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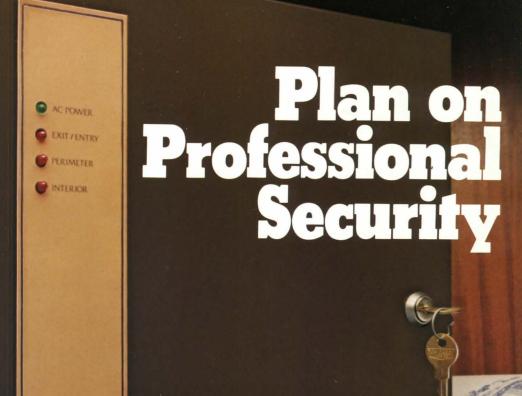
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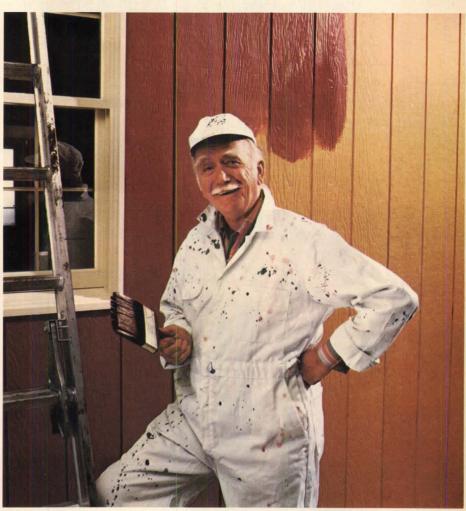
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The anti-inflation plan: Old medicine in new bottles

And for homebuilding, it's a pretty bitter brew.

True, the Administration bent over backwards to avoid putting credit controls on housing. But housing will still bear much of the burden. For the plan leaves most of the inflation fight to the Federal Reserve. Which means tight money and high interest rates—yes, even higher than now.

It also means disintermediation—in sum, more of the same. To make matters worse, the withholding tax on interest will take an estimated \$4 billion from the pool of funds available to s&Ls just when savings flows have turned negative. Add to that the threepoint surcharge on the discount rate. And the general chaos in the money markets. No wonder lenders won't risk going long term.

Despite the Administration's disclaimers, credit for housing is in fact being controlled-by the market. And while the government makes it unattractive for lenders to go long term, it hasn't really coped with short-term borrowing. And there's the rub. For at 18% inflation, speculators and the U.S. Treasury have no problem outbidding homebuilders and buyers. Which means money is more likely to go into financing today's commodity speculation, today's mergers and acquisitions and today's government deficit spending than tomorrow's homes.

At first glance the Administration's proposals seem to address these issues. But government belt tightening is something that must be seen to be believed. So we'll be skeptical until Congress has had its say.

In addition, economists warn of more pressures on the financial markets—the seasonal borrowing requirements for the short term and, if consumer spending slumps as expected, more borrowing to finance swollen inventories.

They warn too of long-term pressures, including a new one from the oil surtax. It's not part of any comprehensive energy plan, so it will almost certainly fuel more inflation.

And they warn that the markets are so jittery, any major business or bank failure could throw the whole system into a liquidity crisis.

That's pretty strong stuff. What to do about it?

Probably what you've been doing all along. For despite all the bad news, the good news is that this is probably the best advertised crunch on record. You've had time to get ready for it by scaling down your starts and aiming for flexibility and liquidity.

Forecasters now say that this year's starts may be lower than 1974's 1.4 million. But remember, low starts mean growing demand. The demographics of the 80s indicate we'll need 2.5 million new units a year. So each year we produce less than that adds to the pressure. People have to live somewhere, and the demand must —J. F. G. and N. G. —and will—eventually be met.

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Carter program: No relief for housing

President Carter's anti-inflation program-which was announced just before Commerce Department figures were released showing February starts at the depressed level of 1.3 million was deliberately drafted to skirt new restrictions on an industry that Fed Chairman Paul A. Volcker says is already "at the tail of the whip."

Even so, the most important elements of the program can only be bad news for the housing industry. For while housing credit is exempt from the direct controls imposed on credit cards and unsecured personal loans, it is nakedly exposed to a Fed attack that will drive up interest rates even more.

Fed actions. The Fed slapped reserve requirements on unsecured personal credit—such as that available with credit cards and bank overdraft plans—and it told the nation's largest banks to tighten up more on corporate takeover financing and other loans that it calls "nonproductive." From the business standpoint, the Fed's program is still based on reducing the flow of commercial credit by stopping it with ever-higher interest rates.

Thus it will trigger an intense scramble for business credit. Many bankers and economists are predicting a prime rate of 20% or higher. And with high money market rates, there is no incentive for savers to put their funds back into banks or thrift institutions. Thus the Carter program worsens the situation by restricting interest even more to thrift savers.

Bad as '74. Nor is there any prop in the program specifically for homebuilding money. The Federal National Mortgage Assn. will continue to keep up its purchases, says economist Peter Treadway. But he is skeptical that housing starts can now be kept much above the one million level. That would make 1980 as bad a housing year as 1974.

Yet only three months ago Treadway and other economists were forecasting 1.35 million starts. What went wrong?

The President and Fed Chairman Volcker say the last round of oil price increases caused the problem because they led to a much bigger inflationary shock than people expected. But that argument alone does not explain the ultra-rapid price increases across the



President Carter: Bad news for housing

economy in commodities, goods and

Beating the spiral. Some private economists now argue that the public so distrusts any government economic policy that it has no hope inflation will abate. Thus, consumers borrow at ever-higher interest rates in the hopes of beating the inflationary spiral, which many see as a permanent condition. That is the view that the Fed now seems to have accepted, because it is trying to break the cycle by triggering a credit crunch in the entire consumer sector, not just the mortgage market as

But to get an all-out crunch, the Fed makes things even worse for housing. since the squeeze on the supply of funds sends interest rates soaring. This makes even market-yielding savings, such as the 15% money market certificate, noncompetitive. In an effort to balance things out, the Fed put a stiff 15% reserve requirement on money market mutual funds, which makes them less attractive to savers. But most Wall Street analysts said lower yields would only drive savers into the treasury bill market, not back to the thrifts.



Fed's Treadway: As bad as '74

Financial reform. Ironically, only days before the President acted, Congress put the final touches on a longoverdue financial reform bill that would lift state usury ceilings, would permit banks and thrifts to offer interest-paying checking accounts, and eventually—after six years—pay market rates of interest to savers. Carter called for passage of the bill as a long-term structural economic change. No one in Congress or the Administration thinks it can help housing much this year or next.

The only bright spot in the picture is the fact that the public now seems willing to pay high mortgage rates. "If the mortgage rate gets near 12%, borrowing will spurt again," says Treadway. But to fall back from rates of 15% or higher will take time, and it will be even longer before many nowshaky mortgage lenders rebuild their liquidity. All of which means that the housing crunch begun by the Fed last October 6 will get even worse before it gets better. And how long it will last no one knows.

> -ROBERT J. DOWLING McGraw-Hill World News. Washington, D.C.

Starts figures: Bad but could be worse

A few days after President Carter announced his anti-inflation program, the Commerce Department released February starts figures showing that things were bad-but not bad enough.

Starts ran at an annual rate of 1.334 million in February 1980, down from 1.469 million in 1979.

In January, starts were 1.424 million, down from 1.727 million the previous year.

Starts drop as buyers retreat

It was a long time coming, but affordability problems have finally squelched the "buy now" syndrome. Either discouraged or disqualified by rising mortgage rates—new commitments are at 143/4% to 17%—more and more potential buyers are sitting it out as they wait for money conditions to ease.

The upshot: After a brief rally earlier this year, sales of new homes have gone into a sharp downslide.

Hurting, too, is an across-the-board decline in the resale market. Realtors, who moved 3.75 million existing homes last year, now expect sales to plummet to an annual rate of 2.9 million before bottoming out—possibly this summer. Based on that timetable, the National Association of Realtors is projecting sales of 3.3-3.5 million units for the full year.

Revised estimates of this year's construction activity spell out the bad news.

The National Association of Home Builders, for example, sees starts coming in at 1,089,000—down 37% and the lowest total since 1975 when 1,167,000 units were logged. Other scaled-down forecasts call for starts of 1 million to 1.4 million. Obviously, any further tightening of credit would lower the numbers.

Timing will be the big factor in '80, says Maurice Mann, vice chairman of Warburg Paribas Becker Inc., the San Francisco investment banking firm.

If interest rates drop as fast as they went up, he feels, "it's not too late for 1.3-1.4 million starts. However, if rates stay at current levels for another two or three months, we're probably looking at 1-1.1 million."

'Financial hysteria.' Also slowing the action is an extremely cautious attitude on the part of lenders, most of whom have sharply curtailed or simply stopped making new mortgage commitments.

"Our people are pretty much out of the market," says Ken Thygerson, chief economist of the U.S. League of Savings and Loan Assns. "It's financial hysteria—that's the only way to describe their emotional state when it comes to any kind of long-term lending."

Thrifts continue to be hobbled by

the high cost of new funds, now running them 16-18%. Moreover, with the exception of high-yielding money market certificates and jumbo CDs, little new money is flowing into the institutions. Consequently, even loan repayments are being put into liquid short-term investments instead of mortgages.

Furthermore, notes Thygerson, "capping the interest rates on 2½-year certificates at 12% isn't going to save the ball game. They represent only .7% of all S&L deposits while the six-month MMCs [which now yield close to 15%] account for almost 30%. Possibly it's a trial balloon for an eventual cap on six-month certificates. Something has to give pretty soon, though, because a lot of associations are in trouble. Also, I don't think there is any way the market will accept today's mortgage rates."

Builders agree. Board Chairman James Grosfeld of Pulte Homes, in fact, flatly predicts that conventionally financed housing will be "down the drain" if interest rates remain at the present high levels.

According to Grosfeld, the only thing that's moving these days is low-er-priced first homes. "Our sales are flat to up slightly for the year," he says, "primarily because of FHA-VA business. However, when mortgage rates on these units jump from 11½% to 13% [as they did in February], you just can't expect customers to hang in."

Selling harder. Not surprisingly, many builders are switching tactics to meet today's tougher selling conditions. Especially in regard to unsold homes. Although some of the stronger



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U.S. League's Thygerson 'It's financial hysteria'

markets still have a one- to four-month unit supply, slower demand is starting to create inventory problems around the country. Thus builders are being forced to merchandise their units more aggressively.

How? Mainly by providing buyers with financial assistance and subsidies.

Inducements now include reduced first-year payments as well as mort-gage-rate paydowns in the first two or three years. In Detroit, where mort-gage rates have zoomed to 151/4%, buyers can even opt for a five-year paydown plan. In addition, some builders now pick up the tab for closing costs; others offer landscaping and upgraded appliance bonuses. Also reported: some price-cutting.

Similarly, according to Advance Mortgage Corp. of Detroit, over 35% of all resales now involve "creative financing"—i.e., something other than a standard mortgage. Included are land contracts, assumptions, wraparound mortgages and other kinds of conditional deals. Common to all is the fact that the homeowner doesn't get any upfront cash out of the sale.

No silver lining. Some builders still cling to the hope that politicians will ride to housing's rescue, especially when the presidential race heats up. But most are resigned to the fact that market conditions are going to be very tough for at least another three to six months.

Particularly bearish about housing's chances is the NAHB. "It's going to be a deep recession," claims Chief Economist Mike Sumichrast, "and we probably won't come out of it until the middle of next year."

By that time, Sumichrast predicts, unemployment in the construction sector could reach 22%, with more than a million people out of work. Although latest U.S. Department of Labor figures fail to show any big displacement of jobs, there is evidence that builders have indeed started to cut back.

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"We're amazed at the number of contract-signers still in the marketplace," he adds. "The problem is that they are either too financially strapped to go all the way or they suffer from 'buyer's remorse.' Right now, our cancellation rate is at an all-time high."

Faring much better is Ryland Homes. Thanks to prior low-cost commitments, the builder is still offering conventional mortgages under 12%. "Except for the East-Washington, Philadelphia, New Jersey-sales in all of our regions are at or above budget," reports Marketing Manager Bob Hafer. Helping to keep them that way: a more aggressive print and TV ad campaign.

Cool-off in the West. Thus far. sales volume is holding up reasonably well for Standard-Pacific Corp. Although its ability to offer below-market financing continues to give the Costa Mesa, Calif. builder a decided edge, higher rates could end the honevmoon.

"We're mainly at 13% today," explains Robert St. Lawrence, vice president/finance, "but that isn't expected to last long. If sales continue at the present pace, we can match or slightly exceed last year's deliveries. However, our feeling is that 14% mortgages will turn off buyers and slow our starts. On the other hand, we said the same thing when rates went to 11% and 12%. We'll just have to wait and see."

Buyers in the Pacific Northwest have already backed off though, despite the availability of 12-131/2% mortgage money.

Jack Creighton, vice president in charge of Weyerhaeuser Co.'s shelter division, says that "sales are down 15-20% and, frankly, I'm surprised it's not 30% given today's market conditions." The Tacoma-based builder's battle plan calls for "hunkering down on our profit margins, even at the expense of market share and volume."

Retirement market. Also taking a clobbering is retirement housing, off sharply because customers can't unload their existing homes. "Our sales have dropped 30% in the last 90 days,' says President Glen Cardoso of Leisure Technology, "and that comes on top of an already declined market. What's more, I don't see any improvement until 1981."

Leisure Tech has laid its plans accordingly. For one thing, it intends to hold selling prices at current levels. Major subcontractors and suppliers have been asked to do the same. So far, at any rate, no one is balking.

In addition, the company has trimmed its operating budget by 30% via personnel cutbacks and other overhead cost reductions. "And we plan to cut another 10% by June," notes Car-

Small builders find the terrain even bumpier, of course. Take Fleming-Waller Inc., a Danville, Ill. company



Fox & Jacobs' Harper Layoffs cancellations



Leisure Tech's Cardoso 'Wait 'til next year'

that does about 100 units a year. "Fortunately," says Construction Manager Tom Fleming, "a good part of our mix is FHA and FMHA housing. Because if we did conventionals only, business would be off 50%. As it is, we'll probably be down 25% for the year."

Interest rates aren't the only problem either. Says Fleming: "Under the FHA 235 program, we're doing \$39,000 houses that go for down payments of \$1,600 and monthly payments of \$245. However, with rising construction costs, it becomes a question of what can you build for \$39,000? It's almost criminal, but we may have to take the garage off those houses."

To counter sagging sales, Fleming-Waller plans to tackle some small office buildings and mini-warehouses. "They helped us through the last recession," Fleming says, "so we're going to try them again."

Risky undertaking. Also going the diversification route is Fuqua Homes of Houston, which already does office buildings and shopping centers along with its 180-200 homes (annual volume: \$10 million). "We've just started to develop lots," says President Ken Fuqua. "It's a helluva time to get into this business, but the operation is showing a profit."

Fuqua, whose house sales are off 20%, notes that the market for firsttime buyers is now down "at least 10% in Texas."

"A lot of people-builders, mortgage bankers and real estate agentswon't survive this recession," he feels. "Which is too bad because pent-up demand and housing shortages will make 1981 and '82 boom years.'

