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The need for housing and care for elderly persons has sparked some new thinking about living environments that many believe is more responsive to this growing segment of American society. Federal census figures indicate that from 1980 to 1986, the number of people 65 and older increased by more than 3.6 million nationwide. In Massachusetts, during the same period, the 65 and older population increased by 67,000 to 794,000.

Traditional mass housing for self-sustaining older Americans has taken the form of "elderly housing," low and mid-rise apartments, in which residents provide for most if not all of their own services and care. At the other extreme are "long-term care" facilities, or nursing homes, in which residents are almost totally dependent...
upon on-site staff for day-to-day dining, health and social services.

A recent alternative living environment for senior citizens is called the "continuing care retirement community" or congregate housing. It is estimated that 700 such communities already exist nationwide, with a majority concentrated in Florida, California and Pennsylvania.

In planning Mayflower Place, a 60-bed Level II/III nursing home and 102-unit congregate housing project in Yarmouth, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, the architect set out to create a non-institutional environment to provide residents with privacy and substantial independence. At the same time, this "life-care" facility had to be a self-contained community, with an infrastructure offering a complete range of services so residents could develop a lifestyle tailored to their own particular capability and temperament.

Structural Steel Key to Framing

Typical of many congregate housing communities, Mayflower Place is low-rise, only two-stories, with one-story for the nursing home. But the building program is substantially more comprehensive and complex than any other form of elderly living environment. And that is the key to the suitability of structural steel for the framing of congregate housing communities.

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Structural Considerations
A total of five framing systems were evaluated during the preliminary design phase. The nursing home required by code in Massachusetts, a fireproof, non-combustible frame (fire-treated lumber is not acceptable). For the congregate housing, a structural fire rating was not required by code, thus conventional wood framing was a possible choice; wood is a traditional material for both structural and exterior cladding on the Cape. However, the owner, an experienced developer of congregate facilities, decided a non-combustible structure was essential for fire-safety and marketing purposes. The owner also provided complete sprinkler protection, which is not required by code. As it turned out, the complexity of the building program was such that wood framing would not have worked well anyway.

Since the soil condition is loose Cape Cod sand with an allowable safe bearing capacity of about one-ton per sq ft, a light structure was desired. Reinforced concrete or masonry would have produced significant penalties in the foundation. And, the flexibility in locating gravity load components to accommodate the complex program would have been severely restricted.

The selection quickly focused on a steel frame with either cold-formed joists, composite beams or bar joists (composite or conventional) for the floors. After comparative economic studies by the construction manager, the final selection of a concrete slab on composite steel joists was made. Mayflower Place contains three basic

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apartment types, and is laid out as a series of two-story wings that frame into several central core areas. Due to site restrictions, i.e., property line setbacks and wetlands protections, the wings enter the core areas at various skews. The main core, comprised primarily of the Center and South Wings, contain most of the common spaces and amenities. The East, North and West Wings have dwelling units, except for the far end of the West Wing, which houses the indoor swimming pool and fitness center. The South Wing ties into the one-story nursing home.

Each wing at Mayflower Place is 55 ft wide. Longitudinal lines of TS4 × 4 columns run along both exterior walls and each side of the 6-ft wide corridor in each wing. Tubular columns minimized the width and fit entirely within the 4-in. corridor studs. The longitudinal spacing of the interior and exterior columns varies from about 12 ft to 23 ft. The transverse spacing between the exterior and corridor walls varies from 23 to 26 ft. The four lines of relatively close-spaced columns, supporting both the floor and roof framing, was necessary to adequately distribute gravity and lateral loads to the sandy soil through a conventional spread-footing arrangement. Fourteen-in. deep composite steel joists and wide-flange steel girders support a 3-in., 3,000-psi, concrete slab and span the 23- to 26-ft width from the corridor column lines to the exterior. Across the corridor's 6-ft width, shallow, composite sections are framed, providing sufficient ceiling space below to conceal the plumbing and mechanical equipment. The girders are typically W12 × 19's or W14 × 22's, all ASTM A36 steel. Comparative ASTM A572, Gr 50 steel did not reduce costs, due mainly to the "lightness" of the A36 sections within the wings and deflection/vibration characteristics at the open core areas.

