

Put Down Your Pencils

If you've ever wished you could design your table and chair arrangements, drape lines and lighting with a few clicks of a button, your prayers have been answered—and then some. Meet your virtual event planning buddy, Vivien 1.1. This recently-released software allows you to illustrate your events by using drawing tools to create 3-D renderings, detailed floor plans and accurate plots. The software, which won the EIBTM 2005 WorldWide Technology Watch competition, allows you to manipulate color, texture, and the material properties of library objects, venues, surfaces and risers. Additionally, Vivien allows users to import a variety of files, including textures, CAD drawings and floor plans. And the best part? No more eraser fuzz.

For more information, call 1 (877) 989-2278 or visit www.cast-soft.com.



Take the Bored out of Boardroom With Recess

Remember when you used to get a break every few hours to climb the jungle gym and play tag? If it feels like a distant memory, it shouldn't, according to W Hotels. This summer, the global lifestyle brand with 20 properties around the world launched Recess, a meetings program designed

to spice up the boardroom and motivate the mind. The program is customized to match the feel of each W property, and consists of the three elements Entertain, Inspire and Revive. With the Entertain option at W Seattle, your attendees will find tables littered with the amusements of youth—Rubik's Cubes, Slinkies, yo-yos and paddleballs. If that's not enough to spark your imagination, how about building your own Mr. Potato Head or a quick game of Chutes and Ladders? The Inspire option at W New York offers such city-specific fun as New York lotto tickets, hot pretzels, hot dogs and Junior's Brooklyn cheesecake. The Revive option—oxygen bars, shots of wheatgrass, ginseng teas, smoothies and other organic indulgences—helps re-energize attendees after long hours spent in meetings.

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