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FHA rate leaps to 8 1/2% and Fed's Burns warns housing of a money squeeze

The shift to an 8 1/2% interest ceiling on FHA-VA mortgages has provoked sharp complaint from the housing industry that it is too high. But private mortgage lenders, by refusing to reduce the discount points on FHA-VA loans, have been signaling they don't think it has gone high enough.

Federal Reserve Chairman Arthur Burns tended to confirm that these suspicions of the lenders were well grounded; he served notice that housing might be in for the worst time it has had since 1969.

S&L rescue plan. As a concession to mortgage men's fears, Burns said that "in the unlikely event" that emergency help was needed, the Fed had a contingency plan for lending to the Federal Home Loan Banks, accepting as collateral mortgages from savings and loans. Burns indicated this plan would be activated only as a "second line of defense" after the Home Loan banks had exhausted their $4 billion credit lines with the Treasury.

The squabble over the FHA rate increase was a fuss over not very much.

Processing troubles in the Federal Housing Administration have multiplied, and lenders have been shying away from FHA in droves. One study for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, in 1968, found 52.6% of the total insurance written on unsubsidized one-to-four-family home loans had been backed by FHA, but by the last six months of 1972 the figure was down to 20.2%. However, the other part of FHA-VA, the Veterans Administration, continued to keep a sizable share of the loan-backing volume. The same study found the VA with 30.6% in 1968 and 33.8% in 1972.

Protest. The new 8 1/2% ceiling, raised from 7 1/4% on August 25, proved beyond doubt that the political heat generated whenever the FHA-VA rate rises is still a major factor in the government's mortgage market decisions. President George Martin of the National Association of Home Builders reacted to the increase, the second 1/4% step upward in a month, with all guns blazing.

"The housing needs of our people are being sacrificed on the altars of high interest rates and tight money, and the industry and those sectors of the economy relating to it are headed for a major decline,'' Martin said.

Points. The mortgage market lost no time corroborating Martin's further complaint that "past experience clearly indicates that raising the FHA-VA rate does little to do away with discounts on mortgages."

Discount points are charged by lenders whenever political mortgage rate ceilings, such as the FHA-VA, are lower than market rates. The points make up the difference in yield to investors.

Before the boost to 8 1/2%, discounts had been running at about eight points, or 8% of the face value of a mortgage. In theory, the 8 1/2% rise in ceiling should have cut the points to two, for a 1/4% change in rate translates into two points of discount.

In practice, discounts fell only slightly, to the five to six point range.

Fannie Mae. It was not easy to see how the situation would improve. The best gauge of the exact size of the gap between market interest rates and the permissible yield on FHA-VAAs is what mortgage lenders are willing to offer in the mortgage-purchase commitment auction staged by the Federal National Mortgage Association. At the first auction after the 8 1/2% FHA-VA rate was announced the discount was still 5.30 points.

The numbers showed that mortgage bankers still feared that tighter money would drive rates higher in the next four months. They were running to Fannie Mae for cover, that is, for the agency's purchase commitments to take off their hands the loans they might originate. The persistence of discounts not only seemed to ignore the jump in the FHA-VA rate but also Fannie Mae's willingness to accept an increased volume of commitments, in line with its job of stabilizing mortgage rates and credit availability.

Danger. One alarming factor for mortgage originators was that, since midyear, Fannie Mae had become virtually the only secondary buyer of new loans. Some private secondary buyers, with savings deposits dwindling, were even starting to renounce on commitments to buy made in the first half of 1973. The deposit drain hit thrift institutions particularly hard.

Mortgage bankers, mindful of the likelihood that the commercial banks' prime lending rate will continue to stand at 9 1/2% or higher, were calculating that such high short-term rates could hardly help but exert further upward pressure on mortgage yields. Hence the rush to Fannie Mae.

Fed's policy. Whether lenders' fears are exaggerated depends on what happens in the broader financial arena where the Federal Reserve insists it is trying to curb the business boom and to slow the growth in monetary aggregates. If the Fed once feels it is in command on both fronts, its grip may relax somewhat. Thereafter interest rates, if they don't decline, will at least rise more slowly.

For the near term, as Burns made clear, the Fed would not relent. The chairman spelled out bleakly what this meant for housing:

"It appears mortgage loans will remain in relatively short supply in the months immediately ahead, particularly in states with low usury ceilings, and that the volume of residential construction will consequently suffer." The strongest ray of cheer Burns permitted himself was the observation that the housing "contraction" would not be as severe as in 1966 or 1969.

If other rates are destined to rise some more, the FHA-VA rate may well do so, too—in contrast with the strategy Washington adopted in 1969 in administering this politically sensitive barometer of consumer housing costs.

During that credit-crunch year, the FHA-VA ceiling was anchored at 8 1/2% and discounts were allowed to deepen as far as necessary when other rates continued up.

End to favoritism? This time, however, Washington's financial counsels are largely guided by a new hand, that of Chairman Burns. Burns believes in letting the market price mechanism work to ration out marginal borrowers—even, as far as possible, in the politically untouchable housing sector.

So, the real question is how far the central bank intends to push its squeeze. As a tip on this, some government officials have been talking about the possibility of the pinch enduring until January—paving the way for a 25% cutback in housing starts in 1974. —STAN WILSON
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HUD's subsidy programs blocked on two fronts; new housing bill proposed

Both Congress and the courts were adding confusion to an already-confused outlook for homebuilding as President Nixon came down to the deadline for unveiling his own recommendations for the industry.

The Administration's housing moratorium itself was under severe legal attack, and Congress was pushing hard to enact housing legislation as riders on, for instance, a resolution extending the authority of FHA.

Thanks to an order in late August from Chief Justice Warren Burger, the freeze on new HUD commitments under the controversial section 235 and 236 programs was continued. That came quickly after lower court decisions had ordered Housing Secretary James T. Lynn to resume processing applications forthwith. Congress also voted down a plan to revive the subsidy schemes.

Start-up on farms. In a separate court case involving the subsidized housing program of the Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration, the government began complying with a District Court order requiring the agency to begin processing qualified applications.

The FmHA made direct loans totaling $1.9 billion in fiscal 1973 for the purchase or improvement of 116,700 houses in towns of less than 10,000. The program also financed 8,000 rental units for the aged. The FmHA technique resembles that of HUD in subsidizing interest rates down to 1%.

In the FmHA court case, government lawyers did not take to the Supreme Court an appeal from the ruling of the Circuit Court of Appeals, which refused to grant a stay of the District Court ruling ordering FmHA to open up the program.

Burger ruling. In the case involving the HUD subsidy programs, Justice Burger blocked the District Court's order to end the freeze. The Court of Appeals had upheld the lower court.

The full Supreme Court has a chance to review the Burger order this month. If the ruling prevails, as expected, the HUD case will then be scheduled for a hearing on its merits by the Court of Appeals.

$400 million in pot. What's involved in these legal maneuvers is the question of whether opponents could force an end to the freeze without regard to the Administration's wish that this happen only after full consideration by Congress of the President's own housing proposals.

At stake is almost $400 million of HUD contract authority under the subsidy programs that would finance, according to HUD estimate in January, 260,000 single-family homes (new, used or rehabbed) under section 235 and 190,500 apartment units under section 236. These figures are now considered much too large, and HUD officials haven't indicated how much they should be lowered as a result of cost inflation and higher interest rates. A few thousand section 235 applications—some estimates run to 8,000—have been approved as exceptions to the freeze.

Defeat in Congress. The setback for the subsidy programs in Congress came after a complicated dispute.

The Senate had snarled the outlook for extending FHA's mortgage-insurance authority when it insisted on tacking onto the extension resolution two unrelated amendments. In May the House had passed a simple measure extending FHA's authority to June 30, 1974—plus money authorizations for urban renewal and several other community development grant programs, and with authority for the housing secretary to set interest rates for FHA insured mortgages.

Democratic Senator Stevenson III of Illinois and William Proxmire of Wisconsin triggered a House-Senate confrontation that could not be settled before Congress took its August vacation—the result being a quickie congressional resolution extending FHA's authority only through September 30.

Amendments. Proxmire won approval for language that would force HUD to process applications for section 235 and 236 units to the full extent of the $392.5 million available—plus the $38.5 million available for rent supplements.

Stevenson contributed even more controversy by winning Senate approval of a provision requiring HUD to compensate homeowners who bought defective homes under the 203(b) and 221(d)2 housing programs.

"The principle was established," Stevenson told the Senate, with the approval of the program that provided HUD funds to repair defects in section 235 homes that turned up after FHA inspectors had presumably inspected and approved them.

The beneficiaries, said Stevenson, "are innocent homeowners, injured by . . . the malfeasance of their government."

Senator John Tower (R., Tex.), an opponent of the proposal, pointed out that HUD estimated that the initial cost of the proposal could run as high as $305 million.

The vote. The House conference, led by Chairman Wright Patman of the Banking Committee, accepted the Senate's position on both the Proxmire and Stevenson issues. The opposition, led by Representative William Widnall of New Jersey, the leading Republican expert on housing in the House, scored an upset.

"The House, Widnall said, 'should save itself the ordeal of an assured veto' by the President. The result was a resounding 202-to-172 vote for Widnall and the Administration, and against the Proxmire and Stevenson proposals.

Later the House passed and sent to the Senate a resolution omitting the Proxmire-Stevenson proposals and extending the FHA's insurance authority to October 1, 1974.

New housing bill. Without awaiting the President's recommendations on subsidy programs, two leading House spokesmen on housing legislation launched their own alternative. The housing subcommittee chairman, William A. Barrett (D., Pa.), and Thomas L. Ashley (D., Ohio) proposed a three-year, $10.5 billion block-grant program for housing subsidies and community development projects.

Their Housing and Urban Development Act of 1973 would provide funds for the programs frozen by the Administration last January—including urban renewal, sewer and water grants, model cities and the interest rate subsidies for low-income home buyers and suppliers of apartments for low-income renters.

Money flow. The $8.25 billion in community development funds would be divided 80% to metropolitan areas and 20% to jurisdictions outside metropolitan areas on a formula based on population, housing, overcrowding and poverty. It would also take account of a community's previous level of grants.

The $2.5 billion of housing subsidy funds would be split 75%-25% between metro and non-metro areas.

The Barrett-Ashley bill would require more supervision and control by the Department of Housing and Urban Development than the Administration's special revenue-sharing proposal, already before the Congress. Under the new bill a community would have to submit more detailed applications and be subject to more detailed supervision of its spending plans than under President Nixon's Better Communities Act [News, June et seq.].

The new bill would also simplify and reorganize the Federal Housing Administration's mortgage insurance programs. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate under leadership of Banking Committee Chairman John Sparkman.

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SEC's first condominium crackdown: It hauls Spanish promoters into court

For the first time in recent memory the Securities and Exchange Commission has hauled a real estate promoter into court on charges that he sold condominiums in violation of the federal securities laws.

The case, in which a temporary restraining order was issued against a Spanish syndicate and its United States agents, is a landmark in the agency's efforts to force developers to register as securities the resort-type condominiums that are sold with rental pools and other arrangements that the SEC claims are investment contracts.

The SEC's position on resort-type condominiums is fairly well known to most real estate promoters. Last January, after many months of informal staff investigation of the condominium industry, the SEC formally issued guidelines for registration (Securities Act Release No. 5347). Since then many projects have been registered, but the SEC feels that many more are still being illegally sold.

**Test case.** For its suit—Civil Action 1608-73, filed August 13 in the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.—the agency has chosen what it considers a clear-cut violation. This case will undoubtedly lay groundwork for future actions against American real estate promoters.

Defendants include two Spanish concerns, Marasol Properties (not to be confused with the Marasol Corp., a United States condominium promoter registered with the SEC, and which has no connection with Marasol or this case); Galarens S.A., which is Marasol's property manager; and some of Marasol's U.S. promoters—Washington-based Iberia Inmobiliaria Inter­nacional Inc.; Inter-Fed Travel Services Assn. Inc.; and De Ward Ritchie, owner of Inter-Fed and president of Iberia.

