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The current joke that the neutron bomb is the architect's weapon of choice since it only destroys people and leaves buildings intact is not particularly funny on two counts. One, because such a weapon actually exists. And two, because it highlights an arrogance that pervades entirely too much architecture: the notion that human beings and their needs only get in the way of achieving the perfect architectural object. Even the briefest shuffle through a stack of architectural photographs leads one to wonder, is anybody in there?

That question was precisely the focus of this year's Monterey Design Conference, sponsored by the California Council, The American Institute of Architects. For three days, experts in the behavioral sciences and pioneers in the practice of architectural humanism met with architects from around the state to explore the social art of architecture.

Robert Marquis, FAIA articulated the fundamental importance of the conference theme to architects. "The emphasis in architecture should be on the user, on humanist issues rather than on formalist, esoteric concerns," he said. "These values may be out of vogue as design determinants, but they have been central to the work and philosophy of some of us for a long time. Architecture is a social art, one that must serve society's needs, the needs of the people who live in it and next to it, and of those who inherit it. James Marston Fitch said it best when he said, 'Architecture's central purpose is to act on man's behalf.'"

A wealth of information on human behavior exists in the annals of social scientists, but that material seldom filters into general use. This conference began to bridge the gap between research into the "human factor" and the physical manifestation of that data in the built environment. As conference chair Douglas Austin, AIA observed, attending the seminars "was like drinking out of a fire hose."

Given our cultural tendency to stuff the most complex ideas into a simplistic package, it is no surprise that a vibrant, living human being has come to be considered a "factor" in the design process, and an unpredictable one at that. Social scientists offer a point of view and a range of useful techniques that enable the architect to draw upon the vitality of the human factor to create a relevant architecture.

Design is a circumstantial act, and in California circumstances tend to favor a humanistic approach to architecture. No doubt that is why the Monterey Design Conference has sparked such enthusiastic renewed interest in designing places for people. Various local AIA chapters are integrating the concerns of the social sciences into their ongoing programs, and the annual Design Awards program sponsored by CCAIA is being re-evaluated to incorporate humanistic criteria into the jury process. This issue of Architecture California features two articles on the design of places for people; future issues will continue to report on this important theme.

Designing environments that meet the functional, psychological, and spiritual needs of individual clients and users, and the aspirations of the society as a whole, offers architects their most creative opportunities or their easiest cop-out. As Bob Marquis cautions, "Many architects will use humanism and user needs as an excuse for mediocre, uninspired, pedestrian work. As a profession we have to guard against that."

—Janice Fillip

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RUSTIC LIBRARY WINS NATIONAL AWARD

Peter Calthorpe, AIA was the only California architect to receive an Award of Excellence for Library Architecture in the thirteenth Library Buildings Award Program, cosponsored by The American Institute of Architects and The American Library Association. Calthorpe’s design of the Boulder Creek Library, in the Santa Cruz City-County Library System, was praised by the jury as having “a relaxed and rustic atmosphere, which must be conducive to reading and to thought.” The jury commended the architect for making the setting, “with its large redwood trees, a contributing partner in the design.” The jury noted that the library’s several reading rooms, decks, and outdoor amphitheater allow for a wide variety of functions in the small building and that the wood-burning stove gave the space a comfortable feeling. Jurors were Harold Roth, FAIA; Robert Herman, FAIA; Pamela Hopkins, AIA; Frank Hemphill; Nolan Lushington; and Kenneth E. Toombs.

AMERICA BY DESIGN

Architecture and design are the subjects of a five part public television series, “America By Design,” that premieres the week of September 28, 1987 (check local listings for exact date and time in your area). Architectural historian and author Spiro Kostof hosts the telecast, which tells the story of the people and events that give shape to America.

The program portrays America as one design, made out of whole cloth, continuous over time and geography. The first two installments explore the forces that have shaped the design of the American house and our home-away-from-home, the work place. The third program traces the evolution of the street and the influence of transportation systems on how our country looks. The public realm is examined in part four, which focuses on public places and monuments. The final episode addresses the shape of the land and how our continental landscape has been redesigned on a grand scale.

FORMS OF FAITH

Contemporary vision and traditional religious symbolism merged in the Awards for Excellence in Religious Art and Architecture program sponsored by The Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art and Architecture (IFRAA). IFRAA presented 13 awards in the categories of honor, merit, citation and award of excellence. Two California architects were recognized for their work in creating an inspirational environment: a Citation Award was given to Ralph Allen and Partners for the Orange Covenant Church, Orange, and an Award for Design Excellence was given to Mighetto and Youngmeister for the St. Francis of Assisi Church, Concord. The national 1986 award program was co-sponsored with the Judah Magnes Museum. Jurors were Claude Stoller, FAIA; William Chayes; and Stanley Saitowitz.

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since January 1984. Jurors are William Tillman Cannady, FAIA; Douglas Stewart Kelbaugh, AIA; Diane Legge-Lohan, AIA; and Mark Simon, AIA. The deadline is October 1, 1987. There is no entry fee. For an entry form, contact the American Wood Council, 1250 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 833-1595.

The eighth annual National Lighting Awards Program, sponsored by the National Lighting Bureau (NLB), will recognize lighting achievements that demonstrate electric illumination's ability to enhance human performance and well-being. Submissions should show how lighting helps to improve productivity or increase retail sales. Projects must have been completed on or after January 1, 1985. The deadline is October 15, 1987. To receive an application form, write to the National Lighting Awards Program, c/o National Lighting Bureau, 2101 L Street, N.W., Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20012 (202) 457-8437.