Because of the dampening losses on the second-floor open common spaces, the slab thickness was increased to 3½ in. as a result of studies conducted with the joist manufacturer to control transient vibrations to acceptable levels. Lateral load resistance is provided mostly by two-story tubular braced frames. The major exception to this framing system occurs in the swimming pool area. Here, W8 × 67 exterior columns support W18 girders clear-spanning the 55-ft width. W12 spandrel beams with field-welded flange moment connections to the W8 columns provide the lateral load resistance required.

Responsibility for Design
All connections of beams to tube columns are simple, with through-plates welded to each column face. The connections were initially designed by the steel fabricator and checked during the shop drawing submission by the structural engineer's office for conformance with the contract drawings (which specified the end reaction requirements) and the AISC specifications. For the most part, the connection types and details were left to the discretion of the steel fabricator, since connection particulars vary from shop to shop. This author, however, adheres to the philosophy that the responsibility for the adequacy of the connection design should fall upon the building's structural engineer. Statutes throughout this country impose this responsibility and exempt from certification, licensing and review, owners and employees of steel fabrication facilities. In the opinion of this author, registered engineers should not delegate connection design responsibility to laymen, since the decisions and calculations necessary for the connections are as much a part of the building structure as the members they are connecting.

Initially, blast cleaning and high-quality, lead-free shop painting of all structural steel was contemplated because of the location in a salt-air environment. However, upon further inspection and recommendations offered by the steel bidders, this requirement was deleted (except for the swimming pool structure and balcony support steel) and the steel remained unpainted, resulting in a savings of $50 to $60 per ton for the owner. Steel within the indoor pool area had an SSPC-SP6 commercial blast cleaning followed by a total of 10½ mils dry thickness of zinc-rich and high-solids epoxy paints, all shop-applied. The balcony support steel received an SSPC-SP3 power tool cleaning and a two-coat application of a polyurethane primer, 5 mils total dry thickness.

Skews Challenging
Perhaps the most challenging aspect of structural design for Mayflower Place was dealing with the skews at the multiple-wing intersections and the hipped roof framing. Wood trusses were selected for the primary roof framing in the wings of the retirement community. Since their support consisted of four parallel lines of steel girders (one at each exterior and corridor wall), with only minimal steel framing perpendicularly called for, the girders were fastened to the supports, the frame proved difficult to plumb until the trusses were fastened and sheathed. In addition to skews, a two-story open cathedral space had to be framed at the main entrance lobby.

There is no question that structural steel assisted the architect in providing Mayflower Place with the kind of sophisticated program the owner wanted to offer. Increasingly, owners will be addressing the marketability of retirement communities and looking for such features as fire-safety, interior flexibility, multi-use and well-finished interiors.

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Architectural Concept
The architect began working on this project over three years ago, having earned this commission as the result of a highly publicized design competition. The formidable challenge was to take what was once called the world's largest open-mall shopping center and not only to enclose the open garden courts but also to tie together nine prominent "free-standing" buildings into a unified theme. The European owners of the project were looking for a high-tech, space-age environment, emphasizing clean, strong lines and a crisp merchandising presentation for the nineties.

The structure itself was to play a crucial role in both the form and character of interior spaces and would be carried outside the building to form each of Northwest's six feature entrances. Sculptured metal-strip vaulted ceilings were selected as an innovative solution for joining the various elements together, converging at the Feature Courts, which would be accented with palm-like sculptural steel ornamentation and metal edge clear glass cube kiosks. Even the floor tile would take on the characteristics of a geometric optical illusion, which along with interior finishes, would reiterate the more subtle aspects of the
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The finished project, as it unfolds, already gives promise as a unique and innovative addition to St. Louis' other recent premier retail complexes.

Elegance with Economy
In the almost one-half mile of its length, the main axis of the complex accommodates some seven separate sub-malls and three large Feature Courts distributed along its length. The court roofs rise some 40 ft above the main mall level and incorporate over 50,000 sq. ft of open space within their confines.

To create an intricate and interesting exposed roof structure, various schemes were considered, including standard space frames of various configurations, along with more conventional types of framing. The solution, finally selected, combined economy with grace, as elegantly sculptured columns with radial eyebrows rise to a two-way truss system, which spans up to 80 ft between supports.

