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"PROMINENT enough to be featured in Progressive Architecture": That is how the main character of Donald Barthelme's new novel Paradise was described by Michiko Kakutani in her New York Times book review (Oct. 22, 1986). Of course, I was eager to read this book, all the more so since I had often enjoyed the author's books and stories. As the son of a respected Houston architect (also named Donald Barthelme), the writer occasionally drops knowing comments about architecture into his works.

The plot of Paradise is simple: A Philadelphia architect, following the break-up of his marriage, moves to a loft in Manhattan, which he is soon sharing with three attractive, bright young women who are just doing odd jobs while deciding where to go next. The situation ought to be a macho male's dream come true—the source of the title—but it doesn't seem to excite any of the characters much. It's not that Simon is too old at 53 to share physical pleasures with all of them (a point I appreciated, since that is just my age), but they go about it with a certain indifference. Eventually, the three young women move on.

What does Barthelme reveal along the way about architects? The few direct observations sound remarkably familiar. When one of his young friends asks, "Do architects make a lot of money?" he says you can do well or go broke; "The more time you put into a job, the less money you make. My partners kept me solvent."

And what about other career satisfactions—the subject of this month's P/A Reader Poll report (p. 15)? "Simon, you're famous!" Veronica says. She is waving a copy of Progressive Architecture. "The subject is a work of his that cost "four million something." When she probes "What's it feel like to be famous?" he laconically replies "Feels very much like not being famous." Like many respondents to our poll, Simon gets more satisfaction from his own reactions to the work, and his clients', than from wider recognition.

Aside from the few direct references to his career, the main function of Simon's profession in this book is as a source for name-dropping: Kahn, Venturi, Pei, Schinkel, and Knoll are mentioned more or less as passwords to a club, contributing nothing more to the novel.

The most read-about architect of the past year is not a fictional creation, but William Rawn, the architect of the House in Tracy Kidder's best-selling book of the same name. This is one of those many current nonfiction works where the events read like fiction: How, we wonder, does the author record the intimate conversations and personal thoughts of these people without inventing some of the material?

In this detailed saga of single-family house construction, the architect comes off as very earnest and totally absorbed in his work. He is a dreamer, beset by realities such as deadlines and budgets. In House, we get details galore: Kidder traces the history of some lumber from the forest to the house's rafters and explains the subject of Rawn's Masters thesis and what places turn him on; we read that he risked arrest by climbing over Barcelona rooftops to get better views of Gaudi landmarks.

Rawn is by no means your typical architect, but he represents a type we may be hearing more from. He came to architecture after a liberal arts degree, a law degree and some practice, a university facilities planning position, then architecture school and four years at Davis Brody & Associates in New York. He is hence a person of rounded experience when he designs his very first work on his own—this house—a step that nevertheless involves some clammy-handed anxiety. Today, four years later, Rawn has employees and has begun to see other projects completed (some of which happen to be shown in this issue, page 89).

So there we have two architects of the year 1986—one burned out and half-heartedly trying hedonism, the other launching his career with single-mindedness and intellectual resources to spare. I neglected to mention that toward the end of his book Simon had set up a makeshift drafting table and was taking on modest assignments. Maybe real architects just prefer drawing to all that physical stuff.

The architect of popular perception is no longer the heroic misfit of Ayn Rand's The Fountainhead, but he (not she, yet) is nonetheless a loner, adapting to this world only with great effort.
Information Innovation
What a great way to start the New Year!
Your redefinition of the role of the magazine (P/A, Dec. 1986, p. 9) is both progressive and informative.
Of course I was struck by an issue about architecture which was all words and graphics with no pictures. But magazines are all about information, and so much of architecture is a connection between verbal and visual images that your December issue seems the proper way to clear the air at the end of this year.
Professional goals could well benefit from such definition and discussion.
Congratulations for your contribution to that effort.
Hugh Hardy, FAIA
Hardy Holzman Pfeiffer Associates
New York, N.Y.

Environmental Educators
Robert Shibley's article on research in the December 1986 issue (p. 49) contained a word omission in the name of one of the grassroots offspring of the step-child field, architectural research. (Check the genealogy of that metaphor.) The national group of educators who are concerned with teaching and research of energy and environmental forces (thermal, acoustical, luminous, water) in architecture is known as The Society of Building Science Educators. It is no wonder that without a proper name, you were unable to classify us in your extensive "Information Sources" article. You could list us under Practice: Education; Design Considerations: Climate and Daylighting; and Special Interest: Energy Conservation. I am the current chair and serve as the organizational contact.
Bruce Haglund
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Architects, by Definition
Mr. William Krisel's letter regarding the use of the term "Architect" by P/A and other magazines (Nov. 1986, p. 11) raises an important issue. I support the use of a broader definition of Architect by the architectural press as one who designs buildings or one who plans and achieves a difficult objective.
I am little concerned with the legal distinctions of the term Architect as I believe they do very little to protect the public. After all, my non-licensed counterpart uses the same building, handicap, energy, etc. codes as I do. While I would agree with Mr. Krisel that the esteem of architects has fallen in recent years, this is not the result of an influx of non-licensed practitioners or their recognition in the press, but rather to the profession's general indifference to providing a service which addresses the needs of the public.
The solution to this problem, as Mr. Krisel implies, does not lie in passing more protectionist laws or in limiting the definition of "Architect" because in the end, as the saying goes, you get what you pay for.
Richard A. Benson
Architect
Roland Miller Associates
Santa Rosa, Calif.

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The conferences listed under the Lighting Research Institute conferences should have appeared as independent entries. International Lighting Show, (took place in Jan).
Lighting World, May 11–13, Jacob K. Javits Center, New York (contact National Expositions Co, New York) (p. 90, Lighting, Conferences)
Association of Student Chapters/AIA, corrected name: The American Institute of Architecture Students (p. 63, Educational Organizations)
Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, corrected address: 72 Lyme Road, Hanover, NH 03755-1290 (p. 76, Design Considerations, Climate, Associations)
Taunton Press, corrected address: The Taunton Press, PO Box 355, 63 S. Main St., Newtown, CT 06470 (p. 96, Media, Book Publishers)
Partners for Livable Places, additional information: database available on the Design and Visual Arts Program grants of the National Endowment for the Arts (p. 84, Urban Design and Planning)
Society of Environmental Graphic Designers, 47 Third St., Cambridge, MA 02141, (617) 577-8225
Conferences: Aug 6–8, Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Regional meetings also held.
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Additional information: maintains library and plans educational programs (p. 83, Graphic Design)

Canadian Society of Landscape Architects, PO Box 870, Station B, Ottawa, ON K1P 5P9, Canada (613) 232-6342.
FAC-TV and FOCUS catalogs list additional titles on specific gardens. Correct cross reference is Historic Preservation, Audio Visuals (p. 79). The correct address for FAC-TV is FACT/USA, 491 Broadway, 11th Floor, New York, NY 10012 (212) 966-0718 (p. 84, Landscape Architecture, Audiovisuals).

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The first two P/A Reader Polls found considerable dissatisfaction with compensation and worry over liability within the profession. This third poll looks at how those and other issues affect architects' satisfaction with their careers.

Of the readers who responded to this third P/A Reader Poll, 82 percent would still choose architecture as their career if they had to make that decision over again. Such a high percentage is encouraging, considering the profession's financial and liability troubles, but it should not be taken at face value. As the responses to this poll show, there are many aspects of an architectural career that even the most enthusiastic would change. That number also shouldn't overshadow the 18 percent who would not choose architecture again if given the chance. Their disenchantment, which should concern everyone in the profession, is not without reason nor possible remedy—as the following analyses show.

Who Responded (Figures 1, 2)
As in the first two polls, this poll received the greatest response (77 percent) from people in architecture or architecture and engineering firms. Also, like the other polls, this one had the most responses (49 percent) from people in firms with less than ten employees.

The positions of the people who responded to this poll differed markedly from those involved in the last poll on liability. While 84 percent of the responses to that poll came from owners or principals of firms, this one garnered a majority of responses from staff architects and project managers and from architects in mid-career. As we will see, such people also have the greatest dissatisfaction with the profession.

The last poll on liability also received less than 900 responses. This one drew over 2000 replies, suggesting to Morris & Morrison, consultants for these polls, "that career satisfaction is an issue which is far more pertinent to a majority of P/A readers."

Career Decisions (Figures 3, 4)
While 82 percent of our readers would choose architecture again as a career, not everyone would do so with the same enthusiasm. Owners and principals of firms were much more likely than staff architects or project managers to choose an architectural career again without hesitation. The same was true of architects in the profession for over 20 years compared with those in it for less than three years (59 versus 46 percent).

That "a large population of architects are not completely satisfied with the profession," observe the Morrisons, "may be due to many factors, not the least of which (may be the) widespread dissatisfaction with the financial rewards and compensation levels of the field."

Whatever misgivings some architects might have about their decision to enter the profession, most made their decision early on in life. Over a quarter (27 percent) decided to become architects before entering high school; another 42 percent decided during their high school years. The only significant variation occurred between males and females. Males were far more likely to decide upon an architectural career before entering high school (30 percent versus 10 percent of the females), while females are far more likely to do so during and after college (51 percent versus 27 percent of the males). That pattern may change, however, as architecture becomes a less male-dominated profession.

Hindsight (Figures 5, 6)
When asked whether they would have been more successful had their education better prepared them for practice, 56 percent of our readers agreed.

Differences in age had little effect on people's responses, suggesting that, as the Morrisons observe, "the quality and nature of architectural education may not have changed significantly over the years."

The variations in responses depended, instead, upon the type of job and the type of firm
people worked for. Designers and draftspersons, for example, were somewhat more likely to have wanted a practice-oriented education than the owners and principals of firms (62 versus 55 percent). And architects working for design firms or for institutions or governments were somewhat more critical of their education than the owners and principals of firms (79 versus 63 percent). Among those who were unhappy about noncreative assignments, however, 51 percent still felt that many firms may be poorly staffed in relation to the output of work required.

Personal rewards (Figure 8) What rewards offset the sacrifices? The most important for our readers, by far, was seeing their concepts realized as buildings. Financial rewards were mentioned in only 22 percent of the replies.

Once again, people's roles and the types of firms they worked for affected their responses. Older architects and those who owned or were principals of firms valued working with clients more than younger designers and draftspersons, a reflection, no doubt, of the amount of contact and facility with clients each group has. Architects in institutions and governments valued working with clients and financial success considerably more than their colleagues in architecture and design firms, who placed more weight upon being offered challenging commissions and getting recognition for their work. Another difference occurred between males and females. Males found financial success a more important reward than females (23 versus 14 percent) while females found collaborating with their colleagues more rewarding than males (21 versus 10 percent).

Measuring Success (Figure 9) What readers found personally rewarding and a measure of their success were not always the same. Personal reputation, for example, came out on top as a measure of success, even though getting recognition for their work was rated fourth as a reward. The closer a person's connection to something, the more it was valued as a measure of success. Client satisfaction and breadth of experience rated highly; a firm's reputation or public satisfaction rated rather low.

The Morrisons note that "the highest rated measures of success—personal reputation and client satisfaction—are built privately and rather quietly. However, these word of mouth communications are certainly not the most efficient or effective means of marketing a business. To this point, we believe that architects underestimate the importance of public recognition of their work." They also see, in the discrepancy between personal finances as a measure of success and as a personal reward, "the serious dilemma the profession has with its current levels of compensation. Given this dissonance between desires to achieve personal wealth and the realities of the professional's market value, it is easy to understand why the most commonly employed measures of career success (reputation, client satisfaction, experience) are not financially based."

Career Paths (Figures 10, 11, 12) Another aspect of architecture that sets it off from other professions is the value architects place upon a generalist practice. Eighty-two percent of our readers advocate that people entering the profession not specialize. While the differences were slight, architects who had been in practice the longest, who were in larger firms, or who were principals placed somewhat more emphasis on specialization than their younger colleagues in small firms.

Reinforcing the widespread support for a generalist practice were the responses favoring small firms as the best place for people entering the profession to begin their career. While 42 percent of the architects in small firms favored such an environ-
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ment, so did 43 percent of those in medium sized firms and 30 percent in large firms. Only 8 percent of the architects in large firms thought that theirs was a place for beginning professionals.

The career path that a majority of readers (84 percent) saw as leading to the greatest financial gain was management. Design was mentioned in only 11 percent of the responses; and production, in only 5 percent. It's worth noting, however, that of those who saw design as the best path to follow, owners and principals—the people most responsible for promotions—represented the largest group (14 percent).

The Morisons conclude from the data that "with such strong advice from current practitioners that the management career path leads to the greatest financial gain, it raises the question 'who will do the work?'... A solution may lie only in a profession-wide restructuring of current compensation levels."

Job Changes (Figures 13, 14)
The data showed that people under three years in the profession will change jobs, on average, 2 or 3 times. Architects with more than 4 years' experience will usually switch firms 2 more times, for a career average of 5 job changes. Those averages hold true, regardless of the type of firm or position of the architects.

Because architects change jobs so frequently, we asked our readers whether they saw that action as a way of getting ahead in the profession. Fifty-eight percent disagreed; 48 percent agreed. It is not surprising that owners and principals least favored job-hopping, since they are usually left with the responsibility of filling the vacant positions. The data also show that architects working in institutions and governments saw greater value in changing jobs frequently than architects working in architectural firms (56 versus 40 percent). The most telling figures, though, came from architects who had changed jobs at least 6 times in their careers. A majority (63 percent) thought that it was the best way of getting ahead, compared with only 25 percent of those who had worked for 1 or 2 firms. That suggests that, for a sizeable number of architects, job-hopping was an intentional strategy to advance their careers.

The Morisons add that, while a slight majority of "architects feel that excessive job-hopping is not conducive to career advancement... one must also avoid a tendency toward inertia. Three to five firm changes, the average reported for this poll, seems to be a generally acceptable practice and is not considered to be 'frequent.'"

Retaining employees (Figure 15)
When we asked readers from all types of positions what they thought was the most effective way for owners to retain employees, 55 percent advocated increasing compensation. After that came giving employees more control, responsibility, and variety. Staff architects and project managers placed much more importance upon increasing compensation than owners and principals (59 and 57 percent versus 49 percent). Owners, on the other hand, were more likely to favor offering equity in the firm (29 percent), possibly because that is something within their power to control. Other differences also emerge from the data. Male architects and those longer in the profession were more likely to want equity in a firm while female architects and those new to the profession were more likely to want more say over their work, broader experiences.

The Morisons conclude from these results that when architects switch firms, "young people are seeking an environment where they can control their own work; mid-career architects, higher salaries; and mature architects, a larger degree of responsibility. If an architectural firm desires to retain its best employees, it must address that person's needs based on his priorities in his career cycle."

Conclusions
What conclusions can be drawn from this poll? It's clear that a sizeable number of architects are satisfied with their careers and get considerable reward—albeit at some sacrifice of their personal life—from seeing their work built from satisfying the needs of clients. The most satisfied group were older architects and those who own or who are principals of firms. Where this group showed dissatisfaction was in areas such as the frequent job-hopping of their employees. Mid-career staff architects and project managers had the greatest dissatisfaction with the profession and were the most frustrated by the low levels of compensation. The youngest architects were somewhere between the other two groups. They also were, by far, the most idealistic. When dissatisfaction emerged from this group, it usually revolved around questions of gaining more control, more responsibility, and more varied experiences.

