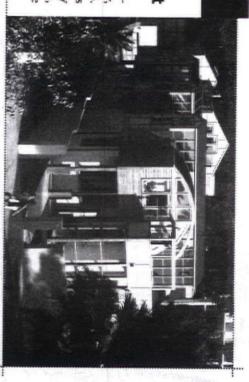


melinda gray architect

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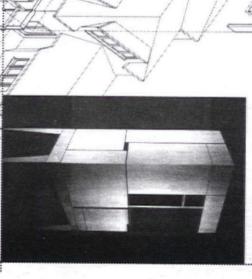
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j.m. reynolds architects

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Anderson Residence Axonometric J.M. Reynolds Architects

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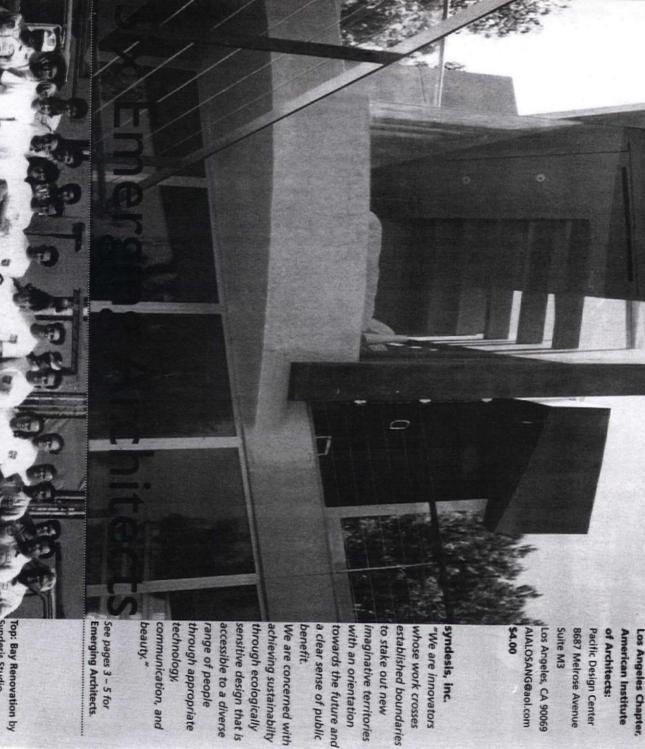
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Hertz is in the center.)

Tanaka Joins Board of **Education Committee**



IA/LA President, Ted T. Tanaka, FAIA has been invited to sit on the Los Angeles Board of Education's Blue Ribbon Citizen's Oversight Committee. This Committee was set up to ensure that the bond funds from the recently passed

Proposition BB are spent for the intended purposes and in the most efficient and cost-effective manner

Proposition BB authorized the LAUSD to issue bonds for up to \$2.4 billion to finance repairs and renovations to the district's aging school facilities. Tanaka will be one of eleven individuals with demonstrated expertise in finance, building design and construction, large scale project oversight and community leadership. His term will last one year.

New Plans for L.A. Architect

few months ago the AIA/LA issued an RFP to selected publishers to explore the possibility of "out sourcing" the publishing and advertising sales aspects of L.A. Architect. The Chapter is currently in negotiation with several strong candidates. The style and editorial content of LAA will remain under the complete control of AIA/LA and the Editorial Board of LAA. The first issue of the "new" L.A. Architect will be published this fall.

Partnership with a strong outside publisher will provide several attractive advantages over the current policy of self-publishing, among which would be an expanded format, color, wider distribution and financial consistency.

We look forward to greater participation from the Chapter and the entire A&D community as L.A. Architect takes a new form.

—Michael Hricak, FAIA Co-Chair, L.A. Architect

Note: The Editorial Board is presently considering new members to be a part of this exciting change. Candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to the Chapter office attention: Michael Hricak, FAIA, Co-Chair, L.A. Architect.

L.A. Architect **Call for Submissions**

Architect is currently accepting submissions for consideration in o L pcoming issue: Entertainment Architecture '97: Hollywood and the Motion Picture Industry. This issue will investigate the City as a Set, and the Set as a City, and look into the burgeoning postproduction industry. We will also try to understand Hollywood's infatuation with the architect as a character type. This issue will include a series of interviews with three of Hollywood's decision makers regarding their opinions on whether architecture influences Hollywood or vice versa.

