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or more than two decades the designs of Kit Hinrichs and his partners at Pentagram have been shaping the way we think about graphics and communications. Characteristic of Kit's work is a masterful use of typography, in which type becomes more than words on paper or a decorative design element. By capturing the emotional power within typography, Kit has allowed the type itself to deliver the message in an appropriate tone of voice and in a way that invites readership and enhances understanding.

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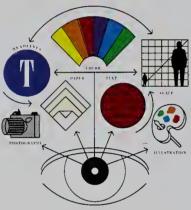
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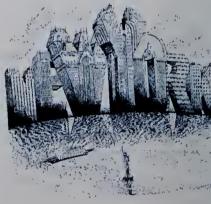


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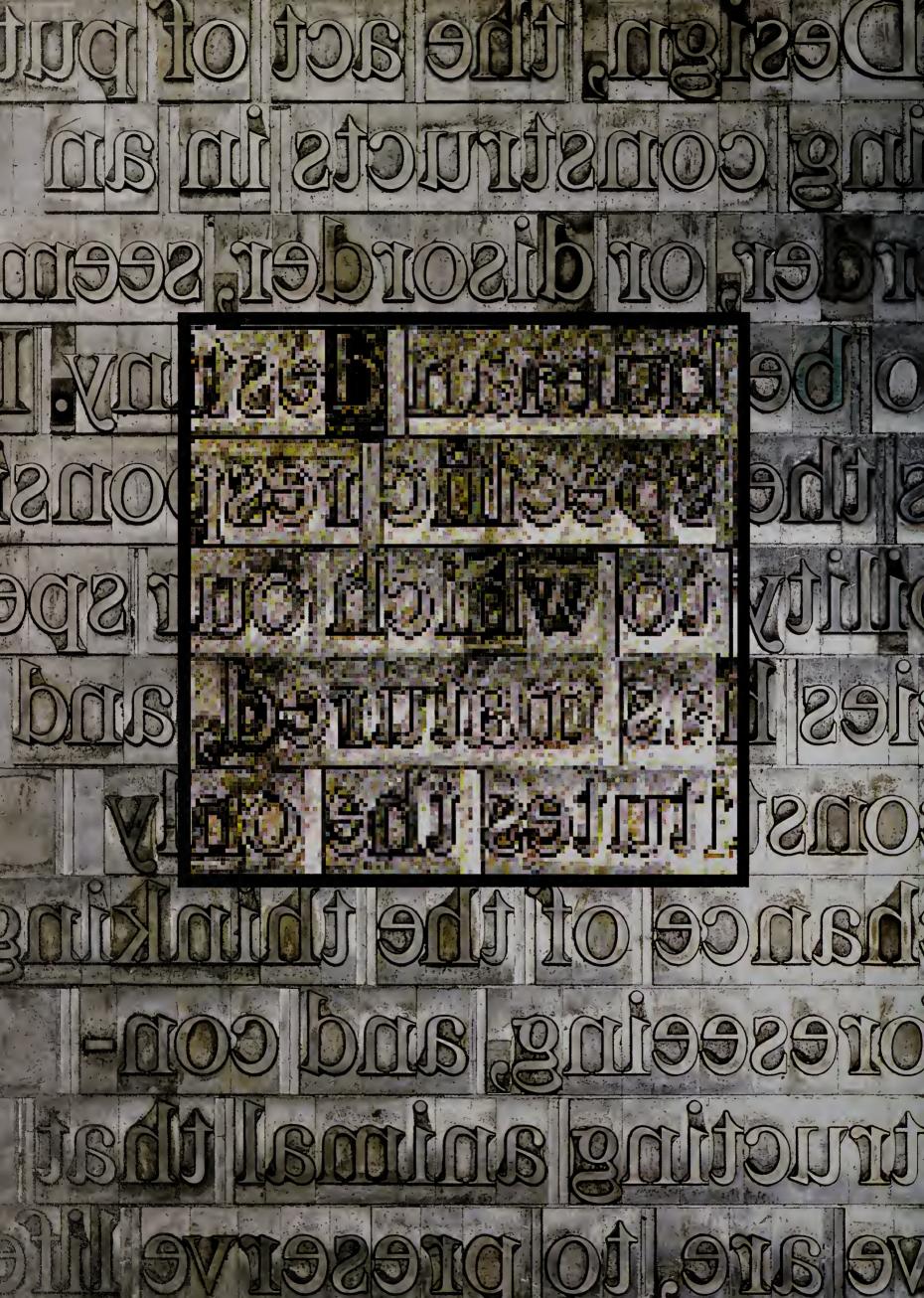
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he mechanics of typography — points, picas, didot, leading, kerning, em quad, en quad, and so on — have often been dissected in a textbook manner. Of course, these elements are not what

gives typography its life, eloquence, and personality. The technique, if it can be rightly called that, is in the designer's judgment process, in gathering the right data to make informed intuitive decisions — or as Kit Hinrichs says, to "unlock the doors to ideas."

In preparation for writing this book, Kit and I taped several hours of conversation on typography. Although TypeWise was originally intended to be a less personal presentation, it became clear that readers would benefit most from hearing Kit talk about typography in his own words, not filtered through the voice of another writer. Hence, the book begins with a question-and-answer interview in which Kit discusses his philosophy of typographic design and how he works to make type itself talk. The remainder of the book is devoted to the methodology of working with type and to typographically focused case studies of projects completed by Kit and his partners at Pentagram.

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# Q. Why a book on typography, Kit? What do you hope this book will give the reader?

A. I hope it will provide an understanding of how typography is used as a communications tool. From a graphic design perspective, type is more than grey matter on either side of a photograph or an image; it is a vehicle for presenting information and ideas. More than that, the visual form and shape of individual typefaces convey different impressions that can be used to capture the author's/client's tone of voice. Typography itself can persuade and reinforce the ideas presented in words.

I might add that this is not a history book. I am not an authority on the history of typography. My view is that of a practitioner, of someone who uses typography as one of a range of tools available to communicators.

# Q. Graphic designers seem to focus more attention on images than on type. Is typography the least understood element of design?

A. I wouldn't say it's the least understood, but maybe the most underrated in terms of effectiveness. I believe many people don't realize how important typography is to total print communications — how it enhances an image, how it can become the image, how it influences a reader's understanding of ideas or the way in which those ideas are communicated. Typography is as important as the imagery used.

# Q. Is legibility the most important gauge of typographic effectiveness?

A. Good typography involves more than legibility. Type is one of the strongest emotional tools available to designers. Everyone, no matter what his age — sixty, thirty-five, or fifteen — has absorbed and continues to absorb a whole series of visual and typographic impressions that have a personal meaning. The Century Schoolbook typeface used in children's primers, for instance, conjures up images in our collective memories, just as the organic letterforms used on





Red letter edition of the Bible



NEAREST RECRUITING STATION

World War I poster

very culture has its own design vernacular that comes from shared experiences and values. For Americans, the images shown here have inherent meaning, even if we don't read the words. Designers familiar with a culture's symbols can make visual assumptions without "defining" each element and can work with common images to convey unspoken messages. As designers communicate more and more with international audiences, the need to be conscious of cultural vernacular becomes even greater.



Tattoo Art



No Parking sign







Manhole cover







Vegetable sign

psychedelic posters of the 1960s impart a different message. Typography used in World War II propaganda posters or in newspapers, street signage, Bibles, scientific journals, wanted posters, postage stamps, and novels conveys emotional as well as informational messages.

On a daily basis, we are exposed to the typographic vernacular of various businesses, services, and cultures. By that I mean the vast array of written and typographic messages that are everywhere in our lives.

# Q. Can you give some examples of what you call "typographic vernacular"?

A. These fall into two categories. The first and most interesting group is the "one-of-a-kind" message — hand-lettered "For Sale," "Fresh Produce," or "No Parking" signs. These naive, nondesigned "typographic" images are a vital, ever-changing part of our common culture.

The second group is designed or at least professionally engineered. It includes everything from license plates and money to neon signs to computer display type, tattoos, crate stencils, and bus transfers. The often funky typographic "look" of these items may transcend its original use, becoming a symbol for a whole industry or cultural expression.

We as graphic designers need to be aware of typographic vernacular on a conscious level and understand the common visual language of certain type-faces. This awareness allows us to use given typefaces at appropriate times and in the most effective ways.



A. It's all there within us. It's a part of our common culture, both national and international. It's a matter of just asking yourself the correct questions, of drawing on your own memories.



Before "Sesame Street," children learned the basics of reading from "Dick and Jane" story books. For that generation, Century Schoolbook typeface evokes memories of early education.

# Helvetica

Designer Jack Summerford's poster was a visual pun that startled graphic designers and typographers, then left them chuckling. "Helvetica" was set in Garamond.

I'm not talking about absolutes here. A single typeface may be used 150 different ways, in different contexts, bringing a different meaning to a poem or a business article, for instance. Every use of the phrase "See Spot run" does not have to be in Century Schoolbook — which conveys images of primary education, of legibility and accessibility. But the combination of the phrase and typeface recalls a much broader emotional meaning of childhood comfort and stability, of a more simple and less stressful time.

# Q. If certain typefaces bring specific feelings to mind, doesn't their use always create cliches?

A. Cliches may be the most undervalued tools of our profession, as they represent our culture's commonly accepted ideas and images of itself. For the designer, it is crucial to understand cliches and know when to twist them in fresh and interesting ways. Often by simply contrasting the cliche you enhance the message being communicated. Jack Summerford, a Dallas designer, did that with a poster. He typeset the word "Helvetica" in Garamond No. 3. It's elegant in its simplicity. From the word you expect one image but get something

completely different. Designers who understand the typographic cliches, the historical context of the typeface, gain control of their craft. They know when to specify which typeface to create the appropriate response.

Size, weight, and scale of type are also part of the appropriateness. A frilly Spencerian script blown up across a page suddenly conveys a surprisingly new impression, a much stronger image. Think of typography as imagery. It isn't just a set of letters. It's words and ideas. Typography is the vehicle to express those ideas most effectively.

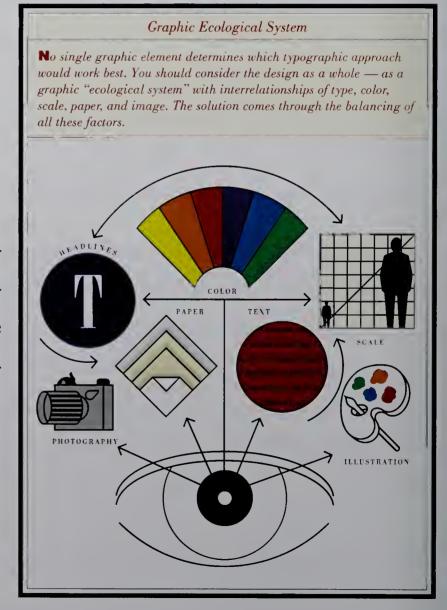
# Q. Do you have a process to develop your typographic ideas?

A. I tend to think of the total — be it a poster or an entire book — as an environment, as a graphic ecological system in which type, color, scale, paper, illustration, and photography all work together in harmony. They cannot be examined individually because it is the balance, the totality of the system that

makes it work or not work.

Q. How do you develop your "graphic ecological system"? How do you start the process of generating ideas?

A. I begin by gathering information through client briefings, written outlines of the client's objectives, identification of the intended audience,



the budget, and possibly the medium. I also keep a lot of visual stimuli around — reference books, typebooks, magazines that I'm continually sifting through. One thing that works for me is the ability to draw. The connection between hand and eye — putting random sketchy ideas on paper and contemplating them — helps me expand those ideas. For me the approach to the solution often lies in free association. It's a matter of stepping back and leaving myself

open to the possibility that all ideas are relevant — not locking any doors to ideas. Once the doors are open, the most unusual things begin to be generated. What gets the ideas flowing is the information gathered beforehand. Within that information, the solution always exists.

• once you've gathered essential information, the solution often lies in free association, considering the possibility of any and all ideas.

# Q. How do you recognize the best solution?

A. A creative solution always seems to be one that, when seen, appears obvious, but completely unexpected. Anyone seeing it understands it immediately. It does not require explanation. Everything fits. There are no holes, no rough edges, it feels complete. You understand it more from an intuitive than from a logical thought process.

Once the idea is there, once it has been stated, I'm able to make the appropriate decisions. It seems extremely clear. I may say, "The best way to express that idea will be with a photograph." I'll probably have an idea of who the photographer should be and even a feel for the light and mood of the photograph, how complex or simple it needs to be, how large it should be on the page. Same with typography. The idea will suggest the appropriate typeface, the scale, weight, leading, and spacing.

# Q. Are you influenced by other designers?

A. Certainly. As a young designer I was very influenced by people like Milton Glaser, Willie Fleckhaus, Seymour Chwast, Don Trousdale, Paul Rand, Henry Wolf, Chermayeff and Geismar, Herb Lubalin, Lou Dorfsman, Saul Bass, along with such pioneers in the field as William Morris and Alexey Brodovitch.

Film poster by Saul Bass



As my career developed, the influence of my peers became stronger with people like Massimo Vignelli, Dick Hess, and Takenobu Igarashi. But the strongest influence has come from my Pentagram partners and previous partners Tony Russell, Marty Pedersen, and Vance Jonson.

Magazine cover by Herb Lubalin



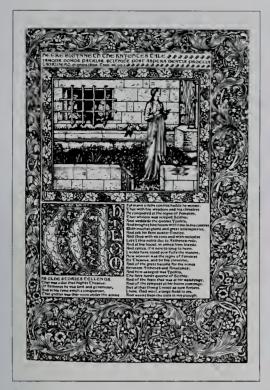
Wall mural for CBS cafeteria by Lou Dorfsman





Poster by Seymour Chwast





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Book plate by William Morris



Poster by Dick Hess





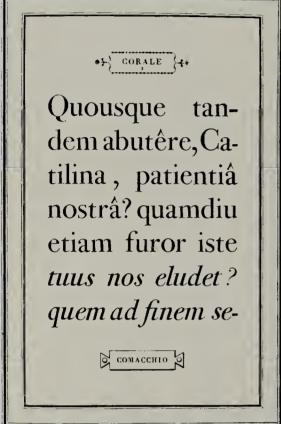
Environmental number by Takenobu Igarashi



LONDON TRANSPORT

Bus poster by Alan Fletcher

At some point, you become influenced not only by your peers and your own culture, but by peers in other cultures. I feel it's part of a designer's responsibility to draw from as many experiences as possible in order to keep ideas fresh in the way they are presented. When you look at other cultures that literally have different alphabets, different social attitudes toward color, different ways of reading, all those things influence you and force you to look at your work in new ways.



# Q. Your method sounds straightforward, but some may argue that is not always the case. What's the biggest pitfall? A lack of adequate information?

A. No. I think that is rarely the problem. Without being too metaphysical, I think the problem lies in being unable to unlock the doors to ideas. The pitfall comes when someone assumes there are always logical solutions to things, that there are "seven rules" to follow, that design is a science and not an art. The designer must pursue a solution that contains logic but is not necessarily a logical solution.

# Q. You have said a particular typeface will occur to you as part of the design solution. Doesn't that mean you must be familiar with hundreds of typefaces? If so, how did you learn?

A. I'm still learning. I can't tell you the number of times I've looked through typebooks. Part of the process when I'm developing a project is to review typefaces — familiar ones and new ones — to see if I have a visual connection between the character of that face and the story I want to communicate. The associations I'm trying to make are often multi-tiered, multi-informational. So, as I review typefaces I ask myself a number of questions to help make these associations. What will the headline type be? What is supposed to happen at each level of information? How should the text relate to the headlines and images? Will there be sidebars, pull quotes, footnotes, or captions? Should the type

Classic typefaces remain vital and fresh even over the centuries.

The letters cut by Giambattista Bodoni in the eighteenth century, for example, are still in frequent use.

Visually attractive, Bodoni type is easy to read, beautiful as individual letters, and harmonious as a unit.

complement or contrast the images? Do I let the type lie back quietly behind the image and have the image tell 90 percent of the story? Or is the type going to be the story, the strongest element?

# Q. Obviously, designers need to stay current. Is it important to have a historical sense of typography as well?

A. Mankind doesn't progress without being influenced by its predecessors.

Speaking specifically about type, it's important to look back to understand the times in which a typeface was created, what was going on politically and sociologically, the technology available then, what has happened to the face over time. It's quite fascinating. It gives you a deeper understanding of the character of the typeface, why it was designed the way it was and how it has been used and perhaps abused throughout its history.

# Q. Can you give examples of evolving typefaces?

A. Bodoni. He was an eighteenth-century Italian master printer and type founder. Bodoni's characters are considered modern as his serifs are unbracketed. His letters are beautifully propor-

tioned and very elegant. His work was heavily influenced by early Roman letterforms. The invention of metal type allowed him to create characters with strong contrasts — thick and thin strokes in each letter. Bodoni's type was designed for handsetting, the technology of his day. Over the centuries several interpretations of his typeface have come along, adapted for the latest technology. The best examples remain faithful to Bodoni's original proportions and idiosyncrasies.



This A.M. Cassandre poster from the thirties captured the mood of the Machine Age.
Both the sans serif type and image conveyed the hard-edged, streamlined impression of efficiency.

Sans-serif type became prominent during the twentieth century's Machine Age. Its streamlined, hard-edged look implied efficiency, and serifs were viewed as superfluous and unnecessary. It helps to understand that changes in society and technology are often associated with the emotional character of a typeface.

Currently there are about a half-dozen broad groupings of type — sans-serif and serif, and within these, Old Style, Transitional, Modern, Wedge Serif, and Slab Serif, as well as Scripts and Ornamentals. Computer type may eventually evolve into another category.

# Q. Are variations of classic typefaces as good as the originals? What do you look for in the cut of a face?

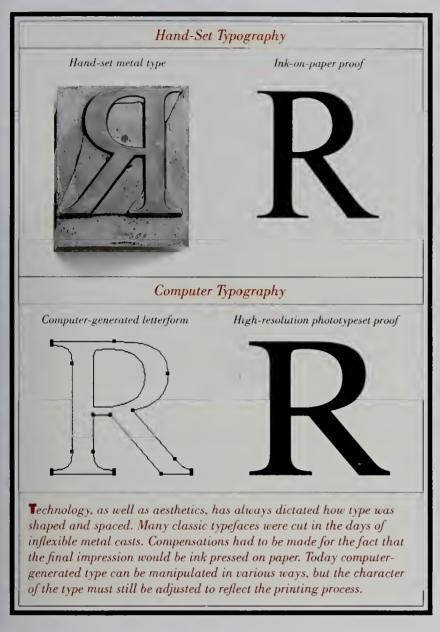
A. I like to go back and use cuts of faces that are as close to the original drawings as possible. Many of the modern variations of metal cuts have a kind of synthetic look. The original faces had a certain character — in many cases a little funky and irregular, but the modern updated faces seem to smooth out all the edges and remove the personality.

# Q. Do you see computer-generated typography playing a larger role?

A. Yes. It's a question of to what degree. Many young designers have made computers their tool of choice. Technological improvements are occurring at an amazingly accelerated pace. While drawbacks still exist, it has advanced far enough so that we are using this technology extensively.

# Q. What are the advantages of computer-generated typography?

A. The advantage is that it allows the designer to become the typographer, which goes back to how things were four hundred years ago. Historically, the



designer/typographer set and often created the type and designed the page. With computers we can do that again. The flexibility of this medium gives designers the opportunity to explore more options with greater speed before making a final choice.

Some very good new typefaces are being designed primarily for computers, with an understanding of a computer's capabilities and limitations, on screen and in printout. Faces designed by

Matthew Carter of Bitstream, for instance, are excellent. He designs with a computer for a computer. Yet, his design embodies the same aesthetic and artistic sensibilities found in typographers of a century or two ago.

# Q. How about the negatives?

A. I think there are several aspects of computer-generated typography that need to be approached with special care. For example, while the democratization of typography — giving everyone access to the tools — has resulted in an upgrade of low-end, inhouse publications such as reports and newsletters, it has also led to a lot of ugly stuff — artificially distorting faces, making them too bold, too italicized, instead of redrawing them.

This was especially true when computer type first appeared. Engineers, not designers, developed the earliest type for the sole purpose of functioning efficiently with the computer. Aesthetics were not considered at the time.

Typefaces were often blown up from 6 points to 72 points without regard to kerning, proportion, or balance.

Over time, this problem has been alleviated as design considerations have become incorporated into computer-generated faces. But today the economic advantages offered to computer users sometimes obscure the fact that publishing in whatever medium still requires the same design judgments it has always demanded over the centuries.

# Q. How important is it for a designer to understand all typographic technologies? Do you go to your typographer to observe new processes?

A. I think it is valuable to be aware of all typographic processes. It's especially important for new designers to see hand-set and hot-metal type because this historical development gives you a richer understanding of typography in general.

It's also important to be aware of the numerous variations in the redrawing of the same typeface within different contemporary typesetting systems. The most important point to remember, however, is not the technology but the *character* of the type that best communicates your ideas.

# Q. Doesn't typography go through trends? Aren't certain faces in vogue?

A. No doubt about it. Each generation creates new typography or reinterprets existing typography, often based on earlier typographic styling or historical art periods — Victorian, Arts and Crafts, Art Nouveau, Art Deco, Classical Modernism, Russian Constructivist, and so on. Each face is altered and enhanced by its new "creator" to reflect or become the style of the day.

Emigre, the magazine and typographic design firm, founded by designers Rudy VanderLans and Zuzana Licko, is producing a wide range of exciting ultracontemporary typefaces generated on and for computers. Years hence, we are likely to identify Emigre as the typographic style for the 1990s, in the same way we connect Art Nouveau typography with the start of the twentieth century.

while a core of ten to fifteen classic typefaces makes up about 90 percent of my work, I am continually trying to learn about and experiment with a number of fringe, period, and trendy type fonts. This 10 percent provides the accent, the surprise, the twist that adds special energy or evokes feelings that the classics never will. Here are a few of my favorites.

