

COVER STORY

Style is key to home office

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In the future, it's not a matter of whether a home will have an office, but for what tasks it will be designed.

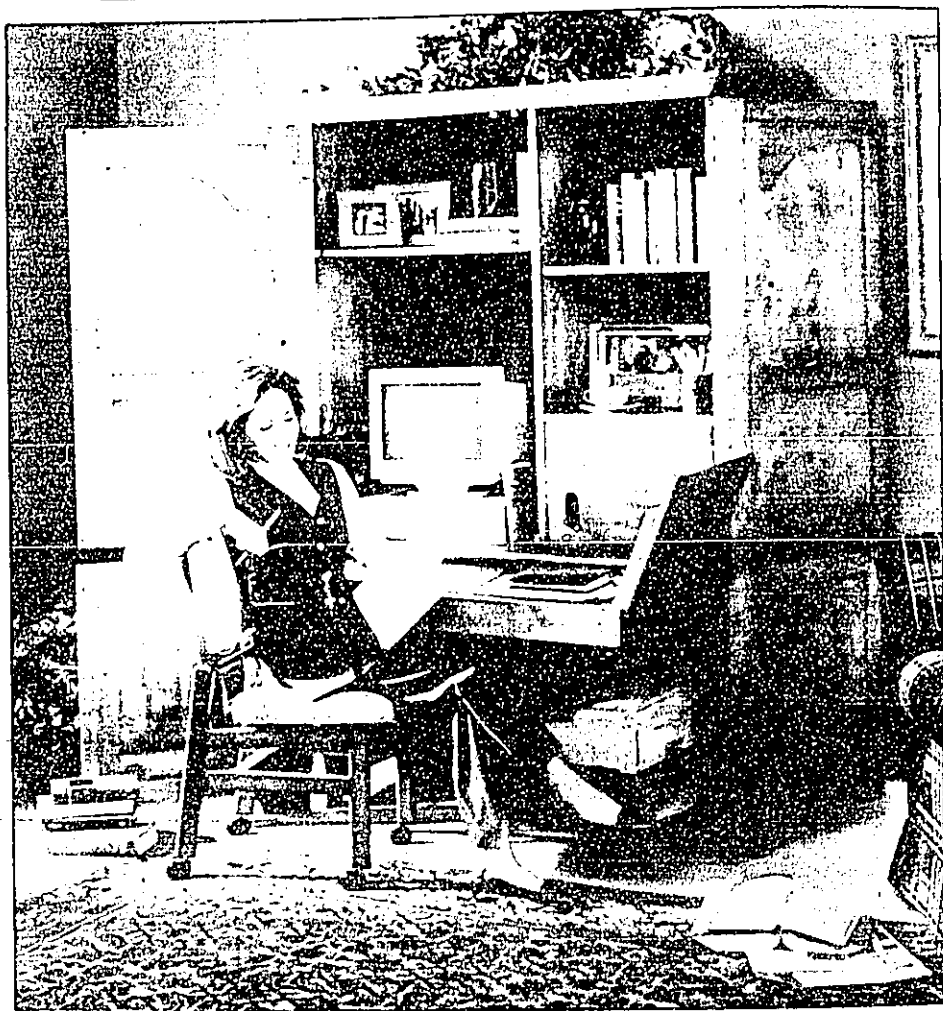
Combine the popularity of home computers with today's life in the fast lane and you have two good reasons why home office furniture sales are going through the roof.

Add to that the fact more and more people are working at home and it becomes evident why increasing numbers of people are buying home office furniture.

Dolores Carroll has a whole set of theories about the necessity for home offices in the future. She says busier lifestyles than our parents' generation (committee meetings for fund-raisers and the like, keeping a schedule of the children's karate or skating lessons) necessitate organizing a space where receipts, valuable papers and scribbled down appointments will no longer be kept in a shoebox.

According to LINK, a New York City research and consulting firm, nearly half a million people are now working at home, either as employees or independent business people. The invention of computer modems and E-mail to convey information (back to the office), coupled with the trend of more people starting their own businesses makes it necessary for people to get organized. The key is to do it in style.

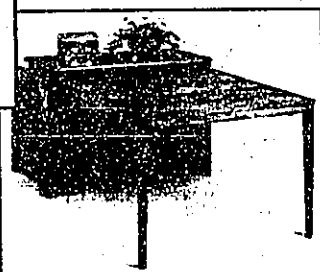
The home office is coming out of the closet. People are going for beauty, the traditional wood office furniture



Second place: Mort and Rita Dunlop of Southfield grew a sunflower measuring 12 feet 5 inches, landing second in the contest.



Orderly: The above console opens into an extension table that seats six. An inside storage drawer is also featured.



Comfortable: A bed easily fits into this unit.

