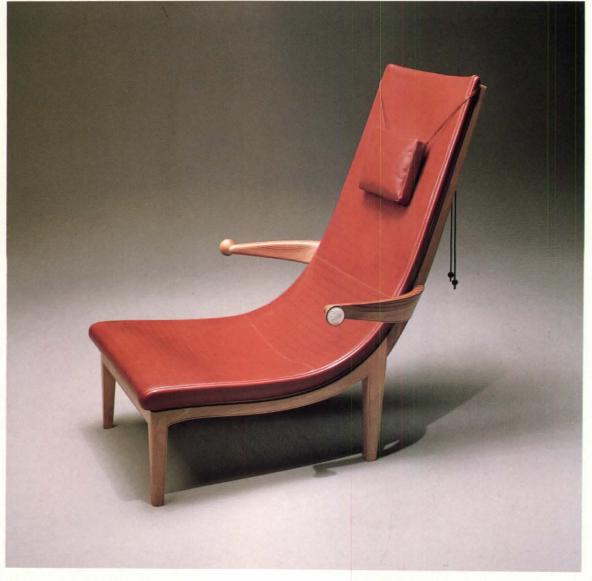
Herman Miller has begun to reproduce Isamu Noguchi's 1947 organic coffeetable (below) as part of a whole program of reissued classics by Noguchi, George Nelson, and Charles Eames, whose last work, a posthumously manufactured leather sofa with padded arms, was also reintroduced this year. The Noguchi table, which balances a heavy plate-glass top on two identical members carved from solid wood, has been out of production only since 1973. Its return is a welcome sign of the times. [DARALICE D. BOLES]



Although trained as a painter, Richard Riemerschmid moved quickly into the applied arts, playing a major role in the 1907 formation of the Deutscher Werkbund. His Music Room Chair, reissued this year by Jack Lenor Larsen, was first shown at the Dresden Exhibition of 1899. Its striking diagonal cross brace, slightly curved, is an elegant, organic solution to the problem of stabilization. The chair is available in golden natural or ebonized beechwood and studded seat cushions.



Swedish architect Erik Gunnar Asplund designed the Senna armchair (below) for his country's pavilion at the 1925 Paris Exhibition. His side chair (bottom) of the same year was designed for the Göteborg Town Hall Courtroom. Both chairs, manufactured by Cassina and available through Atelier International, are upholstered in leather over walnut frames. Both will be on view at AI's New York showroom for Designer's Saturday, together with the Göteborg armchair.





Marcel Breuer designed this cantilevered couch for the Berlin Deutsche Bauaustellung of 1931. The original prototype was subsequently lost, and the piece was never put into production. Thonet's recreation, based on a period photograph, was first shown in the 1981 Breuer exhibition at MoMA. The sofa is exceptional not only for its small size—scaled for an apartment interior—but also its sculptural back supports, best viewed in the round.





Giuseppe Terragni, architect of the Casa del Fascio (Como, 1932–36), pursued rigorous rationalism in furniture design as in architecture. His Monza armchair of 1930 (B.D. His Monza armchair of 1930 (B.D. Ediciones de Diseno, below) is a severe, volumetric composition, while the Sant'Elia armchair of 1936 (Zanotta, S.p.A., Milan, bottom) extends the tradition of tubular steel furniture established by Breuer, Mies, and Mart Stam. Both pieces are available through Furniture of the Twentieth Century.





ICF's Eliel Saarinen series debuted this year with two early works by the Finnish-born architect: his 1910 White Chair (below) and 1929 Blue Chair. For Designer's Saturday, ICF plans a show on another Finn, Alvar Aalto, whose work ICF has represented since 1962. The latest offering is the 400 Chair (bottom), designed in the late 1930s and produced by Artek. ICF is also a sponsor of the Aalto retrospec-tive at the Museum of Modern Art, New York (Sept. 27-Nov. 27).





#### Free association

or an architect, a famous client may be difficult enough, but when that client is an artist, the friction potential increases exponentially. Where does the creative ego of one defer to that of the other? It's a relationship where "give and take" is an almost hyperbolic understatement. Architect Christian Hubert, in his design for the lower Manhattan loft apartment of artist David Salle, seems to have navigated these treacherous waters with relative ease. Salle, one of the superstars of Neo-Expressionist painting, is known for works that combine familiar images in not so familiar, often unsettling, ways. Fellow artist Eric Fischl, interviewed in a recent Art News article on Salle, says of his work: "He puts the images out there as if he were talking in nouns. The nouns call up things, but they don't connect." In the same article, Salle himself asserts: "It doesn't really matter to me where the images are from . . . in terms of art history. When there is a reference, it isn't an art-historical one." Hubert's take on the architect-client dynamic is this: "David's paintings often extrapolate and recombine elements of America and the 1950s. . . . I adopted a similar recombinant imagery for the loft, placing special emphasis on the importance of textures and the juxtaposition of surface materials." But Hubert, like his client, denies any premeditated attempt at historical allusion.

Not surprisingly, the metaphor-mixing begins right away. A small vestibule leads into the living/dining area of the 2500-squarefoot space. While a new floor and extensive drywalling make the loft less loftlike, this room retains an industrial tone. The north and west walls, with layers of peeling paint and chipped plaster, were left in all their grungy glory, but the west wall got a shimmering screen of corrugated, openwork aluminum. One of the high spots of the design, its effect on the wall is perversely sensational, and undeniably sensual. The original cast-iron Corinthian columns, deemed inconsistent with the design, were covered in concrete. Their flaring, asymmetrical forms "activate" the space—and, incidentally, remind the architect of Le Corbusier and Aalto. The columns march through the loft, past the kitchen, to the more private den, which is filled with the artist's collection of 1950s furniture. From there, sliding glassand-aluminum patio doors open, not onto a patio, but into the bedroom—a move that is a witty reversal of convention, but which also reminds us that privacy is not an issue in a 2500-square-foot bachelor pad. The two rooms are united by a flagstone wall adorned with floating shelves and a prefabricated metal fireplace. Unlike the public living area, the south end of the loft is quite houselike, reflecting Hubert's fascination with images of American suburbia. He denies, however, that he was out to create a period piece: "I was just interested in using materials such as the aluminum and flagstone." The client's furniture simply "forced the 50s issue."

Perhaps the architect doth protest too much. He did, after all, set out to translate the "recombinant imagery" of Salle's art into an architectural design, and that imagery happens to center on the 1950s. But while the place is rife with historical associations, their disjointedness speaks much more of 1980s eclecticism than 1950s revivalism. The overall effect, of course, is suave, knowing, and just serious enough, so what does that disjointedness matter, as long as it works? That, as David Salle might say, depends on how you look at it. [PILAR VILADAS]

To allude or not to allude? That, says Christian Hubert, is not the question in this eclectic loft for a controversial young artist.





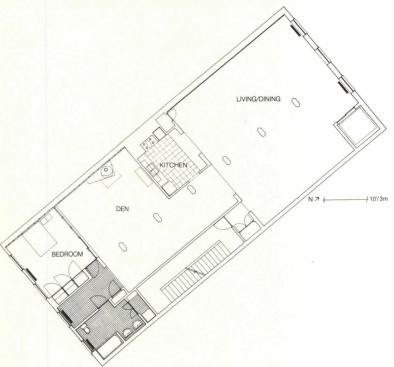
In the living/dining area at the loft's north end (facing page), asymmetri-cal concrete columns concealing the cal concrete columns concealing the cast-iron originals support halogen uplights on custom cast-aluminum brackets. A shimmering layer of corrugated, perforated aluminum covers the existing west wall (right); the south wall was left untouched. The chairs were designed by Ernest Race for the 1957 Festival of Britain; the painting is by Salle's fellow superstar Julian Schnabel. At the opposite end of the loft, a settee by Arne Jacobsen sits in the purple glow of a neon "grow" light (above).



#### Salle loft

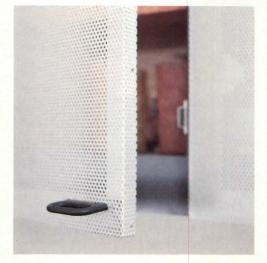


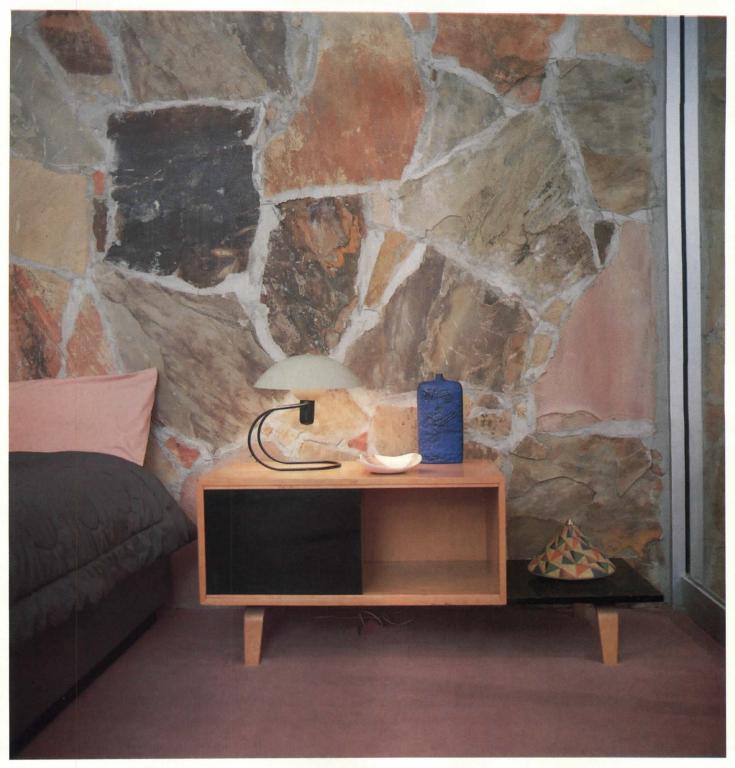






In the kitchen (right), cabinet doors are made of perforated aluminum. are made of perforated aluminum. The den (above) is filled with Salle's collection of 1950s furniture, with armchairs by Marco Zanuso, and side chairs by Charles Eames and Carlo Mollino. The large photographic work (top left) is by contemporary artist Barbara Kruger. The den opens into the bedroom (facing page, top) through sliding glass patio doors (facing page, bottom): a doors (facing page, bottom); a flagstone wall unites the two rooms.





Project: Salle loft, New York.
Architect: CH Design, New York
(Christian Hubert, principal).
Program: 2500 sq ft of living and
entertainment space on the third
floor of a loft building.
Structural system: existing castiron columns embedded in nonstructural concrete over wire lath and
wood framing.

wood framing.

Major materials: drywall ceiling and partitions, oak flooring, flagstone, aluminum, Venetian glass tile, vinyl flooring (see Building materials, p. 250).

General contractor: Corco Construction

struction.
Cost: \$120,000, excluding fees. Photography: Tim Street-Porter.



### Throwaway chic

hould young architects give their offices an up-to-the-minute image when it is increasingly clear that, to paraphrase Andy Warhol, such images will only be famous for 15 minutes? Of course, the office has a functional need for symbolism. But while promoting design capabilities through the perfunctory display of photographs and drawings on the walls does not meet this subtle need, doing more may prove too costly. However, the office of A.A. Robins & E.H. Cavanagh Architects on Granville Island, Vancouver, B.C., tackled the prob-

In the design of their own offices, A.A. Robins and E.H. Cavanagh prove that you don't have to suffer (financially) to be beautiful.

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lem of high image at low cost with verve. At \$3 per square foot, this 784-square-foot space not only looks timely, but can come down painlessly when its 15 minutes are up.

Landing on Granville Island was a piece of luck. The island is attractive to architects, not only because of its success as a rehabilitated industrial setting (P/A, Nov. 1982, p. 102), but also because rents are subsidized, with space costing less than half of that in Vancouver. Tony Robins was able to sublet space from a friend in the Creekhouse Building, the island's first rehab project. Though small, the space still seemed adequate for two architects and two draftsmen if every inch was used. Since secretarial services were available next door, the reception area ac-







The reception area (top left and facing page) doubles as exhibition space; a column emerging from an "eroded" wall symbolizes the architect's mission to create order out of chaos. The corridor (top right) is lined with Sonotube columns and "rusticated" drywall panels bolted to steel shelving sections. A wire glass table in one of the offices (bottom left) plays off the floor grid and maintains a sense of lightness that contrasts with the heavy timber trusses of the existing warehouse structure.





Project: Architects' offices, Granville Island, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

Architects: A.A. Robins & E.H. Cavanagh Architects, Granville Island, Vancouver, B.C.

Program: 784 sq ft of office space in a renovated warehouse building, to include an introductory/gallery area, two private offices, and drafting area.

Major materials: steel shelving section, drywall, vinyl soffit material, cardboard tubes (columns), fiberboard, plastic laminate (see Building materials, p. 250).

Cost: \$2000 (\$3 per sq ft), including furniture.

Photography: Simon Scott.

quired the function of an introductory space. But Robins wanted to do more than introduce his own work; he wanted a gallery in which he could show the work of other architects. These aspirations demanded an appropriate setting, but the budget demanded minimal expense.

To create the illusion of a larger space, Robins laid out a diagonal grid, painted in black on the white floor. From the entrance, the visitor confronts a narrow slot of a door on the opposite side of the space which, but for its size, would be the logical next destination. To the left, defined by the floor grid, the colonnaded hall stretches off compellingly into the distance. But in this Alice-in-Wonderland space there is less than meets the eye. The hallway stops short at a mirror; in front of it, access to the two offices and the drafting space is visible. But before this point is reached, Robins will probably have emerged from the slotlike door of his office to rescue the caller from confusion. Far from considering the ambiguity of this introductory space as negative, Robins feels that it gives the newcomer pause for useful reflection on the function of this office, which, unlike that of other business offices, is the creation of form and space.

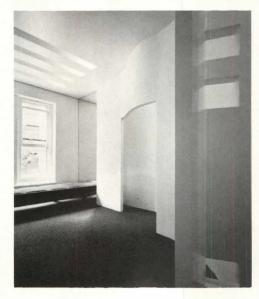
If the space alludes to the larger world of architecture, the materials allude to those of permanence or grandeur. The walls are framed with industrial steel shelving sections on which drywall panels are bolted to suggest masonry. The "rusticated" base is perforated vinyl soffit material above a baseboard, separated by green-painted dowels. This thin, openwork partition saves space and allows daylight to filter through. Despite these allusions, the office is unabashedly a stage set, ready to change when the action does.

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# Space modesty







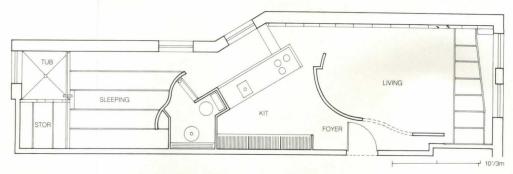


Designing on-site, while he and his client built it, Michael Kalil has made a spatial experience out of an unpromising apartment.

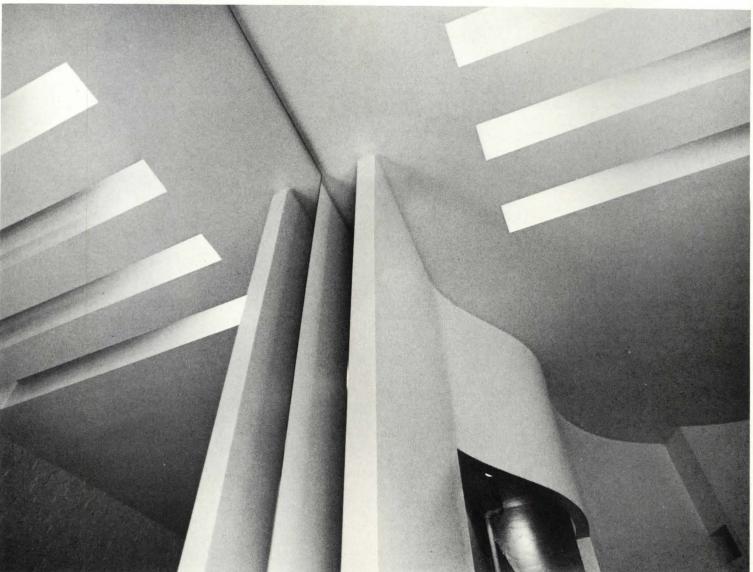
ooking and talking like a good-natured monk, Michael Kalil shows an ascetic's combination of theoretical detachment and down-to-earth simplicity. For him, the design of a kitchen inspires speculation on the essences of fire and water, yet he prefers to design by building as he goes, with his own hands. He wants to test his ideas by creating demonstration environments (and has recently done one for Armstrong under the Interiors Initiative program), but he scorns the display of drawings, which he feels portray form at the expense of space. Kalil is fascinated with outer space habitations,

which he is working on under a NASA grant, but he can speak just as earnestly about one of the ingenious bookmarks he is designing.

The apartment Kalil has recently completed on the Upper East Side of Manhattan shows how effective his ideas can be against some harsh real-world constraints. His collaborator in the effort was his landlord, the owner of the old tenement building in which Kalil occupies a top-floor walk-up. This owner-tenant team has been upgrading the building's units one by one, so that rents can be made to cover operating expenses. This ground-floor unit is the second they have remodeled with their own labor, and another will soon be underway.



Photos of the apartment spaces (facing page, clockwise from lower left) show: living area, with curved foyer wall, mirrored corner, storage banquette, and light slots recessed into ceiling (detail photo below); view over kitchen counter to living area, showing stepped surface applied over painted brick wall to extend apparent dimensions; lavatory, with freestanding basin; sleeping alcove, with raised storage floor and light slot through to lavatory.



Here they have transformed a narrow, irregular volume with limited light by making boundaries ambiguous and introducing light that seems to come from distant sources. A partition layout was established before construction, but heights and widths of the many interior openings were determined on the job, where effects were worked out that could not, says Kalil, have been foreseen in drawings.

All of the surfaces are in shades of white and gray. Kalil is keenly interested in the effects of color on perception of space, but he and the client did not want to impose color choices on an unknown occupant.

The tenant who rents this unit is pleased that he occupies a place of design distinction, but that in no way eases the real constrictions of the unit. With all of the ingenious storage space filled, many of the occupant's belongings are stacked on the floor or draped over coat racks. To renters of modest East Side apartments, such problems are simple facts of life; to Kalil, they are also indications of a universal need to function with fewer square feet per person. The redeeming pleasures of this apartment are the spatial effects to be enjoyed above the clutter level. [JOHN MORRIS DIXON]

Project: apartment renovation, New York.

Designer: Michael Kalil. Client: John Paci, Ir.

Program: remodel 360-sq-ft, 1stfloor unit.

Major materials: wood studs and gypsum board; carpet (see Building materials, p. 250).

Contractors: designer and client. Cost: \$11,000 (\$32 per sq ft); no fees.

Photography: Michael Datoli.

# Warm up, cool down

ueststar is more than just another pretty West Hollywood gym. Architect Brian Murphy of Santa Monica, Calif., designed this 33,000-square-foot health club, bordering on the Sunset Strip, to introduce the owners' new line of futuristic exercise equipment: computerized, hydraulic, neo-Nautilus "water-weights," brand-named "Queststar."

Even though these machines look mean enough to have been custom-made for the spaceship Nostromo in the movie "Alien," Murphy managed to take the pressure off this potentially scary environment with a

Brian Murphy's keen eye for color and texture turns a complex program and a slim budget into a health club that invigorates the senses.

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series of expert—and remarkably inexpensive—design decisions.

First, Murphy "addressed the program directly" to keep the club's different functions compact, but coherent to regulars and strangers alike. For, in addition to its gym facilities, Queststar was also to include a medical clinic, a café, and a juice bar, as well as tanning-bathing-dressing rooms.

The program implied some traffic and privacy collisions. The public meeting and eating places needed separation from the more private bench-pressing and diagnostic areas. Because there was little room, or budget, for architectural gymnastics, Murphy used straightforward pathways and spatial illu-

sions to order the activity areas, limit cross-traffic, and obviate the need for partitions.

For example, the gym's glamorous express route, striped with narrowing widths of black-and-white Italian ceramic tiles, takes patrons from the lobby, through the middle of the gym, to the café. New recruits continue along a carpeted loop, past the rest of the Queststar services, to the main office; it's an efficient path for selling memberships. Still another path, the banked running track, offers a scenic route around the gym.

Changes of lighting and materials also sort out the spaces. Visitors enter the lobby under Holophane lamps and red spotlights, proceed down the striped promenade under full-spectrum, energy-saving fluorescents to reach two incandescent-illuminated rooms-within-the-room—the aerobics studio and the café. The differences in color temperature between the "hot" spaces and the "cooler" ones change the glass reflectivity enough to make some windowed walls appear more "penetrable" than others.

Big expanses of boldly colored, ambiguous materials also enhance the lighting and spatial illusions: The lobby's green wall of cabinetry is marbleized plastic laminate that looks stone cold (and nearly real) in the light of day coming from the exterior windows; the aerobics studio's stained oak floor looks alarmingly red hot (and synthetic) under the spot lighting. Murphy alters the atmosphere with subliminal effects that are as physical as they are visual.

Detailing was kept minimal to keep costs down. "If something had to be detailed, it's detailed. Otherwise, the project is completely devoid of articulation," Murphy said. But the careful distribution of good materials in the right places renders the austerity elegant.

