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Extras from High Point

Furniture captures a society's obsessions

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At last week's International Home Furnishings Market in High Point, N.C. — the largest wholesale home furnishings market in the world — new products abounded, especially those geared to niche markets. There was furniture targeted to Lord of the Rings aficionados, X-Box fanatics, Hispanics, dogs, football addicts, even mothers doing midnight feedings. (A reclining chair with an overhead halogen reading light and a drawer for baby bottles.)

Other trends? Distressed wood is still big. Furniture is keep stretching to accommodate gargantuan recliners. A major force, with manufacturers dreaming up every conceivable style, including units that are perfect for a dining room. (Workaholics are evidently ar Also, reclining chairs still have an image problem. They are getting smaller and more demure, like the bubba chair — that big, ugly piece of furniture from Berkline.

Here is a sampling of what you'll see in stores



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