**Promotion method.** Marasol is developing and operating seven condominium projects along Spain's Costa Del Sol. Iberia lines up customers for Marasol in the U.S. through newspaper advertising and other contacts with prospects. Customers are then offered a vacation in Spain, arranged through Inter-Fed, but for which they pay.

The vacation offers an opportunity to inspect the Marasol Properties. Galarens offers to manage many of the units for owners and rent them to European tourists for the bulk of the year.

**Requirements.** The SEC argues that the defendants' promotional pitch in the U.S. contained three elements, any one of which is sufficient, in SEC's view, to make the condominium a security:

- An appeal to the economic benefits of ownership to be derived from the management effort of others. Specifically, sales pitches stressed investment appreciation, income and the condominiums' value as an inflation hedge. An annual return on investment from rentals of 9% to 12% was guaranteed to owners who gave Galarens an exclusive contract to manage units for ten years.
- The rental pool. The investment return was guaranteed to owners regardless of whether their individual units were rented out. In effect, all rentals under contract deals were pooled and parcelled out to investors.
- Material restrictions on owners' occupancy of their units. Owners could have free use of their condominium only two weeks of the year and then only on the off-season between October and April.

What is Marasol? The SEC charged the defendants with failure to register as broker-dealers, illegally selling unregistered securities, and fraud. They are accused of failing to supply customers with full financial details of the deal such as the full facts and circumstances surrounding the guaranteed investment return, the effect of Spanish law on the repatriation of any gains made on resale of the units and background on Marasol and the others.

The SEC also says it still doesn't know exactly what Marasol Properties is or who is behind it and does not even know its headquarters address.

Under the court's restraining order, the defendants had to stop promoting the condominiums pending a hearing on the SEC's motion for a preliminary injunction.


Miami builder, confessing to FHA fraud, is linked to Watergate case

A dealer in hearing aids who became one of the biggest homebuilders in south Florida has just pleaded guilty to charges that he committed two felonies related to his activities in the Federal Housing Administration's section 235 subsidy program.

John Priestes admitted faking a sales agreement to make it appear he had accepted a $400 down payment from one customer. He also confessed to U.S. District Judge C. Clyde Atkins that he had signed a corporate income tax return that concealed $210,150 in kickbacks received from subcontractors.

Priestes is expected to reveal what he did with that kickback cash if he makes good on his promise to cooperate as a government witness in exchange for immunity from other charges involving FHA.

**Payoffs.** Priestes had been questioned at length by the FBI and is reported to have told federal agents he paid $170,000 in cash to William Pelski, the recently departed FHA director for south Florida, and to Larry Williams, a former aide to Senator Edward Gurney (R., Fla.).

Judge Atkins is withholding sentence of Priestes pending investigation. Government attorneys have recommended that sentences on the two felonies run concurrently (maximum of three years and $5,000 fines) and that he should be sentenced under a statute that would allow for parole eligibility right away.

There has been no comment on Priestes from Pelski and Williams. Gurney is urging full federal investigation. In the agreement read to the court when Priestes pleaded guilty, it is stated that Priestes' lawyers have indicated he agrees "to give full cooperation to the government in regard to knowledge of possible violations of federal law by others." The agreement also states: "Your [Priestes'] attorneys have indicated that you have possible information regarding possible bribery, false statements and violations of the Internal Revenue Code on the part of others which you have acquired as a result of your dealing with the FHA."

**How it started.** Priestes began showing up on the active-builder lists in Miami and Fort Lauderdale in 1971-72 after the November 1970 appointment of Pelski by Senator Gurney.

Priestes got 1,200 commitments under the subsidy program. He began 150 houses in late 1970 and early 1971 before he ran into a freeze and funding delays that were costing him about $50,000 a month in interest. Priestes' associates are now saying it was then that he began making secret cash payments for continued allocation of 235 commitments. It also is revealed that he started selling the houses under nothing-down terms, claiming the units had been owned by families that had to leave town in a hurry.

Incomplete figures show Priestes built only about 800 houses under the FHA 235 program. Another 400 commitments were not utilized.

Watergate tie. There is an apparent Watergate connection.

The builder has told investigators that money raisers for the Nixon 1972 campaign told him he could solve his FHA problems with a $50,000 contribution.

Priestes is a registered Democrat, and he had gotten word that the FHA was going to suspend him from its section 235 program. On March 13 the suspension "for irregularities" was announced in Miami, and the Miami Herald has reported that Priestes is supposed to have delivered a check for $25,000 to Maurice Stans in Washington the same day.

The former housing secretary, George Romney, has said he got no calls from the Nixon campaign headquarters about Priestes or any other FHA matter. The Herald said that because of how the check was made out—to the Republican National Committee—it was returned to Priestes in Miami.

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Larwin losing $12 million this year; it will quit apartment building

The Larwin Group, one of the nation's housing giants, expects to report extraordinary losses of $12 to $13 million in 1973.

The company is discontinuing three of its seven divisions at a cost of $8 to $9 million. It is also writing off $4 million on a California project halted by a no-growth ordinance.

The Beverly Hills-based builder, a subsidiary of CNA Financial Corp. of Chicago, is closing its multiple-family, urban-housing and recreational community divisions.

New accounting. "We announced the termination of these divisions largely because of extraneous forces that have changed the whole nature of the business marketplace in the reporting of profits for multiple-family housing and recreational communities," Larwin's president, Richard Weiss, explained.

"And of course our urban housing division, which was all government subsidized housing, was closed down because there was just no business," he added.

Weiss said the company will finish the apartment houses it has under construction and continue its property management operation. However it will not plan any new apartments and its land inventory is for sale.

Recreation division. Also for sale are Larwin's two recreational communities, the Hideout near Scranton, Pa., which it bought from Boise Cascade last year, and Paradise Pines in Butte County, Calif. Both are about three-quarters complete and the company estimates they would have sold out in 1974.

No-growth. Larwin's $4 million loss on the California project is not related to the closing of the three divisions. It represents the company's investment in a 900-acre development in Oxnard, Calif., that was halted when the city adopted a master plan designating the Larwin land as open space and preventing any building until 1990.

The company plans to contest the action.

Financial results. Approximately $1 million of the extraordinary loss was reported in the six months ended June 30. It is reflected in Larwin's net income of $955,000 on revenues of $883,386,000, down from a net of $2,868,000 on revenues of $783,391,000 for the first half of 1972. The company's net for all of 1972 was $8,999,000 on revenues of $232,902,000.

The Larwin loss was also reflected in CNA Financial's net operating income of $38,814,000 on a gross of $847,419,000 for the six months ended June 30, 1973.

A year earlier CNA netted $40,391,000 on a gross of $778,148,000. Its net operating income for all of 1972 was $94,500,000 on a gross of $1,596,998,000.

Accountants stiffen rules on sale of lots to builders, homes to syndicates

For a year and a half the accounting profession has been grappling with the questions of what is income in real estate transactions and when and how it should be reported by seller corporations. In January the Accounting Principles Board, the accounting profession's rule-making body, issued guidelines for the retail land sales industry. Now the board has approved guidelines for other kinds of real estate deals including sales of lots to builders and sales of homes and other buildings to others, including the investor syndicates.

In simplest terms the issues center on transactions, typical in real estate, in which the seller has loaned money to the buyer, or is affiliated with him, and in which seller has continuing commitments to improve the real estate or provide other services to the buyer.

"Too frequently in real estate deals," says one analyst, "the company is reporting profits when it is really just shaking hands with itself."

One of the fastest growing deals has been the sale of properties to investor syndicates. As the deals have become more complex, the auditors and the Securities and Exchange Commission have found accounting rules to be inadequate to protect public investors.

Rules of thumb. The latest guidelines worked up by the accountants include these basic propositions:

• For a sale to be recorded, the buyer would have to make a significant investment in the property. That, for example, means a down payment of at least 25% of the sales value. A schedule of minimum down payments has been set up for all the most common transactions of unimproved land.

• The recording of a sale would not give the seller the right to book all profit immediately. If the seller must develop the property for the buyer, or provide sewer or utilities or other services, the portion of the profit attributed to future work will be deferred until the tasks are actually performed.

• Even in the absence of specific requirements in a sales contract, part of all of the profits in a transaction may have to be deferred. For example, if the seller is a general partner in a syndicate that acquires the property or if the seller financed a significant portion of the sales price and the only source of repayment is operation of the property.

Imprecision. Despite a desire to make the guidelines as definitive as possible, the accountants have left plenty of areas open to each auditor's judgment. For example, in many real estate transactions it is exceedingly difficult to determine whether a sale has been made or whether the deal is some kind of lease or other financing arrangement. A transaction will not be considered a sale if the buyer has an option to compel the seller to repurchase the property or if the seller guarantees the return of the buyer's investment.

New York expands into East River

Mayor Lindsay went to sea last month to open New York's $73 million Waterside housing complex.

The project, on a platform over the busy East River, has four towers for 1,470 middle and low-income families, a plaza and shopping center. Rents go from $30 a room in subsidy units to $720 for three bedrooms.

It took builder Richard Ravitch and his HRH Construction Corp. 12 years to fight his project through municipal red tape.

Ravitch got financing in 1971 after the city's banks agreed to underwrite the complex with no more security than the Mayor's word he would try to get Mitchell-Lama funds. This law authorizes low-interest mortgages for middle-income housing.

Waterside formally opened September 12.
sun-sand & concrete
in Mexico

the inside story for Resort Developers...
Baja California is ripe for discovery. Beginning November, start out at Tijuana or Mexicali and, stopping at a choice of eleven new motor court “paradores”, drive to the peninsula’s tip at Cabo San Lucas seeing a 1 000 miles of sights which will beggle your eyes. Find your dream beach in the shape or size you want. You’ll probably be the first to set foot on its sand. But beaches are just the beginning. Would you believe that there are mountains with four months of snow? Or a bay which after centuries continues to be nature’s nursery for the grey whale. Or a "lost tribe" of blond, highland people who speak some ancient form of Portuguese. And stop at almost any place to get the sweetest giant lobsters west of Kennebunkport. Or if you like watching geysers, we’ve got them too. And mountains where the Cuman ion long horn roam. As for fishing, the truth is wilder than any fiction you could invent. But there’s more, much more opening up in Baja. Come and find it yourself and stake out your dream spot.

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November will see the largest number of American resort developers converge on the famed Pacific coast vacation paradise of Acapulco to meet under the auspices of H&H to hear about and exchange views on what are the possibilities for them to invest and participate in the expansion of existing or development of new resorts in Mexico geared to receive the increasing numbers of foreign vacationists coming to this country.

In effect, Mexico is favored by numerous circumstances which place it in an excellent position to promote an intense and well-planned tourist program. In the first place, Mexico is endowed with splendid natural resources, a rich historical background, and diversified cultural activities. As a consequence, there has been a massive inflow of tourists particularly from the United States which, due to its proximity to Mexico and high standard of living, has provided the greatest number of visitors.

But participants in the H&H Seminar will not be confined to hearing about plans for development — they will be able to see development in action.

In Acapulco, proper, development experts from all over the U.S. will see projects unique in design and concept such as the mammoth Acapulco Princess complex with its 17-level pyramid structure, 777-room hotel featuring its spectacular 225-foot high main lobby. The hotel in itself called for more than 50,000 cubic yards of concrete, 8,000 tons of steel and 1,225,000 square feet of center scaffolding which followed internationally accepted construction codes including those set forth by the AIC, ASC, AWS and ASTM, tied in with the Building Code of Mexico City and the Seismological Code of Acapulco. All in all, the Princess complex covers more than 1,000,000 square yards which includes the hotel, vertical and horizontal condominiums, a golf course and other support installations.

