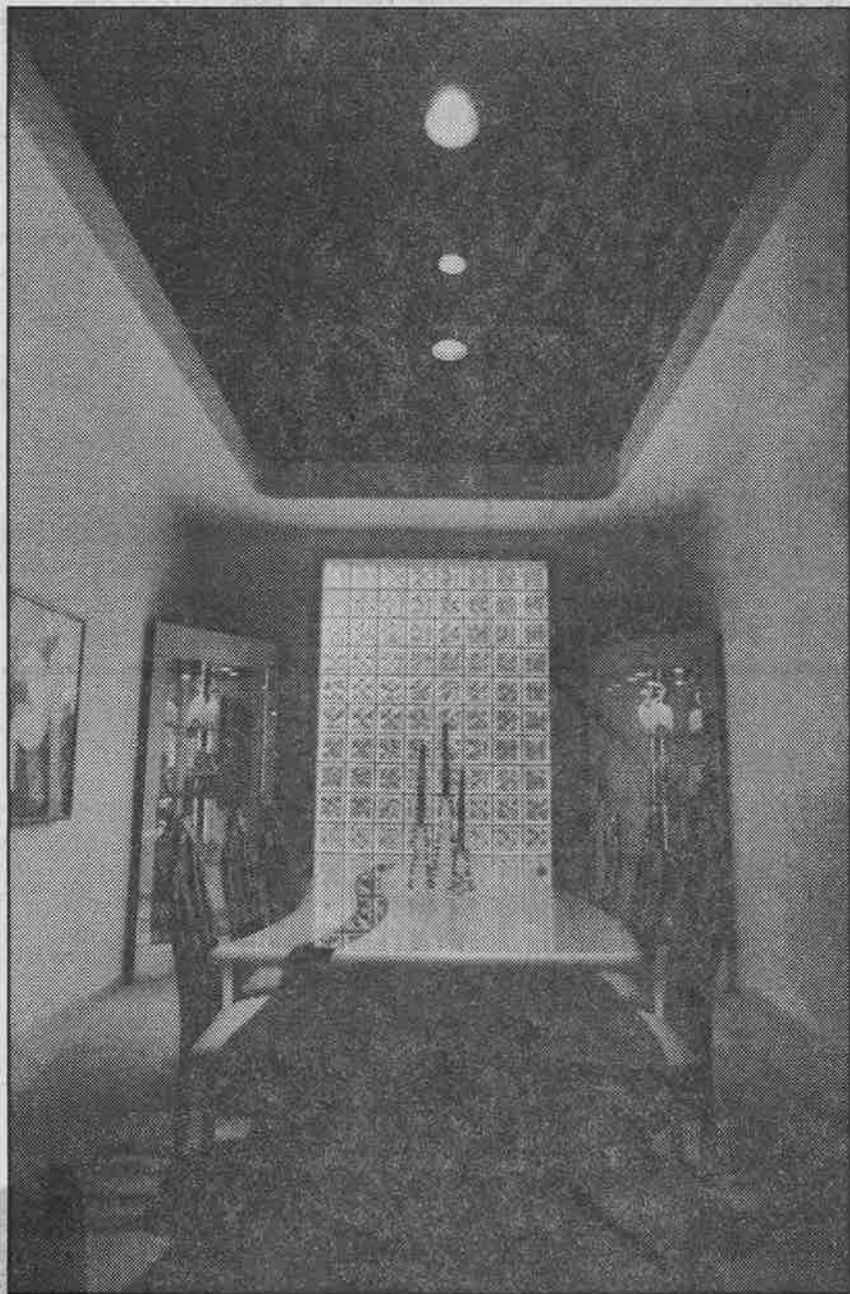


Selling DREAMS

Welcome aboard a 'Street' tour named desire



Glass blocks and mirrors appear throughout Street of Dreams homes. In this dining room they block out a not-so-pretty view without cutting out the light.

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Sunken kitchens. Raised kitchens. Acres of black marble and granite. Dark powder rooms. Stairs galore. Lots of glass. Closets with hanging rods beyond reach. A secret room. Showers big enough for Norman Bates and a bevy of houseguests.

House of horrors?

No. Street of Dreams!

Or, to be precise, streets of dreams. Looky-loos, home-seekers, dream weavers or people simply looking for ideas have 17 homes in two locations to explore this summer. Pierce County's Street of Dreams with nine homes runs through Aug. 18; Seattle's Street of Dreams (actually in Issaquah) is open through Aug. 15 with eight homes on display.

And apparently these are homes people want to see and buy. Two Tacoma "dream" homes sold within the first three days they were open. Two Issaquah homes sold within the first week. About 140,000 visitors are expected at the Issaquah site, about 30,000 in Tacoma.

The Issaquah homes are bigger (3,500 square feet and up) and more expensive — \$425,000 to \$695,000. They tend to have front



Clear glass that's leaded, beveled and frosted is very trendy for doors and windows.

and back stairways, multiple fireplaces, skylights galore, lots of black granite or marble and espresso machines in the kitchens.

The Tacoma homes run about 2,400 to 2,800 square feet, have fewer fireplaces and skylights, a lot of decorative bunnies in the kitchens and everywhere else, and prices ranging from \$245,000 to \$297,000. They also tend to be pink.

The "Tuscany" model, for example, has pale, pinkish bricks on the exterior and pink rooms throughout, carpeting included. Its next-door neighbor continues the theme with a more intense shade of pink, including a pink-and-turquoise living room. Those yearning for the 1950s will love it.

Up and down the street are pink kitchens, pink bedrooms,

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How to get to Streets of Dreams

Seattle Street of Dreams is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. From Interstate 90 east, take exit 15. Go south on S.R. 900, east on Northwest Gilman Boulevard to 12th Avenue Northwest in Issaquah. A shuttle takes visitors to the site. Admission \$6.50 for adults, \$5.50 for children 2-15 and senior citizens. Information, 836-4663.

Pierce County Street of Dreams is open from noon to 8 p.m. From Tacoma on I-5 south take the 56th Street exit. Head west following the Street of Dreams signs. Cross Bridgeport, turn left on 79th and look for the Westhampton development. \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$3 for children, children under 5 free. Information, 564-8788.