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Visitors to Queststar encounter a row of angled columns (below), wrapped in aluminum deck plate, that serve as an "informal barrier," directing them to the marbleized-laminate reception desk at left (facing page, right). Having checked in, they then proceed past the desk and columns (facing page, left) through the weight-machine area, to the aerobics room, café, and offices. Lighting

changes from Holophane fixtures in the reception area to full-spectrum fluorescent along the tiled path, to incandescent in the aerobics room and café. Emphatic changes in color and materials make circulation routes clear even to newcomers.



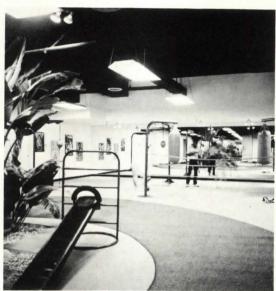
### Queststar

In one of the locker rooms (below), the tile pattern on the shower floor creates a forced-perspective illusion of greater depth. The various exercise areas are, for the most part, within sight of each other: patrons can watch a boxing match from their exercise cycles (facing page, top left); they can peer into the hair salon from the boxing ring (bottom right); or they can tour the whole scene from

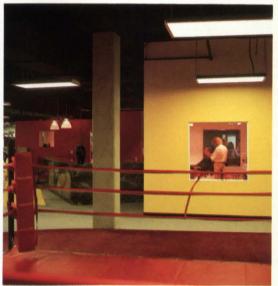
the running track (top right and bottom left). Resourceful use of mirrors and of windows punched into the various enclosed rooms creates a sense of expansiveness and adds to the see-and-be-seen aura.











Project: Queststar health club, West Hollywood, Calif. Architect: BAM Construction/De-

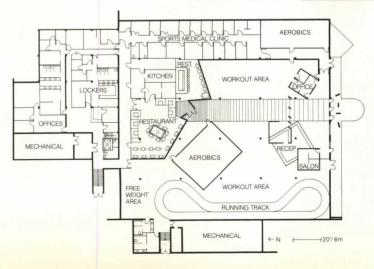
sign, Santa Monica, Calif. (Brian Alfred Murphy, architect; Seth Reed, project architect; Miles Ostermann, project superintendent; Tony Unruh, Susa Frenz, associates). **Program:** 32,000-sq-ft health club, to include reception area, weight machine areas, running track, boxing ring, aerobics rooms, locker

rooms, sports medical clinic, café, juice bar, hair salon, and administrative offices. Major materials: paint, ceramic

tile, glass, mirror, oak flooring (see Building materials, p. 253). General contractor: BAM Design/ Construction.

Costs: \$930,000 (\$29.06 per sq ft), including fees.

Photography: Tim Street-Porter.



### Celebrity homes

his apartment and the one on the following two pages are both on the upper west side of New York, and the furnishings for both were designed by the same architect. To a certain degree, the clients for these commissions also have some similarities in their professional lives: the first apartment belongs to a model/actress, and the other is shared by a screen-writer/actor couple. From this, one might conclude that such circumstances could lead to look-alike apartments, but the two are actually quite different. This is accounted for by the fact that Alan Buchsbaum, like any good designer, considers very conscientiously his

For the furniture for two apartments in New York, Alan Buchsbaum has taken inspiration from his clients' personalities.

clients' functional needs. But unlike some professionals, he also pays considerable attention to their personalities. "I spend a lot of time psyching them out," he says. What the apartments share is a unique vision of Minimalism in which sparse, custom furnishings are enriched through surface texture.

Model/actress's apartment

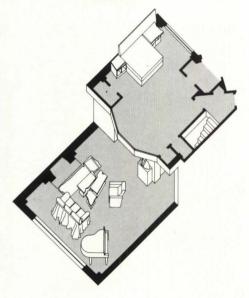
This apartment, and the following one also, had been renovated before Buchsbaum began with it. The work in the model's studio apartment was primarily in the 22-foot-high living room and its mezzanine bedroom (not shown). Because the client is a "blond, soft type," the architect used light, soft colors.





The floors were scraped and stained light gray, and the walls were painted white. A La-Z-Boy chair (the only noncustom piece of furniture in the apartment) actually became rather respectable when reupholstered in soft pink chenille, and the traditional couch remained traditional with its pale lavender cotton slipcover. For accent, Buchsbaum's custom-designed green rug repeats the color of the fireplace hearth and surround.

To bring an even greater sense of spaciousness to the already high room, Buchsbaum painted a soft-toned green and yellow frieze near the ceiling to draw the eye upward. But the focal point of the room is the coffee table. Its top is of four different kinds of gray stone and its base, on casters, is surfaced in Colorcore. The sections of the table pull apart to serve different functions, such as the client's penchant for sitting on the floor while eating, or as an end table.



For a model/actress's apartment on the upper West side of New York, a custom designed rug and coffee table are the focal point. Although they are of extremely dissimilar materials, their design similarities are clear, as is their emphasis on surface texturea Buchsbaum hallmark. Near the ceiling (top), a frieze heightens the already high space.





Project: Model/actress's apartment, New York.

Architect: Alan Buchsbaum with Tim Schollaert and Frank Schroder; Davis Sprinkle, drawings.

Program: living and bed room furnishings.

Major materials: paint, stain, stone, fabric (see Building materials,

Contractors: Green Street Construction Co., Inc.

Photography: Langdon Clay.

Project: Screen-writer/actor's apartment, New York.

Architect: Alan Buchsbaum, with Davis Sprinkle.

Program: furnishing of entry, living and dining rooms.

Major materials: stone, Colorcore, canvas, custom cabinets (see Build-

ing materials, p. 253).

Contractors: Breakfast Woodworks, Miltiades Mandros, cabinetmakers. Photography: Oberto Gili.





### Screen-writer/actor's apartment

As with the previous apartment, the furniture for this apartment was also custom designed, except for the Bank of England chairs used in the dining room. Other seating pieces include a rather straightforward banquette and the oversized Adirondack chairs in the living room. Like the first apartment, the emphasis here is also on the tables. They can be used in a great variety of combinations, and were especially designed to accommodate the clients' frequent dinner parties. All of the tables are on casters and, except for the living room coffee table, are all at the 28-inch dining table height. Their tops are made of marble, granite, or Colorcore; their legs of plumber's pipe or painted wood; and the bases of Colorcore or plywood.

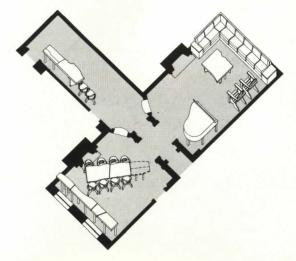
The use of black in this apartment is in sharp contrast to the colors used in the previous one, and in fact the whole mood is very different, reflecting the dissimilar natures of the clients as well as the architect's ability to understand those differences.

### The tables

A rather interesting p.s. about the tables is how their tops—the stone ones, that is—are made. Although the edges that are rough look as if they might have resulted from casual breaking, they are in fact very carefully designed. Buchsbaum himself selects the pieces, usually from his favorite stone yard in Long Island. He then does a scale drawing of how and where he wants the "fracture" to occur. The drawing is then blown up to the size of the actual stone, and a template is made from it for the stone cutter to work from. This faux-casual aspect of the tables, like so much else that appears so effortlessly accomplished in these apartments, is seen on closer inspection to have been quite the opposite. [DAVID MORTON]







In the screen-writer/actor's apartment, tables in the dining room can be altered for various seating arrangements (facing page and above). The hall table's top (top right) is of three different materials. The Bank of England chairs were bought, but oversized Adirondack chairs in the living room (above right) were specially designed by the architect.

# Living investment

ore often than not, a residence will bear scant resemblance to the owner's work environment, unless one coincides with the other. However, when a client chooses the same architect for both home and office, the chance of a carryover, while not axiomatic, is enhanced. This article and the following one are examples of just such a condition—a residence and an office for one client. While the results can in no way be judged identical, there are certain aspects in each that suggest the other. A certain crispness, a strong geometric interplay between orthogonal and skewed elements, and an elegance of materials all come into both

Combining two existing apartments into one, Shelton, Mindel Associates has designed both living and business functions into a second residence.

projects. They were not designed simultaneously; the office has been open and functioning, while the apartment is just receiving finishing touches.

Shelton, Mindel Associates, after completing the Emanuel & Company offices (p. 140), were asked back to design an in-town residence for investment banker Eric Emanuel. The client, whose primary residence is outside of Manhattan, required a city home where he or visiting clients might stay, and a location for out-of-the-office meetings. Since both living and meeting functions needed to be accommodated, a certain formality was in order.

In the beginning, there were two apartments in a prewar building on Manhattan's East Side, comprising about 1700 square feet. The challenge was to combine them to form a two-bedroom unit with a diversity of open, closed, flowing, or private space options. In addition to functional adaptability, certain aesthetic interests of the client's—not explicitly requested, but explored by him with the designers—show up in the final result. The Radio City Music Hall era, perhaps?

Apartment buildings of this period seldom had an exquisitely clear structural logic, and slabs are often carried on oddly placed beams and columns. These hidden anomalies existed in common, if frustrating, numbers in the building, sometimes causing (and sometimes being dodged by) elements of the design solution. From the entrance at one corner of the plan, the viewer is immediately aware of the nearly double-high space of the living area, as seen along and through a row of three columns, and of oblique East River views. Two of these columns contain real structural steel, while the third—farthest from the entry—is just for continuity.

This line of columns is underscored by a wide floor band of deep red marble, contrasting quietly with the deep green marble of the remainder of the upper level. The columns and the accompanying handrail around the lower living space are the dominant design features; both the rail and the light sconce "capitals" are strikingly hand-crafted to recall past glories. A curved panel screen wall, also custom made, echoes the curved dining table, conceals stereo equipment, and continues to undulate into a mirrored end panel.

Also on the upper level are the carpeted master bedroom/bath suite (with a marble tub), a kitchen, bar, and separate bath off the sitting area. The latter space can be screened off to form a separate sleeping ac-

commodation. One half level down is the main living space, its focal point a bowed fire-place surround topped by planes of the same rich green marble as the floor.

Finishes and detailing throughout are impeccable, from the shifted grid of the marble floor to the strategic placement of polished surfaces, extracting an extra measure from the ample natural light. The main space and its capabilities for subdivision would seem an ideal solution to the challenge of varied uses. It is clearly a most happy result of architectural talent and a discerning client.

[JIM MURPHY]





The sitting/study area on the upper level of the apartment (above) can be screened off to provide a guest room. Stainless steel is used for the railing and column capitals that conceal uplighting (left). In the sunken living room (facing page), a fireplace with a bowed front is inlaid with dark green marble, which is reflected in the coffee table's glass top. Of the two mirrored panels above the fireplace, the one on the right is actually an operable window that gives the master bedroom a view out.





The line of columns on the upper level is emphasized on the floor by a band of deep red marble (above), while a mirrored end panel carries the curved screen wall of the dining area into infinity. A one-way mirror in the master bath offers a view into the bedroom (photos facing page). The axonometric illustrates the coffered ceiling in the living area, which conceals the irregular struc-ture and provides recesses for customdesigned incandescent downlights.

**Project:** Emanuel Residence, New York, N.Y.

Architect: Shelton, Mindel Associates, New York (project team: Peter L. Shelton, Lee F. Mindel, partners; David Murphy, Marsha Feingold).

Program: combine two ninth-floor apartments into one 1700-sq-ft, two-bedroom apartment to serve as a second residence for the owner, and a possible location for out-of-office meetings.

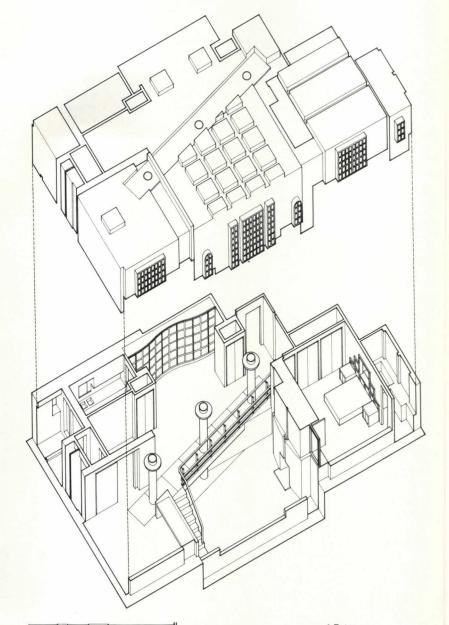
Major materials: Rossa Levanto and Verde Issori marble, stainless steel, brushed brass, ebonized wood, and lacquer (see Building materials, p. 253).

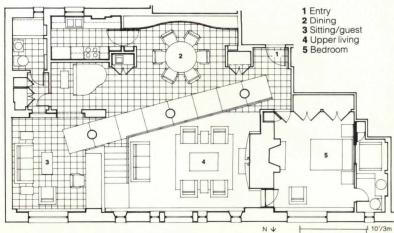
General contractor: Alan Gundy; column capitals and rail, Samuel Yellin.

Photography: Jeffrey McNamara.









## Investment and image

f there is an image conjured up when the term "Wall Street brokerage house" or "investment banker" is mentioned, it is probably one framed in conservative or traditional trappings. It is all too easy to assume that a plush, wood-paneled office is the perfect setting to assure an investor of permanence and respectful financial transactions. That may be "safe," but what does it say about the self-confidence or the creativity of the establishment?

For their Wall Street offices, Emanuel & Company retained Shelton, Mindel Associates to design something more than a clubby, staid base of operations. The 5500-square-

A nondescript office floor in a Wall Street building yields to a new image with layered façades, strong geometry, and light.

foot floors in this anonymous 1960s building are, for the most part, equally uninspired except for quality of light and financial district/East River views. The 24th floor is an exception. Upon arrival at the elevator lobby, a visitor is assured that the language of quality is spoken here.

A plane of glass defines the reception area wall with minimal disruption of the black marble floor that is carried throughout. At the reception doorway, as in all other important places of "entry," sliced stainless steel rods are set into the marble so that the surface discs form symbolic doormats. Since the overall plan-a weak L-shaped footprinthas almost no right angle corners, only the

interior walls are arranged in an orthogonal way, based on the longest exterior wall. Because of their special and more ceremonial aspects, the reception space and the conference room are exceptions, skewed in the direction of the elevator lobby.

In the normal anticipation accompanying the entry process, it is easy to miss the first instance of an ordering device—the arcade used throughout the floor. Punctuated by square openings uplighted by sconcelike fixtures, the engaged surrounds echo elevator openings and begin to take on further dimension as the wall turns to puncture the glass entry plane.

Within the reception area, the square openings become a motif in themselves, as glazed elements flanking the secondary entrance and the receptionist. Five of them puncture the reception/conference room wall and, backlighted from the conference room side, lend a vaguely nautical air because of their proximity, if not their shape. A square custom rug defining the waiting area picks up the five squares again, adjacent to a larger square. Beyond the reception area, a scaled-down replica of the conference room wall constitutes the desk base in the office of the company president.

In plan the Emanuel offices are a clear diagram of the functional divisions of the company. Reception links executive/conference areas and the accounting functions, which in turn adjoin trading and sales areas. It is in the corridor connecting all of these that the purest manifestation of the arcade

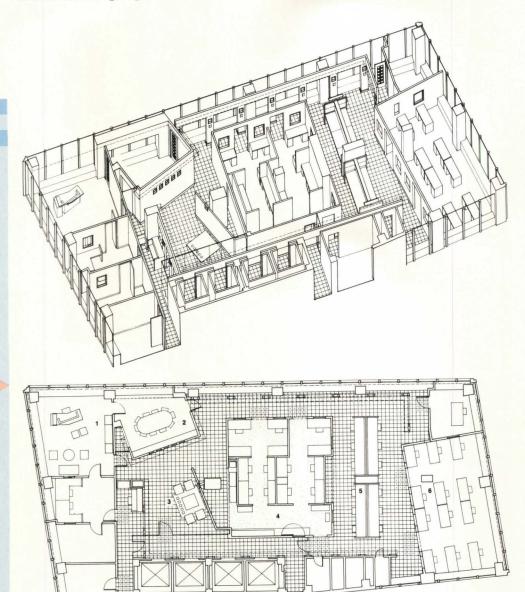


A pane of glass defines the exterior reception area wall with minimal disruption of the black marble floor (above). While the office is laid out orthogonally, the reception and conference room walls are skewed toward the elevator lobby. The square punched openings in the conference room wall are echoed in the customdesigned reception area rug. Inside the conference room (facing page), the punched openings are illuminated by custom-designed light sconces.



### **Emanuel & Company**

Transparency, not access, is provided by the glass partition that separates the reception area from the conference room (facing page and bottom right). The perimeter arcade wall (top right) creates visual depth, contains HVAC and lighting.







dominates. Here it is a fully enunciated freestanding layer, laid over the existing window wall rather than engaged. The ceiling, lower than the mirrored edge at the outer arcade wall, contains the HVAC. The mirroring device along the arcade wall ceilings, both in this corridor and along the elevator wall, adds a surprising dimension of visual depth, as well as reflecting the sconces below and concealing air distribution.

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1 Executive

2 Conference 3 Reception 4 Accounting 5 Trading 6 Sales

Another area, sales, is rotated off the orthogonal grid, aligning with the shortest window wall. With the strong ties of the marble floor, the warm hues of the walls and carpet, and the sparkle of polished surfaces, the feeling is one of confidence. [JIM MURPHY]

Project: Emanuel & Company Offices, New York, N.Y. Architect: Shelton, Mindel Associates, New York (project team: Peter

ates, New York (project team: Peter L. Shelton, Lee F. Mindel, partners; Thomas Ward, Marsha Feingold). **Program:** remodeling of 5500-sq-ft office building floor into brokerage house, including executive, accounting, and sales functions.

Major materials: gypsum board, marble, and glass (see Building materials, p. 253).

General contractor: NICO Construction.

Photography: Jeffrey McNamara.

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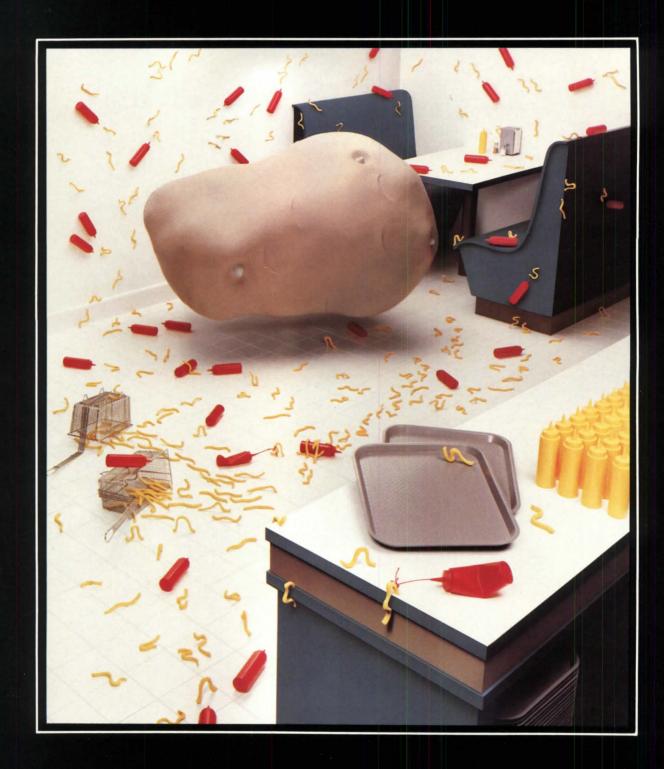
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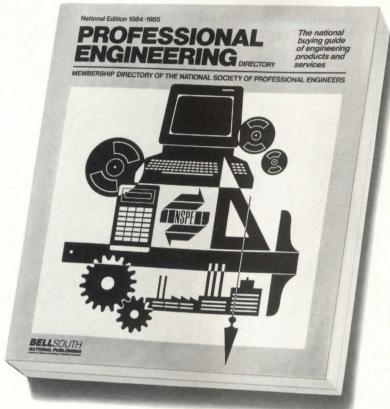


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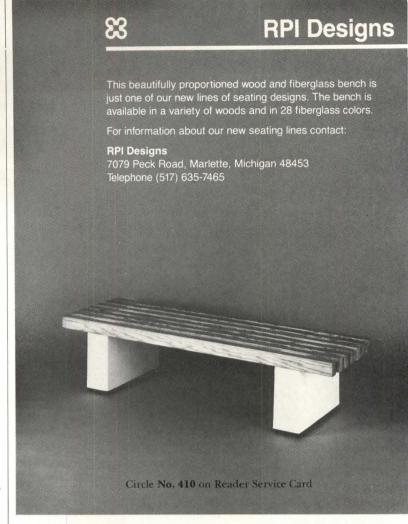
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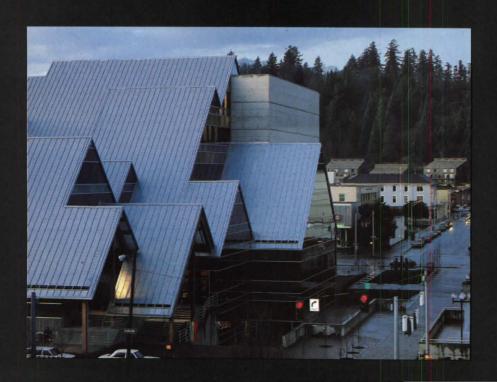
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### The issue of fire



t causes about 80 percent of all fire-related deaths—over 5000 people a year in this country alone—yet we know little about its behavior and agree even less about its prevention. It's not fire; few people actually die from burns. Nor is it the visible component of smoke. The culprit is the invisible component of smoke—the gases and vapors given off during combustion. Some of them, such as hydrogen chloride and ammonia, incapacitate us by irritating our eyes and lungs. Others, such as carbon dioxide, stimulate our breathing and thus our intake of more toxic fumes such as the halogens, which turn to acid upon contact with our respiratory tract, and hydrogen cyanide and carbon monoxide, which asphyxiate us by reducing our

normal cellular metabolism and the oxygencarrying capacity of our blood.