Non-residential interior use of Naugahyde fabric is the central theme of the Creative Visions design competition co-sponsored by Naugahyde Brand Fabric and Contract magazine. The winner will receive a design in Baccarat crystal from Tiffany & Company, New York and the project will be published, along with runners-up, in Contract. Jurors are Norman Bleckner; Len Corlin; Charles Gelber, FIBD; Kerwin Kettler; Neville Lewis, IBD, ASID; Marie Logothetis, IBD; and Fran Wilson, FASID. Deadline is October 5, 1987. To obtain an application, contact Michele Zelman, Gibbs & Soell, Inc., 126 East 38th Street, New York, NY 10016, (212) 481-4488.

**CREATING A METROPOLITAN NEIGHBORHOOD**

Transformation of South Park into an exciting urban living environment is the focus of a massive redevelopment project aimed at creating the first true metropolitan neighborhood in downtown Los Angeles. "South Park is one of the most significant single redevelopment undertakings in Los Angeles since the turn of the century," said John Tuite, administrator of the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA).

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Santa Monica freeways and Main and Eighth streets, into a vibrant space supporting activities 24 hours a day. When completed, the area will contain residential housing, parks, shopping plazas, theaters and cafes. Plans call for the public and private investment of more than $1.5 billion and construction of more than 6,000 apartment units during the next 10 to 15 years. The CRA expects that new residents will create a strong base to spur commercial growth in the waning central business district.

Initial construction within a six block area is expected to cost $500 million and to include two museums, a 2.5 acre park, two medical centers, seven residential buildings ranging from mid-rise to 30 stories, a fashion school, 875,000 square feet of office space, and 260,000 square feet of retail space. The majority of the first stage construction is taking place in a three-block area bounded by Ninth, Olive, Olympic and Flower streets. The second stage will be located in the adjacent three blocks to the south.

Landscape architect Lawrence Halprin created Grand Hope Park to serve as the centerpiece of South Park. Grand Hope Park is broken up into a series of "urban rooms"—such as lawns, courtyards, a fountain court, a clock tower, and children's playground—bounded by trellises, arched gateways and a variety of plants.
and trees. Construction for the $5.3 million park began in March. Halprin linked South Park to the Central Library and the rest of downtown by re-landscaping Hope Street into a tree-lined promenade. The Hope Street Promenade, which is part of an open space plan, will be completed in three parts at an estimated cost of $5 million.

Two new health care facilities are provided in the South Park development. The California Pediatric Center, a $4 million, 20,300 square foot facility designed by Bobrow/Thomas and Associates, opened in June. It provides a full spectrum of medical services, health education, and a day care center that includes specialized services for sick children. The California Medical Center, a $57 million project designed by Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz, combines 227,000 square feet of new construction and 45,000 square feet of remodeling. The medical center, completed in January, houses 344 patient beds, primarily in the nine story patient care tower.

A $22.3 million campus for the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, designed by The Jerde Partnership, is scheduled for completion by December, 1988. The five story, 150,000 square foot building contains classrooms, penthouse studios, offices, and a fashion museum.

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CALIFORNIA BUILDING OFFICIALS

The California Building Officials' awards program honored seven buildings that embody innovative solutions for energy conservation, accessibility for the disabled, sound attenuation, structural integrity and code compliance. Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz received two Awards of Excellence for Pacific Presbyterian Professional Building, San Francisco, and for the renovation of Park Hill, San Francisco. Awards of Excellence also were given to developer Morrison Homes and architect Barry Holloway for

- Danbury Park, Pleasanton; Chris Craiker, AIA, Inc. for Peninsula Landing, Redwood Shores; CLEO Architecture + Design, Inc. for The Floral Emporium, San Diego;
- Brian Paul & Associates, Inc. for The Plaza at La Jolla-West Tower, San Diego; and Gensler and Associates/Architects for the renovation of 799 Market Street, San Francisco.

Jurors were Richard T. Conrad, AIA; Michael J. Bocchicchio, Sr., AIA; Raimar Schuller; James F. McMullen; Warren D. Noteware; Shirley Chilton; and John C. Canestro, P.E.

THE PLAZA AT LA JOLLA-WEST TOWER, San Diego.


PARK HILL, San Francisco.
Architect: Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz. Jury Comment: Architects for Park Hill restored this historic landmark to grandeur, while providing modern and safety-conscious living accommodations to residents.
799 MARKET STREET (left), San Francisco. Architect: Gensler and Associates/Architects. Jury Comment: With this intriguing renovation, Gensler and Associates entirely upgraded this former department store for all code requirements. The result is a magnificent aesthetic contribution to downtown San Francisco.

PACIFIC PRESBYTERIAN PROFESSIONAL BUILDING, San Francisco. Architect: Kaplan/McLaughlin/Diaz. Jury Comment: This outstanding project was chosen for extraordinary attention to site and use of materials to meet special design demands from occupants and neighborhood residents.

PENINSULA LANDING, Redwood Shores. Architect: Chris Craiker, AIA, Inc. Jury Comment: Special attention to extremely difficult environmental conditions and delightful design solutions make Peninsula Landing a winner.


THE FLORAL EMPORIUM, San Diego. Architect: CLEO Architecture + Design, Inc. Jury Comment: The designers successfully demonstrated that elegance may be achieved while special attention is given to energy conservation and accessibility for the public.
CALIFORNIA DESERT

Two of the four Honor Awards given during the California Desert Chapter's first Honor Awards program went to Urrutia Architects for Patio Homes, Vintage Club, Indian Wells and for Fairway Estates, Ironwood Country Club, Palm Desert. Honor Awards also went to Kaptur & Cioffi Architects for Guest House, Palm Springs, and to Steven H. Sullivan, AIA Architect for Plaza Center, Indio. Jurors were Victor Chu, AIA; Norma Sklarek, FAIA; and Rob Quigley, AIA.