What seems to unite the profession, then, is a strongly shared set of rewards and measures of success. But as this poll showed, beneath that common culture are some dramatically different needs and expectations defined largely by the age and position of architects. Owners and principals, the most satisfied group, also are the people most able to respond to and remedy the dissatisfaction. To them belongs, not only praise for the 82 percent of the profession who are happy with their choice of a career, but also responsibility for the 18 percent who are not. Thomas Fisher

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Carnegie Hall Reopens

When New York's famous but sadly worn Carnegie Hall closed for intensive renovation of its main spaces last May, the primary concern was that it retain the quality upon which its reputation was founded—the Main Hall's superlative acoustics.

When the hall reopened on December 15th—with a gala event that included Zubin Mehta and the New York Philharmonic as well as Frank Sinatra and Liza Minnelli—New Yorkers found not only that the acoustics had scarcely been altered, according to early reports by the music critics, but that the building's comfort and elegance had been improved significantly.

The intelligent renovation of the 95-year-old building (original architect: W.B. Tuthill) was executed in the remarkably short 28-week period by architect James Stewart Polshek & Partners, acoustician Abraham Melzer, and construction managers Tishman Construction Corporation. Polshek had prepared the renovation master plan in the early 1980s and redesigned the building's recital hall lobby, which opened in 1983. The latest phase of the work included renovation of the recital hall itself and reorganization of the backstage spaces, as well as refurbish-

The controversial Orsay Museum has earned praise and censure for its eclectic art and architecture. See critique, p. 35.

Commentary: Codex Corporation

Proclaiming its new home an ecological paradise and a preservation feat, the Codex Corporation moved into the headquarters designed by Boston architects Koetter & Kim last fall.

Plans of this telecommunications corporation, a division of Motorola, for the 55-acre Prowse Farm formed the Boston area's most controversial environmental event of the early 1980s. When the company staged a design competition juried by the likes of Jaquelin Robertson to "select a building suited to the pastoral site," environmentalists argued that the company was, in fact, depriving the public of a view of the Blue Hills. While the architects claimed they were building "a contemporary office facility designed in the tradition of New England," nearby residents protested the loss of that

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Daylighting and Design

"The sun never knew how great it is until it struck the side of a building." With that Louis Kahn quote, Charles Moore opened the Second International Daylighting Conference in Long Beach, Calif. The first day of the conference featured Charles Moore, Henning Larsen, Joseph Esherick, Raphael Moneo, and Barton Myers discussing the use of natural light in their work.

Their differences were more striking than their similarities. Joseph Esherick, for instance, takes an intuitive approach to the study of daylighting, rarely using models, while Henning Larsen deals with the problem in a more systematic way, building study models and making lighting calculations. Charles Moore often obscures the source of natural light in his buildings, creating a mysterious quality not unlike that in the Baroque churches he so admires. Raphael Moneo, in contrast, uses daylight to define and clarify space.

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Pencil Points

Benjamin Thompson & Associates, Boston, has been chosen to receive the AIA's 1987 Architectural Firm Award. This year's Jury on Institute Honors, chaired by New York architect Lewis Davis, praised in particular BT'A's Quincy Market in Boston, one of the earliest of a generation of urban marketplaces, which "gave new and spectacular impetus to a faltering tradition of adaption and rehabilitation." BTA is currently directing the renovation of Union Station in Washington, D.C.

J. Max Bond Jr., New York architect and dean of the architecture school at City College of New York, will receive the AIA's Institute Honors, chaired by New York Institute of Technology's Quincy Market architect Miguel Roça (P/A, Aug. 1985, pp. 75–80) will direct a studio assigned to transform major urban spaces for the games. A second studio will convert the U.S. Army's Fort Ben Harrison into an athletes' village.

Ball State University students and faculty are acting as the urban and venue design team for the Tenth Pan American Games, to be held in Indianapolis in July. For information contact the UIA Congress Secretariat, 72 Fielding Rd., Chiswick, London W4 1DB, UK.

Baltimore competition

Carnegie Hall lobby, before.

Carnegie (continued from page 23) ing the main hall, lobby, and exterior.

In the main hall, the most dramatic change is its domed ceiling, which had been punctured years back for a movie set, was restored and the camouflage curtain removed, so that an even greater intimacy now exists between stage and audience. The sense of the stage as an elegant niche at the front of the hall is reinforced by the decorative treatment. Throughout the hall, the walls are a creamier white than previously, and the gilt picked out on parts of the restored ornamentation of plaster (not precast, as planned at one stage) delicately unifies the ensemble. Red, considered the building's signature color, is used for the plush new seating. The scheme, it should be noted, was devised on decorative grounds, not historical ones, as the hall had undergone wild shifts in color treatment over its life. Seat positions have been changed slightly in the hall, resulting in a dozen more seats overall while eliminating those with worst sight lines. A new and exceptionally quiet distribution system for air conditioning was introduced with special care so not to puncture the hall's envelope; new acoustic entrance doors were installed, and new lighting, notably in a somewhat awkward "tiara" over the stage, has been added as transparently, acoustically, as possible. The hall's few dead spots have apparently been livened, and subway and street noise reduced, if not eliminated.

The new wood floor has attracted the doubts of some music critics, who suspect that it is less resilient than the old floor. Although several critics describe the new sound as "brighter" than before, their judgments, so far, have been tentative.

The lobby has undergone more drastic changes. Before, it was a shallow and inconvenient space with too many conflicting circulation paths. Now, the floor has been lowered to street level, eliminating the front stairs and allowing space to be retrieved for box offices at the rear, under the new parterre landing. Stairs on either side of the lobby now lead to the parterre level and beyond. An entirely new decorative scheme has been devised for the lobby, with twin pilasters around the space based, says project architect Tyler Donaldson, on Vignola's Corinthian Order, and with materials derived from those used around the building, notably a red granite similar to that on the exterior. Unfortunately, the decorative scheme is not the lobby's strong point. The color combination—red and black, gray and white—is not well balanced. Some elements, the twin pilasters, for example, are stilled; others, such as the lamp standards and overused metal grids for balcony railings and grills, are jarring. Surprisingly, despite these rather graceless appointments, pleasant proportions and usefulness of the new space are paramount.

The northwest corner of the exterior had been altered over the years by shop fronts. These have been removed and, in keeping with the building's landmark status, the architects replicated the original form. The canopy, however, is an entirely new invention, as there were many different versions over the years, none totally successful. This one, which covers all five entrance bays, has backlit frosted glass in a gridded configuration, reminiscent of late 19th-Century New York canopies.

As Donaldson says, "All we hoped was that people would breathe a sigh of relief that Carnegie Hall is the same; but nicer." It is. Susan Doublet

Coldspring Competition

Fifteen years ago the first 252 units of Coldspring New Town opened in Baltimore. Designed by Moshe Safdie & Associates, the Coldspring plan packed a projected population of 12,000 people in 3700 condominiums stacked atop parking and accessed by pedestrian decks.

Now the City of Baltimore proposes to complete Coldspring, but not according to the Safdie plan. Instead, under the direction of professional advisor John W. Hill, the City sponsored a design competition for a master plan encompassing 1000 new units at Coldspring and the adjacent Gylburn Arboretum and Botanical Gardens.

This unusual mix of public park and private housing is well served in the winning scheme by Schwartz-Kinnard Architects of Princeton, N.J. (Kenneth A. Schwartz & Judith A. Kinnard, team leaders; John Easter, project assistant). The architects, selected from a field of 36 contestants, also won first prize in last year's Hillside Housing Competition in Cincinnati.

The City was generous with prize money, awarding a $20,000 first prize; $10,000 second prize; given the team of Warren Byrd, Bethany Christenson, Susan Nelson, Neal Payton and Tim Love of Charlottesville, Va.; $5,000 merit award given the team of Thomas A. Spain, Frank Martinez, and Juan Caruncho; and 4 honorable mentions of $2,000 each. There is however no guarantee that the winning scheme will be implemented, or that the winning architects will be awarded whatever commissions emerge from this study period—caveats which, when combined with the difficulty of the program, may account for the small number of submissions.

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Aga Khan (continued from page 23)

Aga Khan Awards: Dar Lamane Housing, Casablanca, Morocco.

Aga Khan (StariGrad Mostar, conservator) and the restoration of al-Aqsa Mosque, Jerusalem (Isam Awwad, resident architect, and the International Center for the Conservation and Restoration of Monuments, conservators). The Dar Lamane Housing Community, Casablanca (Abderrahim Charai and Abdelaziz Lazrak, architects) won in the category of social housing. Three projects were selected for “excellence in contemporary architectural expression,” including the Social Security Complex in Istanbul (Seddad Hakki Eldem, architect); Yaama Mosque, Tahoua, Niger (Falke Barmou, master mason); and Bhong Mosque, RahimYar Khan, Pakistan (Rais Ghazi Mohammad, patron/designer).

In addition, five projects received honorable mentions: Shushtar New Town, Iran; Sa‘id Naum Mosque, Jakarta; Kampung Kebalen infrastructure improvement program, Surabaya, Indonesia; urban development and housing projects, Ismailiya, Egypt; and Historic Sites Development (including parks and houses), Istanbul.

Iraqi architect Rifat Chadirji received the second Chairman’s Award for “a lifetime dedicated to the search for a meaningful architecture that combines contemporaneity with cultural authenticity.”

Recognizing the inevitable debate that would surround any search for an architecture in the spirit of Islam, the 1986 Steering Committee stated that “at no time has the Award tried to endorse a particular ‘style,’ nor has it taken a position on an ideological plane.” The jury itself remained divided on precisely this point, with two jurors issuing dissenting opinions. Austrian architect Hans Hollein objected to the exclusion of Louis Kahn’s Sher-E-Bangla Nagar Capital Complex in Dacca, Bangladesh (P/A, Dec. 1984, pp. 56-67) which he claimed was “voted out because of a constant bias of the majority of the jury.” (The jury concluded that the Capitol Complex has not been fully tested socially and functionally, and urged that it be reassessed by the next jury, after forthcoming parliament elections.) A second dissenting juror, Mehmet Doruk Pamir, criticized a “romantic bias toward traditionalism, historicism, and the vernacular.”

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On New Year’s Eve, Boston architects shared their vision of the future with Boston residents in a unique outdoor installation. Each New Year’s Eve, Boston hosts “First Night,” a multimedia celebration with outdoor exhibits, theater, music, and dance. This year, the Boston Society of Architects and the Oasis Studio, a collective of artists and architects, joined the celebration with a piazza of fanciful, and sometimes serious and natural façades on Boston Common entitled “Boston 2076.”

The one-night event, which culminated more than six months of preparation on the part of 16 architecture firms and other individuals, took on a festive, carnival character as more than 250,000 people flooded the piazza, exploring an architectural collage of post-nuclear holocaust, high-tech, low-tech, and no-tech façades of the future. Composer Caleb Sampson contributed a sound installation, Image Engineering a laser display, and Oasis Studio a 40-foot tower.

The event was organized by five architects and artists including Greg Beck, Pratap Patrose, Christine Carlyle, Elizabeth Mitchell, and Ursula Beck. Patrose described the purpose of Boston future architecture as “exploring ideas about highlighting architecture as a temporal experience.”

Project director Greg Beck noted that “Boston 2076 represents an unusual collaboration between the construction and architectural communities.” The project was supported by many individuals, contractors, labor unions, the MIT Council for the Arts, and the City of Boston. Enthusiastic architects in Boston are already wondering about plans for next year’s First Night.

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Other finalists included MIT graduate Navroz Dabu, Syracuse University Student Allison Cross, and Sheila Danko, an Assistant Professor in the Design & Environmental Analysis Department of Cornell University.

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Codex headquarters, exterior (top) and atrium.

Codex (continued from page 23) same legacy.

The conflict deserves mention now because attempts by designers and client to mollify environmentalists only contribute to a lack of integration in the final product. One approaches Codex along a manicured road past the former farmscape, now scrubbed so pure and pristine that it resembles the antiseptic museum villages of Sturbridge or Mystic Seaport. The headquarters building itself, flanked by two freshmade ponds and parking for 800, has this same sense of staginess or contrivance. While often assured and even elegant inside, Codex's exterior uses abundant, even frenetic detailing to less avail. Though not offensive, the facade's varied window treatments—here recessed, there projecting, multimullioned or simple, large or small—make a rather cluttered or cute collection for so large a building. Similarly, landscape architect Laurie Olin's extensive horticulture, designed to hide the building, contributes to the stiffness of the surroundings. Lip service is paid to the New England tradition of stone walls and ponds, which have the same stilted air.

Inside, in a private realm that needs no apologies, the architects create a suave and elegant ambience of a more congenial nature. God, not to mention Mammon, is in these details. Mahogany flooring alternates with gray rugs. Lustrous lighting, well-placed columns, and central lightwells break down the space. Amenities, from four austere “quiet rooms,” to especially appealing dining rooms, to executive offices replete with parquet floors and outside patios, are lush and lovely.

Despite 200 palms and a gazebo, the 40' x 60' courtyard at the heart of the headquarters suffers from the same artificiality and overkill that mar the building's exterior. Beneath the trussed glass roof, the indoor-outdoor space is too grandiose to allow for comfort, too pompous to permit more than an intellectual understanding of the wit of a house (the gazebo) within a house (the courtyard) within a house (the building).

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Daylighting (continued from page 27)

The first day also marked the beginning of a debate that lasted throughout the conference. As Harrison Fraker of the University of Minnesota asked, “Why are some architects able to design, without much knowledge of the technical aspects of daylighting or much use of daylighting tools, some very good daylighted buildings?” Fraker placed the onus on researchers to organize their data in a more useful fashion, according to types of buildings and daylighting strategies, and to present it in a more visual, readily understood manner. Eliyahu Ne’eman of the Technion in Israel responded, at a later panel discussion, that architects, in turn, must be willing to communicate with and use the findings of researchers.

The conference itself lacked neither communication nor useful research. The communication came in part from the sheer variety of disciplines represented, including physics, psychology, and physiology as well as architecture, design, and urban planning. The research reflected that mix. Highlights included work being done at Columbia on light therapies to reverse the depressive effects of daylight deprivation in winter months; at MIT, UCLA, and Lawrence Berkeley Labs, on microcomputer software to determine daylight levels in buildings or city streets; at RPI, on light shafts to illuminate and ventilate building cores; and at Lawrence Berkeley Labs, on new forms of shading devices.

Daylighting, as Donald Prowler of the University of Pennsylvania showed, has a long philosophical tradition, and as Raymond Cole of the University of British Columbia showed, a varied popularity since the 19th Century. Current interest in the subject seems to have several motives: the reduction of energy consumption in buildings, the reduction of utilities’ peak power requirements, the improvement of people’s health and well-being, even the recent shift away from Post-Modern symbolism toward a more site-specific, spatially oriented architecture. Whatever the motives, though, daylighting seems secure as a major component of building design. “No space, architecturally, is a space,” as Louis Kahn once said, “unless it has natural light.” Thomas Fisher

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The Controversial Musée d'Orsay

In December 1986, the Musée d'Orsay in Paris opened its doors. Housed in a Beaux-Arts railroad station, its collections scan Western culture from 1848 to 1914, highlighted by the Impressionist collection formerly housed in the Jeu de Paume. The tremendous scale of the project—13 years and nearly 1½ billion francs ($250 million) to completion—has generated enormous public attention, spiced by controversy over Gae Aulenti's interior architecture.