Toxic fumes are as old as fire itself. Every combustible material emits them in the process of burning: red oak, for instance, gives off large quantities of carbon monoxide while wool yields significant amounts of hydrogen cyanide. The emissions from synthetic materials remained largely a mystery until the fire at the Cleveland Clinic in 1929, when an unexpectedly high death rate resulted from the acid fumes given off by burning nitrocellulose film. That prompted the National Fire Protection Association to form a committee on fire gases in the 1930s. But little significant research occurred until 1967, when the three U.S. astronauts died of asphyxiation from a fire in their capsule,

spurring the development of flame-resistant materials by NASA. The need for research increased with the series of hotel fires in the early 1980s, in which most of the deaths resulted from inhaling combustion gases, often at a considerable distance from the actual

Polymers and polemics

Unfortunately, the research has raised as many questions as it has answered. For exam-

Legislation, liability, and life-safety codes have made the toxic smoke from burning materials something the public—and the architect—can't ignore.

ple, we don't know exactly which burning materials actually cause most inhalation deaths. Some people point to synthetics, drawing a connection between the increased use of plastics in our buildings (from 2 percent of all building materials in 1965 to 10 percent in 1981) and the high number of deaths by toxic fume inhalation. Polymer chemistry seems to reinforce that connection. Burning polyvinyl chloride produces hydrogen chloride; nitrogen-bearing mate-



hotel room mock-up show the results of fire testing conducted by Owens-Corning Fiberglas using products that meet all current code requirements. The time from the ignition of the papers on the chair to flashover, where everything combustible in the room burst into flame, took from 21/2 to 5 minutes.

The photographs (above right) of a

### **Technics: Toxic fumes**

The chart (below) identifies the major toxicants in a fire, their most common source materials, and their effects on humans. While researchers understand the direct connection between a burning material, its toxic output, and the physiological effect, they disagree over the relative toxicity of the various materials and the role of the various toxicants in causing a person's death in a fire. Architects

should be aware of the toxicity of burning materials, but they must consider more than combustion toxicity when specifying a product—factors such as its flame spread, ignition point, smoke density, and rate of heat release.

### GASES IDENTIFIED WITH COMBUSTION OF MATERIALS

TOXICANTS	EXAMPLES OF SOURCE MATERIALS	TOXICOLOGICAL EFFECTS
Aldehydes (Arcolein, Acetaloehyde, Furfural, etc.)	Polyethylene Vapor Barriers, Polystyrene Insulation (Hydrocarbons) Wood, Paper, Cardboard (Cellulosics) Urea-Formaldehyde Insulation (Urea-Formaldehyde Polymers) Polyurethane Foams in Furniture and Carpet Underlayment (Urethane Polymers) Polyester Fabrics and Fibers	Potent respiratory irritants
Ammonia	Wool, Silk, Nylon, Polyurethane Foam, Melamine in Plastic Laminate (Nitrogen-containing material)	Pungent, unbearable odor; irritant to eyes and nose
Carbon Dioxide	Wood, Cotton, Paper (All Carbon-containing materials)	Increases respiration
Carbon Monoxide	Wood, Cotton, Paper (All Carbon-containing materials)	Reduces Oxygen carrying capacity of blood, asphyxiation
Halogen Acids (Hydrobromic Acid, Hydrochloric Acid, Hydrofluoric Acid)	Halon Fire-Retardants Halogenated Plastics and Fire-Retarded Natural and Synthetic materials Polyvinyl Chloride Plastics Brominated Fire-Retarded Polyesters	Respiratory irritants
Hydrogen Cyanide	Wool, Silk, Leather, Polyurethane Foam, Paper, Nylon, Urea-Formaldehyde Insulation, Polyacrylonitrile (Nitrogen-containing materials)	A rapidly fatal asphyxiant poison, reduces normal cell metabolism
Hydrogen Chloride	Polyvinyl chloride plastics Some Fire-Retardant treated materials	Respiratory irritant; potential toxicity of HCl coated on particulate may be greater than that for an equivalent amount of gaseous HCl
Isocyanates	Polyurethane Foam (Urethane Polymers)	Potent respiratory irritants; believed the major irritants in smoke of Isocyanate-based urethanes
Nitrogen Oxides	Wood, Nylon, Cellulose, Polyurethane Foam (Nitrogen-containing materials)	Strong pulmonary irritant capable of causing immediate death as well as delayed injury
Hydrogen Sulfide Sulfur Dioxide	Polysulfides, Sulfur-crosslinked natural and synthetic rubber (Sulfur-containing materials)	A strong irritant, intolerable well below lethal concentrations

Adopted from charts prepared by Harold Kaplan, Arthur Grand, and Gordon Hartzell, with the Southwest Research Institute and by E.G. Butcher, and A.C. Parnell in Smoke Control in Fire Safety Design.

rials such as orlon, nylon, polyurethane, ABS, and urea-formaldehyde produce hydrogen cyanide; and carbon-based polymers such as polyethylene and polystyrene produce carbon monoxide.

Yet others suggest that, since the total number of fire-related deaths in this country has decreased in recent years, the increased use of synthetics has not increased the overall fire hazard. They also point out that the percentage of deaths resulting from the inhalation of the fumes from synthetics versus those from natural materials such as wood or cotton remains unclear, since most people die from carbon monoxide, a toxin given off by both.

In response, the first group argues that the number of deaths, while decreasing, would have decreased more had it not been for the widespread use of synthetics, and that the gases from burning synthetics, even if they don't cause most deaths, can incapacitate people long enough for carbon monoxide poisoning to occur. New autopsy procedures currently under development, through funding from the Foundation for Fire Safety, stand the best chance of settling the dispute. They will identify the amounts of various synthetic toxins as well as carbon monoxide in the bodies of fire victims.

### Test scores

The lack of accepted procedures for measuring toxic fumes adds another level of complexity to the problem. Researchers disagree on what the tests should simulate: of the two most widely used procedures, the National Bureau of Standards test exposes rats to the fumes from a completely burned material, simulating a person's exposure to accumulated fumes in a closed room, while the University of Pittsburgh test exposes rats to the gradual rise and fall of toxic gases as a material burns, simulating a person's exposure to a well-ventilated fire. The two tests

Researchers also disagree about the scale of testing. Some claim that, for evaluating toxicity, there is not much difference between a small-scale test that exposes rats to a piece of burning material and a large-scale test that evaluates products in a burning room. Besides, a small-scale test costs much less to perform.

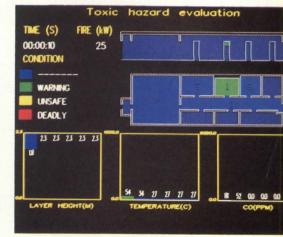
Those who question the value of smallscale testing argue that such tests simulate only the early stages of a fire and focus too much attention on only one component of the overall fire hazard. They claim that the full-scale burning of rooms, while expensive. allows us to study how materials behave in actual fire conditions, from the initial smoldering and ignition stages, through the rapid rise in temperatures and smoke densities leading to the spontaneous combustion of the whole room called flashover, to the gradual reduction of the fire as the heat and gases escape and air enters through openings. Full-scale testing also allows us to evaluate toxicity of products in relation to other factors such as their ignition point, flame spread, smoke density, and heat release rate.

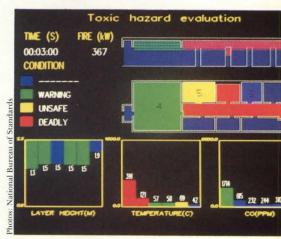
In response, the advocates of small-scale testing assert that, while not identical to a real fire, such tests at least give us some benchmarks on the toxicity of existing materials and help manufacturers screen new materials for unusually toxic combustion gases. As for the discrepancies in test results, Dr. Yves Alarie at the University of Pittsburgh says, "They've occurred only with thermoset plastics whose slow release of toxicants affects rats differently depending upon their exposure to the gases.'

Meanwhile, researchers at the National Bureau of Standards have sown a middle ground. They've begun correlating both the behavior of materials in small- and largescale tests and the physiological response of the rats with the known effects of carbon monoxide and other toxicants on humans. They also have developed a computer model that can predict the behavior of a fire-the spread of smoke, the rise in temperature, the depletion of oxygen, and the increase in various toxicants-in any space in a building, with any combination of open and closed doors and windows. The model, which won't be available commercially for another two to four years, can't yet simulate the exact effect of different furnishings in a room, for example. But it holds great promise, not just as a design tool, but as a means of resolving much of the uncertainty and conflicting data surrounding the issue of fire.

### Toxic legislation and liability

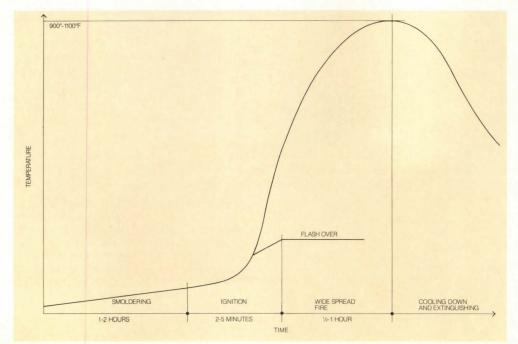
The lack of test standards has not stopped legislators from acting. New York's Secretary of State recommended in May of this year that the state's Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code Council require the testing of certain building materials and furnishings using the Pittsburgh method and that manufacturers file the data with the Department of State for use by researchers, consumers, and members of the building industry. If a manufacturer does not file the data, the state





The National Bureau of Standards Center for Fire Research has developed a computer model (above) that will predict the behavior of a fire in a building. The model can predict the time the fire takes to spread, the heat and toxicants given off, the temperature and height of the combustion gases, the amount of carbon monoxide, and the level of danger as the fire and smoke spread.

The schematic diagram (left) illustrates the behavior of a typical fire. The lengthy smoldering stage produces mainly carbon dioxide and water and poses no immediate threat. But once ignition has occurred, the threat grows exponentially as toxic gases and smoke accumulate at the ceiling, reach a temperature of 900 to 1000 F within a few minutes, and ignite everything combustible in the room—a condition called flashover. The fire subsides when it exhausts its fuel or oxygen.



### **Technics: Toxic fumes**

The use of coated fiberglass thread in flame barriers under chair upholstery, in mattress ticking and bedspreads, and in wall coverings, draperies, and sheers can significantly reduce the fire hazard in rooms by preventing a room from reaching flashover, by greatly reducing the temperature and density of the smoke, and, as the photographs (below) show, by actually preventing the spread of fire. Other ways of

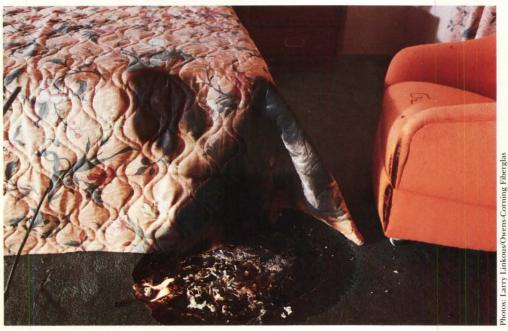
modifying materials to reduce the fire hazard include using fire-resistant foams such as nylon-latex, adding fire-retardant chemicals to materials, and using intumescent paints. One such coating currently under development (below right) has a polyimide base that will foam to over 100 times its original thickness, forming a fire-retardant barrier.



will not allow the installation of its products. New York is not alone. A task force chaired by Ohio Senator Charles Butts for the Council of Insurance Legislators and the National Legislative Conference on Arson will probably recommend that similar data files be established in other states.

Some product manufacturers wonder, privately, if filing toxicity data with a state will lead, inevitably, to regulations based on that data. Senator Butts thinks not: "Most legislatures don't want to regulate. They'd rather have the marketplace do the policing, forcing manufacturers, through competition, to come out with safer products." The lack of tests standards or data on the physiological effects of toxic fumes, however, begs the questions: what is a safe level of toxic fumes and how will we know if one product is safer than another?

The courts, too, have not waited for the scientific community to agree upon test procedures. In the major fires that have occurred in the past few years, where people





have died from the inhalation of toxic gases, suits have named everyone including the building owners, the product manufacturers, the building architects and contractors, and even the product shipping companies. No one seems immune from the finding of neg-

ligence.

With so little information available on combustion toxicity, architects seem particularly frustrated by their exposure to liability. As architect Norman De Haan points out "Most

Further reading

One of the best reviews of combustion toxicity occurs in the Fire Safety Journal's special issue on smoke (Volume 7, 1984) available from Elsevier Science Publishers, 52 Vanderbilt Ave... New York, N.Y. 10017 (212) 867-9040. The National Institute of Building Sciences (1015 15th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 (202) 347-5710) has pub-

lished a "state-of-the-art report" entitled "Toxicity Effects Resulting from Fires in Buildings." And ASHRAE has published a Smoke Control Manual with recommendations and formulas for the design of smoke control systems-available from ASHRAE, 1791 Tullie Circle, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30329 (404) 636-8400

houses, yet rarely are home builders sued for the products they select." There are ways for architects to reduce their liability, nevertheless. "Architects," says Washington, D.C., attorney and fire protection engineer Howard Markman, "should at least ask manufacturers for the combustion toxicity of their products, carefully document the results of their inquiry, and involve the owner in all subsequent decisions to show that they made every reasonable effort to insure life safety." Some architects have gone farther that that. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill keeps a file on the combustion test results of every product. According to Alvin D. Skolnik, the firm's Director of Research and Specifications, "We won't specify an undocumented or untested product where accepted test procedures exist. We would like to do the same with toxicity once test standards are agreed upon, although we do ask manufacturers of products with a high combustion toxicity potential for test information to reinforce our best judgment.'

Feigning ignorance of combustion toxicity won't reduce the architect's liability. Indeed, says attorney Markman, "Not admitting to the problem publicly while documenting an awareness of it privately could lead to punitive damages." Instead, architects could play a central role in resolving the problem. As Dr. Alarie has written, "By demanding (toxicity test) data (and) by becoming wary of known toxicants and being more alert to a variety of safer materials that are now in the process of being commercialized . . . architects can lead the way toward a safer living

environment.'

### Antitoxins

Most fire-resistant product development has focused on upholstered furniture and mattresses, where a majority of fires begin, and on draperies, carpets, and wallcoverings, where most fires spread. Fire-retardants, added to the foams and fabrics used in furniture, offer one solution. While they slow the rate of combustion and flame spread, fire-retardants can embrittle or discolor a material, if applied incorrectly, or they can give off their own toxic fumes, if they contain chemicals such as bromine or chlorine. Inherently fire-resistant foams also exist, such as those made with neoprene latex polymers, but they are more expensive and sometimes harder to work with.

Coated fiberglass fabrics and threads offer a relatively new and promising alternative. Placed under the fabric upholstery, a

fiberglass casing or flame barrier will prevent even a highly flammable polyurethane foam from burning. The lower cost of using untreated foams and fabrics can balance the added cost of the barrier. Manufacturers have developed drapery and liners, mattress tickings and bedspreads, and wallcoverings using the same fiberglass fabric and thread. In full-scale room burns conducted by Owens-Corning Fiberglas, those products, in combination with intumescent paints and flame-resistant plastic laminates, slowed the development of the fire and prevented the room from ever reaching flashover. (Carbon monoxide levels were one tenth the lethal dosage of 5000 parts per million while maximum ceiling temperatures were several hundred degrees below the common flashover temperature of 900 to 1000 F.)

The modification of interior finishes and furnishings is but one component of a systems approach to fire—an approach that combines fire-resistant materials with smoke detectors, automatic fire alarms, sprinklers, and smoke control systems. That equipment has become standard in high-risk institutional and commercial buildings. Lagging in the adoption especially of alarm and suppression systems are those building types with the highest number of fire-related deaths: private residences and hotels. As Dr. Richard Gann with the Center for Fire Research at the National Bureau of Standards has estimated: "The average family spends, when the figures are prorated over the entire population, about \$500 a year in fire losses and only about \$1 a year in prevention.' Sprinklering can lower insurance premiums and lessen code requirements. But the best incentive is the municipal requirement that residences as well as commercial and institutional buildings be sprinklered—a requirement that communities such as San Clemente, Calif., and Cobb County, Ga., have successfully implemented.

Blowing smoke

The use of smoke-control systems also has grown considerably in buildings with central heating and cooling systems. When a fire occurs, the smoke-control system automatically closes the supply and opens the return dampers within the affected space and does just the opposite—opening supply and closing return dampers-throughout the rest of the building. Not only does that exhaust the smoke directly outside, with no incoming air to fuel the fire. The system protects adjacent spaces from smoke infiltration by creating a negative pressure at the scene of the fire and positive pressures everywhere else. Where an open door or window exists between the two zones, the smoke control system can provide

enough air velocity through the supply ducts to prevent the backflow of smoke. In stairwells, providing enough pressurization and air velocity becomes more difficult because of air pockets under landings or doors inadvertently left open. A single centrifugal fan and supply register at the top of the stair will work in low-rise buildings. But in taller stairwells, it's better to duct the supply air to each landing to insure an even positive pressure and enough air velocity, or divide the stairwell into compartments, each with its own supply and exhaust systems.

We cannot eliminate the toxic fumes from combustion. But we can reduce their hazard through the use of such items as fire-resistant fabrics, alarms, sprinklers, and smoke-control systems, and reduce our own liability by not specifying untested or undocumented products. That, combined with public education and self-extinguishing cigarettes, might just end what has become a national disgrace: that two of the wealthiest countries in the world—Canada and the United States—have the two highest fire-related death rates per capita in the industrialized world.

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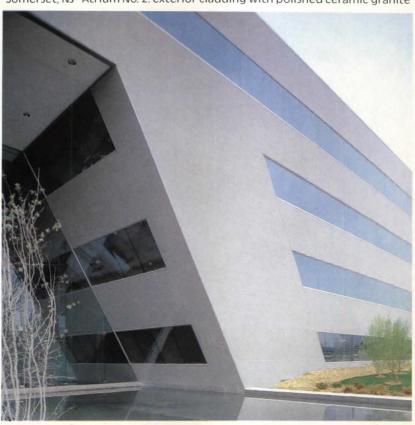
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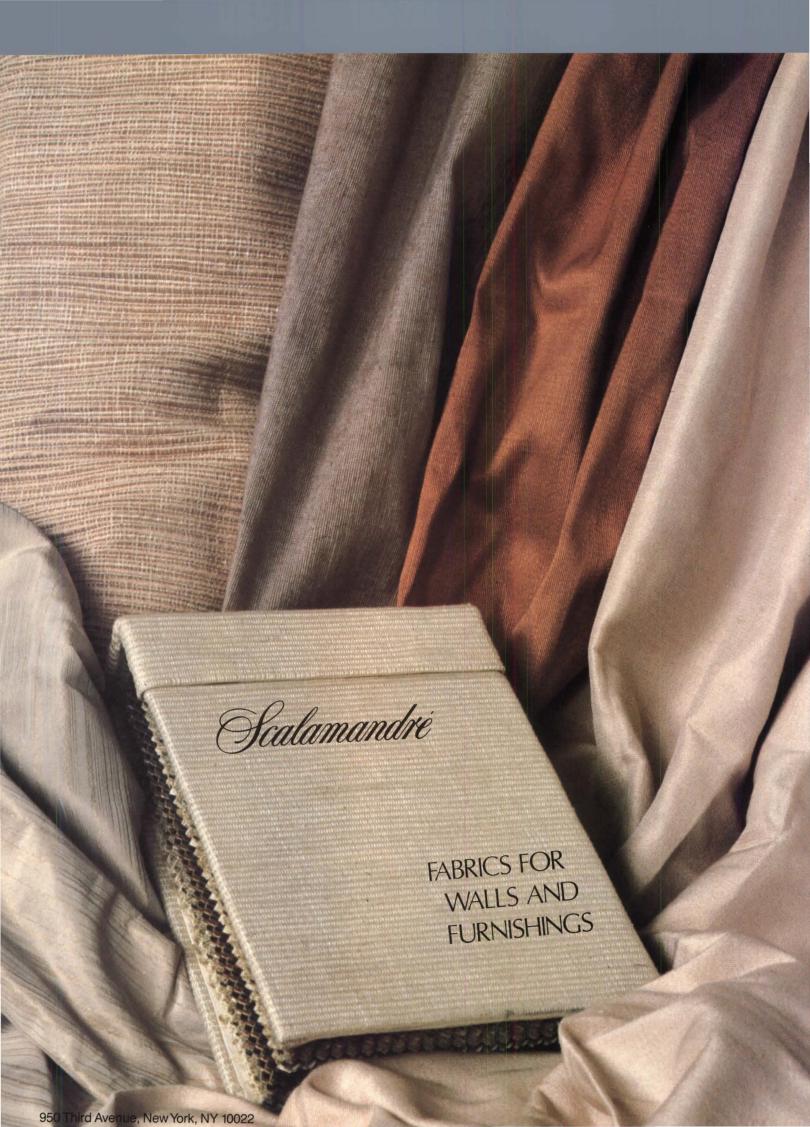
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Events begin on Thursday, Oct. 11, with Facilities Management Day. As was the case last year, this program includes a morning seminar, followed by lunch and afternoon speakers in the various showrooms. A complete listing appears on the following pages.