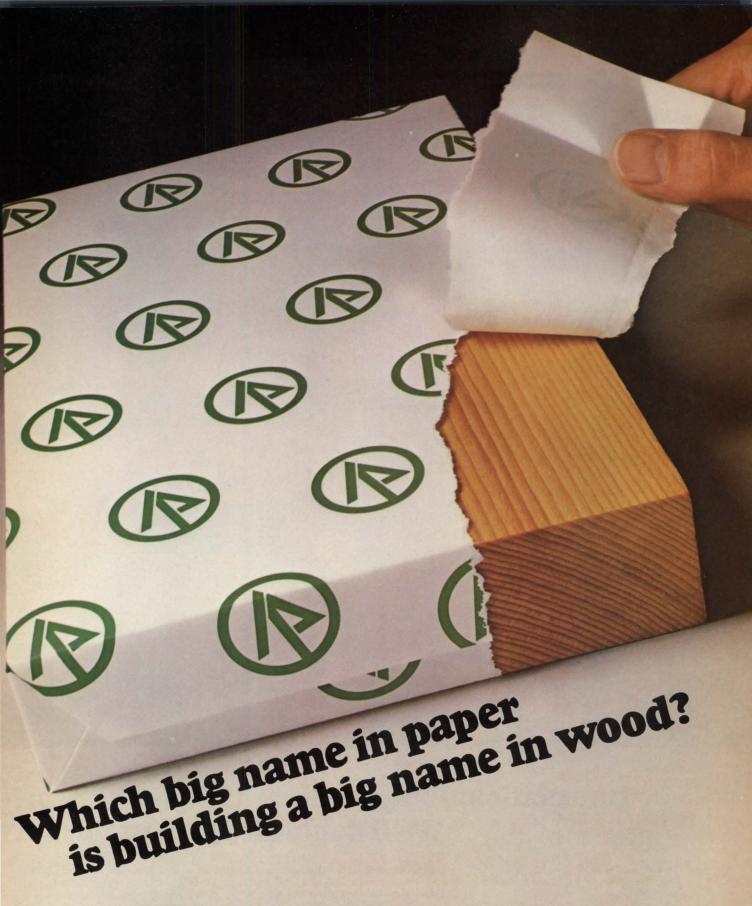
Another sign of the times is what's happening in Reston, Va. Until recently, only 10% of the new town's land sales were for non-res construction. Now the mix is closer to 50%.

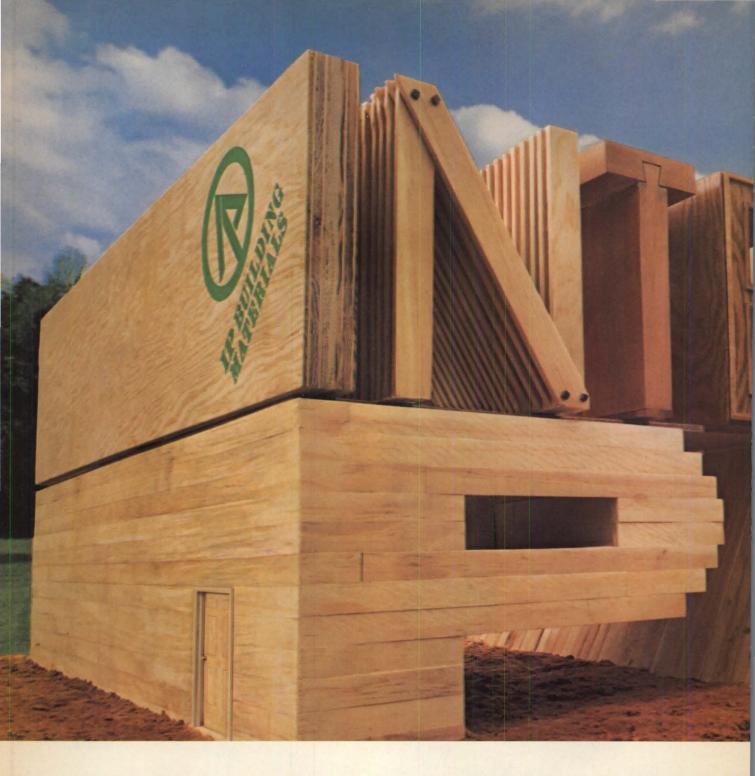
Explains Jim Todd, president of Reston Land Development Co.: "The shift reflects the fact that homebuilders are holding off on land buys, primarily because of money conditions and a pronounced slowdown in moveup sales. In fact, most of the units now being built are for first-time buyers. But there's no shortage of takers for commercial and industrial land."

Bucking the odds. Despite a rapidly dwindling supply of mortgage funds in Fort Collins, Colo. - the going rate is 15% to 16½%—Osprey Homes fully expects to equal or surpass last year's \$15-million volume. The secret weapon? Permanent financing commitments that will enable the builder to offer 101/8% mortgages through this year. Also swelling its revenues are a newly opened office building and a shopping center.

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"All markets are down in northern Colorado," says President Reid Rosenthal. "But well targeted projects that enjoy an edge in product quality, location or mortgage financing still sell. For example, volume for our four residential projects is up 15%. And I'm going to be very, very disappointed if we don't at least maintain last year's pace." -BILL MULLIGAN





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It's showdown time for BEPS

Along with the showers, April should produce some fireworks as the Department of Energy holds cross-country hearings on its controversial building energy performance standards (BEPS).

Sure to stir things up is the National Association of Home Builders' claim that the proposed standards are so flawed that it's impossible for builders to meet the compliance deadlines set by DOE.

The NAHB, in fact, wants the program delayed for two years so that a pilot study can be set up to measure the standards' cost effectiveness and energy savings. Under the timetable ordered by Congress, a final version of the BEPS is due this August, with full implementation to follow a year later.

Meanwhile, virtually all sectors of the building community agree that more time is needed.

Frontal assault. As part of its lobbying effort to force a delay, the NAHB plans to launch an all-out attack on the economic and technical shortcomings of BEPS. Such organizations as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Institute of Building Sciences have already been enlisted to help the builders make their case.

In addition to citing DOE's economic and technical miscalculations, industry critics say that the standards have little chance of working unless they are modified. They also charge that the time allotted for training builders, designers and code officials is inadequate.

The NAHB goes even further, saying it doubts that the standards, as written, will really save energy—despite their high costs and disruptive impact on building operations.

"The nation can't afford the mistake of rushing to impose premature standards which may cost more than they save," warns Robert Peterson, chairman of the NAHB's energy committee.

When adopted, BEPS will establish "design energy budgets" for 19 different types of buildings in 78 climatic zones. In lieu of building thicknesses and equipment specifications, though, the standards merely set a value for so many BTUs of projected energy consumption—per square foot, per year.

According to Peterson, builders would have to use complex computer-based techniques to ensure compli-

ance. However, he adds, most builders and code officials don't have the computer capability needed to determine whether a house or apartment meets the standards.

And that's not all. A recent computerized study made by Karpay Associates of Rockville, Md., for example, pinpointed these BEPS deficiencies:

- •There is no incentive for builders to use such infiltration-cutting devices as storm doors and windows, weather-stripping and caulking. Encouraged instead is a reduction in ceiling height.
- •The effect of fireplaces is totally ignored, thus creating the impression that a portion of the exterior wall may be better insulated than is the case.
- Passive solar designs are penalized because of an assumption that curtains and/or blinds remain closed 50% of the time.

NAHB'S choice. At this month's hearings, the NAHB plans to pitch its own thermal protection guidelines (TPG) as a viable alternative to the proposed new standards. The guidelines, which give builders a formula for determining appropriate thermal protection, are claimed to be more practical and less expensive.

Using TPGs, the association says, a house built in Atlanta will cost \$1,600 less than a comparable BEPS-conforming unit. And the savings on a gasheated house in Denver would be \$665—or \$235 if it uses a gas pump.

DOE officials, who anticipate a lot of flak at the hearings, point out that a number of changes are now being made in the standards which first came out last November.

Because their mandate from Congress is so explicit, however, they hold out little hope that anything can be done at this point to either modify the timing of implementation or switch from performance to more prescriptive standards.

Peterson is sticking to his guns, though. "Energy conservation is in the best interests of the nation, the homeowner and the residential construction industry," he says. "But do not confuse BEPS with energy conservation."

— WILLIAM D. HICKMAN McGraw-Hill World News, Washington

HUD investors target of tax probe

The Internal Revenue Service charges that investors in some 1,400 government-subsidized projects are ripping off the U.S. Treasury for an estimated \$200 million in unpaid taxes.

And Sen. William Proxmire (D., Wisc.), chairman of the Banking Committee, is on the warpath, charging HUD with "failing to cooperate with IRS" and urging the department to "stop dragging its feet."

The charges stem from a tax law that allows the limited partners who own (or owned) about 75% of the HUD-subsidized projects to take income tax deductions on interest as it accrues—even if the payments weren't actually made. Once a project is foreclosed, however, the investor must revise his tax returns and report the unpaid interest as income.

Probe under way. A chastised HUD has since turned over a list of 300 limited partnerships, whose tax returns are now being examined by IRS. In

addition, Assistant Secretary Larry Simons has asked all HUD field offices for a list of any projects on their books that have changed ownership since 1978. IRS, in turn, will use these lists to track down the investors—most of them upper-bracket taxpayers—and check whether they have complied with tax code requirements on these deductions.

According to Keith Fultz, a General Accounting Office investigator, some \$500 million in principal and interest on these projects is still owed to HUD—"and about 95% of that is interest."

But, as a practical matter, IRS says few investors file revised returns after a project is foreclosed. Moreover, the agency's existing audit procedures rarely turn up such cases. Also aiding investors is the IRS's three-year limitation on opening up or auditing individual tax returns. —DONALD O. LOOMIS

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New secondary market for rehab loans

The future for rehabbers and remodelers is looking decidedly rosier, thanks to the just-announced creation of separate secondary markets for home improvement loans by both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

The all-inclusive programs, which will have loan limits of \$75,000 and \$60,000 respectively, are due to be introduced this fall.

Areas to be covered include alterations, repairs, energy-saving additions and modifications, solar installations, remodeling and additions to both single- and two-to-four-family units.

Maximum terms for a Fannie Mae loan: 15 years on amounts up to \$15,000, and 30 years for \$15,000 to \$75,000. Freddie Mac, on the other hand, will accept 5-, 10- or 15-year

loans up to \$30,000, and 20-year loans for amounts between \$30,000 and \$60,000.

A key requirement of both programs is the "financing-to-value" ratio. Fannie Mae, for example, says the combined total of first mortgage and any subordinate liens can't exceed 80% of the property's value after improvement. For Freddie Mac, the limit is 90%.

Huge potential. Although the two agencies are proceeding cautiously—they're still testing procedures and checking market reaction for possible changes that may be needed—most observers are very bullish about the new programs. "The market potential is gigantic," says Thomas Harter, chief economist of the Mortgage

Bankers Assn. "One of the things that has kept this business from booming is the lack of a secondary market."

Mortgage bankers now make about \$400 million a year in home improvement loans. With the new secondary, however, Harter says volume could "double in one or two years," depending on how the programs work out.

Last year, total loans for home improvement ran an estimated \$20 billion, of which 8% (\$1.5 billion) was insured by the FHA.

Also high on the new financing plans is Eugene Squires, president of the National Home Improvement Council. "They should provide a very real lift, particularly in small towns and rural areas," he predicts.

According to the Census Bureau, total volume in the home improvement market is expected to hit \$50 billion in 1980, up from last year's \$42.5 billion.

"And it will reach \$75 billion by the end of 1984," says Warren Dinkins, senior mortgage analyst for Fannie Mae.

Image problems. The rehab/remodeling business has, of course, long been plagued by shady operators who sucker unwary homeowners into signing for sloppy but high-priced jobs of installing storm windows, aluminum siding, new insulation and the like. But many legitimate homebuilders remain cool to this market. Reason: Estimating is more difficult, the jobs are smaller and profits less certain.

Lenders haven't been keen about the business either. "It takes the same kind of policing that's needed for construction loans," says the MBA's Harter.

Despite all the negatives, more and more builders are moving into this area.

Last year, for example, 22% of the NAHB's 44,000 builder-members said that rehab/remodeling is "one of their important operations," up from only 16% in 1977. Their volume is increasing too. Average annual sales in '79 rose to \$180,150 vs. \$156,490 a year earlier. And more than 1,200 members are now full-time remodelers—double the total in 1978.

—DONALD O. LOOMIS

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Remodelers want usury law change to apply to second mortgages

Unless steps are taken to reverse the current dry-up of funds for home improvement loans, the residential construction market could be headed for "a crisis unmatched in recent history," warns Randolph Seifert, vice president and general counsel of the National Home Improvement Council.

Seifert notes that more and more lenders are abandoning the market as they switch to other higher-yielding investments. Crux of the problem, he says, is that the preemption of state usury ceilings—just extended for three years by Congress—applies to first mortgages only.

Nonexempt loans. Currently, however, some 75% of all home improvement loans are secured by subordinated mortgages which, under the new law, remain subject to usury limits. In short, says Seifert, "banks simply can't afford to make these loans under existing interest ceilings."

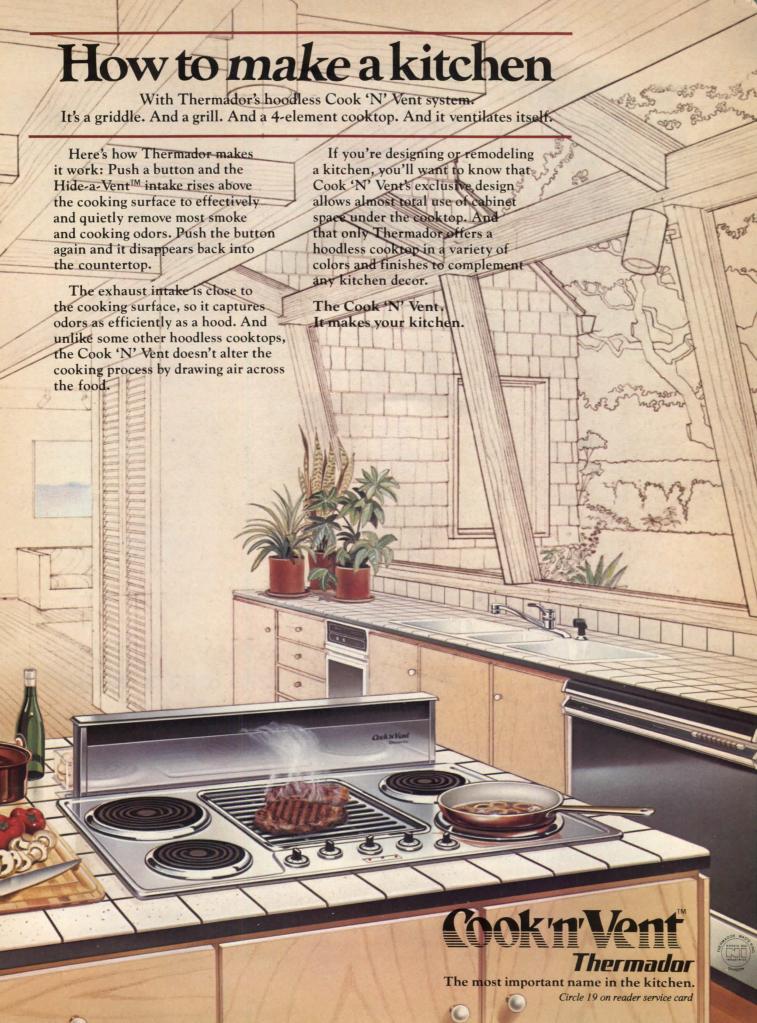
Thus the NHIC has urged Congress to extend the usury preemption statute to cover all types of mortgage lending. Only then, it feels, will financing become available again.

Rehabbing with How. Elsewhere, the outlook for rehabbers/remodelers is more upbeat. In Washington, for example, the nation's first warranty program for extensively rehabbed housing was launched by How Corp. of D.C. Seen as a spur to inner-city revitalization, the pilot program should help to open up more city-owned properties for rehabbing.

Indeed, city officials have already indicated that they would favor contractors who provide a 10-year warranty over those who don't.

This year, the District's Housing Department says it will seek bids to rehab about 3,000 dwelling units, 1,200 of which are expected to be single-family homes and condos. Plans also call for 500 units to be rehabbed under the HOW program. These will include both subsidized and conventionally financed single-family and condo homes.

Boom market. Last year Americans spent over \$42 billion on home improvements, up 12.7% from '78 and triple the amount spent 10 years ago. The lion's share—\$18 billion—went for additions and alterations to existing homes. But these figures don't tell the full story, according to the National Association of Realtors. Annual expenditures are actually much higher, it says, because government statistics fail to measure "a tremendous amount of do-it-yourself labor" that goes into these projects.



In Washington: It's open season on zoning offenders...

The Justice Department, which has done little to combat exclusionary zoning since the Nixon years, is about to rejoin the fray with a vengeance.

Currently in the hopper, for example, are lawsuits charging six as yet unnamed towns with enforcing zoning laws or other land-use regulations designed to screen out low-income families and subsidized housing proj-

The Department's broad-scale attack on area-wide zoning marks a shift away from its previous policy of moving against individual apartment owners and housing developers for turning away minority buyers and renters. It has brought about 300 such cases.