For those with interests centered more on the condominium bonanza of Mexico such as that taking place in Acapulco (and soon to extend to Puerto Vallarta, Cancun and other vacation spots along all coasts of Mexico), the Playasol complex of condominiums along the Acapulco Bay beach front or on the nearby Loma hilltop facing the beach will be a standing and operating reality of how condominiums are taking form on a pay-as-you-build basis. Profitable enterprise? Approximately $26,000,000 invested to date by Playasol condominium-holders in Acapulco (already living-in or under construction) have a resale value at current prices estimated at double — $52,000,000.

Those desiring to take a first-hand look at other resort developing areas, will have the opportunity to visit.

PUERTO VALLARTA/BAJA DE BANDERAS: The Night of the Iguana brought the name of Puerto Vallarta to the attention of millions of film fans. In coming to Puerto Vallarta visitors found that the natural beauty of the area surpassed by far the sketchy shots included in the film. More recent visitors have found a well-balanced town with attractive cobble-stoned streets, excellent hotel facilities and, more important, plans to develop the 142-kilometer long Bahia de Banderas coast resort area in the bordering state of Nayarit. Some of the specific projects within the area. Detailed studies of the Master Plan developed by the Bahia de Banderas Trust can be studied on the spot.

BAJA CALIFORNIA: The peninsula of Baja California is particularly well endowed not only for tourist but also for industrial development. An $80-million highway now bisects the peninsula from tip to tip. A complete network of air, sea (with ferries
Myriads of Beaches await...

Few countries in the world can boast a coastline of more than 5,000 miles bathed by the warm waters of the Pacific Ocean, the Gulf of California, the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean and dotted with a great variety of beaches. Many of these are framed by exuberant, tropical vegetation with the added beauty in many instances of breath-taking rocky cliffs which drop hundreds of feet into the ocean waters. Mexico is, indeed, a land of sun and sand with an abundance of game fish to add to the enticement of visitors from all continents.

Acapulco — a long-standing password in world travel, synonymous to tropical beauty, luxury hotels: the ideal winter vacation land — stands out as an example of how imagination, investment and travel know-how can turn natural beauty into a fountain of prosperity for the area, creating new jobs, new sources of economic activity: in short, development for the country based on the multiplying factor of tourist expenditures.

The success of Acapulco, which in recent years has added a new element of good investment — condominiums for the foreign vacationers who now not only can enjoy a permanent vacation home but also can, at the same time, obtain income from supervised-rental during the months they are away from Acapulco — has served to spur new Government/private activity in the field of travel.

Names such as Puerto Vallarta, La Paz, Mazatlan, Bahia Banderas, Cancun, Isla Mujeres, Manzanillo, Cozumel, Cabo San Lucas, and many others have been added in rapid succession to a long list of beaches and other coastal recreation areas which are opening wide vistas for investors — Mexican and foreign — who are finding every facility to join hands in applying the touch of Midas to the wealth of natural beauty of Mexico's coasts.

The opening of these new tourist areas to investment has not come by chance. It has taken many years of planning and hard work and large investments by the public sector. True, there were many coastal areas of great beauty and definite potential as international spots — but they were isolated, lacking many essential services such as proper land and air communications, electricity, drinking water, adequate health facilities, etc., necessary before they could be brought to the eye of potential investors.

Moreover, the image of Mexico as a country which could offer not only natural beauty, historical centers of interest, archaeological wealth, but also of great importance, proper hotel and other travel facilities, had to be built up in world travel centers. Word of mouth promotion — a slow, build-up process — had to sink in.

This systematic and essential process has proven successful as evidenced by travel statistics: In the 20-year span from 1950 to 1970 Mexico saw the number of its foreign visitors increase from 408,000 in 1950 to 2,250,000 in 1970 — not including border crossings — yielding $111,000,000 in 1950 and more than $560,000,000 in 1970. Foreign tourist expenditures in Mexico have been a decided positive factor in maintaining the country's balance of payments on an even keel. And the figures have increased considerably more during the past two years.

Mexico, with a consistently improving support infrastructure extending essential public services to more and more recreational coastal areas, can now offer attractive conditions to the private investor interested in part-taking in the development of the country's natural tourist resources.

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President Luis Echeverria's administration has distinguished itself for the attention and effort devoted to the solution of problems oriented towards the increase of the economic system capacity, by creating new employment sources and seeking a better distribution of the national product; this orientation has led the Mexican Government to create new instruments that will allow the performance of programs and their consolidation in a short-term future.

The Bahia Banderas Trust can be considered as a classic example of the Mexican Government efforts towards the tourism development in the Pacific area, a prime mover of resources for a regional development program for the coastal area of the State of Nayarit.

**VALLARTA**

Whenever speaking of the Mexican and why not the whole Pacific, one can not but mention the name of Puerto Vallarta as one of the internationally-famous tourism resorts. Its climate, the exuberant Nature, its strategic location for the Mexican and international tourism market, fundamentally that from the United States and Canada, have placed it in a privileged spot.

The Mexican Government has, in the last 4 years made important investments exceeding 300 million pesos in primary infrastructure, thus endowing this privileged area with a modern highway linking this region with the national highway network, including those that are the backbone of the road system, that joint the United States, Mexico and Guatemala; likewise, the international airport at Puerto Vallarta has the latest facilities where the jet transports of our era can operate. The program also included new high-voltage transmission lines that will allow the development of tourism, industry and housing projects that this regional development program will obviously bring about.

**NUÉVO VALLARTA**

Bahia de Banderas is one of the most beautiful bays on the Pacific, where Puerto Vallarta is located and the Mexican Federal Government Trust has planned and is carrying out tourism and housing development programs, like Nuevo Vallarta - Jarretadera located in the central portion of the bay and adjacent to the wonderful Puerto Vallarta, it being a development on a lake with an area of over 980 acres and with a land usage that contemplates areas for hotels, condominiums, single-family houses, sports fields, civic centers, museums, shopping areas and all those services required by modern housing developments.

**EL QUELELE**

Making the utmost of the wonderful view of the sea, the beautiful beaches, the impressive rugged Vallejo Sierra and the luscious tropical growth, one of the most modern golf courses, with the latest facilities, at a place known as "El Quelele", has been planned, the first of 3 courses that the Bahia de Banderas Trust will build in the area.

**BUCERIAS**

The creation of hotel services in this virgin area, has been a main concern, a solution for which is sought with the planning and construction of hotels. The Bucerias "ejido" hotel is a clear example of this effort and the first section will be finished by November of this year.
A Strategy and a New Tourism Development on the Mexican Pacific

SOL NUEVO - RINCON DE GUAYABITOS

Forty miles north, the Bahia de Banderas Trust is already working on the huge Sol Nuevo project, that covers an area of 603 acres, and scheduled for completion of its three sections by December 1974.

This project, as opposed to others in process, has been self-financing and 60 percent of the land has been sold in the first eight months of its inception. Also, value has increased by 52 percent of the initial lots sold.

The Mexican Social Security Institute will begin, in 1974 the construction of its largest vacation complex in the Pacific area. The Bahia de Banderas Trust and Nacional Financiera are planning for this area a tourism village, with 300 villas in the condominium status, whose investment, planned for December 1974 is of 320 million pesos.

The Bahia de Banderas Trust has set forth in its programs the provisions of the maintenance of an ecological balance that will allow and ensure the survival of wildlife as well as the cleanliness and neatness of beaches.

Thus far, it can be said that the Bahia de Banderas Trust is another tourism-housing promotion instrument. It is however important to clarify that this is but one aspect of the activities at Bahia de Banderas, since this phase is seeking resource generation allowing the performance of a number of parallel programs, slanted towards regional development and a balanced growth of economic and social status of the people of Nayarit's southwest coast.

The new Agrarian Reform Law in its articles 112, 119, 120 and 121 provides that expropriations of "ejido" land to be devoted for purposes other than agriculture, shall contemplate the benefit and participation of all its former tenants affected by the expropriation.

The Bahia de Banderas Trust shall seek the compliance with the Law and the provisions of the Expropriation Decree with the backing of technical and administrative assistance for those programs that will generate new economic activities and open new horizons for the area farmers.

The Trust has organized a fisheries program; a diversification program from traditional to export-oriented vegetables for the United States and European markets. Also, a cattle-growing program to supply the area with high-quality meat; a fruit-growing program seeking a better usage of non expropriated lands; an educational program assuring grade and higher education for all children in the area; a town renewal program to provide suitable housing without disrupting the traditional atmosphere of small coastal towns of Mexico and an industrialization program for the exploitation of natural resource without affecting the ecology or the harmonious and controlled population growth. Bahia de Banderas is a clear example of the strategy applied by the Echeverria Administration tending to unite, in a single effort simple and practical solutions that will allow Mexico to solve its problems through the integral utilization of its resources.

OWNERSHIP

Another of the important aspect and attractions offered by Bahia de Banderas for its developments, are the title deeds issued by the Federal Government as well as the procedures in compliance with the Law to promote Mexican investment and regulate foreign investment, giving the investor full guarantee in his participation in the tourism and housing developments planned for the area.

The Mexican Tourism Industry, one of the main generators of foreign exchange has witnessed a constant growth in the number of visitors. From 1968 to 1972 the average annual growth rate was 14.5 percent, from 1,843,000 to 2,915,338 persons. An eighteen percent growth in tourism affluence has been estimated for 1973.

The largest market for tourism is in the United States (87.9 percent) and Canada (3.01 percent).

AIR TRANSPORTATION

The Bahia de Banderas area, with the international airport at Puerto Vallarta has over 50 local and international flights a week. Local flights cover the routes to and from Mexico City, Acapulco, Cozumel, Guadalajara, Hermosillo, La Paz, Matamoros, Mazatlan, Merida, Monterrey, Oaxaca, Tijuana, Mexico, Minatitlan, Nuevo Laredo, Tepic, Valle de Banderas, El Tuito, Tlapa, Mascota, San Sebastian and San Felipe Hijar. International flights arrive from Los Angeles, Houston, Phoenix, Tucson, New York and Paris.

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The important role of foreign investors in the development of Mexico's potential resort areas has long been recognized. However, the exact formula of how to allow the open participation of foreign capital without infringing on the limitations established by Article 27 of the Mexican Constitution was not found until shortly after President Luis Echeverria took office in December of 1970. The magic word: Trusts.

Article 27 establishes that — for security reasons designed primarily to ensure the country's national sovereignty — no foreigner can have direct ownership of land or water within 100 kilometers of the country's borders or 50 kilometers of Mexico's coasts. Circumventing this constitutional precept, some foreigners and foreign interests resorted in the past to third-party formulas to gain a loosely set up foothold in early coastal developing areas such as in Acapulco or in Puerto Vallarta.

On April 29, 1971, Mexico's Diario Oficial (Official Gazette) published a decree issued by President Echeverria which provided the legal mechanism to permit foreigners to obtain, if not direct ownership, at least long-term benefits from real estate investment within previously forbidden zones.

In short: The decree authorizes Mexican credit institutions to acquire as trustees — prior authorization by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs — ownership of real property for industrial or tourism purposes either along the country's international boundaries or coasts. Trust institutions can, in turn, turn over to the beneficiaries "use and benefits derived therefrom" of these lands for a period up to 30 years. Furthermore, beneficiaries can at any time within the trust period sell their holdings at going prices and at the end of the trust period can, also, sell their interests at the best available prices. These provisions were later incorporated into a new law directed at promoting Mexican investments and regulate foreign investments in the country, which became effective on May 9, 1973.

The Decree/Law has served to pave the way to foreign investment — bringing with it key international know-how in many fields — in Mexico's promising and booming resort areas. However, it is most important to bear in mind that foreign capital must be associated with Mexican capital in joint ventures — with foreign investors holding up to 49% of the joint ventures, although in exceptional cases when a new enterprise is considered necessary to the economic development of Mexico foreign participation may be higher. In effect, the Mexican Government encourages foreign investment when associated with domestic capital.

