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Meyers, Robert (COE)

From: Garcia-Casamayor, Alina (Building) on behalf of Danger, Charles (Building)
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2001 4:50 PM
To: Meyers, Robert (COE)
Subject: H. J. Ross

We are no longer using H.J. Ross for the Lakes of the Meadow's Project. There will be no need for a Board Meeting on this issue. Thank you very much for all your assistance concerning this matter.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Meyers, Executive Director
Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

DATE: August 23, 2001

FROM: Charles Danger, P.E., Director
Building Department

SUBJECT: Lakes of the Meadow

The Lakes of the Meadow is a residential community of more than 2,000 units located in south Miami-Dade County which was developed in the 1980's. This community originally developed by Arvida and Arvida JMB consists of patio homes, estate homes and condominium units.

Last month, attorneys representing the Lakes of the Meadow Homeowners Association provided information to the Building Department documenting alleged construction defects in the Village Homes buildings. The information provided reflected the results of an investigation by Pistorino & Alam Engineers which confirmed inadequate truss bracing, inadequate firewall separation in attics and improperly constructed masonry walls.

It is the Building Official's responsibility under the South Florida Building Code to investigate the alleged construction defects and to initiate appropriate enforcement action to have any confirmed violations corrected. Due to the magnitude of the work involved in inspecting the more than 100 Village Homes' buildings, the Building Department has retained HJ Ross & Associates to perform engineering inspections in this community. HJ Ross & Associates, an engineering consultant to Miami-Dade County, was selected by this department to perform the work due to their experience in handling similar projects for the department in the past.

At a community meeting with Lakes of the Meadow Village Homes residents on August 21, 2001, a resident alleged that HJ Ross & Associates has a conflict of interest in performing its work for the Building Department. It was alleged that the company is linked with St. Joe Paper Company which is a current or former owner of Arvida or Arvida JMB.

Please advise whether HJ Ross & Associates has a conflict of interest in performing the engineering services for the Building Department on this project to the extent that the department should utilize another consultant to perform this work. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

CD:RJS:sd

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August 23, 2001

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COMMISSION ON ETHICS
AND PUBLIC TRUST

**RE: Section 2-11.1 (r) Code of Miami-Dade County
Request for Advisory Opinion – H.J. Ross Associates, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Meyers:

H. J. Ross Associates, Inc. (“HJR”) is a local engineering firm certified by the Miami-Dade County Department of Business Development as a Hispanic Business Enterprise (“HBE”). HJR is staffed with multi-disciplinary engineering and environmental professionals. It has provided quality services to municipalities and governmental agencies for more than fifty years. HJR currently has a contract to provide Structural Inspection and Plans Processing Services for the Building Department contract number E99-BD-01-A.

Pursuant to Section 2-11.1 (r) of the code of Miami-Dade County, HJR respectfully requests a formal advisory opinion from the Ethics Commission because HJR is “rendering structural inspection services to the County’s Building Department at the development known as Lakes of the Meadow while Walter Revell serves as Chairman of the Board and CEO of HJR as well as being on the Board of Directors of The St. Joe Company, the parent company of Arvida, developer for Lakes of the Meadow. HJR is in doubt as to the applicability of the [Conflict of Interest and Codes of Ethics] Ordinance” to its desire to continue to perform the specific tasks requested by the Building Department. HJR respectfully requests your guidance with respect to the questions presented below based on the following facts.

STATEMENT OF THE FACTS

Walter Revell has been Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of H. J. Ross Associates, Inc. since 1991. His principal duties involve strategic planning, general corporate policies and client relations. He is not an engineer and has nothing to do with the technical operations and engineering services of the firm.

H. J. Ross Associates, Inc.

When he took over the now 53-year-old firm in 1991, he took majority ownership. Later, after hiring a new President and Chief Operating Officer, he reduced his ownership to 25% around 1994, and then to zero in about 1995 as a new management team took control of the firm. He does not participate in the earnings of the firm.

Mr. Revell is only generally aware of the firm's work for the Miami-Dade County Building Department and has nothing to do with the special assignment for inspection of the Lakes of the Meadow housing development. He will not be involved in the work itself or any findings, conclusions, reports or recommendations from the firm to the client.

Walter Revell serves as a member of the Board of Directors of The St. Joe Company and as Chairman of the Audit Committee. His principal duties involve the typical and standard activities of corporate directors of large public companies. He is not involved in the operations of the company or its subsidiaries.

One of the subsidiaries of St. Joe is Arvida, the large community developer which built Lakes of the Meadow in the mid-1980's. However, St. Joe acquired Arvida only about three years ago, and the Miami project was built under completely different owners many years ago.

Arvida was 80% owned by the Pennsylvania Company for many years until it was acquired by a group of senior managers in 1984. Then the Walt Disney Company acquired it in 1985, becoming part of Disney Development, and later acquired by JMB in Chicago, which operated it for a number of years.

In each of the ownership changes, it is understood that there were all of the usual indemnifications.

Of the new owners, liability insurance and establishment of loss reserves – such that St. Joe, the present owner of Arvida, has little, if any, financial risk from any dispute at the Miami project.

Revell does not recall the Lakes of the Meadow project and its problems coming before the Board or the Audit Committee in his tenure at St. Joe. He doubts that it will in the future, except conceivably as an informational item.

H. J. Ross Associates, Inc.

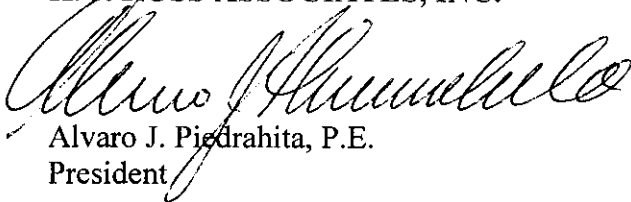
QUESTION

1. May HJR continue to perform the inspection services contracted by the Building Department while Walter Revell sits on the Board of St. Joe Company as well as being the Chairman of the Board and CEO of HJR?

HJR would appreciate the guidance of the Ethics Commission with respect to the question presented above. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter of vital concern to HJR. Should you have any questions, please call me directly at (305) 567-1888 extension 205.

Sincerely,

H. J. ROSS ASSOCIATES, INC.



Alvaro J. Piedrahita, P.E.
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cc: Kay Sullivan, Clerk of the Board
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The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008, 10 am to 12 noon, at the Grand Jacksonville Hotel, 245 West Street, Jacksonville, Florida.

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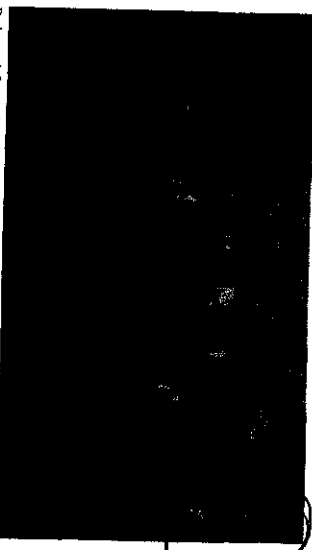
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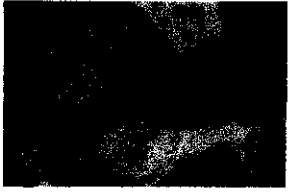
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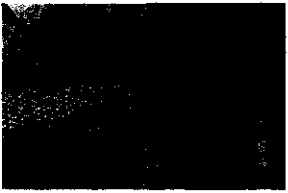
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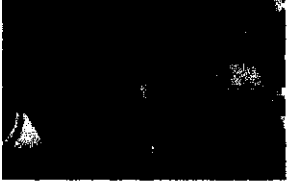
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"St. Joe's management team is focused on execution and has the experience, talent and creativity necessary to meet the unique demands of regional place-making."
-Peter S. Rummell

From The Miami Herald archives (1982-1999)

1982

1. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on June 14, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA'S JOHN TEMPLE FINDS CHALLENGE IN RISKS

Twenty years ago, Admiral Hyman Rickover scanned the 120- member class list of his New London, Conn., submarine training school and invited the top 20 students for a personal chat. Extend your Naval career, he would personally urge them, and serve on the first generation of nuclear-powered submarines. Eighteen accepted his offer. Two declined. One of those two was then-Lieutenant John Temple. "I just couldn't see staying in a system where you were rewarded if you managed to stay out of trouble."