According to Drew Days III, who heads Justice's civil rights division, a top priority for government investigators will be communities "that continue to be all - or virtually all - white." The cases now being prepared will "get our message across," he adds.

Meanwhile, Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti has also ordered his staff to take the following actions:

- Expedite the department's still unresolved suits against Black Jack, Mo. (see page 23) and Parma, Ohio.
- •Step into two private cases now being brought against Chickasaw, Ala., and Manchester, Conn.
- · Launch a probe into local ordinances that ban factory-built housing, even when such units meet codes.

Few victories. One reason for Justice's absence from the zoning wars of late, Civiletti explains, is that court rulings have shown that it is "difficult" to win these cases. Then, too, there's the political backlash directed at Federal prosecutors who sue local officials in zoning disputes, especially in cases involving desegregation and property

A typical reaction to the Attorney General's tough new stance came from Jack Herrity, a Republican member of the Fairfax County, Va., board of

Herrity, who feels that the crackdown is just another government exercise in "wasting taxpayers' money," also echoed a widespread suspicion that election-year politics had a lot to do with the policy shift. The Adminis-

tration, he suggests, may be "playing for the minority vote."

But the Department of Justice is pushing its own line. "Restrictive zoning," says Drew Days, "prevents us from building what the market dictates." Also sharing that view is the NAHB, now embarked on its own stepped-up campaign to help builders fight local zoning battles.

Policing grants, too. Days' group is also working with HUD in an effort to put more enforcement teeth into the Community Development Block Grants program. To qualify for this aid, localities must adopt a Housing Assistance Plan (HAP) to provide units for low- and moderate-income families. The problem is that some towns, after taking the HUD grants, have been slow to deliver the promised lowerincome housing. Several of these situations, in fact, have now reached the litigation stage.

Take Manchester, Conn., a 98%white town of 50,000 that has pocketed \$1.5 million in block grants over a four-year period—and was entitled to another \$500,000 in 1979-80.

The background: Shortly after HUD officials warned the town that the additional money might be withheld unless "significant progress" was made

in achieving the housing goals set forth in its HAP, a local citizens group forced a referendum calling for Manchester to drop out of the program and forgo the HUD grants for two years.

Town officials had applied for a grant before the referendum issue was raised, however, and they gave HUD assurances that some of the \$500,000 would be used for lower-income housing. But shortly after the vote, which was 3 to 1 for dropping out of the program, Manchester withdrew its application to HUD.

Fighting it out. Referendum opponents later appealed to the courts and, last October, the Justice Department entered the case. Charging the town with discrimination in violation of both the Fourteenth Amendment and Fair Housing Act of 1968, the government says that Manchester's actions leading up to the referendum were "part of a historic pattern of exclusionary policies and practices" aimed at "maintaining the town's virtually all-white character."

Local officials, however, claim that forcing them to remain in a voluntary Federal program would give the courts carte blanche "to order any town" to accept a Federal program. And that, they say, violates the constitutional requirement of separation of powers.

> -DONALD O. LOOMIS McGraw-Hill World News, Washington

... But in New Jersey, anti-exclusionists lose a battle

And what happens in New Jersey matters to the rest of the nation, for its courts have long been in the forefront of the fight against restrictive zoning.

Furthermore, the judicial setback arose from a new interpretation of the state's 1975 landmark decision in the hotly contested Mt. Laurel case [Housing, May '75].

At that time, the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that all municipalities must provide low- and moderate-income housing for at least their "fair share of the present and prospective regional need." Other states have since used the decision as the basis of their own land-use ordinances.

But a recent lower-court ruling has injected a new complication into the "fair share" formula by putting the onus of defining the relevant regionand therefore the need-squarely on the plaintiffs.

Such was the outcome of a case the Urban League of Greater New Brunswick pressed against 11 municipalities in Middlesex County.

Discrimination proved. Initially it appeared that the Urban League had a cinch case. The trial judge, in fact, readily agreed that local zoning regulations had unconstitutionally kept out poor families. And he ordered each of the townships to allot land for its fair share of the 18,697 new units of lowand moderate-income housing the region would require by 1985. For eight

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of the 11 municipalities, filling the court-imposed quota would take all of the buildable land they now hold.

Last fall, however, the appellate division of the state's Supreme Court shot down this decision because it was based on using Middlesex County as the "region" in which the need for housing was measured.

A three-judge panel held that arbitrary political boundaries should not have been used. Instead, what should have been examined was the whole new area that—given existing transportation facilities and jobs—might send new residents to a town in the absence of exclusionary zoning.

Conceivably that could cover as much as the seven counties and 300 jurisdictions in the Minneapolis area, the judges noted, or the five counties and 31 municipalities that make up Ohio's Miami Valley.

Case dismissed. While this interpretation clearly favors the plaintiffs in zoning discrimination suits, the rest of the appellate decision went against them. Indeed, the case was thrown out. The grounds? Failure of the Urban League to prove exactly what the region's boundaries should be.

According to the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, the legal muscle behind the Urban League's suit, this ruling could radically alter the power of poor, minority litigants to use civil rights issues to force land-use changes.

The problem, says NCADH lawyer Roger C. Rosenthal, is that plaintiffs now must prove not only that discrimination has occurred, but precisely what area is affected—something "not very easy to demonstrate."

A final decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court, which has agreed to review the issue, is expected later this year.

— DANIEL B. MOSKOWITZ

McGraw-Hill World News, Washington

The exclusionary busts begin

The Justice Department's new campaign against discriminatory zoning by local governments has netted its first violator—Dunkirk, N.Y., an industrial town of 16,000, charged with freezing out blacks and hispanics.

The government, in a suit filed with the Buffalo U.S. District Court, claims that Dunkirk's mayor and city council twice violated the 1968 Fair Housing Act by blocking plans for development of low- and moderate-income housing in the area.

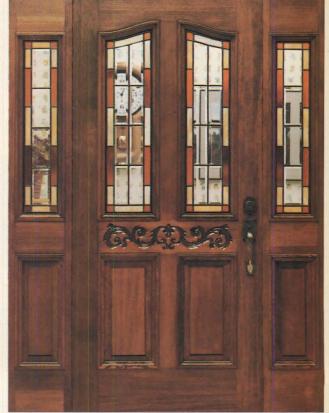
Cited in one instance was a multifamily project, proposed in 1971, that had to be scrapped because the town rezoned the site for single-family

Zoning was later changed to allow duplexes. But in 1978, the suit alleges, town officials again blocked developers by instituting unusually tough reviews of building permit applications. This caused so much delay that the developers lost their option on the site.

-D.M.



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HUD to clarify fair-housing rules

It took 12 years and a lot of pressure from civil rights groups, but HUD has finally decided to air its interpretation of what's required of lenders and sellers under the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

Starting in May, the agency will begin to issue proposed new rules that spell out its reading of how the law applies to such areas as mortgage lending, selling and renting houses, zoning practices, redlining and the issuing of property insurance.

Interested parties will have 60 days to comment before final regulations are issued.

Since HUD's only legal authority under the 1968 law is to conciliate disputes, the new regulations aren't expected to usher in any great changes in fair-housing enforcement. But they should help judges who tend to rely on agency interpretations of how the law should be applied in cases brought by the Justice Department.

Up to now, says Martin Sloane of

the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, "the courts have been struggling all by themselves."

Enforcement of the Fair Housing Act may be taken away from the courts entirely if legislation now being considered by both the House and Senate should pass.

The new law would, for the first time, give HUD enforcement powers of its own through administrative law judges who would hear complaints and hand down decisions. Appeals to the Federal courts would be allowed only after the HUD judge had ruled.

The Carter Administration is backing this legislation, which Rep. Don Edwards (D.,Calif.) calls "the most important civil rights legislation in years." But civil rights lobbyists say it's too early to speculate whether Congress can send a bill to the White House this year.

—D.L.

No legal relief for Black Jack

More bad news for exclusionary towns has just been delivered by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The high court refused to lift an earlier decision requiring Black Jack, Mo., a St. Louis suburb, to take affirmative steps to see that a racially integrated, 108-unit housing project for low-income families is completed.

At issue was whether a municipality, found to have violated the Fair Housing Act, may be ordered to make up for the violation by taking such affirmative action.

Black Jack, a virtually all-white community of 5,700, was incorporated in August 1970. Two months later, it passed a zoning ordinance limiting new residential construction to single-family houses, thus effectively killing a Federally subsidized project planned for the area.





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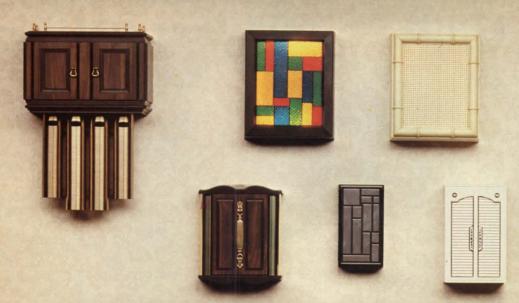
Architect Lawrence Goldfarb and developer Alan Klein know all about "less is more." It's just what they had in mind when they turned three gutted and abandoned houses in Philadelphia into six trim townhouses: less oversized, costly-to-heat white elephant; more energy-efficient townhouse, com-

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When the developers happened upon them in March of 1978, these singlefamily homes—two attached and one freestanding corner unit—had been put under contract for demolition after standing vacant four years. Long regarded as eyesores, the houses had but one thing going for them: location. They appeared to be in the path of an active urban renaissance sweeping steadily westward through the University City section of Philadelphia.

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salvage the buildings. "The last few days before closing," remembers Goldfarb, "it was a race to see if we could buy them before the demolition contractor could wreck them." The developers won the race and bought the buildings for \$15,000. Then, they went to the Provident Savings Association, a small lender involved in a big way in the neighborhood's resurgence, for the \$263,000 needed to rebuild the shells.

Still, there was this major stumbling block: The houses were too big and inefficient to work as single family, and too small to pencil out as apartments.

Goldfarb came up with a simple, but ingenious solution: Cut the buildings in half. So he did, with a vertical division from roof to basement. His divider: a fire wall system made of steel studs, fiber glass insulation and fire-rated gypsum board sandwiched between two half-inch sheets of drywall.

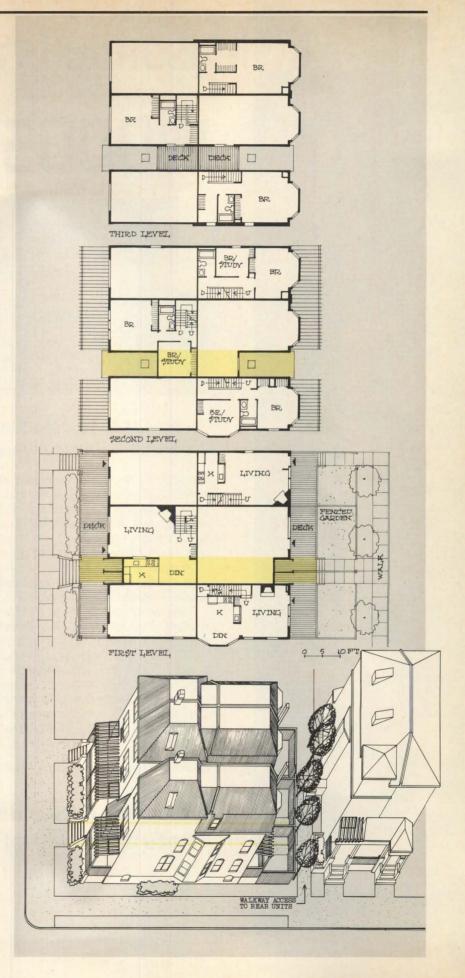
"Without the wall, we wouldn't have done the project," Goldfarb explains, citing the prohibitive cost of erecting a conventional 8-inch-thick concrete fire wall. In addition to meeting the architect's budget, the fire wall met the city's building code.

For a final touch, Goldfarb closed the alley between the freestanding and attached units, providing space for storage, two kitchens, two bedrooms and an upper-level outdoor deck (see plans right).

Both developer and neighborhood seem pleased with the result of this radical surgery. Goldfarb and Klein got their project: Hazel Way, six three-bedroom townhouses ranging in size from 1,350 to 1,700 sq. ft. and priced from \$62,500 to \$74,500. And the area's rehabilitation program got just the westward push it needs.

- WALTER L. UPDEGRAVE

Bird's-eye view (right) shows the result of cutting three houses in half: six new units, three facing front and three rear. Developer also bought and renovated the building behind the townhouses (right in drawing) to insure that rear units would face a clean, attractive view. Alley between buildings was closed up to increase living space in four units (shaded area in plans).



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After a seven-year court battle, the Justice Department has dropped criminal price-fixing charges against four major gypsum producers [HOUSING, Nov. '79].

Under an unusual settlement, the four companies—U.S. Gypsum, National Gypsum, Georgia-Pacific and Celotex—agreed to pay the government income taxes on about \$12.3 million in exchange for dismissal of the suit.

The settlement amount represents 35% of tax deductions available to the producers for payments they made to settle earlier civil actions in the long-running case. Had they lost the criminal trial, the Internal Revenue Service could have disallowed about \$35 million in such deductions.

Grumbling. Not everyone was pleased with the final outcome. Some attorneys, in fact, feel it could jeopardize private antitrust suits. Reason: Private individuals seeking treble antitrust damages can use a government

conviction to establish a civil case. But these suits are much harder to win if the criminal action is dropped—or if the defendant is acquitted.

Justice, however, notes that civil litigation in this case started before the four gypsum makers were indicted on criminal charges in 1973. Moreover, says the department, it knows of no other pending private actions that "might be aided" by further prosecution of the case.

The producers were originally convicted in 1975 on charges of conspiring over a 14-year period to fix prices on \$4.8 billion of gypsum wallboard. After an appeal, the Supreme Court ordered a new trial in 1978.

Elsewhere on the legal front, there were these decisions of note:

Warranty limits. A statement in its Architect's Guide is ample warning to tile buyers of the limitations that Flintkote Co. puts on its product warranties—at least in Virginia.

At issue in the Virginia Supreme

Court: Is the company's refusal to do anything more than replace defective tiles "conspicuous" enough to be legally binding? While noting that other states have reached different conclusions, the court ruled that under Virginia's uniform commercial code, limitations don't have to be "conspicuous" for warranties on which the buyer and seller are free to bargain.

Mortgage insurance. No, Fannie Mae's use of size standards to determine who will write hazard insurance on properties with mortgages sold in the secondary market isn't an antitrust violation.

So said the U.S. District Court in Topeka, Kan., which turned back a challenge by two insurance companies too small to meet the standard.

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Edward N. Kelley heads Edward N. Kelley and Associates, his own property development firm which operates in rental and condominium housing in non-residential sectors. Formerly a consultant in the rental property management field, Kelley has worked with developers, investors, lenders, major corporations and Realtors. He is the author of "Cost, Rent and Profit Computer: Rental Apartments," published by Housing Press and "Practical Apartment Management," published by the Institute of Real Estate Management.

Vernon Hoven, C.P.A. is the founder and partner in Hoven, Vervick and Amrine, P.C., a private accounting firm based in Missoula, Montana. Prior to starting Hoven, Vervick and Amrine, P.C. in 1973 he had practiced in the public, governmental and corporate accounting fields. Mr. Hoven has been a featured speaker on the subject of Real Estate Tax laws lecturing to various real estate groups around the country. He is a member of Montana Board of Accounting, American Institute of C.P.A.s, the Montana Society of C.P.A. s and the National Association of Accountants

Joseph Robert Jr. is president of the J. Robert Company Inc., a nationally recognized sales and marketing firm based in Bethesda, Maryland which specializes in condominiums and other forms of multifamily housing. His firm is responsible for the sales and marketing of several thousand condominiums throughout Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia and southern Florida. Immediately prior to starting J. Robert Company Inc. he was the sales director for W.W.A. Inc., a Washington, D.C.—based construction firm and prior to that was a field representative for the Boise Cascade Company.

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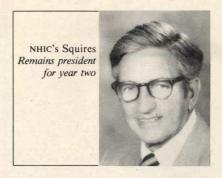
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NHIC gets new slate of officers

Eugene B. Squires, president of Squires Construction Co. (Macedonia, Ohio), is elected to his second term as president of the National Home Improvement Council (NHIC). His reelection, along with the election of the national officers, came during the NHIC's annual Expo/Convention in Miami Beach recently.