Non-geometric curved letterforms epitomize the sensuous style of the Art Nouveau movement of the early twentieth century.



Stencil, with all its derivations, is a perfect example of vernacular growing from typography. The strictly functional stenciling of crates for shipping became validated as an import/export symbol in the 1920s and was elevated to art by Georges Braque and the Cubists.

The ornamental Romans date from the late 1700s, and they experienced a revival in the 1920s and 1930s. These faces are making a comeback mostly in contemporary magazines.

Even with word processors, typewriter type still signifies messages with immediacy and basic, honest information. Avoid the modern "cleaned up" versions, however. They lose the

tooth and grittiness of

the original.

remembered for a flood
of newly generated
computer faces from
Emigre, a magaziae/
type design firm in
California founded by
two immigrants. The
diversity, range, and
quality of these "Mac"
faces demonstrate a
youthful exuberance
and have influenced
new directions ia
typography.

The 1990s may be



Circus posters, Wild West shows, and sundry advertising bills from the late 1800s employed headlines set in dramatic, oversized wooden type. These complex. highly crafted. and ostentatious faces capture the emerging personality of America.



Cloister initials and other "illuminated" letters were hand painted by monks in the fourteenth century. A more modern, cast metal version was developed during the Arts and Crafts period of William Morris in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

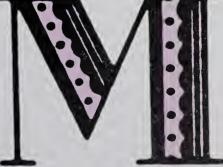


Moore Computer
became an instaat
period piece of the late
1960s and early
1970s, attempting to
emulate the look of
computer programs.
Like the technology of
the era, the face dated
itself immediately.





The Roaring Tweaties may be represented as graphically by Broadway, Parisiaa. Modernistic, and Chic as by flappers and jazz. These extremes of thick and thin, with and without serif, capture a glimpse of the era.



Less-than-beautiful
Brush scripts of all persuasions may be oae of
the quickest ways to call
up the 1950s with its
drive-in movies, hula
hoops, and car fins.



As a designer, you can present layers of information in a hierarchical order utilizing the relative value of headline, caption and text type sizes, along with spacing and positioning on a page.



# Q. Do you use "vogue" typefaces often?

A. Although I use maybe fifteen classic typefaces most of the time, when I have a project that requires a very contemporary look, I expand my typographic vocabulary accordingly.

# Q. How would you categorize the faces you use most often?

A. I think in terms of three categories of typography: Classics, which transcend all periods of design; Period, which represent former and future eras; and Vogue, which exhibit the most extreme (the best and often the worst) in current typography. I also have typographic styling categories: leading, letter spacing, paragraph indents, initial caps, caps and small caps, dingbats, and all those kinds of tricky, voguish things that designers tend to do.

# Q. Do you talk to the writer while the design is in progress?

A. I like to get together with the writer from the beginning of the project because it's useful in developing a design solution. We can bounce ideas off each other, often strengthening the content of each other's work. Together we can arrive at a sense of the appropriate length for the copy, the pacing of the

project, the style and tone of voice, what can best be communicated through images or text. It's a back-and-forth process, a collaboration.

# Q. How influenced are you by the content of the copy? Some designs out there are eye-catching but appear to have little to do with the text. Why do you think this happens?

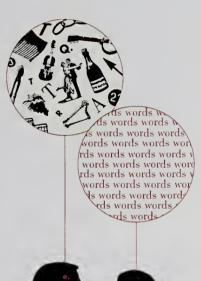
A. I feel it's imperative for the design to reflect the content of the text. Inappropriate images juxtaposed to copy and incongruent typographic choices can confuse the message, making it unintelligible. This often occurs because the designer is looking at the page and asking, "How does it look?" not "What does it say?" Designers can get so involved in other parts of their craft that they forget the basics — like reading the copy.

# Q. Isn't it also true that we tend to think in terms of division of labor — the writer communicates; the designer illustrates and adds style. Do designers forget that they too are communicators?

A. That's often the case. Because we are in a visual business and there's so much style intertwined with the communications we're involved with, sometimes a designer will substitute style for content. It's the curse of the profession. Many design "stylists" can become very "hot," do very exciting images, but they aren't communicating anything except their own style. Ideas drive communications. When ideas determine the right style to be presented, a work will never be flat; it will always be fresh.

# Q. How can readers use this book to develop their own design decision process?

A. I think the case studies will illustrate how elements are pulled together, what the thought processes were in arriving at a particular choice. What I hope this book will accomplish is to share several years' worth of my experiences so people can unlock more doors sooner than they might have otherwise.



Communication isn't the sole responsibility of the writer. Good design can't be separated from good communications. Design without content is just decorative style.

n considering any creative work, the question arises: What part of the creative process can you quantify? Why did Milton Glaser choose those colors for Dylan's hair in his poster? Why did Paul Rand use a square serif instead of sans serif type in the IBM logo? Sometimes the answer is a shrug and a reply, "It felt right." But the choice surely was not a random-toss-of-the-coin decision. Some method of deduction — conscious or otherwise — was applied to arrive at each particular solution.

On every assignment, designers make hundreds, often thousands, of individual judgments. The interplay of each one ultimately determines the fabric of the design.

While it's impossible to pinpoint where creative ideas are found, it is possible to identify the steps in the creative process: defining the problem, gathering information, and checking ideas for appropriateness. The answers to certain universal questions provide information on which to base creative judgments. The very act of posing the questions helps define and refine the solution. The solutions will be as unique and individual as the designers who create them.

# Asking the right questions

As communicators, we've all heard the three principles of problem definition: audience, message, vehicle. Some communicators go after these answers very superficially — name, rank, and serial number. Others probe almost in a psychoanalytical way to understand the subtleties.

You don't have to be both designer and "shrink." But sometimes designers play an essential role in helping clients articulate who they are, what they are trying to achieve. The quality of information gathered before a project begins can lead to better, more focused design and ultimately to more effective communications. In a real sense, information is an essential tool for making subjective judgments and channeling your creativity to appropriate design solutions.



## Who is the client?

Literal identification gives you only a cardboard image of who the client is. Try to identify their operating philosophy and style, distinction from competitors, vision for the future. Are they established leaders or number two and trying harder? Are they considered conservative or progressive? A New England financial institution established prior to the American Revolution evokes an identity different from that of a California bank founded by six Stanford MBAs. That doesn't necessarily mean the New England bank should be presented as staid and traditional or that the California bank should automatically appear in the latest flash-and-trash style. To dispel stereotypical conceptions, the client may want to project the opposite of the expected.

## Who is the audience?

Profession, age, sex, geographic location, income level all may be decisive factors in the design approach.

Aeronautical engineers...Southwestern cattle ranchers...high school students...factory workers. Who are the readers, what are their interests? A Medicare brochure targeted to senior

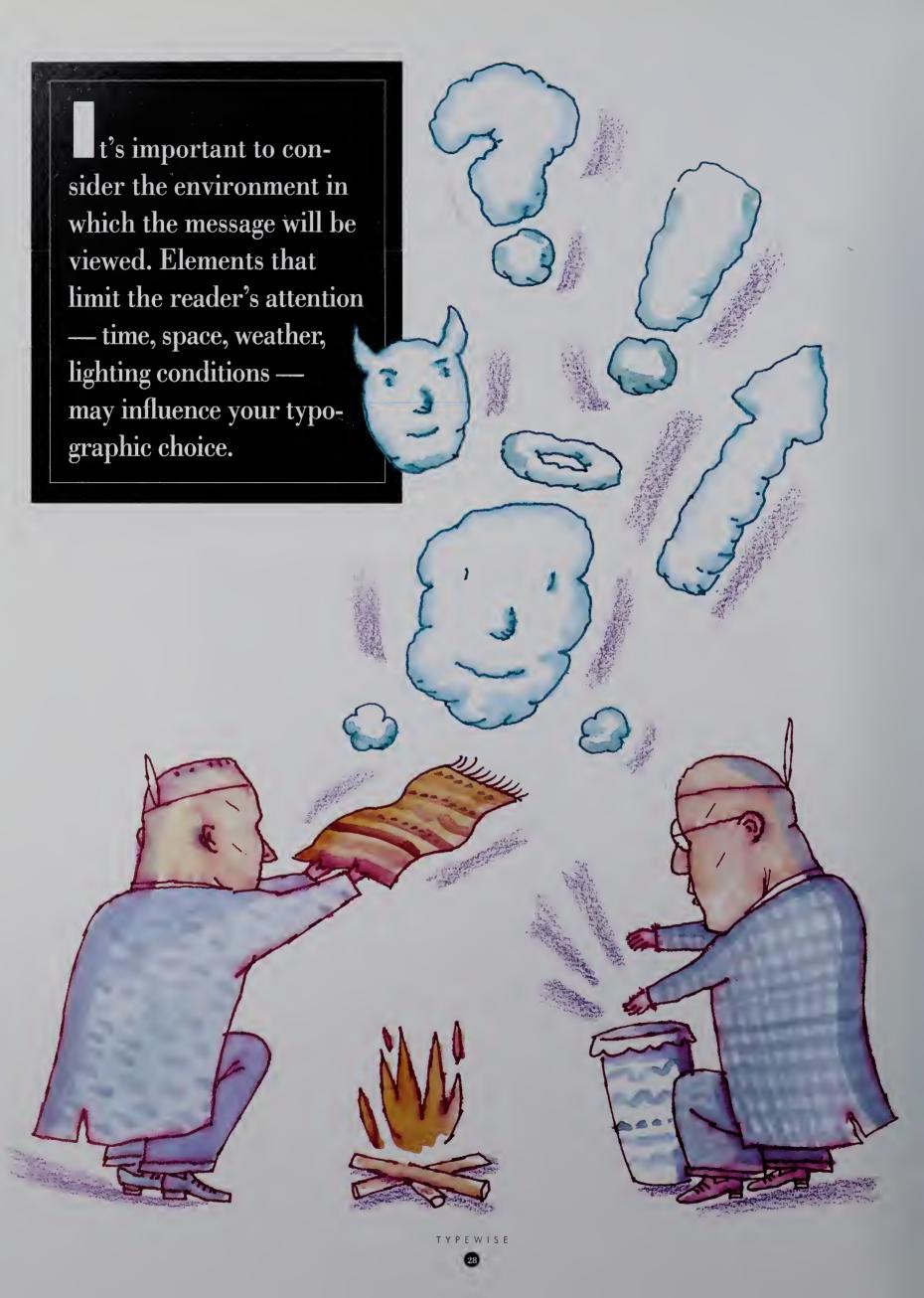
citizens would rule out the use of grey 6-point Copperplate Gothic type on a blue background. A skateboard promotion directed at teenagers obviously demands a different approach than does a mortgage lending brochure aimed at first-time home buyers. But try not to assume the obvious. For instance, toy catalogs pitch to grandmothers, not to eight-year-olds.

# What's the message?

What are we trying to communicate here? Is the piece purely informational, or is the goal to sell, entertain, persuade, call to action? How do we want the audience to react? What impression do we want to create? An annual report may be

> required to disclose only the straight facts and figures, but the visual message can communicate far more about the company's personality, philosophy, and vision.

he choice of the correct typeface can help your corporate clients come to grips with the visual identity crisis they sometimes experience.



# What's the medium for communication?

A poster. Brochure. Direct mail catalog. Electronic media. Three-dimensional exhibit. The answer forms the parameters of the project. If the chosen medium is complex — a 148-page catalog with multiple messages and levels of information, for instance — the typography, to sustain interest, probably requires complexity too. A book intended to have a long shelf life will also influence typographic choices. Posters, on the other hand, are intrinsically ephemeral, leaving greater latitude for typographic experiments.

## What's the environment?

The term "environmental graphics" is typically associated with indoor/outdoor signage, but it includes much more. The dairy case in a supermarket, for example, is the environment in which the typographic impact of a milk carton must be evaluated. A darkened theater becomes the environment for a film title. Consideration of surroundings must include all the elements that compete with or limit the reader's attention — time, space, weather, speed, and lighting conditions. A billboard must be read from a car speeding by at fifty-five miles per hour, narrowing the choice of typefaces and sizes considerably — as does the candlelight when you read a menu card in your favorite restaurant.

# What are the available resources?

Budget is not a deterrent to creativity, but it does affect how you implement that creativity. A realistic evaluation of the budget will help determine whether a piece is printed in one or four colors, as a postcard or as a monolith the size of Mount Rushmore. Awareness of the total budget will also aid you and your client in using available resources most effectively.

# Building a typographic vocabulary

Okay, you're confronted with a mind-boggling number of typefaces to choose from, not to mention the different typehouses who produce variations of the same face and dozens of newly created faces for computers too. How do you whittle this down for practical use?

Looking at one of those ten-pound type specimen books for the first time can be intimidating. The average tome contains about 750 individual type-faces, along with multiple drop shadow, backslant, and outline variations — most of which are either ugly, illegible, or both. A colleague once called these fonts "faces only a mother could love." Then, of course, there are pages of dingbats, rules, and other typographic ornamentation that heap layers of complexity onto an already bewildering array.

# The Desert Island approach

Making sense of this confusion and picking out the essential typefaces you'd want along if you were stranded on a desert island is the first step in building a personal typographic vocabulary.

Keep in mind that most seasoned designers typically work with only a limited number of typefaces. They generally build their typographic vocabulary from a combination of classic faces, type that represents their own highly personal style, and specialty faces proven to be effective in unique situations.

These they subconsciously arrange in tiers, from everyday, all-purpose typefaces, to reliable secondary choices, to assorted specialty faces that can be brought out for specific occasions.

# Start with favorites

Probably no two designers will agree on exactly which ten or fifteen faces to include in their own basic vocabularies, but they will almost always include a balanced selection of three or four faces from each broad type grouping — serif, sans serif, and slab serif — that they are likely to use 80 percent of the time for



both headlines and body text. For example, my basic typographic vocabulary, built and refined over several years (and still evolving), includes Bodoni, Garamond, Century Old Style, Janson, Times Roman, Memphis, Cheltenham Old Style, Franklin Gothic, Futura, Helvetica, News Gothic, and Univers.

# **Augment with variations**

Most designers usually augment their core group with another fifteen to twenty-five faces that are often subtle variations — Baskerville as a variation of Caslon; Memphis for Rockwell; Helvetica for Univers. This second tier of type-faces is used with varying frequency, sometimes making the "A" list and sometimes dropping back to second place.

# **Eclectic typefaces**

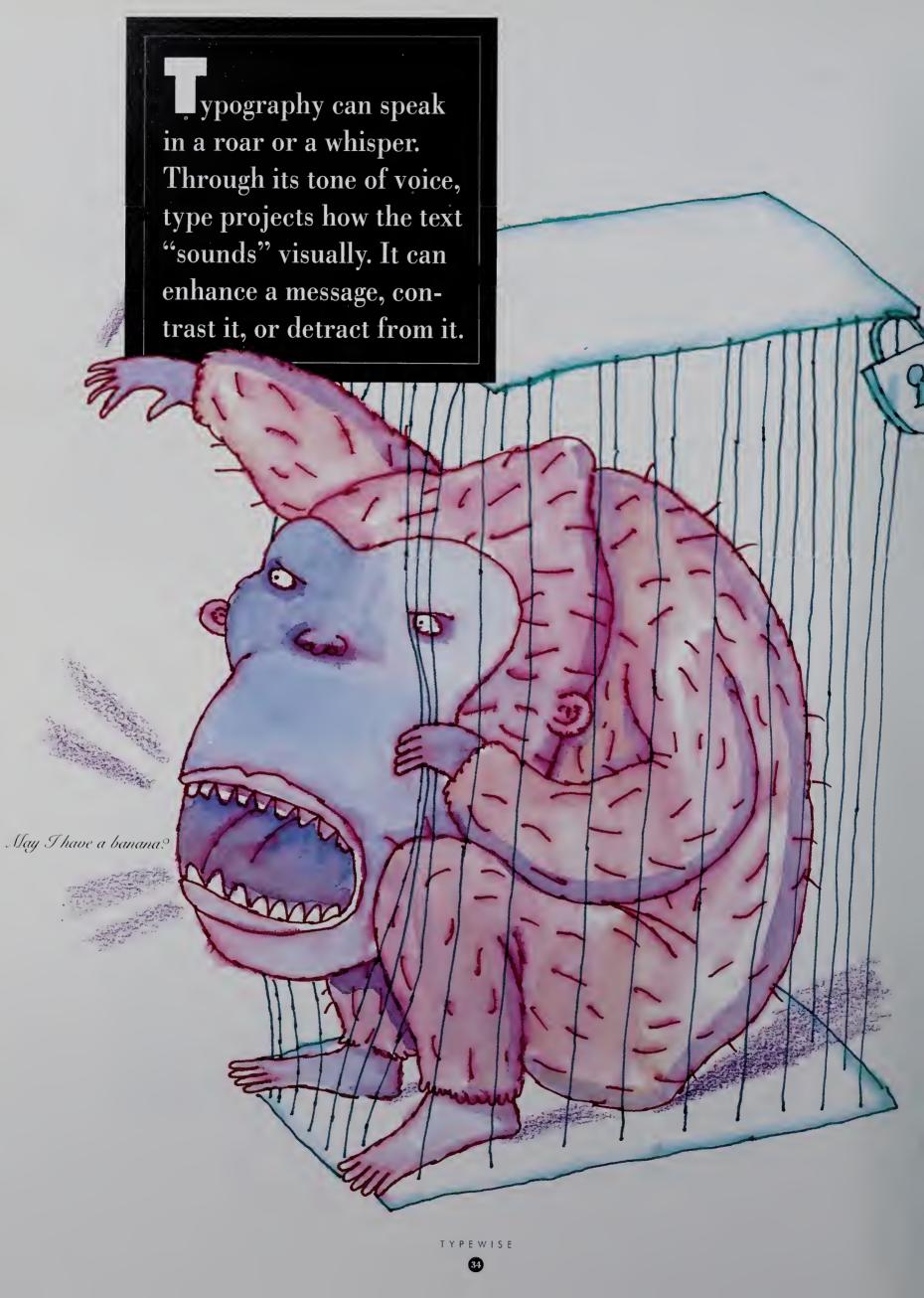
There's a third tier of specialty faces that includes a grab bag of eclectic typestyles earmarked because they may best represent the most contemporary look or a specific period of history, a culture, an art style, or maybe just a unique style that appeals to the idiosyncratic nature of the designer. This last list ebbs and flows in number and variety depending on current trends in type, recent discoveries of old, less familiar faces, and

Cetting to know a family of typefaces — capital letters, lower case, italics — involves learning its strengths, shortcomings, and idiosyncrasies.

## **Know your faces**

No matter what your choice, it's important to become intimately familiar with the faces in your core group. Every curve and angle of a face should be studied; the way a face changes with different leading and spacing; how it looks in all caps, small caps, and upper and lower case. Know what happens with a change in size and color, reverse or positive. Your core faces should work in combination with each other and be versatile enough to be appropriate in nearly all situations.





## Topographic typography

Typographic styling can be compared to a good road map. It tells you where you are and where you're going. It points out the routes available to your destination and emphasizes the most efficient ways. It also highlights and explains points of interest. And all this is communicated with symbols that are consistent and easy to read.

Although comparing type to a map is accurate, the analogy is incomplete. Along with showing the route, designers must convince readers that the trip is worthwhile, and entertain and retain the attention of travelers who have varying degrees of interest in the subject.

## Be enticing

One way is by presenting information in the order in which people tend to read: headlines first, then pull quotes and blurbs, followed by captions, and finally the body text. Providing levels of information ensures that even uninterested readers will glean some knowledge of the subject, while others may be drawn into the comprehensive body text.

## Tone of voice

Great storytellers have always understood the importance of tone of voice. Knowing when to whisper or to shout adds a richness and color to their story. The same is true of visual communicators, and type is often the best means of affecting that tone of voice. How should the text "sound" visually? Conversational or authoritative? Boldly assertive or gently persuasive? Urgent or relaxed? Factual or poetic? Typography can capture these moods. Through style, scale, color, and position on a page, type can tease or demand. It can even speak with an accent. The "tones" are as different as the audiences and as individual as the designer. Consider the typographic images that come to mind for a Grateful Dead poster compared to an invitation to the Boston Symphony's opening night.

More often than not I rely on classics because trendy typefaces are often so stylish that they overpower the message by calling too much attention to themselves.

Like clothing, however, type goes through fashion fads. When hot pink with just a hint of chartreuse appears in leading fashion magazines, these colors become the rage everywhere. When Univers 59 italic with wide letter spacing is hot...ditto. That's not to say that voguish typefaces should be avoided. They often represent the most current "edge" graphics.

Of course, there are situations where trendy typefaces are appropriate and desirable, even when the look isn't contemporary. The best and most representative typeface modes are closely

identified with a period, and no re-creation of the era would be accurate without using them

to set the typographic mood.

These typefaces experience revivals

— like the psychedelic 1960s type reminiscent of Art Nouveau or the De Stijl
or Constructivist faces from the early
twentieth century resurrected in the 1980s.



When you analyze the typography of a particular decade, you recognize two major points of identification: first, the specific groups of typefaces that were "in"; and second, the style in which they were set (leading, letter spacing, combinations of typefaces, etc.). I use both to reflect a period but not to mimic it.

There is a need for continual experimentation in typography, but be confident in your knowledge of the basics before heading off into every new typographic direction. Trendy typefaces should be used sparingly, with common sense and with awareness of the message — not the superficial style — you want to communicate.

# Not just a pretty face

The classics, or at least my classics — Bodoni, Caslon, Century, Helvetica, Futura, Franklin Gothic, Garamond, Memphis, for example — are typefaces for all seasons, for all occasions. They transcend any single period of time.

ike a basic black dress, some typefaces are tastefully appropriate for a number of occasions. Trendy typefaces can set the mood for special situations.

Like a basic black dress or a pair of Levi's, they can be dressed up or down and fit in nearly anywhere.