Submissions are due at the end of August. For guidelines and information, contact Rochelle Dynes Mills, editor, at LAA: (310) 785-1813, or directly at: (213) 294-5825.

Note: In anticipation of our new format, LAA will be updating its editorial/submission guidelines, editorial calendar, advertising rates and media kits. We encourage your submissions and suggestions in future issues including upcoming Residential Architecture, and Architecture and Technology. For updated information when it becomes available, contact LAA at the number listed above.

Chester Widom Elected to Charter Commission



hester (Chet) Widom, FAIA, has been elected Charter Commissioner for the Sixth District of Los Angeles which includes Cheviot Hills, Rancho Park, parts of West Los Angeles, Venice, Marina and Playa Del Rey and Westchester.

Widom, who defeated Jimmie Woods-Gray garnering more than half of total votes, will now serve as one of a 15-person commission—one person from each Councilmatic District-elected for the sole purpose of drafting a new city charter for presentation and approval by the voters within two years.

Widom was former national President of the AIA, and currently serves on the special AIA Advisory Team on Kobe, Japan.

AIA/LA Design Committee

The AIA/LA Design Committee continues its highly acclaimed Good **Business/Good Design** series Thursday, August 21, 1997 at the West Los Angeles office of Widom Wein Cohen. The evening will feature a presentation



by WWC partner Andrea Cohen Gehring, AIA.

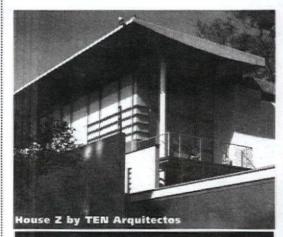
GB/GD offers guests a glimpse into the studios and practices of local architects and earns four (4) AIA CEU's. Past office visits have included RoTo Architects, R. L. Binder Architecture & Planning and Moore Ruble Yudell. Space is limited. For reservations contact Howard Barnett, Co-Chair, at (310) 371-2505.

AIA/LA Associates

The AIA/LA Associates will host their 16th Annual Sandcastles Competition September 7 at Zuma Beach in Malibu (near Trancas Tower) from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. The event, which raises funds for scholarships, is being held in conjunction with A Day At The Beach—a triathlon and beach festival by Michael Epstein Productions, Inc.

Sandcastles is open to all. Registration is \$16 per adult, \$10 per child. For information contact Shaun Jennings at (310) 306-9102 x4406 or sjennings@cuningham.com. (Also see the insert in this issue for information on both Sandcastles and A Day At The Beach.)

Last year's winning teams were: The Jerde Partnership in first place; Cuningham Group in second and RTKL in third.



Masters of Architecture

he Masters of Architecture 1997 Fall Series will begin with a lecture by internationally renowned architect, Enrique Norten, of TEN Arquitectos (Cuernavaca, Mexico). Enrique Norten began his professional practice in 1981 in Mexico City as partner of Albin y Norten Arquitectos. In 1986 he founded the firm Taller de Enrique Norten Arquitectos (TEN Arquitectos) with partner Bernardo Gómez-Pimienta.

TEN has received several international awards including the Architecture Prize of the National Fund for the Arts in 1990; the Latin American Grand Award at the Buenos Aires Biennial and Record Houses Award in 1993, and Progressive Architecture Awards in 1994 and 1995.

Mr. Norten received his first professional degree at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, and his Masters of Architecture from Cornell University. He is founding member and Member of the Editorial Board of ARQUITECTURA magazine.

Coming to the Masters of Architecture Fall Series are Craig Hodgetts and Hsin-Ming Fung of Hodgetts + Fung Design Associates, October 16, and Frank O. Gehry, FAIA of Frank O. Gehry & Associates in dialog with a leading Japanese architect, early November.

