



Designs o Desire

L.A.'s buzzy Westweek attracts erior designers and their famous clients

HERE EVER WAS AN EVENT THAT ELEVATED L.A. corators to celebrity status, Westweek is it. The e-day design-a-thon, which converges on West ollywood's Pacific Design Center from March 22-26, part show-and-tell, part schmooze-and-booze. Thoueople, including designers, manufacturers, editors mply curious (many events are open to the public) itect Cesar Pelli's "Blue Whale" building - soon to by an under-construction red tower — into a buser of book signings, panels, store openings and even only gala awards dinner. (Architect Marc Appleton, of actress Joanna Kerns and one of the city's foremost a Spanish Colonial architecture, is receiving this etime Achievement Award.) But the focus is on the on product launches. "It's a great week to take clients C," says Martyn Lawrence-Bullard, who has designed es of Elton John and Aaron Sorkin. "People get excited at's new and inventive." Here's a sampling of the most items from star designers who are elevating furniture - ALEXANDRIA ABRAMIAN-MOTT



Christian Liaigre >

THE DESIGN The influential French designer shows his latest pieces, including the Giacometti-inspired Saint Germain solid-bronze armchair (below, \$15,750, leather sold separately) and the silver-plated bronze Bocca lamp (right, \$5,700). FANS Rupert Murdoch and Karl Lagerfeld buy Liaigre. THE LOCATION Thomas Lavin

THE LOCATION Thomas Lavin showroom, where Gwyneth Paltrow, Keanu Reeves and Barbra Streisand have been spotted. (PDC, Suite B310, thomaslavin.com).



→ Gary Gibson

THE DESIGN Gibson's 1930s- and '40s-inspired collection focuses on pieces in bronze, stainless steel and glass including the walnut-and-stainless Chandler coffee table (left, \$8,458). "My goal was to highlight the sleek, classic beauty of these materials," says Gibson, owner of the store Gibson ID (7350 Beverly Blvd., garygibson.com).

FANS Mandy Moore, Eva Mendes and Diane Keaton all have Gibson pieces.

THE LOCATION Paul Ferrante showroom (PDC, Suite B362, paulferrante.com).



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