No single designer or school of design can predict which typeface will become a classic.



Classics emerge from repeated use by thousands of designers, in thousands of situations worldwide. Their versatility is expressed through their range of weights, the "color" of the typeface when set in body text, the intrinsic quality and aesthetic integrity of the drawing of each letter, and the way these characters look when combined into words, paragraphs, pages, and books. Although there have been a few instant classics (Helvetica, to name one), most are proven over time and set the standards for others to meet.

Even if you primarily use classic faces, your designs don't need to become predictable. I've always found that true creative freedom was derived from working with numerous constraints — time, money, size, color, whatever. Restrictions force you to review the options available. A limited number of typefaces allows you the opportunity to explore the variety within the character of each face, to ask yourself how it works at different sizes, mixed with other faces, in all caps,

## **Build** a hierarchy

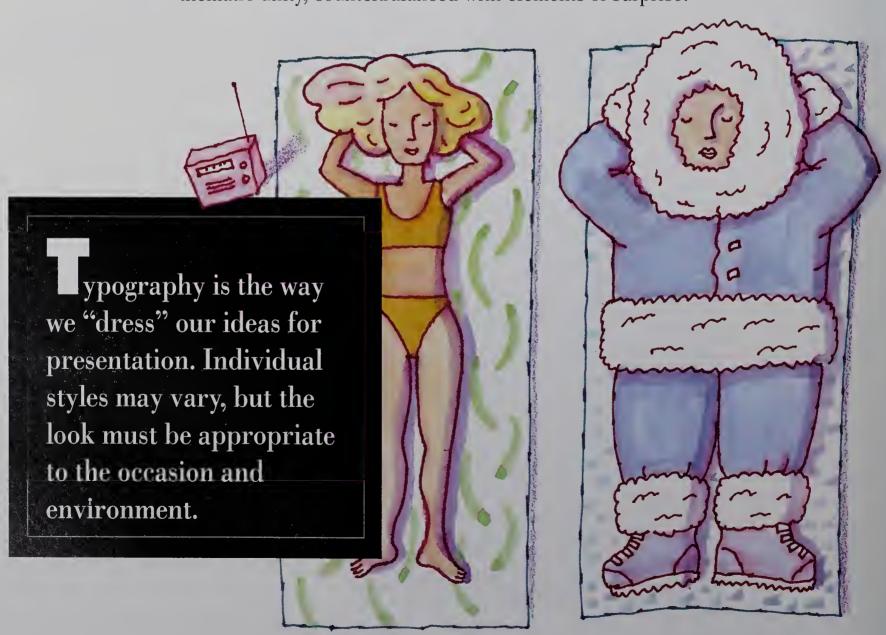
To handle complex material — be it primarily image, a mix of images and text, or exclusively text — you must establish a hierarchy of information and the order in which you want that information to be read. This ordering of information can take many forms. Ordering by size and importance is perhaps the most obvious but very effective hierarchy. Creating a pattern of even-sized images and either positioning them in a normal reading sequence or interrupting the pattern to signify importance is another approach. Or take advantage of contrast — different weights of type, Roman vs. italic, color against a background, complex vs. simple, for example. Certainly position of type and image — centered, top right-hand corner (at least in the Western culture), balanced on a page — aids in directing the reading sequence.

Initial caps, subheads, and sidebars are other typographic techniques that act as signposts and a means to break down information into more digestible bits.

All printed pieces have typographic pacing whether the designer intends it or not. The pacing may be boring or static. Or it can move readers along, offer delightful pauses and visual relief, provide continuity, and establish reading guideposts.

You could compare pacing and design to the same quality in literature or music. Most finished pieces, whether visual, written, or composed, have not only a beginning, middle, and end, but also a momentum with swells and lulls, crescendos and diminuendos, leading to a climax and denouement.

Typographic pacing plays a role similar to that of a musical motif — an underlying theme developed in various colorations throughout a composition. The cohesiveness and familiarity provided by this melody establish reference points and carry the music forward. In printed pieces, readers expect the same thematic unity, counterbalanced with elements of surprise.



The even or irregular pattern created by the combination of the letters in each font defines its individual "color." A page gains color several ways — through word and letter spacing, the contrast of Roman to italic, bold to light, and the line leading between copy. Used correctly, the texture created by the typographic variety of faces, column widths and copy settings (flush left, right justified) contributes to making a page's color reflect the emotion and content of the message.

## **Appropriateness**

The final measure of typographic design (and design in general) is its appropriate ateness to the client, the target audience, and the conditions in which this message is presented. In other words, is the typographic tone of voice appropriate to the message?

It's like knowing what to wear to a business meeting or a beach party or a formal museum opening or a camping trip. All have appropriate gear estab-



lished by tradition and practicality, which are reinforced daily through individual use and cultural media. Typography is the way we "dress" our ideas, and we communicate the credibility of those ideas effectively by "dressing" them for the occasion.

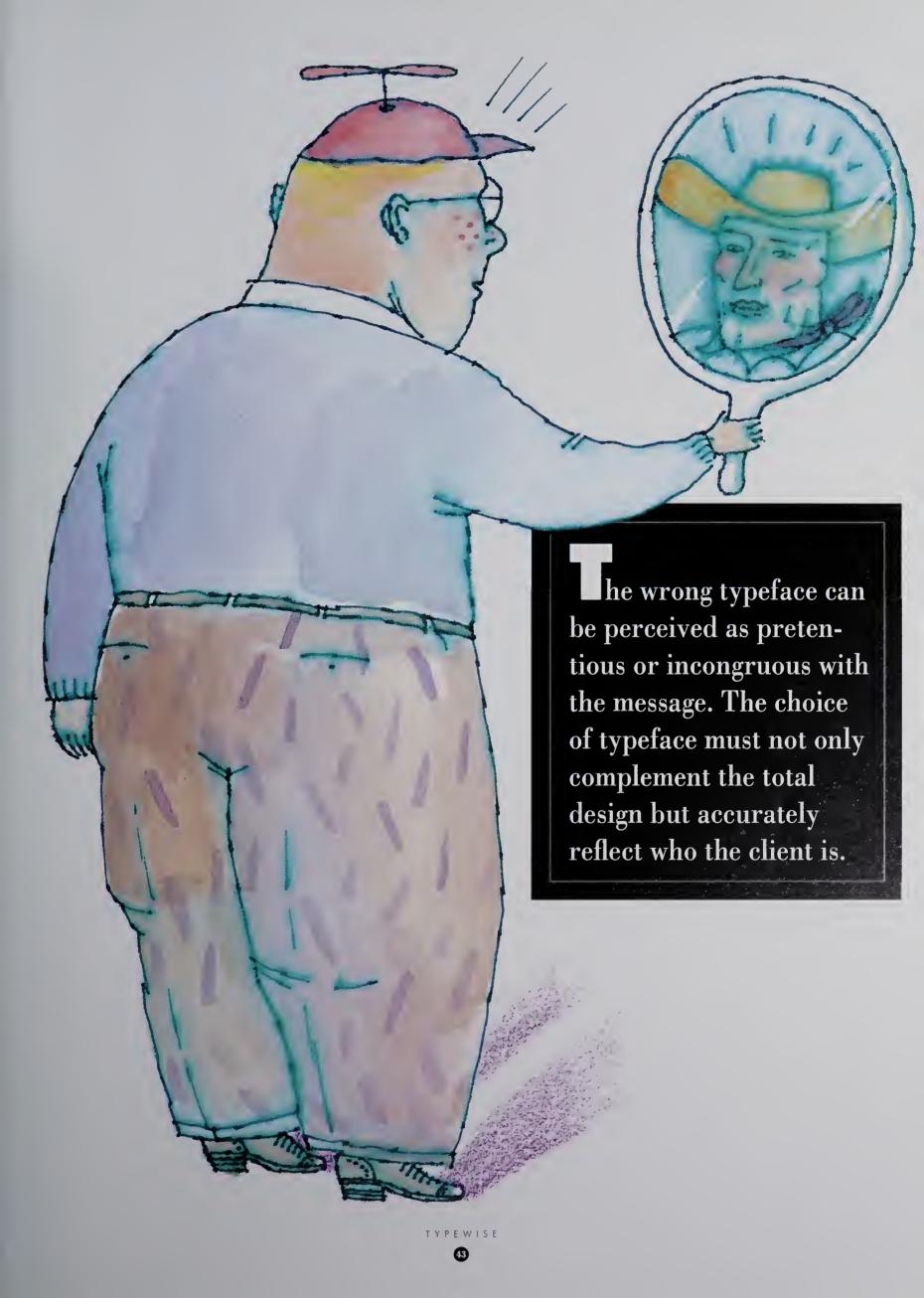
This shouldn't be confused with uniformity. Using the apparel analogy again, let's imagine a Wall Street "power breakfast" at the "21" Club. All of the brokers are wearing business suits, but the cut of each suit is quite different. One may be wearing a vest, a Brooks Brothers' shirt, and wing-tip shoes. Another may have on suspenders or a bow tie. Each person is distinctive, dressed in a style appropriate to his or her individual personality, yet appropriately outfitted for the occasion.

# Be consistent with the message

The typographic design should be consistent with the message you are trying to deliver. Be aware that every time you choose a typeface it communicates something. It enhances the message or detracts from it. It makes a statement; therefore, the choice should not be made arbitrarily or independently of the message. If leadership is the subliminal message, don't use a wimpy typeface.

Also, be aware of what your audience expects and consciously choose to provide that or not. For example, a classically conservative typeface for a Johnny Walker ad may be right for the *Wall Street Journal* but inappropriate if the ad is to appear in *L.A. Style* or *Interview* magazine.

Your typographic judgment will become more refined with every piece of information you gather about your client and audience. Sometimes by contrasting the anticipated image, you can draw more attention to the message. There are times when you want to stand out from the crowd, make a statement, challenge convention, be irreverent, jar readers into seeing you differently. Choosing an unexpected typeface may then be the appropriate means.



wice a year all the Pentagram partners converge for four days somewhere in the world to review our experiences of the past six months and to plan (or guess) where we'd like to be or what

we'd like to be doing in the future. Although some time is directed to the "housekeeping" of our collective, by far the most important and involving discussions center around the design "case studies." These studies give us an insider's look at the successes, shortcomings, political problems, and creative challenges encountered in each other's projects. The following pages are a typographically focused series of selected case studies presented by the graphic design partners of Pentagram.

Founded in 1971, Pentagram is organized around fourteen design partners based in offices in London, New York, and San Francisco. Each designer came to Pentagram with extensive experience and an established reputation in his or her design field.



letterforms, or the physical shape of the text—can be used to amplify the meaning of the words, create a mood or metaphor, form a decorative pattern, or become a visual pun. Typically such imagery is a one-of-a-kind experience, illustrating book titles, headlines of magazine articles, advertisements, invitations, or posters. The image dictates the choice of typeface. Part of the fun is to be able to step away from classic typefaces so essential for readability and consider all the eccentric, funky, clumsy, sometimes illegible or downright ugly faces you may otherwise never use. Applied sparingly and appropriately, typography can turn words into art.

## FOUND ALPHABET

etterforms don't always come from typographers or designers, but can be found among everyday items around the office, at home, or in nature. From paper clips to scissors, this "found alphabet" of twenty-six "lettergrams" was collected in the London office and is a simple exercise in typographic observation.



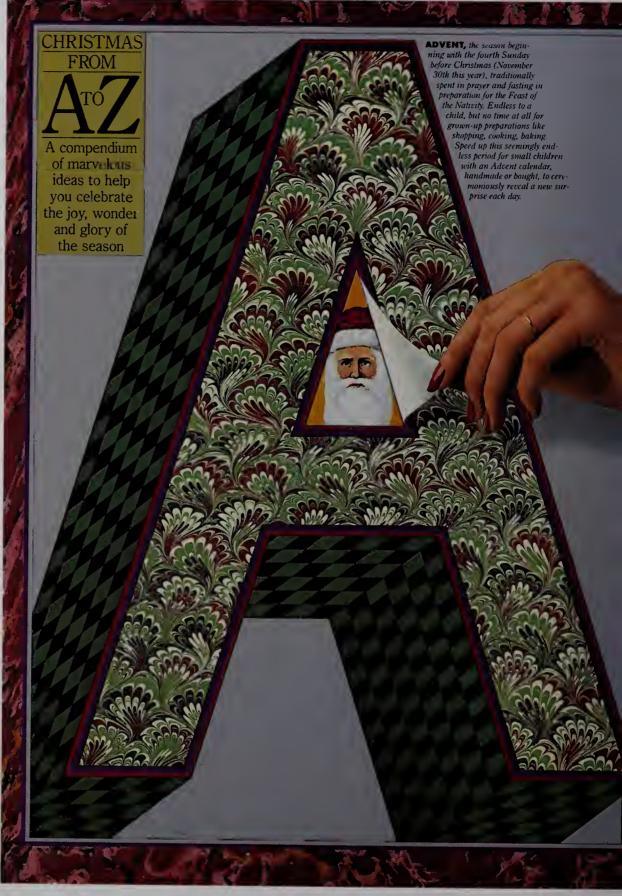
This alphabet was gathered for an article on creativity for Preston Polytechnic School of Art's magazine. The practice of viewing images as possible letters (initial caps, distinctive artwork, etc.) is an important approach to maintain within your vernacular typography file.

### McCall'S MAGAZINE

cCall's magazine asked us to illustrate an article on Christmas decorating from A to Z — and needed it within ten days, start to finish. In the heat of August, we worked on finding Christmas nutcrackers (causing a few sleepless nights). Although most of the imagery was a literal illustration of the copy, a few typographic images lent a different dimension to the story and also served to reinforce the A–Z aspect.



• ur gumdrop G allowed us to photographically produce a colorful letterform and present a familiar Christmas item in a nontraditional way. The letter G was roughly based on Windsor Bold Condensed.



The initial cap A, for Advent calendar, served as a strong graphic introduction to the article. The hand adds a rather surreal touch to the two-dimensional A. The D sidebar, with its centered Roman text, provides a change of pace from the rigid columns of flush-left italic copy. Half-line paragraph spacing throughout gives the material a little more room to breathe.

APRONS for everyone on your list, from baby pinafore to roomy, no-nonsense versions for the boys and men.



### BAUBLES AND BEADS





candles, to gleam and glow and flatter every face: a battery of lights on a table or top of a chest, brightening a mantel, or set up at different heights in stemmed goblets. Plant colored votive lights in garlands down the center of a buffet table, or at every setting of a format dinner table.

rubies, to wind around a tree, to ring napkins, to wrap in garlands. Fill little baskets with cranberries to hold place

caras.

CRECHE, the manger where Christmas began. The figures of Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child, surrounded by angels, shepherds and animals, may range from 18th-century Neapolitan versions, dressed in fine fabrics, to naive Mexican folk art to Feundarian dough sculptures,



**DELLA ROBBIA**wreaths and garlands, after the Renaissance sculptors. Make one for the center of the table with fresh fruits studding the greenery—use apples, oranges, lemons. Wrap with rich cords.

**DOLLS,**strings of them, cut from paper for the tree. Miniature plastic dolls from the five-and-dime, with angel wings attached for added delight.

**DOVES,**flocks of them, on your tree. Two-dimensional doves cut from plain white paper, with wings attached separately to alight on any package. Ensnare them with silver cord or ribbon.

from coffee tins or oatmeal boxes cut down to size and covered with white paper. Band with red and blue ribbons, crisscross with colored tapes or yarn.

When using cap subhends withia body text, especially in a bold fnce like Futura, you should drop the point size at least one point to mnintain proper balance between subhead and text.

In addition to the opening letter A, the initial cap typography was of great importance to the article's style. Century Old Style was chosen for headlines, initial caps, and body text. The subhends nre nH Futura Extra Bold, all caps. Century was an obvious choice, Not only is it a very outgoing, friendly face, but the initial caps (espccially when shndowboxed) conjured up nH those warm Christmas feelings from children's alphabet blocks.









Our early sketches included mnny typographic letter illustrntions, including n fruitcnke slice of F and a bnked brend B, plus an idea that was ultimately used in the final design — n candleholder C.





## DESIGNER'S SATURDAY

esigner's Saturday is a three-day annual event hosted by the furniture manufacturers of America at the IDC (Industrial Design Center) in New York. The contract design show attracts a large number of interior and industrial designers. Promotion for the event includes a poster, invitations, trade ads, and other print pieces. Drawing on the three-dimensional nature of this show, Colin had letterforms built in the Bodoni typestyle. These eight-inch, lacquered wooden letters were treated as imagery in the promotional campaign.





As physical objects, the letterforms became sculpture, revealing the intrinsic grace and beauty of the Bodoni typeface. The varied shapes and weights in each Bodoni letter sustain visual interest, something that a sansserif face probably wouldn't do.

## PARTY INVITATION



Alan turned the invitation into a full-color poster, which seemed a more inventive solution for a party and ultimately a longer lasting memento of the event. A playful collage, created with bright colors and hand-cut letters from wood type specimens, set a festive mood. The handwritten invitation reinforces  $the\ casual\ mood\ of\ the\ party.$ 



### JOHN ELLIOTT CELLARS

ohn Elliott Cellars is a London-based spirits wholesaler who imports fine French wines. When Alan was asked to develop the company's identification, the image of early nineteenth-century French drinking songs set as ideograms seemed to capture both the product and a mood of conviviality.

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A couple of nuances to note in the preparation of the final typographic art: First, the choice of a hand-set type gives a historic, crafted quality; second, the subtle shift in type weights calls attention to the company name and creates the illusion of wine in the glass.

John Elliott Cellars Ltd, 11 Dover Street, Mayfair, London. Telephone: 01 493 5135 Wholesalers of Fine Wines & Champagne

Buvons, amis, et buvons à plein verre.
Enivrons-nous de ce nectar divin!
Après les Belles, sur la terre,
Rien n'est aimable que le vin;
Cette liqueur est de tout âge:
Buvons-en! Nargue du sage
Qui, le verre en main,
Le haussant soudain,
Craint, se ménage,

Et dit: holà!

Trop cela!

Holà!

La!

La!

La!

Car

**Panard** 

A pour refrain:

Tout plein!

Plein!

Plein!

Plein! Fêtons,

Célébrons

Sa mémoire;

Et, pour sa gloire, Rions, chantons, aimons, buvons. Scouring the office library soon unearthed examples of wine glasses to work with. Although the origins of the "wine glass" are based on early ideograms, Alan extended the height of the original glass by including the company's name and message.

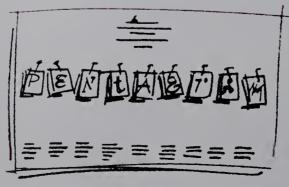




### EXHIBITION POSTER

entagram partners meet semiannually in selected cities around the world to discuss business, works in progress, and finished projects. Our spring 1989 meeting in San Francisco was scheduled to coincide with the opening of an exhibition of Pentagram work. The partners hosted a gala reception for the design community, local clients, and friends.

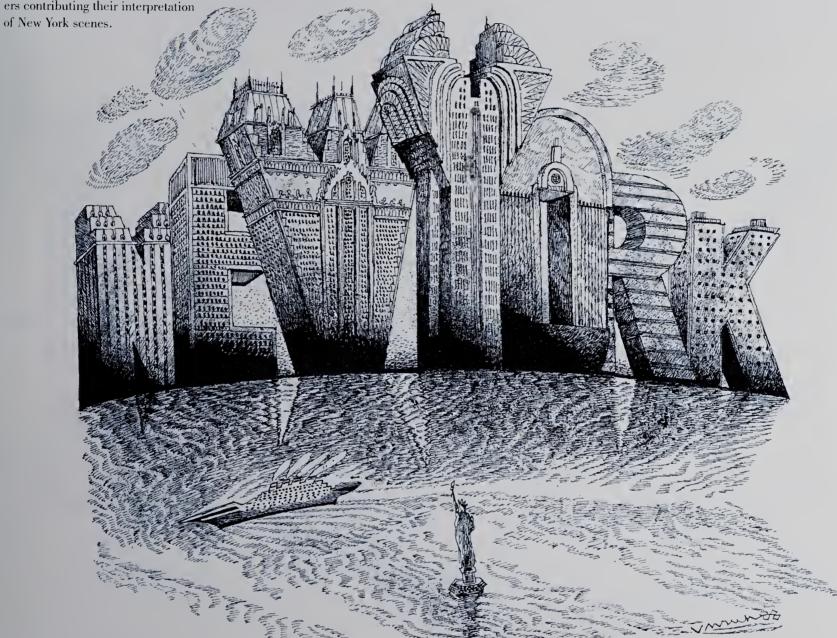




For the poster, Neil wanted to represent the work of all three offices and give a hint of the  $more\ than\ one\ thousand\ images\ created\ for$ international clients, while still giving n strong identification to Pentagram and the exhibition. He came up with n push-pinned typographic  $composite\ spelling\ Pentagram,\ created\ from$ logotypes designed by the partners.

## THE ART DIRECTORS CLUB

or more than sixty years, The Art
Directors Club (New York) has sponsored the largest, most prestigious exhibition of advertising and design in the
United States. When asked to design the
Call for Entries, our first thought was to
create a series of images that described
the competitive categories in the exhibition together with well-known landmarks.
Jack Unruh, who illustrated Manhattan's
skyline for the cover, was one of ten
nationally prominent artists and designers contributing their interpretation



## Napoli '99 Foundation

The Napoli '99 Foundation, a society formed to create an awareness of the city's physical problems, enlisted the help of thirty designers from around the world to graphically demonstrate the level of decay in the city's cultural monuments and architectural masterpieces. All the Pentagram partners' contributions focused on interpreting the theme through the single word "NAPOLI" to communicate the idea.



Showing the classical typeface Perpetua falling to pieces was John's way of demonstrating the broken architecture and eavironmental decay of the city.