This formula — joint ventures — is profitable both ways. Foreign capital is needed and welcome in Mexico on a partnership basis as it allows national industry to expand at a faster pace of growth. On the other hand, foreign capital in association with Mexican investors can obtain many Government incentives which are granted primarily to Mexican-capital-majority enterprises, especially those which become part-and-parcel of the country's regional industrialization and development program creating new sources of employment and new sources for exports. Tourism falls under this classification as it is considered an essential sector of Mexico's export of services. Its contribution to foreign exchange income in current account has increased from 11.3% of the total in 1960 to 18.5% in 1970.

And, important to note is the fact that there are no foreign exchange control restrictions in Mexico — nor does the Government intend to implement any in the foreseeable future. Furthermore, through the different dollar crises in recent years, Mexico has firmly maintained its parity of 12.50 pesos to the $1.00.
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Two firms say they’re selling Indonesia 1½ million—yes, million—houses

Fully prepared for a skeptical reception of their story, a Texas trading company and a Canadian builder have just announced that they will deliver 1½ million houses to the Indonesian government in the next 20 years.

A $6.7 billion barter agreement would give the companies ten million acres of Indonesian hardwood timber in return.

The prefabs will be built with a new coating material that has a polyester base. They will be of four sizes, from 620 to 1,440 square feet. The producers insist the bare shells can be produced for $4 a square foot, a figure many experts will surely question.

**Equipment.** The houses will be shipped disassembled from Houston and Picton, Ontario, and each will include air conditioning, a bathroom and electric wiring. The $4-a-foot estimate does not cover these features or the shipping costs.

The houses contain no wood or metal except for window and door frames. Half of the units will be built in Houston by Amoeba International Trading Corp. Half will be produced by Skylight Homes Ltd. of Picton.

The first shipment is expected to leave Canada and the United States within two months, although only demonstration models have been built so far.

**Other countries.** Ford International Inc. of Los Angeles negotiated the contract with the Jakarta government, according to John Grimba, the president of Skylight.

Grimba said in a telephone interview from Picton that Skylight will become full owner of the hardwood. He said that if the wood—valued at $17.5 billion at today’s prices—is sold, it will be sold through London brokers.

“ar the Indonesian transaction is just the tip of the iceberg,” Grimba said. “Similar agreements are being made with Bolivia, Venezuela and Colombia and will be made with other countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

**On to million.** W. C. [Ed] Edwards, the youthful president of Amoeba, is even more excited. “We’re talking about ten million low-cost prefabs,” he says.

“Indonesia and other countries at the same stage of economic development are too short on capital to buy technology and pay for it in money, but they have plenty of natural resources.”

“Advanced countries, long on capital and short on natural resources, will pay in money for timber and other materials from such lands as Indonesia.

“This suggests a logical exchange to the benefit of both sides. Further, our balance of payments will improve.”

Edwards says the Indonesian government intends to give the housing to its people at no charge.

**New material.** The contract was made possible with the recent development of FP 100—a trade name given to a liquid adhesive that is produced by modifying polyester resin and combining it with other materials.

The result is a lightweight coating material that lab tests show to be much stronger than better known materials now on the market. The formula is a closely kept secret and Edwards, together with developer Mark Stevens, formerly of Baton Rouge, La., has no intention of patenting it.

“Patenting a new process in the chemical industry is always a mistake,” Edwards said. “Competitors just add a little water or something to the formula, then get a new patent.”

**Applications.** The material can be sprayed on, brushed on, applied with a putty knife or mixed with other materials. The 2'-thick walls of the new houses, for example, will be foam or honeycomb sandwiched between two layers of plastic coated with FP 100. All of this will form a thickness that is fireproof and heat resistant, Edwards says, as well as immune to termites, mildew and corrosion.

The material is available in any color, can be molded to look like wood, pea gravel, brick or any other conventional material. Developers claim it can be recycled, and it is easy to rebate after several years wear.

Edwards and his associates have documented test results that seem to support their claims for the fireproofing quality, durability and strength of their product. An 8'-diameter pipe with 1 1/4" wall, weighing about one third as much as conventional pipe, withstood 1,800 degrees of heat for 24 hours without damage. A solution of 36% sulfuric acid failed to damage it. It withstood 7,600 pounds in a crush test and 2,463 pounds of hydraulic pressure.

Three small pieces of reinforced polyester material of various thicknesses, tested by Shilstone Engineering Testing Laboratory of Houston, supported load strengths of 2,500 pounds, 1,500 pounds and 1,680 pounds with compressive strengths of 3,480 PSI, 2,330 PSI and 2,960 PSI.

**The companies.** Amoeba is a Texas corporation chartered by the secretary of state in Austin and owned by Stevens, the idea man, and Edwards, the sales and production specialist, and a few others.

Amoeba expects to produce the additive and the housing. It says both processes are simple and largely automated. There are about 15 employees at Amoeba now, and the company expects to move to new offices in the North Post Oak area of Houston, a fashionable business section on the northwest side.

Skylight was incorporated by Grimba in September 1972. Grimba is a Latvian who moved to Canada in 1951.

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Jose Riojas is Director General of Playasol, S.A., the largest and most successful resort condominium developer in Mexico. Active in Acapulco and Puerto Vallarta and developing plans for more condominiums in Cancun, Ixtapa, and Manzanillo, Playasol is selling their units to buyers from Mexico, Canada, the United States and parts of Europe. See the August issue of House & Home for more details on Playasol activities.

Lic. Jose Campillo Sainz, as Undersecretary of Industry in the federal government Department of Industry & Commerce, is the chief adviser to the President of Mexico on the role of private enterprise in that country. It is also his responsibility to regulate all foreign investment in Mexico through the administration of the new laws governing control of real estate by foreign investors.

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Housing stocks resume decline; mobile-

Housing stocks fell back into a losing pattern in the month ended September 5.

House & Home's scale index of 25 representative issues fell to 314.87 from 332.10. It was the eighth loss for the list in the last nine months.

Mobile-home shares led the retreat. The five mobile stocks on the index were off to 573.34 from 561.74 a month earlier.

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Sept. '72 Aug. '73 Sept. '73
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Ben Hogan tees off with golf project —but John Connally hits into rough

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Meanwhile John Connally runs into trouble. The $68 million Dallas shopping center he plans in partnership with Dallas developer Pollard Simons is shot down by Dallas plan commission in face of frenetic opposition from neighboring home owners. Connally reads personal plea to city council, which can overrule commission with three-fourths vote.

Builders. Chairman George R. McKeon takes McKeon Construction of Sacramento, Calif. into Texas with announcement of single-family project just north of Houston city line. Company, which builds single-family and office buildings nationwide, sets up new southwestern division in Houston to scout other Lone Star sites.

Chairman Charles K. Cheezem announces Cheezem Development Corp., St. Petersburg, Fla., will build $80 million luxury condominium community on Brickell Yacht Club property facing on Miami’s Biscayne Bay.


President W.N. Kennicott of the McCarthy Co., Anaheim, Calif., names Bernard Smith Jr, southern California builder, as president of company’s southern California division. McCarthy is owned by Pacific Holding Corp.

President Ross Cortese of Rossmoor Corp., Laguna Hills, Calif., appoints Chicago builder A.H. Fornell as vice president of Rossmoor Illinois Development Co.

Joseph J. Honick moves from Washington staff job with NAHB to VP-corporate post with The Larwin Group in Beverly Hills, Calif. [For more on Larwin, see page 18.]

President H.M. Lasky of Leadership Housing, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., names Jeri Turpin, former wife of Dick Turpin, real estate editor of Los Angeles Times, as director of public relations and advertising. Mrs. Turpin had been a vice president of Lewis & Publicist Turpin

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Building Systems Inc. files in bankruptcy

Building Systems Inc. of Cleveland, a developer building high-rises and condominiums in half a dozen states, has filed for protection under chapter 11 of the federal Bankruptcy Act.

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The United States Savings and Loan League nominates George B. Preston to take over the presidency at the league's convention in Dallas, Tex., Nov. 4-9.

Preston, president of Fidelity Federal S&L of West Palm Beach, Fla., and vice president of the league for the last year, succeeds Richard G. Gilbert of Canton, Ohio, as president. Lloyd S. Bowles, president of Dallas Federal S&L, becomes the league vice president.

Preston organized Fidelity Federal in 1952 and has been its president and manager ever since. He is a past president of the Florida S&L League and served one term as director of the Home Loan Bank of Atlanta.

Bowles is a past president of the Southwest S&L Conference and the Texas S&L League, and he is a former director of the Home Loan Bank of Little Rock, Ark.

The U.S. League lists 4,692 member associations, and they hold 98% of the industry's $250 billion in assets. League headquarters are in Chicago.


Roessner, president of City Federal S&L of Elizabeth, N.J., had been the league's vice president. He succeeds Raleigh W. Greene Jr. of St. Petersburg, Fla., in the presidency. Alexander is president of Majestic S&L in Denver, Colo.

The National League, moving into its fourth decade of operation, lists 500 member associations. Its headquarters are in Washington.

California league. The California Savings and Loan League chooses W. Dean Cannon, its senior vice president since 1963, to succeed Franklin Harding Jr. as executive vice president. Harding becomes a consultant to the league's board.

California is the largest S&L state, with 178 associations representing $45 billion in assets—more than twice the assets of the second state, Illinois.

The FSLIC. Chairman Thomas R. Bomar of the Home Loan Bank Board, the regulatory agency for the savings and loan industry, names Richard Platt Jr. as acting director of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. Platt keeps his old job as director of the HLBB's office of housing and urban affairs. He succeeds Roger K. Lindland in the FSLIC post.

The FSLIC insures accounts up to $20,000 in 4,191 associations with assets of $236 billion. The corporation had assets of $3.2 billion at the end of 1972.
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Multifamily edges into snob-zoned suburbs, but civil righters aren't happy

For years civil libertarians have been pressing the snob-zoned towns of New York’s affluent Westchester County to accept multifamily housing.

Now apartments and townhouses are springing up in Westchester, but to the civil righters this is a hollow victory. For the towns are approving higher densities only for a very special group: senior citizens.

And the people who have been fighting to open the suburbs to the poor now see a new battle ahead: keeping the suburbs open to children.

"Children are almost as much disliked by the suburbs as racial and economic minorities," says Paul Davidoff, director of the Suburban Action Institute of Tarrytown, N.Y.

Suburban Action is studying whether to take legal action against some of the towns in northern Westchester, where adult communities have proliferated in the past few years.

"Certainly we want to see that senior citizens are well housed," says Davidoff. "But to permit them to live in multifamily housing when no one else can, is clearly abusive."

Self-interest. What is happening in Westchester—particularly in the semi-rural northern sector—is typical of what is happening in major suburban areas throughout the country. The amount of land required for a single-family home in the county has virtually doubled over the past ten years, according to George A. Frank, executive vice president of the Builders Institute of Westchester. A single-family home, including roads, now takes up about two acres.

At the same time, most towns refuse to accept conventional or subsidized multifamily housing. This means they are excluding not only the poor, but also the young marrieds who grew up in the county and their parents who no longer want large houses.

"Putting aside the other reasons communities have for not wanting growth, a very compelling reason is economic self-interest," says Davidoff. "People coming into the community don't pay their own way, so the existing residents have to pay more."

Middle-class welfare. The numbers bear him out. Evanston, Ill., a Chicago suburb, found that it suffered a net budget loss whenever it allowed a family with a school-age child to buy or build a house valued at less than $81,000. The figure is similar for Westchester County. And New Canaan, Conn., another New York suburb, found that it needed a $100,000 valuation to break even.

"That means if you have a $60,000 home you're on welfare—others have to pick up the cost of educating your children," says Davidoff.

