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## Boise home featured in magazine

### 2,800-square-foot dwelling is dream house for couple

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Boise architect Steve Trout says he and his wife, Sally Stevens, shared a dream of owning a "tall, skinny" home in the Boise Foothills.

Their efforts produced a three-level, 2,800-square-foot home with a view of Table Rock that's featured in the January/February issue of MyHouse Magazine, which recognizes unique architectural achievements in the Rocky Mountain region.

The Trout/Stevens home was chosen for the eight-page spread because it sits on a "steep, skinny city lot," which meant building "straight up," according to the magazine.

Trout declined to say how much it cost to build the home.

He said he discovered the 9,000-square-foot lot during a bike ride in the foothills seven years ago. He immediately thought of building a home on the property, despite a sharp slope from the bottom to the top that eliminated any possibility of a conventional suburban home.

"There was no way you were going to flatten that ground," Trout said.

Ironically, Stevens announced on her first date with Trout that she too wanted to build a tall, skinny house in the Foothills.

"That part of it was kind of spooky," says Trout, who immediately drove her out to see where their future home would be located.

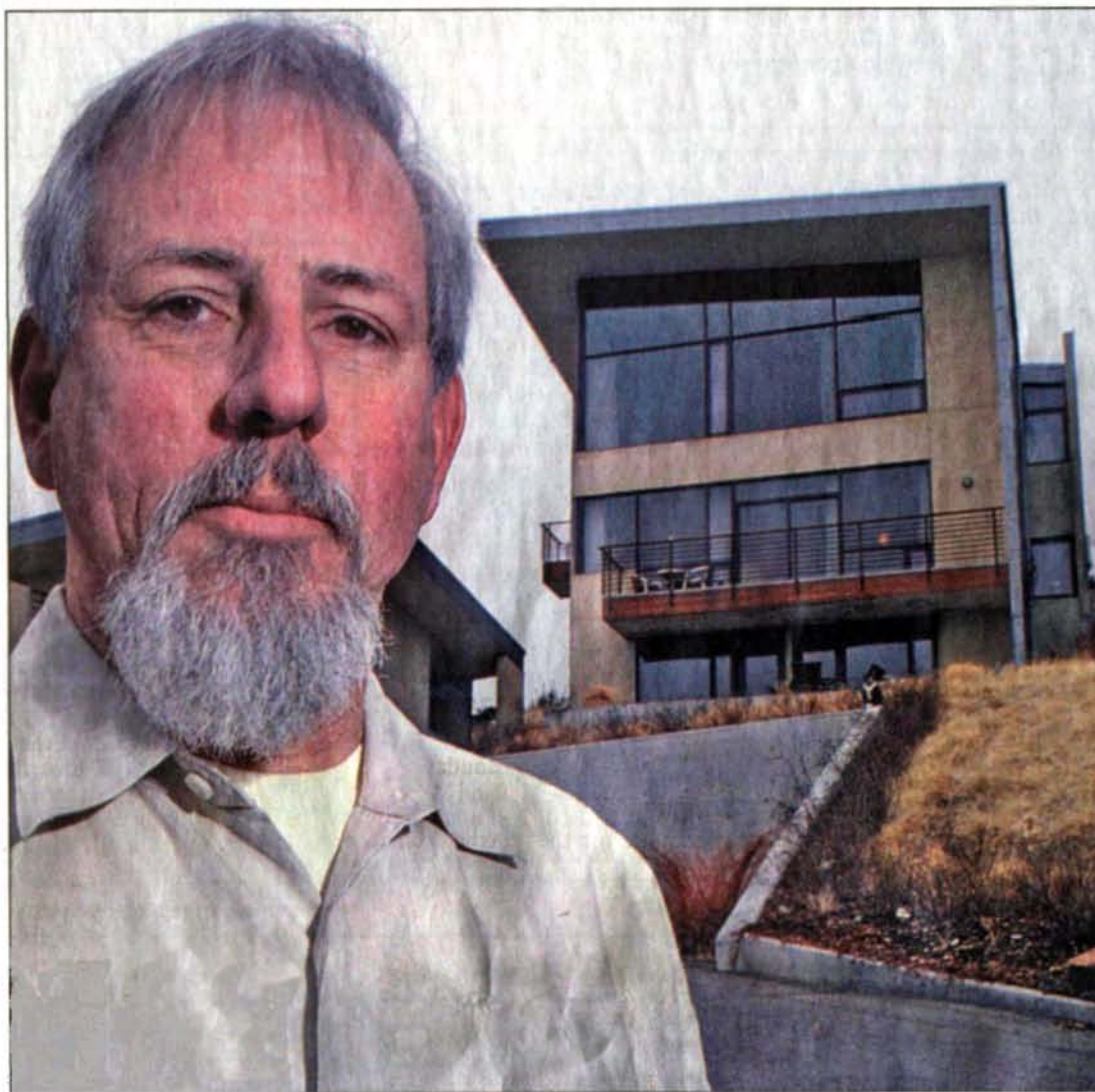
As designed by the couple, the home is built into the side of the property and consists of two structures bisected by an outdoor staircase leading to the first two levels. A 300-square-foot space atop the garage serves as an office for Stevens' graphic arts business.

The lower floor of the glass and stucco home consists of two guest bedrooms, with the kitchen, dining and living area located on 800

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Building on a narrow piece of land was a challenge for Steve Trout, who designed his house to rise vertically because of a lot that sloped sharply from the bottom to the top.



Architect Steve Trout enjoys the view of Table Rock from the living room of the home he built into the side of a 9,000-square-foot lot on Shenandoah Court in Boise. The 2,800-square-foot house is featured in the latest edition of MyHouse magazine.



These stairs lead from the living area to the 800-square-foot master bedroom on the third floor.

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square feet on the second floor. The third floor is an 800-square-foot master bedroom.

The residence was recognized last year with an Award of Citation in Architecture from the Idaho chapter of the American Institute of Architects.

"It was an impossible piece of land, but Steve made the most of it," said Idaho architect Charles F. Hummel, who served on the committee that issued the award.

"It cascades down the hill, provides great views and respects the neighborhood," said Hummel, whose grandfather designed the Idaho Capitol.

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