The original station, built in 1898 at the end of the era of grand train travel, was itself something of an anachronism. As designed by Victor Laloux, Grand Prix de Rome architect, the composition comprised three elements: the station proper, a great semicylindrical hall of metal and glass; a hotel abutting the hall to west and south; and a grand stone façade, ornamented in the best Beaux-Arts tradition, facing the Seine. (The museum now occupies all these spaces.)

The era's contradictions were embedded in the building. The historicist bulk of the principal façade served only to conceal the modern station from the Tuileries; the hall, exactly the size of the nave at Notre Dame, was itself superfluous, for newly electrified trains produced no steam or soot.

By 1939, trains grew too long for the station's platforms. The hotel remained open until 1973, but the great hall suffered divers indignities, then abandon-ment. In 1961, a hotel/convention center was planned for its site. A boxy modern design was chosen; demolition was scheduled in 1971. But outcry over the destruction of Les Halles focused attention on 19th-Century architecture; protest saved the station and a proposal to preserve it as a museum bridging between the collections of the Louvre and the Centre Pompidou (then under construction) was tentatively approved in 1973.

In 1979, ACT Architecture (Renaud Bardon, Pierre Colboc, Jean-Paul Philippon) won the competition to design the new Musée d'Orsay. Their project shifted the principal entrance from the long quai-side to the more sheltered rue Bellechasse. The station was, in effect, turned sideways. Inside, the hall became a street, with galleries built within the rhythm of the station's iron bays. Calm and transparent, this "reinterpretation" of the structure would permit "a dialectic between the station and the art."

In 1980, however, "program revisions" led to the appointment of Milanese architect Gae Aulenti to design interior architecture, lighting, and museum furnishings for the Musée d'Orsay. Aulenti accepted ACT's basic parti, but rejected its deference. "For me," she said, "Orsay was a free space calling for new and strong initiatives." Her choices include stone facings for gallery walls and floors, an assertive color scheme, and most important, insistent templelike galleries that have prompted comparisons to ancient Egypt...
and Mussolini's Rome. With what Philipson calls "a violence not at all in our original plans," Aulenti has turned ACT's "dialectic" into a trio. The 19th Century is present, but only under sufferance from the 20th.

The great hall itself remains a revelation. Torrents of light open the room as if to the sky.

Below, wedged like a village in a valley, Aulenti's temples oppose mass to volume. A long procession route links the entire museum in chronological sequence.

On the ground floor, Romanticism and its Academic successors on one side face Realism to Manet on the other. But architecture overwhelms these distinctions. Squat columns and crosscut lintels provide pomp, while incessant changes in level and view add busy circumstance, in distracting self-assertion. The paintings themselves, pegged to stone walls, are butterflies, dried and mounted.

The eastern end of the building is given to the period's architecture and urbanism, installed by theatrical designer Richard Peduzzi. His model of Charles Garnier's Opera is a bravura performance, reproducing every subdelty of machinery and decor: underfoot, below thick glass, the entire Hausmannien Opera quarter lives in 1/100 scale. In the eastern Seine pavilion, a freestanding elevator cage is mounted with a "lexicon" of the 19th-Century styles and materials, in artifacts and models. A display of architectural documents offers work by Eiffel, Labrouste, Viollet-le-Duc, and others; space is granted to Vienna, Glasgow, and Chicago. The eclectic presentation is a faithful portrait of a heterogeneous age.

The procession climbs from the track-bed to attic, either through twin 48-foot-high towers—claustrophobic staircases crammed with Art Nouveau objects—or on a narrow escalator.

Neither route is graceful, but the view is splendid. This summit leads directly to the Impressionist galleries along the Seine. Though remote, they will surely be crowded; the Jeu de Paume, their former home, drew up to 8000 visitors a day. (Orsay can handle 10,000 daily, 5600 at a given moment.)

The Impressionist rooms are intimate and conventional: top-lighted with white walls, the paintings orderly at eye level. The installation allows the art to speak for itself, an admirable modesty that intensifies their effect. A comfortable café, with a terrace overlooking the Tuileries, separates the "classics" from their heirs. These are hung in the astonishing Bellechasse Gallery, carved from upper-floor rooms in the hotel.

The descent to the final, median level flows through the Passage de Presse, where timelines and news excerpts place the art in historical context. Orsay is meant to be a "democratic" museum, presenting the culture in its totality and rehabilitating of art long dismissed as insignificant. The same didactic spirit inspired restoration of the original hotel décor in three rooms, once again resplendent in their painted ceilings, mirrors, and gilt.

Orsay aims for impact. The building is larger than Beaubourg; the collection boast 2300 paintings, 1500 sculptures, 1100 objects d'art, and 13,000 photographs. Exhibition space covers 1.25 million square feet; total usable area is nearly 354,000 square feet. If the Louvre (before Per) enjoys twice the display space, consider that its collections cover millennia, Orsay's scarcely a century. Orsay's geography is even more concentrated: 60 percent of all painters and 85 percent of its sculptors are French.

Aulenti's interior architecture serves both functional and ideological programs. On a technical level, the museum is exemplary. Lighting (designed with Aulenti's longtime collaborator, Piero Castiglione) and circulation are generally cogent responses to complex problems. Visitors facilities are efficiently organized, though in the towers handicapped access seems problematic. Advanced computer and video installations serve pedagogic functions in a dozen audiovisual "dossiers" scattered throughout the building. Signage is modest and clear. The museum has gone to great lengths to become accessible to the "average" visitor.

From aesthetic and philosophical perspectives, however, the results are more troubling. The 19th Century, in all its diversity and contradiction, is not merely presented—the relatively transparent ACT project would have sufficed for that. Instead Aulenti orchestrates the polyphony into a single, disciplined chorus, in effect sacrificing the integrity of the station in order to eulogize the art. In the end, the critical distance essential to judgment is overwhelmed by architecture.

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**Computers: Desktop Publishing**

What CAD has done for drafting, desktop publishing can do for the remainder of an architecture firm’s hard copy communications. Word processing has reduced the cost of producing text, but has nearly always confined professionals to the use of words. With desktop publishing, architects finally can bring to bear the visualization skills that are the profession’s strength, both in the combination of images and text, and in the design of the text itself.

Desktop publishing uses laser printers that allow the in-house production of near-typeset quality text in fonts other than the standard typewriter faces, and software that allows the layout and combination of words and images created by drawing programs and by videoscanners. Architect Craig Nolte of Creighton Nolte Associates, for instance, uses a desktop publishing program with his MacIntosh to send letters to his clients that look typeset and include high contrast black-and-white pictures of their buildings, or models of their buildings.

Other applications of desktop publishing that suggest themselves and that are currently in use in architectural offices include the integration of text with tables and graphs produced by spreadsheet and database programs and marketing-related activities such as proposals, newsletters, and invitations. Production-related applications are also coming along, although more slowly, probably because the visual pizzazz of desktop publishing is a lot easier to justify on the marketing side, and presumably easier to integrate with the firm’s existing ways of doing things.

**Available Products**

If you are considering a purchase in desktop publishing, there are two major decisions: one is hardware, and the other is software-related. Apple was the first company in this market by a year or two, and this single application is credited with Apple’s selling more microcomputers than IBM in at least one 30-day period last year. The MacIntosh/Apple LaserWriter Plus combination has been the desktop publishing configuration, using Aldus’s “Pagemaker,” Manhattan Graphics’ “ReadySetGo,” and Letraset/Boston Software Publisher’s “MacPublisher” software.

As of October 1986, however, with the introduction of the Xerox “Ventura Publisher,” desktop publishing is available for the IBM PC and PC-compatible machines. Aldus has released “PageMaker” for the PC environment, and the other leaders will follow if they expect to retain their status. The question then becomes: Should you work in the IBM or Apple World? I see some clear pros and cons.

**Hardware**

Doing desktop publishing with IBM will be more expensive than with Apple because you will need more processing speed than the basic IBM PC or compatible can provide. To get PageMaker to work at tolerable speeds, you have to own an AT or compatible. While the makers of Ventura claim an XT will suffice, an AT will certainly improve Ventura’s performance. To get screen resolution comparable to Apple’s, you also will need a medium resolution monochrome monitor and card. In terms of printers, if you make the IBM choice, you will be starting at a list price of $2995 for Hewlett-Packard’s most basic model of laserprinter. Since it is really only appropriate for correspondence work, anything you do that contains much graphics—and that is what desktop publishing is about—will require a top-of-the-line HP printer, at $4995 list.

If you decide in favor of Apple, then you will consider either the $4995 LaserWriter or the $5799 LaserWriter Plus (list prices). The latter machine is acknowledged, because of its substantial (1 megabyte) internal (continued on page 48)

**Computers: Allan Ackerman discusses software that combines words with visual presentations.**

**Specifications: Walter Rosenfeld explains how experience can help the specifier to adapt general specifications to a particular project.**

**Specifications: Back to the Future**

It has long been a military axiom that in any new conflict, the participants start out using the weapons and strategies developed in the last war they fought (whether successfully or not). As the new war progresses, however, adaptation and learning take place, and tactics are modified to suit the new conditions and weapons to be dealt with. Specifying follows the same pattern. Among its many purposes, each new project manual, tailored to the job at hand, is trying to head off problems previously encountered.

In this process, it is the specifier’s responsibility to anticipate what might go wrong this time; but, aside from a well-developed imagination, all there is to go by is what in fact did go wrong once (or twice) before. In a typical specification section, for example, the specifier instructs the contractor in how the work is to be done: “Set brick in full mortar beds.” But much attention must also be devoted to describing what is not to be done: “Don’t lay brick over hand from scaffolding that is too low.” This collection of caveats, derived from what has been done wrong on one’s own or others’ projects, is at the same time a history of past disasters and a presentation of the office “wisdom” concerning the subject matter of the trade or section.

The best guide or master specifications, from which a project manual’s particular sections can be developed, are therefore, among other things, the repository of such wisdom from many sources over many years, learned, sometimes painfully, from that best of all teachers (albeit one of the more expensive ones). In recognition of this function, nationally distributed master specifications often have extensive background and informative sheets attached to each section, an extremely useful feature for the architect and specifier. These master specifications (continued on page 52)
A product that is primarily a technical word processor is Lotus Development Corporation's "Manuscript," currently only in pre-release test form. It contains an outline processor, and every feature you would want in the production and maintenance of very long (100 pages and over) proposals and specifications, including the ability to automatically generate tables of contents, symbol capability, and automatic footnote generation, indexing, and cross-referencing. Particularly valuable for use as a specifications tool is its ability to compare two versions of the same document and create a third document showing the differences between the two. Most valuable, it will import files from many different graphics packages, including, naturally enough, "1-2-3" and "Symphony" spreadsheet, graphic, and database images, and, as expected, AutoCAD files. This means that any proposal, report, or specification can include AutoCAD files, which opens a major area of integration for specifications that incorporate drawings.

The capabilities and approach of Xerox Corporation's Ventura Publisher place it midway between the heavily graphic arts-oriented software tools and the high-end word processors. The most impressive feature claimed by Xerox is Ventura's ability to use files created by several of the leading word processors, and send changes automatically back to the original files. This means that you could have three different people writing specifications, each using his own word-processing software; you could use Ventura to combine the different files into one document, making editing changes at the same time, and have the changes made automatically in the original files. This is a substantial difference between Ventura and a leading graphic arts-oriented package such as PageSetGo. Working in the latter, you are free to change a text file once you have brought it in, but if you are to preserve the change throughout your system, you must make it manually in the original file. Ventura also uses the "style sheet" approach to the way you use it to produce documents, as does MacPublisher. This means that, like a graphic artist, you set up a style sheet (20 are provided with Ventura) for your document indicating paper sizes and typefaces. The software automatically formats the text files in the proper number of pages, in the typefaces you have ordered. You then place your illustrations from drawing files from a package such as GemDraw, or organizational charts from Multimate, and the text is automatically reformatted around the illustrations. Ventura's maker, like Manuscript's, indicates that its product is appropriate for long reports, proposals, and specifications, and that its practical limit for a document with a reasonable amount of illustrations is 1290 to 1500 pages. Lotus claims its product will handle "up to" 800 pages. Ventura and Manuscript also can maintain page numbers, paragraphs, footnotes, and page number in documents of these magnitudes.

At the graphic arts/page layout end of the spectrum, the software products that have created the field of desktop publishing are "PageMaker," "ReadySetGo," and "MacPublisher II," all for the MacIntosh. To date, PageMaker has been the clear sales winner, since in its earliest version, it has been more capable than the other two products. You "drag" blocks of text and drawings around the board, storing them in plain sight to one side if they are not needed at the moment. Drawings can be cropped, and their size and proportion changed in real time. Any change in the text will cause the software to reposition the rest of the text anywhere it appears in the document.

PageMaker and ReadySetGo are currently the frontrunners in this category, although a new release of MacPublisher is promised. ReadySetGo3 (RSG3) is currently more capable than PageMaker's version, although PageMaker is scheduled to release enhanced versions for IBM and compatibles and for the MacIntosh early this year. Improvement in these packages is occurring in the following areas:

- **Positioning of type in detail**—both PageMaker and RSG3 either now have or promise "leading" (the ability to control space between lines of type) and "kerning" (the ability to control space between individual letters).

- **Size of document**—these packages originally could only handle documents of one page or less, which meant that you had to split up your document and could not perform anything except copying operations between sections. Now the number of pages that ReadySetGo3 can handle is said by its maker to be unlimited. What this means in practical terms is that you are limited by the pages that fit your disk.
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- Word processing capabilities—these software tools have assumed that only small final changes are made in the page layout software, and large changes are made back in the original word processor. But desktop publishing software is now starting to contain features comparable to or better than high-end word processors. For example, hyphenation is a problem in desktop publishing. The makers of RSG3 claim they have solved this by introducing the ability to hyphenate as fast as you can type, although according to Richard Mitchell, a test user of RSG3, this hyphenation algorithm has trouble with some uncommon words, such as “pusillanimous.” He adds that you can always add pusillanimous to the hyphenation dictionary that comes with the product.

To Scan or Not to Scan
Video scanning allows the possibility of including any existing hard copy image, as well as any video image such as a picture of a building as part of a computer-generated document. Those with experience scanning hard copy drawings into newly acquired CAD systems know that this cannot be done yet at a reasonable cost.

In brief, video scanners that will produce acceptable visual quality for most applications are too expensive, both in first cost and in the amount of memory that they store. For instance, the popular “Thunderscan” attachment for Apple’s ImageWriter (price approximately $250) takes several minutes to scan an 8½ x 11” piece of paper, and stores it as a MacPaint image. MacPaint images can be used in the Macintosh environment by all the leading page layout packages, but their resolution is only 72 dots per inch. This is adequate for an impressionistic picture of a building or a simple line drawing, but not for anything more serious. By contrast, there are faster, more expensive scanners in the $2000 to $3000 range that will store an image at 300 dots per inch—a perfect match for the resolution of the leading laser printers—but the stored image absorbs close to 1 megabyte of storage. Therefore, video images or videoscans still face stiff competition from more traditional photographic methods of placing drawings or photographs in publications, although as mentioned earlier, at least one high-end word processor can directly incorporate drawing files from AutoCAD.

Bringing Desktop Publishing into your Practice
Cost-justifying any of these page layout tools is a matter of looking at the dollars your office spends on typesetting and photostats. You can count on eliminating all the typesetting and much of the photostating. While products range in price from $295 for ReadySetGo to $895 for Ventura Publisher, software costs will pale next to what it will cost you to include it in the way your office gets things done. Like all software, incorporating it into your practice must be done carefully.