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The Illusion of Chaos: An Interview with Frank O. Gehry, FAIA

More than any other architectural firm, Frank O. Gehry & Associates has captured in architecture the pulse of life lived on the fault line. A raw warehouse space tucked anonymously into an alley just off Venice Beach is the home of the inventive group of architects and design professionals honored with the 1987 Firm Award from the California Council, The American Institute of Architects. In presenting the award to Frank O. Gehry & Associates, the jury said, “This firm has significantly influenced the direction of architecture in California. The work is colorful, fresh, and inspired out of its own ideas. Rather than follow the ideas of other architects, Gehry & Associates has done things that others have followed.”

There is no doubt that Frank O. Gehry, FAIA is the driving genius at Gehry & Associates. “The work and the ideas embodied in it come from Frank and from the process he creates,” says Bob Hale, a senior associate. Architects who come to the office to learn how to design like Gehry or to work directly with him will be disappointed. Gehry does not encourage anyone to design the way he does, and newcomers will most likely end up working with senior associates to learn how to make the designs a reality. “Working closely with someone is a personal thing,” says Hale, “especially with Frank.”

The people who work the closest with Gehry are senior associates Robert G. Hale, Jr. and David W. Denton, AIA, and firm vice president C. Gregory Walsh, AIA, who has been with Gehry since they were classmates at the University of Southern California. In addition to design and planning, Hale and Denton manage projects, undertake contract negotiations, supply required documentation, and “illustrate the problems to Frank” through the development of models, zoning envelopes, and program massing studies. “We start with mundane functional issues and Frank tweaks them to make something special,” Hale says. “He makes magic from nothing.”

The creative environment at Gehry & Associates attracts and holds a dedicated core of talented professionals. Tom Buresh says that the firm’s charrette atmosphere is what attracts him: “This is one of the highest energy places I know. I need the adrenalin fix you get here.” People in the office acknowledge each other’s talents and share their wisdom and experience. “Everyone is fairly aggressive. You have to be to survive,” Hale says.

The distinction many offices make between the “creative” architects and the “practical” technical people is not made at Gehry & Associates, where the realization of a design often pushes technical skills to their most creative limits. “Our technical people can make things happen that leave the rest of the profession scratching its head,” Hale says. Walsh adds, “If you’re going to stick your neck out,
you'd better make sure that the form no one's seen before doesn't leak."

The cutting edge can be a lonely place, but it makes for a stimulating learning environment. "Frank is always curious," Bob Hale says. "He likes dealing with the new. Frank has an emotional compulsion to push himself. That's what keeps the work on the cutting edge. For me, the real satisfaction is my involvement in making something unique." The satisfaction for Greg Walsh comes from "the work and the process of doing it. It's hard fought for, but we have a freedom here."

That freedom has produced an exceptional range of innovative architecture. In conferring the Firm Award, the jury commented, "The firm has created a balance in its work between expressionism and the underlying programmatic order, individualizing space by breaking it down into programmatic components. This is thoughtful work, marked by a freedom of expression, that dares to enter the realm of art."

Frank Gehry is a master of context. In a town that has a different context every 20 feet, he successfully resolves the paradoxes to achieve harmonious geometries of space. Gehry's architecture is animated in an intuitive way, with emphasis on relationships of scale and human activities. "Frank's concepts happen fast, change fast, are often volatile," says Walsh. "We carefully refine our work to make a building live up to its promise. We take the first ideas and try not to lose them in the reality of construction, budget, and detail—it's a battle to make sure what we do comes out according to the vision." The resultant buildings serve as canvases upon which Gehry traces the forms and colors of an abstract urban landscape.

Frequently architects dedicated to the exploration of a personal vocabulary tend to impose their need for experimentation on the client's program. Gehry & Associates tends to bring the client on board as part of the design team. According to Bob Hale, the resultant designs reflect the client's desire for expression. Walsh explains, "Anybody can solve a problem. We create spaces that relate to people's psyche. Our best work comes out of an intense dialogue with the client."

The following pages offer an overview of the work of Frank O. Gehry & Associates combined with an intense dialogue with one of architecture's more controversial figures, Frank Gehry.

REFERENCE

"I always have felt that architecture was about materials. Watching my artist friends work directly with materials—the product is something that seems right and real and acceptable and not contrived."

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**Danziger Studio and Residence, Hollywood, 1964**

**Joseph Magnin Stores, Costa Mesa and San Jose, 1968**

**Billy Al Bengston Exhibition, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 1968**

**Ron Davis House, Malibu, 1972**
The culture of California is expressed in your work, yet the ideas are transferable to other parts of the country. How important is context in your work?

Frank: I pay attention to everything. What we see is a manifestation of the culture, like it or not. Just to build a wall around yourself and say “I'm going to cut that out” is unrealistic, like putting your head in the sand. This endless sprawl of billboards and freeways has a reality that you can deal with and make something of. You can't run from the world. I went through all the anti-Semitism in Canada as a kid and I know from experience that you can't crawl into a hole.

You have to make a connection with your time. You can learn from the past, but you make your own interpretation now and, hopefully, that goes into the future. But to get so precious about trying to reconstruct Europe into America at this time doesn't make any sense. In fact, it's scary to see because it is ostrich-like. It denies the world we live in.

We should deal with people and not worry about rebuilding Rome in Los Angeles. That is a totally irrelevant and cynical thing to do. I'm
trying to deal with the reality of what I see around me. My work is not to be misconstrued as a scenario for everybody. I never intended that.

As an educator, what response do you get from students? Do they expect you to be a school of architecture?

Frank: I don't teach that way. I try to treat the students like individuals and help them find their own main issue—the thing that they connect to, that they get excited about, that they're going to fester and think about. Not to climb on my bandwagon. By the time they climb on my bandwagon, I'll be over and out. I may continue for awhile, but I'm going to burn out eventually. I would like to be a role model, not an aesthetic model.