Unless, of course, there is some way to make that lower-priced houses will not add to the tax burden.

And that is precisely what an adult community can guarantee. Most require that at least one member of the family be a minimum of 55, 60 or 65 years old and that there be no children under 18, eliminating the danger of adding to the school rolls.

In addition, buyers in this age group are often at peak earning power. Many have sold larger houses before moving to adult communities (several adult community developers report that 85% of their buyers pay cash). They contribute to local prosperity by spending money for goods and services.

Thus, although homes in adult communities may cost less than the single-family detached houses next to them, they are fiscally attractive to the towns.

Line of defense. And some communities see an added bonus in that they can answer pressure to reduce zoning requirements by claiming that they already have multifamily housing.

For example the town of Ramapo, in neighboring Rockland County, openly admitted it was building 300 units of housing for the elderly so that it could prove it was not exclusionary if its controversial phased-growth one-acre zoning ordinance was challenged in court.

"Even accepting multifamily housing for the elderly is some progress compared to what most of these communities were doing a few years ago," says Ernest Erber, research director of the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing. "But today it has become a line of defense."

John Levy, associate planner for Westchester County, agrees: "I think a lot of communities see this as the way to get themselves off the hook. Communities basically don't want any multifamily zoning. If they feel they have to take some they say, 'We'll take some old people. They don't mug anybody and they don't have any children that we have to educate.' I think you're going to see competition among the communities. The supply of affluent older people is limited and everyone wants them because of fiscal benefits."

Still, the towns are not the only ones to benefit from the adult communities. The builders, who are now building in hilly or rocky terrain in an area of high land costs, need the higher densities if they are to appeal to more than the tiny fraction of the market that can afford homes over $75,000. And many older adults are happy to find a maintenance-free secure home near the communities where their roots are.

Demand. Before builder Henry Paparazzo had even put up models for his 3,000-unit Heritage Hills in the Westchester town of Somers, some 600 written inquiries had poured in.

"We have been seeing more of this type of housing and I'm sure we will continue to see more," says David Portman, a partner in the Westchester planning firm of Frederick P. Clark Associates. "The Chappaqua project, incidentally, will have an overall density of only 1½ units an acre."

Paparazzo is building a similar community in Carmel that will have all one and two bedroom units with a density of five to the acre.

In Somers Kent Sussex Co. is building a condominium community under the zoning that was developed for Paparazzo's Heritage Hills. Again, while the unit is an adult community, the size of the units will limit the number of children.

No-growth. Even with all the benefits, the sating is not uniformly smooth for adult communities in Westchester. One of the county's oldest communities, a rental project called Springvale, has been trying for four years to get permission from the town of Cortlandt to build a Springvale East.

"It's a shame it's so hard to get multifamily approval," says manager Helen Brooks, "because there are 100,000 people over the age of 65 who have chosen to remain in the county and who would really be happier to give up their homes. But so many people who have bought houses in the area are from New York City. They want that barren land to look at. Even if somebody else owns it, they think they have a right to keep it barren."
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Floor plan A is the basic design; the others are variants. In B, a studio, the bedroom is sacrificed to the stair tower; C has an expanded living room; E, the largest, has two bedrooms; D is the same as E except that the stair tower reduces one bedroom to a small den. Top plan is the loft for upper-level units pictured at far left.
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Consultant (and former H&H executive editor) Norcross has thoroughly researched data from 1,800 families living in 49 townhouse projects in Maryland, Virginia and California.

However, Norcross does not burden the reader with statistics. His prose is lucid and well organized with plenty of conclusions and specific examples.

Norcross found the biggest complaint was poor construction and a lackadaisical attitude toward post-construction repairs.

Also, many residents are angry and irritated with the mismanagement of their condominium associations. The prime culprit: the developer who failed to set up the association properly.

Norcross goes into detail when discussing how to cope with problem areas: noisy neighbors (especially children), neighbors' dogs, renters (owners don't like them); car parking (two spaces are not enough); dishonest salesmen; recreation facilities (people want more tennis courts, separate pools for kids and adults...); house design (buyers prefer more staggered roof lines and fronts... more storage space... larger kitchens... formal dining areas...).

About three quarters of townhouse residents surveyed are generally satisfied. But most significant is Norcross' contention that degree of satisfaction is directly related to density.

Chapter Four, "Owner Satisfaction," ranks the 49 projects, and, as might be expected, those with the lowest densities generally have the highest satisfaction ratings.

The scale could be an extremely valuable research tool if the project names were revealed but, unfortunately, this was against the publisher's policy. Therefore, as a service to the industry, House & Home is presenting the scale below complete with project names and locations.

The newness of condo marketing has caused developers to explore many uncharted and hazardous labyrinth in search of the path to profits. Norcross' book should make the way somewhat more predictable.


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Other Books of Note

Real Estate Advertising Ideas
Edited by Helene Berlin
Illustrated. 196 pages.
Chicago: National Institute of Real Estate Brokers. $16 ($8 to NIREB members).

Though aimed at real estate brokers, this soft-cover book bores in on builders' main advertising problem areas: classified and display advertising, signs, brochures and billboards.

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Successful Apartment Management
By Robert C. Moore. 415 pages.
San Jose, Calif.: Real Estate Investment Press. $14.95.

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Federally Assisted New Communities: New Dimensions in Urban Development
By Hugh Mields Jr.
Illustrated. 278 pages.
Washington: the Urban Land Institute. $16.

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"Lighting is the mood-setter in your model homes... Here's how to turn buyers on with the right lamps and fixtures"

The main mission of any model home or apartment complex is to put the prospect in a receptive mood to buy or rent. And while furniture and color may set the style and theme in a model unit, it is the lighting that helps set the mood.

Lighting, like color, makes a very definite impact at the subconscious level. However, unlike color, which can have an immediate impact (bright colors on the ceiling offend, warm browns and earth tones soothe), the impact of good or poor lighting tends to be far more subtle.

Model-home lighting breaks down into two basic categories: production lighting—such items as fixtures, chandeliers, etc. that are attached to walls and ceilings—and non-stationary lighting such as lamps that set a mood or enhance the desired atmosphere.

**Lighting ground rules.** Although exterior lighting should complement your interior decorating scheme, different style exterior fixtures never should be mixed in a multifamily model complex. Thus, if you are using different style furnishings in each model—say contemporary in one, traditional in another, Spanish in another, etc.—you should choose one neutral exterior fixture that works with all interiors. In other words, a traditional outside coach lamp should never be used on a contemporary home, even if the lamp complements the traditional style of an adjoining model.

However, the same does not hold true indoors. A cleanly styled contemporary floor lamp can be used in a country French provincial home, the result is an eclectic blending.

Keeping these general rules in mind, let's examine more specific lighting requirements.

Production lighting is usually specified by your decorator and is generally included in all of your homes—not just your decorated models. For that reason, I recommend using the same fixtures in your models as buyers actually get when they sign on the dotted line. To do otherwise is misleading and unless special fixtures are clearly decorator items, you can raise a buyer's hackles.

**Fixture lighting.** This is usually found in kitchens, dining rooms, entry halls and as luminous ceilings in bathrooms. Such lighting generally is bright and, depending on the size of the room, somewhat massive. In kitchens, for instance, the trend is toward illuminated ceilings, with fluorescent tubing covered by large, often rectangular, plastic sheets.

In certain areas of the country—notably the East and Southeast—ceiling fixtures also are used in bedrooms, particularly those intended for children. If your market does expect centralized bedroom lighting, do not go to a hanging fixture—particularly if you have the usual eight-foot ceiling. Here, a hanging fixture is a hazard to anyone walking beneath it. And it's also a temptation to junior Tarzans and Janes. Instead, use one that is flush against the ceiling or even recessed. This same rule applies to entry halls with dropped ceilings.

A dining room usually is lit with a chandelier of sorts. Technically, a chandelier is any overhead multi-light fixture and it can come in a number of different styles. Chandeliers are not necessarily crystal or cut glass, not must they be ornate. A dining room should be one of the brighter rooms in a model home. So chandeliers should throw off a considerable amount of light. And while they should be properly scaled and not dominate the room, they must make a secondary and complementary contribution to the decor.

**Bright lighting.** Bathrooms and kitchens always should have the brightest lights. Therefore you should think in terms of illuminated ceiling treatments over sinks and dressing areas. Most people spend a lot of time in front of bathroom mirrors, and unless the light is bright and bold, shadows appear on the face. Then problems begin.

**Entry treatments.** Since the front door is where you must first set the mood that you wish to convey throughout your model, entry hall lighting is extremely important. Thus, if you're emphasizing an open, airy, colorful feeling, it's vital that you have a well-lit entry. But even with darker, more traditional decor, you have to think in terms of heavy wattage in the entry area. Why? Because it brings out the richness of the interior theme.

**Non-stationary lighting.** Table top and floor lamps are probably the most important form of illumination in your model units. This is particularly so in living and family rooms—areas that get the most traffic in model homes.

The number of lamps you need for any one room depends on its size and the amount of space to be illuminated. But the absolute minimum for a living room should be three—one at each end of a sofa and the third on a parson table, a desk or in an etagere.

There are other basic guidelines in working with lamps:

- **Table lamps** play a practical and aesthetic role. Their style can enhance the decor while the color of their shades and/or bases can be used as accents for your basic color scheme. In a contemporary home clear or smoked glass or chrome base lamps complement the clean, uncluttered, modern look.
- When selecting table lamps, make sure they are not too big in relation to the size of the table. Even though a lamp's primary job is to illuminate the surrounding area, it should not be overpowering.
- A dark room with paneling and earth tone colors absorb light while bright colors reflect and intensify light. Keep that in mind when placing fixtures and lamps.
- A small room can be well lit by only a couple of lamps. Use light-colored shades through which light rays can penetrate rather than dark shades that direct light only up and/or down.
- If you use a desk in a room setting, always place a lamp of some kind on it.
- **Lighting can emphasize built-ins and accessories.** A bookcase, for example, can be highlighted by a small fixture that fits comfortably on one of the shelves.
- **Where you have limited space, but a need for illumination, consider a stick-table lamp.** Lamp and table are a single unit, usually small in scale. These go rather well in the retreat area of a master bedroom or in a nursery next to a rocking chair.
- **Lamps, appropriately placed, are extremely effective in creating the right mood.** In a den, for instance, a couple of lamps with dark shades create a soft, inviting atmosphere that seems to say 'come on, sit down and relax and forget your worries.' The den should be a study in softness and casual informality.
- **For special effects such as lighting a wall of pictures, track lighting and ceiling-mounted spotlights are becoming increasingly popular.** Track lights which can provide direct or indirect beams, are exceedingly compatible with contemporary furnishings.
- **In the master bedroom always use two lamps on matching nightstands.** Thus each person can control a light for reading.

A further word on lighting in general: Maintenance of lighting fixtures and lamps is critical. A dirty fixture, a burned-out bulb, a dusty shade can shatter the mood you are trying so hard to create. It is important to keep bulbs burning at all times. The cost of the electricity is a small price to pay when you consider how effective good lighting is in putting the prospect in the buying mood.
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It's ironic that the most wanted and still the most widely built type of housing in this country has received the least creative attention from the homebuilding industry.

Just about every survey ever made shows that the ultimate goal of most American families is to own their own single-family home on their own piece of land. And statistics reflect this preference; in 1973, despite escalating costs, 54% of all housing produced was single-family units.

Despite this popularity, the single-family house remains essentially the same product it was twenty years ago.

It may have a little more glamor or a few more appliances, and a few developers have worked with siting concepts like patio homes and zero lot lines. But, for the most part, we have gone on building replicas of farm or ranch houses originally designed to sit on at least an acre or two of land and putting them on a quarter of an acre. Their windows look into their neighbors' windows, much of their lot areas are wasted in meaningless setbacks, and their streetscapes offer little more than deadly monotony.

