

PEOPLE

■ Works by Kansas City artist **Grant Miller** are featured in a three-person show, "Container_1," at AR/Contemporary Gallery in Milan through Feb. 13. The exhibit, guest-curated by **Oliver Tschirky**, former vice director of Art Basel and Art Basel Miami, includes a site-specific installation by Milan native Francesco De Molfetta, monochrome watercolors by Beth Brideau from New York and acrylic paintings by Miller of "architectural scenarios." Miller is showing new paintings at the Byron C. Cohen Gallery for Contemporary Art in Kansas City through Feb. 24.

■ "Sensuously Stacked Steel," a sculpture by Kansas City artist **Rita Blitt**, won fifth prize at the 2005 Florence Biennale in Florence, Italy, in December. The winning work is a 5-foot-6-inch version of the 26-foot stainless steel sculpture in front of the Hillcrest Bank building in Kansas City.

AT THE KEMPER

■ The museum presents a Meet Me at the Museum docent tour of the "Marcie Miller Gross: Fold-overfold" exhibit at 2 p.m. Saturday. No reservations required, but space is limited. Meet at the visitor services desk a few minutes before 2. Admission is free.

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■ **John Brett Buchanan**, professor emeritus of visual communication design at Kent State University, will give a lecture about Glyph[x], the award-winning student graphic design studio in the School of Visual Communication Design at Kent State, where he was creative director.

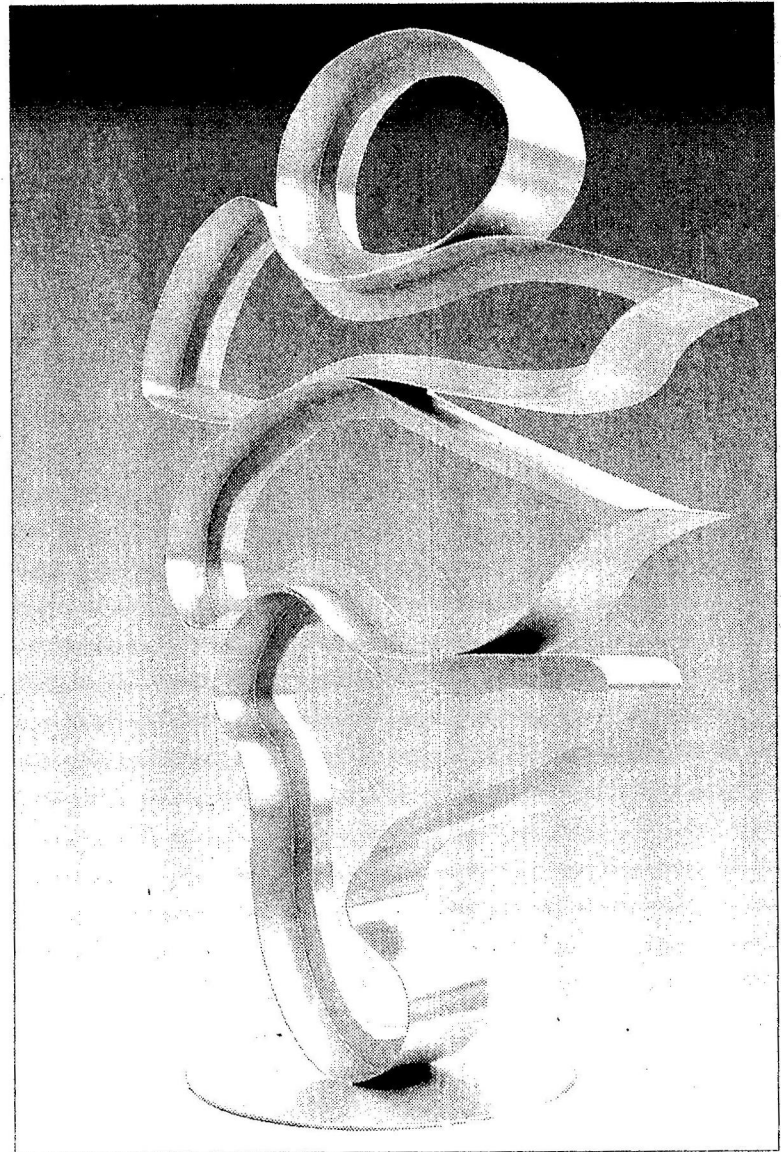
He'll speak at 6 p.m. Monday in Room 106 of the University of Missouri-Kansas City University Center. Admission is free. For more information, call Paul Tosh at (816) 234-6204.

■ Graphic designer **Nancy Skolos** and photographer **Tom Wedell**, of the Boston-area design firm Skolos-Wedell, will give a presentation about their work at 7 p.m. Thursday in Epperson Auditorium at the Kansas City Art Institute, 4415 Warwick Blvd.

The husband-and-wife team has done work for the U.S. Postal Service, Harvard Medical School and Hasbro Inc. Skolos is head of the graphic design department at the Rhode Island School of Design. Admission is free. For more information, call (816) 802-3505.

— *Alice Thorson/The Star*

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From the artist