All lectures take place at the L.A. County Museum of Art, Bing Theater, at 6:30 p.m.. Tickets are \$12 for public, \$10 AIA and LACMA members, \$5 for seniors and students w/valid ID. (USC students free.) For additional information on these and other AIA programs, contact the AIA/LA at (310) 785-1809.

The goals of the Masters of Architecture Series are to increase public awareness of the value of design excellence in architecture, to contribute meaningfully to cultural and educational programming in the city, and to provide a forum for discussion between international, national and local architect; between masters and students.

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Projects by L.A. based architects, designers and students.

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Awards Dinner at the Biltmore Hotel honoring recipients of the AIA/LA Design Awards, NEXT LA Awards as well as recipients of the 1997 Presidential Awards. Each first entry will receive one ticket to this black-tie gala. Additional tickets are \$100 per person, AIA/LA members; \$125 per person, non-members.

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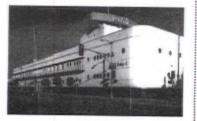
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Events Around Town

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• The L.A. Conservancy's Modern Committee will present "Cruising Industrial Los Angeles" a comprehensive driving tour of the city's industrial buildings. Sites include the Citadel, old Pabst Brewery, and Coca-Cola Building (pictured). Sunday, October 5. Call (213) 623-2489.

Submissions Requested

- The Society of Architectural Historians is requesting written abstracts (max. 250 words) that can be used to address one of several topics in their upcoming Annual Meeting (see SAH, page 1). For information, call (800) 9SAH-SCC. Deadline: September 3.
- The Architecture Foundation of Los Angeles (AFLA) in association with the Architecture and Design Council of MOCA will host the third, bi-annual "L.A. Winners" GALA on September 19. For submission information or reservations, contact AFLA at (213) 389-6490.
- The 1998 Great American Home Awards sponsored by the **National Trust for Historic** Preservation celebrates its 9th year. Categories include Exterior Rehabilitation, Interior Rehabilitation, Sympathetic Addition, Landscape, and Bed & Breakfasts. For entry information, call (202) 588-6283. Deadline: September 30.
- Art by Architects '97, an exhibit featuring paintings and sculptures by registered architects and landscape architects hosted by the Fisher Gallery (Albuquerque) takes place Nov. 1 -23. Jurors include Bart Prince, AIA. Karin Pitman and Max Flatlow. For complete prospectus, send SASE:

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rivera design

lberto Rivera, Assoc. AIA, studied and practiced in the US, London, Paris and Barcelona. When he established Rivera Designs in 1993, his comprehensive design approach and collaborations with craftsmen in related fields afforded him the ability to tackle a broad range of project types including residential, retail, warehouse, and nightclubs; exhibition work; furniture, lighting and object design.

The United Colors of Bennetton flagship store (New York) expresses the clients' interest of showcasing its fashion, accessories and Sportsystem lines in a single megastore. Left, floating partitions double as a backdrop for the stair landing and as a screen for fitting rooms beyond. The design also incorporates a Cafe/Espresso bar to promote long term shopping.

On the Cover



syndesis incorporated

avid Hertz, AIA, founded Syndesis, Inc. in 1984. Probably better known for the development of Syndecrete, a pre-cast lightwieght concrete, the firm's architectural projects are coming into their own.

Like many of the firms spotlighted in this issue, Hertz is diligent in sharing and promoting his firm's work. The pay off has been the exposure his firm receives in the numerous exhibits, publications and tours his work is featured locally and nationally.

Hertz teaches sustainable design at UCLA's Extension and the SCI-Arc Professional Development programs. His office is currently working on a rammed earth residence in Malibu Canyon as well as other projects.

The Bay Renovation (shown) features a dramatic re-design and addition to a modernist building-originally designed by architect, Jerrold A. Lomax, AIAfocusing on the master suite. Floating cantilevers and floor to ceiling, frameless glass assure that no structure blocks the views.

Architects





shubin+donaldson architects

ussell J. Shubin, AIA, and Robert S. Donaldson III, AIA, worked for larger firms and owned private practices prior to forming their partnership in 1993. The firm, based in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, has residential and institutional project experience.