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St. Louis Arches
The arch motif is carried out at each major entrance to the complex, with the highlight being the St. Ann's Entrance, which provides primary access to the new mall in-fill. The 50-ft high arched promenade (formed to a 16 ft-3 in. radius) is made up of five heavy 14-in. wide-flange shapes designed as rigid frames, fixed at the base.

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St. Ann’s Entrance, with arched steel canopy, under construction

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Under-floor Grillage
The South Court in-fill had to be built over an existing garden plaza with truck dock facilities below. The existing plaza deck construction consisted of pan joist and concrete beams and the new roof above introduced column loads as high as 50

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tons in the open court areas. Existing underfloor utilities and a need to keep the loading dock area column free and in-service at all times, provided additional design challenges.

After several types of framing schemes were considered, structural steel was selected as the best solution for the complex requirements in this area. A steel beam grillage system was introduced below the existing concrete deck with the new steel columns above supported on concrete pedestals anchored to the top of the under-floor steel beams. Holes were punched through the existing deck at column locations and the concrete pedestals were kept free of the existing construction. Grillage beams were located so as to clear utilities, where possible, and where interference could not be avoided, beams were notched carefully and reinforced to provide the required clearances for both utilities and truck traffic below. Ends of grillage beams were primarily supported on new add-on concrete columns or were connected to existing concrete beams with expansion bolt connections where loads could be handled by the existing concrete construction.

The relatively light weight of the new grillage system and roof above allowed the use of existing columns and foundations without additional remedial work. Steel beam lateral bracing was accomplished by using steel straps and diagonal angle bracing to the concrete framing above.

Raising the Roof
One of the centerpiece features of the new expansion will be a 100,000-sq. ft entertainment complex called Sensations. The three-level center will house a nine-screen cinema on the upper level, a 450-seat food court on the mid level and an entertainment/game complex on the lower level.

Since the structure was originally designed for department store use, major reworking of the existing structure was required, including raising the roof by 15 ft, elimination of alternate rows of columns and reinforcing the upper level to accommodate a raised theater floor and an extensive projection room mezzanine above. In addition, stairs and escalators were relocated, new elevators added and floor construction removed to provide two-level open spaces.

All of the above was accomplished using structural steel solutions. The existing roof and alternate rows of columns were removed. The remaining rows of wide-flange columns spaced at 56 ft o.c. were spliced and reinforced with flange plates to provide tubular sections capable of taking both gravity and wind loads. Cross bracing was added, where allowed, by architectural considerations and upper level floor beams were reinforced with plates, field-welded to top of bottom flanges, to upgrade their load-carrying capacity. Existing openings were filled with steel beam and composite deck slabs and new openings framed in structural steel, as required.

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The National Steel Construction Conference offers an ideal marketplace to those who provide products and services to the structural steel industry. In addition to display booths, exhibitors at the 1990 National Steel Construction Conference will also be given an opportunity to conduct a Product/Service Workshop. Introduced for the first time last year, these special sessions offer a forum where companies can share the latest technological advances in specialized fields, conduct demonstrations or question-and-answer dialogues, introduce new or updated equipment and programs. These workshops will be conducted during specific time periods, not in conflict with regular conference sessions, and the schedule will be included as part of the Official Conference Program. Information on exhibit space at the conference is now available from AISC headquarters (312-670-2400).

Pre-Conference Events
This year's Schedule of Events will include an Educator Meeting, concentrating on subjects of interest to those who teach structural steel design courses at colleges and universities; and a Professional Member Forum for structural engineers interested in current programs and publications available from AISC. Other organizations or associations who would like to schedule pre-conference activities to take advantage of this expected high concentration of industry representatives should contact Lona Babbington, Conference Coordinator, at 312-670-5432.

Spouses' Program/Optional Events
In addition to the technical program, the conference will also include a special program for spouses and guests of those registering to attend. A schedule of planned evening and post-conference activities will also be offered.

MSC to Publish Special Show Issue
Modern Steel Construction will publish its January/February issue as The 1990 National Steel Construction Conference Official Program issue. It will also expand circulation for the November/December issue to offer information (including Official Program and Registration Form) to the widest possible audience.