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2. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on May 21, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

PENN CENTRAL TAPS ARVIDA'S TOP EXECUTIVE

Penn Central Corp. Thursday tapped Charles E. Cobb, Jr., chairman of Miami-based subsidiary Arvida Corp., as its chief operating officer. In a series of promotions announced after its annual meeting in New York City Thursday morning, the conglomerate named Edward Kosnik president of the Penn Central property group. John Temple, president of Arvida's resort community development division, has been "offered" the position of president of Arvida, said Penn Central spokesman William Cunitz, but he "h

Complete Article, 614 words ()

3. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on May 25, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA CORP. PICKS NEW PRESIDENT

Arvida Corp., one of South Florida's largest homebuilders, Monday tapped John Temple as its president. Temple replaces Edward Kosnik, who last week was named president of the Penn Central

Corp.'s property group and is now responsible for overseeing that company's vast real estate holdings. New York City-based Penn Central Corp. is the corporate parent of Arvida. Arvida is headquartered in Miami. The 44-year old Temple, a seven-year Arvida veteran, most recently had held the post of vice president

Complete Article, 378 words ()

4. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on July 8, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

'DREAM' PROJECT BECAME NIGHTMARE, BUYERS SAY

About 25 homebuyers -- some of whom stood in line for hours last year to purchase homes at Lakes of the Meadow in West Kendall -- now say Arvida Southern has not developed the "beautiful community" as promised. Unhappy with the progress of the construction, most of the buyers have refused to close on their homes and forfeited thousands of dollars in deposits. "I picked Arvida because I thought they built really great communities with recreational facilities and the whole nine yards," said Ron Ru

Complete Article, 798 words ()

5. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on July 10, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

IRATE BUYERS GET VOW OF 'DREAM' HOME PROBE

Arvida Southern's "dream community" in West Dade may come under investigation because of claims from unhappy homebuyers that the developer hasn't lived up to its sales promises. Dade County consumer advocate Walter Dartland and state Sen. Joe Gersten promised to investigate the complaints after a meeting with the homebuyers. More than 40 people who bought homes in Lakes of the Meadow, at Miller Drive and SW 147th Avenue, complained Thursday night that Arvida has not completed a community pool, t

Complete Article, 456 words ()

6. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on October 3, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

UM TO SPONSOR CONDO INSTITUTE

The University of Miami will sponsor its seventh institute on condominium and cluster developments Friday and Saturday at the Sheraton Bal Harbour. Topics will include: federal and state regulations, time-sharing, taxation, problems between condo residents and directors, mortgage financing. State officials scheduled to speak include: **Faye S. Mayberry, chief of the bureau of condominiums;** Hugh Owen, supervisor of the Time Sharing Section, and Richard Gentry, chief of the bureau of arbitration. San

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7. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on November 12, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BUILDING-INDUSTRY REFORMS IN WORKS

A panel of legislators and contractors is working on a set of building-industry reforms that includes a plan to better define accountability in construction accidents. **Also in the works is a plan to require state certification of structural engineers and local building inspectors.** Recommendations from the Governor's Committee for Study of the Construction Industry are due in Gov. Bob Graham's by Feb. 1. Committee Chairman John Vogt, a Democratic state senator from Cocoa Beach, said the proposals w

Complete Article, 486 words ()

8. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on November 18, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA UNVEILS PLAN FOR WEST BROWARD COMPLEX

Arvida Corp. formally unveiled plans Wednesday for its International Business Center under construction at its Weston project in far western Broward County. On hand to watch a 15-minute slide presentation was Gov. Bob Graham and Broward business and political leaders. The International Business Center is one of the first projects under development at Weston, which planned as a community of 60,000 residents over the next 25 years. "It's the biggest thing in our future," **John Temple, Arvida preside**

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9. ENGINEER SAYS HASTE CAUSED MALL ACCIDENT

A county building engineer said "carelessness and haste" may have caused the accident Monday in which three construction workers were injured when a concrete-block wall burst on the almost-finished Lord & Taylor store at Aventura Mall. Gilbert Diamond, superintendent of the county Building and Zoning Department's Construction Plans Processing unit, said his preliminary investigation found that the workers were pouring too much cement too fast into the wall. Diamond, who will submit his report to

Complete Article, 469 words ()

10. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on August 29, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

RESIDENTS WON'T HAVE TO BUY CABLE TV, ARVIDA SAYS

Arvida Southern officials announced Thursday night they will not require residents of Lakes of the Meadow, one of their newest developments, to buy cable television. Board members of Lakes of the Meadow Master Maintenance Association, run by three Arvida officials, had considered making it mandatory for residents of the West Kendall community to pay for basic cable television service as part of their maintenance fees. With mandatory service, Arvida officials said, the monthly cable cost would be

Complete Article, 385 words ()

11. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on November 20, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

COUNTY SELLING NEW IMAGE TO AID DEVELOPMENT

In an effort to promote commercial and industrial development in the county, the Palm Beach County Development Board Friday hosted a group of state officials for a day-long tour of the county. "Today is a milestone for the future development of the county," said John Temple, president of Arvida Corp. and president of the Development Board. "We're selling a new image of Palm Beach County to the people on the front line of Florida's industrial development effort," he added. "That's where companies

Complete Article, 336 words ()

12. 1982 Article ID: root

Published on November 29, 1982, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA WIDENING ITS FOCUS

Arvida Corp., one of South Florida's biggest and most active home builders, is moving to take the sting out of periodic slumps in residential building by steadily diversifying into commercial and light-industrial development. Last week, Arvida announced it plans to develop the company's third corporate campus, this one to be in central Palm Beach County at the intersection of Okeechobee Boulevard and the Florida Turnpike. The park, as yet unnamed, has fewer land than Arvida's other corporate camp

Complete Article, 679 words ()

1983

13. 1983, Article ID: 8301050368

Published on January 16, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BUILDING SYSTEM REDUCES COSTS

A new construction system that can produce stronger houses in less time and apparently at lower cost is catching on with professional builders and do-it-yourselfers. Called truss-framed construction, the system was developed by the Forest Products Laboratory of the U.S. Forest Service in Madison, Wis., in 1979. Since then, hundreds of houses have been built with the system, which is patented but available for free use by the public. One Florida builder who uses truss-framing claims "significant co

Complete Article, 1148 words ()

14. 1983, Article ID: 8301140293

Published on February 16, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA HIT BY SUIT FOR LAKES OF THE MEADOW PROJECT

Twenty-two people who lost \$10,000 to \$15,000 each in deposits for homes in West Kendall's Lakes of the Meadow community filed suit in Dade Circuit Court Tuesday against Arvida Corp., the developer. The suit charges that in spring 1981, Arvida fraudulently induced prospective buyers to put down deposits and sign contracts on the spot, without giving them reasonable time to consult attorneys or make rational decisions. About 150 people signed contracts in last March for homes ranging in price from

Complete Article, 498 words ()

15. 1983 Article ID: 8301140820

Published on February 17, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

DISGRUNTLED BUYERS SUING ARVIDA CORP.

Persons who lost \$10,000 to \$15,000 each in deposits for homes in Lakes of the Meadow in West Kendall have filed suit in Dade Circuit Court against Arvida Corp., claiming that the developers pressured them to put down deposits and sign contracts, without giving them reasonable time to make rational decisions. The 22 persons who filed suit Tuesday are among about 70 persons who lost their deposit refunds when they backed out of buying in the complex at Miller Drive and SW 147th Avenue, said Sandy

Complete Article, 223 words ()

16. 1983, Article ID: 8301160124

Published on February 20, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

'ALMOST' HOME BUYERS SUE ARVIDA FOR DEPOSITS

Persons who lost \$10,000 to \$15,000 each in deposits for homes in West Kendall's Lakes of the Meadow community have filed suit in Dade Circuit Court against Arvida Corp., the community's developer. The complaint says Arvida, in spring 1981, fraudulently induced prospective buyers to put down deposits and sign contracts on the spot, without giving them reasonable time to make decisions. Dade County Consumer Advocate Walter Dartland, co-counsel for the plaintiffs, said the case could set public pol

Complete Article, 510 words ()

17. 1983 Article ID: 8301150781

Published on February 20, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

QUADRAPLEX DEVELOPMENT IS OPENED BY ARVIDA

Arvida Corp. opens a new quadruplex development Saturday at Lakes of the Meadow. Pre-construction prices start at \$47,900 for a 710-square-foot, one-bedroom model with country kitchen and covered veranda. Seven larger floorplans are available, including a two-story model with 1,560 square feet of living space, a loft, third bedroom, and convertible den. The largest model, called the

Demdo, is priced in the mid-\$90,000s. Homes will be built in clusters of four. Arvida will release 40 homes for sa

Complete Article, 1051 words ()

