



# The Office

A Field Guide



*Pro Tip:*

*Look for this*

*(the Cubs won)*

**Name:** Door (laxo ostium)

**Description:** 80" tall, 32" wide slab of wood, stainless steel hinges, nickel knob

**Habitat:** Generally, in walls. Sometimes, in minds.

**Range:** Formerly closed. Now open.

**Notes:** "Open door policy" works best with door actually open.



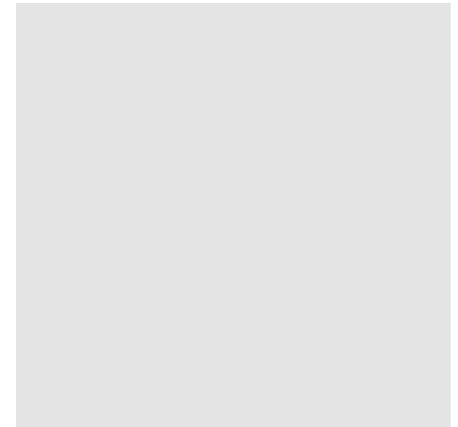
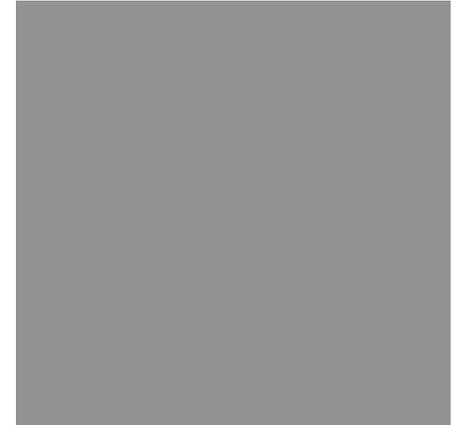
**Name:** Desk (workus platformia)

**Description:** 84" long, 29" high, five drawers, walnut, glass and chrome

**Habitat:** Mid-century offices and tragically misguided landfills.

**Range:** Original office desk. Has not moved.

**Notes:** Original Seaside inventory tag (A 1202) in upper left drawer.



**Name: Credenza (storage de elegance)**

**Description: 84" long, 29" high, four drawers, two doors, walnut, glass and chrome**

**Habitat: Mid-century offices and living rooms.**

**Range: 44" from desk.**

**Notes: Keys to locking drawers non-existent = even more open government !**



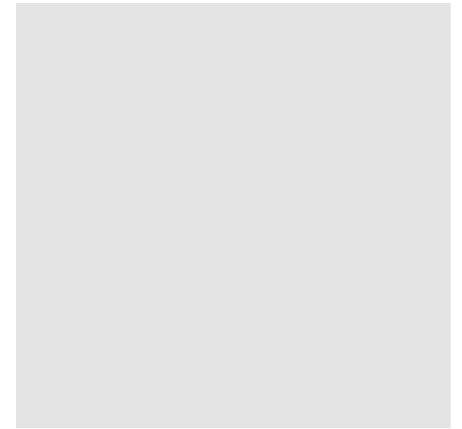
**Name:** Conference Table (knockoffus saarinenes)

**Description:** 41" diameter table, 30" high, white

**Habitat:** Starter apartments, Mad Men sets.

**Range:** Doesn't stray far from southwest corner of office.

**Notes:** Four chairs standard. Pull "He Said / She Said" chairs over if extra seating necessary. Go to conference room if unruly mob descends upon office.



**Name:** Candy dish (gluba habititous)

**Description:** 1 quart candy dish, glass

**Habitat:** Welcoming conference tables, the world over.

**Range:** Mayor Gluba's Office, 226 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Davenport, Iowa to  
440 Harcourt Ave., Seaside, California