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1990 National Steel Construction Conference
Schedule of Events—Preliminary

Monday and Tuesday, March 12, 13
Exhibitor Move-in
Pre-conference Events to be announced

Wednesday, March 14
8:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Educator Session
Noon - 5:00 p.m. - Professional Member Forum
8:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Committee meetings
9:30 - 12:00 a.m. - Optional Event: Tour of Kansas City
Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Partners in Education Luncheon
Noon - 1:00 p.m. - Speaker Luncheon
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - General Session: "Construction Claims"
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Exhibits open
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. - Exhibitor workshops
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - AISC Welcome Cocktail Party - Exhibit Hall

Thursday, March 15
7:00 - 8:00 a.m. - SASF Educator Breakfast
7:00 - 8:00 a.m. - VCSSF Educator Breakfast
7:00 - 8:00 a.m. - Speaker Breakfast
7:30 - 8:15 p.m. - Exhibitor Workshops
8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - General Session
10:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Exhibits open
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Coffee break (Exhibit Hall)
10:45 - 12:15 p.m. - Technical seminars
11:45 - 12:15 p.m. - Lunch service open
Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Spouses' Event (Lunch & Program)
12:15 - 2:30 p.m. - Lunch/Exhibit Session
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Exhibits close
1:45 - 5:00 p.m. - Spouses' Event
2:30 - 4:00 p.m. - Technical seminars
4:10 - 5:25 p.m. - Technical seminars
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. - Exhibitor workshops (45 min)
7:00 - 7:45 p.m. - Reception (cash bar) - Allis Plaza Mezzanine
7:45 - 9:30 p.m. - Optional Event: Conference Dinner and Entertainment - Allis Plaza Hotel - Count Basie Ballroom

Friday, March 16
7:00 - 8:00 a.m. - Speaker Breakfast
7:30 - 8:15 a.m. - Exhibitor workshops
8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Technical seminars
9:00 - 12:00 p.m. - Spouses' Event
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. - Coffee break
10:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Exhibits open
10:45 - 12:15 p.m. - Technical seminars
11:45 a.m. - Lunch service begins
12:45 - 5:00 p.m. - Spouses' Event
12:15 - 3:00 p.m. - Lunch/exhibits open
3:15 - Exhibits close, Exhibitor Moveout begins
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. - General Session: T. R. Higgins Lecture
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Technical seminars
6:30 - 6:45 p.m. - Optional Event: Dinner Theatre

Saturday
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - General Session. "Block 111" (Kansas City 34-story steel-framed high-rise building)
9:30 - 12:00 Noon - Choice of:
- Hard-hat tour of Block 111
- Tour of local fabricating plant
- Hard-hat bridge tour
2:00 - 5:00 - Optional Event: Trip to Independence/Truman Library

Note: The Conference Program, accompanied by Registration and Hotel Reservation forms, will be published in its entirety in the November/December issue of Modern Steel Construction. Copies will also be mailed in advance of that publication to more than 15,000 potential attendees who have requested information on, or regularly participate in, AISC's educational activities.

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A as part of their contract for the Aegis shipbuilding program, Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine, is required to provide office space for “nucleus” U.S. Navy crews who are assigned to a new ship from the time shipbuilding gets underway. The recently completed Precommissioning Building was designed in response to this requirement. Each of its three decks houses offices, classrooms and support spaces which permit Navy personnel to train for and practice the administrative functions required when the crew actually goes to sea in their new vessel. In the new building, each 13,000 sq. ft “deck” is a dry-land “ship,” which permits simulation of the activities, if not the environment, of the real thing.

An overall nautical tone is established at the front door, where a lighted showcase greets the visitor with a display of ship models. A flying staircase in the front entry rotunda connects three quarterdecks where visitors are “piped aboard.” And each deck sports its own ship’s store, barber shop, ship’s supply and other functions.

The exterior treatment of the new facility is intended to respond subtly to the maritime influence of the area. Bath has a long and honored history as a shipbuilding city, reflected in many of its most prominent structures. As a result, all of the new building’s neighbors are traditional in styling. Even recent additions to this part of the BIW complex are colonial adaptations, brick being the favored material for larger structures.
These factors led the architect to opt for a continuation of the red-brick vocabulary of nearby structures and to design the building in a quietly post-modern style which echoes its neighbors. The use of oversized white columns, white precast concrete belt courses and multiple pane windows, plus bright red doors in traditionally styled entrances, lends visual sparkle to the building.