18. 1983 Article ID: 8301220291

Published on March 13, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

METRO TELLS DEVELOPER TO CLEAR TRASH

Metro has ordered Arvida Corp. to clean up a rockpit by the Lakes of the Meadow recreation center the developer had been using to dump construction debris. **Joseph Stilwell, chief enforcement officer for Dade Environmental Resources Management (DERM)**, said Thursday that Arvida was using the site as a construction dump without obtaining a permit from Metro's building and zoning department. Stilwell said Arvida has "more or less agreed to clean up the dump." **Sandy Miot, president of Arvida Southern,**

Complete Article, 401 words ()

19. 1983 Article ID: 8301240213

Published on March 20, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BUYERS: SCHOOL SITE NOT RIGHT

The 32 families who bought patio homes backing an empty field in the Lakes of the Meadow development paid a \$1,500 premium so they could live adjoining what the developer had promised would be a park and elementary school. Now, more than a year after families moved into homes along SW 149th Place, Dade Public School officials say they want to put the school elsewhere. Houses may be built on part of the 14-acre field, according to new development plans. Tuesday, residents in the area will meet with

Complete Article, 466 words ()

20. 1983 Article ID: 8302200328

Published on June 26, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

HIGH LUMBER PRICES NAIL BUILDERS TO THE WALL

The cost of building a home, adding to it or just repairing it is rising. Some examples: * Lumber prices jumped 15-30 per cent in the past few weeks. * Prices for plaster, gypsum products and reinforcing steel are headed up. * Building supply dealers in South Florida say other price hikes will go into effect July 1. * Price hikes are already being posted on retail and wholesale purchases of dimensional lumber, plywood, millwork, specialty lumber products, cement, concrete block and plaster. "Everyth

Complete Article, 1456 words ()

21. 1983 Article ID: 8303020209

Published on August 2, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

PENN CENTRAL PLANS TO SPIN OFF ARVIDA

Arvida Corp., the big Boca Raton-based real-estate developer, will be put up for sale again by its corporate parent, which tried and failed to sell the company a year ago. Penn Central Corp., the New York-based conglomerate that has owned Arvida since 1976, will make a public offer of stock in its subsidiary sometime later this year. A Penn Central announcement Monday suggested, though, that the conglomerate may try to keep a minority interest in the real-estate company. Penn Central intends to se

Complete Article, 611 words ()

22. 1983 Article ID: 8303040199

Published on August 9, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

COBB TO REMAIN AT ARVIDA HELM

Charles E. Cobb Jr. will resign his position with Penn Central Corp. when that company spins off Arvida Corp., the Boca Raton-based real estate development company he has headed since 1972. For more than a year, Cobb has been the senior executive vice president and chief operating officer, in charge of the Living and Leisure Group, of the New York-based conglomerate. Penn Central announced last week that it would sell the profitable subsidiary because Arvida does not fit with the company's strate

Complete Article, 873 words ()

23. 1983 Article ID: 8303140912

Published on September 17, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA TRIES TO SPUR INTEREST IN STOCK ISSUE

Hoping to spur investor interest in its initial stock offering, Arvida Corp. Friday outlined plans to diversify once it becomes a public company. It also offered a cautious view of the the short-term outlook. Arvida's parent, New York-based Penn Central Corp., last month said it would sell a majority interest in the real-estate development concern sometime after Sept. 27. Six-million shares of Arvida will be offered to the public in a transaction that should net its parent about \$150 million. The

Complete Article, 662 words ()

24. 1983 Article ID: 8303180898

Published on September 29, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA REALTY TO SELL DADE OPERATIONS MERRILL LYNCH TO ACQUIRE OFFICES

Merrill Lynch/Cousins Realty Inc., one of South Florida's largest residential realty companies, announced Wednesday that it will acquire part of Arvida Realty Sales Inc.'s Dade County operations. The price of the acquisition was not disclosed. "It's a wonderful match as far as I'm concerned," Jane Cousins, president and chief executive officer of Merrill Lynch/ Cousins, said. "I have always had tremendous respect for Arvida, and I feel that the two companies are part of the same family." Cousins

Complete Article, 443 words ()

25. 1983 Article ID: 8303200839

Published on October 6, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

METRO GETS 'HOT' CHECK

Sandy Miot, president of Arvida Southern, Dade County's largest homebuilder, gave Metro commissioners a \$100,000 donation Tuesday to help cover the cost of building the West Bird Fire Station. Construction of the fire station began Monday. Once built, the station will bring fire service to within three minutes of Lakes of the Meadows, a giant Arvida development in West Dade. The fire station, costing \$493,000 overall, will be located at SW 142nd Avenue and Bird Road. Completion is expected to tak

Complete Article, 175 words ()

26. 1983 Article ID: 8303260759

Published on October 28, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

MANAGEMENT BUYS BACK ARVIDA

A wealthy Texas oil family teamed up with the top management of Arvida Corp. Thursday to buy the big Florida real estate firm for \$181 million cash. In a surprise move that replaced Arvida's previously announced plan for a public stock issue, the buyers signed a definitive agreement to acquire the entire company from Penn Central Corp. Penn Central has owned Arvida for 17 years, having bought control of it before the historic bankruptcy of the one-time railroad giant. Arvida, named for founder Art

Complete Article, 785 words ()

27. 1983 Article ID: 8304040955

Published on November 28, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

THEY CALLED IN THE TEXANS, RISKED EVERY CENT, THEN WON

John Temple, president of Arvida Corp., had just finished another exhausting business trip -- this time to Atlanta. He was steering his car from the airport toward his oceanfront home in Boca Raton when the portable phone beside rang. It was Chuck Cobb, Temple's boss, friend of 20 years and cohort at the helm of one of the biggest real estate development firms in Florida. "I had no warning at all," Temple recalls. "He said: 'My God, they're selling the company. What are we going to do?' "That qu

Complete Article, 1067 words ()

28. 1983 Article ID: 8304070788

Published on December 8, 1983, Miami Herald, The (FL)

MANUFACTURER BUYS ACREAGE

A West Palm Beach building manufacturer Wednesday bought 6.8 acres in the St. Lucie Chamber of Commerce's GO Team Park, the first business to buy property in the 200-acre industrial area. John Herring, co-owner of the A-I Roof Truss Inc. said he will build a facility similar to the one in West Palm Beach, which employes 75 people. He said construction will begin immediately and the project should be completed within two months. Herring said the company will be at full staff in five years, but eig

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29. 1983 **Walter Dartland**, Dade County Consumer Advocate in February 20, 1983
30. 1983 **Joseph Stilwell**, chief enforcement officer for Dade Environmental Resources Management (DERM)
31. 1983 **Walt Geiger**, research supervisor in the Metro Planning Department

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32. 1984 **Tom Conger**, board member, Metro Zoning Appeals Board
33. 1984 Article ID: 8401050020
Published on January 17, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

NEW REAL ESTATE MANAGEMENT FIRM BEING FORMED

Two Miami businessmen -- **Walter L. Revell**, former president of **Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan Inc.**, a consulting engineering firm, and **Octavio D. Bulgas**, a builder and developer -- have formed a new company that will own and manage real estate in Florida. Revell will be president and chief executive officer and Bulgas chairman of **Revell and Bulgas Investments Inc.**, based in Miami. Revell is this year's president of the Florida Chamber of Commerce. A former president of the Greater Miami Chamber o

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34. 1984 Article ID: 8401060602
Published on January 26, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ENGINE THEFTS FUEL DISPUTE OVER LOT

When Nancy Monterrubio and Mike Weinberg bought homes in Arvida's Lakes of the Meadows, they were promised storage space for their boats. Now they're sorry they took the offer. In November, Monterrubio and Weinberg parked their 17-foot outboard boats in the community's recreational vehicle storage lot. Within a month, the engines, worth more than \$5,000 total, were stolen from the boats. If the homeowners association had been more concerned, Monterrubio and Weinberg said, the thefts might not have

35. Complete Article, 364 words ()

36. 1984 Article ID: 8401100665

Published on February 12, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

LAKES OF MEADOW TO SWITCH TO 'PATIO' HOMES

Lakes of the Meadow, a partly built housing development at 14845 SW 47th St., can switch from building townhomes to patio homes, the Metro Zoning Appeals Board (ZAB) ruled Wednesday. In a 5-3 vote, the ZAB approved a plan revision deleting 360 townhouses and adding 377 patio homes. Sanford Miot, president of Arvida Southern, the project developer, said "patio homes" are detached houses sitting on smaller-than-standard lots. The set-up is sometimes called zero-lot-line construction. Miot said the ch

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37. 1984 Article ID: 8401230338