Alan used wood type specimens for the word Napoli. He presented them in bright tutti frutti colors to symbolize the cheerful Neapolitan attitude, and then dampened the mood by throwing ink at the letterforms to represent pollution.



David's approach was directed more taward noise pollution than visual pollution. The simple substitution of a letter with an international road sign created a powerful iconagraphic symbol.





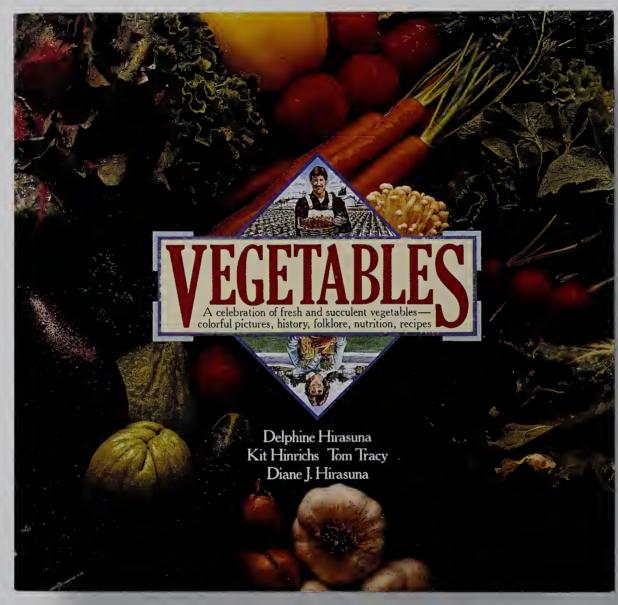
Mervyn constructed three-dimensional cardboard letters to suggest concrete structures and projected a photograph of graffiti onto them. The graffiti letters were then photographed to illustrate the problems of vandalism.

ome typefaces simply feel comfortable, like a favorite pair of tennis shoes or Sunday supper at Grandma's house. These unpretentious typefaces don't suggest any particular bias but invite leisurely reading. Often we associate them with familiar, everyday objects such as our first reading books, bus tickets, and old Sears Roebuck catalogs. Common to all approachable typography is easy legibility — simple serifs and letterforms that aren't hard-edged or florid. That isn't to say a typeface must be plain or dull to be approachable. The letterforms of Century Schoolbook, for instance, are beautifully proportioned and visually interesting, which explains why it has traditionally been used in children's books. The friendliness of this typeface comes from its accessibility, without an attempt to be clever, contrived, or more eye-catching than readable.

## JOHN MCCONNELL SLUMBERDOWN Slumberdown, one of Britain's largest makers of continental quilts and duvets, wanted to increase its presence in stores and retail outlets by creating a "shop within a shop." John developed a flexible display system using graphic quilted panels that could be hung on a frame. The medium used to display our John chose Garamond, client's story - a full-sized quilt often used in children's made a positive connection between the nursery books. Even cozy quilt and the storybook theme. with the period illustrations, the look is still fresh and contemporary, and from a production standpoint, the face is easy to reproduce in silkscreen on cloth. All about a Slumberdown Cleaning: No problem A Shutberdown will usually require cleaning about once every ten years—unless you have every ten years – unless you have a major accident. Only the coverfix washed regularly, like sheety But if a quilt is to be used by young children it is often advisable to choose a man-made How they work A Slumberdown traps the natural warmth of your body, and because it wraps itself around you, it leaves no advisable to choose a man-in draughty filling as these can be gaps, as blankers " hine washed. oscally of Choose the illah right size distre quilt should Illimays be at least 18 wider than the bed it i The price of a Stamberdown is governed by the ope of filling and the the ope of filling and the size. But just one quitt is mtended for 29" wider. So don't rely on should be 29" wider. So don't rely on should be 29" wider. So don't rely on the should be 29" wider. anound be a wider so don't rely of simple descriptions like take rector that one quitting acted to replace several blankets and a coverlet. or enderdown.What's more a Stromberdown will usually last for many yearsmaking it a long term ( investment. When you own a Shanberdown quilt. you can torget about the Laborious business of bed-making. Charing the right filling Goose or duck down, feathers You simply give it a or marringer obrevare among the choice of fillings available. are duel-ty more efficients Make co hers are less expensive. But all expensive and quilevance stomberdown quilevance and . Jooks great for the rest than measure up 10 to British Standard set all quiles

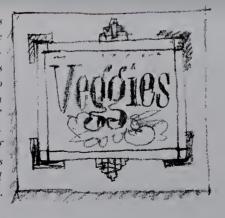
### VEGETABLES BOOK

well by Chronicle Books, Vegetables was intended to get readers to take a fresh look at these common foods they eat every day. The subject was presented in four sections: a history of vegetable agriculture in California; an A–Z compendium of fascinating facts and folklore, along with buying hints and nutritional information; a glossy section of full-color vegetable photographs and illustrations; and finally, recipes.



For a subject like vegetables, the typographic tone of voice had to be unpretentious, accessible, and vaguely nostalgic. Cheltenham Old Style created that effect. The cover design, reflective of crate art of the 1940s, was treated symmetrically, with brighter tones in the center. The first and last letters of "vegetables" were used to bracket the subtitle.

•riginally the authors picked the playful title Veggies, but were overruled by the publisher's East Coast reps who thought it evoked a "California airhead" image. Like the original title, the choice of typeface for Veggies was slightly funky and rough-edged.





Budget limitations dictated that the same illustration style and matched colors be used throughout two sections of the book. Images for the A-Z text were made by inking silhouettes from old engravings, and the initial caps for the alphabet added color accents. The recipe section presented the type of ethnic cuisine and number of serving portions in plate circles at the top of each recipe. The typographic treatment enhanced visibility of this important information while creating an interesting graphic detail.

> Everything grows there. You can drive for hours past green acres. Fresno County, located in the center of the state, leads the nation's counties in agricultural production.

It's hard to believe that when the first settlers arrived during the gold rush of 1849, they couldn't envision the valley as the agricultural "Eden" it has become. In the summer, all they saw was a barren plain, the ground cracked for lack of moisture and temperatures hovering above one luindred degrees. Newcomers from the Midwest and East didn't know what to make of the region, which was wet and hish from about Novemher through May and dry and forbidding from May through October. There were no sudden summer thunderstorms, nor was there ever any winter snow. The land defied familiar farming practices. The would-be gold miners did not, however,

come to farm, though many had previously been farmers. Their goal was to stake their claim, get rich, and go home.

Soon many found that mining was frus-

trating and unprofitable, while recognizing that farming offered a more assured route to riches. "Plant your lands; these be your best gold fields, for all must eat while they live,"

one new Californian advised his sons.
Food was extremely costly in the early years River in Sacramento. The burst in population happened too quickly for the Spanish rancheros to supply the demand. Much of the food came in by ship around Cape Horn. Those who turned to agriculture applied methods practiced back home beyond the Rockies, and grew the crops they knew best, such as wheat, oats, and barley. Dry-land farming, which relies on whatever moisture nature provides on a seasonal basis, was the common practice in the Midwest, but in the Far West it produced uneven results, since som crops didn't come into full maturity before the annual heat wave hit.

Beans were the first important vegetable crop grown in California. Until the gold rush, they played an insignificant role in the West, Enterprising farmers, however, quickly noted

they played an insignificant role in the West, Enterprising farmers, however, quickly noted that miners were buying imported beans by the bushel to cook over the campfure by their claims. Soon bean vines were sprawling all over the state. By 1859, California had the highest return of beans in the nation. At the start of World War I, farmers were exhorted to grow even more beans for our soldiers overseas. In 1918, California produced more than eight and a half utillion bushels. Even after the war, heans remained the state's most important vegetable crop. Lima beans, native to Peru, vegetable crop. Lima beans, native to Peru, were particularly well suited to California's

climate and soil and made up about a third of the bean production.

till, California didn't realize its agricultural potential until irrigation practices became widespread. Without a pipeline of water, the fertile Central Valley was only suitable for farming half the year. Average annual rainfall ranges from seventeen inches in Sacramento to



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A salad is whatever you want to make it. Veget: bles take on new personal ties, depending on how they are con bried, sli ed, or seasoned. The only rules for a great salad are to that with fresh, tipe ingredients and a -pirit of serend pity

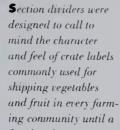


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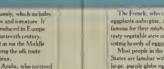




few decades ago.

Although Cheltenham Old Style was used throughout Vegetables, changes in type size, color, and measure and the integration of imagery allowed each section to have its own character without breaking the continuity of the book.





Eggplant was part of the cargo that came into Europe via the Middle Eastern silk route. At first it was greeted with distrust. The Italians called it a mad apple, and herbalist John Gerard claimed it had "mischievous qualities."

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## THE NATURE COMPANY

he Nature Company is founded on the premise of "increasing our sense of wonder in the natural world." Through mail-order catalogs and retail stores, the Nature Company offers products that range from inflatable dinosaurs to malachite earrings and animal print T-shirts to fossils. Its stores, located in shopping malls, museums, and at historical sites around the country, create a tranquil shopping environment often enhanced by falling water, wind chimes, lush green plants, and the music of natural sounds.



The Nature Company first asked us to translate its corporate philosophy into a visual identity. Selecting the correct typeface was a key. The company had adopted on educationol approach for most of its products and wanted to convey the atmosphere found in the store as a place where families could come to shop in a nonintimidoting environment something between the British Museum of Notural History and The Gap. We chose Century Old Style to capture that feeling.



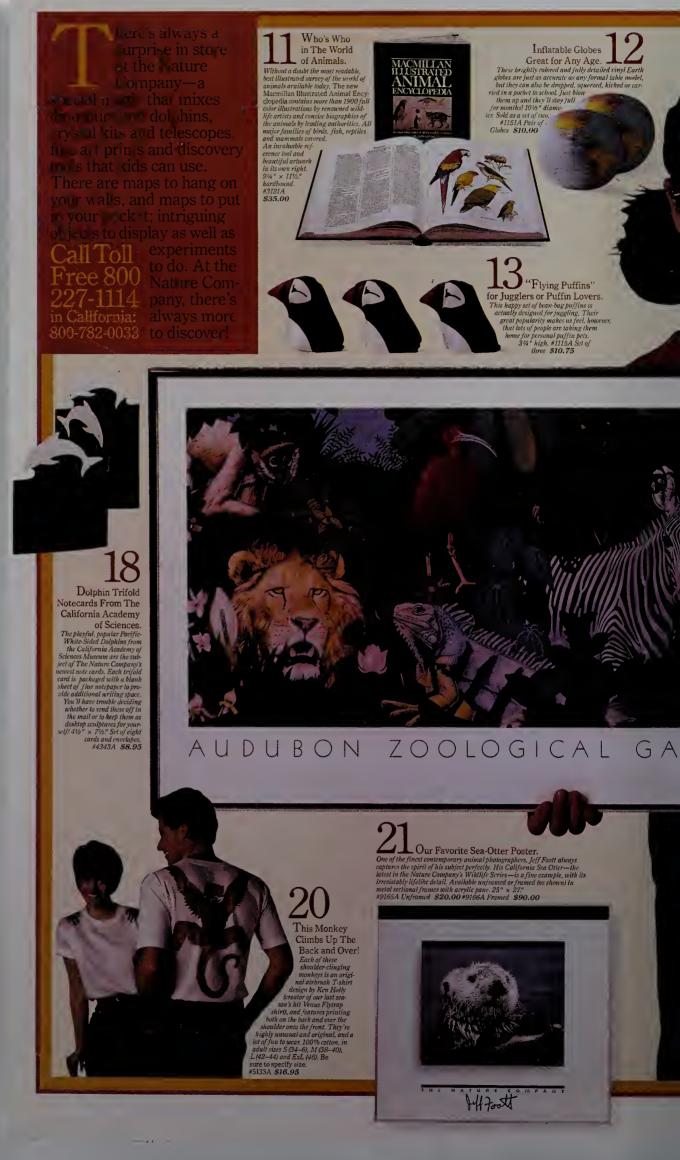
Notepad cubes have become popular in The Nature Compony's graphics line, covering subjects from minerals to flowers to butterflies and fish. The use of Century Old Style caps provides for strong name recognition and also harmonizes with the subject matter. Note: The Noture Company logo (top) in corporate uses alwoys includes the "bunny." But we've designed the system to allow for the substitution of other natural images such os leaves, elephants, birds, etc. This adds interest and subtly expands the identification of the company without blotantly stamping its logo on every item.



For one spring catalog, we developed n tubloidsized publication to highlight the year's top fifty products. Numbering of the items gave n unique aspect to the content. The complex, "knitted" look of the pnge required a highly flexible format for the type, from flush left to flush right to centered to irregular rag-arounds. This would normally be n typographic nightmare, but within the context of these highenergy layouts, it works. The correspondence of caption to product is important in catalogs. We've found that placing type adjacent to the product gives an immedincy of identification and improves the buying climate.



Many products sold by
The Nature Company,
from bird seed to cedar
chips, are marked with
simple labels and tags.
A basic style guide
explaining correct type,
spncing, and visual
relationships has
allowed the company's
inhouse design group to
implement its own limited pnckaging program.





Adding finesse and impact to the ubiquitous 800 telephone number is another important detail in the development of a catalog. We originally chose Onyx because its compressed letterforms allowed us to have a large size without losing much product space, and it contrasted well with Century Text. The only drawback was its thin "thins." Unfortunately, when screened to create a colored seal, we found that many buyers misread a 4 for a 1 and were calling a very irate company twenty-four hours a day. We rectified the problem by photographically compressing Century Bold Condensed.



Original Onyx

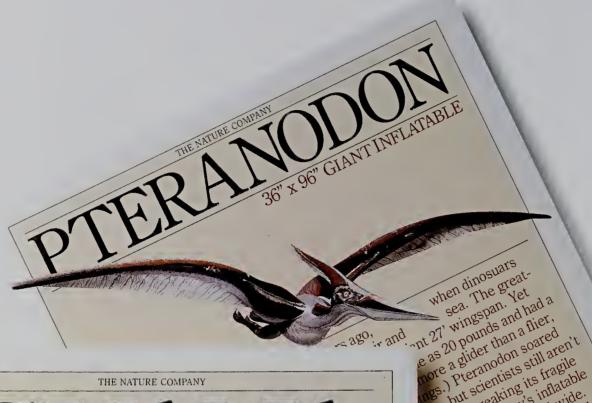


Revised Century Bold Condensed.

The best proof of a type's effectiveness is in multiple, varied uses. Specialty products like this kid's Tyrannosaurus rex T-shirt exemplify the continuity of image allowed by a consistent but flexible typographic approach.



Keeping in mind the educational aspect of most Nature Company products, we designed a line of packaging that identifies the merchandise and gives real content about the product to the buyer on such items as inflatable iguanas and penguins, botanical stickers, and nature posters.



THE NATURE COMPANY

14" x 74" GIANT INFLATABLE

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Giant among today's lizards, the Iguana is harmless to other experience lives in areas between southern Canada and the tip of South habits and form of Iguanas vary greatly: some live in treare ground-dwelling, and one is marine. Although the North, Central, and South America, a few species the Tonga and Fiji Islands and some smaller stoff the U.S./Mexican border. The Nature C is accurately detailed and measures 14" x allow for easy attachment to walls or ceiling for repairing accidental punctures.

CAUTION: THIS PRODUCT IS NOT TO HE USED AS A FLOTATION DEVICE. Made in Taiwan.

The educational text areas are designed to read like information labels you would find in a museum. The large size is to invite reading by children. Please note the continued integration of product with title type — making for not only a closer association with the product but also a subtle reminder of the company logo.

### MULTITUDES

A CRASH OF RHINOCEROSES. A SCHOOL OF FISH. A LITTER OF PUPS. A FLOCK OF SHEEP. A STRING OF PONIES. A COVEY OF PARTRIDGES. A PRIDE OF A LIONS. A HERD OF ELEPHANTS. A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS. A COLONY OF ANTS. A COVEY OF QUAIL. A KINDLE OF KITTENS. A LEAP OF LEOPARDS. A POD OF SEALS. A SLOTH OF BEARS. A RAFTER OF TURKEYS. A PACE OF ASSES. A WALK OF SNIPE. A GAM OF WHALES. A NEST OF RABBITS. A GANG OF ELK. A FALL OF WOODCOCKS. A DULE OF DOVES. A SKULK OF FOXES. A DISSIMULATION OF BIRDS. A SPRING OF TEAL. A PEEP OF CHICKENS. A BEVY OF ROEBUCKS. A BUSINESS OF FERRETS. A BALE OF TURTLES. A PITYING OF TURTLEDOVES. A DRIFT OF Hogs. A Paddling of Ducks. A Siege of Herons. A TRIP OF GOATS. A CHARM OF FINCHES. A CETE of Badgers. A Deceit of Lapwings. A Shoal of BASS. AN EXALTATION OF LARKS. A DROVE OF CATTLE. A SINGULAR OF BOARS. A TIDINGS OF MAGPIES. A GAGGLE OF GEESE. A CONGREGATION OF PLOVERS. A Husk of Makes. An Unkindness of Ravens. A LABOR OF MOLES. A RICHNESS OF MARTENS. A CAST OF HAWKS. A KNOT OF 🔊 TOADS. A DESCENT OF 🐉 WOODPECKERS. A SOUNDER OF SWINE. A MUSTERING OF STORKS. A CLUTCH OF EGGS. A BOUOUET OF PHEASANTS An Army of Caterpillars. A Hover of Trout. A FLIGHT OF SWALLOWS. A TROOP OF K KANGAROOS. A CLOWDER OF CATS. A WATCH OF NIGHTINGALES. A BARREN OF MULES. A SHREWDNESS OF APES. A RAG OF COLTS. A MURMURATION OF STARLINGS. A BUILDING OF ROOKS. A SMACK OF JELLYFISH. A HARRAS OF HORSES. A Parliament of 🏿 Owls. A Route of Wolves. A HOST OF SPARROWS. AN OSTENTATION OF PEACOCKS.

THE NATURE COMPANY

"Multitudes" started as a collection of animal group names brought to The Nature Company as a potential product. The piece had been set in Helvetica and carried no emotional impact. This kind of product lives or dies on the choice, size, style, and color of type. Cheltenham Old Style in caps and small caps was chosen as the new type for several reasons: Its character was compatible with Century Old Style and put in mind English alphabet books; the condensed drawing of the face allowed large point size; the caps/small caps gave consistent color to the text and set off the colored animal engravings. The box rule was part of the overall graphic vocabulary we created for The Nature Company.

### STARS & STRIPES

tars & Stripes began as a modest fund-raiser for the San Francisco Chapter of the American Institute of Graphic Artists (AIGA) and mushroomed into a major auction of original work by ninety-six leading graphic designers and illustrators. Contributors were asked to design a contemporary interpretation of the American flag and keep the artwork to a 12x18-inch size. An editor from Chronicle Books was invited to attend the auction and the following day asked to publish the works.



Chris Hill's pencil flag defined the book's theme on the cover. Composed of 2,400 colored pencils, the artwork graphically combined the flag and a design tool in a single image. The textured background provided a complex nrea for the book title so strong, clean type was essential. "Stars & Stripes" wns set as a single word title, using a change in type weight to optically achieve the word spacing.





The typogrnphy was kept simple and unobtrusive to avoid detracting from the art on each page. Futura Extra Bold was used for the designers' names and initial caps. The text was in Bodoni Book. Because we wanted to give this presentation a museum catalog feel, we maintained a symmetrical format with all type and images centered. Along with accommodating the various styles of the artists, the typography had to complement Americana featured in the introductory chapter.

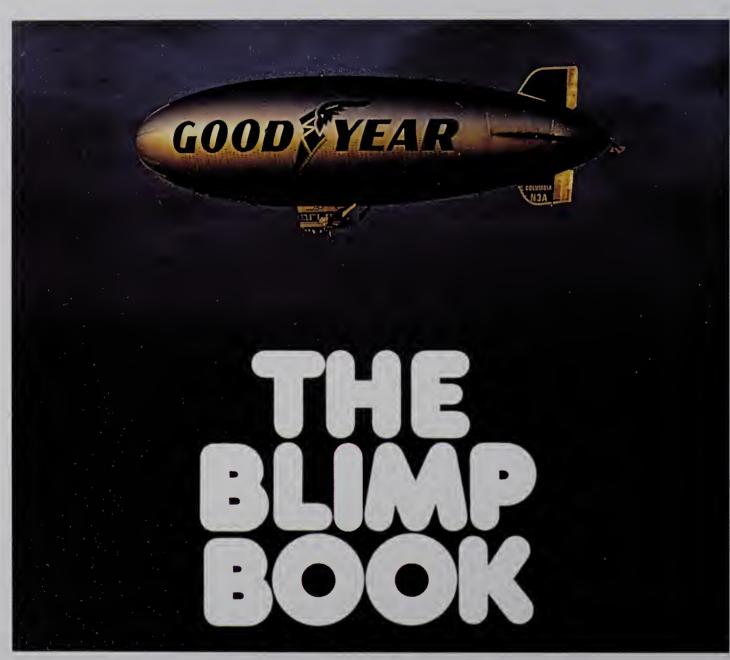


# STARS&STRIPES

By Kit Hinrichs

### THE BLIMP BOOK

aron Wolman, a photographer/publisher friend fascinated with images of flying, approached Neil about designing a book on the Goodyear blimp. The book, two years in the making, contains some of the best aerial photography ever taken from a blimp, as well as of one. The project's challenge was to develop a format and typographic design that captured the spirit of the blimp without overpowering the photographs.



Sometimes you discover a face that says, "Use me," for a specific piece. Frankfurter is one of those faces. Its shape and genre were perfect for the title, and its numbers gave a special stamp to chapter heads. Neil contrasted the "blimpish" Frankfurter type with Helvetica Light, using caps for the chapter heads and upper and lower case for the text.





The documentary tone of the photography seemed to demand a fundamental, no-nonsense journalistic approach. Justified columns and vertical rules gave a newspaper-like formality to the typography: As a foil to these Falstaffian dirigibles, I can't imagine a better styling.