The structural engineer selected a structural steel/steel I-beam framing system since it is used commonly in the area and has proven to be cost-effective. Local contractors, erectors and fabricators are familiar with the system, and it is easily erected. Since the project is straightforward and typical of steel systems used in this area, the structural engineer chose to use Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) methods rather than the Allowable Stress Design (ASD). This presented an opportunity to use LRFD on an actual project and compare the results to ASD.

To accommodate the initial floor plan required by the Navy, column spacings range from 25 ft to 26 ft-8 in. in the north-south direction and 17 ft-2 in. to 22 ft in the east-west direction. Floors are 3 in. concrete slab on metal form deck supported by steel joists spanning in the north-south direction. The roof is 1½-in. deep wide-rib steel deck on steel joists spanning north-south. The structural system is braced in both directions using K-braces to permit door location in interior walls.

An 80-psf floor live load was used to allow unrestricted corridor locations in the future. Live-load reductions allowed by the 1987 BOCA Code were used for beams.
and columns. Floor dead load was 46 psf, which includes a 5-psf allowance for mechanical and electrical systems. The live-to-dead-load ratio for floors was about 1.75 before live-load reductions were taken. To simplify design, live-load reductions were based on the smallest tributary area for floor beams which allowed a 24% reduction in live load. After reduction, live-to-dead-load ratio was 1.3.

The roof system was designed for a 42-psf snow load and a 30-psf dead load, which included a 5 psf allowance for mechanical and electrical systems. Live-to-dead-load ratio was 1.4.

As expected, some savings in steel weight were realized by using LRFD. The greatest savings in weight over ASD members were in the interior floor beams. Typical spans were 17 ft-2 in., 20 ft and 22 ft. The total designed weight for these beams was 30,200 lbs. For the 20- and 22-ft spans, beam sizes were about 4 to 6 lbs. per foot lighter than ASD sizes. Using the smallest sections allowed by LRFD, total weight savings over ASD was about 3,100 pounds, or approximately 10%. No savings were realized for spandrel floor beams, roof beams and columns. The column spacings required by the floor plan were smaller than spacings preferred for economy. Had some bay spacings been slightly greater, LRFD would have resulted in the next lower size for some of these beams and for columns.

A 10% savings in steel weight when using LRFD vs. ASD seems a reasonable expectation, at least for more heavily loaded interior members. Note that the savings in this case were realized in a braced-frame structure with non-composite beams subject to common design loads. Other structure types such as industrial facilities with large design live loads will demonstrate more benefit from LRFD.

No significant difficulties were encountered using LRFD rather than ASD for design. The expected "learning curve" was encountered, but was not severe, though calculation bookkeeping was slightly more involved. Loads must be tracked in their various forms, such as unfactored loads (deflections and foundation sizing), LRFD factored loads (steel design) and ACI factored loads (foundation design). For straightforward member loading, composite load factors and ratios can simplify this task.

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The structural engineer has used LRFD on several projects subsequent to the B.I.W. building, including a school, industrial facilities and other commercial projects. The most obvious advantage in using LRFD vs. ASD is the weight savings which can be realized. A less obvious benefit is the reduction in member depth that often accompanies the reduction in weight. This has been a real benefit on projects where beam depths are restricted. LRFD permits a greater design flexibility for the architect—without no weight penalty.

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**Steel Notes**

**HONORING BOGARDUS**

Building professionals familiar with the relation of cast-iron architecture to the tectonics of modern steel structures, will be pleased to learn that James Bogardus (1800-1874), “the inventor in iron” who correctly claimed credit for being designer and builder of “the first complete cast-iron edifice in America, or in the world . . .” at long last was honored by the City of New York. On April 14, 1989, Mayor Edward Koch affixed a plaque with his name on a small parcel of city property (with six trees!) located in the lower Manhattan area called TriBeCa.

