

Have You Heard ...

STRAIT from the category of weird but true, boffins from architectural powerhouse RMJM have invented homes that can be kept warm with body heat.

The MiLoft design was unveiled at a property show in France last week. By using Mechanical Ventilation Heat Recovery — and an exceptionally high level of air tightness — heat generated within the home, such as body heat and heat from household appliances, can be re-used to keep the air temperature at a constant level.

MiLoft is the brainchild of RMJM's group design director Tony Kettle, who said it negates the need for a traditional heating system in most urban areas, although it will need to be supplemented in more extreme climates.

The low cost, low energy residential units will be available in one, two, three or four bedroom layouts and, as well as meeting government targets for sus-

tainability, they can be built for \$80,000 a unit and completed within five months.

Kettle said of his MiLoft, "In a world hit by recession caused by over-consumption and greed, it illustrates that good things need not cost the earth. We aim to revolutionize affordable housing supply across the world."

CORCORAN'S Debra Duneier is listing two of the coolest homes on the New York City market today.

3 Great Jones Horse Stable in the private Jones Alley Mews, Noho, is a 2,000 s/f loft where puppet maker Kermit Love (the man who created Kermit the Frog), painter Mark Rothko and jazz bassist Charles Mingus all once hung their hats.

It's listed at \$2.75million.

And at 291 Seventh Avenue,

KERMIT THE FROG



Duneier is selling (or renting) the home of the first female president at Ralph Lauren, Marilyn Kawakami, and her artist husband.

Naturally, the Chelsea penthouse is on the doorstep of the Fashion Institute of Technology, where the industry's stars of tomorrow learn their craft. The \$4.49 million home is 4,900 s/f on the inside with another 2,000 s/f of rooftop terrace.

"I am always on the lookout for unique Manhattan properties that are rich with history and design," said Duneier. "Even in this challenging market, I am grateful to be able to show properties that I love. These properties truly have a life of their own."

FORMER Time Warner vice chairman, Martin D. Payson, has paid \$5 million for a condo at 170 East End Avenue, the glass, family-friendly high-rise designed by Peter Marino and developed by Orin Wilf's Skyline Development Group.

According to public records, Payson — a major philanthropist and chairman of Maimondes Medical Center — bought unit 10A. Corcoran Sunshine is the exclusive marketing agent for the building.

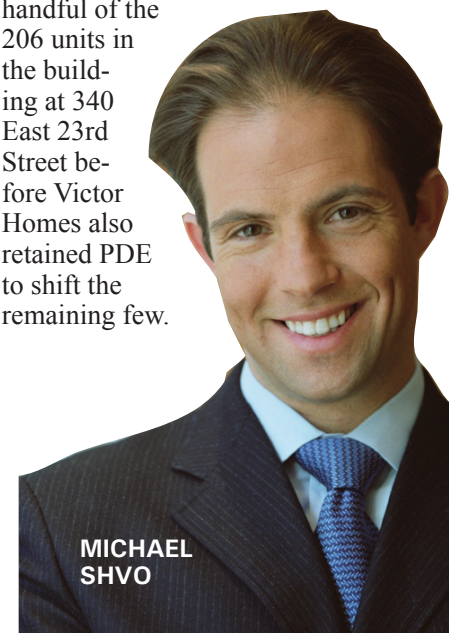
Businessman Oded Udi Marguiles paid \$4 million for unit 6CE in Related's The Brompton at 205 East 85th Street, where, the blogosphere says, some presi-

dents are organizing to try to bid prices down.

And, Michael Shvo has bought a \$1.4 million condo in Gramercy by Stark, the swanky glass tower he brought to market for Victor Homes.

Shvo tells us he plans to rent out the unit, explaining: "I own apartments in most of the buildings I market. In this case, it's a fantastic building and in the long run, it's a good investment."

Shvo's firm exclusively sold all but a handful of the 206 units in the building at 340 East 23rd Street before Victor Homes also retained PDE to shift the remaining few.



MICHAEL SHVO

WHO'S NEWS

Anthony Atkinson, broker/owner of **Weichert Realtors - Quality Homes** in Baldwin, has been elected president of the Weichert New York Metro Broker Council.



He will serve a two year term in the office, representing Weichert affiliates in the five boroughs.

Atkinson's Baldwin office was one of the founding members of

Weichert Real Estate Affiliates, signing on in November 2002 as one of the first 34 offices for the franchise network that now serves 300 markets in 36 states.

Judith Duran has joined the sales team at **Weichert Realtors - Quality Homes** specializing in residential and commercial sales and rentals.

Fluent in both English and Spanish, she serves clients in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. She is a member of the Long Island Board of Realtors.

The New York City native holds a bachelor's degree in management and an associate degree in computer information systems. Prior to real estate sales, she worked in the mortgage industry.

DJK Residential announced that

Edward J. Berkise has joined the firm as a sales agent.

Berkise currently owns two residential buildings in Manhattan and four properties upstate New York.

Most recently, he was the president of Printmaker International, a textile import and manufacturing company. During his 20-year career at the international garment company, Berkise grew revenue significantly. Prior to Printmaker International, he held the position of vice president for 14 years at American Silk Mills, an apparel and decorative fabric company.

Berkise received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Monmouth University. He is a member of REBNY.

Prudential Douglas Elliman announced that **Alexis Demirjian** has joined the firm as a senior vice president.

Demirjian, boasting a dynamic intersection of experiences and expertise, constantly delivers exceptional value to his clients looking to buy, sell, or rent.

Since 2001, he has applied his knowledge, passion and professionalism to a successful career in real estate, most recently with Stribling & Associates

A New Yorker, he received his bachelor's degree from Occidental College in Los Angeles, California, then



pursued a graduate degree from Syracuse University and became a draftsman for architect Mike Reynolds, later transitioning to general contractor.

Ami Schulman and **Ken Abelson**, seasoned professionals each with 30



years of experience in the real estate industry, have joined **William B. May** as director of business development and director of marketing respectively.

Schulman joins after 24 successful years at Halstead Property, where she was a senior vice president in residential sales. Prior to her tenure at Halstead, she was affiliated with two smaller NYC residential brokerage firms.

Schulman earned a degree in marketing and communications from Boston University and she also owns and manages investment properties.

Abelson joins **William B. May Gumbley Haft Real Estate**, a firm he founded. Prior to that he was a principal of JG Haft



& Co. Inc. an owner management firm, where he was involved in acquisitions, sales, rentals and co-operative conversions. Abelson has also been a commercial broker at Newmark & Co. and Murray Hill Properties.

He is a Board Member on the Realty Advisory Board on Labor Relations.

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