The new national officers are: Henry Fenderbosch, manager of residential and commercial marketing services for Whirlpool (Benton Harbor, Mich.), first vice president; Felix Oppenheimer, president of Busy Beaver Remodelers (Verona, Penn.), second vice president; Neil Kelly, president of his own remodeling company (Portland, Ore.), secretary; and Wayne Baker, vice president of Bank of America (Los Angeles), treasurer.

BUILDERS/DEVELOPERS: At The Housing Group, (Walnut Creek, Calif.), Vice President Jack Chapman assumes the additional duties of president



dent/northern California division. Richard Michael, director of operations for that division, becomes corporate vice president.

Norman W. Lytle III is promoted to general manager/residential development for Daon Corp. (Newport Beach, Calif.). He was a project manager for several award-winning condo conversions.

At the Los Angeles-based Kaufman and Broad Inc., Robert M. Galloway is elected senior vice president/director, technical services, and Frank J. Scar-

dina is chosen vice president and general counsel.

R.W. Trede is promoted to vice president and planning director for the Los Angeles-based Pardee Construction Co. Pardee is a subsidiary of Weyerhaeuser Co. (Tacoma, Wash.).

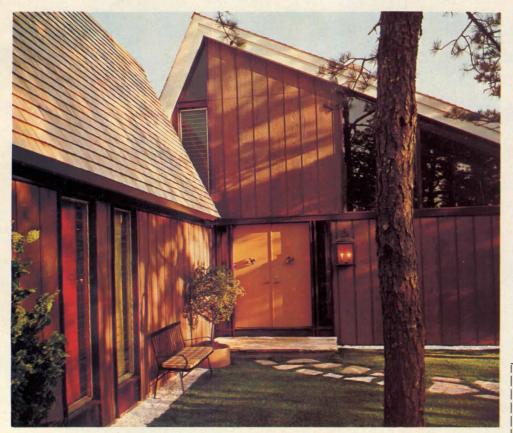
Otto Strehlow is named director of acquisitions at The Christiana Companies Inc. (Santa Monica, Calif.), moving up from director of marketing.

Richard R. Jones becomes vice president/marketing of Nottingham Properties Inc. and Nottingham Village Inc. (both in Towson, Md.). Jones was manager of marketing for both companies.

Watt Industries' (Santa Monica) Joseph D. Davis becomes president of the company's new subsidiary: Watt Industries, San Diego Inc. (Mission Valley, Calif.).

In Miami, the General Development Corp. names George V. Flagg as executive vice president, Jack G. O'Neal to

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senior vice president/homesite development and Carl L. Oaks to vice president/residential construction.

George S. Sant resigns as president and chief executive officer of The McCarthy Co. (Santa Ana, Calif.), but remains as chairman of the board. Vincent D. Petralia, former manager/Orange County residential division of M.J. Brock & Sons Inc. (Los Angeles), becomes president and chief executive officer.

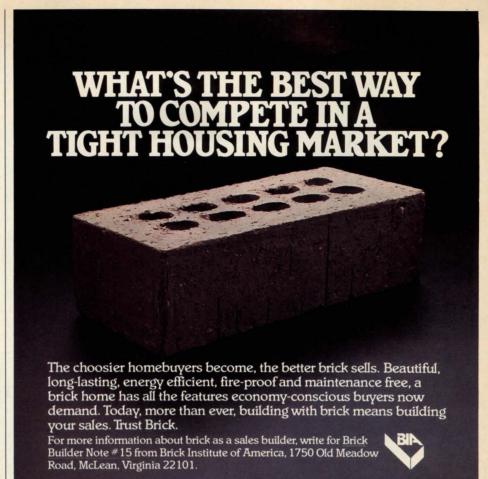
Douglas M. Ford, previously executive vice president of the Marlborough Co. (Chatsworth, Calif.), joins Great Plains Western Corp. (Whittier, Calif.) as vice president/land development. Ford will be involved in the acquisition and development of agricultural land that will eventually be resold for homebuilding.

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There's a change of guard at several Genstar Limited (Montreal) subsidiaries. At Broadmoor Development Co. (Laguna Hills, Calif.), Jerry McCloskey becomes senior vice president, moving up from vice president/finance for both the development company and Broadmoor Homes of Irvine, Calif. Ronald C. Otzman-named Broadmoor Development's project manager/northern California-was an associate planner for the City of Fremont, Calif. And, at Broadmoor Homes, former San Diego controller Jerry A. Berdine fills the newly created position of director of manufactured housing/San Diego.

Meanwhile at Genstar Housing Partners (Irvine), Robert C. McMaster becomes senior vice president. He was vice president/mortgage banking at Wells Fargo & Co. (San Francisco). Moving up to the vice president/investment manager spot are Donna B. Tomlinson, director of operations/northern region, and Jerry D. Davis, director of business development/southern California. Tom L. Harding is promoted from director of



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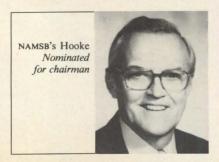
finance to vice president/finance. Genstar Housing Partners was formed to initiate and underwrite real estate joint ventures in the western U.S.

OTHERS: Several managers get added responsibilities in a redesigning of Walker & Lee's new homes division (Santa Ana). Vice President Terry O'Neil expands his sales coverage from southern California to five states. John Wright, Dennis Dressel and Nick Lehnert are promoted to assistant vice presidents/southern California, while Tom Swanson and Mac Blankenship are named assistant vice presidents/new homes. Brenda Curtis becomes assistant vice president/business development, southern California, and Elton Barnett moves up to assistant vice president/acreage department.

The Wickes Corp. (San Diego) names three new senior vice presidents—Richard L. Barker, Paul W. Hylbert and Talmage G. Rogers Jr.—and three new vice presidents—Jeff A. Clevenger, Jack P. Edl and Richard D. Passaglia.

Harold Hewitt Jr. of Harold Hewitt Associates Inc. (Sacramento, Calif.), a commercial and industrial real estate company, becomes president of the California Apartment Assn. (Los Angeles).

Albert B. Hooke, president and chief executive officer of the Community Savings Bank (Rochester, N.Y.), is nominated to move up from vice chairman to chairman of the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks (New York City). Robert R. Masterton, president and chief executive officer of the Maine Savings Bank (Portland), is slated to succeed Hooke, while East River Savings Bank's (New York City) chairman and president Austin S. Murphy is picked to serve a second term as treasurer. The nominations are scheduled to be approved during NAMSB's 60th Annual Conference next month.





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Mercer Lee Jackson Jr. joins the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (Washington, D.C.) as executive vice president. Previously, Jackson served as minority staff director, Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs, U.S. House of Representatives.

The Veterans Administration (Washington, D.C.) names Albert Glass as the new director of the agency's Loan Guaranty Service. Glass was deputy director of the VA Guaranty Service.

Elected to the board of directors of Ticor Mortgage Insurance (Los Angeles) are: Anita Miller, former acting chairman of the Federal Home Loan Board and current project specialist for the Ford Foundation's Department of Urban and Metropolitan Development (New York City); and Peter J. Blampied, executive vice president and trustee of The Boston Five Cents Savings Bank. Stuart A. McFarland steps up from executive vice president to president, while David O. Maxwell, chairman of the board, continues as chief executive officer.

R. Hartley Edes becomes executive director of the Insulation Contractors Association of America (Washington, D.C.), replacing Arthur W. Johnson, who becomes technical/government relations director. Edes was marketing director of the Producers' Council Inc. (Washington, D.C.).

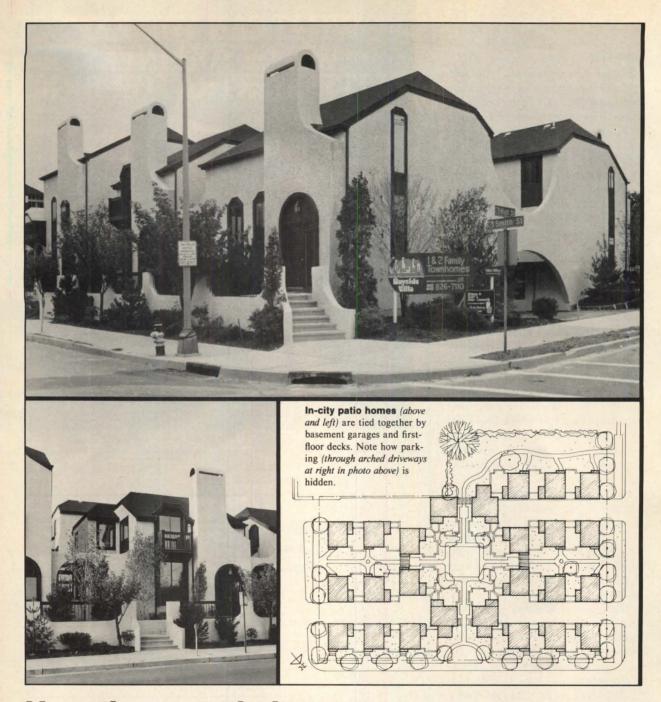
The National Housing Rehabilitation Assn. (Washington, D.C.) picks Sanford Gallanter of The Aspen Group (Newark, N.J.) as its president. The vice presidents are: Jack Kerry, regional vice president of Winn Development Co. (Washington, D.C.); Frank Burke, president of Francis D. Burke and Associates (Boston); and Denis Blackett, president of Housing Innovations (Boston). Preston Moore, president of the Urban Home Ownership Corp. (New York City), is secretary and Joe Barry, president of the Applied Housing Associates (Hoboken, N.J.), is treasurer.

At the National Tile & Panel Roofing Manufacturers Institute Inc. (Los Angeles), Daisy Lilienthal becomes president. She is the general manager of the California Life Tile Corp. in Fremont.



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How is he doing it? With diversity-specifically by building on one foundation that can accommodate a variety of living and/or working situations (see page 44). To wit:

- A two-level, single-family design
- · A three-level, two-family plan in which the first floor is a one-bedroom apartment
- · A home-plus-office combo
- · A large office layout

What this means is that Rosengart-



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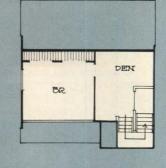
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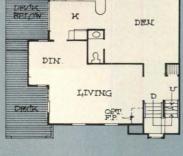
Over 21 different plans-including some for two-family homes - can be built on one basic foundation. Some of the possible variations are shown

Homes range from 1,500 to 2,330 sq. ft., depending on the number of floors and bedroom count. Units include such extras as cathedral ceilings in some living rooms and interior and exterior balconies.

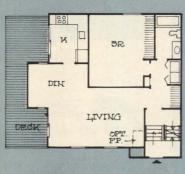


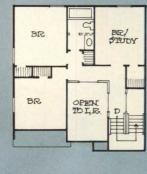


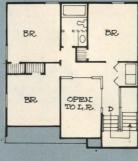




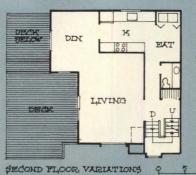


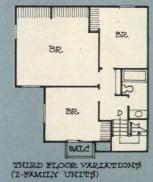












en can "custom design" his houses, even after construction is well under way. Actually, buyers can mull over some 21 floor plan options-including the number and location of bedrooms.

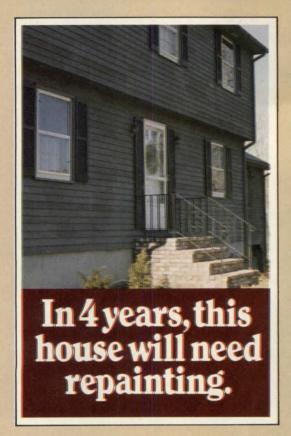
Diversity isn't Rosengarten's only selling point. He also justifies his fairly high prices by packing Bayside Villa's units with such quality features as:

- Energy-saving triple-glazed windows and insulated sliders.
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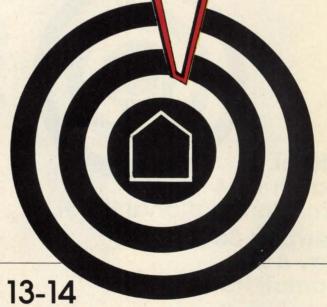


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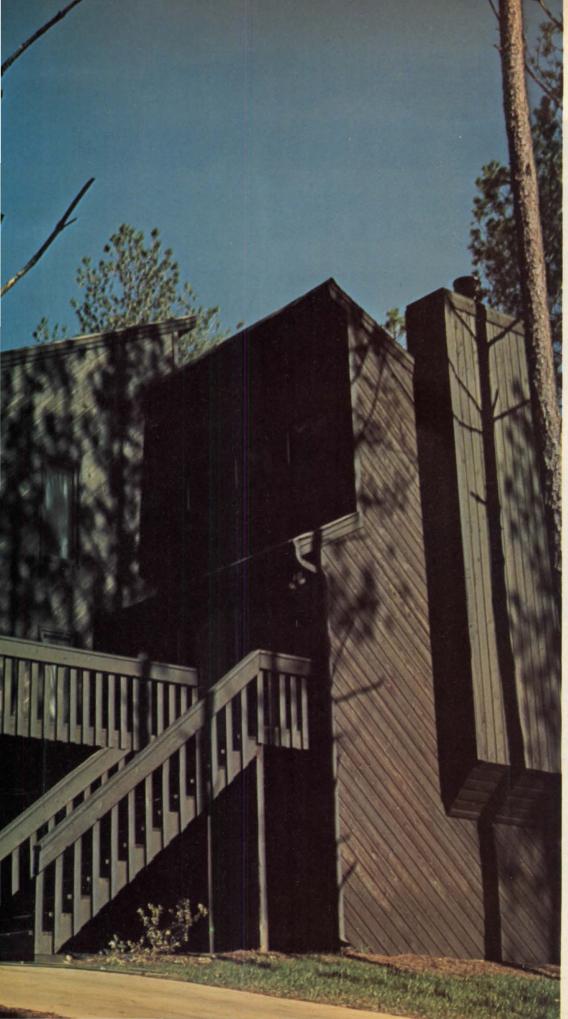
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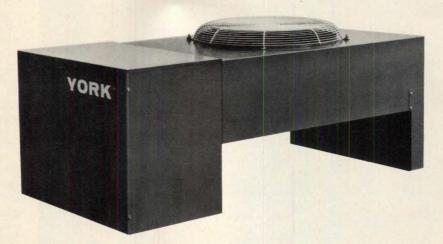
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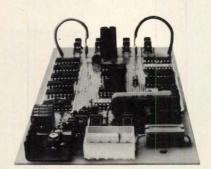
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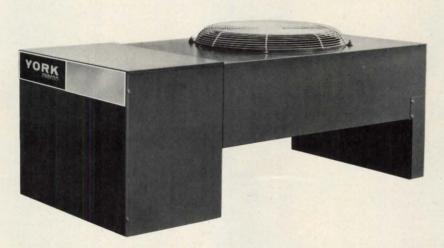
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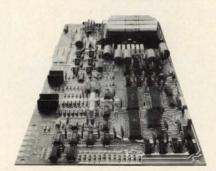
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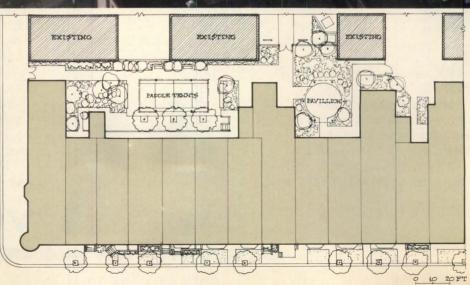
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Run-down block

(above) had become more than an eyesore when the developer was first called in. It was a red-light district, complete with "adult" bookstores and prostitutes. The city and insurance company bought most of the townhouses, hoping to rehab them one by one. The developer, however, felt the job should be done in one fell swoop. So the buildings were joined and treated as a single unit, as shown in the plan at right.