At age 14, Bogardus began his working career as watchmaker and eventually as a civil engineer adept at inventiveness relating to a multitude of cast-iron fabrication and construction methods, as well as to precision instruments. Patents awarded to him included inventions for “Construction of the Frame, Roof and Floor of Iron Buildings,” and for engraving and die-cutting machines, a pyrometer, a deep-sea sounding device, a chronometer and a glass pressing machine. Along with his contributions to cast-iron construction, he anticipated skyscrapers by designing and building about four iron-frame, fire-watch towers and shot towers ranging in height from 175 to 200 ft, they have been described as “the first true skeleton structures in the modern world.”

At this point, we must confess that no building professional had initiated this belated gesture of respect: the promoter of the idea was the well-known Margot Gayle, respected and beloved by the many supporters of our culture, including a great number of architects. Mrs. Gayle is a writer of four books, many articles and a newspaper column, a lecturer and civic activist. As a “tireless advocate of historic preservation and urban amenities,” she has been involved closely with a large group of civic-interest organizations, including the Victorian Society of America of which she was a founder and the Friends of Cast-Iron Architecture, of which she is both founder and President.

**ARCHITECTS/ENGINEERS BEWARE: A CHANGE MAY BE COMING**

The present law in most states, holds that architects or engineers may be legally responsible for faulty designs or services only if they are negligent. Negligence in this sense is the failure of the architect or engineer to exercise that degree of care or skill customarily exercised by prudent architects/engineers under the same or similar circumstances.

Thus, in a case where an architect is
accused of negligence, the typical instruction given to the jury, or the law which would be followed by a judge in a non-jury trial, would be:

It is the duty of an architect in his work to employ that degree of knowledge, skill and judgment ordinarily possessed by members of that profession, and to perform faithfully and diligently any service undertaken as an architect in the manner a reasonably careful architect would do under the same or similar circumstances.

The failure to perform such duty constitutes negligence. Colorado Jury Instructions (Civil) 2d 15-18 (1980).

It is apparent from the quoted instruction that perfect results are not required of the architect/engineer under the negligence rule. Instead, he must only conform to the standard of care exercised by his peers under the same or similar circumstances.

Signs of Change Loom

However, signs of change loom on the horizon. In a recent Kansas case, the supreme court of that state ruled that the law of warranty would apply to an architect. The court held the architect impliedly warrants his services will achieve the result

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called for under his contract with his client. In its discussion, the court expressed the opinion that architecture and engineering are sciences, capable of precision—unlike the practice of law or medicine which involve inexact sciences.

In defense of the Kansas court, it is noted the complaint against the architect involved his alleged failure to properly inspect and check grading and drainage problems resulting from excessive dirt removal. Surely, the grades were scientifically determinable.

However, it may be argued that architecture and engineering are not always exact sciences. New materials, different applications, even changing atmospheric conditions appear to render architecture and engineering practices inexact in many aspects. If architects and engineers are forced to limit themselves to established methods, materials, etc., there will be little or no advancement into new and untried areas of design. One must wonder whether Buckminster Fuller would have conceived the geodesic domed structure if he would have been required legally to guarantee its performance.


What is certain is that more and more owners will insist their courts adopt the warranty theories and that an equal number of architects or engineers will argue otherwise.

This Brief's practical suggestions are:
1. Architects and engineers be aware of the possible changes in the law.
2. The professions consider whether to state in their contracts that they make no warranties, express or implied, with respect to the quality or character of their work, and
3. Architects/engineers determine whether their professional liability insurance covers liability for breach of implied warranties.

The author, Al Wolf, is a lawyer with over 20 years of experience in the many facets of construction law. He has lectured many years using his knowledge and experience to explain the litigation process, showing how the law and the reader may work together to obtain positive results.

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The 1989 Prize Bridge and Merit Award winners have been announced by the American Institute of Steel Construction. This year, 10 Prize Bridge winners and 11 Awards of Merit were announced, chosen as the most handsome and functional bridges opened to traffic between July 1, 1986 and June 30, 1989. Prize Bridges were selected in each of the 10 judging categories.

The Prize Bridge awards will be presented to the designers of the winning bridges at a dinner Thursday evening, Oct. 19, at The Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C., during the 1989 National Bridge Symposium on Steel Bridge Construction. Plaques adapted from the Joe Kinkel-designed sculpture, “The Long Reach,” will be presented to winners. Designers of bridges chosen to receive Awards of Merit will be honored at local ceremonies later this year.

