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President's Message

by **BILL KATTMANN**
Kattmann Construction, Inc.

Do you hear that quiet, relaxing sound? It's the sound of about 49 builders in the community, relieved the Parade is over! What a great event it is, and I thank everyone for all their hard work to make it a huge success!

I heard many stories from Parade builders who reported their traffic through homes was very good. Actual buyers coming through the houses seemed to be pretty common for the lower price ranges, and the higher price ranges kept true to form in drawing the masses of people. Good luck to everyone in following up with the leads you generated during Parade week.

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YEAH, IT'S A BIG DEAL



The Pedtke Perspective

by
Bill Pedtke

An interesting thing happened at a City Council meeting. I was there to testify on behalf of SIBA members about an ordinance that creates a new license for Manufactured Home Installation and Repairman.

My message was clear. After discussing the issue with several key members in the association, the general consensus of the Association was to support a license for installations, but only if it meant contractors with existing licenses could perform their respective work on these homes, too. For example, a licensed drywall contractor would still be permitted to perform drywall work on manufactured homes without getting a new license. This was agreed in discussions with all parties. After all, the point of the new license was to ensure these homes – which proved to be vulnerable in storms – were installed correctly and in compliance with regulations. Not to restrict someone from improving their home.

At the City Council meeting, I made this clear from the podium. The message was received and all were happy installations are going to be safer.

But after making my comments, I was approached by a man from the audience who was very adamant about something. Something about me, the way he seemed. He asked me who I was. I said I represent the Builders Association.

Then, he asked me if I read the changes the City Council was about to consider passing. I answered that I had, and that it was in regard to the licensing of installations for manufactured homes.

Well, that really threw him into a tizzy. He wanted to know why I was the only one allowed to speak to the changes on manufactured housing. I assured him wasn't the only one allowed to speak, and that the changes appeared on the agenda,

both of which were available thru the Clerk's office.

He had a concern about regulations over manufactured homes. Not like he represented them all, but like he had one himself.

I explained he could have spoken to the issue during public comment, which was open to everyone. But it occurred to me he was extremely frustrated that he didn't know what to do. And he gradually learned the responsibility of participating in this process falls directly onto himself. Especially since this was his hot-button.

As it turns out he had questions about whether or not he would be in compliance.

But he was working with no other people. And no one represented his interests. He had nowhere to turn except to try to get things done all by himself.

I was soundly reminded of the value of the Builders Association. Not because of my attendance at the Council meeting, but by the presence of the organized group of competing individual companies that make up the Builders Association. When separate companies work together for a common goal, such as affordable housing, it usually results in good things for the entire industry. That benefits all the individual members.

Let's take it a step further than a local ordinance that regulates Manufactured Home Installers.

Can you imagine challenging a federal environmental agency about the way water might travel across your back yard? It'd take a fortune to comply with the added requirements. And it would take a treasury to fight the war to make a dent in a senseless policy.

Recently, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that EPA is abusing its authority to enforce the Clean Water Act by enforcing requirements on private ditches. This decision was helped along by the Builders Association, who provided information to show how private ditches that only sometimes have some water aren't meant to be covered as navigable waters. Otherwise, the case was returned to the lower courts.

The Clean Water Act is a good thing. But as one lawmaker once told me, "No matter how good a piece of legislation may be, sooner or later you've got to turn it over to regulators to implement it."

Think the court's decision makes a difference to affordable housing? You bet. Not allowing the continuation of intrusion onto private properties prevents unnecessary development costs from soaring. Engineering fees, lost sales, interest on loans.

Some, like the Evansville Courier, say this decision without added definitions is no big help. Another article in the same day's paper explained how the American people are moving to areas of the country for affordable housing.

It's true no clear definitions for "navigable waters" were handed down by the Supreme Court. But the decision to stop the Corps from overstepping its authority IS a big deal.

It's like the time my friend got pulled over for not coming to a complete stop at an intersection. My friend pleaded to the officer that he had slowed down enough. "Slow down. Stopped." he added, "What's the difference?"