This year's Friday evening seminar, on Oct. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. at Fashion Institute of Technology, 227 W. 27 St. (at Seventh Avenue), is called "Meet the Trendsetters." It features a screening of Beyond Utopia: Changing Attitudes in American Architecture. Award-winning and provocative, the film features interviews with Robert Venturi and Denise Scott Brown, Michael Graves, Frank Gehry, and Peter Eisenman, interspersed with commentary by Philip Johnson. After the film, Martin Filler, editor of House & Garden and

scriptwriter of Beyond Utopia, will discuss recent developments in architecture. Suzanne Slesin. assistant editor of The New York Times Home Section and author of High Tech and a number of other books on home furnishings, will talk about what she sees for the field in the future. A cocktail party will follow, sponsored by the International Design Center, New York.

Following two full days of showroom activity on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, the gala finale on Saturday night will be a reception at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There will be a buffet and bar in the Great Hall, dancing beside the Temple of Dendur, and refreshments in the courtyard of the American Wing, as well as an opportunity to see the exhibition "Van Gogh



Suzanne Slesin



Martin Filler

at Arles," a major retrospective. Tickets for the reception are \$15 (a tax-deductible donation to the museum), and are available at any Designer's Saturday showroom or at the museum that

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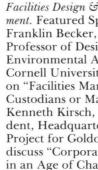
## **Facilities** management day

## **Thursday October 11**



Dr. Franklin Becker

Morning 8:30-12:00 NOON



Kenneth Kirsch

Lawrence Lerner



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Philip Stone

Facilities Management Day Seminar at F.I.T. Theater, 227 W. 27 St. (at Seventh Avenue). The moderator will be Anne Fallucchi, editor of Facilities Design & Management. Featured Speakers: Dr. Franklin Becker, Associate Professor of Design and Environmental Analysis, Cornell University, will talk on "Facilities Managers: Custodians or Managers. Kenneth Kirsch, Vice-President, Headquarters Building Project for Goldome, will discuss "Corporate Facilities in an Age of Change." Environetics International's Chairman and CEO, Lawrence Lerner, will preview "The Office of the Future, '84." Later, Michaelene Doyle, Atlantic Richfield's Manager of Office Development and Engineering, and Harvard University's Philip Stone, Professor of Psychology and Social Relations, will join the speakers in a panel discussion. A \$30 admission ticket, which also includes the evening cocktail reception, is required.

Afternoon

Complimentary buffet lunches will be served in the member showrooms.

1:30 and 3:00 P.M.

Facilities Management Showroom Talks coordinated by Roger Yee and the editors of Corporate Design Magazine with Designer's Saturday, Inc. (see listings at right).

Evening 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Cocktail Reception at The Asia Society, 725 Park Avenue, for facilities executives and corporate designers. The morning seminar admission ticket is required, or tickets for the cocktail party only

Speaker/Firm

Terry Lautzenheiser Lighting Engineer Day-Brite Lighting, Div. Emerson Electric Co.

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## Time/Location/Subject

1:30 & 3:00 All-Steel Lighting for Comfort and Productivity in the Office

1:30 & 3:00 Alma Desk Co. Stretching Your Open Plan System to the Limit

1:30 & 3:00 American Seating Co. Designer/Client: Problems, Solutions and Rewards

Atelier Int'l., Ltd. Using Computers for Total Facilities Planning

1:30 & 3:00 B&B America/Stendig The Italian Influence on Furniture Design

Baker, Knapp & Tubbs Craftsmanship in Today's Office

Beylerian Ltd. Creating Public Places

**Brickell Associates** Making Executives Accept Open Plan

**Brueton Industries** The Development and Installation of Industrial Seating

Castelli Furniture Space Utilization and Furnishings-Developing Corporate Standard Programs

1:30 CI Designs Computer Information Systems  $at AT \mathcal{C}T$ 

1:30 & 3:00 Conwed Corp. How to Gain Control of Office Acoustics

3:00 **GF** Furniture Systems Futurability-Will Your Facilities Be Ready?

Time/Location/Subject Kenneth Walker, President John Adams, Director 1:30 & 3:00 The Gunlocke Co. Walker Group, Inc. Facility Management Institute Herman Miller, Inc. Design Is a Deluxe Cheeseburger Facility Management: Taking Charge of the Work Environment Hank de Cillia, Director 1:30 & 3:00 Harter Corp. Richard Eppley, Vice-President Advanced Media Group 1:30 & 3:00 Morgan Guaranty Trust The Team Approach to Facility Modern Mode Inc. Steven Leach, Jr., Principal Development Managing the Development of Steven J. Leach & Associates Facilities on an International Basis David Schowalter, Vice-Pres. 1:30 & 3:00 Architects Welton Becket Associates Haworth Inc. Coping with Behavior Changes Steven Holl, Architect 1:30 Steven Holl in Open Plan Pace Collection Interior Architecture: Modes of William Pulgram, President 1:30 & 3:00 Composition Helikon Furniture Co., Inc. Associated Space Design Clifford Gross Automated Offices: Emerging 1:30 Acting Program Director Trends Shaw-Walker Ergonomics—Its Impact on Workman's Comp in the Office Occupational Bio-Mechanics William C. Ellis, Partner 3.00 New York University Pomeroy, Ellis, Newlin-Howe Furniture Corp. Wagner Design Partnership How Space-Saving Furniture Mike Webster 1:30 Manager, Product Engineering Fills Changing Office Needs Steelcase, Inc. Steelcase, Inc. Electrical Requirements for Darryl Scherba, Vice-President 1:30 & 3:00 Electronic Offices David Owen Associates ICF Inc. How the Fortune 500 Choose a Dave Benson 3:00 Systems Furniture Engineer Design Firm Steelcase, Inc. Steelcase, Inc. Lighting in Today's Office 1:30 & 3:00 George Cedeno, President The Hillier Group Edward Weller, Associate 1:30 & 3:00 iil inc. Thomas Fritzstein, Associate Flexibility in Corporate Design Stendig, Inc. Skidmore Owings & Merrill Planning & Design for the Larry Gellert, Marketing 3:00 Electronic Office Intrex Intrex Quality Furniture: Do You Know Kathy Jendrick Winkler, Manager Facilities and Interior Design What You Paid For? Stow/Davis Furniture Co. Columbia Pictures The Economic Case for Remodeling Patricia Conway, Principal 1:30 & 3:00 Ira Grayboff, Principal Kohn Pedersen Fox Conway **IG** Furniture Systems Grayboff Riviello Architects Report on the New Procter & Gamble Headquarters Building 1:30 & 3:00 Niels Diffrient, Designer SunarHauserman SunarHauserman 1:30 & 3:00 Will Ching, President Michael Clevinger, Principal The Diffrient System Kimball & Artec Will Ching, Planning & Design **Xerox Real Estate Divison** Paolo Gucci, President The Sisyphus Syndrome: Paolo Gucci Overcoming the Uphill Task of Warren Snodgrass 1:30 & 3:00 Industrial Designer and Post-Installation Thonet Interior Space Planner A History of the Desk in the Office 1:30 & 3:00 Stanleigh Morris, President **Design Technology** ACTEON Associates, Inc. Knoll International Richard Coronato, President Facility Management: Value vs. Cost 1:30 & 3:00 The Design Consultancy Vecta Contract 1:30 & 3:00 Philip Stone, Social Scientist Planning Facilities for Facilities Robert Luchetti, Architect Krueger **Harvard University** How to Design Offices Based on Behavioral Settings Carol Groh, Principal Robert Najarian, Principal Westinghouse Furniture Jack Lenor Larsen, Chairman **GN** Associates Systems Jack Lenor Larsen

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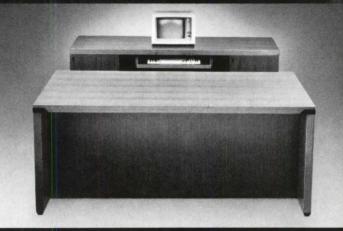
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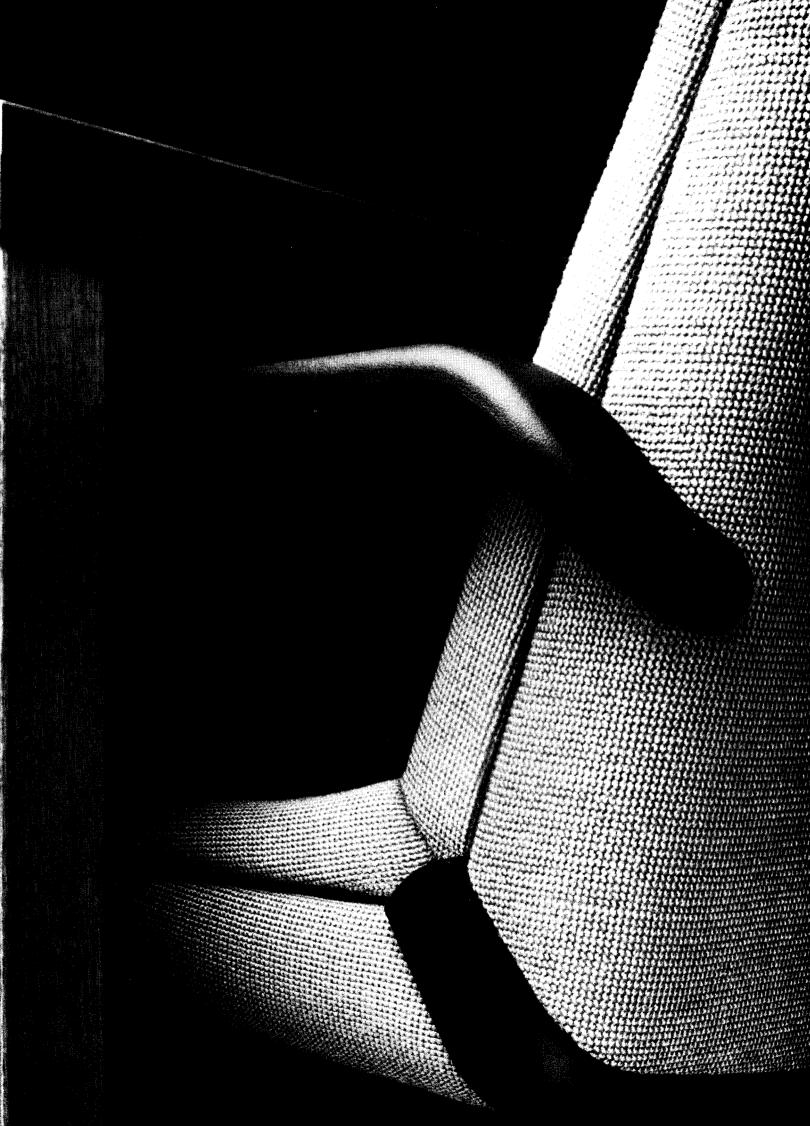
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## Student's day schedule

## Monday, October 15

Open house day at all Designer's Saturday showrooms. A list of special student presentations follows.

## Speaker/Firm

RitaSue Siegel, Professional Career Counselor and Design Recruiter Atelier International

Bjarne Skjonnemand, Manager, Sales Training B & B America/Stendig

Jeff Osborne, Vice-President, Design Knoll International

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Open discussion with principals of leading design firms

Larry Pond, Vice President, Marketing Stendig

Richard Ogg, Industrial Designer

A complete list of Moday's program will be available during Designer's Saturday in all showrooms.

## Time/Location/Subject

1:30 Atelier International How to Conduct a Successful Interview

2:00 B & B America/Stendig The Italian Influence on Interior Design

To Be Arranged Knoll International Wooster Street Design Center The Design Continuum

10:30 Krueger The Impact of Designers on the Contract Furniture Market

10:30 Jack Lenor Larsen The Evolution of a Textile Collection

9:00, 12 NOON & 3:00 Steelcase

10:30 Stendig Career Options for Designers with Manufacturers

10:30 Stow/Davis How the Freelance Designer Interfaces with the Manufacturer

## Saturday, October 13

The IBD New York Chapter will host an A/V presentation, "Working with the Interior Designer," at the New York Design Center, 200 Lexington Avenue.

## Sunday, October 14

The Fashion Institute of Technology Theater, 227 West 27

Street. ASID will sponsor a screening of "Beyond Utopia: Changing Attitudes in American Architecture." Afterwards, Neville Lewis, Principal of Neville Lewis Associ-

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# DESIGNERS SATURDAY

60s, First to Third Avenues

The street life in this neighborhood runs to three major activities: eating, shopping, and movies. First things first. Pari Passu (147 E. 60th St., 832-8972), just west of Third Ave., is French, elegant, and pricey. Chatfield's (208 East 60th St., 753-5070) is warm and cozy, with a slightly English, relaxed atmosphere. For Beautiful People glamour, have dinner at Tucano (333 East 60th St., 308-5353). A great lunch spot is Il Vagabondo (351 E. 62nd St., 832-9221), perhaps the only restaurant in New York with its own bocce court. A more recent Italian addition to the neighborhood is Gnolo (206 E. 63rd St., 838-2442), which is small, chie, and bistro-ish. Or try the venerable Il Caminetto (1226 Second Ave. at 64th St., 758-1775), where the banquettes are comfortable, the food excellent, and the waiters professional. There are many good Chinese restaurants in the area; two notables are Uncle Tai's (1059 Third Ave. at 63rd St., 838-0850), which is fairly casual and moderately expensive, and Auntie Yuan (1191 First Ave. at 64th St., 744-4040), which is fairly dressy, definitely expensive, and about as close as you'll get to nouvelle cuisine Chinoise in Manhattan.

The second thing that people do in this area is shop. 60th St. between Second and Third Aves. is lined with shops, new and chic, that sell the latest in men's and women's clothing and accessories. And around the corner on Second, all manner of jeans can be found at Ben's (1149 Second, 753-4792), while the Real Thing in cotton sweaters is sold by A. Peter Pushbottom (1157 Second, 879-2600).

For film buffs, this area is a gold mine. Third and Second Avenues are dotted with movie theaters offering the latest in domestic and foreign fare. On Friday and Saturday evenings, lines can be long; however, they do afford prime opportunities for peoplewatching.

This year, P/A's guide to Designer's Saturday showrooms is organized geographically into four neighborhoods. For each, we offer a brief list of restaurants and other places of interest. Please call restaurants for opening times and reservations, which are almost always a must.



Beylerian

Beylerian's Designer's Saturday offering for 1984 is the Fysio Chair series. Designed by Yrjo Kukkapuro in 1978, Fysio is an ergonomically correct chair that can be used with a variety of fixed and swivel bases for task, conference, lounge, and visitor seating. It is available in natural or black-stained birch.

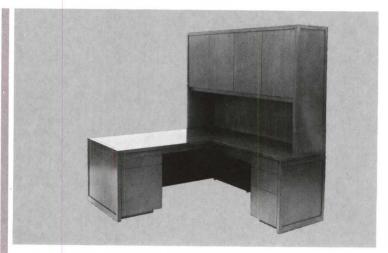
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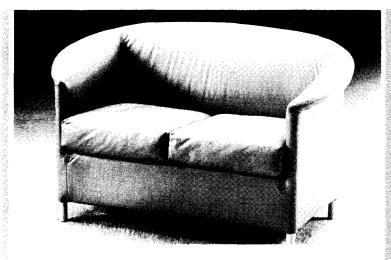
Featured in Harvey Probber's showroom on Designer's Saturday is a fine-tuned version of their ACM System. Available in five new wood veneers, ACM is a flexible desk system designed to accommodate the whole range of office functions. ACM desks are freestanding and modular, which makes them easy to rearrange.

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Dunbar

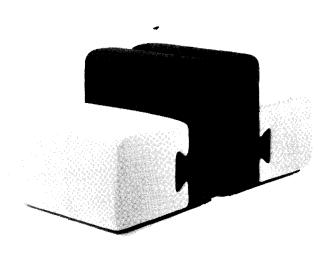
Flexibility and adaptability are the key words for Dunbar's offering, The Professional Edition. Available in mahogany with bronze inset, the new group is styled to make the transition easily from a private office to a systems arrangement. Desks, cabinets, and high storage units feature dimensional changes that allow maximum stage efficiency.



## Stendig

New from Stendig is Aura, a loungeseating series designed by Paolo Piva. Aura comes in two- and three-seat versions, and as an armchair. The curved sides and back rest on a square frame, supported by legs made of enameled wood. Aura is styled on a contemporary scale suited to most interiors.

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## Intrex

Intrex introduces Boomerang and Dovetail, seating units that are part of their new, fully upholstered seating series. The two units are designed to be used individually or in tandem, in institutional waiting areas or residential spaces. Intrex also offers an addition to its Monoform tables: eight new marble tops.

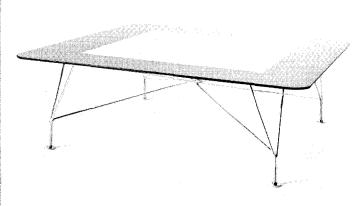
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## Pace

The Pace Collection's 1984 product offering is the Linear Chair. Designed by architect Steven Holl, the Linear Chair is intended to be reminiscent of an American classic, the Shaker tilting slat-back chair. The chair is constructed of solid aluminum bar with a saddle leather seat.

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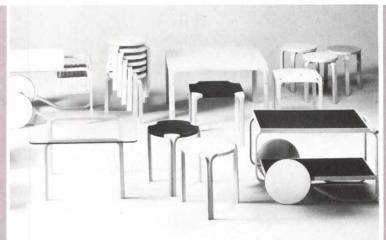


## Dux

Dux, founded in the 1920s, produces its furniture in four European factories. For 1984, Dux introduces the Antonio table, designed by Kenneth Bergblad. Antonio is available with a glass top combining clear and black glass, and a chrome frame. It comes in two sizes.

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# SATURDAY



## ICF

In celebration of the Alvar Aalto exhibit at the Museum of Modern Art, on view Sept. 27—Nov. 27, ICF features an extensive display of Aalto's furniture, some never before shown publicly. ICF has represented the late Finnish designer's work since 1962, and is a cosponsor of the MoMA show.

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## Metropolitan

For 1984, Metropolitan features two new additions to the Rubber Ehair Collection—the Rubber Bar Stool and Rubber Counter Stool.

Designed by Brian Kane, the Bar Stool and Counter Stool are chairs of tubular steel covered with rubber tubing. The seats are of wood, available in a maple finish or range of colors.

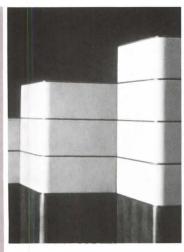
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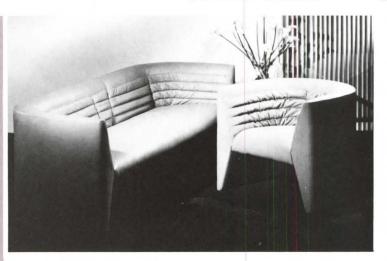
Thonet introduces the sleigh base cantilever arm and armless chair by Donald Petitt. The introduction of this chair complements and rounds out the Petitt Ply and MGT series, designed by Petitt for Thonet starting in 1978. The frame is of white oak molded veneers, with the side molded from only two pieces.

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## Modern Mode

New from Modern Mode is Stratus, an open plan system designed by Norman Cherner. Based on a horizontal module, the addition of panels allows for flexible heights. Stratus is available in five standard wood or fifteen lacquer finishes. The panels also come in a variety of fabrics and plexiglass.



## Helikon

This 25-year-old firm, founded by Fred Seeman, who also founded Designer's Saturday, will introduce the new Cesura Lounge series this year. Designed by independent designer Dennis Christiansen, the lounge series includes a club chair and three sizes of sofa. All are available in both fabric and leather



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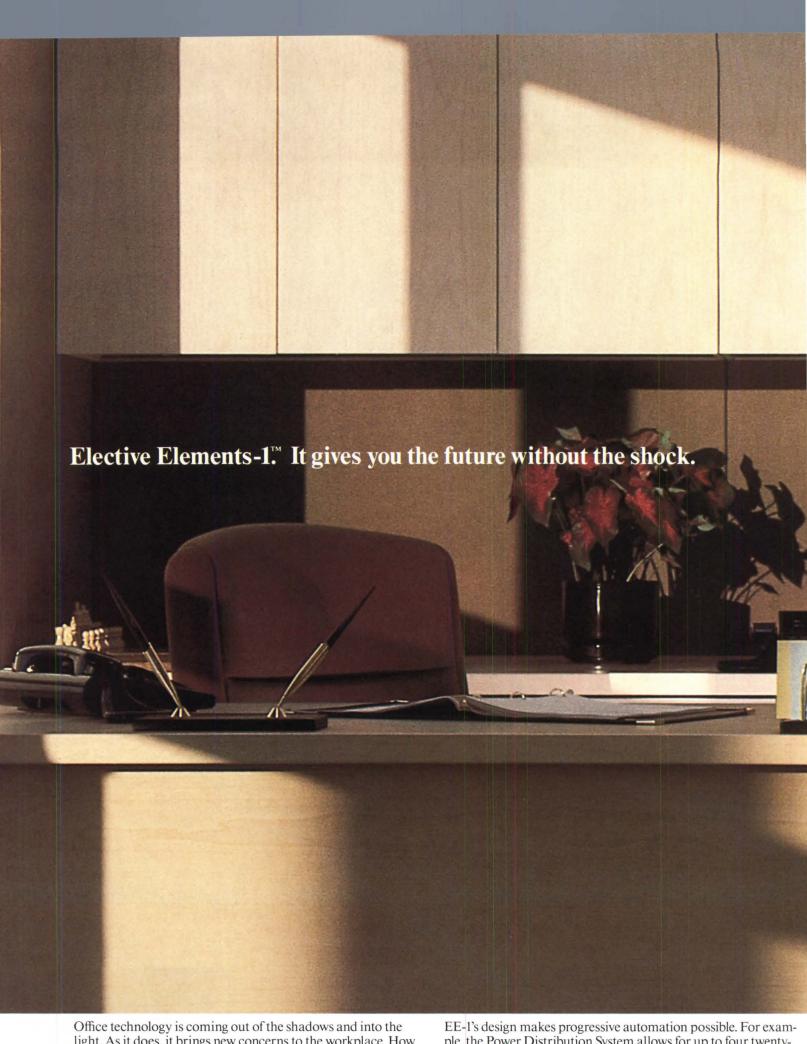
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# DESIGNERS SATURDAY

50s, First to Lexington Avenues

Neither hustle nor bustle is in short supply here, with a tremendous amount of new building construction adding to the perpetual crush of people on the streets. Not surprisingly, this area is full of first-rate places to eat. Le Cherche-Midi (936 First Ave. at 51st St., 355-4499) is warm and relaxed, with a country French aura. Il Nido (251 E. 53rd St., 753-8450) is low-keyed, chic, and very expensive, but as expensive restaurants go, worth it.