I love the kids that are coming up. When I become negative and cynical, I tap into a few classes at the university and get my fix on optimism, and I come back and go to work.

How do you and your colleagues in the office work out design ideas?

Frank: It's a personal thing. I work with very good designers here. The designers get a sense of what I want, and then I have sessions with them on every project. Mornings are just for design. We come in early and work until lunch, then do all the phone calls and have a wrap-up design session before I go home.

We work on models. I always cut, push, and move the pieces. Then the designer will work on the idea for a couple of days and I'll work on something else. I just go from one session to the next.

Sometimes I get slow. I'm human so I get the doldrums and can't work. I procrastinate and try to clean my desk. The guys know, when they see me doing that, to stay away and let me go through it until I settle down.

And I do a lot of sketching. My drawings don't look like the drawings found in galleries. When galleries have shown my sketches, they are frustrated because the drawings don't sell.

Yet the sketches have a tremendous sense of an evolution of thought.

Frank: That's what they are. They're aimed at the finished building. I'm very focused on the finished building and that's maybe why the buildings have a kind of energy at the end.

In many cases, architects' drawings are better than their buildings. I worked for Carlos Diniz and learned to draw really well. When I started practice, my drawings were like snow jobs for me. The drawings looked so good that I thought the building was good. And I learned that it wasn't. I'm glad I learned that early, because it taught me to do the drawings much faster and work between models and sketches.

You know the experience when you have a beautiful little scenario at 1/8" scale, then you blow it up to 1/4" scale and it looks awful. That disruption is necessary to keep yourself in line. It keeps you on the edge. You have to deal with that awkwardness—that's the moment when you really start to make jumps, when you learn.

People—your colleagues and clients—seem to matter to you.

Frank: They light the fire. I learned early that you don't talk down to people and you give them your best. Once you put out ideas that are clear, people can deal with them. They can dismiss the ideas if they want, and I am fully prepared to take that lump.

That is the thing to teach students: you have to be willing to take it. You may find that you aren't any good, you may find you are dismissed, and you may find that nobody likes you. You have to be willing to take that risk.

It took a long time, but I found a constituency. It's not the same constituency that architects found when they took a safer road. They got bigger projects.
“Architects put me down. Even my favorite colleagues say, You’re just an artist. That’s not true. I’m an architect. Recently the L.A. County Museum had a show of avant garde art and I wasn’t in it. I was very pleased.”

You have those big projects now.
Frank: I’m starting to. But I don’t do the 80 story building in New York.
But you get those juicy museums.
Frank: Juicy? Tell me which museums.
The California Aerospace Museum, for one.
Frank: Three and a half million dollars, juicy? The juicy jobs have been the L.A. County Museum, MOCA, the Central Library expansion, the Getty. I was interviewed for both L.A. County and MOCA. In the L.A. County Museum interview I was told by one of the board members, You’re the architect that exposes all the ducts. I said, I’ve done that, but I don’t need to do that. With the proper budget I wouldn’t do it. It was funny to go to Rusty Powell’s office in LACMA and see the exposed ducts with this big budget.
Juicy is what I did with the Goldwyn Library, the Aerospace Museum, Loyola Law School. All had really tight budgets and I turned them into something. So I would take issue with the “juicy.” It’s a critical point to make, because our commissions are just the opposite of that.

When you get a huge budget, will it change your work?
Frank: I’ll be too old.

Architects are never too old, they’re always too young.
Frank: I’m working with a big budget now for a house in Malibu. I struggle with it because, politically, I’m a little bit in opposition to it. Which is mainly why I am what I am. You are what you are, finally, and what you feel comes out. Maybe that’s one of the reasons why I didn’t get those projects I just mentioned. I was collusive in why I didn’t get those jobs. I’m realistic about that.

When I get a big budget with marble, I like it. Rebecca’s Restaurant was a big budget and I played with it in my terms. When I get a wealthy person’s house, I tend to use the materials I use—like lead copper, which is very expensive—in my way and also to make bigger spaces. If someone wants to make a house a display of riches, I probably would not accept the project.

Are you worried about being spoiled by the allure of large scale projects and large budgets?
Frank: Not yet. I'm conscious that it's a transition. It's not just assured that I can make that transition. That's what keeps me on my toes. Keeps me insecure a little bit. But I'm optimistic. The idea of taking the vocabulary that I've developed and translating it into bigger scale is very exciting.

Insecurity seems to be an important ingredient in your creative process.

Frank: You can't feel that you have it all worked out. I actually went through a soul-search about not accepting those bigger jobs. I'm happy now, having a good time. I've got a modus operandi that works and a good team. I know that taking on big jobs disrupts that, because we've had big jobs before. In the early 1970s, I did Santa Monica Place; the experience was grueling. So I'll ease myself into accepting bigger jobs. I won't take on more work than I personally can handle. We've turned down some big projects. It's a scary feeling. When you think of the years I've struggled to have somebody offer me a $15 million project, and then look them in the eye and tell them that I can't do it because I'm busy working on three small houses and a tiny office building... but you can't cancel something you're already committed to doing. I turn work down because we just don't have the time. We wouldn't do a good job.

I'm concerned about doing the job right and looking out for the client. I'm very conventional in that sense because I make sure that the service is there. When you're a small office and you get a bigger job, that transition is rough until you work the new people in. I'm very nervous about it. I want to do it slowly. We will not grow bigger than 30 people; that is the maximum number I can deal with. I'm no competition. I'm not going to take anybody's work away.

You're almost a mythological figure now, thanks to the media. You could start another career as a "coverboy."

Frank: I hardly ever read our press. I really don't believe it all. If you believe the good stuff then you have to believe the bad stuff. I get too much exposure.