That's about when the officer started hitting my friend on the head with his nightstick. The officer asked if he should "stop", or "just slow-down". From then on, my friend understood the difference, and yeah, it was a big deal.

The lesson: When you're the one getting clubbed, getting it stopped is a big deal!

NEWBURGH'S NEW WEBSITE

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Newburgh Building Inspector Frank Hijuelos announced the Town of Newburgh has a new website, which will come in handy for contractors and subcontractors trying to comply with the town's new Contractor Registration program. The contractor application is available on-line, and can be completed and faxed into the Newburgh office.

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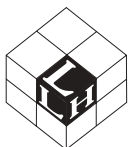
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KING'S HOSTS MAY MEETING

Special thanks to Bruce Moreland and the entire King's Great Buys Plus staff for hosting the May 23rd Remodelers Council meeting. Moreland, the Contractor Sales Representative at King's, showed members around the extensive show room, displayed some of the working



Ken Faulkner, Whirlpool, discusses new products.



This is just one of the LIVE kitchens at King's Great Buys Plus on Vogel Road. King's is currently remodeling 3 more kitchens that will be completely functional and full of great appliances on display!

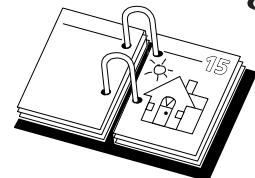
model appliances on the show-room floor, talked about builder/SIBA member discounts and set-up for the RC meeting in front of the LIVE KitchenAid kitchen. A Whirlpool representative was on hand to discuss a few of the newest, most exciting new products, while one of King's very own sales reps prepared hot appetizers, fresh home-made pizza and a freshly baked 3-layer chocolate cake for dessert! For more information about King's services or Whirlpool appliances, call Bruce at 454-6245.

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Easter Seals officials announced at a press conference in May that tickets are available for the 2006 Easter Seals Home Run Sweepstakes, the organization's 15th annual fund-raising raffle offering the choice of a newly constructed home or \$100,000 as grand prize, plus 4 other cash prizes ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

A maximum of 3,000 raffle tickets are available for \$100 each through July 17 (or until all tickets are sold). Official ticket outlets are the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center on Bellemeade Ave and Milestones, the Easter Seals Child Development Center on S. Cullen. MasterCard and VISA orders are accepted by phone at 812-437-2627.

The grand prize house - built by SIBA Member Shane Clements, Eagle Construction - is at 3524 Wayland Drive in the Stonecrest subdivision in Evansville. The grand prize winner has the option of choosing an alternate prize of \$100,000. In addition to the grand prize, the Sweepstakes will award one second prize of \$10,000; one third prize of \$5,000; and 2 fourth prizes of \$1,000 each.

The public is invited to attend free open houses hosted by volunteer Realtors each Sunday through July 16, 1-4 p.m. (An

additional open house may be added if sales are extended beyond July 17. Entrants buying a ticket at the home during a Sunday open house will be entered in a random drawing to win an additional ticket. One ticket will be given away after each Sunday open house.

The 1,443-square-foot brick ranch style home has an estimated value of \$134,950 and was part of the 2006 Parade of Homes. It features an open floor plan, three bedrooms and two baths, a two-car garage, cathedral ceiling in the great room, an energy-efficient furnace, a leaded glass front door, master suite with spacious walk-in closet and linen closet, and ceramic tile in the entry, kitchen, dining room, baths and laundry.

A random drawing at the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center July 27 will determine 5 Sweepstakes finalists who will win at least \$1,000 each. An August 3rd "key ceremony" at the home will determine their prizes. Ticket holders do not have to be present to win.



Builder, SIBA Member Shane Clements

Sweepstakes proceeds will provide therapy for children and adults with disabilities at the Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center, which serves approximately 6,000 individuals from a 30-county area of southwestern Indiana, southern Illinois, and western Kentucky.