A remodeler takes on a full-block rehab to help save a neighborhood, and proves that...

guys finish first

Altruism was only one of the reasons the Henry A. Knott Remodeling Co. responded to pleas from the City of Baltimore and a neighborhood group to save this dying downtown block. For Knott and its partners, there was also a certain amount of cool self-interest. Consider the results:

The banks and insurance company, which provided prime-rate mortgages for the mixed-use project—known as Queen Anne Belvedere—got more and better customers for local branches.

•The limited partners, who put up about 20% of total equity, expect a cash-on-cash return of over 7½% and probably an unusually large tax shelter—about 3½ times invested capital.

•And the developer, which also manages the property and owns shares in the limited partnership, got fees for some of its services, a tax shelter and a share of future cash flow.

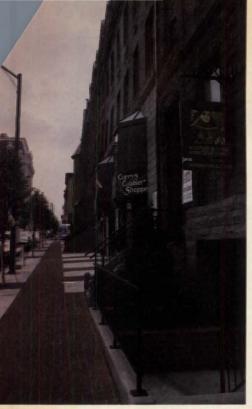
Making the project a reality wasn't easy. Knott had to act as an entrepreneur to put together the necessary financial package (see pages 56-57) and also come up with a strategy that would work.

All key decisions were based on a careful study of the neighborhood's makeup and problems. "In a city," says President Frank Knott, "businesses and social groups are so closely interrelated, that you have to know beforehand just where and how your project is going to fit if it's to succeed."

The developer decided first to treat the entire row of townhouses as a single project. "We realized," says Knott, "that only a massive and unified effort would have enough impact to affect the area's image and attract new residents and businesses."

It also decided on a mixed-use project so that commercial space could be available to help supply needed services to tenants and the surrounding community. And it chose young, single professionals and young marrieds as the target market to draw in middle-class money and lifestyles. The architect—Smeallie, Orrick & Janka, of Baltimore—created designs to reflect those lifestyles and also to assure safety (see pages 58-59).

Finally, to avoid delays and red tape, the developer decided not to seek public funding. Says Knott: "We asked the city to do only what it does best: provide necessary social services, such as police protection and sanitation."



Shops and offices were included on the terrace level of the project (see photos above and right) to help draw small business back into the community. Those now operating include a dry cleaner, a dress shop, a hairdresser, a

shoemaker and a deli/restaurant.

Victorian facades of the original buildings (photo right) were left intact during rehabilitation; interiors, however, were almost entirely gutted.

INCOME AND EXPENSES (projected for 1980)

PROJECT COSTS

\$2,015,000 Construction ... Development (including architect's fee, initial leasing fee, general partner's fees and other fees and expenses) ... 313,000 TOTAL PROJECT COSTS \$2,328,000



Gross rental income \$ 315,000 Less: 7% vacancy allowance

EFFECTIVE GROSS INCOME

\$292,950

EXPENSES

General operating expenses 48,000 36,000 Ground leases 15,000

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES

\$99,000

NET OPERATING INCOME

\$193,950

Less: Debt service on combined mortgages of \$1,928,000; 30-year amortization

-168,000

NET CASH FLOW

\$25,950*

Projected cash flow for 1981 is \$34,000. By then, all commercial space should be occupied and rents on several leases will have been raised upon renewal. This would yield a cash rate of return of 7.6% for the limited partners.

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A low-cost funding package ties different groups together

An insurance company, three banks, 17 private investors—together, they put up the necessary funds to make the project go.* The trick was to hammer out agreements that would make it worthwhile for each of them.

"Another developer had been brought in previously by the insurance company, which owned some of the buildings and had been actively trying to bring about their revival," recalls Knott Executive Vice President Bill Valk. "But he wasn't able to put together a deal that would hold."

In February 1977, Valk met with the insurance company and the banks and presented the plan for a full-block rehab. He got a commitment for permanent financing at 83/4%—the going prime.

"The insurance company had its headquarters directly across the street from the buildings, one bank had a branch office right on the corner and the other two were headquartered in the neighborhood," says Valk. "So everybody had a stake in the community's survival."

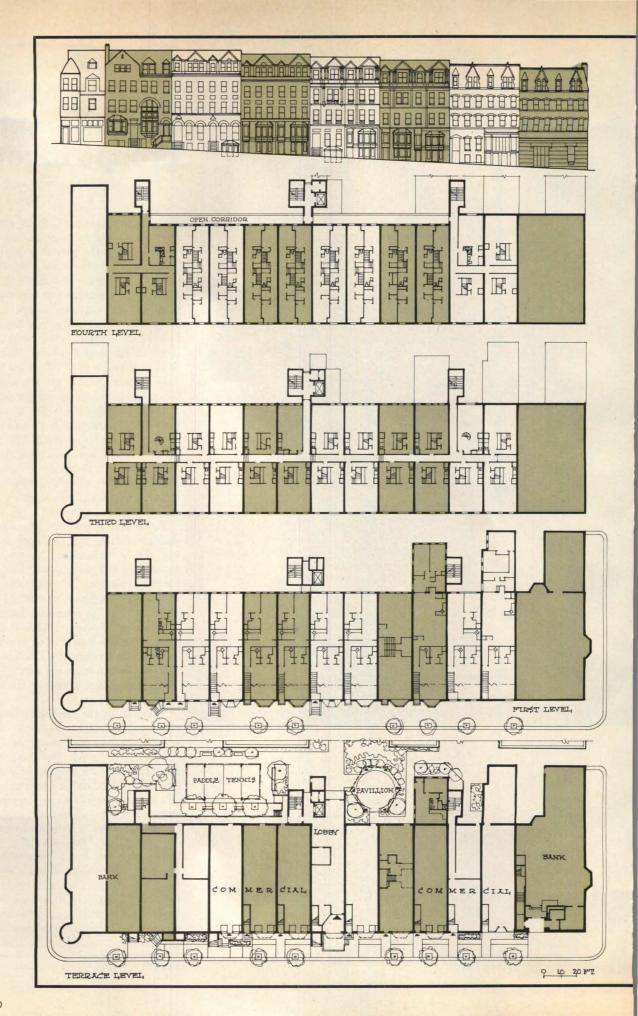
To reduce capital requirements, the developer decided to lease the 13 townhouses rather than buy. So it negotiated 20-year lease/purchase agreements with the city, which owned most of the buildings. Separate 31- and 15-year leases with the insurance company and one of the banks gave it the rights to the remaining buildings.

Also created was a \$400,000 limited partner-ship— with Bill Valk serving as general partner—to allow the developer to distribute its investment and risk. Shares in the partnership were sold to 17 local residents and to each of the Knott Remodeling Co. executives.

The deal for the limited partners at the outset was for the standard two-to-one write-off and an eventual cash-on-cash return of about 7½% (see table on facing page). But there may soon be a windfall, since the project has a good chance of qualifying for a historic preservation tax write-off. "This would permit us to depreciate the whole thing over a five-year period," explains Valk, "and that would result in individual write-offs of about 3½ times original investment."

The city, while not directly involved in the financing, also played a small role by providing funds from a block-grant program for new sidewalks and trees. And it also agreed informally to beef up police protection in the area and to crack down on the thriving "skin" business.

^{*}The organizations involved were the Monumental Life Insurance Co., Metropolis Savings & Loan, Loyola Federal Savings & Loan and the Union Trust Co.



Fourth level is made up of the upper floors . of third-level duplexes. Notice how corridor space was saved by designing narrow floorthroughs. An open outdoor corridor leads to stairwells and fire escapes.

Third level, which has the same general layout as the second (not shown), is unified by a long central corridor which was punched through the party walls of the individual townhouses. The fourth. third and second levels are reached by a single elevator, the entrance of which is in a lobby on the terrace level.

First level retains existing walls between the original buildings, so that each entry serves only two units-a security measure made necessary by the neighborhood.

Terrace level includes six commercial spaces. (Banks at either end of the block are not part of the project.) Landscaped site, with paddle tennis court (photo above right) and trellised pavilion, is separated from sidewalks by large iron gates at side entrances. Rear doors must be opened with a key; nonresidents, therefore, can only enter building from the front, which has an intercom/buzzer system.

Plans make for safety... but with style

The area around the Queen Anne Belvedere project is a far cry from Pleasantville, U.S.A., so security was an important consideration in drawing plans. At the same time, comforts could not be sacrificed if the apartments were to attract young, middle-income tenants. That meant the designers had to come up with some creative solutions.

The first was to leave the existing walls between the original buildings intact on the street and terrace levels, where access from the street was unavoidable (see plans facing page). As a result, no more than two units are vulnerable if an intruder manages to get through a window or door.

Next, all other floors were designed so they could only be reached by a single elevator, the entrance of which is in a lobby on the terrace level. An apartment office with a large window was set in the center of the lobby so the entire area could

be watched constant- o ly. Also, the lobby entrance was protected with an intercom/buzzer security system.

The second and third floors were treated conventionally, with long corridors leading to the units from the elevator (second and third floor plans are similar, so only one is shown). This required extensive construction work-party walls had to be punctured, existing units gutted and stairs installed to accommodate grade changes.



Paddle tennis court (above) provides an unusual amenity for an in-town project.

To avoid this problem on the fourth floor, the third-floor units were turned into duplexes. Living areas were located on the third floor and bedrooms on the fourth. These extend the entire depth of the building and are reached by staircases inside the apartments, eliminating the need for a central corridor. "We were also able to preserve a lot of livable space this way," says Valk.

The project includes studios, one- and twobedroom units, ranging in size from 500 to 1,200 sq. ft. Rents range from \$215 to \$345, at 29¢ to 40¢ a sq. ft. Stores rent for 63¢ a sq. ft.

Amenities include a fully landscaped mews area, complete with paddle tennis court (photo above) and a trellised outdoor pavilion. The streetscape was also improved by putting in new sidewalks and trees. -STEPHEN LEVIN



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How do you turn around a failing project when you can't

change any of the floor plans?

In the case of Woodlake, a townhouse condominium project in Woodbury, Conn., the answer was to concentrate on the details and give each unit a custom look.

Builder Otto Paparazzo was brought to Woodlake three-and-a-half years after it opened. At that time only half of its 400 units had been built and only about a third had been sold.

But there was a catch: Paparazzo could make few changes in the plans



Customlike touches, such as the cedar trim and post-and-beam assemblies in the living rooms, were the key to bringing in buyers. Interior designer: Virginia Annawalt, San Francisco.



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because of a recent court ruling and opposition from the homeowners' association. So he zeroed in on visual impact instead, aiming at a target market of recently divorced men and women.

"We knew there were many divorced people moving out of large suburban houses who wanted to maintain an affluent image," says Paparazzo. "So we modified details and added a lot of upgrades to make each unit look warm, rich and attractive."

Among the changes:

• Wood beams that had previously been covered with drywall were left exposed and trimmed with cedar. Supporting posts were also left exposed, resulting in a rustic post-and-beam effect (see photo above).

•Cedar trim was used on window casings, stairways and in all rooms, including kitchens and baths (see photos on following page).

•Standard items, such as fireplaces and kitchen and bath cabinetry, were upgraded.

The site was heavily landscaped with mature trees, many of which were transplanted and saved during excavation. Others came from an adjacent, five-acre lot bought especially to pro-

vide extra trees.

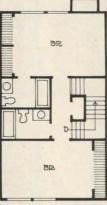
Creating a luxury look might be expected to involve some hefty expenses. But in this case, claims Paparazzo, the opposite was true.

"I actually saved money by making many of these changes," he says. "The beam structure, for example, is cheaper without the drywall. And since all the wood trim has a natural finish, there was no need to have it painted."

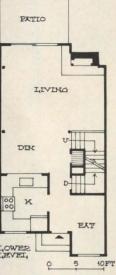
Did the new look work? The numbers speak for themselves: About 100 units have been sold since the new opening last July. Paparazzo expects to be sold out by next fall. —S.L.

PGRADED FEATURES AND MATERIALS CREATE A SENSE OF LUXURY -INSIDE AND OUT





UPPER LEVEL



Contemporary cabinetry

(photo above) and parquet flooring were made standard in all kitchens. Cedar trimused in each of the unitswas extended into kitchens, providing a unifying motif.

High-quality bath fixtures (photo right) include a modular tub/shower unit, used because of its looks and ease of installation. Upgraded cabinets were also installed and cedar trim applied around walls and doors.



Wide-open living area is extended with a wood deck, making the 1,182-sq.-ft., \$66,000 plan shown above seem larger than it is. Breakfast nook-originally designed as an oversized bathroom-was one of the builder's few design changes.

Other models range from 1,456 to 1,640 sq. ft., and from \$73,000 to \$83,000. Architect: Drexel Yeager, "Atelier," Cheshire, Mass.

Decks and cedar siding

emphasize the project's rustic theme. Building envelope was improved by adding R-19 insulating sheathing board.



In the works

20 big homes on a steep mini-site -but no squeeze

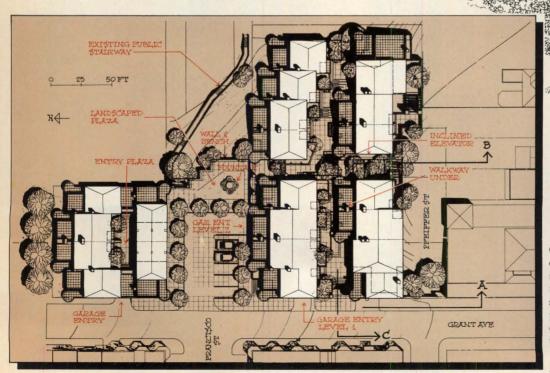
You have to scratch the surface of this project to find out what makes it work: an underground parking system for 40 cars that frees 38% of the steep .85-acre site for landscaped plazas and walkways like the one at right. What's more, garaging the cars below grade saves enough space to give each of the 20 townhouses a secluded entry-level patio (see plan, page 67), adding even more openness to the small

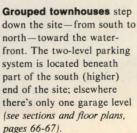
For the most part, the tucked-under parking is handled in two levels-a concept more common in high-rise design. Here, however, with space so severely limited, there's no connecting ramp; each parking level is treated as an entity-one being entered from the main street, the other from a cul-de-sac designated for guest parking (see site plan below).

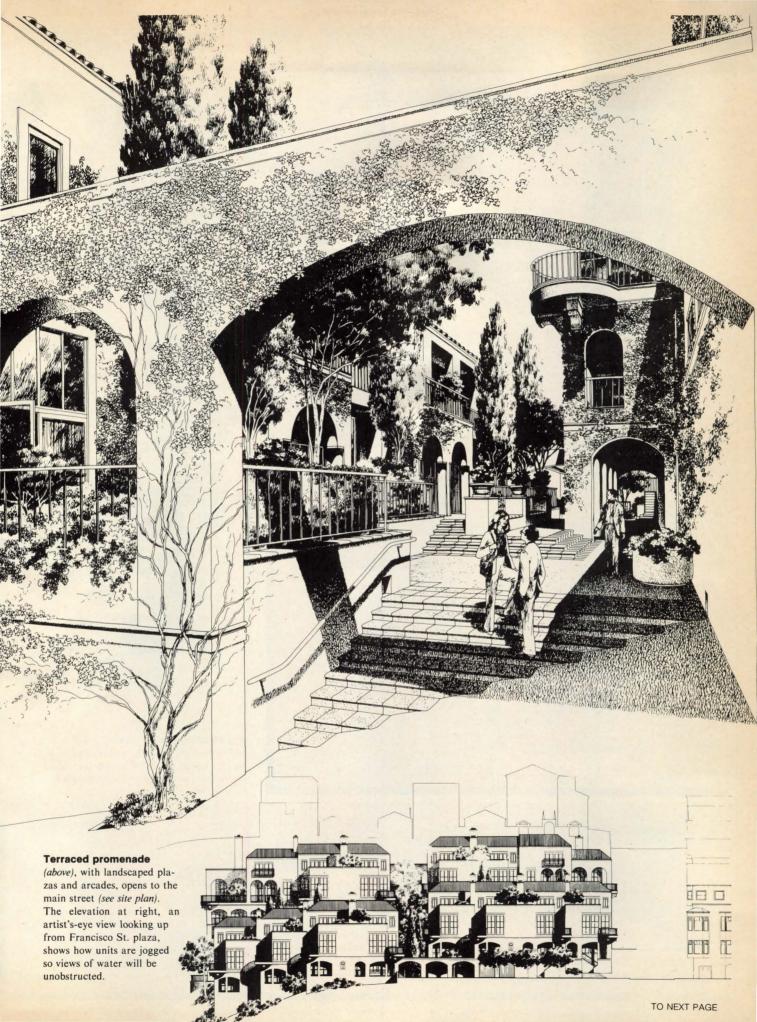
The project, known as Telegraph Hill, will offer 180° views of San Francisco Bay, so it's designed to attract high-end buyers. Prices for the 2,225- to 4,450-sq.-ft. units are expected to start at around \$400,000, which makes the expensive site work feasible.