Published on March 25, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BUILD FAST, SAVE MONEY, THE NEW RULE FOR BUILDERS

Time is money. The adage may be old, but it has gained new significance for builders, says Arvida Southern's Sandy Miot. When the prime rate hit record highs two years ago, many builders realized how important it is to speed the construction process. If it takes a year to complete a house, the interest paid on the construction loan can exceed the builder's margin of profit. Assume for a moment, Miot suggests, a \$10,000 profit on the sale of a \$100,000 home that takes six months to build. If that pro

Complete Article, 690 words ()

38. 1984 Article ID: 8401300988

Published on April 29, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

DADE OPPOSES ARVIDA PLEA FOR MORE HOMES

Saying today's consumer wants smaller, less-expensive lots, Arvida Southern wants to build 115 more houses than allowed on a 95-acre parcel between Coral Reef Drive and the Black Creek Canal. But **Reginald Walters, Dade County's planning director, says the proposal to rezone the land, part of the Country Walk development in West Dade, would bring sewer lines into the area and escalate development pressure on Dade's shrinking stock of farmland.** "My inclination right now is to recommend against it,"

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39. 1984 Article ID: 8402030087

Published on May 6, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA'S REQUEST IS DENIED

The Metro Commission, heeding the plea of several homeowners, Thursday rejected plans by Arvida Southern to switch from townhouses to patio homes on a portion of Lakes of the Meadow, a housing development at 14845 SW 47th St. The Metro Zoning Appeals Board (ZAB) had approved the switch three months earlier when only one resident complained. Barry Gillman, the disgruntled resident, filed an appeal.

He printed fliers, researched county files and contacted numerous neighbors. He came to the commissi

Complete Article, 310 words ()

40. 1984 Published May 21, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

SKIPPING COURTSHIP TO TAKE THE PLUNGE

It is 9 a. m. on the Saturday before Mother's Day, and Arvida Corp. 's 35 most senior executives have been summoned to the corporate lawyer's office for an all-day meeting. Most have no idea what it's all about. A pep talk or policy statement from Chairman Chuck Cobb, perhaps. Several months have passed since most of these men pledged their fortunes to help buy Arvida from its parent, New York-based Penn Central Corp. And the transition from fat subsidiary to sleek, independent company has not gone...

41. 1984 Article ID: 8402190102

Published on July 4, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

GIFTS COULD MAKE STAFF CLOCK WATCHERS

Things have been a little unsettled at Arvida Corp. of late, what with the company's transition from subsidiary of Penn Central to independent and now back to subsidiary status with Disney. So Chuck Cobb, the chairman of the board, and John Temple, chief executive officer, decided to have staff meetings in the various Arvida offices to fill the employees in on what was going on. Last week they

visited the Fort Lauderdale office. They came bearing gifts that should cement loyalties to the new corpo

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42. 1984 Article ID: 8402250037

Published on July 31, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

DISNEY MOVES TO PUT ARVIDA TO WORK

Walt Disney Productions moved Monday to put its newly acquired Arvida Corp. subsidiary to work in an expanded way. The California-based firm said it is "restructuring" its real estate and community development organization and putting it under the overall direction of Arvida's chairman, Charles E. Cobb Jr. Arvida/Disney Development Companies has been formed to oversee operations of the Florida-based Arvida and two other new business units -- Disney Development Co. and Arvida Financial Services Cor

Complete Article, 378 words ()

43. 1984 Published on September 2, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

HOME OWNER ASSOCIATIONS TO BE STUDIED

Two South Florida lawmakers have been named to a statewide study commission that will examine the legal status and operations of home owner associations (HOAs). State Rep. Joe Titone, D. - Tamarac, and Rep. Art Simon, D- Miami, are among the 10 appointed by state officials. Others serving on the panel are: Miami attorney David Kobrin; Miamian Jeff Andrews, head of regulatory affairs for Deltona Corp. ; Miami builder Sandy Miot, president of Arvida Southern; Daryl Brown, a Sarasota attorney; James ...

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44. 1984 Published on October 15, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)-

ROGER HALL, 52, former president of Weston, an Arvida community in Fort Lauderdale, has been named president of Disney Development Co. Disney Development Co., based in Lake Buena Vista, is part of Arvida/Disney, Walt Disney Productions' newly formed group of community and residential

development companies. Hall will lead the development of Disney-owned real estate in Florida and in California, as well as two former Arvida communities. Hall is a graduate of the University of Southern California.

45. 1984 Article ID: 8403180044

Published on October 21, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

FIRM ASKS MEADOWS' REZONING

The Arvida Corp. will ask Metro Zoning Appeals Board members Wednesday to approve a zoning change from townhomes to patio homes with zero lot lines in Lakes of the Meadow. Barry Gilman, a resident of the West Dade development who opposes the project, has been going door-to-door and circulating petitions to block the proposal. It is the second time within six months that Arvida has sought the zoning change. The Arvida plan was defeated by the Metro Commission in May, after Gillman appealed a decis

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46. 1984 Article ID: 8403190619

Published on October 28, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA LOSES REZONING TRY IN WEST DADE

For the second time in six months, angry homeowners have thwarted plans by Arvida Southern to substitute detached patio homes for townhouses in a portion of West Dade's Lakes of the Meadow subdivision. The Metro Zoning Appeals Board, confronted by 25 objectors, rejected the change Wednesday by a 5-3 vote. "What I think we are looking at is more profit for the developer," said board member Tom Conger, voting against Arvida's proposal. Arvida officials vowed to appeal the denial to the Metro Commissio

Complete Article, 453 words ()

47. 1984 Article ID: 8403300020

Published on December 2, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA CAN CHANGE DESIGN

The lawyers for Arvida Southern and four busloads of noisy and zealous supporters persuaded the Metro Commission Thursday to let Arvida build patio homes instead of townhouses at Lakes of the

Meadow. The 200 or so bused-in partisans, including Arvida employees, subcontractors and sympathetic homeowners, whistled, applauded and cheered after the Metro Commission gave its unanimous approval for the change. By approving the substitution, the commission overturned the decision of the Metro Zoning Appeal.

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48. 1984 Article ID: 8404020427

Published on December 16, 1984, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ROGHAAR PICKED BY MASTER

George E. Roghaar had been appointed manager of the Boca Raton office of Master Realty Inc. Roghaar holds the Realtors' master special producer award for his sales volume of commercial and residential properties. Murray A. Merkle, manager of Clark-Biondi Realtors' Industrial Division, has completed four leases for DHL Airlines. The leases were for properties in Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Boca Raton. ~~Walter C. Collins, 49, has been named vice president and general manager of Weston, a 10,000-acre Ar~~

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49. Article ID: 8501260331

Published on April 1, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA/DISNEY PICKS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

ROBERT M. RHODES, 42, has been appointed senior vice president and general counsel of Arvida/Disney, the Miami-based parent company of Arvida Corp. and Disney Development Co. A partner in the Tallahassee law firm of Messer, Rhodes and Vickers, he graduated from the University of California and earned a law degree at Boalt Hall School of Law at Berkeley. He holds a masters degree in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. Former chief of the Florida Bureau o

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50. 1985 Article ID: 8502060189

Published on May 5, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

TRAILBLAZING BUILDERS LURING WELL-TO-DO WEST

The plan is simple: Arvida Corp. will use location and life style to lure well-heeled buyers weary of Dade's urban woes to the edge of the Broward Everglades. It goes into effect Monday, when Gov. Bob Graham will open an exit on Interstate 75 at Weston, the sprawling 16-square-mile development that eventually will house an estimated 60,000 people. Next weekend, the first of 20,000 homes planned for the project will go on sale. Weston's location -- at the junction of three highways under construct

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51. 1985 Article ID: 8502060414

Published on May 5, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA EMBARKS ON ITS BIGGEST DEVELOPMENT YET

In the cramped office of a construction trailer, developer Sandy Miot sucks on a Diet Coke while running his thumb across a thick stack of building permits. The papers are labeled Weston. Outside the trailer, the crack of hammer blows meets the cackle of swamp birds. Ochre-colored dust rises skyward from a dozen work sites, mixing with the low-pitched roar of earthmoving machinery. "What we are creating is a mini-city," Miot said. "We have the ability to do something very new here -- something on

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52. 1985 Article ID: 8502060126

Published on May 5, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

COMMISSIONER SAYS IT'S A NATURAL DISASTER

It might not happen during his lifetime, but John Williams expects Arvida Corp.'s newest boom town to go bust. Williams, a Hollywood city commissioner and vocal conservationist, thinks Mother Nature will lend a hand. A hurricane like the one that swamped South Florida in 1947 would dump enough rain on Weston to flood it out of existence, Williams said. "I have a feeling of dismay and doom," Williams said. "We have chosen a suicidal path (at Weston and other West Broward developments) that is irres

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53. 1985 Published on June 16, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA BUYS LOAN OFFICES

Arvida is getting back into the mortgage business. The subsidiary of Walt Disney Productions will purchase a New Jersey mortgage banking firm with four Florida branches and a construction-lending division. Arvida sold off its Clearwater-based mortgage arm to the Equitable Life Assurance Society two years ago, but kept the Arvida Mortgage Co. name and moved its base to Boca Raton. Now operating as **Arvida Disney Financial Services**, the firm opened its first office last week at 5530 Glades Rd., Boca ...