Sponsors of this year's Sweepstakes are Eagle Construction, The Home Depot, NEWS 25, Evansville Courier & Press, 104.1 WIKY, 93.5 The Wolf, Evansville Area Association of Realtors, Kemper CPA Group, and Southwestern Indiana Builders Association.

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MEMBERSHIP MOMENTS

by Shannon French Holt

SIBA'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

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Monday, July 10

The summer Builders Golf Outing will be held at Rolling Hills Country Club on Monday, July 10, 2006. The afternoon session is sold out; however, openings for foursomes are still available in the morning session. In previous years, the morning session has fielded as many as 17 foursomes for the 7:30am start.

The golf committee has, once again, voted to allow non-members to participate in the summer outing. For the fifth consecutive year, the eventful day of fun in the sun will be open to all players and not restricted to members and major sponsors only! However, any team with a non-SIBA member can NOT win a team prize or the tournament championship. Other competitions, such as contests and games for individuals, are open to all participants.

Log onto www.SIBAonline.org and click on NEWSFLASHES to get the Registration and Sponsorship forms!

OTTERS REPLACE AUGUST MEETING

SIBA's Fifth Annual "Builders & Baseball" Family Night with the Otters tickets are now on sale at the SIBA office. The Otters game will take the place of SIBA's August Membership meeting and will be held at Bosse Field on FRIDAY, August 4th.

Ticket price is \$12.00 per attendee and includes general admission to the game, a BBQ/Hamburger/Hotdog dinner in SIBA's picnic area along the first base line and two drink tickets. Children 5 and under are free!

Bring the entire family to the fun-filled evening of food, baseball and friends! Watch as the Otters battle Traverse City. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. with game time at 7:05 p.m. See PAGE 21 for the Otters Ticket order form or call the SIBA office for more details - 479-6026.

STUDENT-BUILT HOUSE IN 2006 PARADE

Each year, the Public Education Foundation makes it possible for vocational students to design and construct a home. This prepares students for employment in the building industries by equipping them with the skills necessary for the Construction/engineering trades. Some students continue their education and receive a college-level education in a building-related field.

In support of bringing forward tomorrow's employees, SIBA supports the PEF house by entering it in the Parade of Homes. For 2006, the house was approximately 2407 square feet, with three bedrooms and two and a half bathrooms.

The house was designed and drawn by the Architectural Design class. Actual construction and finishing of the house was done by students from various local high schools, and who are enrolled in the Career and Technical program. Overall, more than 200 students were involved in the project.



STEVE COULUP CELEBRATES 20 YEARS WITH COMFORT

This May, Comfort Homes invited vendors, subcontractors and friends in the construction business to a cookout party to celebrate Steve Coulup's 20th anniversary with the company. But this was to be a surprise party.

And as with most surprise parties, the trick is to keep everything a secret and somehow remove the guest of honor for a few hours while the party is prepared. So the company sent Steve on a wild goose chase to check on a fictitious new job site in Wheatland, IN. This kept Steve tied up from 8:00 a.m. to noon while he drove around the cornfields of Knox County. Steve returned to the office to find dozens of his friends and co-workers enjoying a cookout & party in his honor.

Steve was born and raised in Vincennes, IN where he attended Rivet

High School. He worked from 1974 to 1982 in apartment maintenance for Dr. Swonder, is a 1980 graduate of Vincennes University with an Associate degree in drafting and a 1982 graduate of ISU with a Bachelor degree in construction technology. Steve moved to Evansville in 1986 and then to Newburgh in 1989.

To date Steve has managed the construction of almost 600 new homes and over 700 remodeling projects with Comfort Homes.



Steve Coulup

2006 MEMBERSHIP TOTALS

As of:	12/31/05	5/31/06
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Total	406	391
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These members are up for renewal in July. If you see them, offer a friendly reminder to renew!

SUPREME COURT RULES AGAINST EXCESSIVE REGULATION

In a step forward for affordable housing and the battle against excessive regulation, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday remanded to the lower courts a decision on whether wetlands connected to actual navigable waters by ditches or drains should be regulated as navigable waters of the United States.