One of the effects software tools seem destined to have on the way we do things is to dissolve the envelopes around professional specialties and job descriptions in general. From a management point of view, this is not always a benefit, because architects may find themselves spending a lot of partner and principal time doing graphic design tasks that formerly went out to pastewrap shops. This is especially costly when the firm has invested in people to develop their management skills, not necessarily their graphic design skills. Avoiding the trap of “doing it all yourself” will be particularly difficult about a month after you bring any of this software into your office, which is about the time that it takes to see all that it can do. It is best to identify, at the outset, a person in the office responsible for the desktop publishing rather than to take the time of a principal whose marketing role is crucial.

Conclusion
In broad terms, desktop publishing is an excellent communication tool for architectural practice. However, there is no question that, as with CAD, the ante has been raised and that today’s competitive edge will be tomorrow’s status quo. The challenge, therefore, is to go beyond the basic guides that come with many of the software products and develop a layout and graphic (continued on page 52)
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Specifications (cont. from page 47) in addition also serve their users as check lists of what needs to be included, helping to prevent omission by oversight of items that may not have been required on a previous project.

But while the office master specification, developed in response to problems encountered as well as good practice recommended by experienced authorities, is able to contain the technical knowledge of the office as well as its policies on materials and methods of construction, the national commercial master specifications now in wide use cannot be expected to hold all of the same information. In using a master section directly, the particular architect's hard-won experience can easily be lost because such master specifications are written for the least common denominator: a large variety of users, geographical locations, and building types. This is why, experienced specifiers are quick to point out, it's not a good idea to use national master sections "cold" without editing for local as well as job conditions. One of the specifier's tasks in such cases is to add such local knowledge as who is likely to do what things wrong and in what way, in the context (contract conditions, climate, trade practices, codes, and building traditions) of the project's location and participants.

Yet, even though the perceived conditions of a current project are taken into account in the new project manual, problems can still develop because each project has its own special difficulties. Beyond conditions of the site or region, there are the peculiarities of the owner and the program, the unusual details and design imperatives of the architect, the style and methods of the contractor, and the unforeseen developments of law, labor, and politics as well as nature and commerce. Many of these cannot be easily anticipated when the project manual is being prepared and will first become apparent only after the work is bid or under construction.

Knowing all this, many offices that started with national master specifications as a base have, over time, adapted them to local and office requirements and conditions. These modified documents are then used as office masters, thereby getting, as far as possible, the best of both worlds. This makes good sense and provides useful and productive work for specifiers in connection with the work of each office. But master sections, from whatever source or history, still need periodic updating on both the general level (for example, when ASI becomes USASI and then ANSI) and the local level (for example, when thresholds in a state or city from now on must be less than 4 inch in height to accommodate the handicapped) to take into account changed circumstances and requirements. In that way,
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Specifications (cont. from page 32) battlefield conditions and lessons of the latest “war” are fed back into the system to prevent future problems. Specifiers are needed to do this updating and to incorporate such changes and experience into the master sections if the architect wants written contract documents responsive to the conditions under which they are likely to be used.

This is one reason why setting up expert systems for construction specifications, the next step in automation of the process, is such a difficult and challenging task. To provide fully automated specification production—in which, by answering a series of detailed questions about the project, the architect enables a computer to produce the completed specification—will take a major effort from highly knowledgeable specifiers to set it up, make it work, and keep it current. And it also gives an indication of why many believe that there will still be work for the office specifier to do for some time to come, even after such systems (now barely out of the planning stage) are in place and operating.

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This profile of Barcelona architects Jose Antonio Martinez Lapeña and Elias Torres Tur includes the conversion of an 18th-Century church into a concert hall, exhibition space, and chapel, and an apartment remodeling on the island of Ibiza, as well as an urban park in Barcelona.

New façade of the Hospitalet Church in Ibiza.
BARCELONA architects Jose Antonio Martinez Lapeña and Elias Torres Tur have received considerable international attention of late. Their work has appeared in several European and Japanese journals, and in major international exhibitions of contemporary Spanish architecture. Although an earlier work—the Esart perfume factory—was published in P/A (Oct. 1978, pp. 60–63), the architects are not well known in the United States.

The body of their work over the past 17 years reflects an architecture that does not begin with a conclusion, a manifesto, or an a priori position, but rather evolves in direct response to each new set of conditions established by place, program, and client. Lapeña and Torres consider their work a continuation of the "Modern movement," still very much alive in their native Catalonia. Yet they have also been profoundly influenced by the example of Jose Maria Jujol, a disciple of Antonio Gaudi who participated in the "modernisme" movement of the early 1900s. Jujol’s unique, personal style is distinct from, but nevertheless representative of a period when Catalan architects reacted against the eclecticism and historicism prevalent at the turn of the century and were inspired by the new and experimental. Similarly, the work of Lapeña Torres clearly honors the purist rigor of the Modern movement, yet is also idiosyncratic and experimental in spirit.

The architects have been honored on several occasions with national design awards. As early as 1976, Rafael Moneo, guest editor of Quaderns de Arquitectura, devoted a full issue to their work. Both have been professors of architecture at the University of Barcelona since 1969. Torres, who also teaches landscape architecture, has on several occasions (1979, 1981, and 1984) taught as a visiting professor at UCLA.

The projects shown on these pages represent a portion of the architects’ most recent work on the Spanish island of Ibiza and in Barcelona, dating from 1982 to the present. In all three projects, the smallest detail is consistently observed. As Rafael Moneo wrote, "their obsessive insistence on the minimum" is most notably expressed.

In addition, the architects’ use of color, light, and movement through space relates these projects to parallel developments in contemporary neo-constructivist and post-minimal art. They rely on the manipulation of essential architectural elements—a door, a light fixture, a hand rail, or a hinge—to shape a highly plastic resolution of the program. Victoria Casasco

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Commissioned by the Spanish Ministry of Culture to restore and adapt an 18th-Century church on the island of Ibiza, Lapéña Torres had to accommodate three very different functions—those of a church, an exhibition gallery, and a chamber music hall—none of which took precedence over the others. Given an extremely limited budget, the architects chose to treat functional requirements as the changing scenery of a stage set. Religious elements—including an 18th-Century painting, once part of the original altar; a new, illuminated baldachin; and the triangular sacrarium—are supported by hinges on the presbytery wall, so that they can appear for use during religious ceremonies (left) and disappear during secular concerts or exhibitions (above). This system makes possible a multitude of compositions in changing color, form, and light, poetically transforming the altar into a secular stage. Natural lighting within the church has also been modified by the introduction of skylights above the side aisles and above the altar. There, cone-shaped cavities recessed at the intersection of vaulted ceiling and wall admit daylight or are backlit by night (detail, facing page, right, and seen through choir balcony balusters, facing page, left). The original vaulted nave has been faithfully restored. New slate flooring is patterned with square white marble inlays that support exhibition panels and allow eight different exhibition arrangements (foreground, left). The various lighting sources, colored side panels, and hinged religious symbols are each treated minimally, yet the orchestration of parts creates a visual composition suggesting a neo-constructivist vision of heaven.
Subsidiary rooms in the Hospitalet have all been treated as transitional spaces. The main entry (seen at far left in photo above), the stairwell leading to the choir balcony (right), and the old sacristy, which is now used as an optional entrance (seen through the door to the right of the stairway, facing page, top right), are enveloped in a vibrant orange or blue, which contrasts the white-washed nave. Episodes of fragmentation and movement are skillfully controlled within the church and on its exterior. A sliding shutter covers the oculus (facing page, left), whose shifting outline is echoed on the new façade (page 57). The façade itself is taut and planar, its stuccoed surface carved in a subtle relief, recalling a Jujolian use of calligraphy. The original pediment appears and disappears, as if erased, while the corner street sign is a cubist composition of geometric recesses and reliefs.

**Project:** Hospitalet Church, Cuidad Antigua, Ibiza, Balearic Islands, Spain.

**Architects:** Lapeña Torres, Barcelona.

**Client:** Spanish Ministry of Culture.

**Program:** renovation of a 717-sq-ft 18th-Century church for religious ceremonies, secular chamber music concerts, and cultural exhibitions.

**Structural system:** exterior and interior masonry walls reinforced and resurfaced; new skylights and new tension rods introduced to support interior vaults.

**Major materials:** plaster, steel, wood, slate, marble.

**Technical consultant:** Victor Mari.

**Cost:** $135,000.

**Photos:** Lourdes Jansana, except as noted.
The major intervention in this renovation of the third, fourth, and fifth floors of a 1910 townhouse is a new, tri-level skylighted atrium that brings natural light to a new stairwell and to adjoining rooms at the rear of the townhouse (see section, right). The street façade was not changed and the front rooms therefore conform to preexisting ceiling heights. At the third-floor entry level, a set of three sliding doors separates the entry stair from the master suite, which is furnished with a rug designed by Eileen Gray and chair by Marco Zanuso (top right and bottom left). This movable array of colors and spaces changes depending upon which sliding doors are open (top left) or closed (bottom left). Numerous options of circulation and enclosed space, privacy and openness are provided in this ingenious resolution of an otherwise banal architectural juncture. The skylighted atrium, part of the master bathroom at this level (facing page), is visually shielded from upper floors by a glass ceiling plane supported on wooden beams (above). The smallest details in this apartment—the handrail, the lighting within a suspended ceiling over the dining area (bottom right), and the doors—are made significant.

**Project:** Apartment renovation, Ibiza.

**Architects:** Lapena Torres, Barcelona.

**Client:** M. Riera.

**Program:** renovation of third, fourth, and fifth floors of a 1910 townhouse to include a master bedroom suite on the entry level; kitchen, dining rooms, and living room at mid-level; studio with guest quarters and roof-top terrace totaling 492 sq ft.

**Structural system:** existing sandstone bearing walls.

**Major materials:** steel, wood, plaster, glass, carpet.

**Cost:** $92,850.

**Photos:** Lourdes Jansana.
Situated in a section of Barcelona in which high-density apartment buildings are taking the place of 19th-Century villas, Santa Amelia Park extends the gardens of one such villa, which is to be converted to a cultural center. The architects use formal hedges to complement the villa's formal pattern, yet the spaces formed by these elements are of an altogether different kind. The hedges alternatively act to define contained spaces, or are themselves treated as freestanding sculptural objects. One is never given a full view of the new gardens but moves through them on a circuitous path of shifting axes (facing page and above). Jagged cuts in the surrounding sidewalk where indigenous plants may grow force the realization that the sidewalk is only a shallow plane on which one walks. Throughout the park are elements that owe much to the "Modernismo" architect Julio—the faceted steel entry gates (photos and drawings, right), the spiraling luminaires, which won a national design award (foreground, facing page), and the polychromatic playground paving (above).

**Project:** Santa Amelia Park, Barcelona.
**Architects:** Lapeña Torres, Barcelona.
**Client:** City of Barcelona.
**Program:** new 63,000-sq-ft urban park and playground incorporating the existing gardens of the Villa Cecilia in an established residential district.
**Major materials:** granite, gravel, marble, cast iron railing (designed by Rafael Moneo); galvanized steel lamps; teak benches; welded steel gates. Vegetation: native palm, pine, linden, cypress, plentanos.
**Consultants:** Paco Lopez, sculpture.
**Cost:** $857,142.
**Photos:** Luis Casals, except as noted.
No Easy Symbolism

The central skylighted hall (facing page), though not large in volume, provides a second light source and outlook for surrounding rooms. View here is from third-floor offices, passing through Great Hall to treetops beyond. Mahogany paneling is meticulously book-matched and laid out on modules that account for the discreet introduction of return grilles, serving this space’s major air-circulation function.

IN virtually every respect, the Wick Alumni Center is a response to its context and its very particular function on the University of Nebraska campus. Yet it incorporates no borrowed details or traditional symbols to represent its special role.

Gwathmey and Siegel draw a historical parallel, however, when they state that the center is “conceived of as a transformation of the Renaissance Palace model.” They then make clear that this refers not to style, but strictly to underlying form—a block roughly palazzo shape, with its interior organized around a central space and a layering of functions from bottom to top.

Here, the interior is centered on a small skylighted hall, and the central open space of the palazzo has been shifted by site constraints to the garden at one side. The major interior space here is a three-story-high “Great Hall” stretching full-height across the back. The front layer of the building is made up of office functions, stacked in two levels above the entrance lobby, and the building’s face reflects the modular repetition and the variations that they need.

How Wick Came to Be
Lincoln, Nebraska, has one preeminent architectural landmark, the state capitol (1922–1932) designed by Bertram Goodhue as a result of an invited competition. When the Wick family, major donors to this center, wanted to sponsor a fine work of architecture, it is no mere coincidence that a similar competition was set up. With the university’s Dean of Architecture, W. Cecil Steward, as professional advisor, proposals were accepted from five prominent out-of-state architects and five selected local ones. The jury included architects Helmut Jahn, James Ingo Freed, Charles Lawrence, sculptor Robert Wick (grandson of the donor), Robert Rosenlof and Ron Wright of the university Board of Regents, and Jim Murphy, a P/A editor and Nebraska alumnus. They chose as first-round finalists this scheme and one by William Turnbull of San Francisco, both of which showed similar massing on the awkward L-shaped site, with a squarish building at the deeper west portion and a garden reaching east (P/A, Oct. 1981).

The Gwathmey Siegel scheme impressed the jury not only for its effective disposition of functional parts on the site, but for the way it served the varied uses called for in the program. The first-phase submission showed a front with a limestone cladding; this would have linked Wick to the limestone-clad Historical Society building to the west. In the final design, the architects shifted to brick and replaced bands of glazing with punctured openings, making the building more congenial with the Georgian style of most campus structures.

Judging the Outcome
During construction, the original contractor had to be replaced, with a resulting delay of more than a year. Fortunately, the problem did not cause any discernible flaws in the building. Now that the center is opened, it is proving to be a popular location not just for alumni events, but for receptions, lunches, etc., held by all kinds of campus groups. The elegance of this interior compared to alternative university settings, such as the Student Union, is both an attraction and a source of concern that the alumni may have lavished too much money on their own headquarters. That problem was foreseen, and a good balance struck between prudent economy and clublike comfort and permanence.

The interior of Wick is undoubtedly its most successful aspect. It provides for a wide variety of functions, from individual or committee visits to events for hundreds; even the Great Hall can accommodate a small gathering comfortably, and it can be expanded into several adjoining spaces, if needed, without losing its sense of place. It is on the interior that the modular order and precise detail are most effective, perhaps because of the rich variety in form, space, lighting, and furnishings—all controlled by the architects.

On the outside, the building presents a very stern, almost utilitarian front to the street. Juror Jim Murphy feels, as he did when the scheme was chosen, that the east wall, overlooking the garden, is the most effective, and the architects agree. The most problematic part of the street façade is the colonnaded recess at the entrance; the brick columns here appear too spindly, and the entry vestibule projects too far forward. These problems in an otherwise elegant design represent an obstinate application of Gwathmey Siegel & Associates’ design principles: They would not violate the logic and consistency of this design just to give the building a more attractive face.

Based on a design that won an invited competition, then earned a P/A Awards citation, this campus building shows how Gwathmey Siegel & Associates apply their design principles in a demanding situation.