54. 1985 Article ID: 8502270062

Published on July 21, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

PROMISED HOUSING BOOM A 'NO-SHOW' SO FAR IN '85

South Florida's real estate market this summer is a bit like the Frankenstein monster before its electrifying birth. All systems are go, but there is little sign of life. In the past six months, interest rates have fallen and housing prices have shrunk. Logically, the mixture should produce a sales explosion. Instead, it has spawned a fizzle. "Dade and Broward counties are probably suffering from the worst real estate deflation in the country," said Richard Leali, vice president of Miami-based Cit

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55. 1985 Article ID: 8503060078

Published on August 14, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

MIAMI DEVELOPER, INVESTOR NAMED AS MDCC TRUSTEES

Two Miami businessmen have been named by Gov. Bob Graham to fill two new spots on Miami-Dade Community College's Board of Trustees. Orange Bowl Committee member **Walter L. Revell**, president and chief executive of Revell and Briggs Investments Inc., and real estate developer **Manuel Medina**, chairman and president of Terromark Inc., will join the five current members of MDCC's governing board, who voted last month to expand to seven. Both appointments are subject to approval by the state Senate and t

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56. 1985 Article ID: 8503210688

Published on October 6, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

MIOT INSTALLED BY FLORIDA BUILDERS

Sandy Miot, who heads one of South Florida's largest development firms, has been installed as president of the Florida Home Builders Association. During ceremonies held Saturday in Fort Lauderdale, Miot succeeded Jacksonville builder Bill Soferenko as head of the statewide trade association. Miot, 46, is president of Arvida Southern, a division of Arvida Corp. now owned by Disney. He has been instrumental in the development of five Arvida projects since moving to Miami in 1972: Sabal Chase, The Crossings

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57. 1985 Article ID: 8504070790

Published on December 7, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA MOVING SOME OFFICES TO BROWARD

Arvida Corp., one of Florida's largest developers, will move half of its Southern Division headquarters from Dade to Broward County by the middle next year, corporate officials confirmed Thursday. Arvida Southern, now headquartered in Miami, will be housed in two places: the existing Miami office and a new three-story building now under construction near Weston's Country Isles shopping plaza at Interstate 75 and Arvida Parkway southwest of Sunrise. "We're not leaving Dade County; we've got a grea

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58. 1985 Article ID: 8504120199

Published on December 26, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BROWARD BUILDER TO SUPERVISE WESTON

Arvida Southern has hired Broward builder and civic leader Roy Rogers as vice president of planning and development, to design Arvida's Weston project and help guide the mammoth development through government channels. "We think he is the best person for the job, in terms of his qualifications, experience and the relationships he's formed in Broward County over the years," said Arvida Southern president Sandy Miot. Rogers, 49, will be responsible for planning, engineering and government liaison for

Complete Article, 421 words ()

59. 1985 Article ID: 8504130699

Published on December 30, 1985, Miami Herald, The (FL)

WESTON OWNERS MUST WAIT TO OCCUPY HOMES

Inside the model homes at Weston, the dining room tables are set, the stereos are playing, and the Jacuzzis are bubbling on the patios. But the interior designer's invisible residents are the only ones living in ~~Weston, Arvida Southern Corp.'s mega-development in west Broward~~. At Weston's grand opening in May, Arvida officials predicted that the first residents would move in shortly after New Year's Day. Construction delays have pushed the date back to March. "We've had to cope with the usual dela

Complete Article, 764 words ()

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60. 1986 Article ID: 8601110835

Published on February 9, 1986, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BUYERS AT RISK BY DEVELOPERS' USING DEPOSITS

Last June, Yolanda Vineuza deposited \$3,800 on a new house in the Kendall suburbs. Last month, with the house still under construction, Vineuza learned that the money was ensnared in a bankruptcy case. "I've lost nearly \$4,000 and I just don't think it's right," Vineuza said. "The Constitution of the United States is supposed to protect people. What has happened here is wrong. Since December, the developers have refused to see me and refused to return my money." Vineuza, who won a reduced-rate mo

Complete Article, 944 words ()

61. 1986 Article ID: 8601270493

Published on April 6, 1986, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BUILDERS EXPAND WAR ON IMPACT FEES

Florida builders are raising money for a legal war on impact fees, the charges levied on new developments to pay for roads, parks and schools. Local governments throughout the state use the fees to help cover costs linked to new construction. The Florida Home Builders Association says that the assessments are unjust, likening them in a recent announcement to a "cancer eating away at the social and economic fiber of Florida." The builders' group has announced plans to collect \$1 million from its m

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62. 1986 Article ID: 8603100882

Published on September 8, 1986, Miami Herald, The (FL)

13 HIGH-RISE APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN DADE, BROWARD GET REFINANCING

VMS Mortgage Investors L.P. II advanced \$24.5 million in refinancing funds for 13 waterfront high-rise apartment buildings in Dade and Broward counties. The subsidiary of VMS Realty of Chicago advanced the funds as part of a \$76.9 million package of loans for refinancing and acquisition of 18 properties across the nation, according to Mitchell Hochberg, senior vice president of VMS Realty Partners. Among the properties covered by the loan are Treasure House North, Treasure House South and Treasure

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63. 1986 David Guy joined Arvida Southern as vice president of finance and as chief financial officer.

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64. 1987 Article ID: 8701020147

Published on January 4, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

COUNTRY ISLES

Arvida Southern is moving its offices to west Broward County. Home base will be the second and third floors of a new building completed in Weston's Country Isles Plaza. Arvida Southern President Sandy Miot said the development arm of Disney will also maintain Dade County offices in Dadeland Towers. "We remain very committed to Dade County. In the past 10 years, we have developed five master planned communities and have built over 5,000 homes in Dade County." Arvida's new Weston office building

Complete Article, 157 words ()

65. 1987 Published on January 22, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL):

DISNEY, ARVIDA REPORTEDLY SET TO PART WAYS

The marriage of Arvida Corp. and the Walt Disney Co. appears to be nearing an end. While officials of both Disney and its Florida-based real estate subsidiary declined to comment, sources within and close to the organizations said privately Wednesday that an amicable divorce is in the works. Insiders familiar with the situation said Arvida could be sold through a master limited partnership, in which investors buy interests in \$5,000-and-up segments. Two real estate appraisal firms in South Florid...

66. 1987 Article ID: 8701090211

Published on January 30, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

DISNEY SELLING ARVIDA FOR \$400 MILLION

The Walt Disney Co. announced Thursday it has agreed to sell its Florida-based Arvida operations to JMB Realty Corp. of Chicago for \$400 million. JMB is a large real estate development and syndication firm that controls properties valued at about \$9 billion. Based in Boca Raton, Arvida is headed by Charles E. Cobb Jr. and John Temple. Most of its properties are in Florida and include several residential developments in Dade and Broward counties, Boca West near Boca Raton, Longboat Key near Sarasot

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67. 1987 Article ID: 8701290501

Published on April 16, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

DISNEY CO. SUES TO BLOCK ARVIDA EXECUTIVES' OPTIONS \

The Walt Disney Co. has filed suit trying to deny 20 Arvida Corp. executives, including President John Temple, more than \$20 million in stock-purchase options. Disney, Arvida's parent company, says the executives are not entitled to stock options because Arvida is being sold to JMB Realty for \$400 million on May 30, before the options could be exercised. "We are contending that Arvida executives are not entitled to anything," said Disney attorney James Beasley of Miami, who filed a federal court

Complete Article, 314 words ()

68. 1987 Article ID: 8701290669

Published on April 17, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

Attorney James Beasley is representing 20 Arvida executives who claim they are entitled to exercise more than \$20 million in Walt Disney Co. stock options. The Herald incorrectly reported Thursday that he filed suits in the dispute for Disney.