In a plurality decision, the court reversed and remanded *Rapanos v. United States*, No. 04-1034, and *Carabell v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, No. 04-1384, back to the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, holding that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' often broad interpretation of "waters of the United States" was not based on a permissible construction of the statute.

"To ensure that our nation's waterways are preserved, the federal government must protect non-navigable rivers and streams with a significant connection to traditionally navigable waters," said NAHB President David Pressly. "But Congress did not authorize the agencies to control activities in every remote creek, brook or drainage ditch, especially if those features do not support commerce. The court today correctly

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BOSMA BECOMES LIFE STATE DIRECTOR

Congratulations to Alan Bosma who became a Life Director with the Indiana Builders Association, the state affiliate to the Southwestern Indiana Builders Association. Bosma who has served as a state director recently attended his 40th meeting as a voting state director. As there are only 4 meetings per year, this achievement would require a 10-year commitment with perfect attendance record!

SIBA Executive Director said "Alan is one of the most generous builders in our organization. Whenever we send out the call for help on anything, Bosma always seems to be first in line. It's nice for these kinds of builders to get the recognition they deserve."

Bosma becomes SIBA's ninth Life Director. He joins Bud Bussing, Larry Koch, Ron Dauby, Damien Scheessele, Bob Hatfield, Dave Schroeder, Steve Heidorn and Carl Shepherd.

Bosma also has earned designations of continued education, through the Builders Association. Alan is a Certified Graduate Remodelor (CGR) and a Certified



At his 40th Board meeting, Alan Bosma (left) was congratulated and introduced at the June Board meeting as a Life Director. IBA President Mike Hannigan (right) presented certificates to Bosma and Tom Slater of Brazil, Indiana.

Graduate Builder (CGB). This year Bosma had an award-winning home in the Parade of Homes. He stands as #9 on the SIBA Spike Roster with 141 recruits. Bosma has

also served in many capacities within SIBA. He was President of the Builders Association in 1997, and has served two terms as Remodelors Council Chairman (1994 & 2003).



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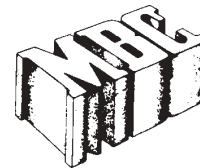
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BEST BATH

10. Riecken Construction, Inc., Havenwood Meadows

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50. The Talbert Group, Talbert's Ridge

Category Four: \$212,000 - \$265,000

BEST EXTERIOR

49. Brian Stevens Homes, Inc., Talbert's Ridge

BEST INTERIOR

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BEST KITCHEN

09. Elpers Development, Inc., Havenwood Meadows

BEST BATH

24. Dauby Construction, Inc., Windemere Farms

HOME OF THE YEAR

47. Fest Construction, Inc. York Ridge

Category One: up to \$150,000

BEST EXTERIOR

28. Murphy Homes, Inc., Falcon Ridge

BEST INTERIOR

28. Murphy Homes, Inc., Falcon Ridge

BEST KITCHEN - tie

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40. Sterchi Homes Corporation, Fall Creek

BEST BATH

40. Sterchi Homes Corporation, Fall Creek

HOME OF THE YEAR

29. Baywood Homes, Crowne Ridge

Category Two: \$151,000 - \$170,000

BEST EXTERIOR

25. Jagoe Homes, The Meadows at Stonecreek

BEST INTERIOR

36. Zehner Development Corp., Ellington Ridge

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36. Zehner Development Corp., Ellington Ridge

BEST BATH

26. Eagle Construction & Development, Bridlewood

HOME OF THE YEAR

34. Kattmann Construction, Oak Hill Woods



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Category Five: \$266,000 - \$310,000