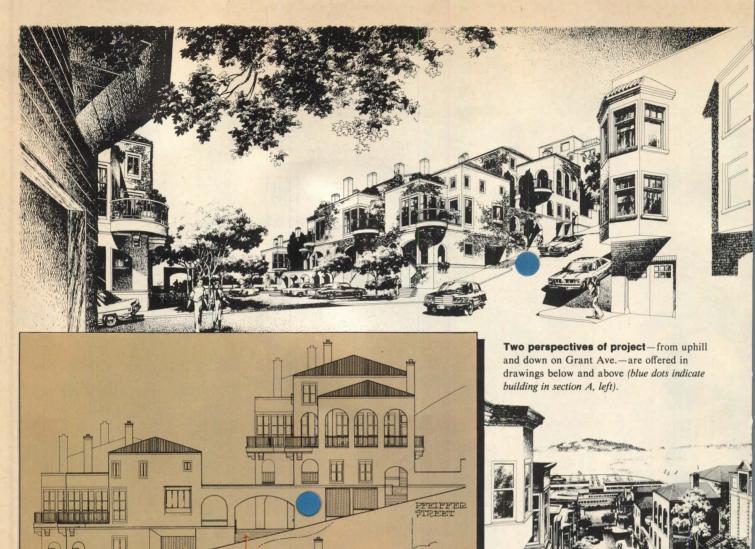
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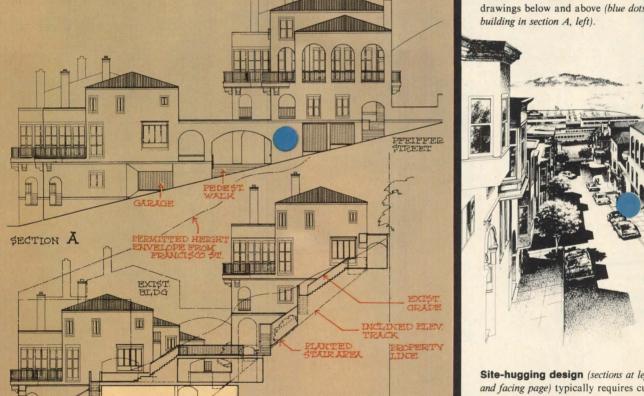
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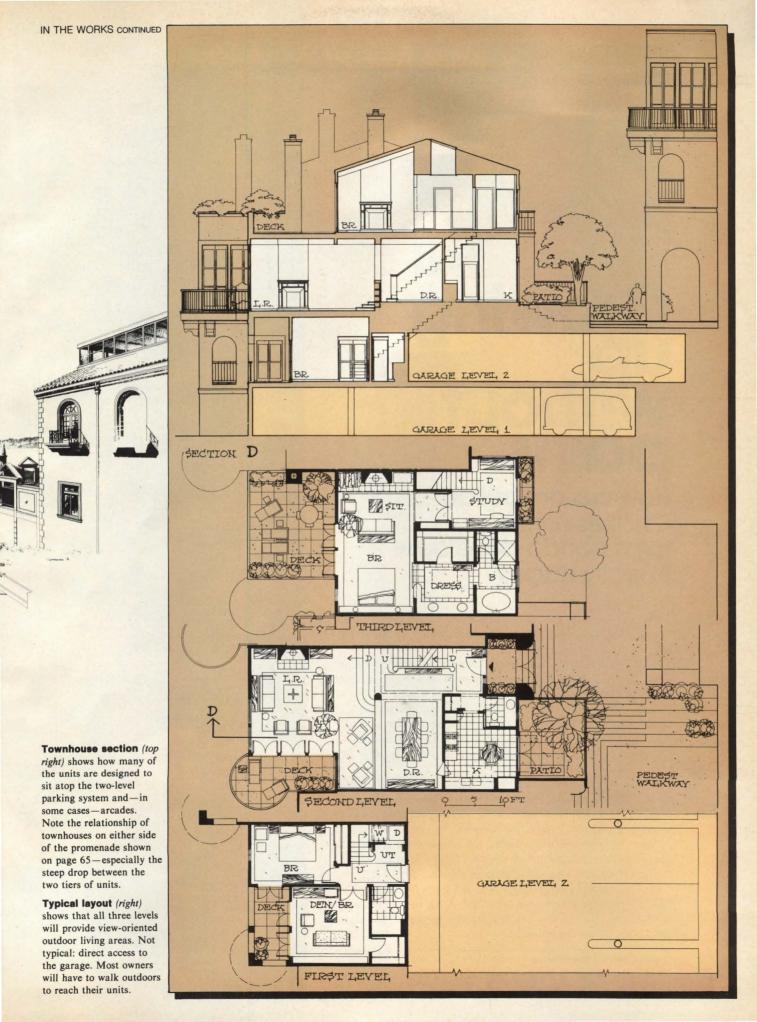
SECTION B



Site-hugging design (sections at left, below and facing page) typically requires cuts of 45° into the steep site (note existing grade, section B). To learn where sections cut through site, see page 64.



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Growing up without pains

How custom builder **Charles Patmon** turns condo developer in easy stages

Thirty-six-year-old Patmon built his first house back in 1966 because his wife was pregnant and he couldn't afford to buy one.

That led to setting up shop in his hometown of Stockton, Calif. He'd build two or three custom houses every summer and a small apartment building during the winter.

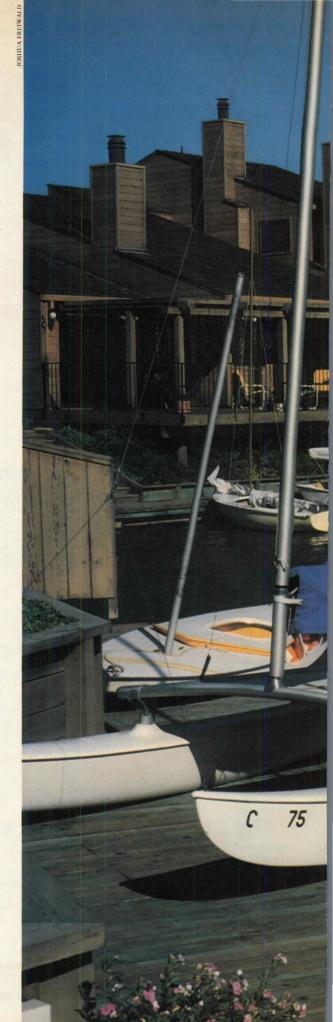
Soon custom building gave way to building spec houses and small, high-end condo projects like the one shown at right. And The Patmon Co. ceased to be a one-man business— Construction Vice President Jim Gauuan, 38 (see page 74), came aboard in 1973.

Today the company still owns and manages 160 rental units. But its newest tenants will be businesses instead of residents, for The Patmon Co. is building its first non-res venture, a 14,000-sq.-ft. office complex.

There's a spin-off in the works, too—a separate real estate operation to be headed by 38-year-old Dick Christie, currently marketing vice president (see page 74).

Expansion has been steady. And it's been relatively painless—in part, because it was unrushed. A big factor, however, is that The Patmon Co. has developed and played its strong suits well. Some examples: TO PAGE 70

Water-oriented townhouses were built by The Patmon Co. For more on the project, called Quail Village, see page 70.





STRONG SUIT #1: A tight-knit little team

"Trying to be a jack-of-all-trades is a big mistake," says Patmon.

So he's turned over marketing and property management to Dick Christie and construction to Jim Gauuan.

Patmon drives by each construction site daily, but doesn't interfere unless there's an apparent problem.

"Jim and I usually meet formally only three times," says Patmon, "once at the beginning of a job, again to go over the cost breakdown and at the end to see how we came out. How we get from start-up to bottom line is Jim's problem."

The arrangement leaves time for long-range planning, since Patmon isn't enmeshed in day-to-day details.

Equally important, the opportunity to assume responsibility has proved the key to luring—and keeping—top-notch peo-

"Joining Patmon offered more than running my own insurance business did," says Christie, who is also a Realtor.

Christie's homegrown expertise will make it possible to set up a separate real estate business, so that sales will be handled by salespeople well versed in the company's product, rather than local Realtors.

Another ingredient in building a strong team: congeniality. It's invaluable when people work at close quarters.

So it's not surprising that Patmon had done business with Gauuan and Christie before he invited them to join the company. Gauuan was foreman for one of Patmon's framing subs and Christie was Patmon's insurance agent.

What's more, The Patmon Co. operates on the philosophy that people who work hard need to play hard, too.

A five o'clock quitting time is unheard of during the week, but everyone has Saturday and Sunday off unless there's an emergency. And to sweeten the pot, there's a company-owned condo in ski country and a four-wheel-drive van staffers can sign out to take them there.

"At the beginning of the season I really have to pull rank to get to use the thing," says Patmon.

(Besides Patmon, Christie and Gauuan, there are three secretaries, a property manager, a job supervisor/postsales service specialist and Patmon's wife, who handles model decorating. Other employees are either apartment managers or unionized labor, including a framing superintendent and carpentry crew.)

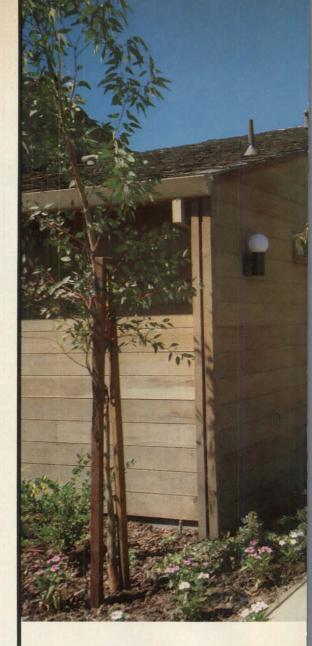
STRONG SUIT #2: Deep-rooted business relationships

The Patmon Co. started building on land from Grupe Development back when it was still a one-man custom-house operation.

It has taken its business to the same local banks for years.

And it has used the same architects—Donald Sandy Jr. AIA, James A. Babcock, Architects & Planners, San Francisco-for several condo projects and for its new office complex.

"Familiarity saves time and money," says architect Sandy. "Designing goes faster because we've learned Patmon's market



Quail Village: Vying for the top of the market

These Stockton, Calif. townhouses sell to affluent older couples whose alternative would be a custom home. So the 1,659-sq.-ft. to 2,262-sq.-ft. attached units must compete successfully with the best of single family.

Three reasons they do-impressive entry courtyards, spacious high-ceilinged living areas and sunny lakeside decks-are illustrated above and at right.

The plans on page 73 tell more. And the sales history tells the rest: 15 of 19 units sold in a year. (Base prices for first phase: \$145,000 to \$180,000. Second phase: \$179,500 to \$225,000.)





Secluded courtyard
(above) is entered through a
locked gate. Clerestory
floods entry with natural
light.



Model's living room (above) includes a European fireplace that catches prospects' attention—many are antique buffs. Interior: Linda Patmon.

Trellised decks (*left*) are sometimes only 5 ft. or 6 ft. from the water.

and he's learned our abilities. And we now know exactly how to do the drawings to suit the construction side of his operation."

Similarly, arranging for loans is simplified because Stockton bankers are well acquainted with the company's track record.

Finally, a longtime relationship can lead to fresh opportuni-

That's what happened in the case of Patmon and developer Fritz Grupe.

"Fritz had a vacant piece of land that happened to be across the street from my house," says Patmon. "My sons would play there all the time and then track dirt in, so I asked him when he was going to do something with it. He turned around and offered it to me. And that's how I ended up doing my first condo project."

STRONG SUIT #3: A well-cultivated reputation

"People have learned we'll stand behind our product," says Patmon, "and that has helped us a lot."

Postsales service gets high priority. The same man handles all complaints—Sal Medel, who's in his early fifties and is the "old man" of the team.

Medel drives a van with the slogan "We're satisfied if you're satisfied" written on it. And that policy is taken very serious-

"If a buyer believes the paint on one wall doesn't quite match the paint on the others, Sal repaints it. Period," says Patmon.

Medel, who used to have a job taking new owners of million-dollar yachts on their shakedown cruises, was chosen for his personality as well as his ability to wield a hammer.

"Sal could carry on a conversation with the President of the United States if he had to," says Patmon.

Another way The Patmon Co. enhances its reputation: stage-managed word-of-mouth advertising. (The company doesn't do any other kind.)

The method: When it starts a new condo project, it offers an influential member of the community a one-of-a-kind unit at approximately the same square-foot price as the standard plans.

This early-bird buyer—usually someone who has expressed interest in a custom house—is from the social circle Patmon expects to sell to. And, typically, he tells his friends what a great job the company is doing on his condo.

"That's worth 100 billboards," says Patmon.

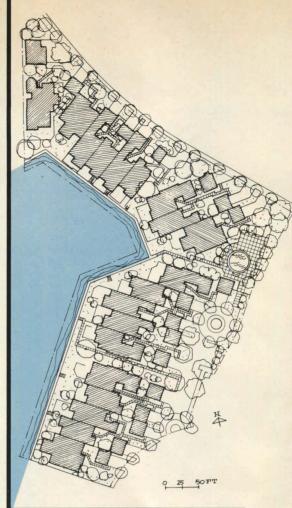
STRONG SUIT #4: An uncontested market niche

The market: well-off empty nesters who prefer \$200,000 condos to custom houses.

It's a limited market—only about 10 units a year in Stockton-but one where The Patmon Co. has no local competi-

Moreover, it's a natural for Patmon. He can put to work both his apartment- and custom-building experience.

"I got my introduction to multifamily construction as a high-school kid working on my dad's jobs," he says. "So I'd



Prime design for a view-oriented project

Quail Village sits on a narrow band of land along a man-made lake-a big attraction since the Stockton landscape is generally flat and featureless.

So the first design decision was to open every unit to the water. There are wide decks, stairs down to a shoreline boardwalk and as many windows as possible overlooking the lake (see floor plans, right).

But there was a problem: how to keep the street side of the units from seeming uninteresting and poorly lit by comparison.

The solution: entry courtyards (photo preceding page). All are large enough to provide sunlight and pleasant garden views from front-facing windows. And they're protected from the street-garages and fences with lockable gates shield them from passersby.

Project architect: Donald Sandy Jr. AIA, James A. Babcock, Architects & Planners, San Francisco.

V-shaped site (left) is approximately three acres. It holds 19 condominium townhouses and one detached custom condo (top of site plan).

Two-story plan (right) adds variety to project's profile. Upstairs master suite is a good vantage point for watching boaters on Quail Lake. Unit, which has 1,967 sq. ft., has guest bedroom downstairs. Note that family room is not closed off from living room: Buyers' children have left home.

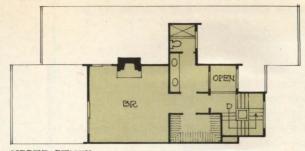
End unit (right) has side windows as well as courtyard ones, so its three bedrooms and two baths get plenty of light. The recessed entry is lit by a clerestory (not indicated). This 2,106-sq.-ft. plan is one of two that include both a separate formal dining room and breakfast bar.

Wide townhouse

(right) is project's largest at 2,262 sq. ft. And it's the only one with a master suite opening onto a deck. But it's broad enough—about 44'—so that the living room and family room have a lot of lakeside glass, too. Note the location of a laundry room close to all three bedrooms and both baths.

Most popular plan

(below right) is also project's smallest—1,659 sq. ft. Attached garage is shown, but it's more often built with a detached one. Garage placement changes according to terrain and the desire to give units individuality. So courtyard size and shape vary, too. Some are large enough for whirlpool spas.

