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New Construction

Imagine yourself at home in this spacious residence on the east shore of Lake Washington, featuring a large family house, guest quarters for visiting dignitaries, movie theater and arcade-game room, cavernous underground parking garage, and a computer support room with its own on-site staff, all connected by a series of underground service tunnels.

Gracing your walls will be 50 electronic "windows" and a large "video wall," connected by a high-speed ATM network. At the touch of a button or turn of a phrase, you'll be able to see thousands of images from some of the world's greatest museums. When you're not looking at art, the screens will electronically revert to match the color and texture of the surrounding paneling – complete with appropriately "cast" shadows thanks to high-tech light-sampling devices.

With construction costs estimated at $25 million, this 37,000 square foot, tastefully designed monstrosity is built into the side of a heavily wooded but unstable, steeply sloping 3.5 acre lot, making the house part residence, part corporate headquarters, and part retaining wall.

Built from wood and stone, this house is designed to show the passage of time. "Different materials show the effects of time differently [through decay]," explains one of the project's architects. When the house is finished, the lot will be reforested, both in deference to Mother Nature and to provide increased privacy.

A state-of-the-art (circa 2010) home-monitoring system will track your position – as well as the location of all of your friends – using either pocket radio transmitters or face recognition to control every aspect of communications, security, and environment.

With a projected completion date of 1996, this home – gates around it and, soon, Gates inside it – is the ideal residence for the billionaire computer executive who wants to plan his company's future by experiencing it today. – Simson L. Garfinkel

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SEATTLE. Bldg lot in oceanfront [illegible] w/underground utils. 1 mi. [illegible] River, short walk to [illegible] Clean, smog-free air. No earthquakes/cri[illegible]. Outdoor paradise; [illegible]

Geek Bo

Top ten bestselling computer/electronic publishers of do-it-yourself books and

1. Build Your Own 486/486SX and Save Aubrey Pilgrim
2. Stacker: An Illustrated Tutorial, Don G
3. Virtual Reality: Through the New Look Ken Pimentel and Kevin Teixeira
4. The Green PC: Making Choices That M a Difference, Steven Anzovin
5. Troubleshooting and Repairing VCRs, Gordon McComb
6. Windows Bit-Mapped Graphics, Steve Rimmer
7. Maintaining and Repairing VCRs, Rob
8. Understanding Electronics, RH Warrin Randy Slone
9. TV Repair for Beginners, Homer David
10. Shortwave Radio Listening for Begin Anita Louise McCormick

Source: TAB Books, +1 (717) 794 2191.

[illegible] Exclusive Material, Please Open Immediately." Inside was a familiar [illegible] [illegible] Interactive Medium in Publishing." Within the CD case, which served as an [illegible] [illegible] Electronic Publishing: a cardboard replica of a CD-ROM. ■ Conflict of Interest? You may [illegible] fact that federal prison inmates churn out license plates, office furniture, and the like, but you may not have known that the [illegible] Justice maintains a department, called UNICOR, that uses prison inmates to do data conversion, image processing, and [illegible]

JARGON WATCH

[illegible] Any [illegible] capitalism. Think [illegible] Singapore.

[illegible] – Hip-hop slang for [illegible] "but you [illegible] over, dissed, [illegible] you." [illegible] – The online [illegible] TV generation's [illegible] – [illegible] the iron fist [illegible] political rule [illegible] the wide-open [illegible] permutations of [illegible]

Paste Bomb – A random or nonsequitur piece of data that is cut from one's hard drive and pasted into an online conversation. Meant to entertain, infuriate, and befuddle online conversants. Sci-fi author and Net spider Bruce Sterling is a notorious paste bomber.

(Dr.) Strangelove Ocean – Ecology slang for an ocean where pollution has killed all the life forms near the water's surface, making it look like a nuked wasteland.

Synthespian – Synthetic actor. Used in 3-D computer animation to describe sophisticated human forms that can be imported into a Virtual world. Also "electronic puppets," "dolls," or "vectors."

– Gareth Branwyn