The Urban Residence, a new 4,000 sq. ft. family home, emerged from the ashes of the Laguna Beach fire in 1993. Using the opportunity to rebuild, the client asked for something "dramatic" to be built on the tight, hillside lot. The result? A contemporary home organized around a wall that bisects the house into communal and private zones with windows and skylights providing 270° views of the ocean and coast.

Notable Quotes

"If the perspective changed the way architecture was conceived during the Renaissance, the use of the new digital imaging technologies will reinvent the very notion of Architecture."—Hraztan Zeitlian, Assoc. AIA

"Each design is approached on its individual attributes and requirements, however, certain themes are prevalent throughout the work. Form, volume, color, light, and motion are used to explore and amplify the narrative qualities suggested by a

"Architects should have to build their own designs at least once."—J. M. Reynolds, AIA

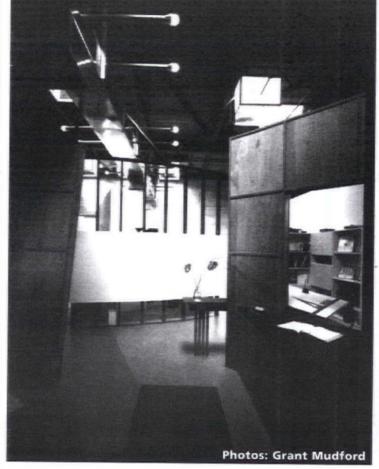
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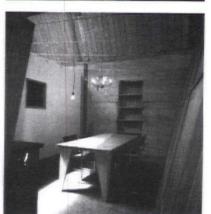
ounded in 1988, Alison
Wright Architects looks to a
diverse spectrum of sources
for inspiration. The design team
works through a collaborative
process using various backgrounds in painting, literature,
sculpture and photography to
inspire the design process on projects varying from small residential remodels to large industrial
buildings.

Within the existing shell of the 1930's Streamline Moderne Helms Bakery Building, the firm's design challenge was to express a sense of the historical use while creating a strong, contemporary identity for Johans & Son Advertising and Design who are housed in the bakery's original mechanical vault.









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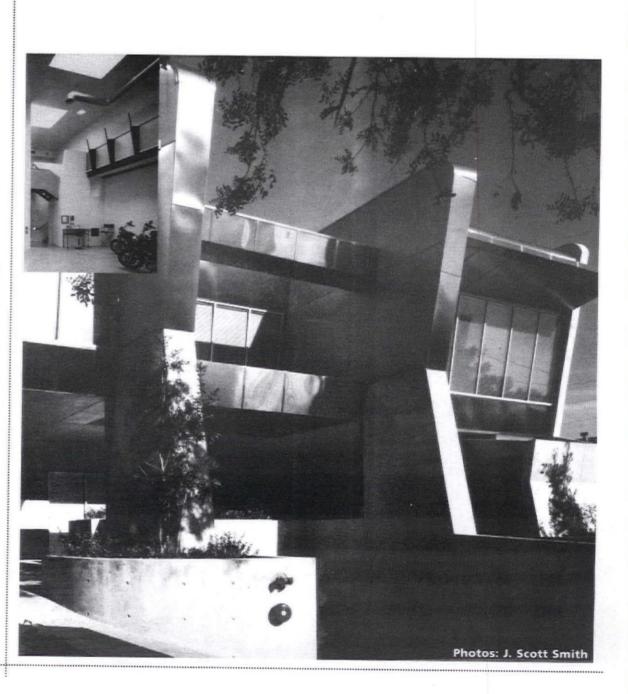


j. staff architect

John Staff III, AIA, established his firm in 1989 specializing in high-end residential and commercial architecture, multi-family housing and interiors. He studied furniture and jewelry design at San Diego state as an undergraduate before choosing architecture.

The Federal Ave. Commercial Building, a three-unit, concrete and stainless steel clad building, expresses Staff's affinity towards light. (See inset: Exposure Photo Studio interior.) Staff shares an office unit with wife Lori Appel Staff, whom he met while the two studied at SCI-Arc. Lori's company was developer and builder for the project.

In an *L.A. Times* interview, Staff commented, "...I tend to think of buildings as large pieces of furniture."



struere

is an experimental design research group and movement which strives to advance the design of environments, furniture and industrial objects as well as design theory.