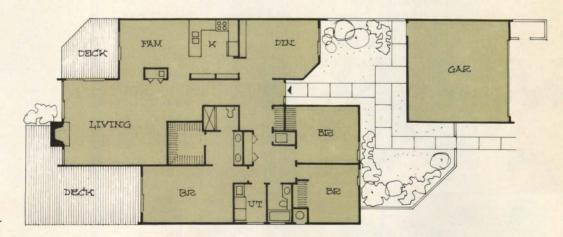


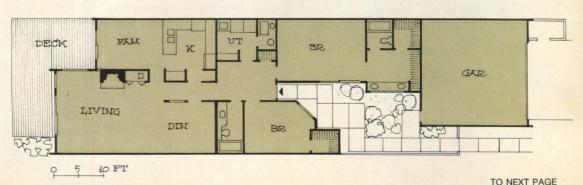
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learned the basics of multiple buying, etc., before I went into business for myself. Later, I built a lot of custom houses. And I saw how seldom multifamily is built with custom quality."

Patmon brings that quality to attached units by:

- •Stressing solid workmanship. "The detailing is executed exactly as we design it," says architect Don Sandy.
- •Using topflight materials. The siding at Quail Village is all kiln-dried redwood, for example.
- Permitting extensive change orders. "They average \$20,000 at Quail Village," says Vice President Christie. "And we'll move interior partitions if a buyer comes in early."

Cornering the custom-quality condo market has indirect payoffs, too.

"The continued success we've had with these projects— Quail Village is our fourth—has given us the confidence to take a chance with branching out," says Patmon.

STRONG SUIT #5: Step-by-step diversification

"We draw on our experience to do new things," says Patmon.

• Drawing on experience in designing apartments to plan a 70-unit condo project (townhouses and stacked flats).

"In the past we've built rentals and then come back and converted them," Patmon says. "Now there's a local moratorium while the city stews over a new conversion ordinance. So our next middle-income project is planned as a condo."

- Drawing on experience in managing apartments to manage office space in the complex now being constructed.
- Drawing on experience in building custom and spec houses (usually in the over-\$100,000 category) to try a 39-lot singlefamily subdivision.

"It's a joint venture with Carl Thompson, a local developer," says Patmon. "And it's our first attempt at developing our own lots rather than buying them from someone else.'



Decision makers Patmon (left), Gauuan (middle) and Christie (right) have a say in shaping future projects.

Projects on the boards include a 97-unit, waterscaped condo project (also with Thompson) and 25and 30-unit condo projects at a new man-made lake.

That's three or four years' work mapped out. But it doesn't necessarily represent the future direction of the company.

Says Patmon, "When I first started building, I'd sell a house and then think 'What am I gonna do next?' Then someone would come in the door and I'd get another job. and so on. To some extent, I still think like that. Our future lies with being able to gear up to meet any demand that arises."

-BARBARA BEHRENS GERS

quarter, 1980

High interest rates are getting blamed for housing's headaches, but this quarter's index reveals a deeper problem: the underlying deterioration of key markets.

Specifically, 52 of 119 SMSAs (standard metropolitan statistical areas) have slipped in the ratings-some precipitously. Demand is tailing off rapidly as local economies lose momentum. What's worse, new housing is coming on stream at a rate pegged for a more vigorous market. This may lead to oversupplies even in cities such as Louisville, which had been a good bet.

All is not gloom and doom, however. Al Gobar, the California-based analyst who masterminds the index, points out that "in the long run, demand pressures in the '80s should be enormous." And even now there are some stellar markets.

Oklahoma City is one. This undersupplied SMSA has potential buyers relatively well paid enough to support sales in spite of high mortgage costs. Other good-lookers: Wichita, Kans., Shreveport, La. and small-but-promising Modesto, Calif.

The ranks of all-star southeastern markets are thinning, though. Once top-rated SMSAs such as Greensboro, N.C., Charleston, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn. and Baton Rouge, La. are out of the money. What's more, there's no clear-cut regional pattern among this quarter's high-rankers: They're scattered from California to Massachusetts.

It deserves mention that apartment owners in some markets may be doing better than the index suggests. In New Orleans, for example, people who typically rent are finding it hard to afford apartments (indicated by a "poor" rating in the purchase power column). But more affluent folks may be renting instead: The price of the house they'd rather buy is out of reach.

In sum, nonetheless, this quarter's index points to a downward trend in coming months. Gobar sees short-term stabilization if the Carter Administration imposes wage-price controls. But past that, he's pessimistic.

"I think the industry could really take it on the chin in early '81," he says, "especially if interest rates continue to be used to club the economy into shape."

A final comment: Ratings should be interpreted conservatively. They don't fully reflect the impact of surging interest rates, particularly when it comes to such intangibles as consumer confidence. -B.B.G.

How to read the index

Five symbols are used:



A green full circle indicates a very strong market with significant pent-up demand.



A green half-circle indicates a better than average situation, with demand increasing faster than supply.



A white circle indicates the market is in relative equilibrium—that is, supply and demand are increasing at about the same rate.



A red half-circle indicates a poorer than average situation, usually an overbuilt market.



A red full circle indicates a very poor situation that could be overbuilt by as much as two years.

Each SMSA is evaluated three ways:

- 1. Degree of opportunity—in effect, a summation of all factors affecting the market.
- 2. Demand by units-just what it says.
- 3. Demand by purchasing power—the relative ability of the market to pay current prices or rents.

Each of these categories is in turn divided into three sub-categories:

- 1. All housing in the SMSA.
- 2. For-sale housing—single-family detached and some mid- and high-priced condos.
- For-rent housing—rental apartments and some low-priced condos.

To make best use of the index, keep these points in mind

- **Point #1:** The chart's simplified symbols represent complex statistics, so they provide only a general picture. A builder, no matter how high his market is rated, must still analyze his own situation very carefully.
- Point #2: The reports indicate the degree of risk in a given SMSA rather than the number of housing units that can be built there. A large SMSA with a poor rating would still support more new housing than a smaller SMSA with an excellent rating.

 But the relative degree of risk for the developer or lender would be much greater in the larger SMSA.
- Point #3: The reports are projective, not historical. That is, they forecast demand 12 to 18 months ahead rather than describing the situation as it stands. An SMSA may have strong sales or low vacancies but still be a poor risk; building-permit figures may indicate imminent oversupplies. Conversely, an SMSA that looks bad on the surface today may actually be turning around and getting healthy.
- Point #4: The reports are for the SMSA as a whole. A low-rated market may offer good opportunities for specific kinds of housing in specific locales. On the other hand, a high rating does not guarantee success for the wrong product in the wrong location.

Akron is deteriorating, although not yet enough to change its rating. Leading indicators are either stagnant or showing signs of slippage.

Albany's industrial employment growth has turned down sharply.

Albuquerque still looks very good. Gobar warns that growth in demand may have crested, however, and that the city's economic growth has lost momentum.

Allentown seems oversupplied. Demand for housing has been reduced by loss of employment potential in heavy manufacturing. which plays a large role in this SMSA's economy.

Atlanta builders continue to deliver new housing in spite of slackened demand. They may be setting the stage for severe overbuilding.

Baton Rouge - once a very strong market-is again rated below average. Although commercial employment prospects have improved, industrial employment growth is down more sharply than at any time since 1975.

Birmingham is becoming sluggish. Some pent-up demand should cushion the effects of reduced economic growth in this SMSA, however.

Boise's demand index has curved down more sharply than it did even in 1974. Gobar's figures still show some pent-up demand in this market, however, and he notes that Boise has historically been resilient in recessionary periods.

Canton's rating is revised downward. Leading indicators have dipped more in the last two quarters than at any time in the last four

Chicago's industrial employment indicators have suddenly dropped sharply, and the commercial sector has softened. So the SMSA's rating takes a beating this time out.

Cincinnati still needs for-sale housing and buyers can still afford it. The question: whether they're willing to purchase at today's high interest rates.

Davenport-Rock Island is on the skids. Total employment in this SMSA dropped 8,000 jobs in a single quarter.

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Daytona Beach's rating drops. New construction has stepped up, but demand hasn't.

Denver's housing supply is starting to equal demand. And the smsa's economic growth has slowed.

El Paso is still ranked above average, but demand may have crested.

Flint is hitting bottom. Its troubles can probably be traced to the auto industry.

Harrisburg has started to slide, with leading indicators down for the first time since 1976. Several large commercial and industrial projects are currently under way. When they're finished, employment growth will slow even more than it has already.

Honolulu looks somewhat better than it has in the past, although price is still an almost insurmountable problem for this SMSA's homeshoppers.

Jackson is still healthy, but growth is tailing off.

Knoxville dives to a below-average rating. Indicators all point down, although rental demand is not falling as fast as for-sale demand. Both commercial and industrial sectors of the local economy are softening.

Lansing shows signs of a downward trend which could result in a lower rating next quarter.

Las Vegas had been showing a steady growth in demand since 1976. That slowed in the last few quarters, without a slow-up in the rate of new construction. Gobar predicts an oversupply in the second quarter of this year. There is some indication, however, that demand is beginning to heat up again, and the situation in Las Vegas may improve by the end of 1980. The commercial sector of this smsa's economy is strong, although industrial growth has been variable.

Little Rock is softening, but there is no pronounced downward trend.

Louisville has a lot of housing in the pipeline, but demand has dropped off. The decrease in demand is the most pronounced since 1976.

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Melbourne-Titusville's retiree buyers may be supporting a stronger housing market than statistics show.

Miami may have hidden strengthi.e. a substantial subterranean economy, including money from illegal drug trafficking.

Minneapolis-St. Paul edges up. Opportunities hinge on affordability, however, since buyers' budgets are strained by the cost of housing, high taxes and high utility bills.

Mobile still looks good, but commercial and industrial indicators are turning down. If this trend continues, the market will become more risky than it has been for the past three or four years.

Modesto's rating improves. This wine-producing SMSA is small, however, and overzealous builders could easily oversupply it.

Nashville could be oversupplied soon.

New Haven has a good number of new homes coming on stream, planned in response to a demand spurt in 1978. But that spurt was short-lived, and an oversupply is on the horizon.

New Orleans builders shouldn't become overconfident as a result of this quarter's improved rating. Although demand is up at present, indicators of the market's longrange health-e.g. industrial investment potential-are down.

Newark needs more inexpensive for-sale housing. Demand in this SMSA is supported, in part, by corporate headquarters relocating close to the Newark metropolitan

Orlando is slightly undersupplied right now, but there's enough construction on stream to turn shortage into surplus.

Reno plummets. The problem: Before the repeal of California's inventory tax, there was a boom in warehouse development in this market. At that time, there was a severe shortage of housing and land prices rose rapidly. Now there's a lot of high-priced housing around, without a fast-growing economy to support it.

Richmond's situation is worsening rapidly.

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St. Louis slips a notch. All indicators are down sharply.

San Francisco-Oakland slides. Overall employment growth is down, while the rate of construction-of high-priced projects, in particular-is up. There may be hidden strengths in this market, however, due to two factors. One: Rentals do well when potential buyers are frozen out by high prices. Two: Spillover demand from the underbuilt San Jose area may benefit the southern portions of the San Francisco SMSA.

Sarasota may be doing better than indicated because of retiree buyers not fully accounted for in Gobar's statistics.

Seattle is strong and leading indicators are up. Nonetheless, the smsa's rating drops because the price of housing is going up faster than the market can handle.

Stockton's demand is growing, but the supply of housing is growing even faster. There may be dislocations soon, but Gobar believes that any problems will be of short dura-

Syracuse rebounds. Commercial investment potential and the demand for housing are on the rise. The best opportunity: single family, for sale.

Tacoma slips, but is still reasonably strong. The SMSA benefits from spillover demand from Seattle, where buyers can't find enough moderate-priced housing.

Tallahassee has a lot of housing slated to come on market this spring. Since there's been no compensating growth in demand, oversupplies seem assured.

Vallejo-Fairfield gets a lower rating. Slower economic growth in San Francisco diminishes Vallejo's role as supplier of moderate-priced housing to buyers excluded from that market. And Vallejo's growth has moderated as well. What hasn't slowed, unfortunately, is the hike in housing prices in this SMSA.

Wichita is still a favorite. Gobar notes a severe shortage of labor in this smsa, which could set the stage for in-migration.

Wilmington is not the place to build right now.

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"Slatted Oak" cabinetry (above), featuring solid oak doors, has a sleek, contemporary look. Matching wall system is available, as shown at right. Mutschler. Circle 201 on reader service card

Double-bowl sink (right) features a raised faucet deck, deep drainwell and wraparound mounting flange to ensure a tight seal. Stainless steel unit can be specially ordered with up to seven holes for faucet accessories. Jensen-Thorsen. Circle 202 on reader service card





Range hood installs over the top unit of a double oven, as shown at left. The unit is painted black and offered with a chrome trim so it complements black-glass ovens. To operate, range hood pulls forward and turns on automatically. Measurements: 30'' ×16"×51/4". Broan. Circle 203 on reader service card



Grooved cabinetry (above) is constructed of pecan-veneer panels framed in solid pecan and finished with a clear, lacquer coating. "Shenandoah Pecan" is also available in hutch, vanity and wall systems. IXL Circle 204 on reader service card



"Highland Oak" cabinetry (above) features formal cathedral arches on wall-mounted units. Options include silverware partitions and bread boxes. AristOKraft. Circle 205 on reader service card

Countertop inset (right) is made of Pyroceram® glass ceramic-a specially developed material that's resistant to heat and stains. Unit has a semigloss white surface and is offered in 11" ×15" and 16" × 20" sizes. Corning. Circle 206 on reader service card





Plank-style panel (left) can be inserted in the mounting frames of dishwashers designed to hold interchangeable front panels. Woodgrain panel resists moisture, food stains, soaps, detergents, alcohol and grease. It matches the manufacturer's "Knottingham" cabinetry line. Yorktowne. Circle 207 on reader service card



"Abbott Hall" cabinetry (above), with a cathedral-arch motif, is part of the "Guildmark" collection. Frames are constructed with mortise-and-tenon joints and dovetailed sides. Excel. Circle 208 on reader service card

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Double-bowl sink (above) comes with, from left to right, hickory cutting board, strainer compartment and dish basket. Sink is available in five colors. Villeroy & Boch. Circle 209 on reader service card

Pullout storage system comes with wood and enamel-coated wire trays, as shown at right. System, with ballbearing roller brackets, mounts to cabinet face frame. Accessories are optional. Amerock. Circle 210 on reader service card





Polystyrene vegetable bins (right) are part of a line of storage units designed to fit into manufacturer's cabinetry. Three-bin unit slides on nylon pads from a steel-channeled frame. Haas. Circle 213 on reader service card

as options. Jenn-Air. Circle 212

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Serva-Door® refrigerator/freezer (above) has a "door-withina-door" that opens to heavily used mid-refrigerator area. Other features include a tilt-out ice bin on the freezer door. Whirlpool. Circle 211 on reader service card



Built-in dishwasher (above) has ten push-button controls that offer 18 cycle variations. Features include a "sanitizer button" that boosts water temperature to 145° in the final rinse. White-Westinghouse. Circle 214 on reader service card

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Top-loading washer (above) has a removable front panel which facilitates servicing. Features include: large-capacity stainless steel washbasket, self-cleaning lint filter and automatic bleach/softener dispenser. Porcelain exterior comes in white, gold and almond finishes. Speed Queen. Circle 215 on reader service card



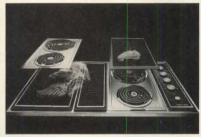
Sink-front storage tray (above), made of rustproof metal, is designed to hold soap, sponges and small bottles. Removable tray is hinged at the bottom and tips forward to open. Sink front panel hides tray when closed. Quaker Maid. Circle 216 on reader service card



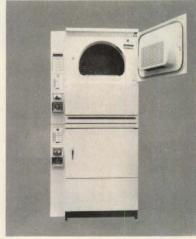
Freestanding range (above) has a combination oven that incorporates microwave, conventional and microwave/electric cooking. The four-burner cooktop measures wide. The 3.4-cu.-ft. oven is self cleaning. Amana. Circle 217 on reader service card



Gas range (above) comes with a central surface griddle that can convert to a fifth burner. Features include: lighted glass back-panel, timer and lift-off oven door. Range is also available in an electric model, and a double oven is offered for both gas and electrical models. Brown Stove Works. Circle 218 on reader service card



Hoodless convertible cooktop (above) comes with the grill module at left. Modules can be installed on either side, as shown by reversed elements floating above. Wisp-AirTM ventilation system pulls smoke through central vent. Modern Maid. Circle 219 on reader service card



Coin-operated stacked dryers (above) have steel projections which protect the coin slide and vault area from lock picking. "The Stackables" are available in gas and electric models with white, harvest and almond finishes. General Electric. Circle 220 on reader service card



Freestanding gas range (above) features a griddle which can convert to a fifth burner. The 36" unit has a storage compartment below the oven. Oven, with removable door, includes an interior light and two racks. Range is available in smaller models. Admiral. Circle 221 on reader service card



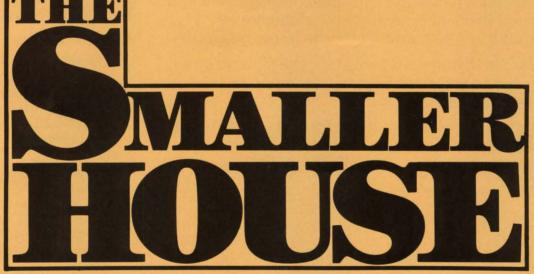
Range hood shell (above) is prewired to attach to one of three power packs offered by the manufacturer. A variable-speed fan and one-piece filter are included. Stainless steel shell, in 30" and 36" lengths, is available in six colors. Miami-Carey. Circle 222 on reader service card



Freestanding gas range (above) is one of a line of 36"-wide units. All models have a Teflon®-coated griddle and pilotless ignition. Other standard features include a glass back-panel, roll-out broiler and storage compartment. Tappan. Circle 223 on reader service card

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A frequent speaker at industry seminars and conventions, he is a past chairman of the American Institute of Architects' National Housing Committee and a past president of the Orange County Chapter of the AIA.

