

# THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

© 2003 Dow Jones & Company. All Rights Reserved

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2003 - VOL. CCXLII NO. 111 - ★★ ★★ \$1.00

## House of the Week / *Natural Tahoe*



Eric Jarvis

**What:** Seven bedrooms, 8.5 baths in 9,000 square feet on seven acres

**Where:** Incline Village, Nev. (Lake Tahoe area)

**Amenities:** Secluded, forested location, with Lake Tahoe views. Next to forest-service land. Home theater, spa, steam room, game room, au pair quarters. Red cedar details. Wine cellar. Master bath with Navajo rug made of tile. Guest house. Permits submitted for a pool and tennis courts.

**Asking Price:** \$10.9 million

**Opening Bid\*:** \$10 million

**Agent:** Sandra Richards, Premier Properties, 775-833-0444

**Due Diligence:** When Wayne Prim, a real-estate developer based in California, started thinking about a new home for his family in the Lake Tahoe area, he wanted a lot of space. What he built recalls Thunderbird Lodge, the Tahoe summer home of real-estate tycoon George Whittell, designed in the 1930s in the spirit of the Arts and Crafts movement by Frederick DeLongchamps. So Mr. Prim decided to build a modern house with an equally opulent, Arts and Crafts feel. He wanted to incorporate natural, local materials, so the enormous wine cellar features a natural sculpture in the form of a 100-year-old tree root found nearby. Mr. Prim used hand-crafted logs—many found on the property—in construction, and included red cedar details throughout. It was a labor of love—but somewhere in the middle of building, Mr. Prim learned that he'd have to be traveling more, and he put this just-completed home on the market. Local brokers say the house comes with land that's unusually extensive for the region.

—Danielle Reed



**RealEstateJournal.com:** Patrick Barta advises a buyer who must make trade-offs to find an affordable home, in **House Talk**; plus, see more House of the Week photos.

\*The opening bid is Weekend Journal's estimate of a reasonable starting point for negotiations to buy the property, based on past sales, prevailing market conditions and interviews with local real-estate experts.