Complete Article, 93 words ()

69. 1987 Article ID: 8702010000

Published on April 25, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ROGER HALL IS NAMED PRESIDENT OF ARVIDA

Roger Hall has been named to succeed John Temple as president of Arvida Corp. JMB Realty Corp. has an agreement purchasing Arvida from the Walt Disney Co. for \$400 million. Hall will assume the post at the Boca Raton-based development company Hall when the sale is completed around June 1. Hall currently is president of Arvida Resort Communities. He has worked for Arvida for 12 years. Temple, Arvida's current president, will leave the company when the sale is completed. In a separate development

Complete Article, 905 words ()

70. 1987 Published on June 17, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL):

ARVIDA-DISNEY CEO IS TAPPED FOR TRADE POST

Charles E. Cobb Jr., one of Florida's best-known business executives, has been chosen by President Reagan to be assistant secretary of commerce for trade development. The announcement Tuesday appeared to settle a lingering question of what the chairman of Arvida-Disney Corp. would do after the land development firm is sold. JMB Realty of Chicago is on the verge of acquiring Arvida from the Walt Disney Co. for \$400 million. "I've thought a long time about government service," Cobb said. "And I'm ex...

71. 1987 Article ID: 8702180532

Published on July 1, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ROOFING PROBE FINDS SUBSTANDARD TRUSSES

Numerous newly constructed homes in Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe counties may contain substandard wooden roof supports that pose "a threat to the health, safety and welfare" of their occupants, the state Attorney General's Office alleges in a civil lawsuit filed in Miami. The supports -- known as trusses bear counterfeit wood-grading stamps used to fool building inspectors, the suit states. The FBI is investigating the counterfeiting and the state is seeking to permanently close Univer

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72. 1987 Article ID: 8702180520

Published on July 1, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

OFFICIALS WILL NOTIFY OWNERS

State and Metro-Dade authorities plan to notify homeowners whose roofs contain substandard trusses. To locate the homes, county building inspectors will review records dating back three years from Universal Trusses Inc. "We should know soon who's going to be affected," said Building and Zoning director Rafael Rodon. Rodon said the state and the county have not yet decided how to make the notifications. He advises those concerned to wait and not worry. There is no danger of roofs collapsing, he say

Complete Article, 168 words ()

73. 1987 Article ID: 8702220064

Published on July 12, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA BUILDS ON YOUNG MANAGEMENT TEAM

When Pat Sessions discusses his new role as president of Arvida's huge Weston development in Broward, he talks about his place in a culture. Arvida is a business culture that has just gone through a major revolution. The head of state, Chairman Charles Cobb, resigned. So did Arvida President John Temple. Other key Arvida figures, including Sessions' predecessor, Sandy Miot, have stepped aside. Sessions and a new generation of Arvida executives are ascending to power. The sweeping changes in Arvida

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74. 1987 Article ID: 8702270957

Published on August 6, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

EX-ARVIDA EXECUTIVES MAKE DEAL GROUP TO ACQUIRE FIRM FROM DISNEY

A group of former Arvida executives said Wednesday it will acquire the Arvida Mortgage Co. from Walt Disney Co. The purchase price was not disclosed. Cobb Partners is the new company formed by the 13 former executives of Arvida Corp. who left the Boca Raton-based development company July 15. They include former Arvida chairman Chuck Cobb and former president John Temple. Cobb, nominated as assistant secretary of commerce for trade development, is not involved of the day-to-day operations of the new

Complete Article, 288 words ()

75. 1987 Article ID: 8703090961

Published on September 12, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

DISNEY SALE OF ARVIDA IS CLOSED

Walt Disney Co.'s long-delayed sale of Arvida Corp., one of South Florida's largest real estate developers, was completed Friday for \$400 million in cash and short-term notes. Arvida, whose sale was announced last January and was supposed to close by May 30, was purchased by an affiliate of JMB Realty Corp., a real estate giant based in Chicago. "We are delighted that the sale to JMB has closed," said Roger Hall, who has spent 12 years with Arvida and now becomes president. "Arvida has an experien

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76. 1987 Article ID: 8703160166

Published on October 5, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

LITTLE ORPHAN ARVIDA SEARCHES FOR INVESTORS

LITTLE Orphan Arvida, as the often-bought and often-sold development company is sometimes called, no sooner was taken in by JMB Realty than JMB sent it back out onto the streets with a tin cup. And Wall Street investors, liking what they see, have given the orphan more than \$230 million so far in the form of master limited partnership investments. For Ernest "Bud" Miller, chief financial officer of Arvida, selling the limited partnership investments is not a sign of yet another ownership change fo

Complete Article, 842 words ()

77. 1987 Article ID: 8704030378

Published on December 13, 1987, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BUILDING PROBE ENDS, QUESTIONS REMAIN

When a new man took over the route of longtime Dade County building inspector Ronald Eanis two years ago, he came back with a startling story. Money was coming to him all along his rounds, from builders, from contractors, from foremen. The cash was often left the same way: Inside clean, white, unmarked envelopes clipped to the permits where he was supposed to sign his approval. That glimpse inside the building industry helped prompt one of the broadest probes ever of the trade in South Florida. Tw

Complete Article, 2311 words ()

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78. 1988 David Guy, vice president of Arvida/JMB Partners' Dade division, announced the sale of four major tracts of land in Dade County as part of a move to rearrange the company portfolio

79. 1988 Arvida/JMB Partners completed two sales of home-building land in Lakes of the Meadow. Buyers were Ibiz Development Corp. (Leopoldo Bellon, president) and Mansions of L. M. Inc (Armando Sotolongo and Ibrahim González)

80. 1988 Article ID: 8801280659

Published on April 17, 1988, Miami Herald, The (FL)

BUILDERS HYPE BRAND NAMES TO SELL HOMES

In their never-ending quest to set themselves apart from the competition, some builders are hyping the brand-name products they install in homes. Manufacturers, too, are joining the cause with thousands of extra advertising dollars, big promotions and other marketing services. "If you bill yourself as a quality builder, your buyers will expect to see quality products," says former Miami builder Sandy Miot, an unabashed advocate of building brand-name awareness. Trustworthy names "They want to know t

Complete Article, 1319 words ()

81. 1988 Article ID: 8801290639

Published on April 24, 1988, Miami Herald, The (FL)

PATIO HOMES GOING UP IN LAKES AREA

A group of British Colonial-style patio homes are under construction at Lakes of the Meadow, between Bird Drive and Southwest 47th Street west of 147th Avenue. Pale yellows, almond beiges and other soft pastels will be the colors of the new 59 single-family homes. "British Colonial-style homes are very tropical," said developer Richard Caso, president of Swiss American Development Group Inc. The homes have large columns in the front, white details around the doors and windows, and bay windows in

Complete Article, 319 words ()

82. 1988 Article ID: 8802060070

Published on May 22, 1988, Miami Herald, The (FL)

FIVE BUILDERS WILL OPEN MODELS TODAY AT LAKES OF THE MEADOW

Five builders open models and sales centers at Lakes of the Meadow today .Windsor Estates has three- and four-bedroom homes ranging in size from the Astor, with 1,372 square feet, to the Dover, with 1,862 square feet of air-conditioned space. All homes have two-car garages. Prices for the Swiss American Development Group Inc. homes start at \$89,900. Some models have family rooms. Imperial Homes by A.N. Garcia Enterprises Inc. is building six models. The Amsterdam, with 1,350 square feet, starts at

Complete Article, 916 words ()

83. 1988 (November) Purchase by Elizabeth Conde and Maria Mendez; **Portela Investments Inc.** *4850-H SW 152nd Pl. (Lakes of the Meadow Village Homes Seven unit H-91)

84. 1988 Article ID: 8803240941

Published on November 30, 1988, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA BUYS SITE AT POLO CLUB

Arvida Co., seeking to expand its presence in Palm Beach County, announced Tuesday it is buying 115 acres at the Palm Beach Polo and Country Club in Wellington. The company, one of the premier

developers in Florida, said it plans to build 350 housing units on the property. Other builders will construct another 350 units. As part of the deal, Arvida also will take over land sales at the 2,200-acre club, which is owned by Landmark Land Co. of Carmel, Calif. Landmark will continue to own and operate

Complete Article, 403 words ()

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85. 1989: TEW JORDEN PARTNER HEADS NORTH

Miami litigator **Jim Beasley** is leaving Tew Jordan Schulte & Beasley to join the Palm Beach office of a New York law firm. Beasley said he was leaving the 65-lawyer Miami firm because he wanted to live and work in Palm Beach. He will head up the litigation department at Cadwalder Wickersham & Taft beginning later this month. The 10-lawyer Palm Beach practice specializes in tax, international law and trusts and estates. **Beasley, who represents Arvida/Dancy**, said Cadwalder Wickersham is planning to e

