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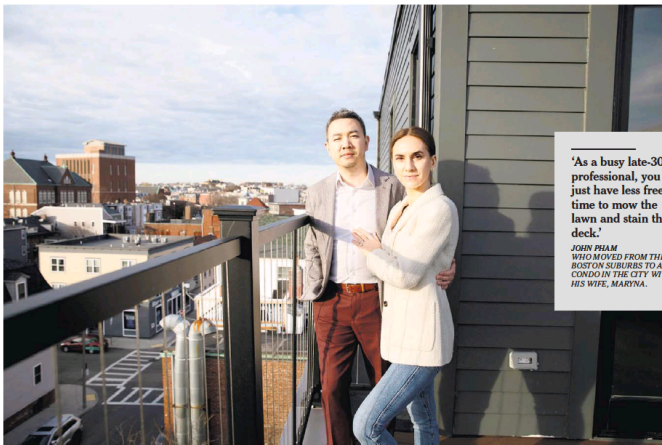
KELLY SHOULI (far left) WITH ALEX WHITE, THE COUPLE SOLD THEIR PENNSYLVANIA HOME TO MOVE TO DENVER.



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'As a busy late-30s professional, you just have less free time to mow the lawn and stain the deck.'

JOHN PEAM WHO MOVED FROM THE BOSTON SUBURBS TO A CONDO IN THE CITY WITH HIS WIFE, KATANA.



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Reverse Migration

Suburban homeowners who have profited from the urban exodus during the pandemic are leaving small-town life behind.

By DEBRA KAMIN

Kelly Shouli and Alex White spent years trying to get out of their house in York, Pa., only to be told repeatedly by real estate brokers that their only option was to sell at a loss. But when Covid-19 hit and upended the market, they were able to not just sell their home, but also make \$30,000 in the process.

Ms. Shouli, 30, and Mr. White, 32, bought their three-bedroom, two-bath house in 2016 for \$132,000. The headaches of homeownership began almost immediately. A blocked septic pipe flooded their basement. The water heater broke. They discovered not one but two layers of botched linoleum tiling beneath their floorboards.

"Within the first year, we realized we

wanted to sell," said Mr. Shouli, who estimates that in addition to sacrificing most of his weekends to home repairs for the past four years, the couple also spent \$10,000 to \$15,000 on fixes, not counting nearly \$35,000 in damage that was covered by home insurance.

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RANGE HOODS

Whisk Away Smells With a Sense of Style

Every range hood vacuums up steam, smoke and odors from the kitchen. But when it comes to style, designs vary widely: Some are kitchen-defining statement pieces, while others almost disappear.

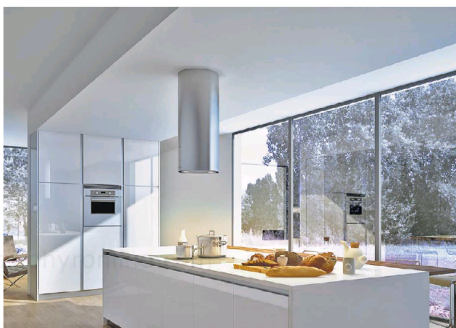
"Ofentimes, the inclination is to have some beautiful sculptural element over the cooktop," said Melissa Baker, who founded the New York-based architecture firm Pulltab with Jon Handley. "But we usually try to hide them instead."

One of the firm's favorite approaches is to install a slide-out hood that is mostly concealed in a cabinet above the range, with a retractable shield that extends while you're cooking. But for homeowners who prefer the look of a professional chef's kitchen, Pulltab sometimes specifies big stainless-steel models that look as if they were pulled out of a restaurant.

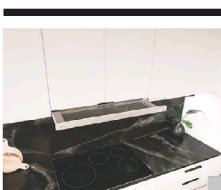
Regardless of your preference, the most important part of owning a range hood is remembering to use it.

"If you don't have extraction," Mr. Handley said, "the apartment will still smell like fish for two days."

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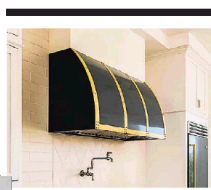
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■ Will your hood vent to the outside or recirculate air through a filter? An exterior vent is better, Ms. Baker said, but not always possible, especially in apartments. Many hoods can function either way, but may require a conversion kit.

■ Does it provide the right light? The light from a hood should be bright enough to illuminate saucepans and have a color temperature similar to that of your under-cabinet lights. "You really don't want terrible lighting above the range," Ms. Baker said.

■ How wide should it be? At least as wide as the range, she said, but for peak performance, some manufacturers recommend choosing one that is at least three inches wider on each side.

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