BEST EXTERIOR

43. Thompson Homes, Fieldcrest Place

BEST INTERIOR

43. Thompson Homes, Fieldcrest Place

BEST KITCHEN

13. Reinbrecht Homes, Cambridge Woods

BEST BATH

31. Landmark Quality Homes, Inc, Windham Hill

HOME OF THE YEAR

17. Homes by Jimmy Kaster, Carrington Estates



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Category Six: \$311,000 - \$391,000

BEST EXTERIOR

59. Keller Group, LLC, Victoria Manor

BEST INTERIOR

59. Keller Group, LLC, Victoria Manor

BEST KITCHEN

45. Barrington Development Group, Copper Creek

BEST BATH

59. Keller Group, LLC, Victoria Manor

HOME OF THE YEAR

01. Phil Kost Construction, Inc., Waterford Sub.

Category Seven: \$392,000 - \$465,000

BEST EXTERIOR

51. Davis Homes, Inc., Julianne Estates

BEST INTERIOR

37. Homes by Robert Cook, Parke Ridge

BEST KITCHEN

51. Davis Homes, Inc., Julianne Estates

BEST BATH

37. Homes by Robert Cook, Parke Ridge

HOME OF THE YEAR

44. Selective Homes by Chad & Dad, Stone Creek



Category Seven Winners (l-r): Chris Combs; Danny Davis; Homes by Robert Cook; Chad VanZilen, Selective Homes; Gold Sponsor, Scott Rosenburgh, Courier and Press.

Category Eight: \$466,000 - \$550,000

BEST EXTERIOR

52. Regal Homes of Southern IN, Julianne Estates

BEST INTERIOR

20. Cravens Construction, Inc., Eagle Crossing

BEST KITCHEN

20. Cravens Construction, Inc., Eagle Crossing

BEST BATH

20. Cravens Construction, Inc., Eagle Crossing

HOME OF THE YEAR

41. Bosma Construction, Inc., Linwood Estates



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Category Nine: \$551,000 - \$700,000

BEST EXTERIOR

07. Kuhlman Construction, Inc., Harbors Edge

BEST INTERIOR

64. J.H. Hatfield Homes, LLC, River Ridge

BEST KITCHEN

07. Kuhlman Construction, Inc., Harbors Edge

BEST BATH

07. Kuhlman Construction, Inc., Harbors Edge

HOME OF THE YEAR

02. Haas Homes, Inc., Big Cynthia Road

Category Ten: \$701,000 and up

BEST EXTERIOR

42. Carlton Construction, Linwood Estates

BEST INTERIOR - 3-WAY TIE

42. Carlton Construction, Linwood Estates

46. River Valley Homes, Copper Creek

56. R.A. McGillem Custom Homes, LakeRidge Crossing

BEST KITCHEN

46. River Valley Homes, Copper Creek

BEST BATH

46. River Valley Homes, Copper Creek

HOME OF THE YEAR

58. Denton Homes, Inc., Victoria Manor



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<<Awards Sponsor Chris Combs (l) presents Danny Davis with Best Exterior.



>>Debra Fehrenbacher proudly accepts her third award in Category Three.



Awards Sponsor Chris Combs (l) presents David McClary, River Valley Homes with the first of three awards in Category Ten!



<<Chuck Murphy was proud to take home three awards in Category One.



<<Ron Dauby (l) and Brian Stevens look on as other Category Four winners are announced.

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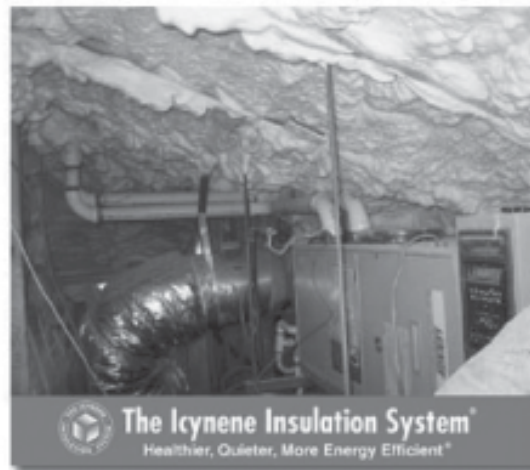


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Based in Toronto, Icynene, Inc. is a member of the [National Council of the Housing Industry](#) — The Supplier 100 of NAHB.

