

# Pad of Future Shown at Fair

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 A possible solution to the housing crisis, for those who are daring enough to change their life-style, is being exhibited at the 1970 State Fair of Texas. It's called Futuro II, a creation of the 21st Century Corp. of Nashville, Tenn., and was first presented as a Playboy Magazine "pad" idea.

Based upon constructions of space capsules and utilizing sound ideas proven in those, the residence consists of a 2-inch thick stressed fiberglass shell, with polyurethane foam insulation sandwiched between the shells. It's all held together with a steel band imbedded in the shell which girdles the bottom half.

Steel supports in the floor and steel legs embedded in concrete piers in the ground add stability.

For those with claustrophobia there's plenty of "see-out" with the 16 elliptical windows with double paned acrylic panes, which help to provide insulation. Two large windows double as exits.

A self-contained electric fan coil heating unit is provided, with air conditioning optional. The heating provides for six air changes per hour in the sealed unit.

The furnishings are compatible with the space concept, except a "homey" fireplace (pad) to keep man, who still has much caveman nostalgia and need for a fire, psychologically happy.

**THE FIREPLACE** pad also includes a double wall barbecue, with hood over it, another reversion to the caveman concept, and a circular unit to house stereo, etc., below.

Seating and sleeping is combined with a 23-foot curved built-in unit with a 5-inch foam pad. The two cocktail tables of molded fiberglass can join the sofa to make another bed, with a 5-inch foam mattress put on top.

There's a circular laminate top pedestal base dining table and molded plastic chairs, all in white, on the colorful Kodel fiber shag carpet which extends up over the base of the sofa as so.

Another sleeping area, with storage beneath the bed and a shelf unit above, and a laminate top vanity desk unit also is provided in the pad.

**THE BATH** is a single unit molded fiberglass shower unit plus chemically or electrically operated toilet, a resilient hard surface floor covered with carpet, a laminated counter with theatrical incandescent lights surrounding the mirror above.

There's a U-shaped laminated counter with stainless steel sink and built-in electric range top and oven (the oven's under the range); the refrigerator and freezer with 11 cubic feet of storage also are installed under counter. There's room for a microwave oven, dishwasher and washer-dryer if desired and a 20-gallon water heater is included.

The Future II has been promoted as a vacation or second home, as it is unlikely any incorporated city would permit its erection.

It's most notable for its illustration of the practical application of today's technology for fulfilling basic shelter needs as well as the lifestyle by many younger people.