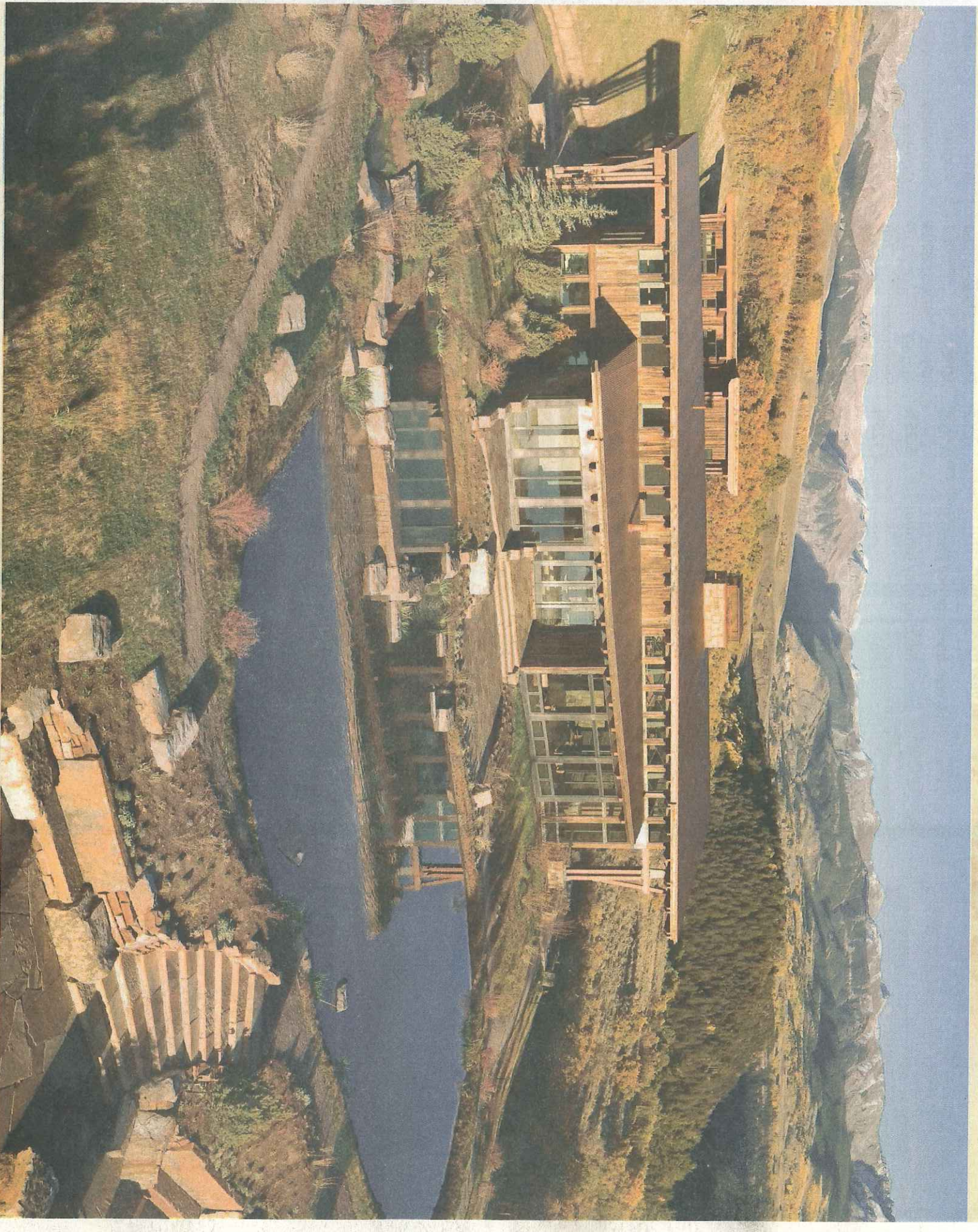


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RKD Architects named one of best in the West

DAILY STAFF REPORT

RKD Architects of Edwards has been named one of the West's best architecture firms by Estates West magazine.

"It's a nice honor, it has been a great year for us as far as press and peer recognition," says Jack Snow, A.I.A., president of RKD. Senior editor of Estates West describes RKD's designs "as jaw-dropping...a stunning medley of stone, wood, patinaed copper and weathered steel."

In October 2008 Architectural Digest featured an RKD project as part of their

"Home's from the World's Top Architects feature story." Architectural Digest, the top shelter magazine in the world, called RKD's best-known pieces "hugely sculptural places of stone on the unlimited space of great ranches," and described the featured RKD home as compact yet having "that same sculptural quality" and being "a carefully detailed mix of concrete, glass and wood elements, upholding the gently curved roof." Currently RKD is on the cover of Mountain Living magazine with a project in Telluride.

"It is great that people in the national

and regional markets are starting to notice and appreciate what we do," says Snow.

"It is no secret that this is a tough time in the construction industry," Snow continues. "But, this has got to be the best time in my 25 years in the business for the end user; if someone wants to build a custom home that is exactly to their taste, this is the time. Many of the costs are at 40-year lows; I hope people start to take advantage of this."

RKD was founded in Vail in 1990 by Jack Snow and his wife Sally Brainerd. Their work is

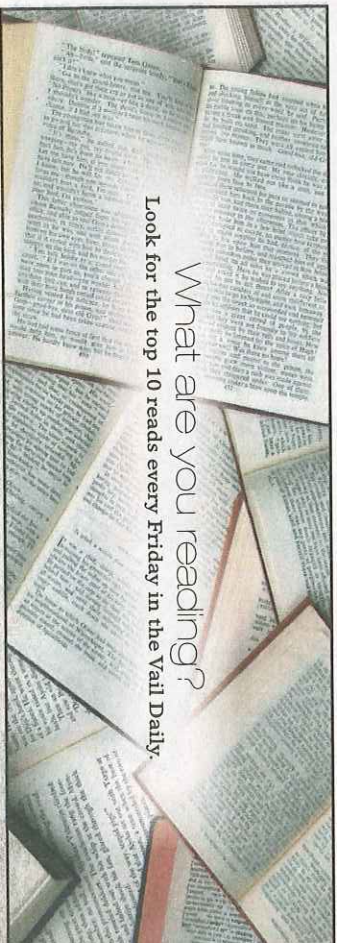
now found as far east as Minnesota and throughout the West, but most of the portfolio is in the resorts of the Rocky Mountains.

Their marvelous, truly unique creations blend environmentally friendly concepts with cutting-edge design work. The results are the antithesis to the big-timber trend. They specialize in livable, impressive and entirely compatible private homes and hospitality projects that blend seamlessly with the High Country experience.

RKD can be reached at 970-926-2622 or see their work at www.rkdarch.com

ON THE COVER: Canyon Point, one of RKD's iconic designs, is part of the spectacular landscape outside Telluride.

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