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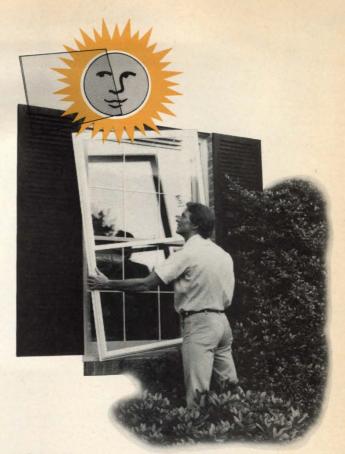
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| 1 | Phoenix | 14.8% | 26.6% | 16.1% |
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"Shadow Box" privacy fence (above) is constructed of steel louvers that can be easily replaced if damaged. Slats have a baked-on epoxy/polyester finish. Fencote. Circle 229 on reader service card



Woodlike decking (above) is formed from freshly poured concrete that is textured with rubber-type mats. Mats are available in a variety of simulated patterns. Textured concrete flooring system, "Bomacron," is suitable for indoor use as well and can be ordered in custom colors. Bomanite. Circle 230 on reader service card



Post-mounted mailboxes feature two wood stands, four weather-resistant metal boxes and a flower box, as shown above. Mailboxes can be custom designed to incorporate street signs and/or light posts. Special designs for mobile home parks are also available. J.S. Lindsey. Circle 231 on reader service card



Concrete paving stones (above) are interlocking modules that can be installed over a concrete or aggregate base. Grouting is not required. Four patterns are available in earthtone colors. Low-maintenance stones absorb less than 5% of moisture. Muller Supply. Circle 232 on reader service card



Polyethylene swimming pool cover (above) measures 16' × 32' and weighs approximately 20 lbs. The cover is said to keep water up to 15° warmer than water in an uncovered swimming pool. Andray. Circle 233 on reader service card



Simulated bricks and stones (above) are created with Patterned Concrete®. Colorsealing waxes are offered with the concreting system. William Moorhead. Circle 234 on reader service card



Rust-resistant "Seville" storage shed (above) is made of aluminum and PVC. Unit has frost green wall panels and a white roof. Capitol. Circle 235 on reader service card



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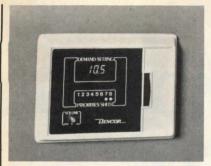
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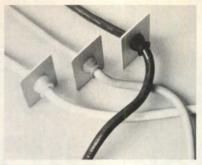
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Bell-mouth nylon bushing (above) is suitable for round SJ, SJT or SJO 18/2 cable with a .300'' diameter. Bushing fits into a 5/8'' chassis hole, as shown. Standard colors are black and white. Heyman. Circle 254 on reader service card



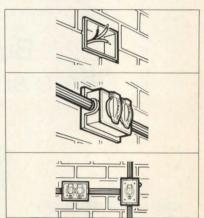
Energy monitor (above) displays the hourly cost of household electrical demand in dollars and cents. Once local electrical rates and a cost limit are set, an alarm signals excessive power usage. Fitch. Circle 257 on reader service card



Grounding receptacle (above), rated 20 amps and 125v, meets code revisions for heavy-duty equipment. The UL-listed unit is suitable for regular or polarized two-wire caps. The receptacle, available in white, brown, or ivory, includes mounting ears and 7/8"'-long mounting screws. Eagle. Circle 258 on reader service card



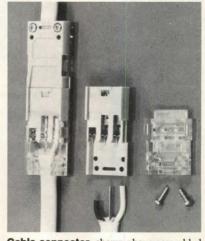
Solid-state distribution amplifier (above) has the capacity to handle four television sets. The 82-channel unit, designed for a 75-ohm system, has an FM trap-switch that eliminates interference from local FM radio signals without affecting television reception. Unit measures 8½" × 3" × 1½". and necessary hardware is included. Finney. Circle 255 on reader service card



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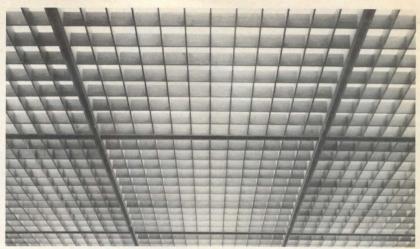
Cable connector, shown above assembled and in parts, eliminates junction boxes and on-site installation. UL-listed connector has wide mating tabs for maximum electrical contact. AMP. Circle 256 on reader service card



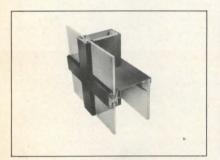
Wall-mount safety switch (above) can be used with 1/2- to 3-hp-rated motors. The switch will accommodate electrical systems that are rated 120v AC. It is offered in NEMA Type 1 and 3R enclosures. Gould. Circle 259 on reader service card



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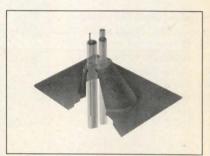
Suspended ceiling system (above) comes in 4' x 4' panels. Eggcrate modules are offered in redwood or white fir; other woods can be specially ordered. Units come unfinished, with a semi-matte lacquer or fire-retardant finish. Forms & Surfaces. Circle 237 on reader service card



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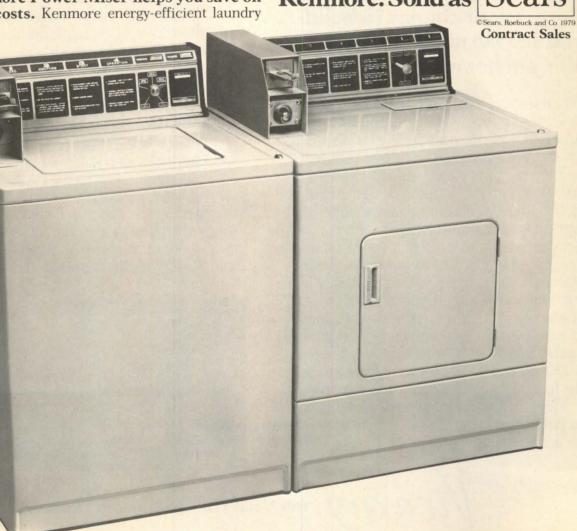
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Dennis R. Kelley has had sixteen years of experience working with the financial needs and problems of builders and developers. He is currently Senior Vice-President of the Real estate Group at the LaSalle National bank in Chicago which specializes in construction, permanent, land development and subdivision loans. Prior to this he was the Vice President/Manager of the Real Estate Loan Division there. Before joining the LaSalle National Bank he handled permanent loans and equity placements with Baird and Warner Inc., a major mortgage banker. He was instrumental in founding a construction loan and equity REIT, and was responsible for establishing a real estate financing arm of Associates Commercial Company, a subsidiary of Gulf and Western, to do development and construction financing.

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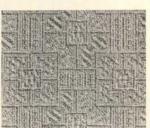
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Contract carpet (right), with a textured geometric pattern, is tufted of continuous filament "Antron III" nylon. Six colorways are available: eucalyptus, slate, mocha natural, mocha bark, peak brown and chestnut. Lees. Circle 283 on reader service card







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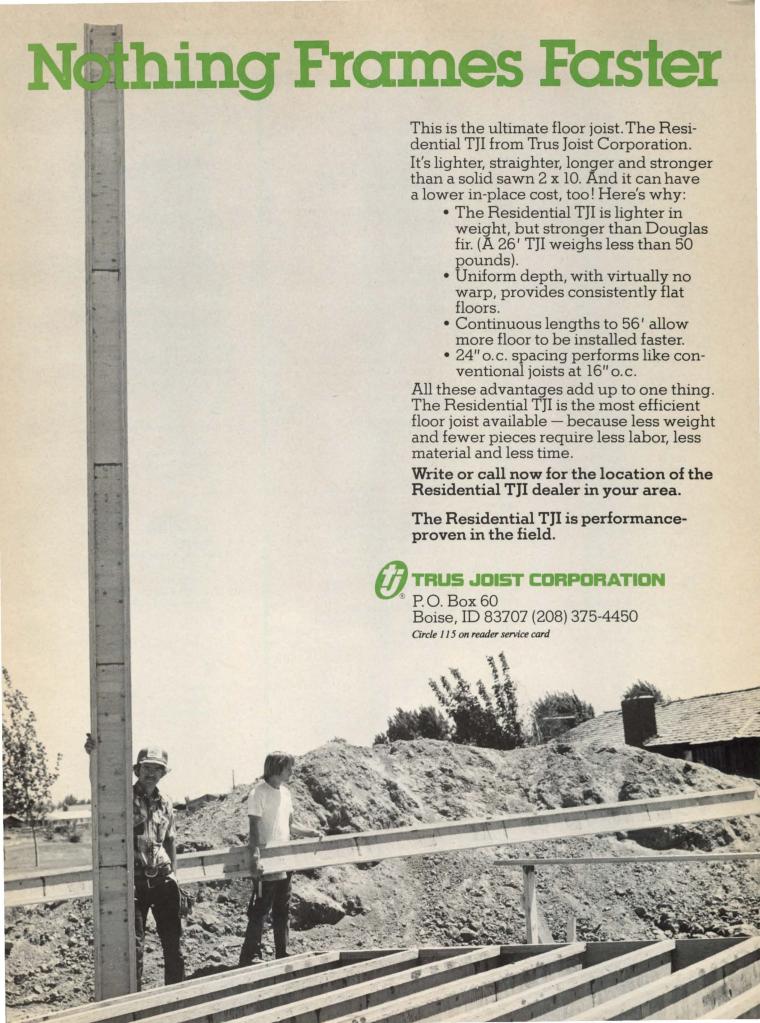
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Plush carpeting (right), woven of Monsanto Ultron® autoclave heat-set nylon, has a cut pile finish. Material is offered in 18 colors, including peach chiffon, ice melon and walnut circle. Carpeting is offered with a fiveyear warranty. Hollytex. Circle 286 on reader service card





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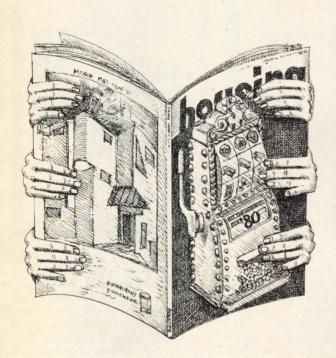
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The System™, another job cost accounting computer system, is suitable for single-family, multifamily and commercial construction jobs, according to a six-page pamphlet. Residential and commercial management computer programs are also described. Management Reports. Circle 302 on reader service card

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A computerized access/security system for multifamily housing is the subject of an eight-page brochure. Brochure describes programming and operating procedures for monitoring security, interior environment and lighting systems. Also explained are the system's components, such as the video display and microprocessor. Cardkey Systems. Circle 304 on reader service card

HUD has made available an 111-page book called "Installation Guidelines for Solar DHW [Domestic Hot Water] Systems in One- and Two-Family Dwellings." The book contains detailed schematics and photographs to illustrate proper installation techniques under varying circumstances. Also included are a glossary of solar terminology, an installation checklist and a discussion of system safety. National Solar Heating and Cooling Information Center. Circle 305 on reader service card.

A four-page brochure on flammability testing is available. The two-color publication directs the reader to reports on specific products such as carpeting, paints and wallcoverings. United States Testing Co. Inc. Circle 306 on reader service card



To keep the builder up-to-date is a quarterly newsletter called "Fome-Cor® Sidelights" (see photo above). Although the newsletter is geared toward the dealers and distributors of the manufacturer's Fome-Cor® underlayment board, the four-page publication highlights news which interests the entire industry, such as articles on buyer preferences and remodeling. Denny Corp. Circle 307 on reader service card

"Making Housing Happen" is a new edition of a four-color brochure describing how the National Housing Partnership works. The NHP, according to the 12-page publication, stimulates production of lowand moderate-income housing by providing equity and joint venture funds to private building enterprises. The brochure goes on to explain various partnership opportunities and the criteria for selecting partners. The NHP participation in nonprofit organizations, urban revitalization and property management is also discussed. National Housing Partnership. Circle 308 on reader service card

A comprehensive book on the commercial and industrial uses of thermal insulation is now available. Compiled by the Midwest Insulation Contractors Assn. (MICA), the first edition of "Commercial and Industrial Insulation Standards" is primarily intended to be a practical source of technical information for engineers, architects, thermal insulation contractors and specification writers. However, the 195-page book does contain a general glossary of commonly used terms as well as a great deal of general information. Available for \$18.00 from MICA, 2202 Hanscom Blvd., Omaha, Neb. 68105.

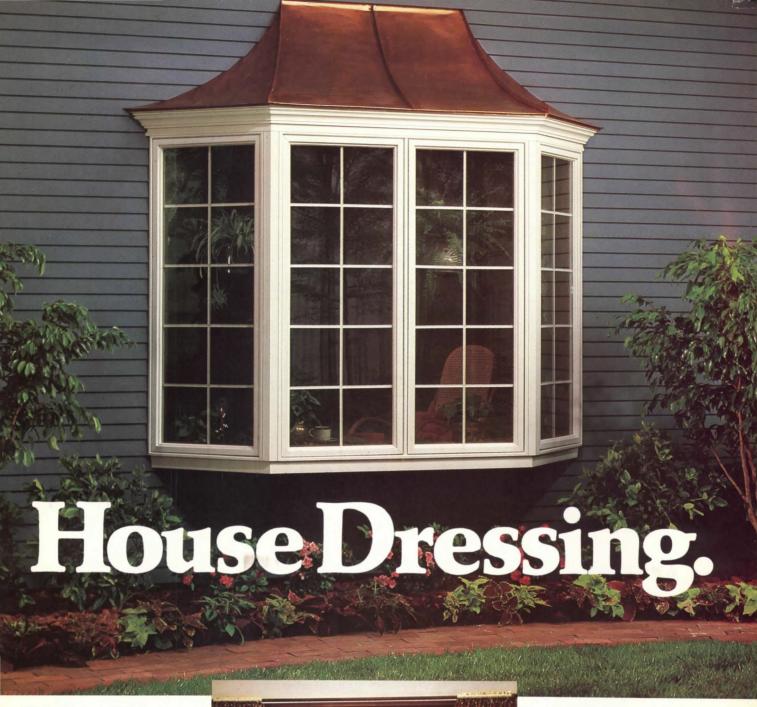


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A one-page flyer discusses weatherrelated problems while installing gypsum board. The sheet has recommendations on board and joint treatment, ventilation and prevention of show-through. Single copies are free; multiple copies cost 10¢ each plus postage and handling. Gypsum Assn. Circle 311 on reader service card

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