Founded in 1990 by Hraztan Zeitlian, Assoc. AIA, Design Principal, and Eli Bonerz, Designer, Struere pursues new architectural directions informed by technology and popular culture through a creative and extreme use of emerging new 3-d modeling and imaging technologies. Rounding out the group are: Karnig Ohannessian (Managing Principal), and Michael Amaya (Designer).

ESPACE Project (shown left) is a concept for a new kind of public space for the age of the internet which relies on elegantly detailed video billboards erected above conventional one-story commercial buildings. The project was inspired by the gigantic (yet static) billboards of the Sunset Strip.

ESPACE Credits: Zeitlian,; Ohannessian; Rashmi Vasavada, designer/digital model, Mike Amaya, designer/ animator; Michael Lutz, physical model; Jason Sweers, graphic designer.

Emerging Architects Notables continues on page 8.



landry design group

ichard Landry, AIA worked in Canada before moving to the US. But after only three years, he says, "I

knew it was time to start my own practice." The Landry Design Group was incorporated in 1987.

"Learning to say 'No' to potential work has been one of [our firm's most difficult] decisions."

However, by sticking to this principal he notes, "the quality of our commissions and clients are improving with every project." As a testament to his belief, the firm

has designed more than 120 highend residences including the Westerman Residence in Santa Barbara, shown below.

On the boards are a residential and multi-purpose complex in Singapore; a 40,000 sq. ft. custom residence in Jakarta, among other projects.

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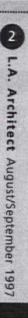
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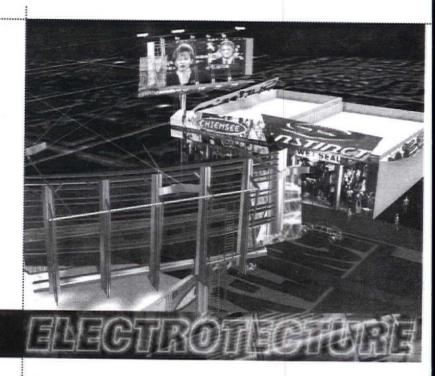
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Who's Doing It

harles Scott Wing, AIA joins the firm Lee, Burkhart, Liu, Inc. as Assistant Principal. Georgia Lee Ford has been promoted from he position as Senior Associate to Assistant Principal. Also on the move is Tracy Calingaert, from Accounting Manager to Controller at the firm...The City of Beverly Hills presented Architectural Design Awards to four firms: Richard Meier & Partners, Pizzulli & Associates, Inc., Kirkpatrick Associates Architects. and Backen Arrigoni & Ross, Inc. for "notable contribution to the enrichment of the city"...MCG Architects has been selected to design a 10,000 sq. ft. clubhouse for the Cascades Golf Course, a new 18-hole championship golf course in Sylmar...Meléndrez Associates has received a 1997 Comprehensive Planning Award Honorable Mention from the Los Angeles Section American Planning Association (APA) as well as a Beautification Award from the Los Angeles Business Council for Public and Civic Use for their Civic Center Shared Facilities and Enhancement Plan. The team of consultants included John Fain Partners, RAW Architecture, Public Works Design, and Landmark Partners...Giuseppe Aliano and Karl Schoenbaum have been named Associates at

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name to Ehrenkrantz Eckstut &
Kuhn Architects, PC in recognition of the promotion of principal Denis Glen Kuhn, FAIA—
who has been with the firm for over 30 years—to partner...

Oops!

n the last issue of *L.A. Architect*, we erroneously listed Barbara Bestor, AIA as the sole architect of the Verrone Residence. The home was designed by both Barbara Bestor, AIA and Norman Millar.