### NEIMAN MARCUS

n addition to carrying a vast array of nationally branded merchandise, Neiman Marcus develops and markets a considerable range of proprietary items, from suits and dresses, chili and popcorn, to baby products. Woody was asked to design a line of packages for Neiman Marcus baby lotions, oils, and shampoos.

Since the "NM Baby" project required the design of individual items and a complete product line, establishment of a uniform  $typographic\ style\ and$ graphic format was a must. Bodoni was ultimately selected because of its classic, upmarket demeanor and its compatibility with the line's illustrative image and delicate pastel color range.



In the initial stages of design development, many concepts, formats and typestyles were explored, from script to Futura Extra Bold. But once the "cow jumped over the moon" graphic was accepted, Bodoni emerged as the right route to follow.



ypography often serves as a corporate icon. Used in this manner, the chosen typestyle does more than present an impression of the company; in effect, it visually becomes

the company. Because its recognition value is built up through repeated association of the corporate name and typeface, the look should not easily grow tiresome. As such, typography used for identity must appear contemporary yet classic, distinctive yet extremely flexible. The "alphabet" must have enough depth and breadth in weights, sizes, and italics to accommodate a variety of uses — from stationery, brochures, and product identification to outdoor signage — and be adaptable enough to work in combination with other typefaces and design styles. Plus the typeface must be able to evolve with the company as it grows and shifts in direction over the years.

### MANDARIN ORIENTAL

he Mandarin Oriental operates a group of prestigious hotels in the Far East and western United States. They asked us to create a corporate identity system that conveys an impression of luxury and class with an oriental flair. Alan made a folding fan the corporate emblem and set the name of the hotel group or individual hotel in Garamond between two rules below the fan. The identity system used a separate color for each hotel — for example, red for Hong Kong, saffron for Bangkok, and so on — plus grey for the Hotel Group.















Plantin cuptured the deluxe personality of the Mandurin Oriental and fulfilled a very practicul need. Since the application of the identity had to be done locally in countries throughout the Pacific Rim, Alan had to select a typeface that was readily available all over the Far East. Research indicated that Plantin was avuilable in metal typesetting and photosetting systems.

### ART CENTER

Art Center College of Design, with campuses in Pasadena, California, and Vevey, Switzerland, is one of the world's most prominent design schools. Art Center students are educated in such diverse disciplines as transportation design, illustration, photography, advertising design, graphic design, film, and environmental design. When we were asked to aid them in developing an identification program, it was a rather daunting assignment, not only because of the school's international standing but because every member of my graduating class of 1963 would be watching.



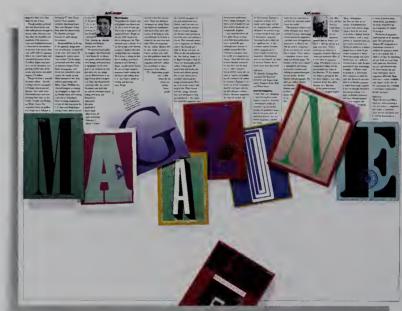


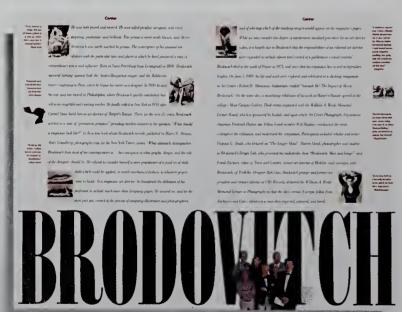
The basics of the stationery program obviously key off the logotype. We had two messages to deliver here: the strong, professional, well-managed organization; and the bold, creative designer leadership position of the school. The "corporate" side we managed with a restrained use of color (grey and warm red) and a distinctive, not artsy, stationery format. The creative aspect was handled with solid primary colors on the back of the letterhead and business card and inside the envelope.



These spreads from Art Center Review, a tabloid magazine sent to alumni, affiliates, and students, show the flexibility of the design format. The narrow, newspaper-like setting of Bodoni works equally well in setting off the trademark pencil (a regular feature), student work, or a conglomeration of different typefaces. The composition of the word "magazine" below demonstrates the variety of typographic tones, styles, and periods appropriate to the article on magazine design. Bodoni captions were set vertically to simulate Japanese characters on the fourth spread.









Art Center's discrete logo allows each of the school's publications to maintain a distinct identity. Review's front cover features a custom-designed alphabet by Photo Lettering for its masthead, befitting the unique standing of the college in the design field. The striking cover also includes a table of contents strip using images and Bodoni numerals and text.









### MOMA OXFORD

he Museum of Modern Art Oxford a small, distinguished museum housed in a converted Victorian brewery - approached us to design its graphics program, which included hanging banners, a signage and stationery system, shopping bags, and a complete poster campaign for numerous gallery exhibitions. The architecture of the building, with its columns and structured layout, inspired the linear pattern of the new identity, while an extra bold modern typeface for the name provided dramatic contrast to the vertical rules.



Signage for Café MOMA and elsewhere is a combination of Futura Light and the Extra Bold used for the logo. This grouping makes a handsome, adaptable, yet consistent format for the



 $oldsymbol{\mathsf{M}}$  ervyn developed aposter series to publicize upcoming exhibitions. The distinctive rule of the museum's identity system quickly associated the event with MOMA without prominent mention in the headline.

The clean black square with the stark white Futura Extra Bold letters spaced within the pattern of vertical rules is the core of the identification program. The bold, sans-serif typeface was chosen to represent the museum's exhibits of twentieth-century art. The rules give a structure for the entire system und serve as a unifying element in individual items. They also echo the building's grid-like interior.

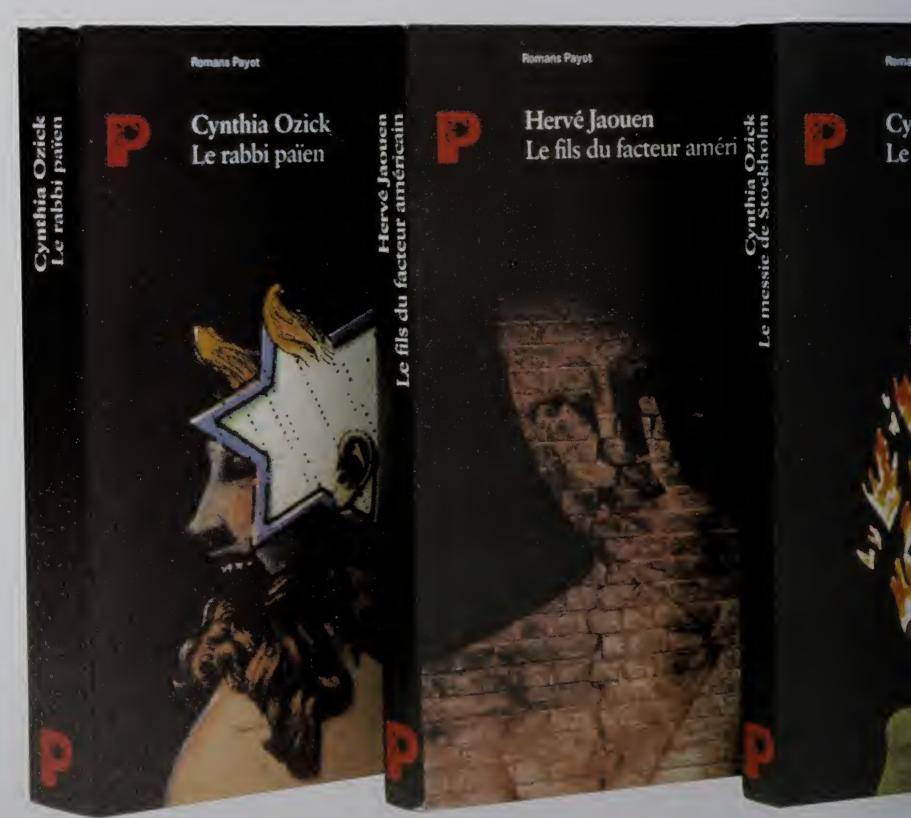


The nuseum 1D system had to be flexible enough to work in several colors without losing its integrity. The purity of the blackand-white, "umbrella" identity served to enhance and emphasize colorful individual items like bags and banners.

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### EDITIONS PAYOT

ditions Payot publishes fiction and nonfiction books in French. John was commissioned to develop a program for both lines. He knew that confidence in the quality of the publisher is key in giving the public the confidence to buy authors who are lesser known or up-and-coming. A tasteful, consistent cover program establishing identity for the line and bringing individuality to the authors was the goal. The ongoing program includes the design of more than 150 titles per year:

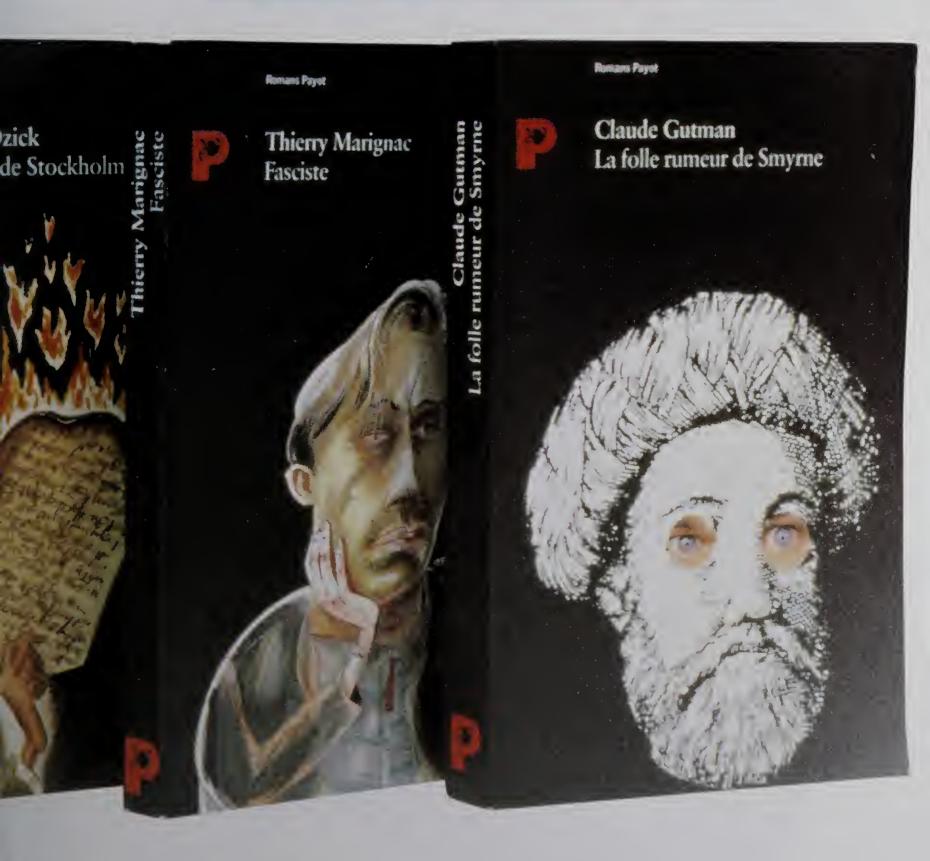




This initial cap P, using a traditional book publishing symbol as the counter, was developed as the company trademark to aid in identifying books at a glance on the front and spine of each edition.



The nonfiction line is distinguished by its bleed, spectrum backgrounds with uncomplicated graphic or photographic images and Helvetica typography. The bleed black background with a broad range of illustrations is used for fiction. Typography is Caslon upper and lower case for this series.



### **INFOWORKS**

InfoWorks, a contract furniture market held in Dallas, creates a new theme for each year's show. Woody was asked to symbolize information that works along with design, technology, and productivity. The entire promotional program was built around cropped segments of the mark and InfoWorks wordmark. The fractured sections found their way onto shopping bags, posters, badges, and promotional brochures.



A bold central graphic element was fashioned to be international in feel and visually striking in a large interior space. The concept was a black mark that began as a brush stroke and grew through various stages of digitized sections. The mark symbolized culmination of the productivity theme.



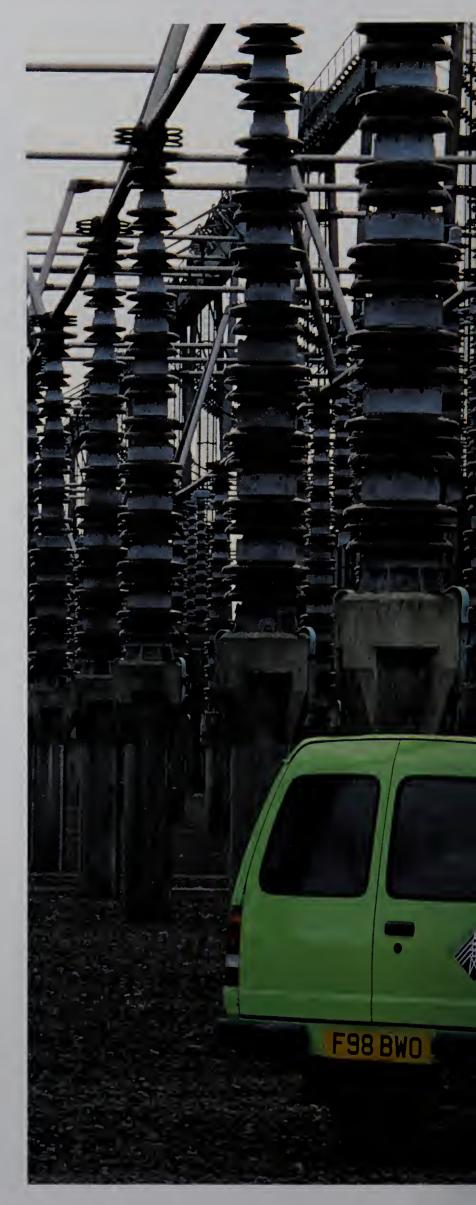


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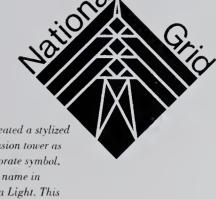
he British government has operated nationalized utility companies for more than fifty years. The National Grid Company was created in 1989 in a move to privatize many government monopolies. As the nation's major carrier of electricity, the National Grid sought two identification solutions: to create an identity separate from the government and to raise awareness and reassure its constituents that the job is well in hand.



The National Grid needed an extensive sign system for its equipment and properties, along with safety, no trespassing, and other informational signs. Helvetica, set flush left and aligned with the symbol's center, created clear, informative signage. All "danger" information was called out in red.







John created a stylized high-tension tower as the corporate symbol, with the name in Helvetica Light. This typeface was selected because its clean, well-drawn letters communicated a no-nonsense, no frills, let's-get-towork attitude, while visually reinforcing the structure of the symbol.



National Grid symbols have been produced for executives and customers on such diverse items as ties, paperweights and lapel pins.

### REUTERS

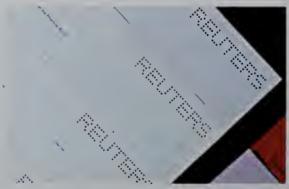
euters is an international news agency and communications network headquartered in London. In addition to supplying press information, the company provides a high-speed data service to businesses and financial institutions. When Alan began the project over fifteen years ago, the brief was to create a distinctive, memorable logotype that could be used in any scale and reproduced in virtually any material and that would be recognizable when reproduced by different techniques. Design excellence is particularly important to Reuters as its clients are sophisticated experts in communications.



The Reuters van is one of the dozens of applications for the logo, ranging from annual report to the desktop monitor.



Punched tape mnchines once used for infornation transmission provided the idea for the corporate logo. The uncomplicated line-only styling allows it to be reproduced in fine engraving or flexography with no discernible loss in image.



Helvetica was used as the corporate face for the stationery program becnuse it is rendily obtainable on photosetting equipment around the world. It also serves as a neutral typeface.

Mnny corporations present a corporate logo as a gift to clients, employees, and customers — thoughtful but not useful. Alan's solution was to turn it into a game puzzle. Given much patience and a stendy hand, the stainless steel ball bearings can be juggled to reveal the company logotype.



ometimes, as in the case of fashion, it is not what you say but the way you say it visually that counts most. Typographic style can communicate quality, elegance, good breeding, exclusivity. A letterform of classic beauty makes a statement of its own. It speaks volumes about the subject, implying by association that this is a person or product of sophistication, taste, and uncompromising high standards. Type with panache isn't staid. It's distinctive and sometimes irreverent without being outrageous, current without appearing trendy. Inherently, panache is transitory, redefined with the changing times — and always the epitome of self-confident style.

### ALBERINI WINE

Alberini, a Texas vintner that imports Italian wines, asked Woody to develop a distinguished, "Eurostyle" bottle label. With the current flood of wines from all over the world, Alberini was interested in taking some risk in producing the label. The main challenge was that it had to have style.



The distinctiveness of the label has many elements, starting with the use of Univers 39 as the typeface. It's extremely contemporary in appearance (spaced type) but grounded in classic typographic traditions. Turning the type sideways gives the label its edge — not only because of the angle, but because the formal, almost rigid, typographic organization is so contradictory to wine label convention that you can't avoid paying attention to it. The simple, clean typography plays against the colorful background of a waving Italiaa flag.

### SKALD MAGAZINE

S kald is a quarterly travel magazine designed for Royal Viking Lines the premier worldwide cruise line. Past Viking passengers (who represent over 50 percent of the line's current passengers) are the audience. This is a highly sophisticated group of travelers who look for the unusual and unique in travel, along with the most luxurious accommodations and superior service.

and the means to get there. The writing tone and design are decidedly soft-sell.

The magazine's thematic identity is the exclusive use of exotic faces on each cover. Polar bears and Tutankhamen, animal totems and Japanese children all serve to represent the personalities of regions of the world to visit.



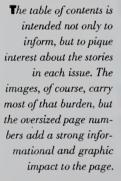
a modified Bodoni. Letter spacings between the K and A and the L and D were too extreme in their normal configurations, so the foot of the L was shortened and the entire A redrawn. The word was then condensed 10 percent to achieve greater size and strength on the cover.

Condense 10%

# THE PUBLICATION FOR ROYAL VIKING LINE'S SKALD CLUB MEMBERS PREMIER ISSUE VOL. 1,15SUE 1 FALL, 1984

very issue has a "Day-in" center spread. The role of this section is to involve the reader in an insider's look at that edition's special city. The spread always includes a map, an overall numbered guide to the map, and a visual reference to each location.

Typographically, there are several levels to these spreads. A combination of Helvetica and Bodoni type gives a hierarchy to the information, as do the numbers reversed from red circles to identify key points. These same identification points are cross-referenced for easy comparison with the main text and serve to break up a rather dense block of copy. The main text is set in Century Old Style Italic, signifying a subtle difference from major articles and softening the entire look of the page.





A typeface can take on a completely different look purely by its spacing. The isolated letterforms echo the isolated loaves of bread that illustrate the story.







it. Bargain hunters may want to visit the silk, linen, and leather outlets in thung Hom (both the China Morning Press and the American Women's Association publish guides). If you're an intrepid sightseer, devoting a half day or so will take you to a Hong Kong you've never seen. Forty-five minutes by petfoil will take you to the Portuguese colony of Macau with its Mediterranean avenues and non-stop casinos. A half-day bus ride will take you into the New Territories, through small farms tended by black-clad Hakka women and parkland where monkeys play in the trees and lotus dot the duck ponds. At the trip's end you'll come to Lok Ma Chau, and look across the Shum Chun River to the Bamboo Curtain which serves as China's border. Another half-day alternative is a trip to Lantau on a junk to see unspoiled beaches and enjoy a vegetarian lunch at a Buddhist monastery. For repeat visitors, Hong Kong's adventures never end.

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The occasional typographic wild card gives an added style to the publication. The loose script is not only a fresh flourish, but a meaningful piece of historical calligraphy of the kind found on early sailing maps.

The integration of

cherub with title adds

a richness to the words

and content to the mes-

sage. It's important to

note that the cherub is

The captions are set in the normal styling of the rest of the magazine but often rag around the image. The reason for not keeping a uniform measure and style is twofold. First, a complex spread like this needs to have the copy relate to the individual subject for easy identification. Second, since the images fit together like a jigsaw puzzle, why not enhance this with integrated type?

not just placed on top
of the words or overprinted but is truly
entwined. You could
describe it as the difference between an offthe-rack and a customfitted suit.

The rather formal, bookish structure of the spreads created by box rules, centered folios, and traditional typography allows for a greater freedom in use of extremely varied art

and photography.



OF FOOD AND DRINK

ome of life's spoilsports grump, if it's fun, it must be illegal, immoral or fattening.

But there's an exception to that tiresome rule. The exception is fish, glorious, delicious, non-fattening, good-forvou fish. From the del icate pink of poached salmon to the shimmer of rainbow trout to the succulent quiver of a Bluepoint oysterthe creatures that inhabit the sea are one of life's pleasures that are good for the body as well as the spirit.

On Royal Viking Line, the acquisition, delivery, preparation and presentation of fresh fish and shellfish preoccupy the talents and energies of a small, but fiercely dedicated, cadre of food people. It all begins with Bob Koven, Purchasing Agent and self-confessed lover of halibut, shark, and almost anything else that comes equipped with gill or shell. Koven's job is to find, purchase, and arrange delivery of enough fish to feed some of the world's most demanding and discriminating diners-Royal Viking Line passengers. As a small example

Although

fish are not

 $officially\ stamped$ 

to indicate freshness,

we borrowed the typo-

from prime, "Grade A"

beef and transferred it

to the title - adding

information, visual

interest, and color.

graphic vernacular



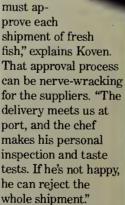
of the magnitude of Koven's job, "On an average we fly 700 pounds of live lobster every 21 days to each ship." Accomplishing that job finds him on the telephone chasing Austra-Norway's is best, some finds him investigating

lian lobster tails and Hawaiian mahi-mahi, it finds him arbitrating tastes in smoked salmon (the Norwegian officers and crew claim European chefs argue for the Scottish variety, the Americans advocate the smoked Pacific delicacy), and it



Pink Alaska Salmon

possible substitutes for the extravagantly expensive Alaska King and Dungeness crab. (There aren't any acceptable substitutes, he says, at least not on Royal Viking Line.) But Koven, demanding procurer though he is, pales next to the toughest critics of allthe Royal Viking Line chefs. "Each chef



look for? "He looks for freshness, for color in the gills, for bright eyes, for firm, non-flabby flesh. He'll pop open a few oysters and taste."