To put it another way, single-family developers have deftly managed to avoid most of the environmental excitement that multifamily developers are using so successfully to market a much less wanted product.

Not that it's entirely the single-family developer's fault. He has had to contend
with suburban communities that often will fight any kind of innovative land planning, even though the status quo is usually both esthetically and ecologically inferior.

But on the whole, this is an unconvincing argument. Few developers have made any effort at all to do anything new with the single-family house; those that have tried usually find community resistance to be less than expected, and certainly much less than the resistance raised by apartments and townhouses.

What are the innovations in single-family housing?

Most of them are some form of clustering, with houses pulled close together around a central court or cul-de-sac. Driveways and setbacks are minimal, and the lot area saved thereby can go into either large rear yards or common green space.

Why bother with cluster layouts, especially if they're going to raise zoning hassles?

There are three reasons:

**First:** Clustering can be a money-saver. Culs-de-sac can be much narrower than collector roads, and they seldom need sidewalks or curbs and gutters; storm-sewer systems therefore often can be less extensive. And sewer and water-main costs can sometimes be reduced, particularly in higher-density cluster plans.

**Second:** Clustering makes higher densities much more palatable. Even at five or five-and-a-half units per acre, often permissible in California, a cluster plan can create considerable green area.

**Third:** A corollary of the preceding point is that clustering makes possible many of the environmental features which have hitherto been pretty much restricted to multifamily development. Instead of a uniform pattern of boxes on lots, groups of houses alternate with green areas. Streetscapes take on added interest. Privacy is greatly increased. And since few if any houses open onto collector roads, traffic safety is much improved.

In light of these advantages, it's surprising that single-family development has clung so tightly to the status quo.

But the picture is changing, and more and more cluster layouts are coming off the boards of leading planning and architectural firms.

A selection of such layouts is shown on the next fifteen pages. They offer ample proof of the opportunity to vastly improve housing's most popular product.
Clusters like this are the building blocks of a big new town

The new town is Gananda, and it is being built on almost 10,000 acres outside of Rochester, N.Y. Its single-family clusters, shown here and on the next two pages, range in density from just under three per acre to five per acre. And when these clusters are combined with duplex, fourplex and townhouse clusters, the result is a project with an astonishing amount of open land.

The cluster layout shown here creates a density of 2.75 units per acre and is used mostly for houses priced from $50,000 up. Instead of a conventional cul-de-sac, a small, one-way loop takes traffic off the collector road, long driveways, acceptable in houses of this price range, lead from the loop to the houses.

In place of the usual planting strip between street and sidewalks (there are no sidewalks), there is a 15' planting easement abutting the public right of way. This takes the landscaping out of the way of piled-up snow (winters are rough in Rochester) and also adds to the privacy of the houses. Maintenance of the planting areas, including the island inside the loop, is handled by a homeowners' association.
The density of this type of cluster in Gananda is about 3.8 units per acre, and there are marked changes from the cluster shown on the previous page.

The cul-de-sac must now serve eight driveways, not five, so a longer road and a conventional turnaround are used. There is no island in the turnaround—a concession to snowplowing and also a means of keeping the paved area relatively small. Note that the diameter of the circle is only 84'—smaller than many municipalities will allow, but ample for fire trucks and moving vans.

The increased impervious cover now makes it necessary to put a drainage easement at the rear of the cluster where it can lead into the common area. However, the volume of storm water should be much less than if the eight houses faced on a collector street in the usual manner.

The cul-de-sac itself is a public right of way, so all road maintenance will be done by the municipality. The 15' planting easement, maintained by the homeowners' association, remains.
Patio houses represent the highest single-family density in Gananda; typically, 12 of them around a cul-de-sac like this one produce a density of 5½ units per acre. The lots are small—about 4,500 sq. ft. But they are completely enclosed by a 6'-high wall, so every square foot is usable. And there is more privacy than most houses could get on a half-acre lot.

One of the biggest problems in most patio-house projects is the forbidding streetscape produced by lines of patio walls. In the cluster layout the width of the turnaround lessens this problem. And in the overall plan of Gananda, patio clusters are interspersed with other types so there is no heavy concentration of walled areas.
The two clusters shown here are not for single-family houses, but for duplexes and fourplexes. They are included because they demonstrate the versatility of the cluster, and because they are basic elements of Gananda's planning which combines relatively high overall density with a heavy proportion of single-family units (see facing page).

The duplexes, at top, create a density of 4.2 units per acre, and are sold on fee-simple lots. The fourplexes, at bottom, have a density of nine per acre, and are sold as condominiums.

Not shown, but also part of the project, are townhouse clusters on the same type of culs-de-sac and with densities roughly the same as the fourplex clusters.
This portion of Gananda's first phase shows the effectiveness of the cluster layouts in creating green space. The average density is close to seven units per acre, yet some 30% of the land is being left open. Even more surprising is that half of the 260 units shown here are single-family units.

Says Fred Jarvis of Land/Design/Research Inc., planners of Gananda: "With this cluster concept we've increased privacy, open space and safety—there are no cars backing into through streets. There's less road, so roadbuilding costs will be reduced. And especially in higher density clusters, utility runs should be less than in a conventional layout."

Groundbreaking has just started at Gananda, opening is scheduled for next summer. New Wayne Communities Inc. is the developer.
This cluster layout enhances a lot-sales program

It was designed for a 1,600-acre midwestern PUD whose developers are strongly concerned with close design control. Most of the project's 4,700 units will be condominiums, but about 1,400 lots, priced from $20,000 to $30,000 and sited at densities of from two to three per acre, will also be offered. And the planning scheme shown here would give the developers a way to control the esthetics of this area without overly infringing on the design freedom that is a vital marketing element in any lot-sales program.

There are two key aspects to the design control:

First, setbacks are spelled out for each individual lot. This protects the privacy of adjoining houses and helps assure that prime views (the portion of the site shown here overlooks a golf course) will not be blocked.

Second, severe design restrictions are put on the entrance areas to the houses. The placement of entries, garages, fences, etc. is controlled, and so is the selection of their materials and colors and the landscaping that surrounds them.

"When you drive into the culs-de-sac, it's these elements you'll really see," says Harry Reid, partner in Desmond Muirhead Inc., which, with the architectural firm of Wandel and Schnell, is responsible for the plan. "So if we can control them, we'll create a real feeling of community design. But behind these entrances there will be plenty of opportunity for individual house design."
This cluster plan may represent the ultimate in compactness

It was designed for a 250-acre former estate with beautiful trees and rolling topography. The aim was to build about 250 single-family houses—from $75,000 to $120,000—while keeping as much of the site as possible in its existing state.

The solution shown here raises interesting questions of nomenclature. The units were designed as single-family units, then pulled together so tightly that there are some common walls. But they are far from the row configuration that would make them townhouses in the usual sense, so the designer, Rahenkamp, Sachs, Wells & Associates, calls them attached single-family units.

Regardless of labels, the cluster does its job well, as the site plan on the facing page shows. Some 178 acres of the land are left untouched, to be deeded as permanent open space.

The clusters are planned around cobblestone courts, and some of them, as shown by the upper plan at right, actually have gatehouses to provide extra security. Finally, to make possible varying house plans without the necessity of changing the cluster layouts, the scheme at the top of the facing page was evolved. It provides for a number of modules that can be added to a small basic house.
These clusters help to unjam a very high-density area

The project, Palisades Highlands, just outside of Los Angeles, has in its single-family areas a density typical for southern California—more than 5½ units per acre. But the effect of this density is not typical, thanks chiefly to the unusual cluster layout shown in the site plan at right.

The cluster lots are the same size (6,000 sq. ft.) and the same shape as surrounding conventional lots. However, they front not on collector streets, but on short, 25' wide alleys. And the houses are built very close to these alleys, making short (in fact almost nonexistent) driveways and leaving from 50' to 60' for the front yards.

It is these front yards that really open up the site. Where they abut, as the rendering at right shows, there is a green area more than 100' wide. Ten feet are taken off each lot as an easement to create a 20'-wide pedestrian walkway, and these walkways wander through much of the area.

As the plan evolved, land planner Louis Turrini tried varying depths for the clusters—from two lots deep to six lots deep. Analysis showed that the most efficient and best looking layout would be either three or four deep.

The first 27 units of the project have been built and occupied, and the success of the cluster plan is shown on the overleaf.
This is one of the open-space and walkway areas that are made possible by Palisades Highlands’ clusters. The walkway covers 10’ of each lot, and it is maintained by a homeowners’ association.

“The most important thing to me,” says planner Louis Turrini, “is that the clusters improve the streetscape. The conventional plan would have a driveway entering each side of the street every 60’, and it would be terribly boring.

“Now there are no drives—just a road entering the collector every 200’. It looks much better, and the collector can function as a real road, not just a place for garbage pickups every 60’.”

Palisades Highlands is being developed by Land Resources Corp., and the housing program shown here, which will eventually include 100-plus units, is being built by M.J. Brock & Sons Inc. Design is by B.A. Berkus. Price range of the units is from $90,000 to $116,000.
Here's a way to give some cluster advantages to a conventional single-family site plan

The trouble with most standard subdivisions, in the opinion of architect Walter Richardson, president of Walter Richardson & Associates, is that they have too many wide, straight streets.

"The idea of planning progress that most towns have," says Richardson, "is to put 40' of pavement in front of every house. There's no such thing as a feeling of neighborhood. And the big streets encourage cars to speed, so there's a safety problem too."

Richardson feels that even if a developer is forced to stay within a basic grid layout, there are ways of making such a project better looking, safer and much more livable. And as a case in point he offers the project in which the photos at right were made: St. Malo, a very conventionally laid-out, single-family project of 100 or so lots in Oceanside, Calif., north of San Diego.

"The streets are relatively narrow," says Richardson, "and curbs, gutters, standard setbacks and anything else that emphasizes the linearity of the roads have been eliminated. The texture of brick has been used to give a strong neighborhood identification. And there's a very good and consistent landscape scheme for the whole project."

Working from the St. Malo concept, Richardson has come up with additional ideas for improving on the standard subdivision layout while still staying within the basic grid. They are shown in the sketches on the facing page.
Sketch 1 shows a conventional street broken up in two ways: brick crosswalks to vary the paving texture, and a narrow road offset within the right of way to break up linearity.

Sketch 2 puts two right-angled turns into the road to decrease the impact of automobiles even more. Note the variations in setbacks.

Sketch 3 shows a through road blocked off to become a pedestrian court, while car traffic is forced around a loop.

Sketch 4 shows a pedestrian walkway which turns the area between roads into a central greenbelt and recreation area.
Here's a new system for figuring project feasibility

Considering the complexities involved in a housing project, most feasibility studies have been remarkably simplistic: Figure the gross revenues, deduct the cost of land, land development, construction and construction financing, and if what's left is enough to cover profit and overhead, the project is feasible.

But this simple approach just doesn't work when it comes to bigger and more complex PUDs with their mixtures of housing types. It doesn't take into account the growing problems of dealing with the community in which the project will be built. And, practically speaking, it doesn't allow the developer to try out on paper the almost infinite number of options from which he can pick the best possible development program.

The new program has two key aspects that deal with these problems:

1. It lets the developer calculate his project's financial impact on the community

   Town fathers today look very carefully at both the long- and short-term effects the project will have on schools, highways, fire and police costs, etc., and they will be vitally concerned with the relation of these costs to the tax revenue the new project creates. The new system includes all of these factors.

2. It's computerized, so the developer can quickly simulate his possible options

   Speed is the important thing. The developer may have to try dozens of combinations of house types and prices before he finds one that fully satisfies his requirements. And after he begins zoning negotiations with the town, he may have to go through dozens more before a solution is reached that works for both sides. Calculating all the various combinations with pencil and paper could take months; the developer doesn't have months, so he might have to settle for an inferior development program. But the computer can give him a completely new set of calculations in just a few moments. So there's maximum opportunity to find a program that is feasible for both the developer and for the community.

