



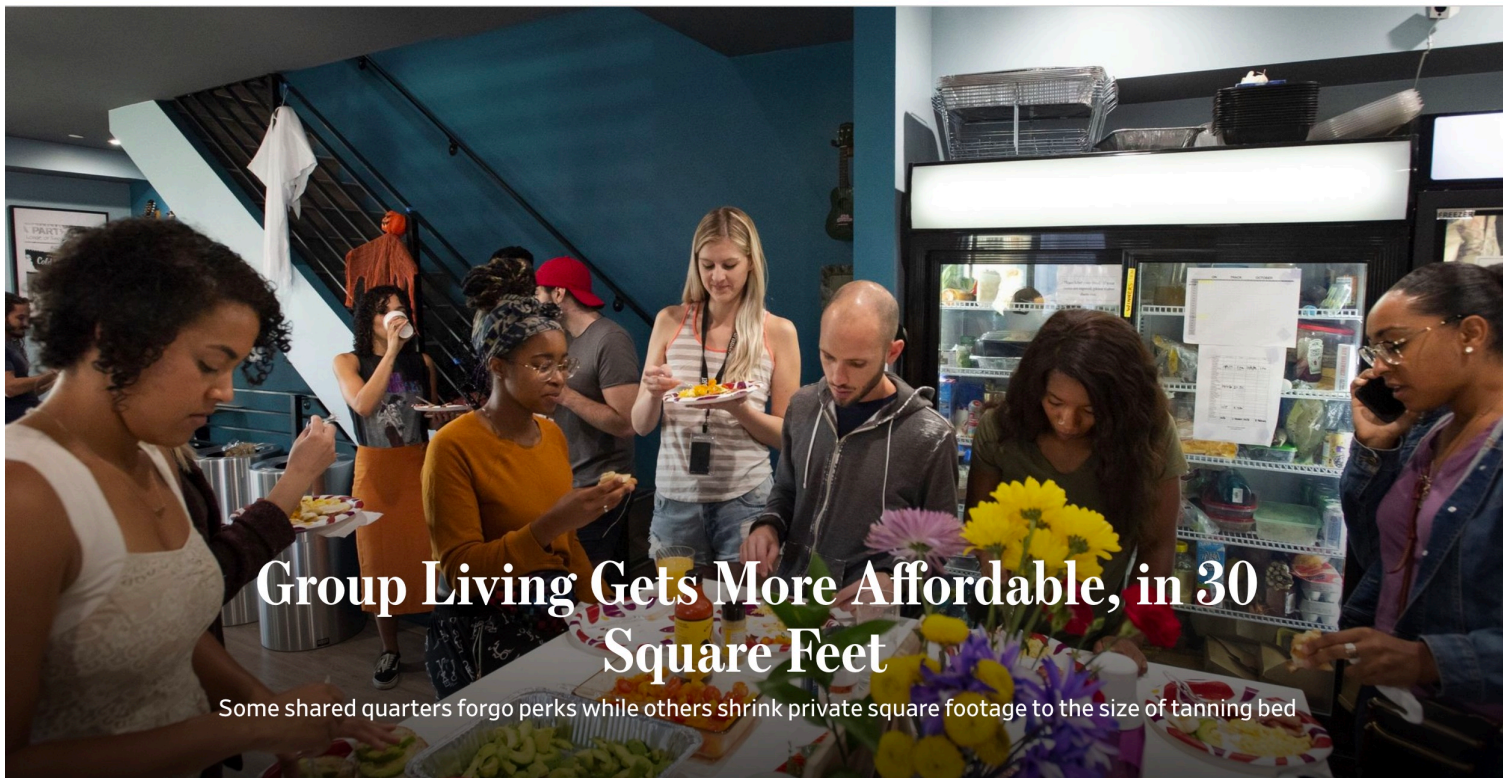
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## Group Living Gets More Affordable, in 30 Square Feet

Some shared quarters forgo perks while others shrink private square footage to the size of tanning bed

It's snooze and you lose as residents at an UP(st)ART property in Los Angeles eat breakfast in a common area. MICHAL CZERWONKA FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL



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A new breed of companies offering shared accommodation for roommates are trying to tackle the question of how to deliver affordable housing to low-wage workers.



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## U.S. Will Back More Condominium Loans Aimed at First-Time Buyers

Move expands FHA-backed low-down-payment loans in loosening of crisis-era rules



A condo complex in Albuquerque, N.M. The Trump administration is vastly expanding the scope of condominium purchases eligible for lower-down-payment loans. PHOTO: ADOLPHE PIERRE-LOUIS/ZUMA PRESS

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The Trump administration is vastly expanding the scope of condominium purchases eligible for lower-down-payment loans.

The move, announced Wednesday by the Federal Housing Administration, could help revive the entry-level condo market for first-time buyers because FHA-backed loans require only a 3.5% down payment and lower credit score than conventional loans.

It also loosens financial-crisis-era rules and could expose the government to a higher likelihood of loan default if the housing market continues to slow and prices fall.



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## In Boise and Grand Rapids, the Housing Market Looks Red Hot

Many Midwestern markets have heated up so quickly they are now experiencing shortages of inventory and rising prices



A home under construction in Meridian, Idaho, outside Boise, where the housing market is booming. PHOTO: KYLE GREEN FOR THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

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The housing market is booming. Just not in the places you might expect.

Homes for sale in small to midsize cities like Boise, Idaho; South Bend, Ind.; Columbia, Mo.; and Youngstown, Ohio, are enjoying a sustained upswing.

During the crucial spring selling season, only 10 of 178 metropolitan areas had double-digit annual price increases, down from two dozen in the second quarter of 2018, according to the National Association of Realtors. Nearly all of those high-growth areas were in less-



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