John Morris Dixon
The Alumni Center stands on the deep western portion of the L-shaped site, with a low-walled garden extending east into an area of student residential buildings. The section along the entry axis shows the front-to-back layers, with two floors of offices above the lobby in front, the pivotal skylighted hall in the center, and the three-story Great Hall as the destination for major events.
The east gate to the center's garden (above) carries the building's identity to the far edge of site. The green slate of the paving and the gate is continued in the lobby floor and clads the lower building walls where they are either recessed into or projecting from the basic brick-clad volume. The dark red, hard-burned Roman brick of these walls is handsome but unlike the red brick of nearby campus buildings. Trees at right in the photo will form a story-high hedge. The east face of the building, the architects' favorite, shows the stairwell window and the balcony off the executive director's office, over broad doors that open the lobby to the garden for fair-weather events. View from the south (left) shows the colonnaded cutout that extends toward the garden from the main entrance.
The three-storied Great Hall (facing page) gains formal unity from its segmental ceiling vault with circular windows at both ends. Below the spring line of the vault, asymmetrical elements move in and out of this basic envelope. The meandering balcony, with stairs at both ends, suggests a terrace overlooking an open plaza. The auditorium furnishings shown here represent only one of many uses (see plan, page 68); the fireplace under the balcony can provide a focus with club-room character for some occasions. Night lighting of the Great Hall (bottom left) is very effective, with cornice-like custom fixtures providing both vault illumination and finely-scaled visible sources. Adjoining this hall, and forming an extension to it when a large sliding door is open, is the board room (below right); a curved projection booth offers an almost whimsical version of the Great Hall's formal elements; pendant lamps—twelve in all—are further examples of fine custom lighting; the large board-room table can be divided into dining tables of many configurations. Handsome mahogany details are continued in the executive director's corner office (top left) and throughout office areas. The green slate of the exterior and lobby paving reappears in the fireplace walls, as in the library (middle left).

**Project:** Wick Alumni Center, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

**Architects:** Gwathmey Siegel & Associates, New York (Bruce Nagel, Thomas Phifer, associates; Barry McCormick, project architect; David Steinman, Joseph Merriman, Santi Nieto, David Fukui, project team).

**Client:** Nebraska Alumni Assn.

**Site:** flat corner site of 27,390 sq ft at south (city) edge of university campus, with State Historical Society building to west, fraternity/sorority houses to east and south.

**Program:** offices and function spaces for receptions, banquets, meetings, etc.; board room, library, serving kitchen; garden for outdoor functions. Gross building area: 29,400 sq ft.

**Structural system:** steel frame on reinforced concrete foundation.

**Major materials:** brick and slate exterior over block cavity wall; teak window frames; mahogany paneling and gypsum board interior walls; slate floors and outdoor paving; carpet (see Building Materials, p. 145).

**Mechanical system:** variable volume air conditioning; low-temperature/low-pressure perimeter radiation; university-supplied chilled and steam.

**Consultants:** Severud Perrone Szegedy & Sturm, structural; Raymond G. Alvine Associates, mechanical; CHA Designs, lighting. Interiors by architects.

**Cost:** approx. $100 per sq ft.

**Photos:** Sadin-Schnaar.
In all of their work, as in Wick Alumni Center, Gwathmey Siegel apply a consistent set of design principles—responsive to context but not at all eclectic.

In the 1984 book on the firm’s work (Charles Gwathmey and Robert Siegel: Buildings and Projects 1964–1984), the description of almost every project begins with the phrase “The problem was . . .” Seeing their task as the solution of problems, these architects are unwavering Modernists, but they give context a key place in their definition of problems. Although their attitude in this regard is much like that of their one-time employer, Edward Larrabee Barnes, the partners more consistently avoid historical forms—at one extreme—and sleek minimalism at the other. They may slope a roof as a gesture to older neighbors, but neither the intention nor the effect is to reflect the vernacular; they may apply flush-detailed glazing to an office building, but other details prevent the overall effect from being high-tech.

As they develop a design out of the specifics of the problem, Gwathmey and Siegel make formal references to surrounding structures, but these involve such things as volumes, textures, scale, and circulation paths, not adoptable imagery. When Gwathmey speaks of the elements of the Wick Alumni Center that he considers “figural,” they are not additive ones such as pediments or cupolas, but more conceptual aspects such as the building’s ground-hugging mass—like those of neighboring buildings—or the use of slate on its lower story to tie that to the walls of the adjoining garden. What these architects see as representational, other architects might classify as abstract. Of course, those other architects might then fail to make connections such as these, hence fail in their contextual efforts and never know why.

Favored forms

Formal devices do recur in different Gwathmey-Siegel works, as in those of any architects—not always with apparent shared roots in the problem at hand. The formal elements of Wick Center, for instance, relate to those of the de Menil house on Long Island (top photo and P/A, Dec. 1983, pp. 47–57), which was designed at about the same time. There, too, the end wall (shown) reveals much about the building section, indicating that some interior volumes penetrate the clearly expressed floor levels. In this case, too, a skylight is the sole occasion for a pitched-roof form, which in the house exposes one of its sloping flanks to the front (right in photo), whereas at Wick it is visible only at a distance as an indicator of the building’s center and entry axis.

The firm’s 1985 addition to the Westover School (lower two photos) is another instance in which they had to acknowledge existing campus buildings of Georgian style, the predominant one at Nebraska. The most visible side of this structure, which is seen along with the original buildings facing on an athletic green (middle photo) has been given a sloping roof over a serenely grand arcade that can be read as either historical or Modern. An end view of this wing (bottom photo) reveals, however, how limited are the architects’ formal concessions: Here the roof of the arcade is seen to be a single-pitched wedge, backed up by a flat-roofed block with openings that modulate from punctured, close to the older buildings, to horizontal strips facing the natural landscape.

In the housing at Columbus, Indiana, shown on the following pages, roof pitches appear similarly, smoothing the contextual place of the architects’ buildings, but revealing from key viewpoints that they have the single pitches that were admitted to the canon of Modernism back in the 1950s for buildings of domestic scale, and not really the double-pitched gables that would constitute a full capitulation to the pre-Modern vernacular.

Internal Organization

In this housing, as well as in their more generously budgeted private houses and campus buildings, these architects show exceptional skill at organizing interior spaces. In the Wick Center, as in the de Menil house, these spaces interpenetrate in fascinating ways, with shifting axes, eroding volumes, and ambivalences that make for rich experiences. In the public housing, most of the effort is necessarily channeled into refining the plans of individual units, which is elegantly done, but even here, the architects are able to generate some volumetric play, as in the porches for flats for the elderly (fac ing page, middle right) and some exciting vertical relationships in common rooms of both projects and in the stairwells of the units at Pence Place (pages 74–75). This is what they do best, and neither budgets nor regulations discourage them from giving occupants such experiences with space and light. John Morris Dixon
Gwathmey Siegel & Associates have completed two housing complexes in Columbus, under the foundation-sponsored program that brings nationally known design firms to this small Indiana city.

The single compact building here is articulated by setbacks between units to suggest a series of house-sized blocks (top photo). On the outside, the setbacks allow for private porches, which give the bedroom windows a privacy baffle and conceal the uniformity of all of the apartment windows. On the inside (plan), the setbacks yield a staggered central corridor, with extra space at unit entrances.

At the street-corner end (middle left photo), the staggered apartment blocks are attached to a kind of headhouse, with an entry porte-cochere at ground level and a double-height community room above. At the third floor a laundry room overlooks the community room, so that every floor of the building has some desirable amenity.

The typical units are laid out with foyers that provide remarkable privacy between rooms, and the porches are like outdoor rooms (middle right photo). HUD normally bans balconies for public housing, but here their cost could be balanced against a saving in design fees, which were covered by the Cummins Foundation.

**Project:** Sycamore Place Elderly Housing, Columbus, Ind.

**Architects:** Gwathmey Siegel & Associates, New York (Jacob Alspector, senior associate; Lynn Bensel, Glen Fries, William Garbus, Dean Marchetto, Joseph Ruocco, project team).

**Client:** Columbus Housing Authority.

**Site:** corner site, 39,200 sq ft, with slight slope to south.

**Program:** 24 one-bedroom apartments, including 3 for handicapped; community room; laundry; beauty shop; office; 14 parking spaces.

**Gross area:** 24,654 sq ft (counting one half for covered outdoor spaces).

**Structural system:** wood frame, one-hour fire protected; concrete block foundation.

**Major materials:** cedar siding, asphalt shingles; painted aluminum windows; gypsum board interior walls; carpet; slate flooring (see Building Materials, p. 150).

**Mechanical system:** electric heat pump, air source, one per unit.

**Consultants:** Geiger Berger Associates, structural; Thomas A. Polise, mechanical; Glen Fries Associates, landscape.

**General contractor:** Deluxe Homes.

**Cost:** $690,000; $28 per sq ft.

**Photos:** Sadin-Schnair.
Gwathmey Siegel & Associates' second public housing complex in Columbus is composed of 43 apartments, all three-bedroom units for families. Located in a city of single-family houses, between an edge-of-town residential area and a railroad track, the project had to give residents a sense of individual territory within HUD regulations and budget.

For economy, the architects worked out a standard unit resembling a townhouse, but joined to other units on three sides (drawings, facing page). To help compensate for the single exposure, they introduced a generous, operable clerestory window at the top of the stairwell, which provides light to both floors and induces natural ventilation.

Access to units is by walks from parking areas at the railroad end of the site. From the shared walks, each unit is entered through a covered gateway into a walled private yard, onto which all principal rooms face (bottom photo).

Where residents enter these walks from the parking areas are children's play areas, differing in size and type; a play area for older children is at the east side of the site, located where it breaks up an extra long stretch of building and fences. At the end of the site away from the parking is a more ceremonial pedestrian gateway (top photo) which is used as the project's school bus pick-up point.

As at the earlier Sycamore Place Elderly Housing (preceding page) the architects chose natural finished cedar siding and asphalt shingled roofs. In both cases, the architects claim no interest in a vernacular image. The siding, they report, was simply economical, and the state HUD office was opposed to flat roofs for these projects because of their maintenance demands. In both projects, building forms have been assembled to make it clear that the basic units have single-slope roofs, and that gablelike profiles occur only by coincidence.

Though they may not have been designed to look like home, stylistically, the units in both projects provide the spatial and lighting effects, not to mention details, that would be admirable in open-market single-family houses.
A two-story community room (left), with a small balcony, is the major space in the Pence Place community building (bottom right in aerial photo). Available to residents for varied events, the room is favored with well-considered details and colors, and it opens to a paved terrace on the south. Also in this building are a housing management office, restrooms, a maintenance garage, and a small maintenance shop.

Project: Pence Place Family Housing, Columbus, Ind.
Architects: Gwathmey Siegel &Associates, New York (Jacob Alspector, senior associate; Margaret Fitzpatrick, project architect; Lynn Bensel, Jose Coriano, William Garbus, Dirk Kramer, Dean Marchetto, Joseph Ruocco, Irene Torroella, project team).
Client: Columbus Housing Authority.
Site: three-acre triangular plot, at edge of residential district, along railroad line.
Program: 40 three-bedroom units, including 2 for handicapped; community building with common room, office, maintenance, garage; 80 parking spaces. Gross area: 50,873 sq ft including community building.
Structural system: wood frame, with one-hour fire protection; concrete block foundation.
Major materials: cedar siding, asphalt shingles; painted aluminum windows; gypsum board interior walls; slate flooring; carpet (see Building Materials, p. 150).
Mechanical system: electric heat pumps, three per unit.
Consultants: Geiger Berger Associates, structural and mechanical; Glen Fries, landscape.
General contractor: Power Development Co.
Cost: $1,750,000; $34.40 per sq ft, including site work.
Photos: Sadin-Schnair.
Kresge College, by Charles Moore and William Turnbull, epitomized the architectural and educational experimentation of the early 1970s. This post-occupancy evaluation of the 1970 P/A Design Award citation looks at how the college has fared in the last 15 years.

The University of California's Santa Cruz campus is located 75 miles south of San Francisco on a 2000-acre natural preserve overlooking Monterey Bay. From UCSC's inception, construction was carefully planned so that the site's rolling meadowland and quiet groves of towering redwood trees would be left intact wherever possible. In keeping with that goal, the university was to consist of a cluster of small semiautonomous colleges. Each would be closely fitted to the landscape and set apart from the others with its own facilities and staff, an interdisciplinary faculty, and a target population of 600-800 students. This concept of a collegiate university, inspired by the organization of such elite British institutions as Oxford and Cambridge, called for the colleges to provide substantial academic programs with students using only laboratories and libraries on a campuswide basis.

To further assure the individuality and integrity of the colleges, a policy of separate architectural contracts would provide distinctively different designs for each of the schools. The San Francisco firms of MLTW/Turnbull Associates and Charles Moore Associates were awarded the commission to design UCSC's sixth college, which was to be built along the spine of a moderately forested ridge on the west side of the campus. Encircled by sheltering redwoods, Kresge College would be a self-contained and self-sustaining community that combined academic, residential, and recreational facilities. Since the original curriculum of the college emphasized the relationship between community development and protection of the natural environment, an effort also was made to provide students with extensive opportunities for participating in the design and maintenance of their own living environments.1

In addition, Kresge's founders were committed to the concept of participatory democracy as a means of developing college policy and wanted a setting that would encourage a strong sense of community. With this in mind, Charles Moore and William Turnbull designed

Now 15 years old, the buildings at Kresge College have weathered well. Plant life (top) has grown, making the college—originally intended for students involved in environmental studies—seem even more wedded to the forest in which it sits. And the buildings and their decoration, such as the supergraphic arch that announces the entrance to a classroom and that connects two telephone booths, appear to be in good condition and well maintained. Some elements of the original design, however, have proven too difficult for the university to keep up. The waterway, for instance, that flowed along the pedestrian street and that culminated in the entrance arena has been partly discontinued, although the arena's fountain (above) is kept in working order. The arena is surrounded by a variety of functions, including the post office, a student activities room, classrooms, offices, and apartments. The result is a space that looks and functions as well as any good urban square.
the college in the style of a traditional Mediterranean village with a long, winding central street lined on either side by two-story buildings that were constructed at different angles and levels to avoid any suggestion of regimented uniformity. Galleried walkways ran along the upper levels of the buildings and a series of oversized cutouts resembling theatrical backdrops were placed at Kresge's entrances. The use of such dramatic design elements was expected to counterbalance the imposing majesty of the surrounding forest by heightening body awareness and increasing the individual's feeling of self-importance.

Similarly, design concepts borrowed from the shopping center, with its assumptions of easy gregariousness and diverse functions performed within a single unifying framework, were incorporated into the plan to reduce the likelihood that students would suffer from loneliness in so isolated a setting. By placing such crowd gatherers as the supermarket and the department store at either end of a mall and the smaller, more individualized concessions in between, the typical suburban shopping complex generates an intricate pattern of traffic flow that facilitates social interaction as well as commercial exchange. In the case of Kresge's design, it was meeting areas and service facilities that were strategically distributed along the length of the college's central street.2

When Kresge's physical plant opened in January of 1972, it offered the type of amenities that were more typically found in a private apartment complex. At the upper end of the street, a commercially operated delicatessen had been placed next to the dining hall as a convenient alternative to using the meal plan, and directly across from the food service area was a modern version of the traditional community town hall, which was expected to double as a lecture hall. A coin-operated laundromat was located on the middle street plaza, and at the lower end of the street, just beyond the faculty apartments, was a recreational facility with sauna, racquetball court, and game room that students could use free of charge. What's more, instead of isolated residence halls, there were three different types of living units built close to classrooms and faculty offices and within easy reach of the college's study library, photo lab, craft center, and dance studio.