Press attention can be deadly—it sets up expectations. Now you're compelled to be Frank Gehry.
Frank: I'm not going to do that. I'm still working on the projects and I'm inundated and very insecure. I go through ups and downs and worry about things. We're always struggling with the fact that this isn't a profession that's financially wonderful. So even with all the jobs and all the opportunities it's still a struggle.

So those things tend to keep the personal stardom in perspective?

Frank: Absolutely.

Lately you've received quite a few honors, including two AIA Honor Awards, an honorary doctorate and induction into the American Academy & Institute of Arts and Letters. How does this recognition affect you?

Frank: I'm a sucker for all that. I love it. The only person I ever send clippings to is my mother. Every clipping, she gets. Every award, she knows about. She has the archives. In some way I'm trying to please her.

People keep splitting hairs over whether you're an artist or an architect . . .

Frank: . . . architects put me down. Even my favorite colleagues put me down. They say, You're just an artist. That's not true. I'm an architect. Recently the L.A. County Museum had a show of avant garde art and I wasn't in it. I was very pleased.

What is the prognosis for architecture in our contemporary world?

Frank: When I'm pessimistic it feels like the 1920s in Germany. When I'm optimistic it feels like there's new frontiers and times are different and, hopefully, we can overcome.

I think we have to deal with three issues. One is the American complacency about the marketplace, which I don't believe you can correct with tariffs. To give up by creating tariffs is wrong. We were recently working on a restaurant in Kobe. The Japanese built a building in six months that would take a year and a half here. It has got to be cheaper. We have to get our act together and compete. We can't give up without a fight.

And we have to correct mental attitudes. When you walk into a store and the salesperson treats you like a piece of junk or the people in your office tell you that you can't do something you know damn well you can do—it's a disease that's all around us. We have to change that.

Second, we have to get realistic about this environmental crisis, like the depletion of the ozone layer. Issues in the environment have to be dealt with, and we're not dealing with them. We have to understand the reality of what we're being put into. Instead we get misinformation like Chernobyl.
I went to give a lecture in northern Sweden right after Chernobyl. I said that I would do it if they would let my wife and kids go over for two days. When we heard about Chernobyl, I called some friends at the U.S. Embassy in Sweden and asked them about the radiation readings. They said there was no problem. So I told my wife and kids that we were going. My kids—they’re eleven and seven—refused to go. Their instinct was incredible. I went because I was committed to giving a lecture and I had heard from the Embassy that it was okay. Now I find out that was the time of the highest radiation levels. I ate reindeer meat over there. Now I glow in the dark.

The third issue we have to deal with is AIDS. The epidemic somehow uncannily dovetails with the attitude of laxity and complacency in our society, and that’s scary. Maybe the attitudes about sex are getting too crazy. We have to re-evaluate all of that. The family needs to learn about survival. My personal interpretation of architecture relates to all these other issues politically because it deals with scale, realistic attitudes, the use of materials. I always have felt that architecture was about materials. Watching my artist friends work directly with materials—the product is something that seems right and real and acceptable and not contrived.

**How can architects make a better architecture?**

**Frank:** My fellow professionals are like sheep sometimes. We get on bandwagons. But there isn’t one simplistic answer. You have to keep your hand in basics: in the way the wind and the sun move, gravity, the present.

If more architects were secure enough to follow their own style, their lives would be more fun and their work would be a better contribution. Everybody is looking over their shoulders and that is total insecurity. My advice is, be yourself.

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Designing Places for People

THE COMPLEX QUESTION OF
BEHAVIOR-RELATED ARCHITECTURE

BY C.M. DEASY, FAIA

An architect who designs structures for housing exotic animals in a zoo will, of necessity, work closely with experts in animal behavior to ensure that the animals' every need is met. Since such species are expensive and can't be replaced by calling the local employment office, no one can afford to take the chance that designing the wrong habitat might cause the animal to sulk, stop eating or refuse to mate.

An architect designing structures for housing human beings will rarely, however, confer with experts in human behavior to ensure an appropriate habitat for this species. Considering the fact that humans are at least as complex and sensitive as Lesser Aardvarks and Harmered Sittangas, this is an unfortunate situation. Experts in human behavior can contribute information of great value to architects and architecture. No one wants to have clients who sulk, stop eating, or refuse to mate.

The idea that the human sciences can make a direct, positive contribution to architectural design seems strange to many people. The human sciences deal with such elusive qualities as attitude, motivation and the interaction between people. It is not immediately apparent that these qualities have much in common with the materials of construction that architects work with. Yet if we accept the thesis that the rational basis for building is to make people more effective in whatever they undertake to do, the contribution of the human sciences is indispensable. It is becoming increasingly obvious in American industry, and in all other aspects of American life, that attitudes, motivations and interactions are the crucial elements in effectiveness.

Is it possible that some mystical quality in the design of a building will motivate people to be better wives and husbands, more effective teachers, more creative employees, wiser managers? No one seriously believes that. It is true, however, that most of us spend a large part of our lives in houses, schools, and work places that fail to provide positive support to our activities and subject us to unnecessary stress. Ironically, these negative effects can occur even in the finest and best equipped structures designed with the best of intentions. What is missing in these cases derives from a lack of understanding of how human beings respond to their physical surroundings and their social setting.

Fortunately for architects, there are a limited number of ways in which the design of buildings and building complexes can affect human behavior. There are only eight motivational factors that a building design might influence: friendship formation, group membership, personal space, personal status, territoriality, communications, cue searching, and personal safety. These factors are not at all esoteric.

When an architect lays out an apartment complex or the floor plan for a corporate headquarters, the location of stairs, passageways, and walks is determined by a variety of functional requirements. At the same time, these decisions about traffic flow determine where and if people will meet. Since you can’t make friends without meeting people, decisions that normally are seen as functional actually affect friendship formation. This is one reason that high-security high-rise apartments can be lonely places.