**Notes:** Have a chocolate. Mellow out. Think clearly.



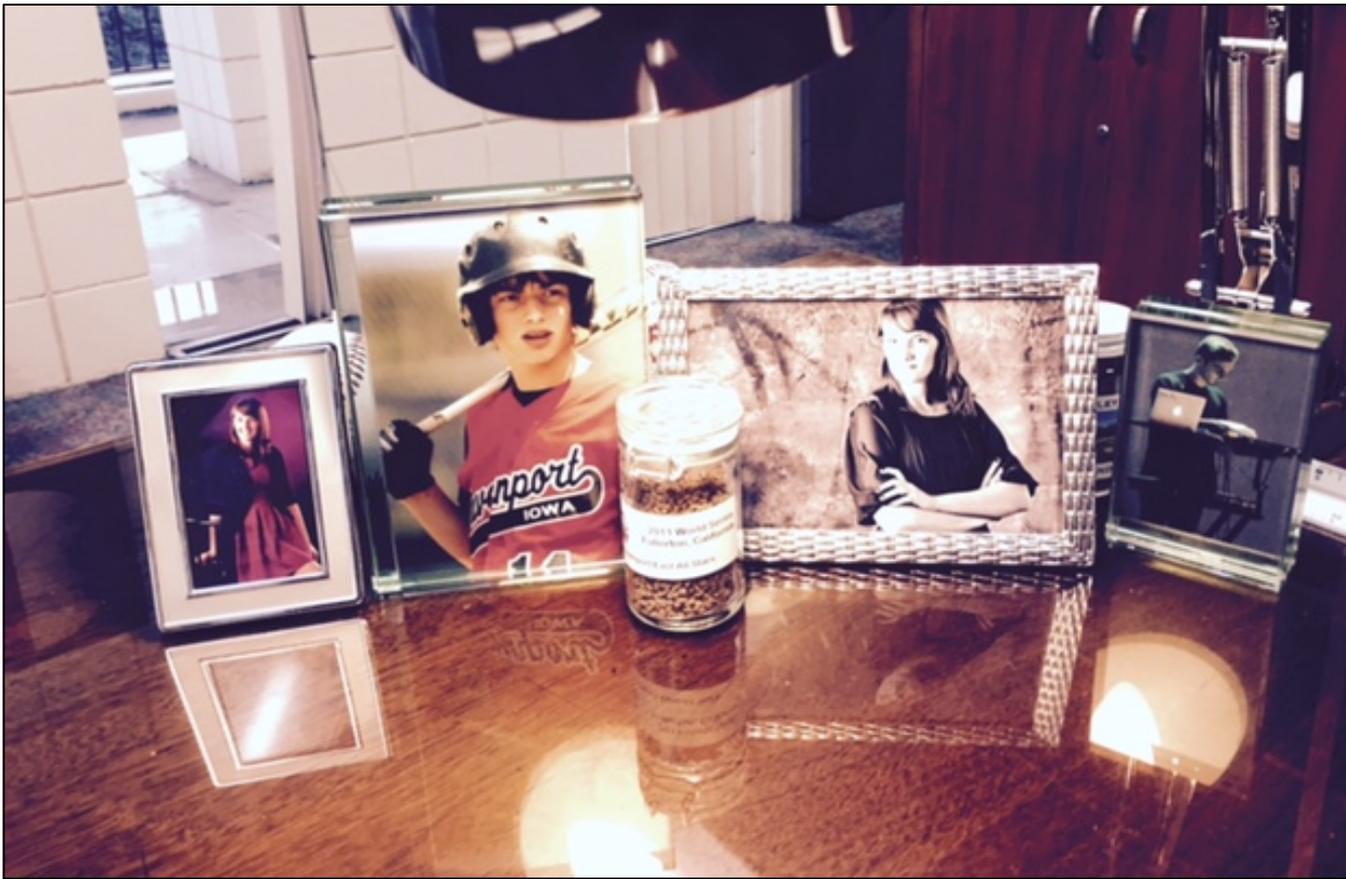
Name: Newton's Three Laws of Motion (wallus decorus)

Description: Graphics depicting Newton's Three Laws of Motion.

Habitat: White walls are best (you go, Ed Stone!).

Range: From pool tables to organizational improvement, mind your Newtonian physics.

Notes: From Chicago graphic artist Justin Van Genderen.



Name: Daughter and Son Photos (quadium meminisse)

Description: Four pictures of progeny = pervasive sense of happiness.

Habitat: Desk top.

Range: Wherever I go.

Notes: I'm incredibly lucky, blessed beyond words that Marcia took some note of the doofus on the loading dock.



**Name: He Said / She Said Chairs (taka loadoff)**

**Description: Five-legged, two-armed devices for resting, whilst spilling your soul or advancing your agenda (not that those are different).**

**Range: From each other? Tells most of what you need to know about how those seated in them feel about each other.**

**Notes: Spin at own risk.**



**Name:** Stereo (tunage)

**Description:** Yamaha receiver, Dual turntable, i-Pod Classic, Panasonic 8 track

**Habitat:** Corner table, formerly sagging under the weight of stacks of paper dating back to the Paleozoic era.

**Range:** From college to casket.

**Notes:** Post-Council meeting karaoke? Cover charge only \$5 !



Name: Ash Tray (cancero stickus trayus)

Description: 2 cigarette, 1 cigar ash receptacle, chrome

Habitat: Wherever death is served.

Range: Dwindling. Because ... you know ... death.

Notes: Adaptive re-use as breath mint corral.