Getting the fish to shipside is no small task. At many ports, local suppliers and distributors bring the fish in. There's salmon,



Swordfish

halibut and rockfish in Alaska; salmon, shrimp, haddock, lobster and smoked fish in Scandinavia; beautiful rainbow trout, just one hour out of the water, in Greece;

delicate crab legs and sea bass in Chile; live lobster, orange ruffy and John Dory in Australia; and Pacific specialties like mahi-mahi, ono-skipjack tuna, and ahi-yellowfin in Hawaii. In other ports, Koven maintains quality control by air freighting everything



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Our idea of combining type and image seemed simple until we saw how much the salmon would obscure the word. Since we wanted to shoot the fish with ice and water literally on top of the type (thus preserving the refraction of the type through water and ice), we cut an already quite condensed typeface (Onyx) in half and filled in the letterforms where the fish would overlap.

from oysters and top neck clams to salmon, swordfish, and snapper to ships in the Orient and the Mediterranean.

"We give the chefs a long, long list of what's



available, and they order from that."

That list varies according to the weather, food fashions, and the creativity of local suppliers. Part of the challenge of Koven's job comes from the dazzling variety Mother Nature herself supplies. We live in a watery

world, with the world's oceans covering more than two-thirds of the planet's surface. Inhabiting those oceans are nearly 25,000 species of fish and shellfish. From the cold, seemingly inhospitable waters of the North Atlantic come herring and cod, haddock and halibut,



skate and witing; from the Mediterranean. sardines and anchovies, red mullet, anglerfish, bass, swordfish, and some varieties of tuna; from warmer tropical waters, sweet red snapper, croaker and shrimp.

Serious fish enthusiasts claim almost everything is edible in the sea, and will wax euphoric over the joys of pickled whelks and sea urchins on toast. Though these may never show up on Royal Viking Line menus, the variety is boundlessand best of all, surprisingly, reassuringly, good for you.

easily digested, and eagerly used by the body's tissues. The protein is high quality, rich in amino acids, and, except for shellfish, remarkably low in cholesterol.

Legend has long maintained that eating seafood has a salutary effect on one's love life. That belief, as luck would have it, is grounded in some fact. Seafood is rich in the elements-Vitamins



Ahi-Yellowfin Tuna

A and D, phosphorus, iron, copper, and iodine -that nutritionists believe contribute to both libido and performance. Little wonder then, that Lord Byron and Casanova were great lovers of both seafood and ladies. Madame Pompadour, no minor light in affairs of the heart, was reported to have cooked up filet of sole a la Pompadour before her liaisons. Claims scientist Dr. Nicholas Vinette, "Those who live almost entirely on shellfish and fish are more ardent in love than all others."

Living entirely on seafood seems like a blessing rather than a deprivation when you travel. There's salmon to enjoy off Sitka's coast, smoked eel at the fjords, and delicious sea bass from the waters near Puerto Montt. For those who love to travel, to eat, and to love, fish is a triple delight.



The narrow columns of type visually contrast the word "FISH" and allow for numerous fish silhouettes to punctuate the copy.



Norway Haddock

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### AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES

merican President Lines — a
Pacific Rim intermodal cargo carrier
— requested a long-term format for its
wall calendars (a mainstay of that industry). Competition for wall space is fierce
in worldwide shipping offices, and a
graphically compelling, informative calendar was crucial. The solution, viewed
in hindsight after several years, has
proved to be an effective, flexible format
that has subtly evolved without losing its
original strengths.

ne hundred and forty years ago, the Pacific Ocean was a quieter place. Gold had not yet been discovered. California was a collection of cattle ranches and sleepy towns, and little trade existed between the Pacific Coast and Asia. But in 1848 events took place in California that changed the United States, the Pacific Ocean and the world. American President Lines and its predecessors participated in these events. In 1988 we celebrate our 140th anniversary. To recognize such a landmark, this calendar salutes the events and ideas that shaped our company and your marketplace. By using photographs that reflect the spirit and the style of each period, this year's calendar covers 140 years of service on land and sea. We take pride that APL and affiliates in the American President Companies group have grown and prospered through serving the Pacific, the Indian Ocean and North America - the world's most dynamic trading regions. Today, we look to the future with confidence. We anticipate continued good fortune for all of us blessed with -- these vital markets.

Times Roman provided many attributes in a single face: style... classic in character, elegant in its drawing, with a family of weights and variations; strength... a businesslike, unfussy character that complemented APL's corporate identity; legibility... when you need to read them from across the room, the clean, clear numerical configurations are outstanding.

The overall concepts from year to year have covered such diverse subjects as international interdependency, art of the seas, puzzles, a 140-year view of APL, and so on, yet the strong typographic structure and consistently arresting photographic images by Terry Heffernan have accommodated these thematic changes comfortably.



The desire to present not only handsome photography and calendar dates but international holidays and detailed editorial commeats required this multitiered typographic design format. The relationship of color, size, and positioning brings a visual and informational hierarchy to the copy.

### '21' CLUB

ew York's elite '21' Club sought to establish a new identity system when its ownership changed. The new management wanted to signal a vital, contemporary direction but preserve the traditions for which the restaurant was famous. The identity system designed by Peter had three core elements: a logotype around '21'; marbleized paper that changed color palette for individual pieces in the program; and graphic reference to the Club's well-known iron jockey hitching posts, done through a specially commissioned Paul Davis painting of jockey and horse.



**T**orino numerals created a distinctive image for '21.'



**B**odoni in wide letter spacing resembled hand-set type and suited the mood of the Davis painting.

## THE BREAKFAST CLUB

Ancillary identity pieces for '21' were set in Torino all caps.

The typography for '21' had to suggest elegance, style, and refined taste. The choice of two classic typefaces — combined with marbleized paper and traditional oval and square shapes to frame imagery — made the statement that this is an enduring institution. In its final form, the '21' identity program encompassed more than a hundred items, ranging from cigar boxes, menus, and matchbooks to wine labels.



### MERCURY TYPOGRAPHY

To promote its services, Mercury
Typography asked six
San Francisco Bay Area
designers to create a
poster featuring their
favorite typeface. Neil
chose Times Roman,
setting off each character in the alphabet so
that the beauty of individual letterforms could
be fully appreciated.



## BEAUX ARTS BALL

he Beaux Arts Ball is the major fund-raiser for the design and architectural wing of San Francisco's Museum of Modern Art. Each year a different design firm is asked to create theme graphics for the ball, including posters, invitations, tickets, and program. Traditionally it is a masked ball, so we incorporated masks symbolizing San Francisco's food, ethnic groups, architecture, and unique climate in a single poster.



When developing the poster and bus shelter cards, we felt the masks carried so much style and mood that the typography should play a more supportive role. The headline copy is Copperplate Gothic with Futura Light Text. Please note the flush left or right copy on each corner of the sheet. Justifying copy against the edge helps define the poster's proportions. Futura Extra Bold initial caps give a visual accent to text copy.

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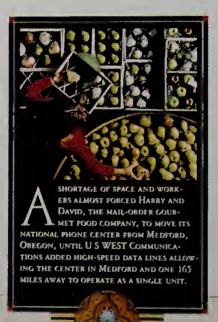
s one of America's "Baby Bells," US WEST provides telecommunications services to more than ten million customers in fourteen western states. In all its annual reports, US WEST has sought to establish its regional identity through the use of a western motif, such as Navajo Indian designs. The primary photographs, however, featured its state-of-the-art technology and worldwide scope.

Garamond, a classic serif face, was selected to enhance the western flavor of the report. The large point size makes the text more inviting to read.



\* I'S WEST OVERVIEW >

hey call us a "Baby" Bell. But we've grown so much in our first six years, we're not sure the description still fits. • Since 1984, our annual revenues have grown 33 percent, to \$9.7 billion; net income 25 percent, to \$1.1 billion; assets 63 percent, to \$25.4 billion; and your quarterly dividend 48 percent, to \$1.00. • We've grown in scope, focusing on four areas: communications, data solutions, marketing services, and financial services. • And we've grown from a regional phone company and directory publisher to also become a leader in the American financial services and marketing services industries and a rapidly

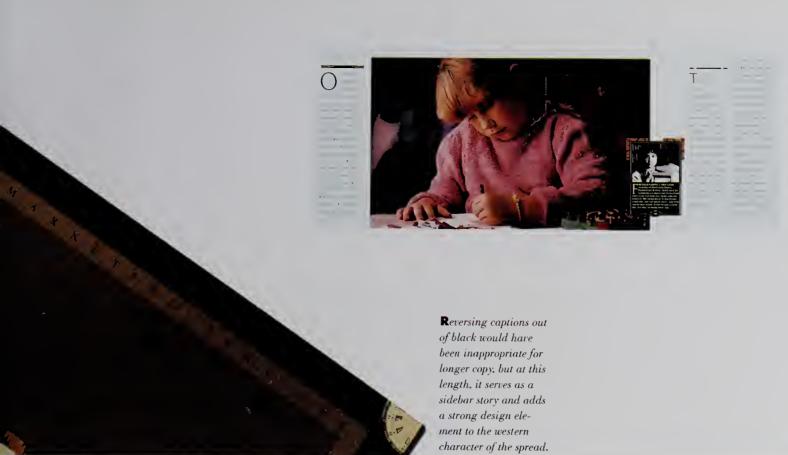


active or proposed projects in Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, France, Hungary and the Soviet Union.

Strategic Focus: Communications/Data Solutions

U S WEST Communications (formerly Mountain Bell,
Northwestern Bell and Pacific Northwest Bell) provides

growing international communications company with



The six-page educational insert maintained typographic continuity by using the same body text and caption style as the operations section, and by breaking from the large, wide measure of the body text, it graphically announced a change of subject.



## MEAD CORPORATION

ead, the parent company that produces Mead and Gilbert papers, has sponsored a major annual report show in the United States for more than twenty years. Mead asked Peter to prepare a promotion for release in the month of September, which is traditionally the time when companies get serious about the design and paper selection for annual reports. Peter created a piece that was not only for, but about, September and all the unique events — from Chairman Mao's death to Buddy Holly's birthday — that occurred in that month.



A Month of Days from Mead and Gilbert Papers



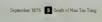
City Light with its crisp serifs and mechanical letterforms offered a nontraditional, slightly quirky, typographic complement to the irreverent, tongue-in-cheek images. The centered date on each diary page serves as a signal differentiating it from the "National Cat Health Care Month" and "Opportune Time to Begin Logging" spreads that punctuate the promotion.

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ground and for taking others out. We plant sput ach, lettuce, radishes
wanter wheat and celery. We harvest squash, pumpkins, apples,
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once again the nights grow longer than the days. Mr.



































ome typefaces evoke the mood or impression of a period of time, an exotic place, a distinct culture, an art movement, a sport, an industry, or a specific influence in ways nothing else can. Evocative type should not attempt to mimic a time or place, but to echo and reflect its character. While the design itself might be contemporary, the type can bring an element of nostalgia or a time-dated quality as desired. Type can also be used to set a subliminal tone and actually tie several different periods, styles, or looks together with a common thread. To do this effectively, designers should not only have a sense of history but be as familiar as possible with the typographic vernacular of their own and foreign cultures.



#### FANNIE MAE

or the fiftieth anniversary of Fannie Mae - the Federal National Mortgage Association - Peter was asked to prepare a commemorative book that explains the activities of this quasi-governmental nonprofit organization. The basic idea was to discuss the "American Dream" of owning your own home and Fannie Mae's role in helping people achieve that goal. The book is organized into depictions of American life over the past half century and told by decade.

Since we were trying to evoke a sense of five distinct periods of time while still maintaining a consistent typographic look, we selected Garamond for its universal, classic character that felt comfortable in each decade.

#### The Dream of Home



Yes, we Americans want a home of our own. Probably not the or grew up in, or even the one we live in now, much as we love it. The fact is, we want a succession of homes. We are a nation of movers, Nearly fifty million of us - one out of five Americans

ove this year. I Our mobility is a trait that distinguishes us World forebears. They inhabited the same ancestral homes - and social strata - for generations. In America, we move as easily from as we do along the social and economic ladder. Sometimes we



even take

with us, as an astonished Charles Dickens discovered while on a tour of New England in 1840. "I walked into the village," Dickens wrote, "and met a dwelling house coming down hill at a good round trot, drawn hy some twenty oxen!" ¶ We Americans are a nation of inunigrants – for the most part poor immigrants - some even unwilling immigrants. It has been the greatest dream of these immigrants to work and save and own their own homes. It's a dream that burns just as hrightly today in the minds of new immigrants and those who have not been able to afford this dream - the poor and homeless. I For those of us who can afford a home, we don't want just any home, we want a better home, a home more suited to our rising station in life and to the size



places and in need of repair. Later, if we make enough money, we hope to pick out brand new homes, right off the rack so to speak. Eventually, upon achieving a measure of success, our ultimate ilream is to have a home tailor-made to our specifications - to reflect the importance of our

plishments and the uniqueness of our needs and tastes. The typical American home is, of course, a detached single-family house. And what does it look like? As the social and

cultural historian Russell Lynes once make a picture of a typical [American] chances are that he would draw a mon



observed, "If you child, to or less

side, and with a steeply pitched roof and a chimney at one end, or possibly with one in the middle. He would, in other words, draw something like a Cape Cod cottage? Mr. Lynes went on to



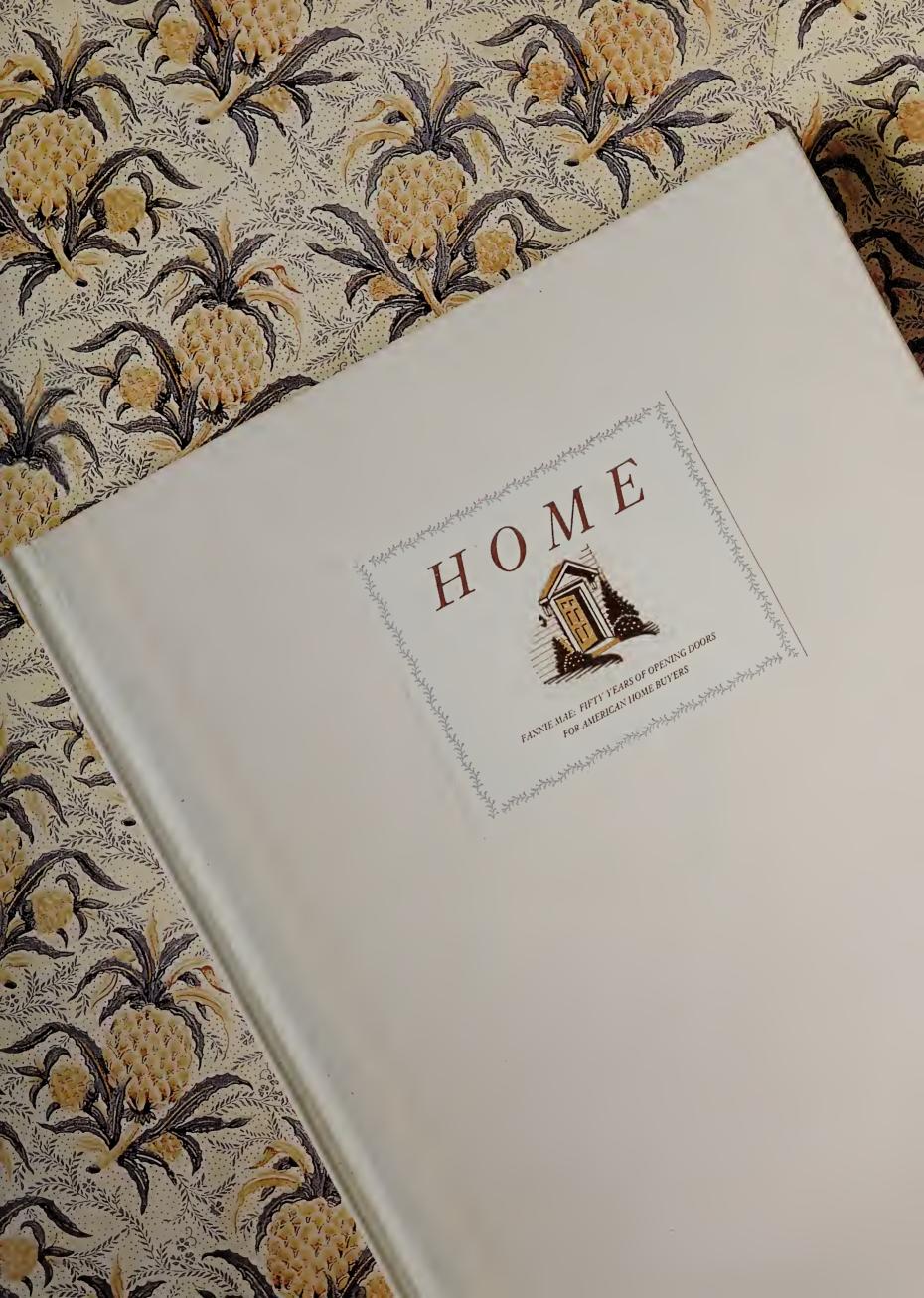
add, "But the American house is not this....it is a confusion of styles, of romantic notions, of avenues of escape, and of hopes for utopia." T Whatever effect living in such houses may have had on the American psyche, the business of building the houses has certainly been a driving force in the American economy. The materials used in the typical American

house - of which some 1,200,000 were huilt in 1987-include 9,726 board feet of lumber, 55 gallons of paint, 302 pounds of nails, 750 feet of copper wire, 55 cubic yards of concrete, 12 windows, 10 interior

billion in other expenditures for such items as labor, utilities, sales taxes, and real estate taxes. Not surprisingly, residential construction



The introduction was set off from the rest of the book by the use of a wide-measure, heavily leaded copy. As is often the case in widemeasure settings, the use of paragraph symbols allows the page to maintain a continuity of color and not be hampered by bad paragraph breaks and dreadful widows. Note that most of the images with copy ragged around them are at the beginning or end of the measure, thus reducing the amount of copy interruption.



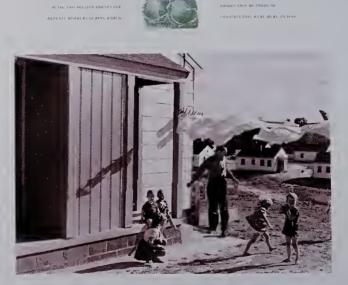


A series of section openers was designed to identify the decades, each with a pattern reflective of the art or graphic style of the period but faithful to the same typographic styling.





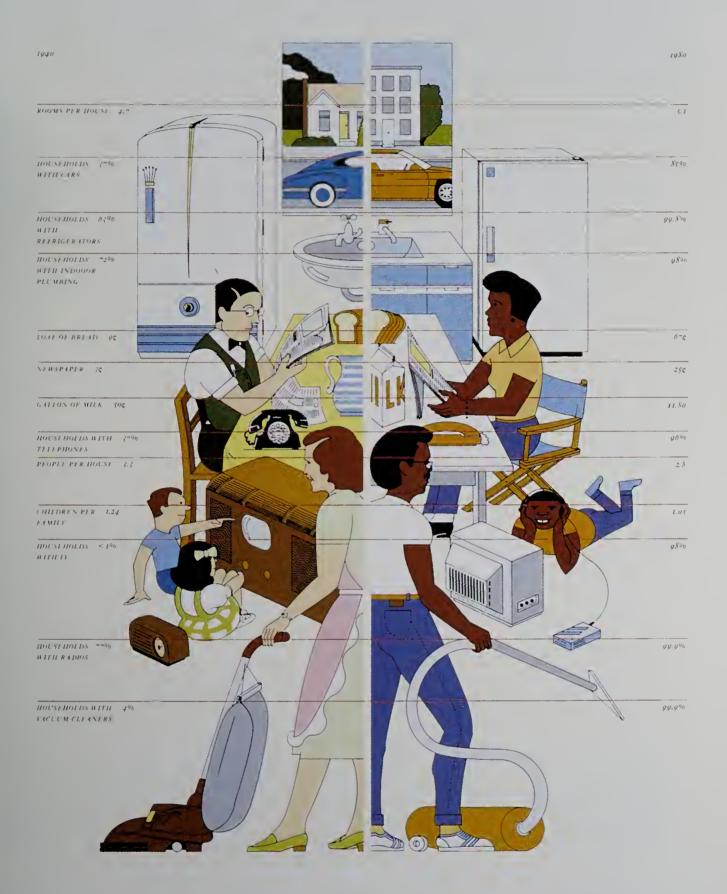
The all-caps copy with its wide leading helps to set the captions off from the major body text, which was set in upper and lower case with normal leading.



The advances adveced in building reclambage in the doldrane of the Herriespirolaced a searcts of inexperion, materials, such as composition board, endecliberly, and asphalicide. Hambrating one was to mass production, which led to the most lacreaching advance of all-prelabrication. Backers ones prosects had passed as the prelab longer that home builder Foster Garmitton had according to a final Central Station. But independs the tree of lacrose buildings which was an absolute some construction time and costs substantially. During World War II, some  $z \sim 80$  specials must were built in the reach to build because for reference workers. More the card hourse, not amount of buildings could keeping with the observable for the force of the reference of the reference of the processing against note up residence, many wherever these could find it in trailers, quotient house, simpling grain docessor with relative S. § The end of the war bought about one of the general housing of one to the architecture. Housing contribution prior in the contribution of some performance of the prior in the contribution of some performance of the prior in the contribution of some performance of the prior in the contribution of the prior in the prior in the contribution of the prior in the prior in the contribution of the prior in the prior in the contribution of the prior in t



#### LIFE IN AMERICA 1940-1980



The inventive design of this chart by Nigel Holmes lets the reader make swift graphic comparisons between time periods. The single hairline rule across both sections makes for easy reading of the statistical data.