Personal status was linked to architecture even before the Pharaohs began building their skyscraper tombs along the Nile. It has led to some memorable architecture. There is another aspect of personal status that is not so widely recognized, but far more troublesome. What the human scientists call "distributive justice" is something that architects deal with all the time, although we may not be aware of it. When laying out a group of middle management offices, it may be technically inconvenient to make all offices equivalent. The differences may not be enough to impair the use of the offices, but that is beside the point. If occupants feel that they were dealt a short hand, they resent it.

Another aspect of behavior that is widely discussed—and widely misunderstood—is territoriality. Everyone knows about nesting robins and how they defend their territory. Human territoriality is much more complex. If someone dumps grass clippings on your side of the fence or takes over your assigned parking stall, your reaction will be out of all proportion to the actual injury suffered. We even carry a moveable sense of territoriality with us. How much of the lunch counter belongs to you? What are your neighbor's rights to spread his or her newspaper over onto your territory and into your coffee? What part of the armrest between airline seats is yours? In the larger scheme of things, these are clearly trivial concerns. But they are still annoyances and, from time to time, they erupt into violence. Why not avoid them by providing clear indications of territorial boundaries?
Territoriality seems to be a selfish motivation, but it is extremely important for the well-being of our towns and cities. An architect who creates a clear identity and a strong bond between people and "our" block, "our" street, and "our" neighborhood, creates a strong force for stability and permanence. If an area clearly does not belong to "us", but instead belongs to "them", no one will be much concerned about what happens to it.

The most intriguing demonstration of the dynamics of applied territoriality is the program of Margaret Thatcher's government to sell Great Britain's enormous stock of public housing to the tenants. Over a million families have become home owners in this way and the impact in terms of maintenance, improvements, and participation in the affairs of the community is impressive.

A discussion of territoriality leads logically to a closely related motivating factor, personal space. Anthropologist Edward Hall has identified some interesting and useful information about the distances at which people in our North American society normally position themselves. Normal head-to-head distance for a small group meeting in the street or the lobby of a hotel will be about five feet. At about ten feet, people begin to disengage. They no longer feel a social obligation to relate to others at that distance. This may seem at first to be "so what" information. But if it is taken with another factor, our endless interest in communicating with others, it begins to influence the design and furnishing of all kinds of public spaces.

To communicate easily with others we like to see their faces. In a sense we want to "see" what they say. To get our message across, we like to use all our arsenal of communicating systems: gesture, expression, and body language, as well as voice. Given these conditions, we can say that most small groups would prefer to position themselves in a circle roughly five feet in diameter. Yet how often does seating in public parks, hotel lobbies or airport terminals make that kind of arrangement possible? To use a reverse example, if you wanted to relieve the receptionist in a public waiting room of some social pressure to communicate, you would arrange the seating so that no one was closer to the receptionist than 10 feet and no one directly faced the reception desk.

Motivating factors such as territoriality and cue searching play a role in almost every kind of building, public or private. They are not discrete factors, but different parts of a continuing spectrum. They tend to overlap and vary in importance depending on the type of building and the people who use it. For young people, group membership has a high priority. In later years, personal safety becomes more important. You may notice that such potent factors as greed, power, and sex are missing from our list. This doesn't mean that architects aren't interested in such things, only that their designs do not materially affect them.

While an understanding of general motivating factors can help architects design buildings where people can function in an atmosphere of maximum cooperation and minimum friction, this is only part of what the human sciences can contribute to the design of a better environment. When the information-gathering techniques of the human sciences are focused on a specific project, particularly where different groups of people must operate together in a complex process to produce a

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Designing a hospital for children is a wonderful opportunity for an architect to enhance the humanistic elements of architecture and develop the therapeutic role of the environment in diagnosing and treating, caring and curing, and living and dying. At the New Children's Hospital at Stanford, we integrated six themes into the design concept to humanize that facility for children, their families, and the care-givers.

The Children's Hospital at Stanford University has established, in its 65 years of operation, a tradition of exceptional medical treatment delivered with warm personal care. Spurred by the new tools of molecular biology, medicine now is on the brink of formerly undreamed of breakthroughs and opportunities. Nowhere do those breakthroughs have more implications than in the treatment of disease in children. Prenatal screening for genetic disease, radioactive probes identifying sickle cell anemia, bone marrow transplants, the use of monoclonal antibodies, and organ transplants, all improve and prolong...
the lives of our children. This new hospital that we have designed as a replacement for the existing facility offers care to children of all ages. It has 125 beds (including 31 neonatal intensive care units), supplemented by an ambulatory care center, including a day hospital.

We quickly discovered that children are not little adults. They are quite different people, physiologically and psychologically. They are newborns, infants, toddlers, school age children, adolescents and, because of the success in treating childhood diseases, post-adolescents.

Hospitals are frightening places for children and even for adults. We’ve worked hard to make this hospital friendly to children and to their families, and to soften that hard edge of necessary technology.

A substantial nationwide research effort that included site visits, parent surveys, interviews with children, and consultations with environmental psychologists was completed. The research included a study of children who were well and sick, and an analysis of their hospital-based artwork. Our research resulted in a set of guidelines used to develop six humanizing themes that were integrated into the design concept. These guidelines were in the categories of character, feelings, senses, scale, distraction, individuality, and inside/outside.

We were looking for a noninstitutional character, something with a reduced scale. We wanted to intensify feelings and develop confidence in the hospital as a place where patients and families were treated not as medical records, but as human beings; the feeling that the hospital was a place of safety, a place for caring. We wanted to stimulate the sense of sight with views and color, the sense of hearing with music and water, and the senses of smell and touch with flowers and textures. We looked to the scale of the village to create surprise, intimacy, interest, something nonmonumental. We also wanted to provide distraction through displays, artwork, and movement.

