

THE DO-IT-YOURSELF DEALERS

So, facing a desperation not unlike that of college graduates, with their degrees and résumés, looking for work, the baby-boomed art marketeers choose the bohemian survival route ("The Do-It-Yourself Dealers," by Ellen Pall, Sept. 1). But one does not see any refreshing art to go along with their inventive enterprise. Your cover of neo-dealers parades neo-Dada yet again, with its Coney Island/magic shop/stage props/video games/comic strip variation on predictable Warholism. The striking thing is the utter conformity of the radicalism presented.

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It was refreshing to read about new-wave art dealers like Kenny Schachter and about alternative places to show art. They are surely a departure from arrogant galleries and cliquey art centers that are often too traditional, political and oppressive.

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A business tip for the art dealer Kenny Schachter: After you have promoted a set of used tampons, a dismantled bed, a video recording and a painted shower curtain as works with a claim on the highest human faculties, it



doesn't look good to complain that "everyone in this country hates art."

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Although artists will always have to find innovative ways to show their work, it's good to read about dealers who are not indifferent to new art and in fact, approach the unknown artist as an exciting issue.

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