86. 1989 Article ID: 8901090777

Published on February 6, 1989, Miami Herald, The (FL)

TEW JORDEN SCHULTE IS READY TO DANCE, BUT LACKS A PARTNER

IT'S one thing to get the urge to merge. It's another to find a partner. Tew Jordan Schulte & **Beasley**, the spunky Miami firm that emerged from the ashes of strife-torn Finley Kumble, raked in \$27 million in revenues in 1988, besting its \$18 million projection. Now, the 85-lawyer firm is ready to resume its rapid growth. "We believe that we must either be a firm of over 100 lawyers or part of a firm with over 100 lawyers," said name partner John Schulte. "We're available to discuss mergers and acq

Complete Article, 1236 words ()

87. 1989 Published on February 19, 1989, Miami Herald, The (FL):

PR GENIUS SPURS HIGH-POWERED HUNT FOR TIFFANY

The marketing magician who sold thousands of people on a hometown in the swamps has turned his talents to a mission of life or death -- a desperate, driven campaign to find his missing daughter. **Patrick Sessions, who helped turn a piece of the Everglades into what someday will be a home for**

60,000 people, has thrown his money, connections and high-voltage personality into a well-calibrated media machine to mass-market the search for Tiffany Sessions. Along the way he, in effect, created a new cor...

88. 1989 (March) Arvida/JMB Partners Ltd. sold home sites in Southwest Dade for \$5.1 million. The developed lots are at Southwest 53rd Street and 153rd Avenue in Lakes of the Meadow. Arco Lakes Homes, Armando Codina, president, bought 110 lots for \$2.97 million, or \$27,000 each. Construction financing from Sun Bank totals \$5.15 million. Portela Investments, Jesus Portela, president, acquired 102 sites for \$2.24 million, or \$21,950 per lot. Barnett Bank construction funding totals \$5.7 million.

89. 1989 Published on May 24, 1989, Miami Herald, The (FL):

90. UNDERSECRETARY MAY BE STARTING A NEW JOB COLD

Picture Chuck and Sue Cobb in Iceland: He as U. S. ambassador; she writing a book on her climb last October -- 17,000 of the 24,000 feet up Mount Everest. Chuck, a Miami developer, is ex-chairman of Arvida/Disney and an ex-undersecretary in the U. S. Commerce Department. Sue is a director of the Federal Reserve. The job isn't certain, but Cobb was at the State Department Tuesday to discuss it. And he's been reading up on Reykjavik. * It was sung to the tune of You Can't Get a Man With a Gun, from

91. 1989 (July) Arvida/JMB Partners sold 34 home sites in Lakes of the Meadow, Bird Road and Southwest 157th Avenue for \$1.13 million, or \$33,300 per lot. The developed 100-foot by 60-foot sites went to Mansions of L. M. Inc. Executives of Mansions are Armando Sotolongo and Ibrahim Gonzalez. Construction financing from Ocean Bank totals \$3.08 million.

92. 1989 Published on August 10, 1989, Miami Herald, The (FL)

MIAMI DEVELOPER UP FOR ICELANDIC POST ARVIDA EXECUTIVE WAS UNDERSECRETARY FOR TRAVEL, TOURISM

President Bush on Wednesday nominated Miami developer Charles E. Cobb Jr., 53, to be ambassador to Iceland. Cobb, a top executive of the Arvida Corp. for 15 years, joined the Commerce Department in 1987 and served most recently as undersecretary for travel and tourism. He was chairman and chief executive officer of Arvida Disney from 1984-1987, chairman and CEO of Arvida Corp. from 1983-1984, and president, CEO, and chairman of the board of Arvida from 1972-1980. Between 1980 and 1983, he was a sen...

93. 1989 Published on October 12, 1989, Miami Herald, The (FL);

SMALL BUSINESSES HONORED

Small businesses in South Florida have to export to grow. That's what former Arvida Disney Corp. chief executive officer Charles Cobb told 170 members of Miami's business community Wednesday at The Miami Herald's Small Business Awards breakfast. Winners of the annual awards were selected by an independent panel of judges. Awards were given in four categories. Parrot Jungle, a South Dade tourist attraction, won for innovative management. For unique products or services, Delta Controls, a maker of el

94. 1990 Article ID: 9003120325

Published on October 26, 1990, Miami Herald, The (FL)

WEST KENDALL AREA FEELS THE PINCH OF WEAK MARKET

Lakes of the Meadow, a large West Kendall subdivision originally developed by Arvida, has about a half-dozen builders who are completing construction of the planned 2,400 homes. Arvida began building houses there in the early 1980s, but by the late 1980s, it had sold land parcels to developers, who created numerous smaller subdivisions within Lakes of the Meadow. In addition to the original Arvida houses, the developments include the Mansions, Park Isle, Le Mirage, Allegro Homes, Lancaster Estates

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95. 1990 At a public foreclosure auction administered by Dade County's Clerk of the Circuit Court, Broward Management Co., a subsidiary of Barnett Bank, received title to 102 home sites in the Lakes of the Meadow subdivision at Southwest 53rd Street and Southwest 153rd Avenue, Dade County. No price was reported. Losing title was Portela Investments, whose principals include Jesus Portela. Portela purchased the sites in February 1989

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96. Article ID: 9101240219

Published on April 9, 1991, Miami Herald, The (FL)

RESEARCH PARK CLEARS HURDLE AT FAU

The Florida Atlantic University Research and Development Authority approved an agreement Monday with the city of Boca Raton that allows construction of a long-awaited 52-acre research development park to begin. "The future of the first (phase) is now up to the developer and the authority. All of our constraints have been removed. It's a landmark day," said Dr. Jeffrey Tennant, the authority's executive director. The park's developers, **VMS/TS Partners, headed by former Arvida executives John Temple**

Complete Article, 461 words ()

97. 1991 Article ID: 9102070361

Published on June 2, 1991, Miami Herald, The (FL)

Walter L. Revell has been named chairman and chief executive officer of H.J. Ross Associates, a Miami-based engineering, architectural and planning firm. From 1975 to 1983, Revell was president, chief executive officer and a director of Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan Inc. Revell is from Miami Lakes. **James C. Guice has been named group director of asset management for Ryder Truck Rental.** He will be responsible for developing strategies and providing support to purchase, use and dispose of the com

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98. 1991 Article ID: 9102090370

Published on June 14, 1991, Miami Herald, The (FL)

SPONSORSHIP OF FAU LECTURES CHANGES HANDS

Sponsorship of a popular Florida Atlantic University lecture series and scholarship effort switched hands Thursday, after FAU refused a demand by the original benefactors to drop references to its fund-raising arm from publicity. **John Temple, head of Temple Development Corp. in Boca Raton,** announced he and his wife would sponsor the lecture series for a year with a \$15,000 grant. Temple, a past president of the FAU Foundation, is a partner in a team developing the university's planned research pa

Complete Article, 451 words ()

99. 1991 Article ID: 9102190244

Published on July 26, 1991, Miami Herald, The (FL)

COLLIER ENTERPRISES MOVES INTO BOCA INVESTMENT IS NAPLES FIRM'S FIRST IN SE FLA.

Collier Enterprises of Naples has expanded into Southeast Florida with the acquisition of an equity stake in Presidential Place, a luxury oceanfront condominium project in Boca Raton. Collier Enterprises, a family-owned partnership, and Temple Development Co. of Boca Raton purchased VMS Realty's stake in the stalled project for \$10 million, the companies announced last week. Construction on the seven-story building stopped after VMS Realty of Chicago ran into financial difficulties, said John Temp

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100. 1991 Article ID: 9102280636
Published on September 8, 1991, Miami Herald, The (FL)

PROMISE OF SIDEWALK ENDS BATTLE

For eight years, Susan Blake, a resident of the Coral Woods neighborhood in Perrine, has been trying to get a sidewalk built along SW 112th Avenue, which borders the development. Her battle ended this week. Arvida Co., which built the subdivision, promised to put in the sidewalk. "It's great news," said Blake. "After all this time, it's hard to believe something is finally being done." Blake began her fight in 1983 after a little girl walking home from school was struck and killed by a car as she c

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101. 1991 Pedro J. Adrian of Adrian Developers Corp. purchased 57 home sites for \$1.596 million, or \$28,000 per site, at Southwest 42nd Street and Southwest 154th Avenue, Dade County, in the Lakes of the Meadows development. Ready State Bank financed the sale with an acquisition and construction loan totaling \$2.5 million. The seller was Rainbow Gardens Estates, whose president was Antonio Vega. According to the AREEA Report for South Florida, Adrian's building company, known as Americas at Miller...