Since the children’s stays in the hospital can be long, we gave the children the opportunity to individualize their spaces with posters, room names, flags, and toys. We wanted to diffuse the dividing line between the outside and the inside through spatial continuity, continuity of materials, views, and inside/outside vegetation.

These guidelines, among others, were discussed in great detail with a sensitive and active client, and incorporated into the design process to develop the six humanizing themes.

**Humanizing Themes**

The first theme involves the approach to the building. The approach was rotated 90 degrees from the approach to the Stanford Medical Center, to which the New Children’s Hospital is attached. This gives children an initial introduction to the hospital that is devoid of the institutional impact of the larger facility, while still allowing us to use the resources of that facility. One approaches the building on an axis that is defined by two mature oak trees, the drop-off point, the main garden, and an active piece of sculpture that is related to children. The building takes an embracing form as the wings of beds are expanded out on each side of the entrance. The building presents a small-scaled terrace, a fragmented arrangement of canopies and play rooms, and gardens much like transparent toy blocks. This reduction in scale assists in reduction of anxiety levels.
The second theme is the gentle entrance. The child enters the building through a highly transparent membrane that creates the illusion of being outside. The lobby is small, low-scaled, almost residential, and overlooks a magnificent garden full of color. The primary circulation on all floors is organized around the garden. The garden is asymmetrical to help people maintain their orientation. Destination and waiting areas are signaled by the use of nodes in the circulation by the design emphasis of color and changes in proportion and ceiling height. A computer study of the main garden was used for solar shading and, by the landscape architects, to select appropriate vegetation.

A nurturing interior is the third theme. The simple toy-block, rectangular arrangement of play rooms, terraces and canopies as one enters the building changes into a curvilinear space definition that evolves from the focal point of our building, the central garden. The garden brings in daylight, movement and change, and a sense of detail. The energizing smell of spring and a sense of freedom is felt in a protected way. The garden answers the human needs to be active, breathe fresh air, be comfortable, get oriented. The sensuous forms of landscape penetrate the building to give shape to walls, ceilings, columns, and furniture. The round shape is poetic, charming, sheltering, and fun, while also connoting the softness and protective warmth of the mother’s breast and of the feeding spoon.

The fourth theme is the individualized room. The undulating mood is recaptured at the most intimate level in the universe of the sick child, the patient’s room. The room is designed to allow each child to have the parent sleeping next to him. The room defines each child’s territory by grouping together around the child’s bed: the parents’ bed, toys, bookshelves, the study area, the child’s chair, and a nightstand on casters to bring everything into arm’s reach. When in bed, the child may watch a continuously changing light show as the daylight filters through the window shutters and reflects on the walls and ceiling. The shutters, which are operated from the inside by the child, also provide a constantly changing exterior appearance that further de-institutionalizes the building.

The decompression zone is the fifth theme. Parents, while having sleeping areas next to their children, also have a chance to get out of the highly stressful environment. The building provides decompression areas both indoors and outdoors—lounges, libraries, sleep quarters, the lobby, terraces, and alcoves of all sizes—giving parents the option to socialize or be private. Parent and child can take a long sensuous walk on the roof terrace at leisure or as an exercise.

Theme six is to provide distraction through art and artifact. The architectural interior is light, warm, simple and neutral. The interior is designed as a timeless background for changing colorful elements, such as toys, art, graphics, and displays. No age-specific group imagery is used, allowing interpretations of nonfigurative art at varying levels of sophistication. With abstract patterns from finishes to artwork, the child can create images within his or her own imagination.

To summarize, we found that children’s memories are often of places and related sensations. That is why we made the New Children’s Hospital at Stanford a building with doves on the roof and geraniums in the window.

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### Letters

**Housing the Dispossessed**

It was good to read your courageous Editorial in the March/April issue of *Architecture California*. More and more voices in the press indicate that humane attitudes are on the increase. Hopefully we should also see more architecture solving those needs instead of the many displays of conspicuous consumption.

—Albert Frey, FAIA  
Palm Springs

Although *Architecture California* makes a poor political forum, the editorial staff has gone ahead and dabbled in political muckraking. If you insist on being political at least be fair, unlike your March/April Editorial.

For example, your second paragraph starts out with “Each day the barbarous social and economic policies of an administration that fosters private greed over public good forces a growing number of impoverished people into the desperate situation ...”

Now that’s not fair to the Reagan Administration. Let me explain why.

First, let’s take a look at those “barbarous social and economic policies ...” In part it was those policies that were responsible for the decline in inflation rates which in turn resulted in lower interest rates and a resurgence in the national and state economies. Need I remind you that inflation was running at a solid 12 percent and interest rates were at a crushing 18 percent? Must I belabor the negative impacts on tax revenues that the pre-Reagan policies entailed?

This is not just trivia, the economic upswing had a direct and positive impact on the State of California budget, which directly left more money for us Californians to do with what we please. It was then our choice to spend it on the homeless as we saw fit. And I agree of course that we should spend it on the homeless.

Which brings me to my second point, the problems of the homeless are our responsibility, not the federal government’s. Until we admit to the financial end of that responsibility we are just kidding ourselves. It doesn’t make much sense for the federal government to collect the money from everybody in all of the 50 states and then give it back to the 50 individual states to solve problems that the individual states have a better grasp on to begin with. Furthermore, this ridiculous money shuffle just sends the federal budget further out of balance, and that can have serious repercussions.

