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Old
ouses

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R TSMOUTH, - Thirteen old that have de- to ramshackle are being re- to the way they 200 years ago.

nstead of housing and colonial mer- they'll hold mod- ps and offices.

all - but - forgotten now standing in dst of a flattened enewal area, are a new federal pro- to save historic by turning them mercial property.

the project is fin- next year, the exteriors will look h as possible like re during the cen- anning the Revolu- War, when Ports- reached the peak sport prominence

AD OF being fill- antiques and open visitors by admis- as are many res- s, the houses will xable business in a city that's to make an eco-

ed his- ouses are often into museums, officials say some iso are converting commerical real Those cities in- Alexandria, Va.; ento, Calif.; At- a.; New Orleans, Charleston, S.C.; rancisco; Savan- ., and San Anto-

developer of the outh project says l be a prestige ment, charging rents."

ouses, 12 wooden brick, were built 1715 and 1826 by merchants and en.

FEELING is that re certain cities— outh is one—that ep heritage," said Murphy, director Portsmouth Hous- hority, the agency ing federal spend- e project.

often we see dating from the the Civil War recklessly torn We think these hould be saved.

idea," Murphy is to use these for living history than as mu-

HOUSES were d across a 30-acre ren area that colonial

declined to tene- rows, the houses plit into apart- Some were enlarg- ells that obliterat- ir Georgian and l design, while were altered with nodernizations as ck siding.


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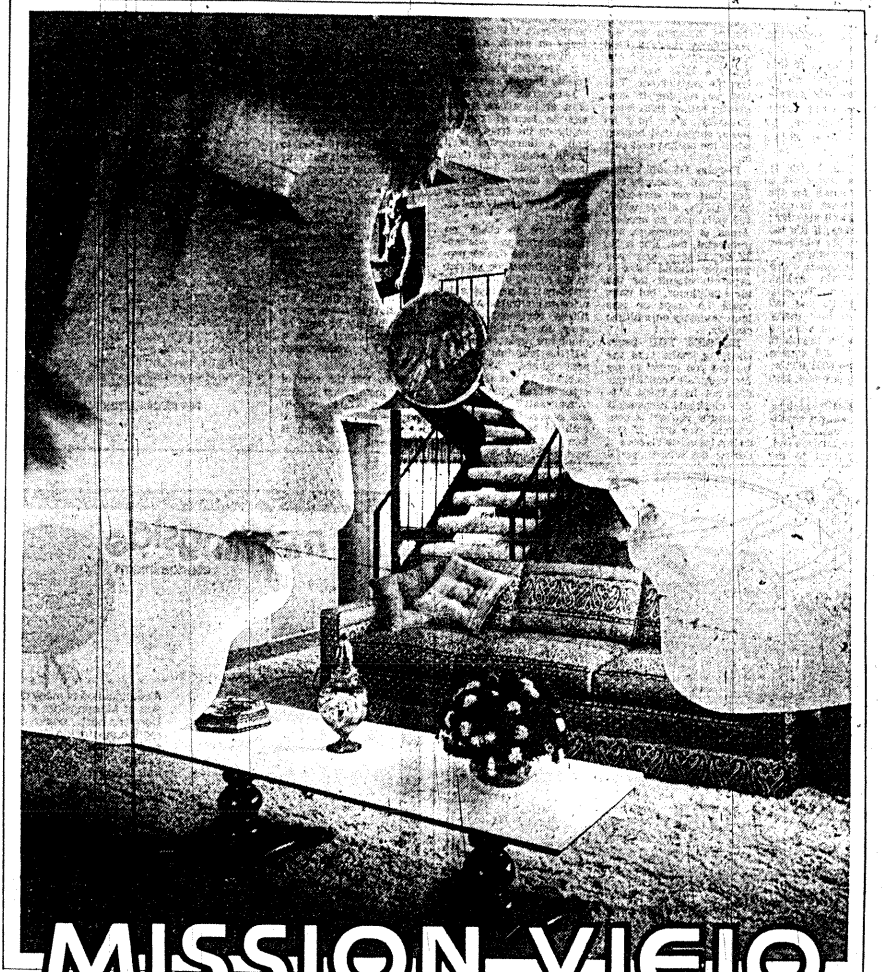

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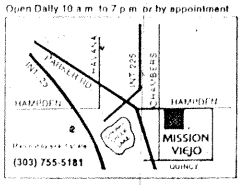


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