Kresge was initially expected to house 320 undergraduates with half living in eight-person suites that consisted of four single rooms, two double rooms, and a small kitchenette lounge—all opening into a central gang bath. Most of the others would live in four-person flats that had ward-style sleeping areas, open-plan living areas, galley kitchens, and apartment-style baths. Only 10 percent of the college's students in residence would be housed in the octets, which were open-plan units for eight people with entry-level kitchens, and shower and toilet stalls in the basement. The suites were to serve as mini-dormitories geared to the needs of the more independent student, whereas the flats were expected to allow for family-style interaction, and the octets, for the kind of free-form environment that seemed appropriate for a communal group.

All of the living units had lightweight, modular furnishings that came in a choice of colors and could be arranged in a variety of ways. Residents would not only be able to paint and decorate their rooms, but could also construct lofts, staircases, and interior walls or otherwise alter the space in order to meet their needs for privacy and/or personal expression. Meal contracts were available, but students who didn't like the food service or wanted to save money by preparing their own meals could live in the flats or the octets, since both were equipped with full kitchens. Individuals who wanted more privacy could opt for a single room in a suite, while those who wanted more togetherness could share a sleeping area with as few as one or as many as seven other people.3

With such an array of alternatives, it was assumed that Kresge residents would have little cause for complaint, but, as it turned out, none of the options was entirely satisfactory. Students assigned to suites soon objected to using the campus food service when they saw residents in nearby flats and octets enjoying the benefits of full kitchen facilities. The small lounge area in each suite was therefore converted into a working kitchen by the addition of a refrigerator, stove, and suitable furniture for sitdown meals. However, once this
Mixed Metaphors

The Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, N.Y., is unusual of its type: It fits its great bulk gracefully into a center city location, and uses both modern and traditional idioms. Designed by James Stewart Polshek & Partners of New York, it was a P/A Citation winner in 1983.

The administrator's story
Joseph A. Floreano, executive director of the Riverside Convention Center in Rochester, is justifiably proud of the building he runs. Not only do landscape equipment suppliers and automobile collectors buy space, but couples hold wedding receptions there as well. For Riverside is an anomaly among convention centers, having a central location, an urban character, and an inviting interior.

Other convention center administrators might balk at the painted sheetrock walls, in all the interior spaces but the main hall, but Floreano does not. "I keep two employees on the payroll to do nothing but repaint," he says, "but painting is simple." And along with the dark terrazzo floors of the entrance Galleria, which require constant buffing, the softly colored finishes give the Center "class," and attract a wide range of events.

The architects' story
To create a public-spirited street edge, the entrances and reception Galleria were located along Main Street and the Genesee River, thus pushing back and buffering the bulky exhibition hall. To express the dual aspects of the building—modernity and civic dignity—the architects used two cladding systems. The exhibition hall is clad in aluminum panels, a "stretched," taut surface—the architects cite as inspiration Mies van der Rohe's 1953 Convention Hall project for Chicago—while the public spaces on the two main façades are faced in "deeply carved" granite following the influences, say the architects, of Romanesque church architecture, Italian palazzi, and 20th-Century buildings in Rochester.

Inside, both metaphors are continued, with exposed trusses and ducts in the main hall and sheetrock detailed with reveals for a "deep" look in the reception areas. In the Galleria, the metaphors are juxtaposed. The heavy base is roofed by a lightweight metal structure, inspired, say the architects, by the former Les Halles Centrales in Paris of 1853.

The two vocabularies are tied together by horizontal banding: high- and low-luster coatings on the aluminum, rose and gray-colored granites.

The critic's story
The Convention Center exemplifies the pitfalls and benefits of Post-Modernism, of which it is a prime example, even though it avoids obvious literal references. There is a restless search for justification through historical precedents, and an uncomfortably restless main façade. The awkwardly resolved "erosion" of the granite façades to reveal the aluminum mass, and the horizontal banding, were considered "stylish" elements at the time of the design, but seem dated now.

The Post-Modern approach, however, dictated concern for street line and character. The approach allowed high- and low-tech building systems to be used where appropriate. And the citizens do feel they have a symbol of both traditional dignity and progress. Susan Doubilet
This wall encloses the tall reception Galleria, with large windows and adjoining terraces giving outstanding views of the river, its bridges (one, not shown, being part of the old Erie Canal system), and the old section of downtown, including a flour mill recycled as a publishing house (left above).

The architects' commission included bridging over to the hotel across Main Street (right) and to the parking garage at the rear of the building. The Main Street bridge occurs above the main entrance to the building, directly on axis with the Galleria. At this point, the modern metaphor of the glazed bridge breaks through the traditional masonry wall of the lower public spaces.
The granite-clad public spaces do not continue around the rear of the building (below), where the aluminum-faced main block emerges. This, said 1983 P/A juror James Stirling, "is appropriate in a city where there are important streets and important back streets."

The south end of the Galleria (facing page) is a tall, bright, elegantly glazed space, semicircular in plan. In this space stand two tall marble Ionic columns, salvaged from an attractive Neo-Classical bank building that had stood on the site, and was originally to be retained as the entrance to the convention center. Despite local preservationists' protests, the bank was finally demolished, allowing the new building to be designed more efficiently.

The axonometric drawing (below left) shows how the building was put together. Note the double row of columns in the thick exterior wall at the right, and the ducting over the exhibition hall, which turns down through the thick wall between the main hall and Galleria. Heat exchange is also allowed to occur directly between the Galleria and the main hall. At the left of the axonometric, along Main Street, are banks of escalators leading to the upper level exhibition hall and to the administration offices above, to the building's rear.
Traditional and modern systems (facing page) meet in the Galleria. The thickness of the base is articulated and emphasized with punched windows, interior balconies, and banded sheetrock with horizontal reveals. Above, the light steel structure is inspired, say the architects, by the old Les Halles building in Paris by Victor Baltard. Despite the historical rationale, the juxtaposition is not entirely successful.

With its walls of groundface cement blocks, its trusses, and its ducts, all painted in the building’s theme colors, the main exhibition hall (above) is elegantly high tech. Its west wall, with thick cement-block-clad mezzanine-level columns incorporating structure and ducting, has a sturdy, Rossi-esque appearance. The 50,000-square-foot space can be subdivided into two halls, and the 35,000 square feet of banquet hall and meeting rooms on the level below (not shown) can be used as supplemental exhibition space, with retractable partitions and electrical power in their floors.

**Project:** Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, N.Y.

**Architects:** James Stewart Polshek & Partners, New York (James Stewart Polshek, partner in charge of design; Joseph L. Fleischer, partner in charge; James Garrison, design associate; James R. Gainfort, Sara Elizabeth Caples, associates). **Associate architects:** Skoler & Lee, Architects, Syracuse, N.Y.; The DeWolff Partnership, Fairport, N.Y.; Sear Brown & Associates, Rochester, N.Y.

**Client:** New York State Urban Development Corporation; The City of Rochester.

**Site:** the center of Downtown Rochester, with the Genesee River along its west. Across the river is a group of restored 19th-Century mill buildings, to the north a hotel, and to the east a parking garage and a hotel under construction. Potential for further development to the south.

**Program:** a 50,000-sq-ft exhibition hall with ancillary spaces, including a public gallery, banquet halls, management office suite, meeting rooms, and service and truck delivery areas. Total area is 210,000 sq ft. The facility was required to be connected to a garage, a hotel, an underground service tunnel, and a waterfront pedestrian plaza.

**Structural system:** reinforced concrete and steel frame.

**Major materials:** gray and rose thermal finish granite; groundfaced concrete masonry; insulating tinted glass; painted aluminum panels (see Building Materials, p. 150).

**Mechanical system:** three-zone system: For the galleria, forced air from central mechanical room; for the exhibition hall, forced air from six rooftop package units; for the remaining spaces, local fan and cabinet heater receiving hot and cold water from central mechanical room. Heat transfer from galleria to exhibition hall. Extensive services throughout for flexibility of functions.

**Consultants:** Kats & Schneider, landscape; Tor, Shapiro Associates, the Geiger Group, structural; Salmon Associates, structural associates; Kalens & Lemelson, mechanical; Wallace Johnston Associates, mechanical associates; Peter George Associates, Inc., acoustics; Howard Brandston Lighting Design, lighting; Kaeser & Wilson Design, Inc., graphics; J.P. Stopen Engineering Partners, bridge engineers; Raamat Associates, soils.

**Construction manager:** Wilmorite Corp., Inc.

**Costs:** $40 million.

**Photos:** Patricia Layman Bazelon.
Fewer and fewer Americans of low or moderate income can afford to own even the most modest of homes. Escalating land costs, high interest rates, demanding regulation, and outdated construction methods are to blame. Architecture alone cannot solve the pressing problem of affordability, but good design and land use planning can help bring the dream within reach.

“IT’S like winning the lottery,” says a resident of Andrew Square, whose family was one of the lucky eighteen to draw a place in the South Boston housing development (p. 89). “If we didn’t buy here we’d never have owned our own home.” “Not enough people realize how many people make less than $30,000 a year,” says union official Tom McIntyre, whose Bricklayers and Laborers sponsored Andrew Square to prove “that unions can be a force for good in the community” and that their product is still competitive with factory-built housing.

Americans tend to think of housing as a right, not a privilege, but for most lower income families, and more and more of moderate income, affordable housing is, like the winning ticket, a retreating mirage. Measuring the extent of America’s housing crisis depends upon your point of view. The good news, according to the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard and MIT, is that, despite exceptions (most notably in the Northeast), housing prices nationwide have stabilized, mortgage rates are falling, new mortgage instruments are available, unemployment has fallen to 7.1 percent in late 1986, and both real family income and per capita income have reached new highs.

The Center’s even-handed analysts, however, pepper this optimistic list of advances with crippling qualifications. The overall cost of homeownership, adjusted for appreciation in house values, is now three times the average of the 1970s and rising. In 1955 the average 30-year-old spent 14 percent of his income on a mortgage. The same 30-year-old now spends 44 percent. Down payments now consume half of the buyer’s annual income, as compared with one third in 1978. That problem alone threatens to squeeze first-time buyers—upon whom the future of the housing industry depends—out of the market altogether. Variable mortgages offer accessibility of funds at the expense of security, placing buyers at the mercy of inflation. The lowest income groups, those most likely to rent, are spending the highest portion of their income since World War II on rent, while an increasing number of available rentals are sub-standard. And, at the very bottom of the scale, the number of homeless individuals in America is estimated as high as two million.

Nationwide statistics, duly compiled, do not necessarily reflect local realities. Housing markets are segmented by income, family size, and race. Supply changes in one segment have no impact on supply in another: an increase in Houston does not ease the crisis in New York. Moreover, costs in New York are 30 percent greater than in Alabama, and costs in Manhattan are 30 percent greater than in the four “outer” New York boroughs. Affordability is above all a relative concern.

The Root of the Problem
At the risk of simplifying very complex arguments, there are essentially two schools of thought on affordable housing. The more radical of the two holds that the American dream of owning one’s home, aided and abetted by an income tax system that subsidizes home ownership, is in fact the root of the problem. “The burden of housing costs is staggering,” write the editors of the provocative Critical Perspectives on Housing (Temple University Press, 1986), “while the benefits are often illusory.” Change the psychology of housing, the argument goes, and you open the door to alternatives such as communal and cooperative housing, or combined live/work arrangements (see Ted Smith’s GoHomes, p. 88). The advocates of such structural change draw heavily on the experience of other, predominantly Socialist nations.

The second approach accepts the owner-occupied, single-family detached house, for better or worse, as the standard by which all housing options are judged. This market-driven model defines the affordability problem as a gap between income and cost—between what would-be homeowners want and what they can afford. That gap can be bridged
in one of two ways—increased income or reduced costs.

**Cutting Costs: Downsizing**

The smaller, smarter house, like the compact car, seems at first glance the answer to the affordability problem. Cheaper to build, to heat, and to maintain, the compact house is also better suited to today’s smaller households. There are, according to the HUD pamphlet “Designing Affordable Housing,” written by architects Steven Winter Associates of New York, three ways to shrink the standard single-family detached house: decrease the number of rooms; reduce the dimensions of rooms; or change their relationships. Winter’s own project for infill housing in Asbury Park, N.J. (p. 90), puts all three principles into practice, producing a miniaturized bungalow that can be either site-built or factory-produced.

Consumer expectations, however, set rigid limits to downsizing. “We can build a 400-square-foot unit acceptable to 90 percent of the world,” says Winter, “but not to Americans.” A second New York architect, Theodore Liebman, whose office is now at work on two affordable housing projects, agrees: “You can’t reduce standards beyond a certain point.”

**Cutting Costs: Manufactured Housing**

Any of the factory-built housing options—from panelized construction to modular homes—can theoretically improve upon site-built construction in terms of speed of erection, quality and consistency, and cost, most significantly in the reduction of labor. Indeed, today’s building industry relies heavily on prefabricated parts, from factory-made windows and doors to prefabricated roof trusses and wall panels to package kitchens and bathrooms. Why then has industrialized housing, long heralded as the answer to America’s housing problem, failed to provide the panacea?

Advocates of industrialized housing—the catch-all term for all forms of factory-built housing—blame a fragmented and capricious housing market. Their arguments have at last reached the ears of Congress, whose chief concern, however, is not affordability but foreign competition in the construction industry.

A report issued last fall by the Office of Technology Assessment paints a grim picture of an industry in disarray, threatened by competition from the Japanese and Scandinavians and shunned by skeptical consumers who consider manufactured housing the shelter of last resort. “Consumers tend to believe that American factories produce dreary, shoddy homes,” the report claims, while in Sweden, where 90 percent of all single-family houses are factory-built, manufactured housing is a sign of higher quality and status.

OTA proposes four main areas of reform, urging 1) that a uniform national building code replace the present fragmented system of regional and local codes; 2) that new fiscal interventions, such as interest reductions for housing loans to lower-income buyers or tax-exempt mortgage

Some of the most important innovations in affordable housing have come in site planning. “Open space costs money,” says Welford Sanders of the American Planning Association. As one of four authors of Affordable Single-Family Housing: A Review of Development Standards, sponsored by the Joint Venture for Affordable Housing, Sanders studied strategies for bringing costs down through design, while “maintaining some of the reasons why people buy single-family homes.” The three options shown here, all taken from the Joint Venture study, show some of the mechanisms used to compensate for smaller lots and higher densities. Variable setbacks, alley-accessed parking, and mixed house models were used at the Geneva East Development (top) in Geneva, Ill., to avoid the monotonous streetscape characteristic of high density developments. Lots at Geneva East, averaging 6000 square feet, are considerably smaller than the conventional 10,000 square feet, with 15 percent of the site provided as common open space. This solution is fairly typical of small-lot site plans organized under planned unit development (PUD) provisions. When the lot size drops below 4000 square feet, however, more drastic measures are required. By far the most significant model for very small lots is zero lot-line development, represented here by the Geneva East Development (middle), and the pinwheel Cottages Development of Olympia, Wash. (bottom). Most ZLL legislation forbids windows on the lot-line wall (Dade County is considering an amendment that would permit windows above 6 feet), mandates the integration of indoor and outdoor space to compensate for a small interior, and encourages the inclusion of common open space in the site plan to offset lot reductions. The Bilbao Development, a 25-acre site, is occupied by 198 ZLL lots averaging 4400 square feet. (The average Bilbao unit of 1720 square feet sold for $92,000.) At The Cottages, lots averaging 2226 square feet are clustered, as is parking. Thirty-two percent of that site is given over to common open space.
"Our project proposed a minimal shelter with the capability of improvement," says architect Ted Smith of Armistead Smith and Others, describing his GoHome. "The savings come from not financing nonessential items, which we compute to be approximately half the construction cost of the typical suburban tract house." The GoHome is a 20' x 12' x 20' "residential warehouse" adaptable either as a residence or a workspace. The first GoHome, built in Del Mar, Calif., in 1981 (right), was constructed of four loft spaces, each with its own bath, and one kitchen shared by all residents. With land costs at $40,000 and construction at $10,000, the GoHome sold for less than half the price of an equivalent condominium in the same neighborhood. Residents also, says Smith, save the costs of a separate office or workspace, including rents and utilities, security, and even commuting costs.