President Reagan from day one has been a states’ rights advocate. This is exactly the issue at hand. The reduction of federal funding has been a calculated, well-publicized effort to force the states to take responsibility for and gain the benefits of localized decision making. The lack of backbone in our state government to deal with the financial realities of sheltering the homeless is a poor excuse to denounce the federal government’s reduction of funding.

In closing, sheltering the homeless is a positive subject for the magazine to dedicate an issue. Political commentary, however, is not helpful unless it is thorough and fair.

—William E. Zellmer, AIA  
Sacramento

**Architect’s the Name**

The constantly used phrase, “architect and designer,” refers to different people, one being an architect, and the other being a designer. This denigrates the architect—it implies that others, not architects, are designers. The public gets the idea that the architect prepares the “blueprints” for the designs conceived by a designer.

The term “architect and designer” is intentionally perpetrated by those unlicensed organizations that have systematically invaded the architectural profession and wish to create the concept that designers do the design work and architects draw blueprints, or whatever, but certainly don’t design.

If the term refers to “others” (i.e., consultants) involved in the design, why not state it as follows: “architects and others involved on the design team”? To honor a nonexistent, unlicensed group of people as “designers” only further confuses the public about architects and elevates those invaders of our profession.

—William Krisel, AIA  
Los Angeles

**Jury Bias**

That most architectural award programs are actually “photo contests” is of no surprise to practicing architects. This
stigma is not enhanced when jurists exhibit cavalier bias based on prior recognition of presented work and then have the audacity to admit it before the convened participants. Name dropping and cute clichés appear to have replaced the professional critique. The entrants to this year’s CCAIA awards program deserved better. The Monterey Design Conference tradition deserved better.

—Brent Dickens, AIA
San Rafael

A DESIGN CHALLENGE
It seems architects and builders have no conception of women’s ability to reach top shelves installed in kitchen cupboards. I have yet to find a kitchen where a step stool is not needed. For senior women, this is a very serious hazard and most certainly should be corrected. With a little ingenuity, I feel sure some good architect could design more accessible shelving.

—Wilma Gleason
Sacramento

HOME SWEET HOUSE
When does a house become a residence?
Bureaucrats like to talk of dwellings, preferably “dwelling units.” On forms I am asked for my “residence address,” and sometimes for my “place of domicile.” “Home” in corporate usage is sometimes restricted to that self-cancelling phrase, “home office.”

But when we discuss the work of architects, it is usually simply “house.” That is true, whether it is a major work by Greene and Greene or 1,000 square feet of Maybeck at his most rustic. In a nation where we eschew the grandiose, the “manors” and “lodges” of the rich and powerful are usually named after the first owner. To an architect, my present home is not know by the street address or any fancy title: it is “the Mel house.”

In a recent issue, the Bernstein House in the photo caption became the Bernstein Residence in the text. Obie Bowman’s imaginative Sea Ranch house is the “Brugler Residence” in text and caption. Is this the start of a trend?

—Nigel A. Renton
Oakland

No trend, just sloppy proof-reading. The editors appreciate Mr. Renton’s amusing reminder that home is where the house is.
An impressive majority of homebuyers in the west prefer tile roofs

(Insight 1987 California Consumer preference survey by Great Western Real Estate...)

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Aram Bassenian & Assoc., Arch.

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Vista Ladera, Santa Margarita, CA
Preson Sutton & Assoc., Arch.

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Brisa Del Lago, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA
Donius Architects

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that architects should abandon their normal concerns and shoulder the responsibility for their clients' mental well-being. While some architects and some buildings clearly have exasperated their clients beyond endurance, there is no evidence that the architectural profession has any responsibility for the nation's mental health (with the possible exception of the disco designers).

Architects must continue to deal with such matters as safety, aesthetics, comfort and function as we always have. The only difference is that the insights of the human sciences give function a new meaning. At the same time, these insights give architects a new opportunity to undertake an increasingly important role in society, a role that no one else is currently filling.

Architecture forms the setting in which our civilization evolved and it is hard to imagine that civilization could continue as we know it without such a setting. Working with the human sciences, architects can make a more humane setting and, to some extent at least, a better society.

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The project is bordered by open terraces and public arcades which create a pedestrian walkway through the building.

Three mixed-use residential buildings are under construction in the South Park area. Glass sky bridges that connect two high rise towers are a distinguishing feature of Park Place, a 192 unit apartment complex designed by Bob Wellington Quigley, AIA. The pedestrian level of the $18 million complex offers shops and restaurants along a 30 foot arcade that faces Hope Street. Completion is scheduled for the fall of 1988. Parkside, a $23 million residential and retail complex located on Ninth Street and Grand Avenue, provides 200 housing units in two buildings designed by Kurt Meyer Partners. Parkside includes shops, a market, and a health facility with a running track, swimming pool and spa. Dworsky Associates’ design for Skyline II, scheduled to begin construction this fall, incorporates 40,000 square feet of shops and restaurants at street level in the 14 story, $33 million apartment building. Each apartment has balconies and the high-rise is stepped to allow views from all angles.

A second stage of development, scheduled to begin in January 1989, focuses on three blocks adjacent to Eleventh Street. Plans call for three mid-rise apartment complexes with 30 story towers; a 100,000 square foot museum; two office buildings of between 10 and 12 stories with a combined floor area of 775,000 square feet; various retail businesses and community services accounting for 280,000 square feet; and 75,000 square feet of recreation area. Rob Cedergreen Rippon is responsible for the second stage master plan, and is designing two housing blocks and an office building. Among the other projects are an apartment block by Cesar Pelli and Associates; an office building by Murphy, Jahn Associates; and a museum designed by James Stirling and Michael Wilford Associates.

Another aspect of the CRA project is the restoration of nine South Park residential hotels. About $7.5 million in low-interest loans will be available from CRA to help provide more than 700 housing units for low- and moderate-income tenants.

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