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Bridges with no single span 125 ft long, or more

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Includes pedestrian, pipeline, airplane and others not otherwise identified

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1989 Prize Bridge

**MEDIUM SPAN, HIGH CLEARANCE**

**BLOOMFIELD BRIDGE**

Pittsburgh (Allegheny County), Pennsylvania

Linking two hillside communities by traversing a steep-sided valley, the design of this 9-span, 1,535-ft long bridge was the result of a conscious and continuing effort to adapt the high-level structure to the urban environment. Bridge design features include unusual tulip-shaped pier configuration, main girder spans comprising a four-span continuous, composite haunched girder system longitudinally fixed on the three main bridge piers via pot bearings, and main girder spans comprising five girders with sub-floor stringer framing system. An inspection walkway is provided between each girder line.

**Structural Designer**
Gannett Fleming Transportation Engineers, Inc.
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Middle States Steel Construction Co.
Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania, and
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**Steel Fabricator**
Williamsport Fabricators, Inc.
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Eighty-Four, Pennsylvania

**Owner**
City of Pittsburgh
Department of Engineering & Construction
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

1989 Prize Bridge

**SPECIAL PURPOSE**

**TRINITY CHURCH PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE**

New York, New York

The Trinity Church Pedestrian Bridge connects the Gothic portico at the rear of the church with the second floor of a 25-story building across the street which houses parish offices and church and parish meeting rooms. The bridge design could not compromise the historical integrity of the landmark church, nor could construction be permitted to interrupt heavy vehicular and pedestrian street traffic. An architectural design came first: a lacy, graceful, flat-arched open metal structure patterned after the Loew Bridge at Saint Paul's Chapel built in 1866 and since dismantled. The structural design, a pair of Vierendeel-trussed deck arches, was shop-welded and fabricated in one piece and erected—in 90 minutes—as a unit. The final result appears so appropriate that "many regular passersby are not quite sure it hasn't always been there."

**Structural Designer**
Ammann & Whitney
New York, New York

**Architectural Designer**
Lee Harris Pomeroy Associates, Architects
New York, New York

**General Contractor/Steel Erector**
Nab Construction Corporation
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Located in the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park (Bell County, Ky. and Clairborne County, Tenn.), this single railroad track bridge had to blend with the natural environment. Aesthetic considerations ultimately resulted in a design of two 100-ft simple spans with a ballasted track on a concrete deck supported by a single composite steel box girder. ASTM A588 weathering steel and stone masonry facades for substructure abutments and piers also assisted in accomplishing those objectives.

**Structural Designer**
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Alexandria, Virginia

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London Bridge Company, Inc.
London, Kentucky

**Steel Fabricator**
Carolina Steel Corporation
Greensboro, North Carolina

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**1989 Prize Bridge**

**MEDIUM SPAN, LOW CLEARANCE STRUCTURE 18E (REVERSE CURVE)**

I-70 in Glenwood Canyon (Garfield County), Colorado

Difficult foundation conditions, constructability constraints requiring lightweight members and a very short construction season made steel the most economical answer for this scenic canyon structure. Four steel plate girders spanning 136 ft clear made erection easy and required less foundation, were easy to curve in following the alignment. Box steel pier caps, cantilevering over a very narrow shaft, were framed with the plate girders—rendering them invisible.

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**1989 Prize Bridge**

**RAILROAD**

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Bell County, Kentucky
Although a painted steel arch was probably more expensive than a conventional steel girder structure, aesthetics governed in this bridge design, selected to replace a deteriorating 120-ft reinforced concrete arch. However, the bridge was built and opened within the eight-month time frame dictated by contract. Speed of fabrication and erection more than offset higher costs because of site and traffic constraints.

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Maryland State Highway Administration
Office of Bridge Development
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One of the bridges scheduled as part of a 10-year project to widen seven miles of Interstate 5 through Olympia, this reconstructed undercrossing required four additional lanes of traffic and a new support system permitting existing piers to be removed while maintaining above- and below-bridge traffic at all times. A steel arch was the chosen design because it required minimal falsework, minimal traffic interruption—and the curved lines were considered more pleasing than the straight lines of a concrete sloped-leg frame (which had been proposed). Shop welding of thin, stiffened steel plates produced a strong, lightweight structure which was easy to ship, handle and erect.

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