Nearby, Citicorp Center at Lexington and 54th houses many small shops and fast-food places around its famous atrium. The current mania in New York for barbecued ribs and chicken began, at least in part, at Tony Roma's (400 E. 57th St., 308-0200), where you'll find a piano bar, waitresses in miniskirts, and probably a velvet painting or two. The food is good—and a real

58th Street between Second and Third Avenues is the East Side's Restaurant Row, and its accent is heavily Italian. A new branch of the popular Upper East restaurant, Vivolo, has opened at 222 E. 58th (308-0112). Tino's, at number 235 (751-0311), is a local favorite for its Northern Italian cooking. And down the block, Felidia, at number 243 (758-1479), serves its version of Italian cuisine in a nostalgic setting of marille, etched glass, and wood

At 108 E. 60th St., L'Hostaria del Bongustaio (751-3530) offers rustic charm, great pasta, and lively crowds. Slightly far afield, Demarchelier (808 Lexington at 62nd St., 223-0047) is a small, sophisticated place where the food is French and so is much of

Of course, the star of the shopping scene in the neighborhood is Bloomingdale's, at Lexington and 59th. New Yorkers love to complain about it, but if you've never been, the people-watching on the escalators alone is worth the trib



## Haworth

The System 300 Side Chair is new from Haworth for Designer's Saturday. Designed to be compatible with Haworth's SystemSeating 1, 2, and 3 chairs, the new chair has a sled base, and a base and back upright that flex for comfort. It is available both with and without arms, and its cushions are fully contoured.

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## GF

GF introduces its new Emtech Electronic Furniture. Emtech is organized around three distinct product categories: adjustable work surfaces, ergonomic seating, and storage elements. The wide variety of components are compatible with GF's Open Plan Systems and freestanding furniture.

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## Knoll

The Hannah Desk System, designed by Bruce Hannah, represents an innovative approach to the problems of the automated office. The Hannah System is fully modular and offers great flexibility. Also on display will be the Venturi Collection, with an exhibit designed by Robert Venturi, at the Knoll Design Center at 105

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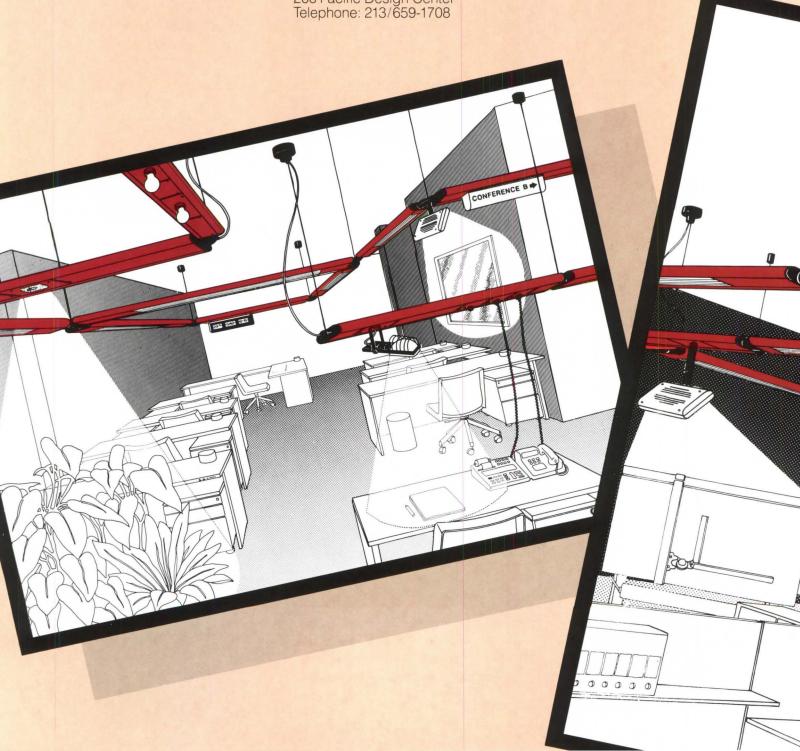
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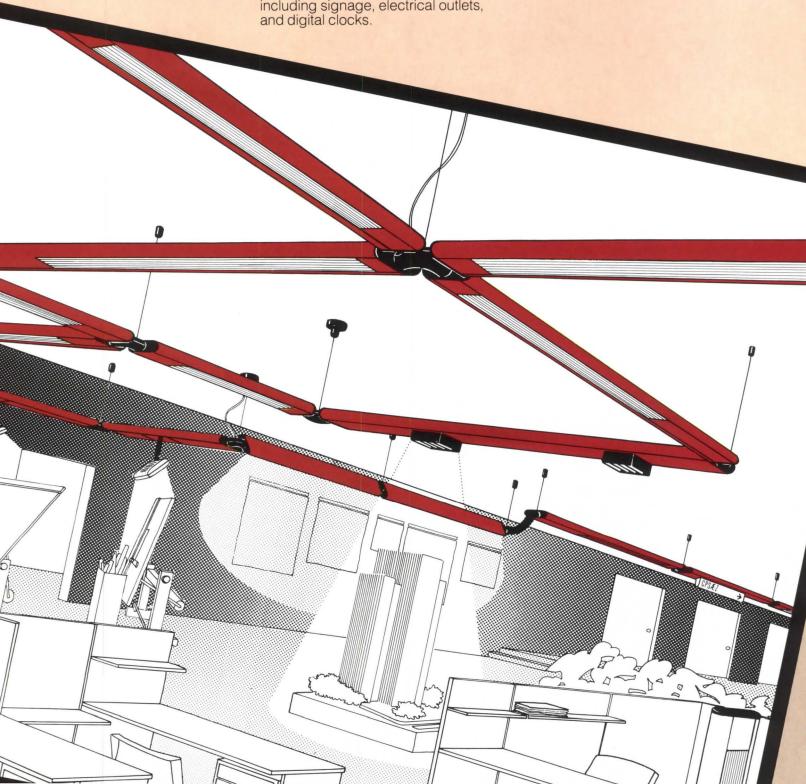


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New from Canadian manufacturers iil is the Tinta System. Designed by Manfred Petri, Tinta is a comprehensive modular component system consisting of casegood modules, worksurfaces, and vertical panels. These elements can be assembled into both freestanding units and complete office configurations, thus offering great flexibility.

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## All-Steel

The Syntrax System is a fully integrated and freestanding system of tops and linking tops, designed to change as tasks change. The All-Steel design team and Robert Worrell shaped it with human factors and the easy use of electronics as the main considerations, making Syntrax efficient as well as comfortable. Circle 100 on reader service card



## **B&B** America

B&B America features Ottomana lounge seating for Designer's Saturday 1984. Designed by Antonio Citterio, the series consists of an armchair, two-, three-, and four-seat sofas, a small armchair, and a settee. The tubular steel base is available in either mirror-polish chrome or gray enamel finish.

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## Harter

The Harter I/F system of freestanding furniture is an important element of Harter Task Systems. Key parts of the I/F system are the new power/communications distribution system, universality of parts, and the building-block concept behind the design. Parts can be linked and extended both vertically and horizontally.

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## IG

The Powerflex Desk System is JG's nonpanel solution to the design of the electronic office. The primary components of this modular desk system are a "spine" of metal chassis units and a series of legal-width storage units. Freestanding tables and a selection of worksurface extensions add greatly to the system's flexibility.

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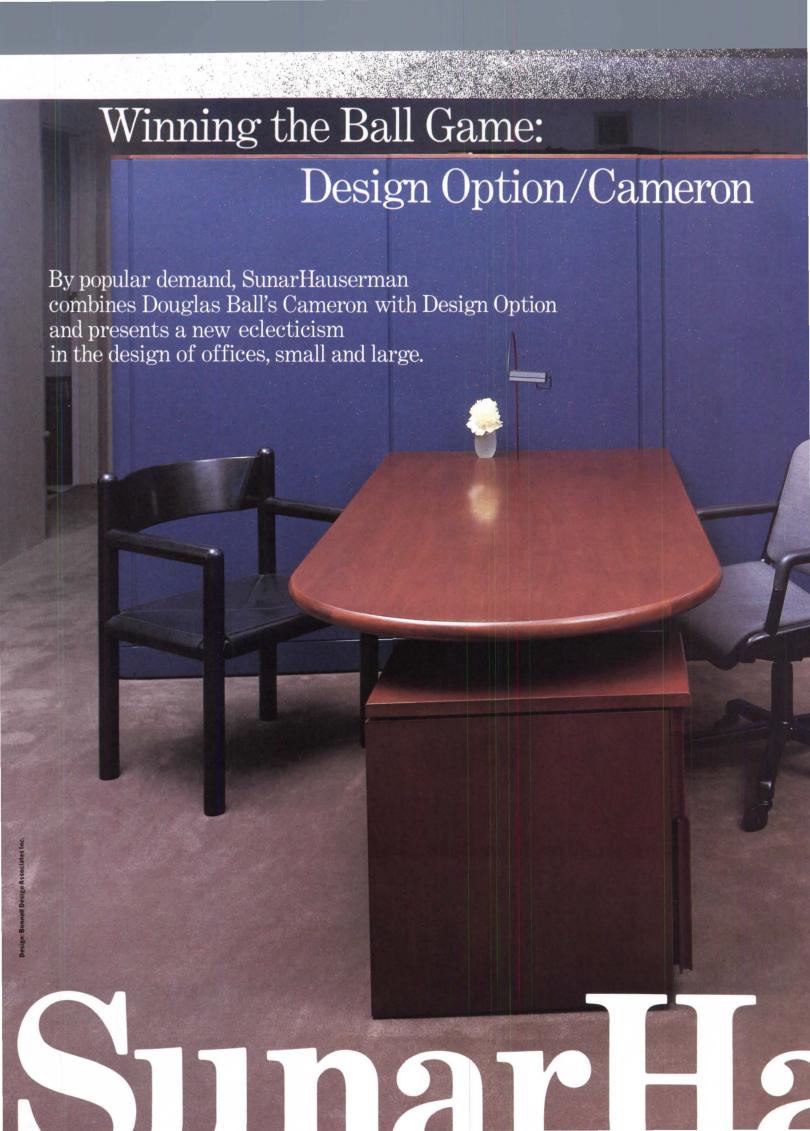


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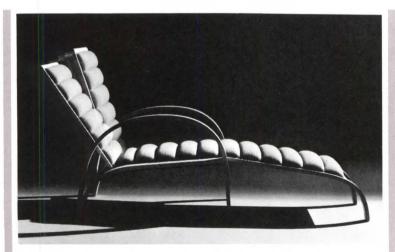
The Equa chair is designed to adjust to the needs of a seated person, rather than the other way around. Designers Bill Stumpf and Don Chadwick wanted to design the ultimate in ergonomic chairs, for people who sit down all day on the job. Equa is the subject of the exhibition "A Serious Chair," on view at the Walker Art Center, Oct. 21–Jan. 6.

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## **Atelier International**

Desk is a new fluorescent task lamp from Atelier International Lighting. Made of aluminum, the lamp is mounted on a rotating clamp base, allowing for great flexibility of positioning. Also featured for Designer's Saturday are additions to the Carini Executive Collection, including a full-length modesty panel. Circle 106 on reader service card



## Brickel

The Chaise and Chaise Lounge by Ward Bennett are new introductions to the Brickel Collection of fine contract furniture. Constructed of solid ash, available in a broad range of fabrics and finishes, the chairs are meant to evoke the elegance of Art Deco, employing engineering techniques similar to those that produced the designs of that era.



## SunarHauserman

At SunarHauserman for Designer's Saturday is the Diffrient System, designed by Niels Diffrient. The development of the system required three years of intensive commitment from both designer and manufacturer. Diffrient, an authority on human factors in the workplace, thinks furniture should be as comfortable as clothing.





# SATURDAY SATURDAY



## Brayton

The Brayton International Collection introduces its latest product, the Concorde. Designed by Ernst M. Dettinger, the Concorde offers a number of seating options, including chair, two- and three-seat sofas, and ottoman. Constructed with a hardwood frame, Concorde is available in any selection of Brayton leather or textiles.

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## Artemide

Artemide's latest offering for Designer's Saturday is the Sintesi Floor Arm Lamp, a new addition to the popular and well-known Sintesi series. Designed by Ernesto Gismondi, the lamp has an adjustable swivel arm in addition to regular floor lamp features. Available in red, white and black, it takes a 100-watt white bulb.

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## Arconas

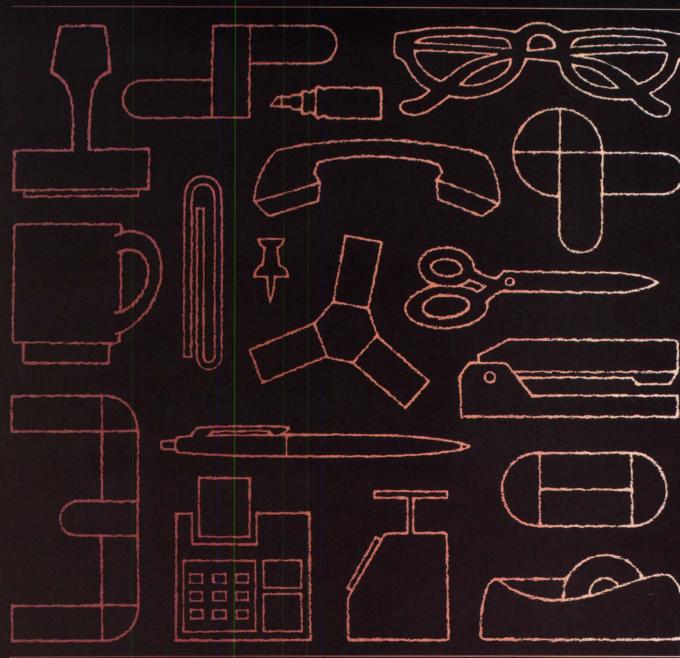
Designed by Conrad Marini, the Gemello Lounge Chair is intended to provide comfortable seating for lounges, lobbies, and reception areas. Gemello features a steel frame molded into cold-cured foam and large-diameter glides for easy movement. Arconas will also present the Gallio Sofa Series.

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Lehigh-Leopold/LBF

Lehigh-Leopold features the Coda Collection, a complete office environment of desks, credenzas, tables, personal computer extensions, and other components. Coda is available in a selection of finishes and hardware details. The collection features full wire management. New from LBF is the L-700 ergonomic seating



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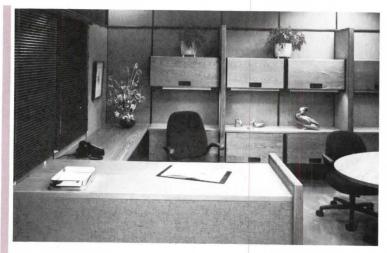
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# DESIGNERS SATURDAY

50s & 60s, Park to Sixth Avenues

New York's most elegant steel and glass skyscraper is still Mies van der Rohe and Philip Johnson's Seagram Building, at 375 Park Avenue, which happens to house the equally superlative restaurant, The Four Seasons (99 E. 52nd St., 744-9494). A light lunch can be found at The Café Marguery (55 East 52nd St., 486-7933), in the sleek atrium of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill's Park Avenue Plaza. The venerable Le Cygne (53 E. 54th St., 759-5941) offers haute cuisine in Voorsanger & Mills's glamorous setting. Edward Larrabee Barnes's IBM Building at 57th and Madison (s.w. corner) houses a pleasant atrium and café, and don't miss the IBM Gallery of Science and Art, with its exhibition of Native American art from the Northwest, and the computerized Culture Guide to New York in the gallery lobby. Just up the street, Johnson Burgee's AT&T Building, still the talk of the town, is finally open to visitors.

At Rockefeller Center, the American Festival Café (246-6699) offers skating-rink-side views, and outdoor dining in warm weather. The Museum of Modern Art (11 West 53rd St., 708-9400) has reopened in expanded quarters designed by Cesar Pelli & Associates; it offers an impeccably timed exhibition of furniture and objects by Alvar Aalto, and a retrospective on photographer Irving Penn. At 54th and Fifth (n.w. corner), McKim, Mead & White's 1899 University Club is returned to its original splendor after a thorough cleaning. Another must is the Trump Tower at 725 Fifth. Its pink marble atrium and mirrored escalators are an experience. New and hot is the Hard Rock Café (221 W. 57th St., 247-6240), with the infamous half-a-Cadillac for a canopy. Go for lunch, unless you like waiting in line for your dinner. For the more sedate, Les Tuileries (40 Central Park South, 832-3833) is cool, calm, and collected; the food is nouvelle, and



**American Seating** 

American Seating's introduction for Designer's Saturday is the Integrated Table Group. Its more than 20 individual elements can be combined to form appropriate and versatile environments for conference rooms, private offices, work clusters, and individual work stations. Innovations in the BioChair are also featured.

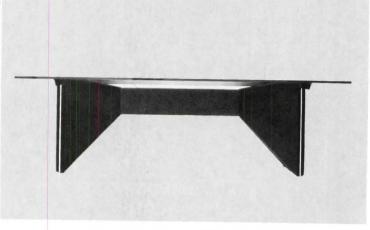
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## Jack Lenor Larsen

This year, Jack Lenor Larsen introduces some additions to its collection of classically scaled tables and chairs. The Council Armchair, designed by Ernst M. Dettinger, has a beech frame and is available in five finishes and a choice of covers. The New York showroom has been completely renovated for the event.

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## Brueton

Brueton will be featuring its new line of fabric-covered office furniture. The Pelican series is the work of Charles W. Pelly. Designed to create a more comfortable man-machine relationship within the work environment, the Pelican components are covered in a durable fabric that comes in a wide range of standard and custom colors.

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## Vecta

Vecta Contract's product offering for Designer's Saturday will be Sequel, an office furniture system designed in wood. Architectural-grade veneer, book-matched and center balanced, is used throughout. The wood-trimmed structural panels come in five heights and eight widths to support a variety of components. Circle 150 on reader service card



## **CI** Designs

CI Designs presents the Connexus Modular Office System, a fully integrated computer and office furniture line. Connexus is structured with numerous interconnecting modules and accessories in order to provide the utmost in office flexibility. The frame is of white oak, and a broad choice of panel fabrics is available.

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## Alma

Alma introduces the 5800 series, featuring a transitional design blending solid mahogany with bookmatched veneers. Even the drawers are made from a single matched panel. Designed by Robert Schier, the series includes a complete range of pieces, from tables, credenzas and desks to bookcases, chairs, and



## Stow/Davis

Elective Elements-1 is an open-plan office furniture system. Now it is available with computer support furniture, a range of components designed to store and support electronic office equipment. These additions include media storage cabinets, adjustable worksurfaces, printer cabinets, and VDT security cabinets.



### Croydon

Croydon will introduce its new Metrix System. This modular wood panel system makes use of the latest technology available. The simple design makes Metrix extremely flexible. In addition, Croydon will unveil two executive wood desk lines. The Croydon showroom has been completely remodeled for the Designer's Saturday event.

