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A place you can call home

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September 11, 2001 will be a day that most of is will ever forget. A disaster like this has a way of making us revealuate our lives and priorities A good number of Americans have started spending the most of the American dream still lives. Current interest rates are still very favorable and it is still cheaper to own a home than it is to rent. The real estate inarket goes through the root The American dream for and less favorable and less favorable and less favorable for and less favorable and less favorable and less favorable for economy goes through the dond market white in the form influences interest rates. This inflation see-saw triggers the direction of interest rates for inflation running rampart, or under moderating? The bond market want sure now to react to the somewhat mixed economic way on the somewhat mixed economic startes will be direction of rates in the near future.



two upcoming economic reports will determine the direction of rates in the next the direction of rates in the next future. The current real estate market in Charlotte favors buyers. It is not uncommon for sellers, and builders to pay buyers desing costs. There are deals to be made and buyers are getting them today. In addition

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What's wrong with these windows?



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wasministry of the more visible indicators somewhere. One of the more visible indicators of high humidity in a home is the windows. If your home contains excessive moisture and it's cold outside, the first place you'll see it is on your windows. This does not mean there's a problem with your windows, according to the Window & Door Manufacturers Association and manufacturer Peachtree Doors

& Windows. "Older homes tend to have more cracks in their construction which allow natural air into the home and help reduce moisture," said Jeff Kibler, brand manager for Peachtree. "Newer homes, however, are much tighter and therefore trap moisture in."

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the ground into the home, breating and perspiration. Is it damaging to windows? Occasional beads of moisture on the glass after a hot shower or steaming food on the stove usually aren't a problem. However, if your windows are "sweating" without

Figh humidity is the windows. cause or for long periods of time, your windows could become damaged. Wood frames and asah can warp and become difficult to operate. Paint or other finishes may peel or become discolored Other areas of the home could also be damaged, such as insulation, exterior siding and drywall. What can you do? "The best way to combat

what can you do? "The best way to combat condensation on your windows is to decrease the amount of moisture in the air," Kibler said. "This may involve adding ventilation, eliminating sources of humidity or removing humidity from the air after it's been generated." To lower the humidity in your home, you need to increase ventilation and decrease the sources of moisture. • Run exhaust fans in the

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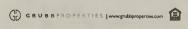
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