In Memorium

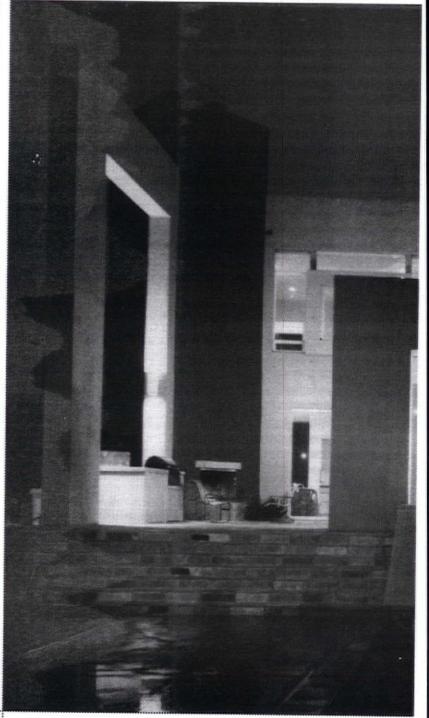


March 28. Active in the Chapter and the architecture community, he was instrumental in rewriting the L.A. Chapter by-laws some 20 years ago. During his practice, he developed a master plan for the Pueblo de Los Angeles which is still consulted today. Turner was 95.

ast month's L.A. Architect "Call for Submissions" brought an overwhelming response from those wishing to participate in our erging Architects issue. From those, we have selected six firms to participate in this month's photo essay, and have also included four Notables—firms that impressed us with their spirit and tenacity. Without exception, the professionals we heard from wear several hats: college professor, furniture designer, environmentalist, etc. Despite a difference in times, they ooze the same idealism of The Fountainhead's O'Rourke.

Congratulations to all who contributed, and also to those who may, seeing this work, decide likewise to throw their hat into the "ring." **RDM**

Emerging



architecture...On Exhibit

- Macintosh Exhibit at Los Angeles County Museum of Art, a retrospective of architectural renderings, textiles, furnishings and other works by noted British architect, furniture designer and artist, Charles Rennie Mackintosh thru October 5. (213) 957-0800
- Architecture in Balance: 7 Southern California Architects features work by Victoria Casasco; Richard Corsini (organizer and curator of this exhibit); Daly,Genik; Johnson,Favro; Lubowicki/Lanier, and Lorcan O'Herlihy continues thru August at the Armory Center for the Arts. (818) 792-5101
- Steven Ehrlich Architects: World Beat Architecture, a retrospective exhibition of selected works and upcoming projects continues thru November 30 at the Hollyhock House Gallery. (213) 913-4157
- •...an exhibition of works by celebrated photographer, Marvin Rand. A long time member and friend of the Chapter, Rand's photographs include several new architectural and geological studies. The exhibition continues thru the Fall at the AIA/LA Chapter office. (310) 785-1809
- The Walt Disney Concert Hall Committee has relocated to 330 S. Hope St. taking the Concert Hall models with them. The models are available for public viewing Fridays, 11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.

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SCI-Arc Selects New Director



he Board of
Directors of
the Southern
California Institute
of Architecture
(SCI-Arc) has
named Los Angeles
architect Neil M.
Denari to the position of SCI-Arc
Director. The third
architect to hold
the post, Denari

will succeed Michael Rotondi, who has served as director since 1987. Denari was selected from a pool of four other candidates which included Sheila Kennedy, Principal, Kennedy & Violich Architecture (Boston), Robert Mangurian and Mary-Ann Ray, Principals, Studio Works (Los Angeles), Samuel Mockbee, Partner, Mockbee/Coker Architects (Canton, MS/Memphis, TN) and Lebbeus Woods, Architect (New York).

Denari, principal of Cor-Tex Architecture, has for the past nine years been involved in a number of architectural projects including exhibition designs for Columbia University, Japan Association for the Promotion of Events, Museum of Modern Art-Sydney, and Gallery of Functional Art. He recently won a design award from *ID* magazine for an experimental interior constructed at Gallery MA in Tokyo.

No stranger to SCI-Arc, Denari has also served for nine years as a SCI-Arc instructor offering such design studio topics as "The Love and Futility of Postlinearity." Teaching credits include Columbia University, Shibura Institute of Technology in Tokyo, University of Texas at Arlington, The Bartlett at University College of London, and Texas A & M University.