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### Conwed

Conwed features a new one-piece panel, intended to expand designer options in conjunction with its System 2 furniture line. The new panel supplements the existing radius panel and is trimmed with wood, and also allows for "hang-on" workstation components, adding to the system's versatility and usefulness. Circle 115 on reader service card

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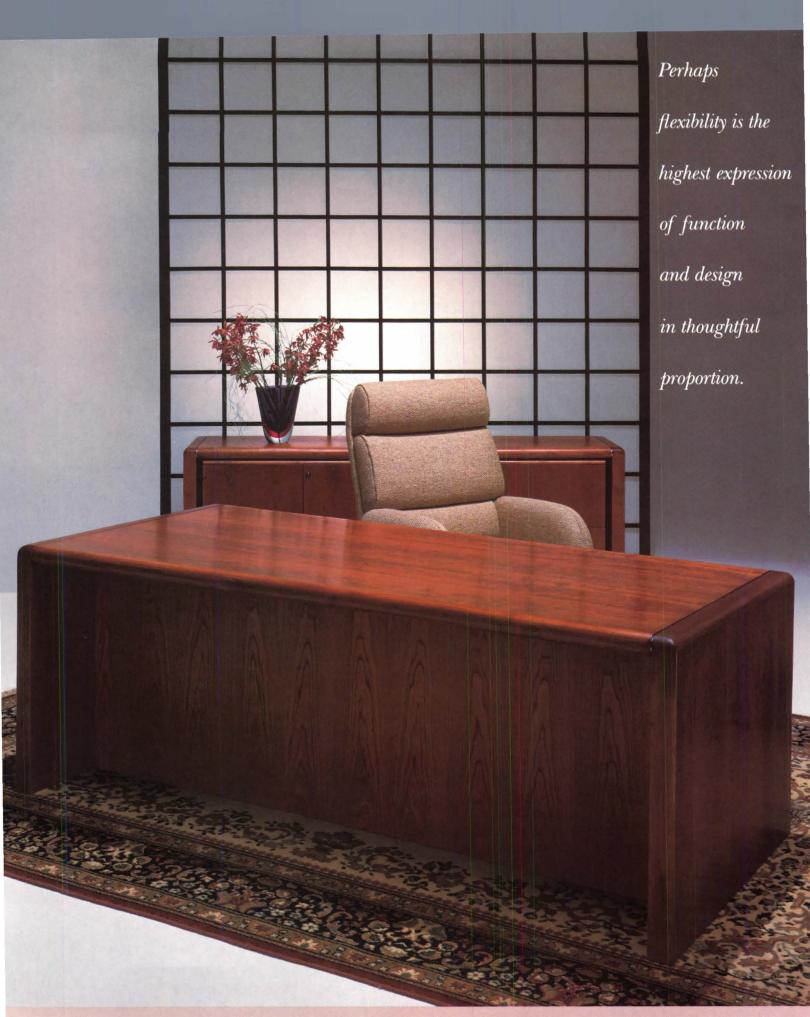


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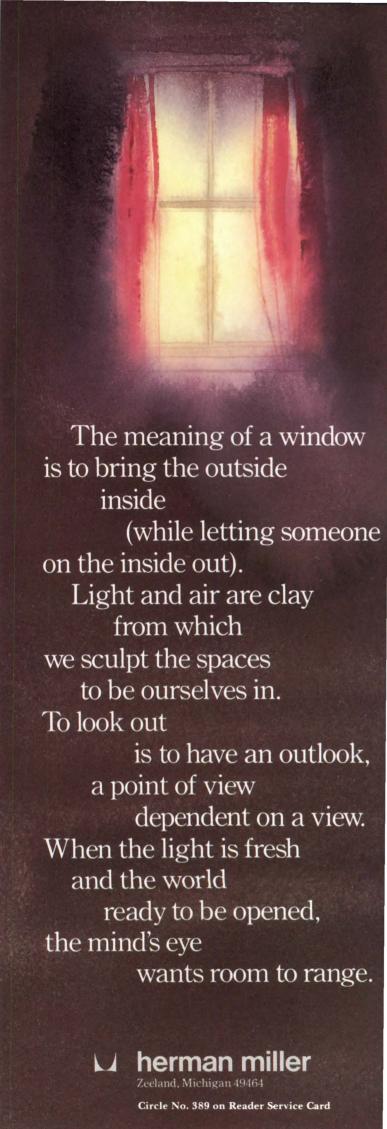
For 1984, Artec presents the Carrington Collection, executive seating in oak, walnut, mahogany or cherry, featuring a combination of opulence and contemporary style. Designed by Earl Koepke, Carrington is available in a wide range of wool and leather coverings from the Artec Textile Collection.

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Corry Jamestown

Corry Jamestown was founded in 1920 by Swedish immigrant David Hillstrom. The current factory, in Corry, Pa., was built in 1950. This year at Designer's Saturday, the company will feature additions to the 1000 System, a series of panels, designed in conjunction with panelhung and freestanding furniture. Circle 117 on reader service card



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### Hardwood House

For its first year at Designer's Saturday, Hardwood House will introduce the H/3000 Seating Collection, designed by Bruce Hannah. Also featured will be the Vestra Collection, a new line of transitionally designed office furniture. The elements of the Vestra Collection are highlighted with a dark hardwood top edge detail.

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### Castelli

Apta, innovative public seating, is Castelli's introduction for this year's Designer's Saturday. Apta employs a tiny "scale" in the frame to automatically adjust back tilt and seat angle for each user. Apta is ergonomically designed to provide comfortable seating for users of auditoriums, waiting rooms, and training centers. Circle 113 on reader service card



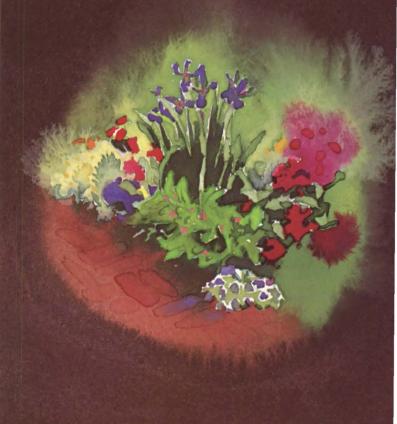
### Kinetics

Kinetics offers its new metal Stacking Chair at Designer's Saturday. The chair is available in either an arm or an armless version, with a two-way sculpted seat and a contoured back. The seat, back, and tubular steel frame come in the full range of 20 Kinkote colors and can be ordered to match or contrast.

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What we cherish most are not givens but chosens.

As in a garden,
where surprises grow because you planted changes.
But every change becomes a change of place,
and where you are
may matter less than that you choose to be there.
In control.
A sense of choice, another part of the garden.



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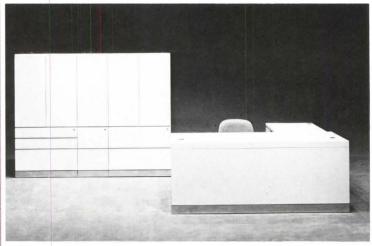
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Krueger

Award-winning Vertebra seating now enters the automated office. The Vertebra Systems Chair, the work of Emilio Ambasz and Giancarlo Piretti, is intended for use at computer workstations. It is available in pedestal base or side chair versions, with or without arms, in a self-skinning urethane cover.

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Reff

Canadian Reff introduces the laminated version of Office System 6 for Designer's Saturday. Office System 6 also exists in a veneered version. The system consists of a wide variety of elements, among them screens, work surfaces, desks, pedestals, storage cabinets and tables.

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### Gunlocke

The Gunlocke Company's major introduction is the Courthouse Chair Series, inspired by 100 years of American design. The all-wood, walnut version of the chair, designed by Walker/Group, Inc., and engineered and manufactured by The Gunlocke Company, is a refined example of the art of steambending. Circle 122 on reader service card



### Howe

Howe introduces a flexible table. Spectra, designed for institutional use, comes in a number of different color combinations—20 standard choices for the laminate tops and 10 for the epoxy bases. Spectra also comes in a choice of sizes, shapes, and heights, as well as in both fixed and folding models.

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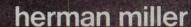
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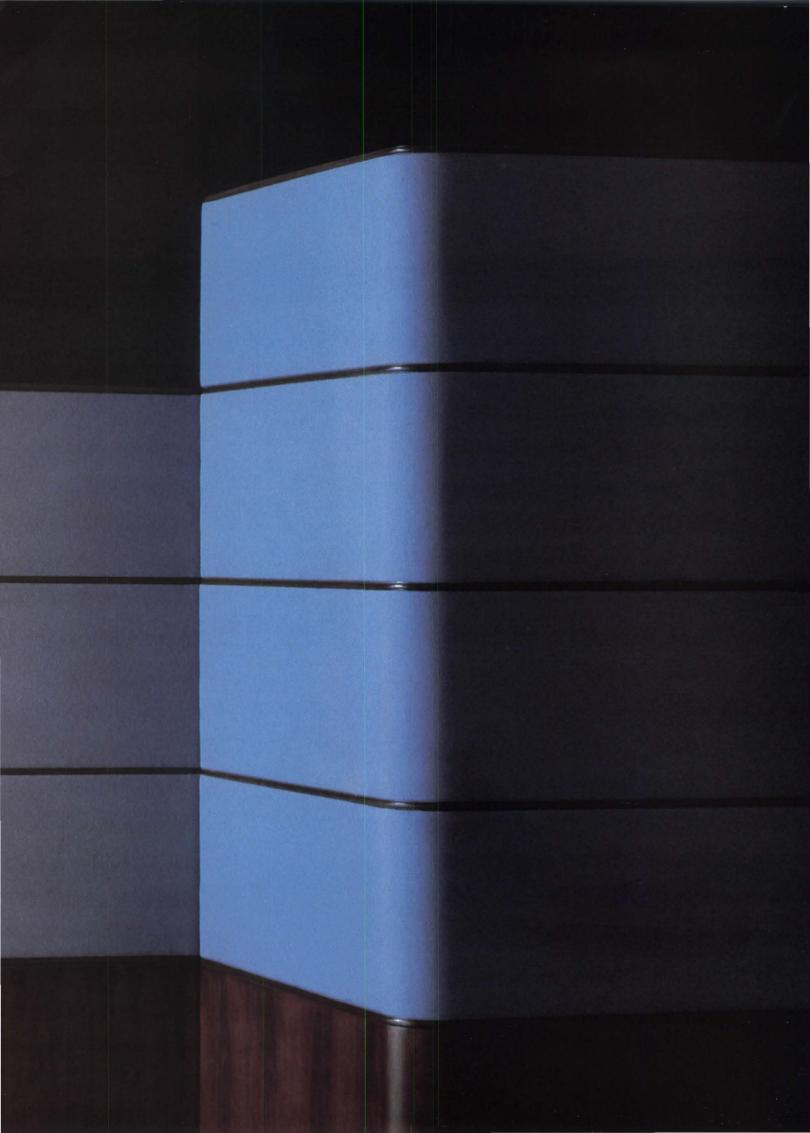
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# DESIGNERS SATTERDAY

East 30s and 40s

Murray Hill, the area around Park Avenue in the 30s (bounded more or less by Fifth and Third Avenues), remains one of the city's most elegant residential neighborhoods; it contains that charming, almost toylike mews, Sniffen Court (150-158 E. 36th St.). At the Morgan Library (33 E. 36th St., 685-0008), don't miss the exhibition celebrating the 150th anniversary of the birth of William Morris, founder of the English Arts and Crafts movement. East 42nd St. houses three of New York's best Art Deco skyscrapers: William Van Alen's 1930 Chrysler Building at 405 Lexington, with its spectacular marble and chrome lobby; Sloan & Robertson's 1929 Chanin Building; and Howells & Hood's 1930 Daily News Building at 220 East 42nd St. Another distinguished denizen of the neighborhood is Roche & Dinkeloo's 1967 Ford Foundation headquarters (320 East 43rd St.), with its soaring, plant-filled atrium.

There are dozens of little restaurants in this area. A bit far afield but worth the trip are La Colombe d'Or (134 East 26th St., 689-0866), a cozy, brick-walled space with unpretentious, first-rate French cooking, and La Louisiana (132 Lexington Ave. at 28th St., 686-3959), which serves Cajun and Creole cuisine. Lillie Langtry (542 Third Ave. at 36th St.) specializes in New York's current favorite, Tex-Mex, while excellent Japanese meals can be found at Hatsuhana on Park (237 Park Ave. at 46th St., 661-3400). For a room with a view, have a drink at the Top of the Tower at the Beekman Tower Hotel (3 Mitchell Pl., First Ave. at 49th St., 355-7300), one of New York's best kept se-



### Cumberland

A wide variety of office furniture will be on view in Cumberland's showroom. The Series II Executive Table Desk and Credenza feature the racetrack oval shape in oak, walnut, or mahogany. The high credenza has a tambour door and can house computer equipment or terminals. Also featured are three new chairs and a new seating series.

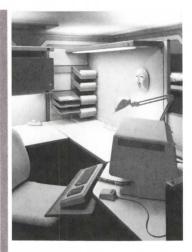
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### Steelcase

Steelcase features six new products that expand the options for its computer-support furniture. In the series are computer and printer tables, shelves for small printers, paper storage units, a new freestanding computer table, and two new VDT stands with five legs for stability.

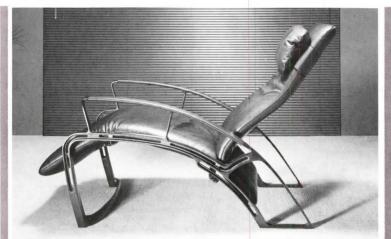
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### Westinghouse

Westinghouse Furniture Systems features a variety of fluorescent office ambient and task lighting systems for Designer's Saturday. In addition, there is the new Wes-Powr baseboard/raceway. These elements are compatible with the Wes-Group workstation.

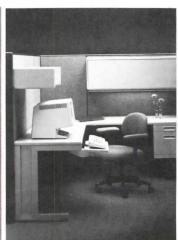
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### Baker, Knapp & Tubbs

Baker Furniture's Porsche Chair, designed by Ferdinand Alexander Porsche, offers unusual comfort by means of its unique structure. A system of sculptural frames allows an almost infinite number of positions, making the chair adaptable to almost every body size. Also featured will be the 9700 series Wall System.

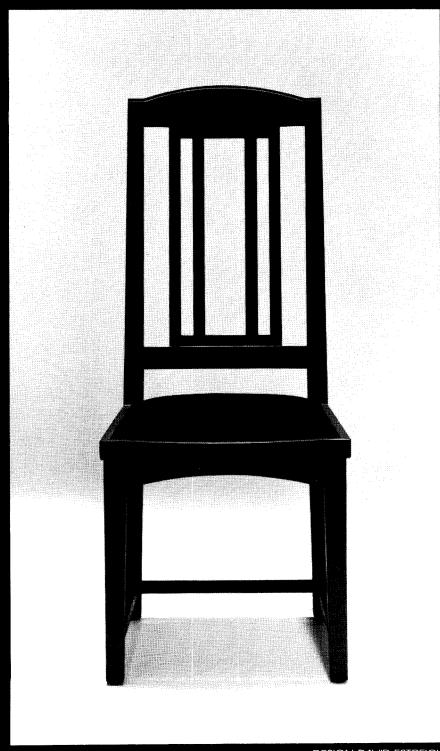
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### Shaw-Walker

For Designer's Saturday 1984, Shaw-Walker features the Tempo 3 Radius, a new office system adaptation. This flexible, modular system offers a wide range of worksurfaces, panels, and panel-hung components for an efficient and comfortable working environment.

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All of the money must come from private donations; the federal government is not raising the funds. This is consistent with the Statue's origins. The French people paid for its creation themselves. And America's businesses spearheaded the public contributions that were needed for its construction and for the pedestal.

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announces the fifth annual competition recognizing outstanding furniture and lighting design proposals, not yet being marketed by any manufacturer as of entry deadline, January 17, 1985. The competition is intended to give the design professions a forum to express ideas about the next generation of furniture design, at a time when architects and designers are increasingly custom-designing furniture for their projects and manufacturers are increasingly open to fresh ideas. The competition is specifically aimed at furniture intended for use, but the design need not be constrained by existing production or marketing practices. Entries may be based on either fabricated pieces or project drawings. Designers are encouraged to consider the aesthetic and ideological implications for furniture design implied by the current concerns within architecture and other design disciplines.

### WINNING PROJECTS

will be published in the May 1985 P/A and they will be displayed at major industry events during the year. Winners will be honored in New York City at an awards ceremony in early March attended by press, designers, and industry manufacturers.

In addition to the exposure afforded the submissions, the competition will encourage further discourse between the entrants and respected furniture producers. Any ongoing discussions will, of course, be up to the individual designers and manufacturers, but benefit to both is anticipated.

### SUBMISSIONS

are invited in all categories including chairs, seating systems sofas, tables, desks, work stations, storage systems, lighting, beds, and miscellaneous furniture pieces.

### THE JURY FOR THIS COMPETITION

Gae Aulenti, architect, industrial and furniture designer, Milan, Italy.

Thomas H. Beeby, partner, Hammond Beeby and Babka Incorporated, Chicago, architect and furniture designer.

Ralph Caplan, writer, editor, and critic, New York.

Charles Gwathmey, partner, Gwathmey Siegel & Associates, New York, architect and furniture designer.

Richard Schultz, industrial and furniture designer, Barto, Pa.

### JUDGING

will take place in New York City during the month of February. Designations of *first award*, *award*, and *citation* may be made by the invited jury, based on overall excellence and advances in the art.

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DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

JANUARY 17, 1985

### Entry form International Furniture Competition

Please fill out all parts and submit, intact, with each entry (see paragraph 11 of instructions). Use typewriter, please. Copies of this form may be used.

ENTRANT:

ADDRESS:

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ENTRANT PHONE NUMBER (day):

(day): (evening):

CATEGORY:

I confirm that the attached entry meets eligibility requirements (paragraph 1-3) and that stipulations of publication agreement (paragraphs 4-6) will be met. I verify that the submission is entirely the work of those listed on this form (or an attached list as necessary).

DESIGNER(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SUBMISSION (identify individual roles if appropriate):

SIGNATURE NAME (typed)

FURNITURE COMPETITION
Progressive Architecture
P.O. Box 1361, 600 Summer Street,
Stamford, CT 06904

(Receipt)

Your submission has been received and assigned number:

ENTRANT: ADDRESS: ENTRANT: ADDRESS:

### ELIGIBILITY

1 Architects, interior designers, industrial designers, and design students from all countries may enter one or more submissions. 2 Design must be original. If found to be substantially identical to any existing product design, entry will receive no recognition.

3 Designer may be under contract to or in negotiation with a manufacturer for this design, but design must not be available in the marketplace as of entry deadline.

PUBLICATION AGREEMENT

4 If the submission should win, the entrant agrees to make available further information, original drawings or model photographs as necessary, for publication in the May 1985 P/A and exhibition at major industry events.

5 P/A retains the rights to first publication of winning designs and exhibition of all entries.

Designer retains rights to design. 6 P/A assumes no obligation for designer's rights. Concerned designers are advised to document their work (date and authorship) and seek counsel on pertinent copyright and patent

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS 7 Submissions will not be returned under any circumstances. Do not use original drawings or transparencies unless they are sent with the understanding that they will not be returned. P/A will not accept submissions with outstanding custom duties or postal charges.

8 Drawing(s) and/or model

photo(s) of the design should be mounted on one side only of one 20"x 30" foamcore board presented horizontally. Any entry not following this format will be disqualified.

9 There are no limits to the number of illustrations mounted on the board, but all must be visible at once (no overlays to fold back). No actual models will be accepted. Only one design per board.

10 Each submission must include a 5"x 7" index card mounted on the front side of the board with the following information typed on it: intended dimensions of the piece of furniture, color(s), materials, components, brief description of important features, design assumptions, and intentions. This information is to be presented in English.

11 Each submission must be accompanied by an entry form, to be found on this page. Reproductions of this form are acceptable. All sections must be filled out (by typewriter, please). Insert entire form into unsealed envelope taped to the back of the submission board. P/A will seal stub of entry form in envelope before judging.

12 For purposes of jury procedures only, projects are to be assigned by the entrant to a category on the entry form. Please identify each entry as one of the following: Chair, Seating System, Sofa, Table, Desk, Work Station, Storage System, Lighting, Bed. If necessary, the category "Miscellaneous" may be designated.

13 Entry fee of \$35 must accompany each submission, inserted into unsealed envelope containing entry form (see 11 above). Make check or money order (no cash) payable to *Progressive Architecture*.

14 To maintain anonymity, no identification of the entrant may appear on any part of the submission, except on entry form. Designer should attach list of collaborators to be credited if necessary.

15 Packages can contain more than one entry; total number of boards must be indicated on front of package.

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16 Deadline for sending entries is January 17, 1985. First class mail or other prompt methods of delivery are acceptable.
Entries must show postmark or other evidence of being en route by midnight, January 17.
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### Books

History of the Interior by Charles McCorquodale. New York, The Vendome Press, 1983. 224 pp., illus., \$45.00. An Illustrated History of Interior Decoration by Mario Praz. New York,

Thames and Hudson, 1982. 396 pp., illus., \$75.00. Reviewed by Aaron Betsky.

### Interiors

In the distinctions made by our society, the outside realm is brought into focus and structured by architecture, while the enclosed environment is that of the interior designer or-more often-interior decorator. Our society makes qualitative distinctions between the private world of the interior and the public stage outside, a judgment reflected in the extreme differentiation in social standing between architects and interior designers. Even if architects are faced with a career made up of interior projects, they will often monumentalize and overstructure them into rooms turned inside out, fleeing the smothering projection of the multicolored layers of decorative patterns or the mirrors of the self in favor of framing the windows of architectural opportunity.