Arguing that "inefficient land usages resulting from segregated and specialized building types in the modern city account for a larger factor in the cost of available land than we perhaps realize," Smith envisions a mixed-use city free of restrictive zoning that artificially inflates the cost of land. Five years after the first GoHome, Smith is at work on refining his model, designing a 3000-square-foot complex in suburban San Diego (right) that can function alternatively as six shares, three double spaces, two triples, or even a single residence. Party walls are removable, and each 500-square-foot unit has direct access to the shared kitchen.

Bonds, be introduced to stabilize the demand for housing; 3) that a national quality-control and labeling system be instituted so that consumers can distinguish more readily between the good and the bad; and 4) that the Federal government promote and fund more building research.

These sweeping proposals, by securing the position of America’s housing industry, might well bring the cost of housing down, but they cannot alone solve the affordability problem. “The product itself has little to do with affordability,” admits Steven Winter. Only 15 percent of the cost of housing is taken up by the unit. Land costs, financing, infrastructure development, and taxes are the true villains of the housing crisis.

Cutting Costs: The Compact Site Plan
Although rethinking the unit won’t cut more than a fraction from total housing costs, innovative site planning can make a difference. As the cost of land rises, pressures on local planning boards to relax site planning restrictions have increased. Some communities have responded by reducing the minimum lot size; others have preferred to designate small-lot districts; still others have encouraged special planned unit developments (PUDs) exempt from standard regulations but subject to special review.

Reduced lot sizes, setbacks, and frontages can add up to considerable savings in terms of overall site improvements. One HUD demonstration project in Phoenix was set up to prove the savings available when “unnecessary” site improvement requirements were removed. Some access streets were narrowed (following an established hierarchy of use); sidewalks were limited to one side of the street; 6-inch sewage pipes were used in place of the required 8-inch pipe, and the water main was reduced from 6 inches to 4 (based on calculations for demand).

These details may seem petty, but they may make the difference between a successful small lot development and one that is merely overcrowded and underserviced. "There is less room for error on a 4000-square-foot lot," says Welford Sanders of the American Planning Association, one of four authors of the recent study Affordable Single-Family Housing: A Review of Development Standards.

The cumulative experience of many communities establishes a predictable pattern of tradeoffs. When lot sizes drop below 4000 square feet, the need for shared open space increases. When the required street frontage drops below 50 feet, and setbacks are reduced below 20 or 25 feet, parking becomes a problem, and the garage threatens to overwhelm the residence.

Zero Lot Line Development
To Gary Greenan, author of the zero-lot-line ordinance for unincorporated Dade County, the phenomenal success of “ZLL” in that section of Florida proves that consumers prefer a downsized house on a smaller lot to an attached unit. Zero-lot-line development maximizes the usable space on a small lot by setting the house itself on a side

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Cutting Costs: Reduced Regulations

In the mid-1980s, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) was one of the first to advocate for reduced regulations, particularly in the area of affordable housing. NAHB argued that excessive regulations, especially those related to building codes and permits, were driving up the cost of housing and making it unaffordable for many Americans. They proposed a series of recommendations to streamline the regulatory process and reduce costs, including:

1. **Reducing Permit Requirements:** Streamlining the permitting process to reduce the time and cost associated with obtaining permits.
2. **Adapting Building Codes:** Making building codes more flexible and less rigid, allowing for more cost-effective construction practices.
3. **Simplifying Zoning Regulations:** Streamlining zoning regulations to make them more flexible and less restrictive, allowing for more efficient use of land.
4. **Encouraging the Use of Cost-Effective Materials:** Promoting the use of cost-effective materials and construction techniques that would reduce building costs without compromising quality.

While the NAHB's recommendations were well-intentioned, the implementation of these changes has been slow and uneven. Many local governments have been resistant to change, and the cost of regulations remains a significant barrier to affordable housing.

In addition to NAHB, the National Alliance of Housing and Development Corporations (NAHDC) has also been advocating for reduced regulations. NAHDC argues that regulations can be a significant barrier to affordable housing, particularly in areas with high demand for affordable housing.

In at least one respect, NAHB works against itself. Savings in ZLL developments, although estimated at approximately $10,000 per unit, are diminished by higher land costs resulting from the higher density. The ordinance itself isn’t perfect. "The accomplishment," Greenan admits, "has been to provide affordable housing, not great architecture." In addition to the absence of common green space, Greenan is troubled by the spread of "ZLL ghettos," one consequence of the strong resistance to ZLL developments in established communities. Another major problem is the placement of cars, a chronic problem for all small lot developments. One viable solution—that of rear alley access—has not found favor with South Florida developers.

**A second, exurban development designed by William Rawn Associates for Lincoln, Mass., is the first of four affordable housing projects proposed for the site over the last 15 years to win town approval. Rawn attributes success to the project's appearance; units are grouped together to form larger farmhouses. This development mixes income groups, with 30 percent targeted for low-moderate income ($85,000), 30 percent moderate ($105,000) and 40 percent market rate ($200,000). While the four-unit farmhouse works well by itself (see axonometric, left), the effect of 25 identical farmhouses close packed on a 200-acre site could be disconcerting.**
Affordable Housing

Singled out by HUD as a model project for the International Year of Shelter for the Homeless, this proposal for infill affordable housing in Asbury Park, N.J. (right), was designed by Steven Winter Associates of New York for the nonprofit Asbury Park Second Century Corporation, working with the City and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs. Scheduled for under $50,000 a unit, the three prototypes—a 900-square-foot, two-bedroom house; a 1160-square-foot, three-bedroom; and a 1180-square-foot, corner three-bedroom (not shown)—were proposed for infill sites in a low-to-middle-income minority neighborhood. Although they resemble existing bungalows in the neighborhood dating from the 1930s, these houses could be built using modular or panelized construction as well as conventional site-built practices, depending on cost. Legal bid documents, including working drawings and specifications, were deliberately not prepared, so that builders could base their bids on preferred materials and details, cutting construction costs in the process. Winter has used these strategies with considerable success for large-scale middle- and upper-income housing developments in Westchester County, New York. In Asbury Park, however, other factors come into play. The city is finding that infill construction carries hidden costs: the small number of units to be built—ten in the first phase—and the difficulty of building on many different infill sites combined to push the bids $5000 over the $50,000 limit. The problem, according to Peter Keyes, an associate at Steven Winter Associates, is the gap between resident income and the actual cost of housing construction. The $50,000 figure is based on what the targeted population can afford to pay; but the housing itself cannot be built for that price without subsidies—or recourse to off-the-shelf products, which the city is now considering. Although cheaper, the manufactured housing lacks what the city was looking for in the first place—sensitive, compatible design tailored to an established neighborhood.

The Role of Government

Virtually all parties agree that there is no sufficient private-sector substitute for federally sponsored research. The National Institute of Building Standards, for example, although eviscerated by repeated budget cuts during the Reagan Administration, remains one of the few bodies equipped to supply information on new, cost-cutting products and materials.

Paradoxically, the same players who advocate reduced regulations urge an ever-larger financial commitment to the construction and financing of affordable housing on the part of government. “Any substantial effort to provide new or rehabilitated housing to low- and moderate-income households requires extensive federal assistance,” claims the NAHB. Among the new ideas bandied about are a tax-exempt savings program for housing purchases modeled on existing retirement plans. (An alternative plan proposed that those retirement plans be modified to allow withdrawals for home purchases without penalty.) A government-assisted down payment plan would, says the NAHB, compensate for inequities inherent in the homeowner tax-deduction programs, which disproportionately benefit higher income groups. The SHARP program of interest-rate subsidies in Massachusetts pioneers another form of subsidy.

Many city governments look upon linkage programs as a quick fix for affordable housing. San Francisco requires office developers to build one unit of low-income housing for every 1125 square feet of downtown office space, or to contribute to a Citywide Affordable Housing Program Fund. Similar programs are in place or under study in Boston, Los Angeles, and Chicago. In New York, profits from the successful Battery Park City may be used to finance affordable housing. Not everyone is convinced of the virtues of linkage financing, however. “Linkage is just another tax,” says Peter Keyes, an associate in Steven Winter’s office. “The mechanism is a smokescreen.”

The New Robin Hoods

These initiatives aside, the prognosis for at least the immediate future is one of a reduced government presence, and private-sector groups have moved to fill the gap. One leader, developer James W. Rouse, was dissuaded from naming his nonprofit housing program after Robin Hood, but his model remains the man who robbed the rich to give to the poor. He founded the Enterprise Foundation in 1982 as a nonprofit organization providing funding and technical support to local nonprofit housing corporations engaged in rehабilitating housing for families whose top annual income is $10,000. Funding for these endeavors is to come from the profits of a for-profit Enterprise
Corporation engaged in real estate development. Enterprise is not alone in its endeavor to house the very poor. The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) was founded in 1979 as a means for channeling national contributions to local communities, assisting in the construction or rehabilitation of 1000 to 1200 units for low- and moderate-income families each year. The community action group Acorn set up a separate housing corporation several years ago to act as a bridge between banks and city governments on the one hand and local tenant groups on the other.

These programs and others like Habitat for Humanity, the group Jimmy Carter made famous, have in common a belief that cutting construction costs can make a difference. Most rely heavily on sweat equity and salvaged materials. They also consider deregulation crucial to cutting costs. Arguing that present-day building codes reflect a middle-class standard of living, they seek permission to use less expensive products and ask that preservation regulations be waived for the poor.

Most of the nonprofits have concentrated their efforts in older cities, where the stock of abandoned buildings is greatest. As their networks expand, however, Enterprise and Acorn in particular find themselves dealing with cities like Los Angeles that have only a limited inventory of older buildings ripe for rehabilitation but skyrocketing problems of overcrowding, low vacancies, high rents, and rising housing costs.

Redefining the Minimum Standard

In their desire to cut costs, most nonprofit housing corporations have cut architects out of the picture altogether. "We don’t use architects," says Bruce Dorpalen, Director of the Acorn Housing Corporation in Philadelphia. "We don’t move any walls." When Enterprise built a model project of all-new homes in Columbia, Md., the Foundation turned to Ryland Homes, whose modular suburban tract housing is relentlessly conventional.

Can architects contribute to solving the affordability problem or has it gone beyond them? "Architects can have an effect in liberalizing the housing product itself or redefining the minimum standard," affirms California architect Ted Smith, whose GoHomes pioneer a new type of communal live/work space. Like Rouse, Smith sees housing as part of a bigger picture. Where Rouse sees social problems, however, Smith sees physical ones. Rouse argues that giving a family shelter won’t solve the social and economic problems that caused their housing crisis in the first place. Smith states the case in architectural terms, arguing that the standard suburban house doesn’t suit contemporary lifestyles—or pocketbooks, (page 88).

Philanthropist and architect alike argue that the solution to the housing crisis starts with a restatement of the problem itself. The search for alternatives has to extend beyond the cul-de-sac of suburban housing. "We need," says Rouse, "to build a new system for housing the poor—to take the problem apart, to deal with its pieces, and put it back together with new answers." Daralice D. Boles

The Doublehouse in Seattle, Wash., designed by A2Z of Los Angeles, is in many ways the classic custom commission, yet its strategy—and budget—make it affordable. The client wanted to spend $50,000 for two units, one of which he planned to rent out to pay for the other. He actually spent $63,000 for two "urban cabins," each a 700-square-foot studio with a loft sleeping area. "We got to it by a process of elimination," says A2Z architect Norman Millar of the piggyback scheme. He and partners Ries Niemi and Sheila Klein set out to prove that a small space can achieve "economy with grace" and a "sense of richness through the use of materials and connection to the outdoors." Although designed as one of a kind, the Doublehouse has broader potential: "We see them as infill," says Millar, "in urban or suburban settings." Intended for a single person or couple, the Doublehouse is no generic solution, but it illustrates that affordable housing need not be bland and predictable.
Will the Japanese do to our housing industry what they did to the automobile industry? The following article discusses how industrialized housing in our two countries is the product of conditions unique to each and is generally not transferable.

The view from the platform four stories above the ground in the automated vertical warehouse at the Sekisui House plant in Shiga is an encapsulation of the rapidly evolving Japanese house building industry. The warehouse is bereft of sound and light except for the occasional din of the motors of robots that roam back and forth along the aisles and up and down the shelves seeking a computer-programmed set of building parts. In an adjacent building, a young technician is reading a punch list of building components and feeding the information into a computer. The computer orchestrates the operation of the robots that deposit the premanufactured components on a conveyor belt beneath your feet. The pieces will be bundled with a tag indicating the name and address of the customer and shipped by truck to the site, perhaps the same day. Within four to six weeks, the new buyers will move in.

A few hours after the work day ends at Sekisui House, the welding torches are lighted at Roxbury Homes, a medium-size housing component manufacturer in upstate New York. Most of the steel-stud-based panels are placed in inventory for use in future projects. A few are fabricated for specific projects and are manufactured according to a unique set of shop drawings.

Neither the Japanese nor the U.S. house building industries can be typified through a single comparison of two manufacturers. However, Sekisui House and Roxbury Homes produce housing in a manner that may be indicative of important trends in their respective markets. And, in a limited sense, a discussion of the similarities and differences between these companies can provide insight into the technical, social, and philosophical underpinnings of the two largest house-building industries in the world.

The Japanese Housing Industry
The Japanese house-building industry can be characterized as high-volume, with a substantial capital investment in high technology. The five biggest housing companies in Japan produced about 124,000 units in 1983, with the largest—Sekisui—accounting for over 40,000 houses. In comparison with the U.S. industry, the numbers are staggering. Sekisui, a company founded in 1960, has five manufacturing facilities employing
nearly 9000 people. The plant in Shiga, the largest, has a capacity of about 2000 houses per month although production is typically closer to 1300.

There are a number of reasons why the industrialized housing industry is one of the most vibrant in Japan. First, the geography is right. About the area of California, Japan has about half the population of the U.S. (about 120 million people) concentrated in small pockets of buildable land. The megalopolis that extends from Tokyo to Osaka (a few hundred miles) contains about 45 percent of the population. A centrally located manufacturing facility can ship a high volume of houses over a comparatively small distance, a critical consideration in designing plant capacity. Second, the industrialized housing industry grew from a solid foundation of manufacturing, an evolution that many Japanese have come to equate with quality and value. Third, the government gave specific impetus to manufactured housing by sponsoring major competitions designed to promote innovative factory-based construction techniques, and by providing financial assistance for research and development. An industry that did not exist 25 years ago continues to grow despite a generally shrinking housing market.

The U.S. Housing Industry

The housing industry in the U.S. is considerably more disparate. The 200,000 or so general building contractors on the average construct less than ten units per year. The radical fluctuations in sales from year to year tend to move small contractors in and out of the market. Many of the large builders have continued to grow and diversify, enabling them to cushion the blow of recession.