The study was conducted by the [Alan G. Davenport Wind Engineering Group](#) at [The University of Western Ontario](#), using a model home with reduced air infiltration rates similar to those that would be achieved in a home insulated with Icynene's insulation/air barrier system.

The model created for the test was a gable-roof house with the attic and living space sealed to maintain similar volume ratios to those of a full-scale home. Two different insulation applications were tested to determine which would perform better in strong winds. Wind climate models for Chicago and Miami were used during the tests.

In the first test of a typical vented attic design, wind and the laterally-driven rain accompanying it entered the attic through the soffit vent assemblies, which under real conditions can cause flooding and an increased risk of mold growth and rotting building materials.

Studying the rainwater performance of residential assemblies in Central Florida during hurricanes in 2004, building science expert, Joe Lstiburek of [Building Science Corporation](#), concluded that "soffit geometries are currently not designed to address extreme wind-driven rain exposures."

In the second batch of tests, all of the soffit vents were sealed, creating an unvented sealed attic assembly, which is an approach recommended by Lstiburek and other experts to prevent rain from entering. With this approach, the attic becomes part of the conditioned space.

The testing found that sealing the soffits eliminated the entry of moisture into the attic, helping to prevent moisture damage to the insulation and ceiling materials. "This technology has significant advantages in the Florida climate with respect to rainwater control, energy conservation, moisture and humidity control, wind uplift and fire performance over standard attic roof technology" Lstiburek's study found.

Icynene is one of the few insulation products that are approved for use in this type of application, according to its manufacturer. The material is able to create a complete air-seal, which reduces airflow and accompanying moisture in and out of the building envelope. Because of this product's proven performance in unvented conditioned attics, it has been the insulation of choice for high-profile demonstration projects that feature this design, Icynene says.

The [International Code Council](#) recently approved amendments to its International Energy Conservation Code and International Residential Code that approve unvented conditioned attic assemblies, stipulating that an air-impermeable insulation can be applied directly to the underside or interior roof deck, according to the manufacturer.

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HEY, NIMBY NATION: GROWTH EQUALS LIVABILITY, STUDY SAYS

A syndicated real estate journalist, Lew Sichelman, recently published a column entitled "Hey NIMBY nation: Growth equals livability, study says". Sichelman's column appeared in the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, San Diego Union-Tribune and many other newspapers across the country.

Sichelman's article is based on an NAHB study, and it quotes senior staff vice president David Crowe. The study is a joint effort of the Regulatory and Public Affairs areas within NAHB, and is a 1-page explanation and graph that the relationship between growth, as measured by housing starts, and quality of life, as measured by Bert Sperling, the author of Best Places to Live.

The following is Sichelman's article.

By Lew Sichelman

United Features Syndicate

WASHINGTON – Growth is good.

You won't get many people to agree with that statement. Builders and developers concur, of course. Perhaps a handful of local officials would go along, and maybe a stray resident or two.

For the most part, though, people see growth as bad. They look around and see their highways and byways choked with cars, their kids struggling to get the attention of teachers in overcrowded classrooms, and they react negatively.

They believe quality of life is made worse by growth, not better. And they rail against it. It's only natural.

But is growth really that objectionable? Not necessarily, according to an interesting and simple bit of research by the National

Association of Home Builders, the Washington, D.C.-based, 225,000-member trade organization that speaks for the housing business.

By comparing two primary sources of data, NAHB's David Crowe found a positive relationship between additional houses and the livability of the area where those houses are being built.

I know, I know. What else would you expect a builder-sponsored study to find?

But Crowe, an economist who works in the NAHB's Advocacy Group, swears he has no ax to grind other than to obtain a fair hearing for his members when they appear before local zoning boards and planning commissions.