Architecture is a public act, a condensation and critique of all that goes on in our society. Interior design is a refutation of such acts. Perhaps such public gestures and deeds are suspect, which would explain the appearance of recent apologies and books that reaffirm our decision not to act in an architectural manner. The most influential of these books, and a veritable guidebook to the latest trends now engulfing the denizens of design, comes to us with the innocuous title An Illustrated History of Interior Decoration and with a coffee table appearance to present a wealth of romantic and wistful attitudes. The most informative of the new publications in the field is Charles McCorquodale's History of the Interior, a concise and well-illustrated guide to all aspects of interior architecture, decoration, and design, with few qualms about their definitions. The first book, by the recently deceased Italian scholar Mario Praz, is by far the more extreme in its defense of interior design and the most persuasive. The McCorquodale book is much clearer about what interiors have to offer, but lets its message suffer from the aesthetic and professional strait jacket in which those concerned with designing the interior have found themselves

The History of the Interior clearly states in its foreword the possible division in both profession and attitudes which can be made between interior design and architecture. On the one hand there are "those who plan, furnish and decorate domestic interiors . . . decorators in the true sense of the word." On the other hand are those involved in "constructing them." On one side are "schemes of interior decoration, which reflect at least some of the aims and aspirations of their time." On the other is "great art." On one is a mood, tinged by the necessities of life and utility; on the other is a grand architectural



Illustration from History of the Interior.

discourse that reveals the meaning of life to us. In more modern terms, on the one side is the "living space"; on the other side is significant and signifying architecture. Even as McCorquodale sets out to write a book about the splendors of interiors and to defend the importance of moods, patterns, and reflections as a mode for understanding our culture and others, he has boxed interiors into the concerns of applied ornament, functional objectivity, space planning, and human environmental tectonics, which deny the clear structure and meaning of an approach to artifacts and representation that have no need for external rationalizations and the search for deep meaning.

McCorquodale is without doubt interested in interiors as mirrors of the world outside and of the complex reflections within the human mind. His analysis of the most celebrated period in interior design history, the "age of the Louis," is the most fully developed part of the book. He calls the "style Louis XV" or rococo the "mother of all styles," and that may be generalized to encompass the whole period and place under consideration. In that age of multiple mirrored surfaces, the very concept of style became intimately wrapped up with the emergence of interior design as a separate occupation and a metaphor for that society; it was the beginning of the debate between style and structure, artifice and reality.

The stage world of Versailles mirrored not only itself, as McCorquodale points out. It reflected the ability of the modern state to create a commentary on itself, a world different from the one around it. No longer was authority represented merely by a particular façade or as a massive, dark hall. It was defined as a separate world to be entered and understood only by those who were part of its culture and for whom its complicated decorative schemes made perfect and necessary sense. The witty mesdames et messieurs responsible for this rarefied atmosphere were the creators of the reality and the meaning of a new universe. The age of the Louis marked the encyclopedic depiction of that new culture as all the correct proportions, elegantly drawn curves, and delicate counterpoints that created what its inhabitants thought of as the correct physical equivalent of elegant, witty, and distinguishing conversation. Mansart's Maison Laffitte is as good a definition of French culture as any tragedy or comedy. The bedchamber of Louis XIV embodies the ritual of the levée du roi which in its turn embodied the French state. The boudoir of Marie Antoinette is as elongated and tenuous as her high-strung society, and as erotic as its most dreamy and evasive actions. Decorations are given over to complex articulations of wall surfaces in expensive and exotic materials authenticated by an unchallengeable academic tradition. These are lavishly designed stagesets, frameworks, and mirrors which elaborate, give cues to, and validate the actions of the actors performing on their parquet floors. This is a world of artificial scale, lighting, materials, and action, where reality is kept at bay through gardens, antechambers, and curtains, and in which the aristocracy can live a dream of divorce from the economic conditions which made these houses and palaces possible.

The idea of the interior world as a separate one in which one can play a role written by the design is intrinsic to interior design. But since the age of the Louis, McCorquodale says: "It has become increasingly clear that a strict division between 'architecture' and 'decoration' is not easy to adhere to, especially after the 17th Century." Instead, the divisions take place between expressed structure and defenses of styles, between men and women, and between high and low culture, and it should be clear that it was the side of the battle against nature, the denial of the individual, the realm of structure, men, and architects which has won and branded all else as barbarian, oldfashioned, effeminate, and vulgar.

After considering this period, the book falters; it searches through the revivals and eclecticism of the 19th Century for some meaning or defense, and completely gives up when the interior as an interesting and valuable form of cultural expression seems to disappear in the floating fragments of space constructed in the 20th Century. But before this point, it does provide the most complete, carefully documented, and logically thoughtout history of Western man's attempt to design and cultivate his interior spaces.

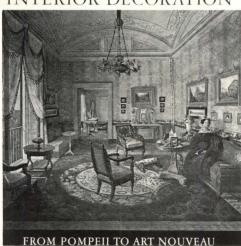
Luckily, it is exactly at the beginning of the 19th Century that Mario Praz's book picks up. His *Illustrated History of Interior Decoration* is really two books. One is a superb collection of images from ten centuries of interiors, while the other is a paean to what Praz sees as the golden age of the interior and a lament for its demise by the time of World War II, here seen as the apotheosis of all that is modern, deadening, and external. The book is succinctly annotated with terse commen-

taries on the scenes depicted, often drawing on obscure annals of the day, on letters of the inhabitants, or on sayings of de Goncourt. Praz's scholarship resembles the rooms. It is a large collection of disparate bits of information, tantalizing glimpses into past worlds, records of emotions and of social movements frozen in elegant prose and stylish witticisms. The collection contains both the familiar and the archetypal, and the unfamiliar and surprising.

It is the middle class values, aspirations, anxieties, and their physical translation into style-obsessed, overstuffed rooms of the Victorian era which Praz remembers most fondly. He quotes at length from Walter Benjamin to describe the last stand of the individual, desperately collecting possessions in his room in order to "assume a Sisyphuslike task: to remove from objects, by possessing them, their quality of merchandise"—to

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One point untouched by Praz is the fact that this task is more often than not performed by women, either in open revolt or in a protective retreat from the male world of hard realities and domination. The 19th-Century interiors Praz shows are the artificial realm of the wife, the mother, and her family. They are the dreamlike repository of the wealth gathered outside in a world of ceaseless change, destruction, and growth, and transformed through the ministrations of the wife and mother into a coherent and nurturing environment meant to reproduce itself in the minds of the children we see dwarfed by the objects around them.

Praz, however, is more interested in the men, but he is annoyed at those who present a cultivated face to the outside world but, like a favorite professor of his, live a life of domestic and inner vulgarity. He believes reverently that "le style est l'homme même." and is beset by the anxiety of defining that style. Paradoxically, he is most enamored of interiors with no particular style, places that reflect an idiosyncratic, obscure, pedantic, provincial, and out-of-the-way life. His most cherished pictures are naïve scenes in Russian provincial homes or small palaces in the south of Italy. What he loves about these places is exactly their quaintness, their picturesque refusal to be anything but a collection of artifacts mirroring the complexity of even the most remote and obscure situation. Praz is a loving observer, for whom "The



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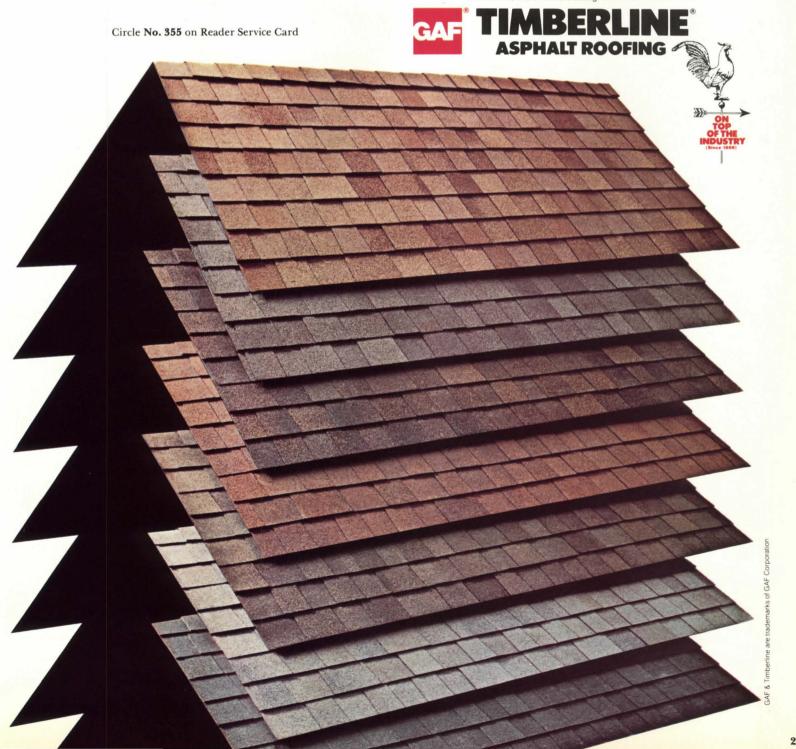
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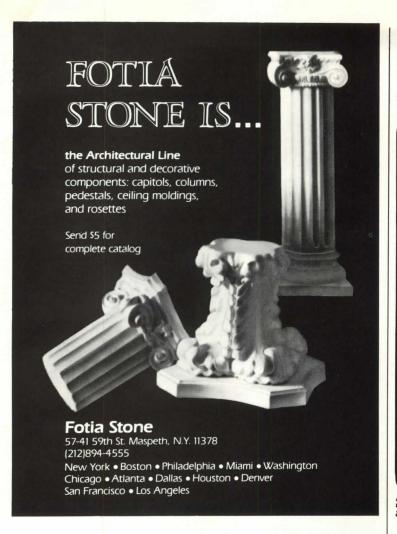
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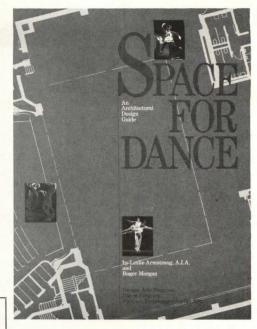
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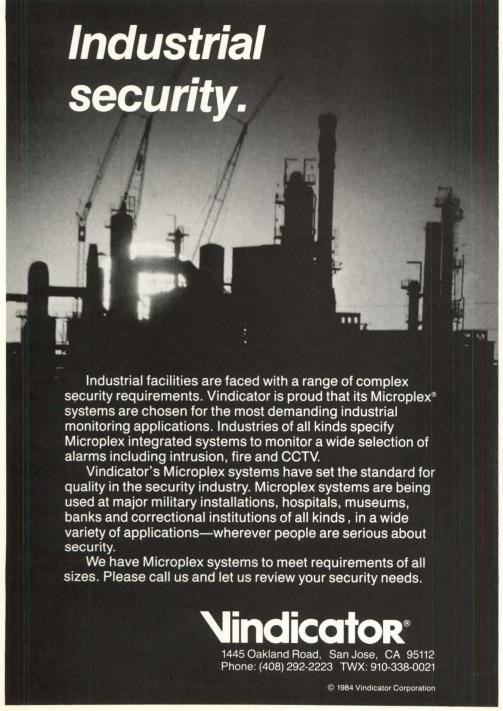


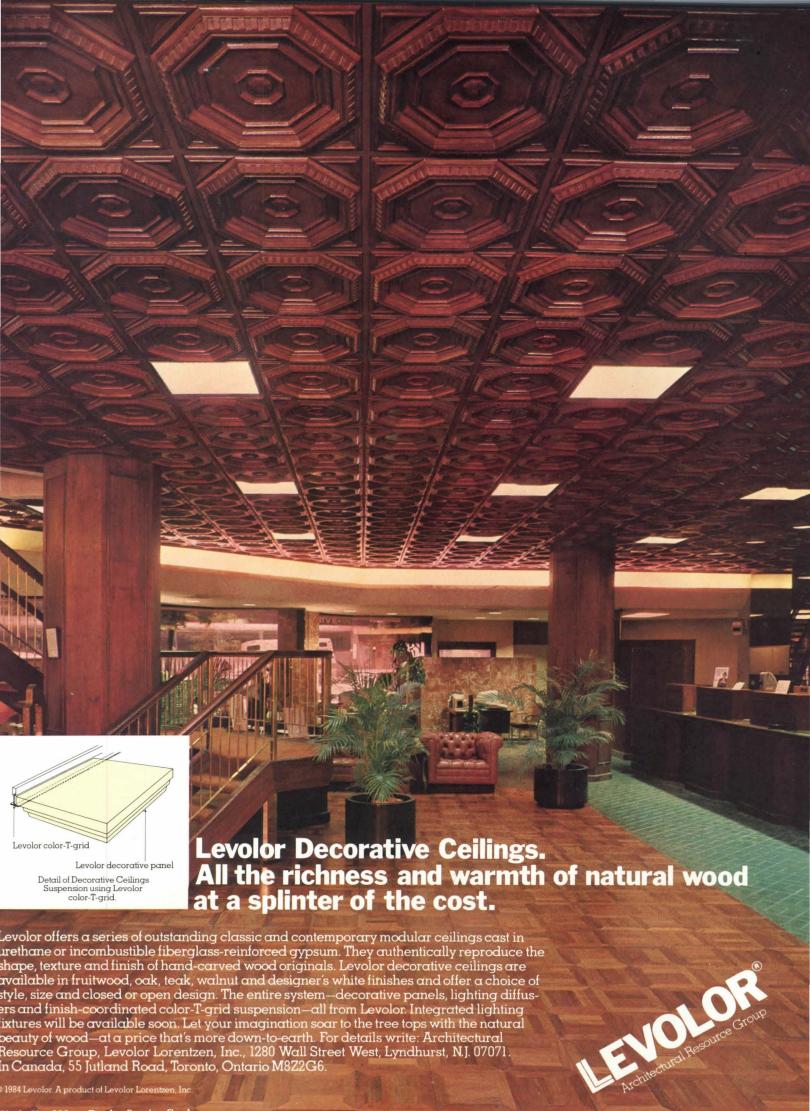
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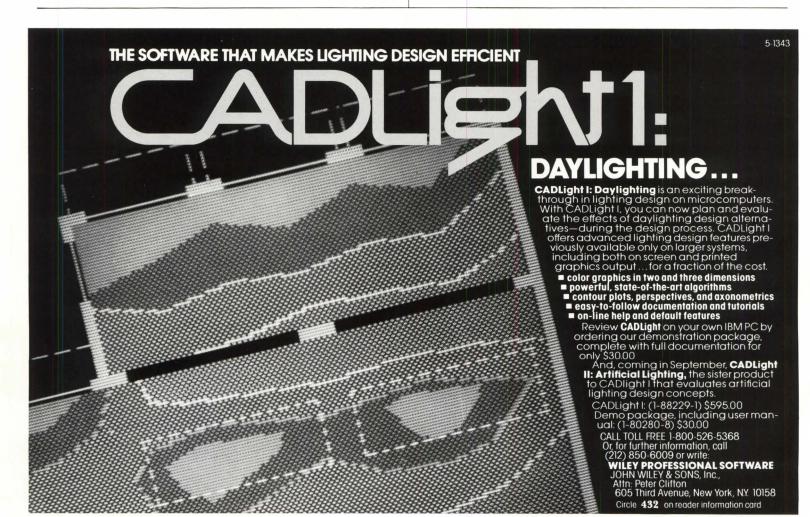
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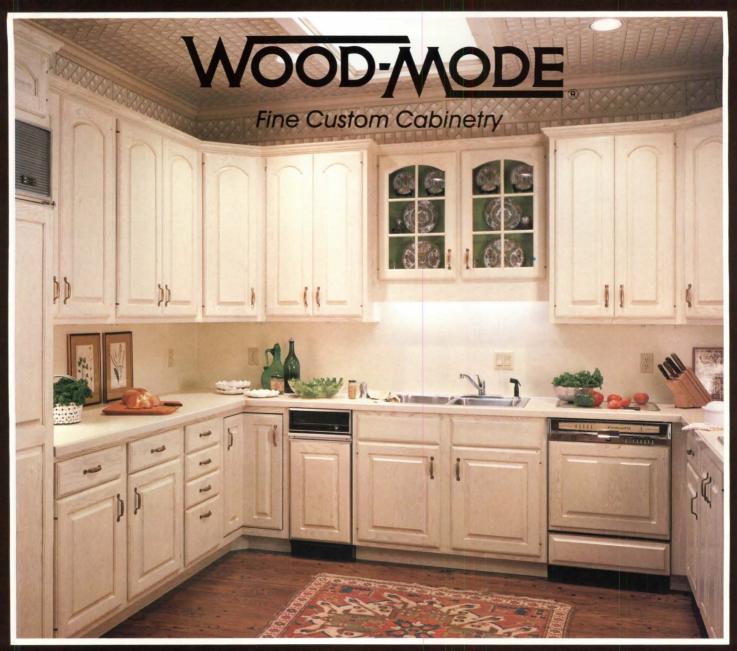


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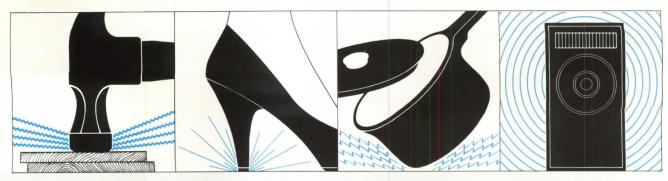
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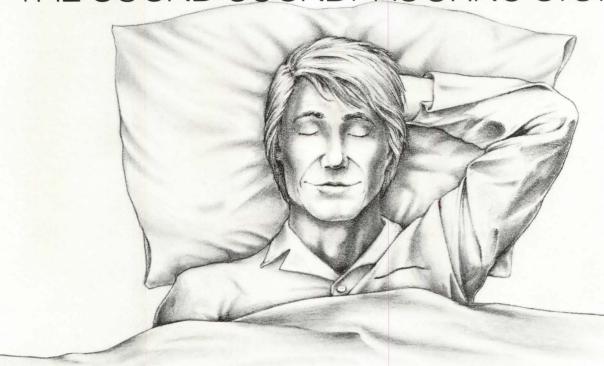


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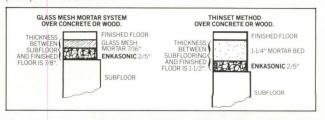
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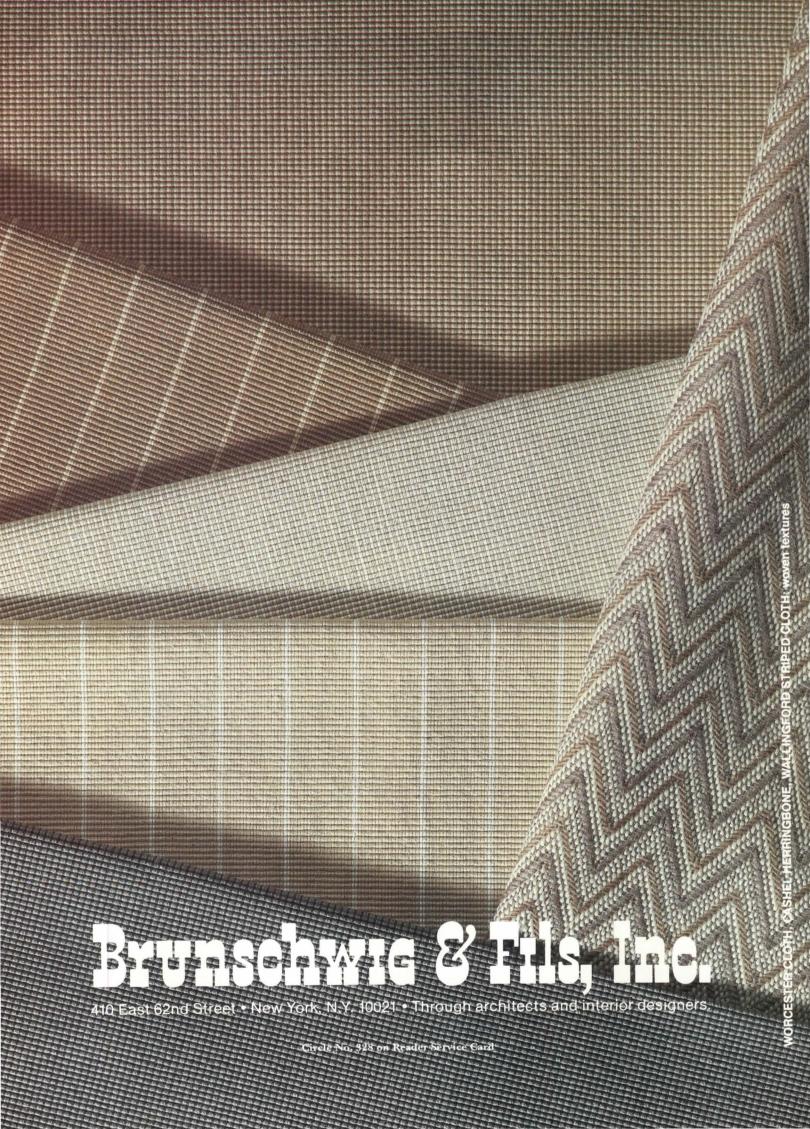
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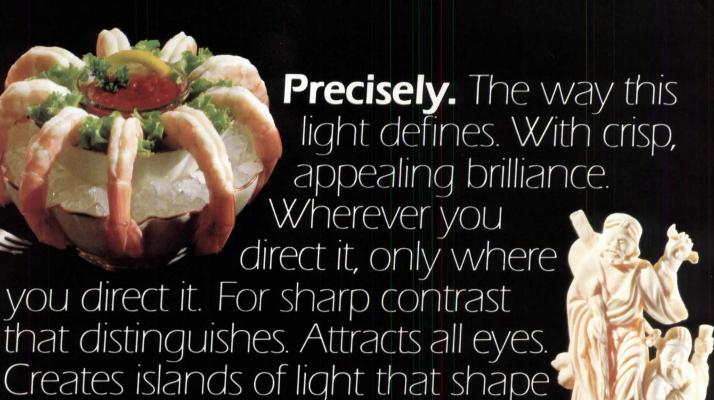
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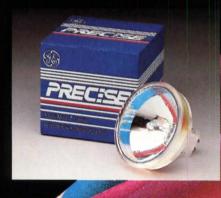
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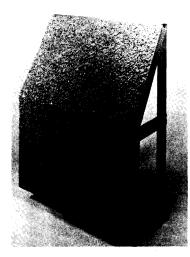


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Tneme-Shield fire-resistant coatings for industrial and commercial use have a UL fire-test listing of one to four hours, based on ASTM E-119 "Fire **Tests of Building Construction** and Materials." Composed of Portland cement, expanded vermiculite, and glass fiber reinforcing, the air-entrained lightweight coating withstands industrial environments. Its hard surface will not flake or deteriorate when subjected to physical abuse typical of parking garages, manufacturing plants, and warehouses. Tnemec Company, Inc.