   The new system was developed by Rahenkamp, Sachs, Wells & Associates, a Philadelphia-based planning firm which has worked both with developers and with towns in developing and evaluating PUDs. On the pages that follow are sample printouts of key stages in the system, taken from a study of an actual PUD.

   —JUNE R. VOLLMAN
Input: Project and market data, plus what the developer hopes to do

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**REGIONAL HOUSING DEMAND IS** 1570. DU/YR  RSWA  
**AVG. DEVELOPMENT PACE IS** 100  RSWA  
**SITE CAPTURE RATE IS** 6.37 %/YR  COMPUTE  
**GROSS SITE AREA IS** 73.1 ACRES  CLIENT  
**NON-RESIDENTIAL LAND USE**  
**ALLOCATION IS**  
COMMERCIAL 0.50 AC  RSWA  
MAJOR ROAD R.O.W. 8.91 AC  
OPEN SPACE 10.97 AC  
COMMUNITY FACILITY 1.05 AC  
**LAND AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTIAL USE IS** COMEPE 51.67 AC  
**UNIT TYPES ARE** GA TH SF  
**UNIT MIX(%) OF EACH TYPE IS** GA 50.0 TH 42.0 SF 8.0  CLIENT  
**NET DENSITY PER ACRE**  
**ACHIEVABLE FOR EACH UNIT TYPE ON THE SITE IS**  
GA 15.00 RSWA  
TH  8.00  
SF  6.00  
**NUMBER OF EACH UNIT TYPE**  
**ACHIEVABLE IS** COMPUTE  
GA 260 UNITS  
TH 219 UNITS  
SF 42 UNITS  
**ACHIEVABLE TOTAL UNIT COUNT IS** COMPUTE 521 UNITS  
**AVAILABLE NET LAND BEST SUITED FOR EACH UNIT TYPE IS**  
GA 17.33 AC  RSWA  
TH 27.38 AC  
SF 7.00 AC  
**GROSS ACHIEVABLE DENSITY IS** COMPUTE 7.1 DU/AC  

In the first stage of the program (shown here and overleaf), input comes from three sources:
- Marketing studies. This is data on the number and type of units, anticipated sales prices, construction schedule and build-out time—in other words figures that simulate the project from the developer's optimum point of view.
- Land plan. This includes data on the allocation of land for residential and non-residential use, and achievable net density for each type of residential unit.
- Impact standards. This is data from public and private sources on such things as the expected number of school children and expected number of occupants per unit type.

As shown in the printout above, at this stage of the program the computer is outputting data that will be used in subsequent steps. For example:
- Using regional housing demand and an average development pace the developer believes is feasible, the computer outputs a site capture rate of 6.37% per year. This is a reasonable rate in most markets.
- The developer's desired breakdown of unit types—50% garden apartments (GA), 42% townhouses (TH) and 8% single family (SF)—is combined with data on net density-per-acre achievable for each unit type. Output data indicates 260 garage
The computer must be fed in this early stage of the program includes expected peak automobile traffic, expected sewage output and water demand per day, average square footage, average number of stories in each type of housing unit and the number of parking spaces per unit.
pay them? Should density be increased to amortize costs more effectively?

- Since there will be impervious cover on 23.08% of the total site, what are on- and off-site runoff consequences in terms of stream flow and alignment and in terms of recharging the underground water supply? How much land coverage should be allowed? (The last question, says RSWA, can be answered by analysis which is a better measure of density limit than arbitrary zoning. [See Impact Zoning, H&H, Aug. 1972].

Here's a clear-cut example of where the computer's speed is so very important. As various alternatives are proposed during negotiations, the developer can quickly see their effect.

Here are details of the project's impact on the schools

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This printout indicates that from the school district's standpoint the project is extremely feasible. To wit: By the end of the buildout period, total ratables of $11,649,550 will be producing annual revenues of $218,193, while annual expenditures for the 256 children the project will add to the school system will be $201,232. These expenditures include both operating costs and capital costs for debt service (on new facilities made necessary by the project). So the school district will benefit from a continuous market and speed up his sales rate?

- Should he try to attract more families with school children by including more townhouses and single-family homes?

An affirmative answer to either of these questions depends, of course, on whether the developer's marketing data shows the alternatives would still provide a feasible project. And it also depends on whether the developer needs to maintain the surplus to offset other problems.
Here is the project's impact on other municipal systems

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Once again, an extremely favorable picture emerges—this time in the areas of revenue vs. expenditures for fire, police, road maintenance and other supportive services. The project promises a cumulative surplus of $791,286 and an annual surplus of $245,987.

The reason for these substantial amounts: There were no off-site costs involved—admittedly an unusual occurrence. But had there been a need for off-site expenditures, these figures would provide the developer with a very strong negotiating point had he been pressed with the usual demand to pay all off-site costs.

Here are the developer's costs, plus his probable profit

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sity, higher off-site costs, etc. He will, however, have to consider how these changes might affect his cash flow (see next printout).

But if 15% is his minimum targeted profit, obviously he cannot accept any program changes that would lower it. So he has to make sure that any trade-off he makes with the town comes back to him profitably.

Again, here's where the computer comes into play, allowing him to quickly figure the results of making such changes.

The per-sq.-ft. and per-unit cost breakdown figures in this printout were supplied by the developer during a stage of the study that is not shown.

... and here is an overall picture of the project's cash flow during development.

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At this stage of the study, the developer finds out what his cash flow situation will be throughout the project's buildout period. Concurrently, he learns what internal rate of return to expect. (Internal rate of return shows the maximum he can pay for capital in order for the project to break even.)

But given today's high interest rates, the internal rate of return shown here probably would not be sufficient to cover costs of borrowed money and still provide an adequate profit. So the developer would have to consider ways to increase his internal rate of return margin on his units.
Suppose the community insists on sticking to existing single-family zoning. Here is the impact summary:

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Total coverage, including all impervious surfaces, is 21.93% of total site.

The site was originally zoned for single-family homes at roughly three-and-one-half units per acre. The developer's market studies showed that to attain the kind of sales volume he needs he must price his houses at an average of $37,607. And when the computer kicks out his cost-and-profit picture, he will find he's making only a 1% profit.

To raise the profit to an acceptable level, the developer would have to raise the price to roughly $41,000 which might shrink his market below the feasible level.

An interesting ecological note: Although the density of this program is only half that of the original, impervious ground cover has hardly decreased at all.

Look how bad the school picture gets...

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... even though the other municipal costs are okay

Municipal cash flow presents an entirely different picture. The annual surplus of $243,262 is nearly as high as under the original program. And the cumulative surplus is even higher with the revised program.

This is unfortunate from the developer's standpoint because, added to the school picture, a negative municipal cash flow would have provided a great economic negotiating tool.

Instead, the developer may be up against a political situation. Elected officials are likely to be more concerned with expenditures other than school costs.

And, since it is elected officials who approve rezoning, not school districts, the strategy often is to ignore school impact.

And if the town insists on one-acre zoning, look what happens to the developer's profits

This is why the American dream of a single-family home on an acre lot is fast becoming obsolete. In this example the sales price was set at $43,000 to be competitive with adjacent used housing and new homes built in the area during the previous five years. The school and municipal cost impact is positive (assuming off-site improvements were not required) but the developer would be picking up a loss to the tune of $6.18 per sq. ft.

To achieve a 15% profit (the same rate as in the original program), homes would have to sell for $65,000. This is not very competitive, and it obviously represents a much smaller market, hence a slower sales rate than would $43,000 houses.
Today’s bathroom: something for everyone

The wide range of bathroom products available today makes it easy for you to provide attention-getting baths tailored to your market.

For the luxury-seekers, install oversized soaking tubs, private steam baths and personal exercise areas.

For the practical-minded, offer compact space-saving fixtures and convenience cabinets that incorporate a variety of storage options.

For the ecologists, include plumbing fixtures with built-in water-conserving features.

And for everyone, use materials such as plastics and fiber glass or durable acrylic, polymer and enamel finishes that make the entire bathroom easy to maintain.

On the following pages HOUSE & HOME presents a selection of these diversified bathroom products.
Modular Fiberglas shower stall (1) is part of "Bath Systems 4". Easy-to-install unit is supplied in four component pieces and assembled on the job site. Showers come in white or bone with a decorative vinyl insert panel in a choice of seven colors. Owens-Corning, Toledo, Ohio. CIRCLE 260 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Flexible bath cabinetry line, "Montreal" (2), consists of modular base and wall cabinets, dressing tables and linen storage units. White door and drawer panels are trimmed with gold edging and tarnishproof pulls. Nutone, Scovill, Cincinnati, Ohio. CIRCLE 261 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Luxury bathroom/exercise area (3) features a New Meteor fiber glass tub and two "Planet" self-rimming counter-top lavs. Fixtures, which come in acid-resistant colors or white, are equipped with Celebrity Celcon-cartridge fittings. Universal-Rundel, New Castle, Pa. CIRCLE 262 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Self-rimming countertop lavatory, "Luxobal" (4), is of acid-resistant vitreous china. Unit features a concealed front overflow and two integral soap dishes. Sink, shown in avocado, features an 8" widespread faucet with crystallite handles. Gerber Plumbing Fixtures, Chicago. CIRCLE 263 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Modular vanity cabinets, "Classic Manor" (5), feature molded louver-style decorative doors. Available in base and wall cabinets in a full range of sizes, units have washable vinyl interiors and self-closing hinges. Formco, Cincinnati, Ohio. CIRCLE 264 ON READER SERVICE CARD

One-piece fiber glass shower stall, "Aurora" (11), has a corner seat contoured out of the wall to allow for sitdown convenience, and a molded soap-dish-shampoo shelf. Unit is available in a full range of decorator colors including the "Sunnygreen", shown. Eljer, Pittsburgh, Pa. CIRCLE 265 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Luxurious contemporary bath features all "Pink Champagne" color fixtures (12). Pictured are a "Guardian" bathtub with its safety-grip hand rails, a "Caravelle" bidet, a low silhouette "Rochelle" toilet and his and hers lavs. Kohler, Kohler, Wis. CIRCLE 271 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Ceramic floor tile, "Crystal Caribbean" (7), has a sandy-textured surface. Designed to coordinate with "Caribbean" gloss wall tiles, the 6"x3" floor tiles come in five colors including the surf-white shown. American Olean Tile, Lansdale, Pa. CIRCLE 266 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Mediterranean vanities (8), available in a variety of sizes, offer a full range of convenience options. Cabinet doors feature distinctive plank-like panels trimmed with antique-brass-finished hardware. Long Bell, International Paper, Longview, Wash. CIRCLE 267 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Glazed ceramic wall tile, "274 Belinda" (10), is part of the "Decor Series". The delicate design, one of 100 new patterns, is an unusual combination of blues and lavender. Shown in 4¼"x4¼", 6½"x6½" and 8½"x8½" sizes. Amsterdam, New York City. CIRCLE 269 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Oversized bathing tub, "Gothic Pool" (9), shown in a contemporary setting, is molded of fiberglass reinforced polyester. The 6'x3'/2" tub, claimed to be big enough for two, features a recessed seat in one corner. American Standard, New Brunswick, N.J. CIRCLE 268 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Traditionally styled bath cabinets, "Mount Vernon" (6), come in white and gold or in fruitwood. The 60" unit shown includes drawer and vanity base cabinets, a cultured-marble top and surface-mounted wall cabinets. Rutt-Williams, Elkhart, Ind. CIRCLE 267 ON READER SERVICE CARD
Decorative oval medicine cabinet (1) comes with a silver-, walnut- or gold-finished frame. Unit, which can be recessed or surface mounted, is shown with a two-drawer "Provincial" vanity base. General Bathroom, Elk Grove Village, Ill. CIRCLE 272 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Chrome-finished single-handle faucet (2) is constructed of a thermoplastic material. Lightweight unit, with a metallic look, features a "Bradrol" cartridge control that automatically regulates water temperature and volume. Bradley, Menomonie Falls, Wis. CIRCLE 273 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Gold and avocado lavatory faucets, "Waverly" [3], are designed for 4" center mounting. The triple-plated units are also offered in chrome. Faucets come with either the round crystal handles shown or chrome levers. Mansfield, Perryville, Ohio. CIRCLE 274 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Powder-room lavatory-vanity package (4) includes a wood vanity, a cultured-marble "Astra-lav" lavatory, a gold "Flo-master" faucet and drain assembly and matching gold toilet-flush lever. The easily assembled components are shipped in one carton. Borg-Warner, Mansfield, Ohio. CIRCLE 275 ON READER SERVICE CARD

