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**Experts predict that available retail** space will remain at historic lows for at least the next three years

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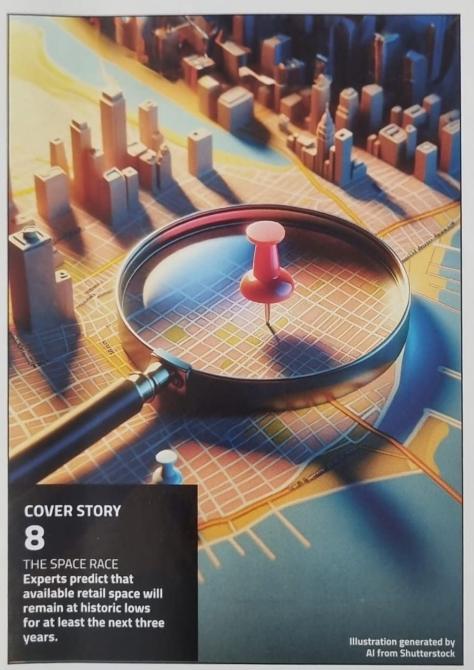
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from the editor's desk

23 tech viewpoint: a retail tech column

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SPECS 2024 Recap: Coverage of Chain Store Age's 60th annual SPECS Show, the retail industry's leading event for store design/development, construction and facilities management includes the following:

- SPECS 2024 kicks off on a high-note with dynamic keynote address from rock icon and business entrepreneur Gene Simmons.
- Session Spotlight: Advanced tech solutions such as artificial intelligence and virtual reality can ease the jobs of retail facilities managers.
- Session Spotlight: A look at how initiatives to recycle and cut back on waste create a positive impact on every area of retail operations.
- Session Spotlight: Retailers are moving away from natural gas and going electric.
- Session Spotlight: Update on the Americans With Disabilities Act includes compliance tips for retailers.

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