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Smoke hatches that operate when a fusible link melts are available in two styles. Model FH has either an acrylic dome or a metal lid and heavy-duty torsion springs with a lifting capacity of 5 psf. Model PH is actuated by a nitrogen gas cartridge that operates lifting cylinders exerting an initial force of 1400 pounds. Both models can be operated manually. A remote system is available to operate one or more units from a central station. Bohem Manufacturing Company, Inc.

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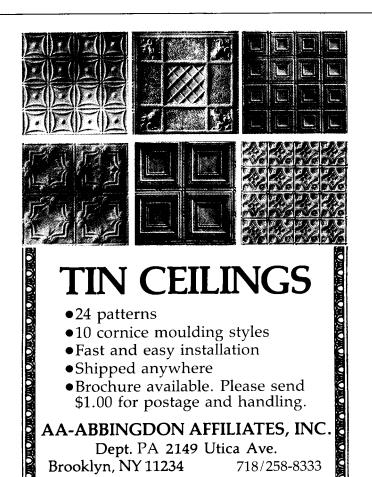
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Flame Test® siding and paneling of fire-resistant hardboard are designed for use in commercial construction where codes require fire-retardant materials. The materials are UL rated as Class I or Class A fire-resistant building materials. Exterior siding and interior paneling are suitable for buildings such as motels, hotels, condominiums, hospitals, nursing homes, and office buildings. A 20-page brochure describes Flame Test and illustrates applications. Charts show designs and finishes available. Masonite Corp., Central Hardboard Div.

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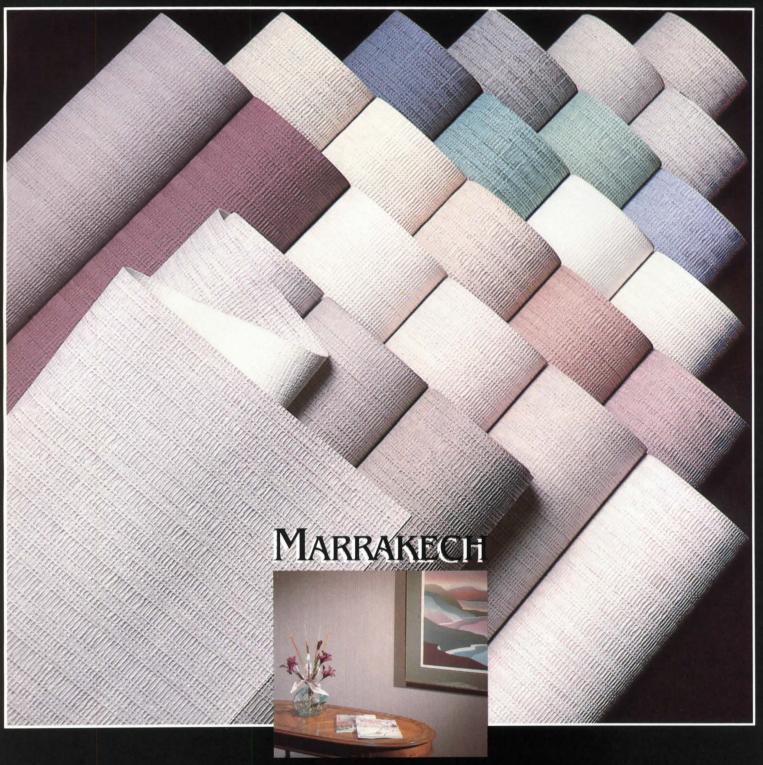
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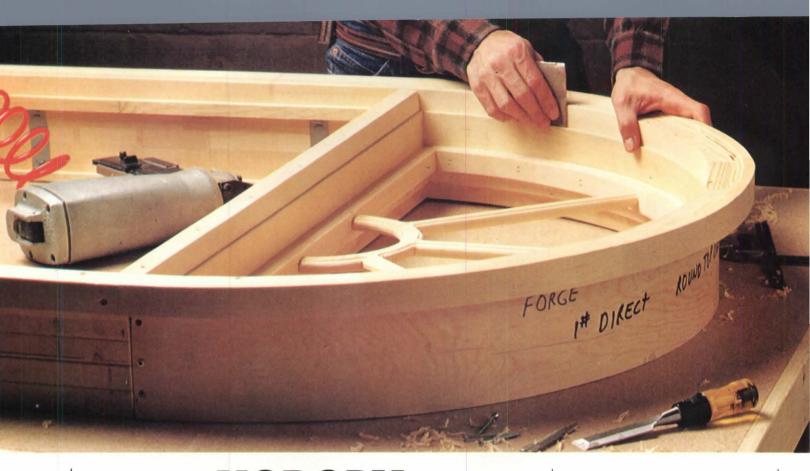


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Formica® fire-rated laminate for interior use has a kraft paper core that contains a fire-retardant chemical to inhibit combustion. It is described in a fourpage brochure that includes tables showing flame spread and smoke generated in Class I, Class II, and Class III fire-rated panel assemblies. The laminate comes in 90 solid colors plus wood grains and patterns. Finishes are suede, with an average gloss value of 6, and matte, with an average gloss value of 12. Formica Corp. Circle 222 on reader service card

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Ultra-Board asbestos-free building board is fire- and water-resistant and easy to work with. It is a suitable replacement for asbestos where fire and moisture resistance are required, and can be used for exterior or interior infill panels, wall linings, ceilings, doors, insulating panels, elevator linings, and fire doors. It is available in four sheet sizes and four thicknesses. BRIT-AM Venture Marketing, Ltd. Circle 206 on reader service card

Flow Control Pendent Sprinklers open and close automatically, according to heat conditions. Although several sprinklers may open at first, once the ceiling temperature is lowered, only those actually needed to extinguish the fire remain open. Automatic closing conserves water, reduces water damage away from the fire, and helps to maintain water pressure where it is needed. Units that have closed automatically reopen in the event of a fire reflash. Central Sprinkler Corp.

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Fire protection equipment brochure describes and illustrates several types of fire extinguishers, signs, blankets, storage cabinets, and brackets. The extinguishers are labeled as to class of fire and include pressurized water, multipurpose dry chemical, carbon dioxide, and halogen. The 12-page brochure includes a chart showing types of fires that can be extinguished by each medium and a table of tank sizes available. J.L. Industries. Circle 224 on reader service card

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Temprite® BlazeMaster® plastics, developed especially for fire sprinkler pipe and fittings, are described in a four-page color brochure. Benefits are said to be superior water delivery, easier installation, simplified design, and weight savings. BFGoodrich Chemical Group. Circle 225 on reader service card [Continued on page 248]

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Stuttgart Museum, James Stirling and Michael Wilford,

The Museum in Stuttgart, by James Stirling and Michael Wilford, will be the subject of the principal feature article in the October P/A. The much-honored Stirling has been working mainly outside of his native Britain recently, and this structure in West Germany is bound to be one of the landmarks of his career. Actually an addition to an old Classical museum building, it dwarfs it in volume, but respects it in form and style, with stone clad wings that conform to the city's established street pattern. At the center, however, the new structure opens up to create a terraced public plaza allowing pedestrian passage across the sloping site. The architects' ingenious planning and eclectic combinations of motifs, materials, and colors deserve careful study.

Two portfolios of design work in progress will also be included in the design features. An update on building projects by Venturi Rauch & Scott Brown will include their new buildings that are transforming the Philadelphia Zoo, their mixeduse urban complex for Baghdad, and their latest addition to the Princeton University campus, a molecular biology building designed with Payette Associates. A second portfolio will show building design by Zaha Hadid, an Iraqi-born architect who works and teaches in London. Her bold and dynamic designs, reminiscent of 1920s Constructivism, won her last year's competition for the Peak in Hong Kong.

Technics: Tile will be the subject of a timely update on this ancient material, noted for its durability and endless ornamental potential. Discussed will be technical developments that allow for more economical production, superior performance, and easier installation.

P/A in November will concentrate on preservation and restoration of world-renowned landmark structures. A Technics feature will take up the extensive and complex subject of coatings.

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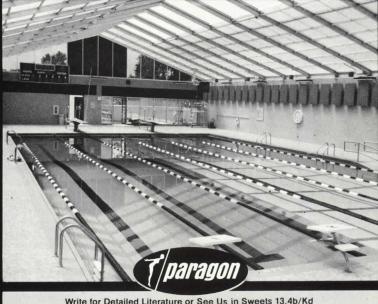
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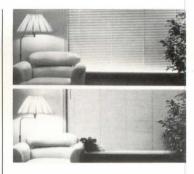


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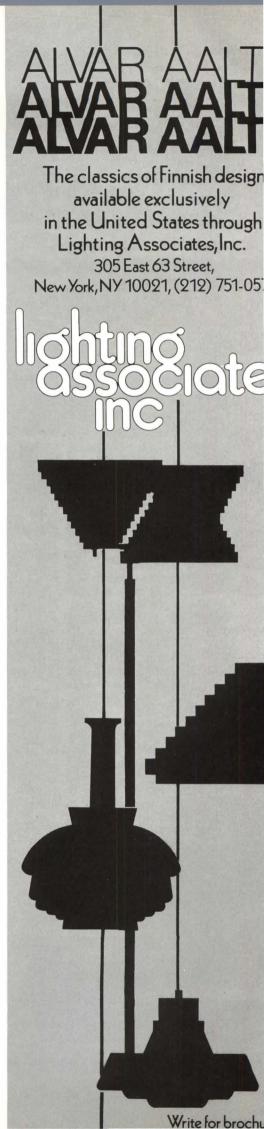
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#### **Building materials**

Major materials suppliers for buildings that are featured this month as they were furnished to P/A by the architects.

Four Parachute shops, Chicago, Bal Harbour, and New York (p. 86). Architect: Harry Parnass Consultants Ltd., Westmount, Quebec. Lighting: Track systems, Targetti, Halo; quartz halogen, Keene. Rubber flooring: Mondo Rubber. False columns: Sonotube. Video monitors: Sony Corporation. Cash registers:



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#### **Building materials**

NCR Corporation. Steel-framed bleachers (SoHo): Adirondack.

Bank of Bavaria, New York (p. 100). Architect: Rivkin/Weisman, Architects, New York. Cherry wood paneling: Pilot Architectural Woodwork. Paint: Benjamin Moore, Fuller O'Brien. Glass block: Forms + Surfaces. Acoustic tile: Armstrong. Linear aluminum ceiling: Alcan. Luminous eggcrate ceilings: Contemporary Ceilings. Carpeting: Clodan. Australian oak floors: Coughlin Wood Floors. Flooring: Nevamar, American Olean, Burke, Mercer, V.P.I. Lighting: Edison Price, Linear Lighting, Prescolite, Alko, Lightolier, C.J. Lighting, Work-O-Lite. Custom lighting: Mark Lighting, Bergan Art Metal. Workstations: LUI, I.C.F., Sunar. Cabinetry: Pilot Architectural Woodwork. Seating: Sunar, Knoll, Dunbar, Falcon. Chairs: Sunar, Donghia, AI, I.C.F., Brickel, Knoll, Brayton, Dancker, and Sellew. Upholstery: Sunar. Kitchen cabinets: St. Charles. Security system: Wells Fargo. Graphics: Letterama. Folding wall: Modernfold. Steel gate: Melto Metal Products.

Formica Corporation show-room, Chicago (p. 106). Architects: Hammond Beeby & Babka Inc., Chicago. Wall, ceiling, and floor surfaces: Formica Corporation. Downlights (existing): Lightolier. Track lights (existing): Thunder & Light. Furniture: 19th-Century cast-iron antiques, Richard Norton, Inc. Canopy drapery: theatrical scrim, Art Drapery Studio Corporation.

Artemide showroom, Milan, Italy (p. 110). Architects: Vignelli Associates, New York. Surfacing material: Formica Colorcore. Ceiling: Magnagrid by Intalite. Floor surfacing: original black granite. Lighting: Artemide. Seating: Artemide.

Salle loft, New York (p. 120). Architect: CH Design, New York. Lighting: Altalite, Lightolier. Vinyl tile: Flexco. Kitchen cabinets: Formica. Aluminum and glass sliding doors: Kawneer. Bathroom fixtures: American-Standard, Ariete, Speakman. Glass tile: Murano. Fireplace: Ember Box.

Architects' offices, Vancouver, B.C. (p. 124). Architects: A.A. Robins & E.H. Cavanagh, Vancouver, B.C. Paint: General Paint. Shelving section: Handy-Angle. Boom lamp: BAZZ Inc. Wire glass: PPG. Chairs: Majis. [Continued on page 253]

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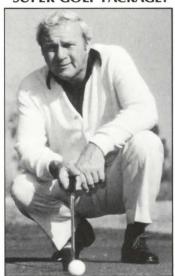
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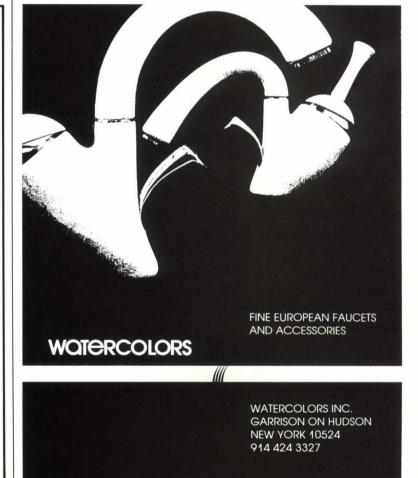
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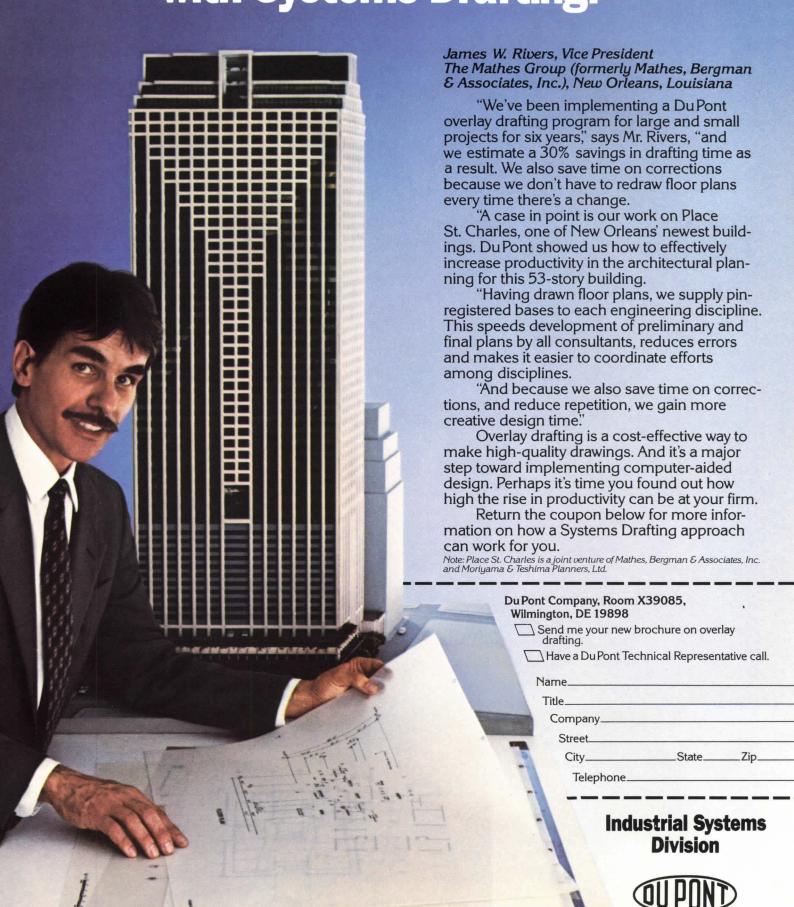
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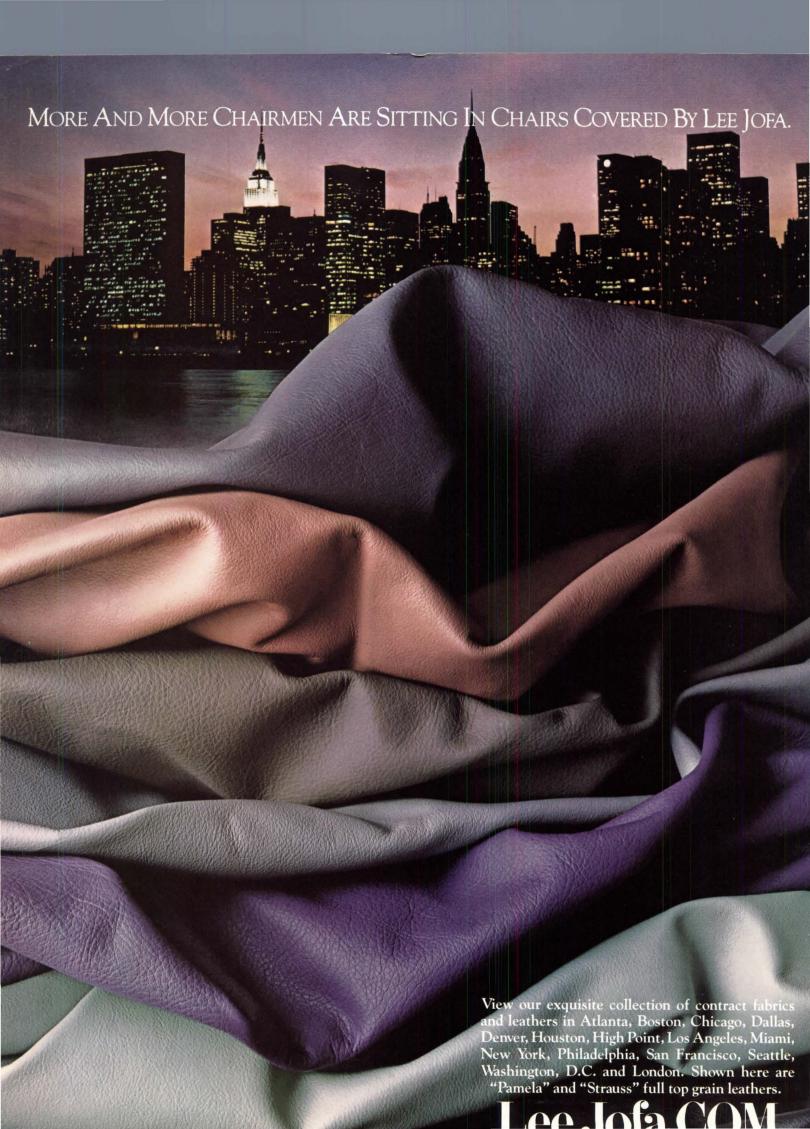
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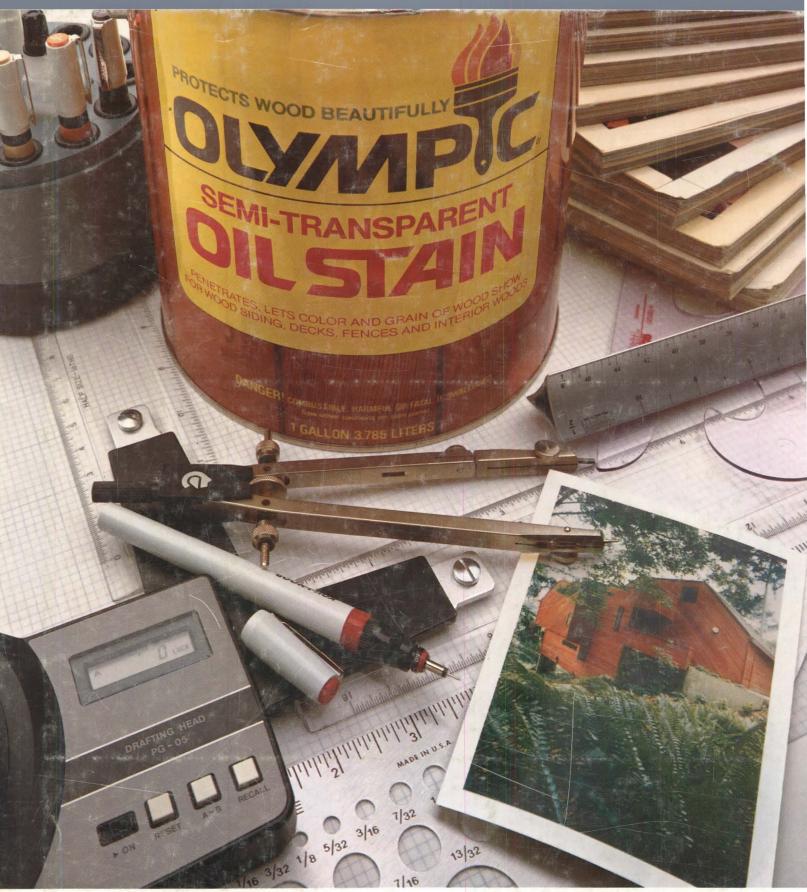


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