One-piece seamless tub/shower (5) is easy to install and maintain. Molded of stain- and shock-resistant "Coriglas," a fire retardant glass and polyester material, the 60"-long unit comes in a choice of six decorator colors. Corl, Fort Wayne, Ind. CIRCLE 276 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Tub/shower combination, "Starlite" (6), is molded of easy-to-maintain fiber glass. The one-piece, seamless fixture also comes in space-saving stall and corner shower models. Snyder, Lincoln, Neb. CIRCLE 277 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Glazed clay bathroom tile, "Earthstone" (7), has high strength and low moisture absorption. Available in six shapes and six colors, the tile requires no waxing or buffing—only dry or damp wiping is needed. Florida Tile, Lakeland, Fla. CIRCLE 278 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Free-form sculptured faucet set accents the basin and complements this black marble bath (8). Faucet, shown in antique pewter, also comes in gold plate and brushed chrome. Sherle Wagner, New York City. CIRCLE 279 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Brass shower head, "Act-o-Matic" (9), automatically cleans itself as water is turned on and off. Unit is available with 3 or 4 gal. flow controls for water conservation. Sloan Valve, Franklin Park, Ill. CIRCLE 280 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Single-handle "Boutique" faucet (10) features a dial control for water flow and temperature. Unit has a crystal-like body of polycarbonate and brass hardware and internal parts. Moen, Stanadyne, Elyria, Ohio. CIRCLE 281 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Plastic laminates make this bathroom (11) easy to maintain. Countertop of "White Morocco" and cabinets clad in "Spanish Oak" require only a damp wiping to retain their original look. Formica, Cincinnati, Ohio. CIRCLE 282 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Ceramic tile (12), "Renaissance" from the Romany Flair line, is an intricate tracery on a white matte background. Tile, with baked-on low relief design, comes in three colorways. U.S. Ceramic, Canton, Ohio. CIRCLE 283 ON READER SERVICE CARD
Bold line of bathroom hardware (1), "Premiere", consists of soap dishes, tissue holders, switch plates, towel bars and a towel ring. Also included in the series of decorative accessories is a garment hook, ash tray, glass and toothbrush holder, knob, pull and backplate. Easy-to-install collection comes in antique brass or golden-white finishes. Ajax Hardware, City of Industry, Calif.

Wood vanity cabinet line, "Monterey" (2), includes base units in single- and double-door versions, drawer models and the combination door and drawer style shown. Wall cabinets can be recessed or surface-mounted. A baked-on polymer topcoat resists scuffs and stains. Connor, Wausau, Wis.

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Brass-finished bath accessories are suitable for use in traditional or Early American decors. The “Concord” line includes soap dishes (3A), towel bars, towel rings (3B), toothbrush and tissue holders, switch plates and outlet backs. Also featured is a dual-track shower bar, which holds decorative curtains and functional liners separately. Kirsch, Sturgis, Mich.  

Modular vanity cabinet, “Sea Mist” (4), is a clean, contemporary design with no decorative hardware. Part of the “AristoKraft” line, the simple style with distinctive graining adds a touch of elegance. Easy-to-maintain surface is a moisture-resistant plastic laminate. Cabinets come in a variety of widths and models. United Cabinet, Jasper, Ind.  

Mediterranean vanity, “Barcelona” (5), is available in a full range of drawer and door combinations in a choice of Spanish Oak or white. Completing the unit is a white-on-white cultured-marble vanity top with a center bowl. A 48”, tri-view, walnut-framed medicine cabinet/mirror features two separate storage compartments, one on each end. Perma-Bilt, Torrance, Calif.  

Single-handle “Starburst” faucets (6) have a feather-touch control that sets both the water flow and temperature. Faucets, in bath and lav models, feature a tri-plated chrome-finish and hydroseal control. Units come with either the graceful acrylic handles shown or lever-style handles. Valley Faucet, U.S. Brass, Plano, Tex.  

Wrought iron bathroom accessories (7) capture the Early American spirit. Decorative hardware line includes a soap dish, glass holder, towel rack, paper-towel caddy, tissue holder, towel ring and clothes hook. Series is offered in antique pewter, old English brass or satin black finishes. Acorn Mfg., Mansfield, Mass.  

Fiber glass circle shower (8) saves space and is easy to install. The unit, consisting of a one-piece wall and circular top and base pieces, occupies no more than 9 sq. ft. of floor space. Inside diameter is a full 36”. A curved fiber glass door conveniently slides inside the circle eliminating the problems of a swing-out door. Easy-to-maintain unit comes in five colors. Swan, St. Louis, Mo.  

Coordinated bathroom (9) features a vanity top and matching tub surround of “Corian” plastic. The lightweight, easy-to-maintain material is made to resemble marble. Vanity tops, in custom cut-out slabs and integrated top and bowl designs and the easy-to-install bathtub wall kits, come in a choice of three colors. E.I. DuPont, Wilmington, Del.  

Two-piece water closet, “Conserver” (10), operates on 30% less water than similar fixtures. The siphon-jet unit is available in either elongated or rounded front models. A balanced design combines reduced water volume with a highly efficient flushing action. The unit comes in 12 colors including black shown. Briggs, Tampa, Fla.
High-style vanity cabinet, "Seville 24" (1), accommodates either a cultured marble or plastic laminate top. The 24"-wide, two-drawer, single-door cabinet is available in a suede textured white laminate with gold trim and standard or deluxe knobs. Villa Mfg., Rochester, N.Y. CIRCLE 294 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Solid brass shower head (2) maintains the same flow rate no matter what the water pressure. Self-cleaning, adjustable unit comes with 3 or 4 gal. per minute flow control. Chatham Brass, Linden, N.J. CIRCLE 295 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Low-cost bathroom core unit (3) consists of durable vinyl-surfaced walls with built-in plumbing, electrical and fire protection systems. Easy-to-install unit contains windows, doors and finishing moldings. It can be furnished with wall-hung toilet and lavatory or accept standard fixtures installed on-site. Stahl, Youngstown, Ohio. CIRCLE 296 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Vanity top (4) is thermoformed from continuous cast cross-linked acrylic sheet reinforced by structural plastic. Available in sizes from 22"x25" to 22"x43", tops are not affected by household chemicals, thermal shock and normal impact. Peerless Plastic, Evansville, Ind. CIRCLE 297 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Steam bath system can be installed in any home (5). It consists of an electronic steam generator, located up to 50' from the bathing area, and a 30-minute timer that controls length and temperature of the bath. Thermasol, New York City. CIRCLE 298 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Bathtub with a built-in whirlpool, the "Roman Bath" (6), massages the body and stimulates circulation. Contoured fiber glass tub, available in 5' and 6' models, features two recessed inlets that feed whirling water. Jacuzzi, Berkeley, Calif. CIRCLE 299 ON READER SERVICE CARD
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Early warning fire detector is capable of sensing products of combustion in all four stages of a fire—even before smoke and flames. The ionization-type detector measures 7” in diameter. Unit features solid-state alarm circuitry and an alarm horn capable of awakening sleeping people. Device automatically resets itself when cleared of combustion products. BRK Electronics, Aurora, Ill. CIRCLE 203 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Two-piece entry handle-set, “La Fleur,” features an exceptionally long pull. The king-size unit does not appear massive. Available with a jimmyproof 1” deadbolt, a deadlatch or a spring latch, the handle comes in antique brass, antique silver, highlighted brass and antique bronze. Weslock, Los Angeles. CIRCLE 202 ON READER SERVICE CARD

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Lock astragals, for use on the outside of out-swinging 1¾” single doors, completely cover latch areas to prevent tampering or jimmying. The units allow clearance for the lip of the lock strike. Astragals, in a choice of finishes, come in three sizes to accommodate different locks. Builders Brass Works, Los Angeles. CIRCLE 208 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Remote alarm transmission system reports emergencies to a central receiving station. The solid-state, frequency-division-multiplex device transmits information over a pair of leased telephone lines. Up to 30 individual transmitting systems can utilize the same pair of lines without the need to worry about signal mixing. Surcom, Yorklite, York, Pa. CIRCLE 209 ON READER SERVICE CARD

Lock astragals are for use on the outside of out-swinging 1¾” single doors, completely cover latch areas to prevent tampering or jimmying. The units allow clearance for the lip of the lock strike. Astragals, in a choice of finishes, come in three sizes to accommodate different locks. Builders Brass Works, Los Angeles. CIRCLE 208 ON READER SERVICE CARD

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Stylized geometric pattern, "Es­trada," features a handwoven appearance. Part of the "Prodigy" line, the carpet is tufted of long-staple acrylic. Available in seven colors, it resists stains and soil. Armstrong, Lancaster, Pa.

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Informal carpet patterns provide a casual look. "Mirabel" (left), a floorcovering designed for the young at-heart, features varying pile heights. Offered in 12 colorways, the pattern retails for around $7.95 a sq. yd. Multi-colored "Mallorca" (right) is a densely constructed continuous filament nylon plush. Available in 12 colorways in a 12' width, it retails for about $11.95 a sq. yd. Masland, Carlisle, Pa.

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Subtly textured nylon carpet, "Savanna" (left), is an upright twist in a three-color combination. Available in 15 colorways, it retails for approximately $7.95 a sq. yd. Boldly designed, loop-textured "Americraft" (right) combines stylized florals and geometrics for an early American look. Offered in 5 two-tone combinations, the carpet retails for around $8.95 a sq. yd. Alexander Smith, Amsterdam, N.Y.

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2. **Corner posts.** Place posts on all inside and outside corners, allowing ½” at the top. Position the post by placing nail at top of upper slot, placing all other nails in the center of the slots.

3. **Chalk line.** After determining the lowest corner of the building, snap a line in relation to the eaves or window frames to guide the installation of the starter strips.

4. **Starter strip.** Install strip along the bottom of the building, allowing ¼” at the corner posts and channels. Keep ends of starter strip at least ¼” apart.
5. **First panel.** Lock it into the starter strip, placing backerboard behind. Leave \( \frac{1}{4}'' \) at all corner posts and channels. If individual corner caps are used, cut back panels \( \frac{1}{4}'' \) from corner.

6. **Lapping panels.** Lap siding half the length of the pre-notched ends. Stagger laps so one is not above another, unless separated by 3 courses, checking every 5th or 6th course for alignment. Always overlap joints away from entrances and traffic flow to improve appearance.

7. **Cutting for windows.** Mark the section to be removed, cutting the sides with snips and scoring lengthwise with a utility knife or scoring tool. Bend the section along the scored line to remove.

8. **Fitting around window.** Nail J channels on window and door sides and tops, and undersill trim on window bottoms, to receive siding. (Vinyl window head flashing should be used above doors and windows unless previously flashed.)

9. **Last panel.** Cut it to cover the remaining open section. Punch lugs every 16"-24" along the cut edge with snaplock punch, raising lugs on outside. Then lock siding into the undersill trim placed under the eaves.

10. **Clean up.** Simply wipe with a clean cloth. Grease can be easily removed with mild soap and water.

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