Graphs in the form of pictograms vividly conveyed other data with a minimal use of text.

# OAKLAND A'S

The Oakland A's baseball organization (like most bin) (like most big league ball teams) promotes the team and its varied activities to corporations in hopes of financial support through the sale of box and season tickets, advertising sales, and product promotions. This promotion was developed in conjunction with ad agency Hal Riney & Partners and had been predetermined to evoke the feeling of pinball games in the 1940s and 1950s. The tone of the copy was decidedly tonguein-cheek, intended to take a humorous view of baseball and its rituals.



Setting text to conform to shapes is n wonderful device to identify special information and highlight important areas of interest, but be warned that you must work closely with the writer to achieve quality results. The subtle use of letter and word spacing also aids in fitting copy to specific line lengths.

The funky, cozy character of Cheltenham was perfect for both the copy's tone of voice and the down-home, 1940s look of the illustrations. It worked well for strnight text, sidebars and heads but was also easy to set in curves and boxes when needed to call up the traditional basebull typography found on scoreboards, uniforms, and banners.







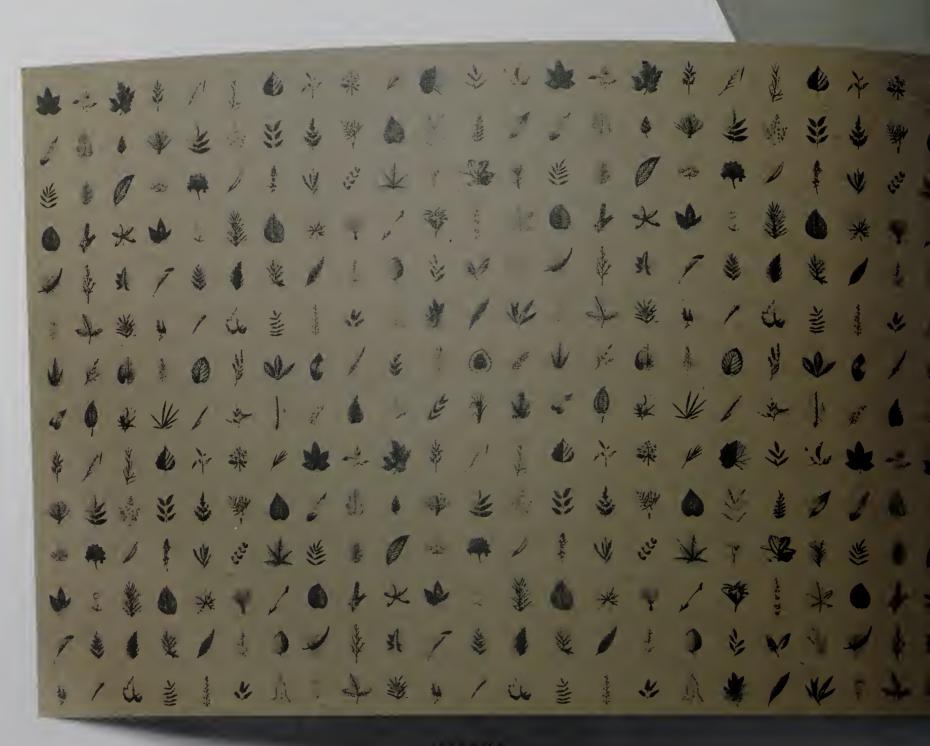
The vernacular typography inherent in the illustrations themselves dictated that only one typeface be used in an involving but secondary fashion. Where appropriate, we pulled type and images from the illustration to enhance the message.

## SIMPSON PAPER

hen Simpson introduced a new line of recycled papers, the company wanted a concept that suggested the outdoors and a concern for nature — something between L.L. Bean and the National Park Service. We suggested "The Naturalist" as the overall theme in its broadest interpretation — from botanist to poet to composer. The artwork was gathered and commissioned to recall a simpler time — not over-produced, but with honest, traditional values.



The choice of type for the cover and the naturalists' names gives a typographic preview of the individual essays found behind each stepped page. The source of the cover type was an old Bernhardt Brothers type specification book from the 1920s. As the type was unavailable from any typographer, we photostatted the face and cut it together. Printing the cover in letterpress added credibility to the simple, low-tech character of the promotion.





Typographic echoes are important in a book that has so much variety in it. Our choice of Engravers Regular and Bold was an echo of the front cover type. It also captured the feeling of Audubon's period. Note: As you can imagine, initial caps can be awkward with quotation marks when used at their normal size. We find the use of the quotation marks sized to the body text is a satisfactory solution.





The type, like the quote, has a rugged elegance to it. Memphis Bold was also a face in common use during Jack London's era. Please note the rags around the wolf. We normally avoid ragging around centered images because of the difficulty in legibility. However, we decided to continue with a single measure as the interruption of only a few lines was manageable, and the look of a bookplate would have been adversely affected if we had changed to two columns.



SIMPION EVERGREEN

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived."

—Henry David Thoreau, from "Walden"



Janson Italic and Roman best described the classic nature of Thoreau the philosopher/writer/naturalist. In a practical vein, the type needed to be strong enough to print over his photograph without losing its character.

"ACTS OF CREATION ARE ORDIAbbo Leopold (1857-1948), who once

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Candide, not your everyday book face, was selected to reflect the overall 1920s-1930s feel of the piece and to resemble the etched look of the pine cone and bough. The large, linespaced quote allowed the biography to run gracefully between lines. Note: All-caps settings pose a legibility problem in long text.

•ne of America's heroes, Meriwether Lewis, demanded a ceremonial, almost plaquelike look for the typography. In keeping with the formality of this approach, Bembo cnps and small caps in a justified measure were chosen. Size and leoding were changed to separote his quote from his biography.

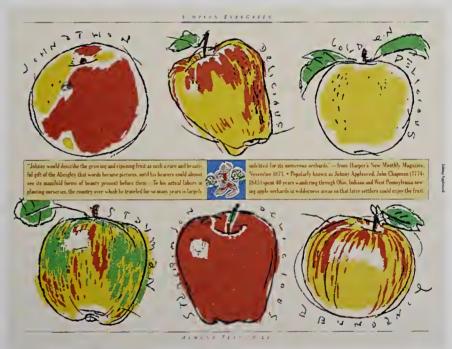
The choice of Bostoa Script came after finding these wonderful shell prints. We noted that the numbers and Latin titles on the print were etched in script, and we felt that script would not only be historically correct but olso appropriate to the lyrical nature of the author's quote.







The chiseled look of Meanphis Bold Condensed serifs enhanced David Stevenson's wood cut illustration. The all-caps name J. Burroughs cut in the log gave us the idea to use the some initial caps in the body text.



Cheltenhau Bold Condensed was outgoing, down-to-earth, and when set within the box rule, mnde an interesting contrast to Wird Schumaker's bright, loose apple illustrations and handwritten names.

nvironmental typography is directed primarily by the conditions in which it will be viewed, although it does not preclude consideration of the emotional value inherent in a typeface. The external setting can alter visual impact and convey a different message from that same face used on a printed page. Physical constraints — such as lighting conditions, weather variations, and normal viewing distance — as well as manufacturing costs may narrow the choice of typeface and determine whether it is executed in threedimensional letterform or silkscreened on a wall. Typically, environmental signs are permanent installations that convey public information — safety warnings, establishment names, freeway directions — and, as such, the type style must appeal to a broad-based audience of passersby.



# LLOYD'S OF LONDON

stablished in 1698, today Lloyd's of London is the center of the international insurance market. Lloyd's moved into its sophisticated new headquarters, designed by Richard Rogers Associates, in 1986, and Pentagram was commissioned to design signage for the high-tech building. Alan's approach was to create signs that would complement and emphasize the innovative architecture while providing an effective system of orientation.



Signs were precision engineered, like the architecture itself, and set forward from the surface by insertion between the modular wall panels of the building. Each sign was designed and engineered by hand, and letters and numbers were cut out of aluminum panels by computer laser. The panels were stove-enamelled in primary colors to enliven and code the areas in the building's interior. The signs were designed, manufactured, and installed over eighteen months.

In addition to the standard direction, information, identification, and statuary signs, a number of special signage projects were undertaken, including a numbering system for underwriters' desks, a plaque commemorating the opening of the building by the Queen, and a large granite cylinder in the street to identify the building, embellished with a compass rose to point you in the right direction.

Once the concept of cut stenciled letters was established, the question of which of the many stencils to choose arose. Corbusier Stencil, designed by architect Le Corbusier, seemed the ideal choice. Not only was he an architect of monumental stature, his alphabet is the most distinguished and

handsomely designed.



## TATE GALLERY OF LIVERPOOL

he Tate Gallery's newly renovated museum was looking for a flexible interior signage system. Permanent signs were needed to designate the administrative offices, cloakrooms, restrooms, and movable temporary signs for new shows, closed exhibits, information, and so forth. The gallery is located in a converted warehouse, and the new interior retains many of the original features.

David developed the entire sign system in black and grey using classical typefaces. Permanent signs were produced in cast iron and positioned flush to the walls. Gill Sans Bold was chosen because of its chunkiness and strength, which allowed it to sustain slight deviations in the casting process. Decals for secondary signs were set in Bembo, because it went particularly well with Gill.

Movable temporary signs were made out of fret-cut aluminum on turned steel bases. A letter Q was used to indicate where visitors should queue, and a P was used for "press" or "party." These bright  $blue,\,red,\,and\,white$ symbols not only allow for immediate information changes, but  $add\ a\ sculptural\ ele$ ment to the museum's stark white walls.

## NORWEST CENTER

rchitect Cesar Pelli commissioned
Pentagram and Calori + VandenEynden to produce the interior and exterior signage for the Norwest Center, a major
new building in downtown Minneapolis.
The edifice replaced a classic 1930s Art
Deco building that had burned down,
and part of Peter's brief was to retain a
continuity of style.



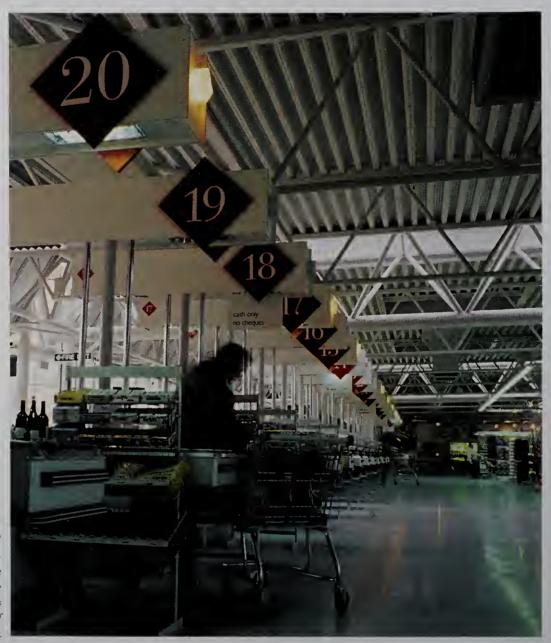
The deeply beveled brass capital letters add a degree of finish and architectural quality rarely seen in contemporary signage. The brass rules running behind the letters bring a Deco look to the type and fit comfortably with the Deco image on each side of the entrance.

Elevator floor signs are illuminated glass with etched rules behind the brass letters, typographically linking the exterior and interior of the building.



## LEO'S

eo's new management team decided to change the image of this cooperative food store chain in England from its original low-end, marginal service tradition to a more efficient, modern, and upscale market. A new building was designed as the prototype for the upgrade, and Pentagram was commissioned to develop an appropriate identification and complete signage program for the new stores.



The checkout counters'
prominent red diamonds (echoing the
logo) and handsome
Bodoni numbers
support the sense of
order and efficiency.



The major sign is a white cube erected above the store for 360-degree visibility. Mervyn selected Bodoni because of its classic quality. That typographic characteristic aids significantly in countering the previous low-end, low-service stigma of the stores.



hen we pick up a newspaper or instructional manual, we look for information clear, simple, succinct. We expect the material to be presented in a style that will not strain our eyes or our patience but will promote quick comprehension. In some instances, immediate, no-nonsense facts are all the reader seeks. Text intended to educate, however, elicits different emotional expectations. When a book or financial report is selected, for example, readers are prepared to receive lengthier, more detailed data that they hope will be interesting and even entertaining. Tradition has made serif faces the preferred style for books, newspapers, and educational texts. Frequent exposure to certain typefaces has even preconditioned us to expect a scholarly or authoritative account when they are used. Awareness of these distinctions can sharpen the impressions we make.

# THE NATURE CONSERVANCY

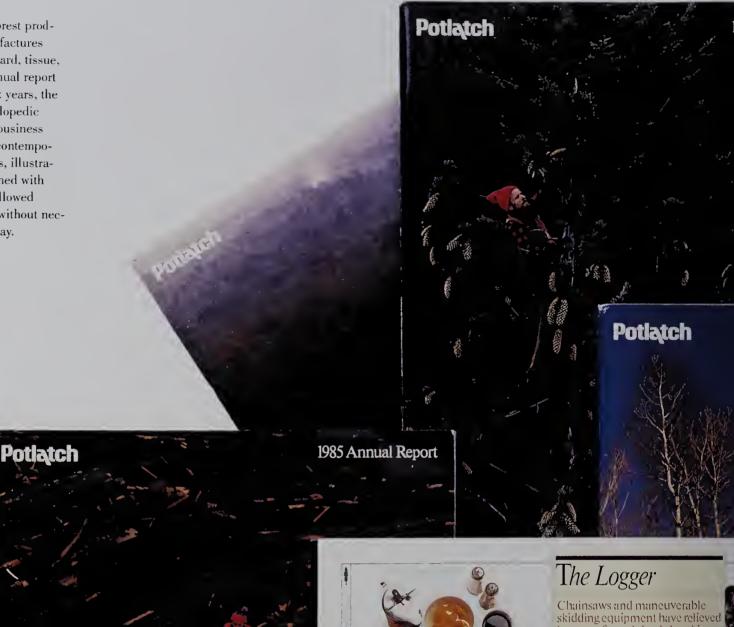
he Nature Company and the Nature Conservancy, a nonprofit environmental organization, collaborated on producing a calendar describing little-known facts about unusual, endangered, or extinct plants and animals. Entitled "The Daily Planet," it took the form of a note cube containing 365 ecological facts. Gary Overacre ingeniously illustrated a panoramic landscape that ran around the entire cube.



Information was intended to be brief but encyclopedic. We chose the bookish Garamond for the text, while calling out the names of the flora or fauna in Franklin Gothic. The date, which needed to be "first reading," was made the largest element and was further set off by being placed outside the boxed rule.

#### POTLATCH CORPORATION

otlatch is a diversified forest products company that manufactures fine printing papers, paperboard, tissue, and wood products. In an annual report theme series that ran over six years, the company presented an encyclopedic look at a single aspect of its business from both a historical and a contemporary perspective. Photographs, illustrations, and charts were combined with vignette-style captions that allowed readers to glean information without necessarily reading an entire essay.



The large copy block, set in Times Roman, presented the subject overview, with captions conveying detailed information. Recognizing that readers typically look at images first, then read captions, and finally, maybe, read the longer text, we made the text invitingly large. Scale, position, and color gave the text prominence, even with many competing images.







The stamped lettering on plywood reinforced the caption information that plywood was introduced at the 1905 Lewis & Clark Centennial.



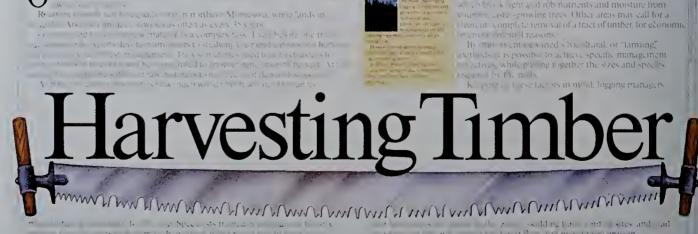
The design for all Potlatch annual reports began with 1-1/2-inch high thumbnail sketches, which served as conceptual blueprints. Size relationships, type measures, and overall graphic styling is worked out during this stage. As is evident in the printed spread below, the visual structure remained intact despite evolutionary changes.

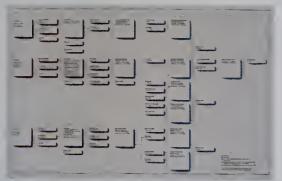


The word "Pine" in Times Roman succinctly communicated the theme topic for the year, with the introductory essay set in oversized type and featured in the cream-colored box. This allowed us to have the impact of a title page without losing the spread for other important editorial copy. A series of secondary red text blocks was used here and elsewhere in the book to focus attention on special information.



An old logging saw (called a "misery whip") underlined and bracketed the title and illustrated the theme subject. It's important to consider headline size and position together with concept and image development so all elements support each other. This spread tells two interrelated stories: a general essay on harvesting, and specific sidebars in cream-tinted boxes that describe the company's regional operations.





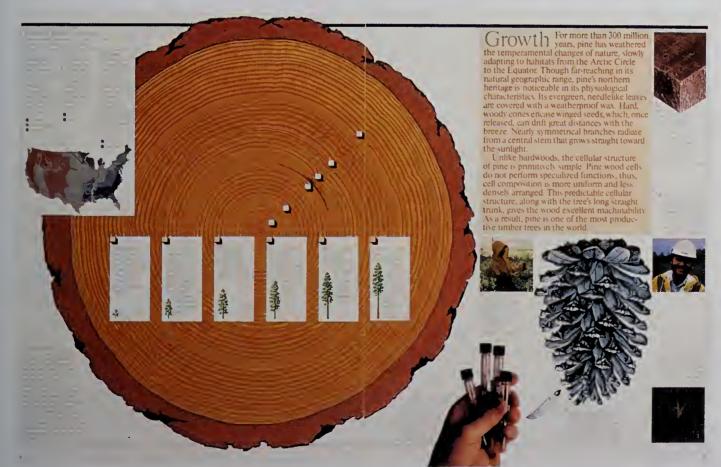
Charts and graphs can either help readers visualize complex information or bore them to death. Color codes for this flow chart are based on the cast shadows used on many of the silhouetted photos in the report. The necessity of using 7-point type mandated Helvetica as the type choice because of its readability.



Mand-lettered branch type is an essential element in communicating a Wild West tone and integrating headings into the image.



The spreads shown on this page come from different annual reports, but we maintained a continuity of design and typography from issue to issue while varying details. This theme on papermaking featured a timeline that ran along the bottom of each page. The timeline was set in Helvetica to set it apart from the captions.



A cross section of a log illustrated events that affected the life of the tree. Boxed numbers were keyed to inset information. Note that the initial caps for all italic captions are in Roman to add subtle interest.

Distorting the "load ticket" type created a 3-D effect for the graph illustration below.







## ASPEN SKIING COMPANY

spen Skiing Company, with major resorts in Aspen Mountain, Buttermilk, and Snowmass, operates the lift areas, ski schools, and other programs as well as two luxury hotels at famous Aspen, Colorado. A reorganized management asked ad agency Hal Riney & Partners along with Pentagram to prepare an advertising and promotional program highlighting Aspen's year-round attractions.



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A highly visible but understated campaign pitched the upscale skiing crowd through advertisements placed in sophisticated periodicals such as Travel & Leisure, Esquire, and Vanity Fair.





Linda created an uncomplicated format, using caps/small caps styling, for all cover art. This gave a unified identity to the program collateral and allowed for changing images and color coding materials to match individual needs, for example, ski maps for each resort area, ticket folders, and so on.

Bembo — elegant and distinctive — was chosen as the typeface for all advertising and promotional materials. At first, however, the ad agency and Pentagram were using two different typographers, which resulted in completely different settings and a different look.

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TO THE 11,212-FOOT SUMMIT IN 13 MINUTES,

REVEALING A MAGNIFICENT 360-DEGREE VIEW

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IEST "POURTEENERS" DISCOVER AN ABANDONED MINER'S SHACK, EEARN TO DIFFERENTIATE BE-TWEEN A VELLOW-RUMPED WARRLER AND BLACK-CAPPED CHICKADEE OR TREAT YOURSELF TO A LEISURELY OUTDOOR LUNCH AT THE SUNDECK

AUGUST

Aspen Skiing wnnted to promote the fact that the area was a great place to visit even after the prime ski season. It did this with a calendar of cultural events that included everything from the famed Aspen Design Conference to balloon races.

The amount of information required to explain the comprehensive range of summer  $activities\ could\ have$ been a nightmare if not organized correctly. The informational difference was achieved by the typographical texture created with contrasting all caps, upper and lower case, justified and ragged copy.

