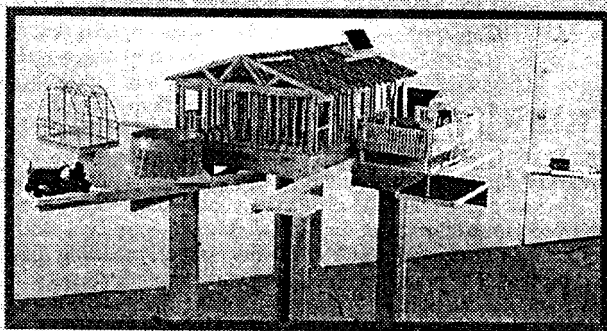


ART SHORT LIST



COURTESY LOMBARD-FRIED

STEVEN BROWER

This artist (and construction worker) offers sculptural models of tract houses and mobile homes, combining the allure of the minuscule and the dysfunctional with a dose of social critique and wry humor in a show titled "Downsize." The genre may be familiar, but the execution is impeccable and the sensibility perfectly askew. He builds stairways in buckets, adds a greenhouse, basketball hoop, satellite dish, and other extensions (including an almost microscopic bottle of gin) onto a hopeless suburban dream house. He turns a toolbox into a prison, makes a trash bag tableau, a scale model ditch, and an occasional painting. The Frank Lloyd Wright house made from Domino's Pizza boxes is irresistible. Through July 27, Lombard-Freid Fine Arts, 470 Broome Street, 334-5060. (Levin)