"When builders try to make their cases at the local level, they are immediately (forced) to refute a negative because people's perception of growth is almost always negative," he explains. "All we are trying to do is raise the dialogue to a level playing field."

Another thing in the NAHB's favor: It didn't drum up any of the data, or manipulate it in any way. Rather, Crowe simply charted two independent sources of information: housing starts per capita in 260 metropolitan statistical areas, as collected by the U.S. Census Bureau, and Bert Sperling's ranking of the nation's best places to live.

The government data speaks for itself. But in case you don't recognize Sperling, he's the guy who developed the first "Money Magazine Best Places to Live" ranking in 1986. And he's been compiling

lists of bests ever since. Among his numerous compilations are the best places to raise a family, best places for retirement, most stressful cities in which to live, best cities for seniors and worst for respiratory infections.

Last year, Sperling and co-author Peter Sander published "Cities Ranked and Rated," (John Wiley & Sons, 2004) a tabulation of more than 400 metropolitan areas based on 10 key categories – population, economy and jobs, cost of living, climate, education, health and health care, crime, transportation, leisure and arts and culture.

The categories are extremely broad, but each heading holds any number of key subsets. Under economy and jobs, the authors looked at per-capita income, household income, the employment rate, and recent and projected job growth, among other things. And under education, they considered academic achievement, expenditures per pupil and student/teacher ratios in the public-school system, and the number of colleges and universities.

Armed with census figures for 2000-2003 and "Cities Ranked and Rated," Crowe used a standard research technique known as "correlation analysis" to show there is a systematic and positive relation between growth and quality of life.

In other words, the places with the highest rate of growth, in terms of housing starts, tended to be the places with the highest quality of life. Conversely, those

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with the lowest growth rates tended to have a lesser quality of life.

"It sounds overly simplistic, but no one had ever done this before," the economist says. "So we sat down and looked for a correlation, one way or the other, and we now have an economic case to dispel the common perception that growth will kill a community."

This isn't to say growth is perfect. It does lead to overcrowding. And more people mean more cars on the roads, more kids in the schools, more lines at the supermarket. There's simply no getting away from that.

But it also means more, and perhaps better, jobs and a larger tax base to pay for a wider variety of services, better roads and public transportation, more libraries, better schools, more recreational activities, better cultural pursuits and all the other things that Bert Sperling rates as higher quality of life.

The NAHB's belief that the mere mention of growth sends shivers down the spine of the local citizenry doesn't square with another piece of research, this one by a consulting group that specializes in the politics of contested real-estate projects.

In a nationwide study of 1,000 people, Patrick Fox, president of the Saint Consulting Group in Hingham, Mass., found support for new housing "amazingly solid and consistent across all demographics and regions."

Not so for commercial development of almost any kind. People are twice as likely to resist offices, big-box retail and warehouses than to support such uses, Saint found.

In what Fox calls "a staggering number," one in five have actively opposed a project by forming neighborhood groups, raising funds, calling and writing their elected officials, signing and gathering petitions, and speaking out at hearings. Some have even hired legal counsel and engineering experts, in an effort to stop development.

Housing, on the other hand, practically gets a free pass, at least in Saint's study. Three out of four people said they would support a single-family housing project if it were proposed in their communities.

The problem is, supporters don't offer their backing for new housing, at least not in the same sense that the opposition campaigns against it. They don't carry placards saying, "Go, Builder!" They don't scream and yell and interrupt zoning hearings. They don't demand a king's

ransom in exchange for their support. They don't do anything.

So who are the people who are trying to stop development? Generally, they want nothing to change. They are a vocal minority, if you believe Saint's survey, that wants everything to remain the way it was when they moved in.

But that won't happen. Unless people stop having babies who grow up to form their own families and start the cycle of life all over again, it can't happen.

These days, though, with the NAHB's analysis in hand, local officials no longer need to base their decisions on the perception that growth is bad. Now, rather than act to mitigate the consequences of growth and preserve the quality of life, maybe they can begin to get in front of all those houses that are coming, so the roads and schools are ready and waiting when the inevitable growth finally arrives.