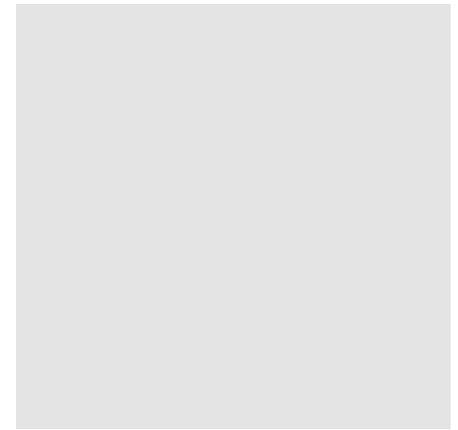
Name: Apple (*malus domestica*)

Description: One a day health insurance plan.

Habitat: Tarts, pies, salads

Range: Stone's Apple Barn my favorite. But produce sections will do in a pinch.

Notes: Red Delicious uber alles.



**Name:** Books, etc. (papyrus mortalia)

**Description:** Book lernin

**Habitat:** Randomly firing synapses responding to tests of all manner.

**Range:** The “Harvard of Macomb, Illinois” to the ... well ... Harvard.

**Notes:** The flag’s dad’s. The spray paint was from Tanisha. The pop tarts are just in case.



**Name:** Landscapes (quadium meminisse)

**Description:** Fond remembrances of west collegiate tours with the kids.

**Habitat:** Jeep Wrangler / Dodge Challenger.

**Range:** Tetons / Big Sur

**Notes:** They ended up in Iowa / Wisconsin, but the tours were huge fun.



Name: Mercury / Gemini / Apollo tritypte (wallus decorus)

Description: What kind of government do you want? Cool, daring, impactful? Lame, impotent, useless? It's not a rhetorical question.

Habitat: Big, beautiful walnut wall behind me.

Notes: Again, from Chicago graphic artist Justin Van Genderen.



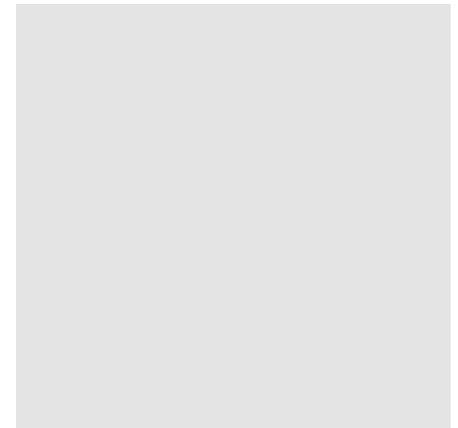
**Name:** Accent Table (sparea tableau)

**Description:** Oval glass and chrome, carpet stain concealment device.

**Habitat:** Typically, in between sofas and the rest of the room.

**Range:** It'll stay put until something better comes along.

**Notes:** Handy place to stow the Vernon Hills and Davenport city keys.



**Name:** Coffee Mug (caffeine containment)

**Description:** 11 oz. cup, from Quad City Times photo archives.

**Habitat:** Any place you need a good laugh. Cuz I don't drink coffee.

**Range:** Would you like to have \$15 - \$20 million a year in revenue to cut taxes, fix roads, hire cops, send kids to college, etc.?

**Notes:** No? Ok ... good luck, then.



**Name: Diplomas (student loanes biggus)**

**Description: Small collection of Masters Degrees.**

**Habitat: Sometimes boxes in the basement. Sometimes walls.**

**Range: Champaign, Urbana, Chicago**

**Notes: High school guidance counselors certain they are fake.**



**Name:** Skateboard (Longboardus road rashus)

**Description:** 36" laminated bamboo emergency room entry device

**Habitat:** Sidewalks, streets, bike paths

**Range:** 0 to 6% slopes

**Notes:** Tricks limited to being 53 years old and still skating



**Name:** Baseballs (orbis destructus)

**Description:** Baseballs Colin destroyed with one swing of the bat.

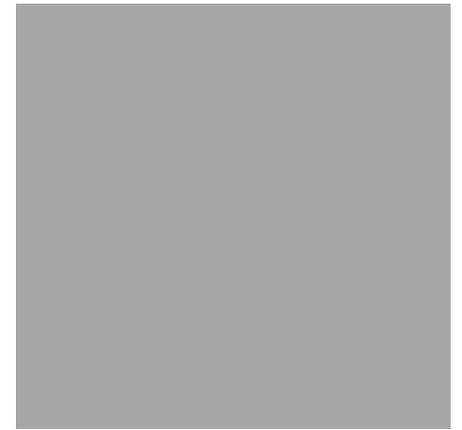
**Habitat:** Desk corner

**Range:** Little League, Pony League, High School ball diamonds

**Notes:** You have a home run ball your son / daughter hit? That's cute.



# & Two Clocks?



**Because some other city  
might be gaining on us**

So let's get to it.