Few houses are built without some degree of factory-based technology. Most are built with some preengineered, premanufactured components such as the trusses, panels and/or structural frames produced by Roxbury Homes. On the opposite end of the industrialized housing spectrum is the manufactured housing industry. This industry contains about 169 companies producing between ten and twenty percent of the total U.S. housing production. Manufactured housing in the U.S. is far less capital-intensive and automated than their Japanese counterparts.

Our government did attempt to assist the industrialization of the U.S. housing industry, hoping to create ventures capable of providing high-volume, high-quality, low-cost housing. The herculean effort was familiarly known as “Operation Breakthrough.” By most accounts, “Breakthrough” was a failure due, in part, to poor collaboration between industry and government. The technology was ill-suited to the then existing housing delivery system and to the ideal of home. One of the lasting impressions from this program was the large number of Japanese delegations that came to the U.S. as observers.

The Design/Build Process

The design profession in Japan often argues that industrialized housing is not architecture, but rather a “consumer product.” Sekisui, like most other manufacturers, periodically releases new models that serve as templates for its huge captive sales network. Sitting at a CRT with the “designer,” the potential buyers can design their own house adding a few square meters to one room, or changing the decor in the bath. Or, perhaps, a second tatami room is added, one of the traditional features that survives in an increasingly western style house. The possible options are, of course, confined by the basic model design, the construction technology, the buyer’s budget, and the size of

The Japanese Sekisui House system (left) uses a braced structural steel frame and aluminum sandwich panels for cladding. The factory in which the system is made is highly automated, with the housing modules themselves placed on a moving assembly line and workers responsible for installing the same elements in each. Robots are used in the fabrication and movement of components through the plant. Japan’s industrialized housing is not only made like automobiles, but is tested and marketed like them. Most of the housing companies maintain research and development facilities and conduct thorough tests of products before they are sold. The various housing models are then available for viewing in housing parks located throughout the country. In those parks, companies sell not only houses, but furniture, financing, and insurance. Prospective owners can customize a given model, varying its exterior or interior finish or adding a room. But they must work within the limitations of the various models and modular units made by Sekisui. The centralized, capital intensive housing industry in Japan is a product of that country’s small size, supportive government, and relatively few home builders.

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**Industrialized Housing**

P/A Technics cated In New York, typifies the needs of a particular builder or developer. The Roxbury system consists of a steel-braced frame construction system with aluminum sandwich panels for cladding. The frame and panels are bolted together on site. Most models are two-story and typically cost $45 per square foot (1984 U.S. dollars).

The Japanese buyer is frequently in a hurry to erect the new house. With undeveloped land scarce and land prices exorbitant, purchasing property is often not feasible. The cost of land may be as much as 70 percent of the total cost of the house. As a result, a new house purchase may imply demolishing an existing structure and erecting the new one in its place. Dependable delivery and speed of erection are of paramount importance. The well-oiled Sekisui design-fabrication-erection process is perfectly suited to this environment.

**Industrialized Site-built Housing**

The Roxbury line sports about ten models with a contemporary styling that comfortably fits the housing market in the Northeast. Few, if any, of these models are sold. Buyers are builders or developers who come armed with a sketch or program that dictates a unique design solution.

Roxbury is selling a look—open planning, exposed wood-laminated beams, cathedral ceilings with wood decking—and the technology is subservient to that. Factory fabrication captures cost and quality advantages but is not a prime driver in the design process. Although the post-and-beam module imposes constraints, the system is inherently flexible, allowing the product to be accommodated to an eclectic array of design demands. Providing a product to an array of builders necessitates designing in this flexibility.

Working drawings from a design sketch are generated by a CAD system. At the same time, a punch list of components is generated and sent down to the plant for fabrication. While the use of welded metal infill panels is somewhat unusual, the layout of the plant and level of automation are comparable to most U.S. panelization operations.

The company has opted to provide only part of the finished housing product, constructing the structural frame and envelope for a cost of around $15 to $18 per square foot. The open wall panels span between the load-bearing wood posts. The builder will assemble the carefully numbered, factory fabricated pieces over a site-built foundation and finish the interior in a conventional manner. On the day construction is to start, the Roxbury house arrives by truck. Within one week it is enclosed and the finish work begins, sheltered from the elements.

For many small conventional site builders, this arrangement is compelling, striking a balance between the design flexibility of the site-built process and the speed and quality of erection associated
with factory fabrication. Roxbury supplies those materials that provide the builder with a competitive advantage. Other items such as interior studs, finish materials, and appliances are generally less expensive when purchased locally than as part of the factory-assembled package.

**Marketing the Product**

Not far from Disneyland in Tokyo stands “ABC Land,” a sort of amusement park for house buyers. ABC land is one of a number of housing parks where some of Japan’s leading housing producers have erected model houses. About one third of them are manufactured, often indistinguishable from their site-built neighbors.

A few years ago the majority of house sales in Japan were made through housing parks. While their importance is diminishing, the more than 200 housing parks, scattered throughout the country, remain an integral part of the marketing program for many major housing companies. The trend in styling is obviously Western, reflecting the Japanese desire to be modern.

The stylistic gimmickry is partly a response to the intense competition coupled with the desire to create an image of individuality despite industrialization. For many of the optional features, such as the elaborate electronic control systems and the heated toilet seats, the line between utility and market image is thinly drawn. Reinforcing the consumer product image, “name” architects are often retained to produce designer models.

The size and resources of companies like Sekisui allow the Japanese to excel in marketing. The apparent quality of communication between the sales and design departments is impressive. Like the automotive industry, new models are released every few years and minor changes are made to existing models each year. Most large companies have a range of models from the compact space-efficient model to the fully equipped deluxe house, a showcase of fine materials and furnishings and the latest in consumer electronics.

**Satisfying the Market**

One builder constructing a Roxbury house in Maryland when asked about the style responded, “I can build anything in this market as long as it's center-hall colonial.” This pervasive attitude frustrates architects and house manufacturers alike, given the unexplored design potential of housing systems like Roxbury. The deep-rooted traditions of style in the U.S. and the relatively decentralized building industry also have a profound impact on the rate of technological innovation. The small leaps being pioneered by Roxbury and other progressive companies are useful examples of well-integrated changes.

This is in stark contrast to the capital-intensive industrialized building process in Japan. Given the economics of shipping and the political climate regarding imports, we are not likely to see “made in Japan” housing in the U.S. in the near future, although what large multinational housing company can long resist the largest, most affluent market in the world? Here, we might learn the lesson of Detroit: Progress can be best achieved through cooperation. Emanuel Levy

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The closest the U.S. housing industry comes to a completely factory-built house is the mobile home (left). Like many of the Japanese systems, mobile homes consist of modules that are built, finished, and outfitted in the plant and then shipped to the site for rapid installation. Except for connecting utilities and completing some exterior finishes, little on-site labor is required. Where the most dramatic difference exists between our modular housing and that made in Japan is in the methods of its fabrication. The U.S. mobile home industry is much less automated. While many labor-saving tools are used in their construction, mobile homes are still largely hand-built within the factory. Such housing is aimed at the lower end of the housing market, a niche that it has filled very successfully. Analysts, however, do not anticipate its market share to increase (or for that matter decrease) dramatically.
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"Structuring Creativity: Use Both Sides of your Brain." Tony Buzan, author. Introduction: Carol King, Editor-in-Chief, Designers West.

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Neoclassic Wool is a jacquard drapery collection made of 100 percent wool and is 48 inches wide. It is available in 9 different patterns and 4 colorways.
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Atelier International
Frank Lloyd Wright's Barrel Chair is constructed of solid cherry wood and finished in natural cherry or cherry stained walnut. The cushioned upholstered seat can be ordered in a variety of fabrics or Al leathers.
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Baker, Knapp & Tubbs
The Traditions-1200 Series, new to Baker, is finished in rich mahogany and specifically designed to accommodate electronic office equipment.
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Beelner & Thomas
A new design by Fran Hernandez, the Moderne Chair, works for pull-up or conference use and stacks easily. The chair is available in several oak finishes.
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Beylerian
Part of the Lune D’Argent Series, this chair was designed by Pascal Mourgue. The frame is composed of welded steel rod with a polyester “Hammered Pewter” finish.
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Benedetti
Basics III, a new design, is produced in American Black Walnut, Appalachian White Oak, and Honduran Mahogany. Cherry and other veneers are also available.
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Boyd Lighting Company
Boyd introduces Trigom Chandelier, a modular chandelier with basic units that can be created in a variety of shapes. The light operates with either incandescent or halogen bulbs and comes in bone, charcoal, red, and other porcelain finishes.
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Brickel Associates
Ward Bennett’s Open-Arm Chair is the latest addition to the Yoke series. Several styles are available in a wide selection of textiles and leathers.
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D.S. Brown
Forum chairs offer many functional details including optional fittings for auditorium armrests and a pivoting backrest. The frame is laminated beech, natural finish or painted gray, black, or white.
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Conde House
Designed by Richard Schultz, the Ricardo Chair is constructed of steel tubing with a solid maple seat and back. A limited selection of finishes is offered.
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Brunschwig & Fils
Matley Glazed Chintz, taken from an engraved 19th-Century floral toile, is part of the Furniture Collection of upholstery fabrics. The pattern, printed on 100 percent cotton, is 51 inches wide.
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Condie
The Henley Chair combines elegant design with function and is offered in several finishes.
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Carnegie
Concorde, designed for draperies and wallcoverings, is flame retardant and available in 50 lustrous colors.
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Corry and Hiebert
Symphonics, created by Kristi H. Reinhard, is a new colors/materials/finishes program consisting of upholstery/panel weaves and color/finish selections with light-reflective qualities.
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DesignTex
Dartmouth is a multicolored small-sacle geometric pattern offered in a choice of 12 different colorways. The fabric is 54 inches wide and made of 100 percent worsted wool. Circle 119 on reader service card

Executive Office Concepts
EOC unveils Axiom, a traditionally styled collection of desks, credenzas, storage and wardrobe units, and other office furnishings. The line features several new wood finish and trim options. Circle 120 on reader service card

Forms & Surfaces
Grate benches are new to the F + S Site Furniture series. Made of embossed, perforated steel with acid-washed concrete end supports, the Grate bench is available in a range of colors and galvanized steel. Circle 122 on reader service card

GF Furniture Systems
The Stratum Desk, designed by Charles Schreiner and Travis Randolph, offers combinations of bridges, shelves, and other components of various colors, finishes, and sizes for design flexibility. Circle 123 on reader service card

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Gunlocke
The GEVA Collection features desks that offer modularity and adaptability for a range of layout variations. Specifiers can choose wood veneer finishes on desk and credenza tops as well as mix or match the pedestals and base detailing.
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Harter
The Harter Task Furniture System offers a new segmented panel including window or pass-through panel segments. Panels can be ordered as assembled units or individually in a range of sizes, with wood veneer finishes for worksurfaces and solid wood fronts for drawers and overhead cabinets.
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S. Harris & Co.
Charlemagne's floral pattern is constructed of 59 percent rayon and 41 percent cotton. This 54-inch Italian tapestry is offered in only one color combination.
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Hastings Tile & Il Bagno Collection
Sodalite is the result of a unique new process that duplicates the natural graining of semiprecious stones on white tile. Malachite, rhodonite, jasper, and agate patterns are also available.
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Haworth
Silk Tweed, a new silk-polyester-blend panel fabric, features a linear geometry with integrated color flecks. Silk Tweed is available in 10 colors.
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Howe
The Donahue Table, designed by Tim Donahue, incorporates classic decorative elements. The table is available in a selection of sizes, heights, and shapes, in either four-legged or pedestal versions.
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ICF
Designed by Afra and Tobia Scarpa, the Veronica collection takes its form from the Spanish bullfight. The frame is made of integral steel in molded polyurethane bodies.
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iii International
The Mobila Series, designed by Manfred Petri, includes a double-pedestal desk, with optional trolleys; a table desk; and matching credenzas. Specifiers can select from a range of sizes.
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Images of America
Vienna is a light, comfortable piece of contemporary design. Two different frame finishes are available along with a wide range of fabrics and leathers for the cushion.
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Katzenbach & Warren
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Neon Sculpture

Neon Modular Systems has just introduced the Laser Light Sculpture designed by Pacifico Palumbo. Palumbo’s intention with the system was to treat “light as sculpture and sculpture as light.” Laser Light Sculpture has a four-foot-long neon lamp encased within high-impact tinted acrylic tube. The tube is attached with a grooved, black rubber grommet, to a metal frame. The grommet can be moved along the frame and the acrylic tube can be moved through the grommet—all to vary the position of the neon lamp. The two-foot-high metal frame is available in a chrome or matte-black finish and the neon/acrylic combination is available in five colors: Dark Icy Blue, Purple, Krypton, Uranium, and Ruby Red with a Purple Aura.

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Rayure Moderne fabric is a broken stripe that is ideal for furniture of the Art Deco period. The chair shown, circa 1928–1929, was designed by Donald Deskey, who was also the architect for the interior of Radio City Music Hall. The fabric of rayon and silk jacquard is technically an adaptation of the original fabric, but it is in the mood of the period. The Deskey chair, upholstered in Rayure Moderne, is exhibited in the Design and Architecture Gallery, Lila Acheson Wallace Wing, Metropolitan Museum, New York. Brunschwig & Fils.

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Priority Package of wallcoverings contains an assortment of 40 to 60 samples that fan out for color or texture matching. Each paper-supported swatch contains identification, contents, and flamespread details. The collection includes sculptured vinyl wallcoverings called Textpressions, Priority Package 3, which presents 55 different texture and color combinations. It is 36 inches wide and Class A flamespread rated. Gilford, Inc.

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Swelllite 1000 waterproofing membrane waterproofs concrete in split-slab construction. The membrane is a polyethylene film adhered to a compound of butyl rubber and Bentonite. Water penetrating the film layer activates the Bentonite, which swells upon contact with water, forming an impervious gel. The membrane flexibility makes it capable of bridging cracks up to one-eighth inch. American Colloid Company.

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Product and Systems catalog provides information for specifying Carrier's complete line of heating and cooling equipment. Data in this 32-page catalog make it possible to lay out a heating and air-conditioning system. There is a color-coded cover index to the charts with heating/cooling capacity and equipment sizes. Each product is presented with a photo, a list of key features and benefits, appropriate applications, and data charts. Carrier North American Operations.

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Solid Vision software for the IBM PC/AT, PC/XT, and compatible allows architects and engineers to design in three dimensions and then revise the design as often as necessary. It shows a design in plan, elevation, section, or perspective and then produces drawings, model design, and presentation images, all from one model. Calcomp.

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The Euroka chair, a modern rocker designed by Mark Singer, is light and portable, with simple lines. It rocks without a traditional rocker, adjusts to fit body contours, and shifts position to support and cushion every movement. Two steel cables work with the frame to create an interplay of tension and compression, providing maximum strength with minimum structure. Melamede International.

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Blueprint/Large Document racks for vertical filing have extruded plastic binders that hold plans without turn-screws. Racks accommodate 15 binders each; swivel units hold up to 30 binders each. Each binder clamps 1 to 80 sheets. Blue Files, Inc.

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The Post and Ball series of conference, work, and reception tables, designed by Stanley J. Friedman, has been increased with a new four-legged model. It has 3%-inch-diameter steel posts, with equal-size steel balls rising slightly above the support posts. A series of stretchers connects posts, and adjustable floor glides are concealed within each post. Balls and stretchers are painted flat black; posts are flat olive green. Standard Brunton colors, custom-matched colors, polished or satin stainless steel, and "Brutone Bronze" finishes are available. Brunton Industries, Inc.

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