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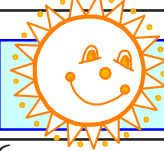

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PRESIDENT'S,

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If anyone has comments to improve the Parade of Homes, please be sure to get them to the SIBA staff. Future committees depend on comments to improve the event. Believe me, the committee weighs any and all thoughts on improving the Parade.

Future committees have a tough job in living up to this year's comedian. David Crowe was one of the funniest entertainers we've ever had at the Parade Banquet.

SIBA holds its golf outing every July. This year the Builders Outing is at Rolling Hills Country Club on Monday, July 10. Many foursomes are already taken, but there should be some openings, especially for those wanting to beat the heat by playing in the morning session. Good luck to all our golfers. I hope we have a great day of sunshine.

I want to congratulate the Remodelers' Council for their work this spring. This short description will never pay their effort justice, but it's important to pass along what members of SIBA's Remodelers' Council did. The RC renovated a bathroom for a family who had their beloved husband and father serving overseas in the U.S. military. This was no ordinary contribution. The bathroom was completely renovated, a window was removed with the wall rebuilt, and landscaping was added. When the council members learned the husband was soon returning on leave, they also presented the family with a dinner gift certificate at a nice restaurant! How proud we are of the Remodelers Council!!!

And speaking of the Remodelers'

Council, the Home and Remodeling Expo is coming up soon, so be sure to reserve your booth space today to get the best location available. This show is going to grow! And by the way, the RC gives half the expo proceeds to charitable organizations in our community, too.

On behalf of SIBA, I want to congratulate Alan Bosma for becoming SIBA's ninth Life Director to the state board of directors. Being a Life Director at IBA requires a minimum commitment of ten years. Bosma is one of the best examples of where the organization makes the builder better, and the builder makes the organization great. And we're all better off for it. Thanks, Alan!

Did you notice a couple items: First, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of home builders, in returning the case of wetlands back to circuit court. Be sure to read the brief story in this newsletter. It's amazing what this association does for its members!

Second, did you notice a syndicated real estate journalist recently published a column entitled, "Hey NIMBY nation: Growth equals livability, study says." The article is about a report done by David Crowe at NAHB that shows the relationship between growth, as measured by housing starts, and quality of life, as measured by Bert Sperling, the author of *Best Places To Live*. The correlation says that places with high growth have a tendency to have a high quality of life. We've always known growth is good. But now we have objective stats that show it's also good for the community.

Other items of interest are the Easter Seals HomeRun Sweepstakes, where a home built by Shane Clements is being raffled off. Your odds of winning are much greater than the lottery looking for you to win everyone

at the Otters game on August 4. See the newsletter for details on getting your tickets.

Finally, the Fourth of July is a special time to celebrate our freedoms. I hope everyone takes some time to appreciate the freedoms in our daily lives, and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice for us to make our livings and raise our families.

REGULATION,

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recognized that there must be limits to how far the federal government can reach upstream."

NAHB filed a brief of *amicus curiae* on behalf of the petitioners in the two wetlands cases in December of 2005, prompted by member pleas to help fight the expensive, time consuming and often duplicative regulatory morass they must slog through to get the appropriate permits to build homes. The regulatory morass resulted in higher prices for home buyers and have never been the laudable goal of the Clean Water Act, Pressly noted.

"When Congress first passed the Clean Water Act in 1972, the Cuyahoga River was on fire. Our nation's waterways were coated with oil and became flammable, and Congress passed the act with those dire circumstances in mind," Pressly said. "The cases addressed today go far beyond the intent.

"Wetlands are an important part of our natural heritage," added Pressly. "The Florida Everglades and Chesapeake Bay marshlands are just a few of the aquatic resources that must be preserved for future generations. But not every swamp, puddle or roadside ditch rises to that level. We should focus our resources and budget to conserve those wetlands that truly warrant protection."



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