THE ASPENS



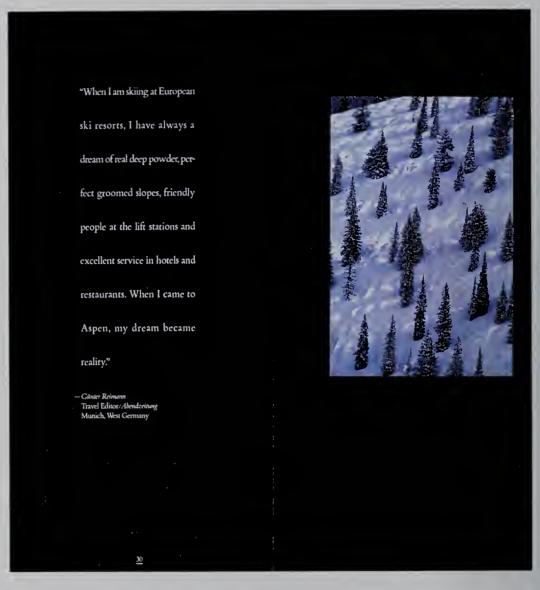
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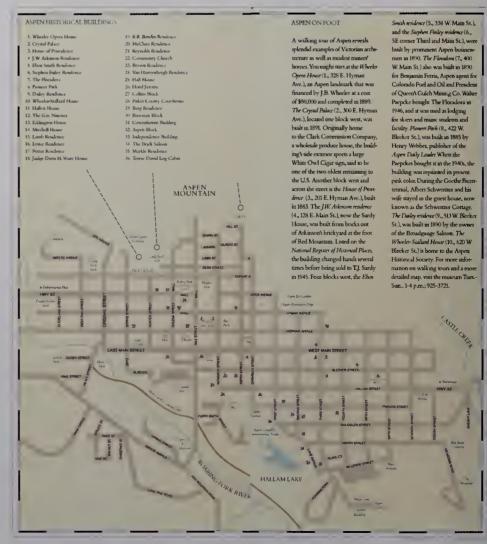
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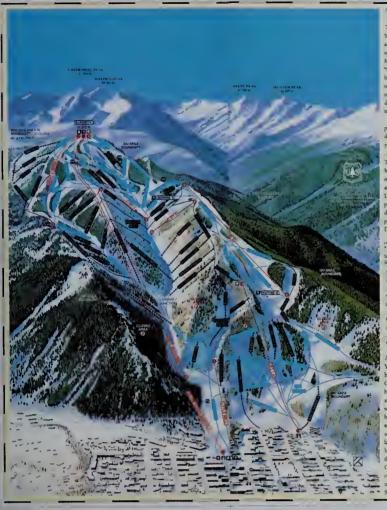
The cornerstone of the collateral program was the 160-page Aspen Guide, which included colorful accounts of the area's natural history and early settlements, along with directories of shops, tours, lodging, and ski areas and restaurant critiques.



The adjoining map, one of several throughout the guide, indicates historical buildings by number. Helvetica was chosen to convey the map information clearly, but Bembo continues as the major textface. The colored triangles are used to indicate the direction of the entrance.







Ski maps are amazingly complex because of the variety of information they must communicate: the direction and names of the runs, degrees of difficulty, relative proximity to lifts, and restaurants, first aid stations, etc. To facilitate readability against a busy background, trail names were set in Helvetica caps and reversed out of colored panels. Major landmarks were set in Bembo caps.



It's important to maintain a family look in a communications program, even for leaflets that change frequently. This illustrated series of single-leaf flyers used the same typographic styling as the balance of the group.







LODGING IN THE ASPENS

Because of the diversity of services offered at each lodge, Linda devised a series of symbols ranging from "five mountain" (exceptional) to "one mountain" (basic) for easy identification. By hanging the lodges' names in the left margin, a quick alphabetical search can be made.

## THE GUARDIAN

After nearly twenty years of the same design format, The Guardian sought a more contemporary style that applied the benefits of new technology. Any change, however, was tampering with tradition and the way people perceived and read their newspapers. Part of David's challenge was to keep these traditions in mind along with the fact that daily newspapers must be hastily put together by a team of journalists who are usually not trained designers.

A goal was to use the speed and flexibility of new technology to bring back the craft of newspaper design. Once the format was developed, about fifty journalists and subeditors had to be trained to carry it through. David presented layouts in a foreign language because he felt it helped journalists focus on the look rather than the written treatment of the story. FINANCE AND ECONOMICS 17

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The Guardian MoD confirms radi piping could be gun

The Guardian before its redesign.



Tory gloom deepens as inflation heads towards double figures



### CHAMPION PAPER

s do all fine printing paper companies, Champion regularly produces promotional material that shows the range of their papers and demonstrates their ability to handle a variety of printing techniques. For this assignment, we were asked to create a calendar that visually described time. Our solution was to design a calendar illustrating twelve periods of time, from eons to seconds, by progressively reducing the size of the image as you reduced the amount of time and the length of each page. By perforating the leaves just below the calendar dates, we also created a paper swatch book.



We reviewed several typefaces — Times Roman, Goudy, Palatino — before settling on Garamond, which had handsomely drawn, old style numbers that had sufficient style to maintain interest over a long period of time and could be read from a distance, essential for any wall calendar. The beauty of the numbers was particularly important because, as the images became smaller with each passing month, the numbers became a more prominent part of the visuals.

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# NEIL SHAKERY McKesson Corporation cKesson Corporation (formerly Foremost-McKesson), a major pharmaceutical and retail products distribution company, wanted its 1980 annual report to focus on its plans and strategies for the coming decade. They requested a look that represented a visionary view of the future and reflected a "big picture" strategy.





ype can exude a youthful vitality. The latest faces are often used when presenting contemporary fashions, but even classic faces can appear provocative through spacing, color, or nontraditional organization. Bouncing letters or placing words at vertical or diagonal angles can bring an energy that would be inappropriate in another context. Mixing more than one typeface within a surgle word also injects a freshness in typography. An impression of youthful energy can be directed toward any age group — whether its members are ten, forty-five, or sixty. It's important to be sensitive to how each age group expresses youthful energy and to be influenced by these perceptions without mimicking them, which can appear condescending

## SHISEIDO

hiseido, the world's third largest manufacturer of toiletries and cosmetics, sought a lively image for its new toiletry collection called *Trendy*, which offers a range of hair, body, and facial care products for Japanese youth.

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ヘアスタイリングプロー

Kenneth and Mervyn considered contemporary elements — music, architecture, typography,  $video\ promotions, film$ and fashion — to arrive at a collage of symbols which they combined with Japanese and English lettering in bright day-glo colors. The typography, known  $in \ Japan \ as \ ``scrambled$ communication," was used to evoke freedom, a breaking of the rules, and nonconformity.

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## UC SANTA CRUZ

n its main recruitment hrochure, the University of California at Santa Cruz wanted to establish its position within the world-renowned UC system and present its own unique character and strengths. The design had to be young and contemporary enough to appeal to teenage college applicants, yet conservative and serious enough to meet the approval of their parents who were likely to read the brochure with equal interest.



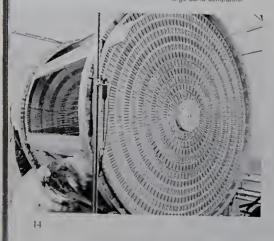
Running coptions vertically throughout the book allowed an opportunity to expose the unexpected, adventuresome side of the university, while letting the drnmatic photographic images stand unobstructed.

Named by Science Digest as one of the top 100 U.S. scientists under 40, Sandra Faber is a professor of astronomy and astrophysics, attiliated with Lick Observatory. Professor Faber, who researches the formation and evolution of galaxies and the formation of structure in the universe, was part of a group of seven astronomers who of galaxies called the Great Attractor. She is a

member of the National



The Drill Chamber, shown here, was jointly constructed by the Santa Cruz Institute for Particle Physics and Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC) in Palo Alto. The detector contains about 6,000 wires that pick-up signals from the passage of charged particles through its volume. An hour's drive from Santa Cruz, SLAC is one of three lederally funded accelerators in the nation. UCSC maintains data links from campus computer terminals to large SLAC computers.



A mix of warm, human-interest photographs, vignettes of regional history, professor profiles, student projects, and course information was presented in a complex but expansive layout, woven together with Bembo typography. The cover masthead has a bit of neo-1950s typography and adds an "old is new" styling to the book.

During its 100-year li Lick Observatory has been scene of major astronomical discoveries. Located on nearby Mount Hamilton, Lick is headquartered at UC Santa Cruz, which is also responsible for managing the University of California component of the new W. M. Keck Telescope. The Keck Telescope, a joint project of UC and the California Institute of Technology, will be the world's largest telescope once its construction on the summit of Mauna Kea in Hawaii is complete.





### MOCA

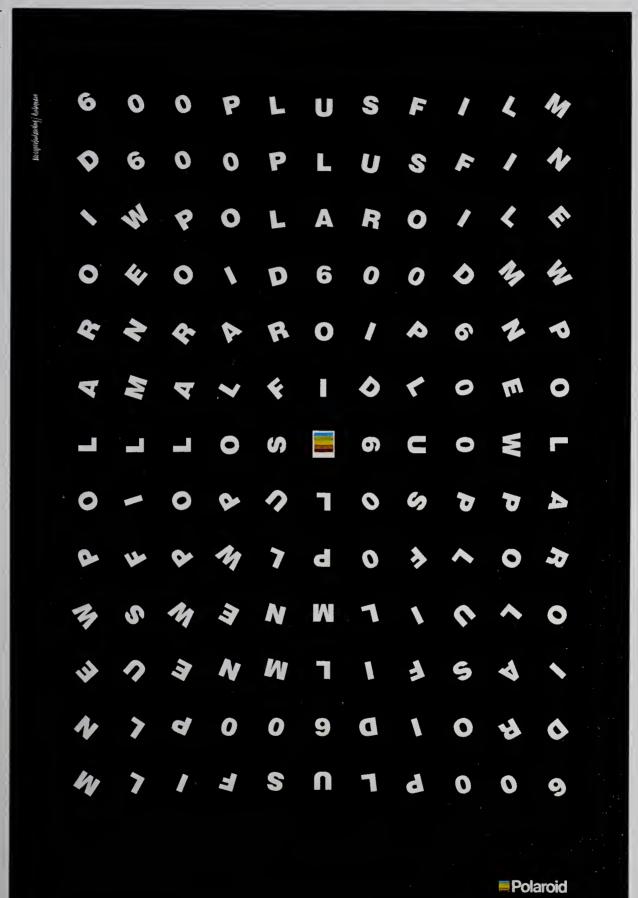
he Museum of Contemporary Arts in Los Angeles wanted a brochure to help guide families through its galleries and to highlight the works of some of its best-known artists. To capture the personality of the museum, the brochure had to be lively, contemporary and reflective of the diversity and experimental nature of MOCA's art collection.

The MOCA guide was set in five languages: English, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, and Japanese. The design had to be flexible THIS GUIDE IS WRITTEN TO INTRODUCE YOU AND YOUR enough to allow for length variations of up FAMILY TO CONTEMPORARY ART. IT CONTAINS IDEAS TO to 15 percent resulting from translations. HELP YOU LOOK AT AND THINK AND TALK ABOUT THE CONTEMPORARY ART IN THE GALLERIES. THE EXAMPLES OF THE ART WORKS IN THIS GUIDE ARE SOME OF OUR FAVORITES AT MOCA. THE GUIDE IS ONLY A SUGGES-TION; THE REST IS UP TO YOU! WE WANT YOU TO ENJOY THE ART, AT YOUR OWN PACE AND WITH YOUR FAMILY. The edges of the opening pages were die-cut to reveal the colors and patterns of the pages that followed. The diecuts reinforced the bold geometric shapes that formed the Chermayeff & Geismar-designed MOCA logo. Futura Light with Extra Bold, a clean, modern sansserif face, was used for the English and Spanish text.

> TYPEWISE (F2)

## POLAROID EUROPE

hen Polaroid introduced a new camera and film throughout Europe, it asked John Rushworth to coordinate an advertising and poster campaign with its agency. The event came together as a gallery featuring the work of eighteen international designers, including Mervyn.



Mervyn created a poster using a spiral of words to draw the eye to the film at the center. Simply by turning in concentric circles, the unadorned typeface — Helvetica Bold — gave a sense of energy to the characters, while allowing for quick readability even without word breaks and focusing the eye to the center square.





From issue to issue, Currents is consistently inconsistent in its body text and typography; only the name remains the same. Each issue is a visual surprise. Currents' large tabloid size is emblematic of many music and video publications. The combination of several typefaces on a single page, as well as in a single word, is a typographic trend of the early 1990s and perfect for the totally ephemeral quality of this publication.

he same iconoclastic design and typographic approach are used throughout *Currents*' inside spreads. The freshness and vitality of this approach is normally left exclusively to the realm of record and CD jackets produced by Warner. To see this bold, graphic direction expressed in the official corporate newsletter conveys an important message to employees about being innovative, taking chances, and not being afraid to fail.

The center spread is always a surprise. In this case, the need to turn it to read involves the reader in a participatory way. The type's irregular form not only creates an interesting graphic shape, but serves as a wonderful frame for the Randy Travis photos.

## LEKTRA

Few record componies have expurienced the dramatic rise that Eichtra Records hes echieved in recent years. Threegheat its history Eichtra has been unique in the discovery and development of a wide range of artists, among them - Jacksoe Brewee, The Cors, The Engles and Liede Roestedt. However, Elektro's fortuce has seared recently ander the estate directies of Sch Kroseew. He essamed leadership of Eichtre is 1983.

Eichtra's biggest year, 1988, was highlighted hy several papalar new releases - Anite Baher. Liede Reestadt, Tracy Chopmen and Metallica among athers, in 1988, Eichtra's revecues increased by more than a third over the previous yeer. in addition, Elektre's artists wee same of the indestry's tep heners, including eight Gremmy ewerds. Krasaew, ie a recent ieterview says his company's success is an serprise:



A It's something that we've been building towards. It's octually been the last three years that this kind of momentum has been building, and I just characterize this as the re-establishing of Elektro as one of the great companies that services the needs of the great American music public and the world's music public.

Elektra was in the doldrums befare you took over the company, and some believed the label wouldn't survive. What was the turning paint for the company? ▲ This is a business of talent. To say that Elektra wasn't in as good a shape os it is now is the understatement of the year 1 think The Las Angeles Times characterized it best when it said Elektro Records went from being "on outhouse to o penthouse" I think Time mogozine also charocter ized us as being the "Intrepid" record lobel, But I think that Elektro is so tied in to whot it does musically it's hard to separate

This company puts out very few recards and each record has a very

clear roison d'etre — thot's

the difference

We make very specific types of recordings, whethe its to work with Linda Ranstadt on her Mexican olbum that she did or to sign an someone with the character of Reuben Blades or choose to take the poth with a Tracy Chapman, someone who is flying in the face of the Gordon Gekko, Wall Street, 'Greed is Good," the '80s Reagan philosophy, ar to choose to work with someone like Anito Boker who is not o monufactured product. Metallica is onother example. We choose our product very corefully.

• What were the building

blocks which led to todays success?

A The artists are your

building blocks. We re not

chemists here. We don't manufacture anything here We choose people to work with that's the blocks. The quality of our artists, the fact that we were awarded 21 Grammy nominations by aur own peers. I certainly think distinguishes us from anyone else Such publica tions as Time Newsweek The New York Times The Las Angeles Times and The London Times the most important and most serious newspapers and weekly newsmagozines = cover what we do on a consistent basis. They dan't do that with other people. We don't put out purely pop or fluff Agoin I'm not criticizing onyone else. What distin guishes us is that we have a philosophy and that philosophy is to try to be our best and to try to do the best

with the best

What about Nonesuch's recent critical and soles success involving such classical and contemporary artists as John Adams, Steve Reich and the Kronos Quartet?

When we rebuilt Nonesuch, I brought in Bob Hurwitz And Bob and I decided togëther that we would not try to compete with Deutsche-Grommo phon and do some . Beethoven Symphonies done by some of the great est conductors in the world, or try to do string quartet music or chamber music by traditional people. We decided we would go into the American culture and morket, and choose people like John Adoms, Steve Reich, Phillip Glass and the Kronos Quartet. We would choose ortists warking in a cantemporary field, and do contemporary music and corve our niche. We con't compete with Deutsche. Grammaphon or Columbio Masterworks, the Columbio classical label. They've been doing it 50 years and they've been doing it incredibly well.

If we wanted to succeed in

it we had to find a place where first of all we had competence and where we had a relationsh p with all about Alsa that we appreciated it, that, we sympothized with it and we were able to support it ema tionally and in every other way And from that philoso phy of saying yes there are great American com posers out there, they re out there now its just up to us to find them. To separate the wheat from the chaff and soy Hey let's find these people Let's record Steve Reich Let's record John Adoms let's support these big operos. Let's support the Kronos Quartet Let them do unrecorded classical pieces, clossic pieces. Just because somebody didn I write them two hundred years ago does not in any way make them less valu oble Let's pursue that area I think our success speaks for itself. Let's bring the Bulgorian Singers Americo Let's record the Gypsy Kings Let's do some isn't doing. That's what I demand from myself and of everybody that's an this team. And it is a team. I om not certainly sitting in

myself. We have a great stoff of people here.

What do you look for in

this chair doing all of this

The back page of each issue, like the cover, is a typographic potpourri. The mixture of various, often incongruous, typefaces, coupled with vertical headline settings and unexpected sizes and measures, conveys an extremely youthful and energetic image.



Warhol was set in typewriter type to create the feeling of a journal or diary. The same typestyle used as silkscreen art is an appropriate integration of word and image. An interesting visual note is Warhol's portrait, printed like a 3-D comic, another of his many pop culture influences.





The initials WEA
(Warner, Elektra,
Asylum) splashed
across the page would
not be as effective without the contrasting
restraint of the typographic columns with
which it interacts.

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I don't want someone forming in the rad and after healing. Whitney the ustan are Bobbly Brown approach me saying. They he got an artist jost ske that all you want to be that the best way to do that is to was into the series that so they here just bound an artist that so is included an artist that so is included.

Everybody has got to think like that for example look at the Sugarcubins they to o band from ledind. We vergot o new band called the five sthots going to take the country by storm. Again something totally unique.

- What's the significance of Elektra Records becoming Elektra Entertainment in 1988?
- ▲ We are certainly in the entertainment business. The records certainly bring in all the revenues as of now But this video phenomenon is not lost on our customers And we have been very successful in the video busi ness. The Metallica video is clase to 1"0 000 units and the Mottes Crue video is doing very well as is the Anito Boker video Also The Cure is another band They have two videos whose combined soiles are in the 100 000 unit range

You start looking then you say. Hey we sold 750 000 videos in the lost year. And these videos oren t being given away. They re not you're paying \$20 to \$25 for a videa There's o market out there and the film business has proven that A major business within the film industry is their video rentals and sales. We have started our laserfisc videos, we are the only ones I'm aware of that s marketing our laverdiscs side by side with our video tapes. We have them observed for us. I feel the business is moving towards en audiovisual experimen I think the young people today who are growing up with MTV and seeing all of these extravaganzas the eight year olds the 12 year olds the 16 year olds who will be starting their bands in the next several rears they will have such on imprint of the visual apocity of music that they re going to pursue that as well as the audio We've storted our children's

line. We've joint ventured o company with Nickeladean And this year well be putting out six to ten video tapes and videodiscs for children They ronge in audience from age four to 14 the same audience that Nickelodeon has an televi sion I don't think kids today are just going to go out and buy a record And the same with Nonesuch We will be moking a video of The Nutcracker Ballet What if you live in lowe and you cont get here with your kids. Why should you be cheated out of that expert ence. We're going to bring that experience to you That's why we're in the entertoinment business

Music will olways be the primary source which we will bring to the picture but the picture will be

• What are your major challenges?

▲ The challenges are to find the right people to work with. That's always the challenge. The business is more competitive now because music is a wov of You take music with vou wherever you go It's not like reading a book or seeing a film. It it's really great you see it twice maybe. If you buy a record it lasts a lifetime. The market is there so the challenge is not to build the market. The challenge is to find the right people to introduce to the market. And those so called building blocks you talked about that's talent

Talent olways wins

Il you choose to work with

talented people you will

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If you re oble to hong in there long enough if you re financially oble to stay with the program you will wind up a winner providing you have the insight, the intuition, whotever that sixth sense is to work with people who are quality tolent.

- Any special plans for the next year?
- next year?

  A 1 don't think about next veor. I'm thinking about three years five years from now. Next year is already out of my hands. I've already signed the acts that we're going to be dealing with next year. When I sign on act. I'm saying. Where is this act going? I don't went on art to come in here.

and say I ve just written the greatest things I ever wrote my life. Because if that's it then there It be o one album situation on our one like Tracy Chapman come into my office and sit in this exact chair and play ne some songs and sav This is what I feel right now These are my feelings now this is what is going through my mind my body And you listen and you say to yoursell How con o person this young know off of this And wha is she going to know several years from new This is someone who is obviously interested in people inter ested in how people freat people. Interested in the quality of life You don't have to be a racket scientist to say I want to associate myself with that

- ♠ You ve had success with breaking international ar foreign acts, but do you expect more in the future?
- ▲ There will be more inter national artists certainly Absolutely 1 think our ASR department does it in waves coming up on the beach Every month someone from our A&R deportment is someplace else, whether it's France Australia England or Italy We re there on the scene. Look of the Gypsy Kings, the album has sold over 360 000 Can you tell me who in the hell would sell 360 000 copies of the Gypsy Kings We sold 150 000 of the Bulgarion Singers' releases Somebody aut there likes
- e Is Elektro setting a trend in music?
- ▲ I never think in setting trends. The last thing you want to be is cocky. I can do this, I can do that. All

you can say is I want to be the best. Everyone defines the best in their own way I mean I have my definition of what the best is and everybody here has the definition and we're all in sync.

What I do is accomplished

with extreme possion

We're not interested in set

ting trends starting trends

or following trends. We re

interested in being the best

Choosing the best talent

That's the only trend we re

involved in

And certainly we didn't set that trend because a lot of great records came out before I was born. Billie Holiday set trends. Bessie Smith set trends. Mohalia Jackson set trends. Count Bosie set trends. Duke Ellington set trends. The musicions set trends. We re a record company.

- How would you describe yourself?
- A I can describe it in very simple terms. I om a guy who loves what he does ond I hove very high standards. It may sound like arrogance, but it's not I feel that you have so much time each day You have to make your own priorities. When I wake up in the morning I know what I need to do and I know what's in my way.
- What are your goals for Elektro?
- A I want to be the best and also want to be the biggest. I don! want to be the biggest and the best. First I want to be the best then I want to be biggest. And I think we re well an out way.

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