Says Denari, "After Ray Kappe and Michael Rotondi, my project as director will be to carry on the vital aspects of their work, while at the same time, moving the school into newer and more intense territories of knowledge and research. I think the next period of work at SCI-Arc will deal directly with, on both a local and global level, the profound shifts occurring in the social, urban and technological landscapes around us."—RDM

Kennard Design Group Celebrates 40th

he Kennard Design Group, formerly named KDG Architecture & Planning, celebrates its fortieth anniversary this month. Founded by Robert Kennard, FAIA, in 1957, and now managed by his daughter, Gail Kennard Madyun, it is the oldest, continuously operating black owned firm in the West.

KDG has completed more than 700 pro-



jects throughout California, the US and abroad notably, Carson City Hall and Community Center, the Van Nuys State Office Building, and the Wilshire/ Normandie Metro Red Line Station. Current projects include a new ticket office, Museum store and plaza at the Hollywood Bowl, the soon to open City of Los Angeles 77th St. Regional Police Facility (rendering above) and a \$36 million Trauma Center addition at King/Drew Medical.—RDM

SAH to Head West

he 51st Annual Meeting of the national Society of Architectural Historians (SAH) will come to Los Angeles April 15 – 19, 1998. The annual meeting will draw several hundred historians and related professionals to the area to participate in forums, symposia and a host of architectural tours related to architectural history in general and the California's contribution to architectural landscape in particular.

The selection of Southern California as a venue offers an opportunity for SAH to broach a diverse range of topics not traditionally associated with the architectural historian community or the "academic" climate of meetings past. Session topics include: Public Spaces, Women's Spaces; Scenography and Architecture Since 1890; Architectural History and its Companions; Competing Modernisms; QueerSpace: An Examination of Gay and Lesbian Historic Environments; Decorative Arts in Historic Interiors, and Architecture as Seen in Ethnic American Communities.—RDM

Pei Selected for UCLA Medical Center

CLA Medical Center and the health sciences complex has selected I.M. Pei, FAIA as the chief planner for the construction of new hospital facilities to replace current facilities which sustained significant structural damage in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Pei will work with Pei Partnership Architects founded by sons, Chien Chung Pei, AIA and Li Chung Pei, AIA. Rounding out the construction consulting team are Lee, Burkhart, Liu; Cesar Pelli Associates, and Perkins and Will.

The project requirements include creating a state-of-the-art facility that is seismically sound, increases space for research, and takes into account medical practices of the 21st century without extending beyond the boundaries of the existing facilities, or disrupting current medical services or access to the campus.

The project, which may begin construction as early as 1998 with a completion goal of 2010, is currently undergoing a \$300 million private fund-raising effort. The capital raised is in addition to the \$432 million in construction funds provided by FEMA.—RDM



Silverlake Research House Rendering by Richard J. Neutra, on view at Couturier Gallery

Neutra on Exhibit

Richard Neutra's legendary Lovell House (1929) introduced "international style" residential architecture to the United States. His steel and glass frame structures allowed for a perfect melding of environment and habitat.

Couturier Gallery, 166 N. La Brea Ave., will mount an exhibit of drawings and renderings, objets, and original prototype furniture by Richard J. Neutra, October 17 – November 29. Co-curated by Dion Neutra, son and architectural partner of Richard, the works are comprised mostly of projects from the 1940's thru the 1960's, the majority of which have never been exhibited and will be available for purchase. Included are two extremely rare renderings submitted as proposals for the design competition of Griffith Park Observatory, and drawings of an elaborate estate for Howard Hawks which was never built.

In conjunction with the exhibit, Dion Neutra will lecture at the gallery on Sunday, October 26. A tour of Neutra's work, organized in conjunction with the exhibit, will occur in mid-November.—Dianne Bates

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MOCA Adds New Architectural Element

he Museum of Contemporary Art is constructing a glass and metal canopy—actually one of MOCA architect, Arata Isozaki's, proposed early refinements to the completed museum. Isozaki worked with the late Peter Rice of Ove Arup & Partners to design the tensile structure which will float above ARCO Court adjacent to the galleries' lobby and allow views of the sky overhead.

Construction of "the translucent cloud" is currently underway and is expected to be completed in early September.—RDM

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