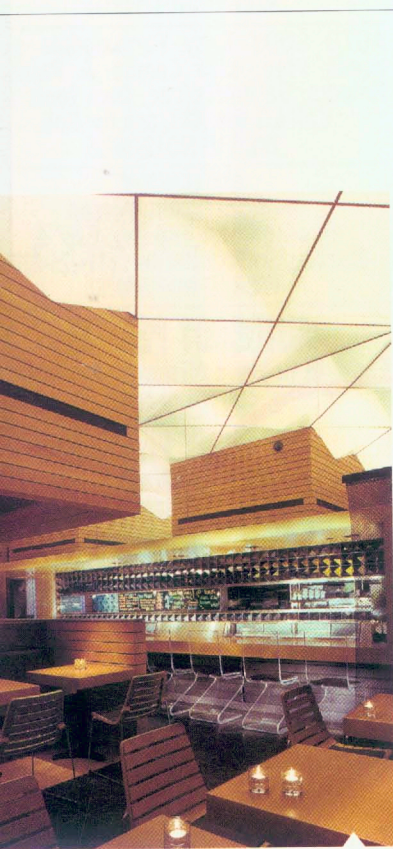
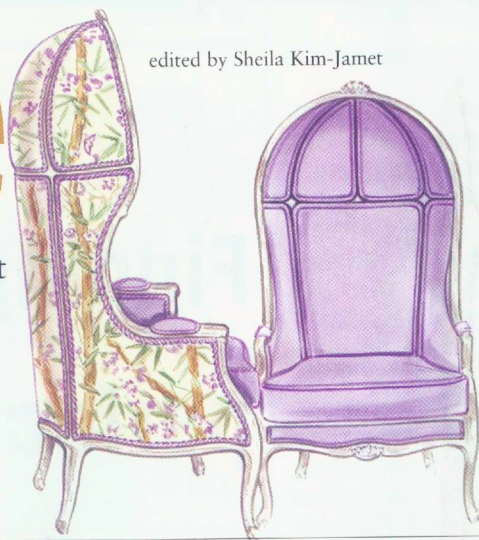


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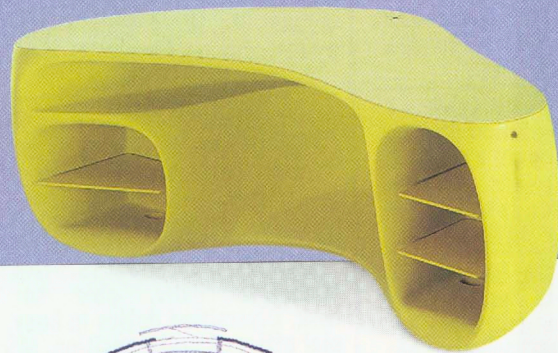
To snag one of the chairs that celebrities, star athletes, and notable designers created for the online Minwax Chairs for Charity auction, start by clicking on our Web site to view sketches and photos. The proceeds from sales of the goods, including a balloon chair by designer Mario Buatta and singer Mariah Carey, go to Furnish a Future.



Great Dane Meets Zen Master

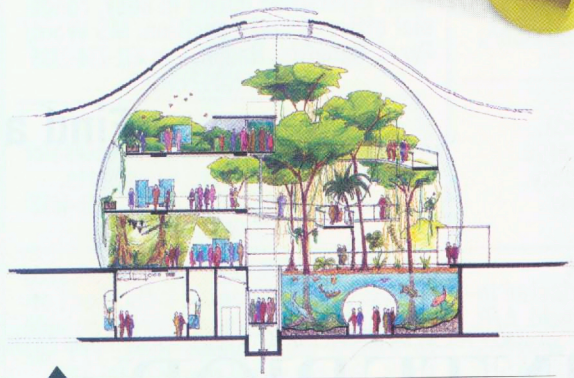
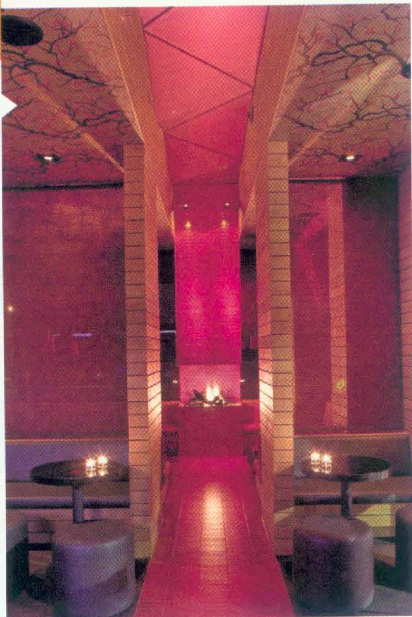
Danish luxury-goods company Georg Jensen tapped into the Japanese talent of Tadao Ando Architect & Associates to design a Los Angeles boutique awash in water references. Viewing additional images in our online slide show is almost as good as being right there on Rodeo Drive.

Philippe Starck's BaObab desk, a polyethylene and polyurethane design for Vitra, was among the standouts at this year's Orgatec, the trade show that brings the latest in office furniture, lighting, acoustical materials, and flooring to Cologne, Germany. To peruse more of our picks, go to the Web.



eWalk-Through

Taking cues from traditional Japanese architecture and imagery, then applying a touch of swank, Skylab Design Group has refashioned a 2,700-square-foot mall location in Tualatin, Oregon—a suburb of Portland—as a Japanese restaurant and lounge. On interiordesign.net, investigate Sinju Restaurant's red-lacquered fireplace and faceted acrylic ceiling, plus an entire wall tiled in ceramic sushi plates.



Where the Wild Things Are

Renzo Piano Building Workshop and Chong Partners Architecture have begun work on the "Rainforests of the World" exhibit at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco. Instead of Golden Gate Park, think Amazon—complete with live catfish and turtles in a 100,000-gallon tank. See construction photos online.

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