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102. 1992 Article ID: 9205230840
Published on September 3, 1992, Miami Herald, The (FL)

COUNTRY WALK COUPLE SUES ARVIDA/JMB OVER LOSS OF HOME

A husband and wife from the devastated Country Walk development in South Dade filed suit Wednesday against Arvida/JMB Partners, accusing the builder of selling them a defective home that was dangerously susceptible to Hurricane Andrew's brute winds. Richard and Vianey Uss and their three children are believed to be the first homeowners in Country Walk to file suit against the prominent developer. The couple's four-bedroom, wood-frame home is now uninhabitable, said Stewart Williams, a lawyer for

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103. 1992 Article ID: 9205250861
Published on September 11, 1992, Miami Herald, The (FL)

GRAND JURY SEEKS PLANS OF WRECKED SUBDIVISIONS

The Dade State Attorney's Office has asked Metro-Dade's building department to turn over construction plans for five developments wiped out by Hurricane Andrew. Prosecutors made the request as part of a grand jury investigation into whether shoddy construction was responsible for some of the damage sustained in the storm. Prosecutors asked to look at construction plans for five South Dade developments: Country Walk, American Homes and Deerwood off Coral Reef Drive, Hampshire Homes off Southwest 11

Complete Article, 399 words ()

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104. 1993 Article ID: 9301290512
Published on April 29, 1993, Miami Herald, The (FL)

ARVIDA/JMB BOOSTS SETTLEMENT OFFER FOR SOME CONDO OWNERS

Arvida/JMB Partners, one of the builders being sued by Country Walk homeowners, has sweetened its settlement offer to condominium owners who were uninsured when Hurricane Andrew struck. Arvida has agreed to pay as much as \$20,000 more to individual condo owners at Village Homes of Country Walk who lacked insurance for their personal property. The company, which built about 222 of 1,300 homes at Country Walk, previously offered to pay \$7,500 to homeowners and \$4,500 to condo owners to settle claims

Complete Article, 436 words ()

105. 1993 Article ID: 9302200236
Published on July 30, 1993, Miami Herald, The (FL)

EIGHT FLOOR PLANS ADD CHOICE TO RENAISSANCE DEVELOPMENT

The hammers are tapping away and construction is booming in Lakes of the Meadows, a planned community in Southwest Dade County. Brighton Homes is working on its latest project in Lakes of the Meadows, Renaissance. It's a 159-home neighborhood begun in October, just two months after Hurricane Andrew paid a visit to South Florida. For people buying that first house, moving into a newer home or up to larger one, Renaissance has a lot to recommend it. It's in an established community. The infrastructure

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106. 1993 Article ID: 9302230645
Published on August 14, 1993, Miami Herald, The (FL)

JUDGE GIVES TENTATIVE OK TO DISNEY OFFER

A settlement offer from Walt Disney World worth at least \$6.3 million to Country Walk homeowners won the tentative approval from a judge Friday, setting the stage for a direct offer to all 920 affected homeowners. Several attorneys for the homeowners dropped their objections to the deal and Dade Circuit Judge Gerald Wetherington approved the offer, as expected. Homeowners now will be given a chance to accept or reject the deal, which is worth \$7,500 to single family homeowners. Condo owners would

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107. 1993 Article ID: 9303130839
Published on October 30, 1993, Miami Herald, The (FL)

S. DADE HOMEOWNER SUES DISNEY WORLD

A South Dade homeowner sued Walt Disney World on Friday on behalf of about 200 residents of Coral Woods, accusing the company and its former subsidiary, Arvida, of building shoddy homes that were no match for Hurricane Andrew. The class action lawsuit, filed by Roland and Chang Thorpe in Dade Circuit Court, claims the homes were built without proper reinforcement and with

roofs that were poorly braced and fastened together. "This is Country Walk all over again," said David Bianchi, a lawyer for th

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108. 1993 Article ID: 9303210868
Published on November 30, 1993, Miami Herald, The (FL)

WESTON ARVIDA EXECUTIVE HOME FROM HOSPITAL

Roy Rogers, senior vice president at Arvida Co., was released from Broward General Medical Center with a clean bill of health just in time to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with his family. "It defined Thanksgiving for me," said Rogers, who suffered a heart attack Nov. 19 while giving a speech at a local school. "I so appreciate that I dodged the bullet. I feel 100 percent." Rogers, whose secretary talked him into calling 911, credits paramedics with saving his life. He said doctors have imposed no res

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109. 1995 COUNTRY WALK DEVELOPERS GRILLED IN CIVIL TRIAL

In 1994, former Arvida Southern president Sanford Miot took a seat before a battery of lawyers, and became the object of a one-stop shopping deposition. First and foremost, Miot appeared at the behest of the Dade State Attorney's Office, which was investigating whether developers had cut corners, leaving thousands of South Dade homes vulnerable to mass destruction by Hurricane Andrew. Along for the ride: civil lawyers with clients seeking money damages. After the questioning, the state decided not

110. 1995 Article ID: 9501050934
Published on January 24, 1995, Miami Herald, The (FL)

CORAL WOODS HOMEOWNERS MAY SETTLE WITH DISNEY

About 200 residents of Coral Woods who sued Walt Disney World after Hurricane Andrew may soon have a chance to settle their lawsuit for \$7,500 apiece, minus legal fees. A lawyer for the homeowners, whose houses were destroyed in the 1992 storm, said Monday that Disney's insurance companies have agreed to settle for the same amount paid to Country Walk homeowners. Those homeowners settled

with Disney for \$7,500 apiece. Disney's former subsidiary, Arvida, built both developments. Attorney David Bianchi

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111. 1995 Published on April 12, 1995, Miami Herald, The (FL):

DEVELOPERS CLEARED IN POST-ANDREW PROBE NO CRIMINAL CHARGES WILL BE FILED

Two and a half years after Hurricane Andrew slammed Country Walk, reducing wood-frame homes to kindling, prosecutors who probed the rubble for evidence of bad construction have cleared the developers of any criminal wrongdoing. Although state prosecutors found evidence of construction flaws, that evidence was not sufficient to support criminal charges against the companies that built homes in Country Walk, the lead investigator said this week. "I don't think you could inspect any single home witho...

112. 1995 Published on April 16, 1995, Miami Herald, The (FL):

WHEN HOMES COLLAPSE, BEST COURSE IS COURT

We didn't need Nostradamus to predict this one: After 2 1/2 years of so-called investigation, the Dade state attorney's office has found nobody to prosecute for the shabby construction of the Country Walk subdivision, blown to twigs by Hurricane Andrew. Residents are disheartened but not stunned, given the state's record in ducking these cases. Lennar Homes similarly was let off the hook for its crackerbox construction. Now it's Arvida/JMB Partners and the Walt Disney Co., which owned Country Walk...

113. 1995 Article ID: 9503180515

Published on December 4, 1995, Miami Herald, The (FL)

PROBLEMS ASIDE, ARVIDA LOOKING TO BUILD

Arvida, the company best known for its Weston development in Broward County, is shopping for real estate projects at a time when its previous ventures are bleeding red ink. "We need to grow," James Motta, the company's new chief executive, said last week. "We are actively trying to find the next communities." But others question where the money will come from to fuel that growth, given Arvida's track record. The projects now managed by the Boca Raton company, including Weston, are held in two p

Complete Article, 1020 words ()

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114. 1997 Article 26 of 29, Article ID: 9708270510
Published on August 24, 1997, Miami Herald, The (FL)

A STORM OVER BUILDING DADE INSPECTIONS UNDER DARKENING CLOUD

Five years after Hurricane Andrew swept through South Florida, exposing serious shortcomings in the region's construction practices, Dade County's building department faces allegations of lax enforcement and outright fraud. Police are investigating possible corruption in the department. Experts are scrutinizing official building records for evidence of inspection fraud. And department employees say they have been pressured by their bosses to violate provisions of the South Florida Building Code. On

Complete Article, 1842 words ()

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115. 1998 Published on April 19, 1998, Miami Herald, The (FL):
JOHN HINSON

Developer John Hinson gleefully turns pages of aerial photographs of Key Biscayne like a flip book, making the new Ocean Club condos sprout like mushrooms on the page. Five of 11 buildings are already up or under way on the project's 52 acres, named 1997 Best New Condo Development among nearly 200 South Florida entries in awards co-sponsored by a real estate firm and the South Florida Business Journal. Hinson's partners are former Arvida/Disney chief John Temple and billionaire George Soros. On...