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DOCTOR IS IN: Kelsey Grammer buys a gated home.

'Frasier' has new spot for his couch

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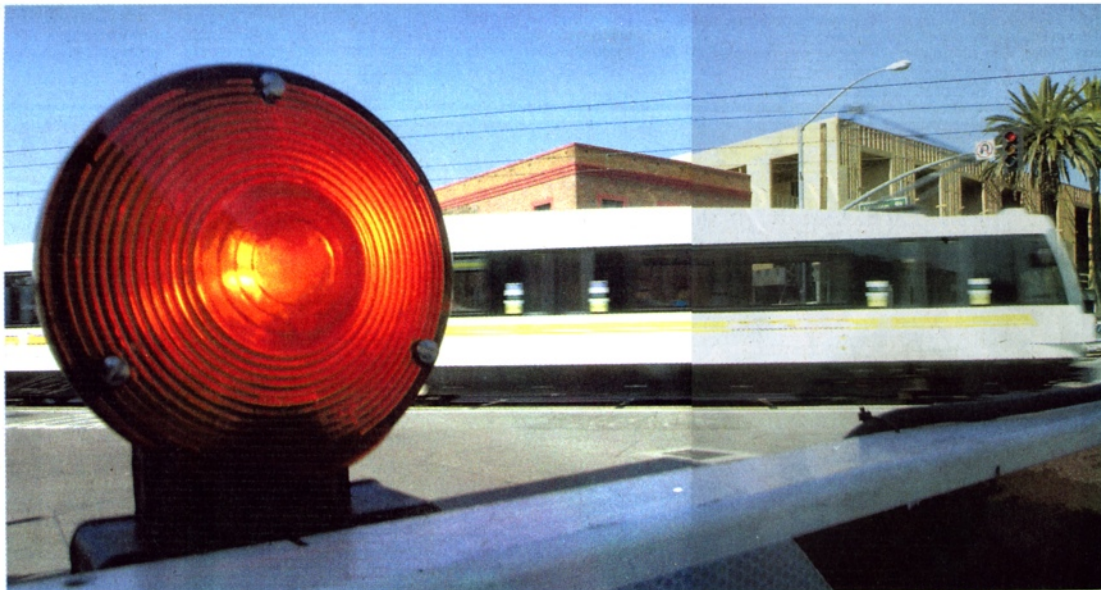
Kelsey Grammer, who is starring in his final season of the NBC sitcom "Frasier," has purchased a Beverly Hills-area home for \$17.5 million.

Grammer bought a newly built Italian-style villa with seven bedrooms and 11 bathrooms in slightly more than 19,000 square feet. The two-story home, on more than 2 level acres with a pool, also has an elevator, a gym, a lanai, a library, a media room, an office, a wine cellar and five fireplaces.

The house, which is behind gates, has views of the city, canyons and mountains. The home was developed by Dugally Oberfeld, which has built homes for such other stars as Sylvester Stallone.

Grammer, who also won fame in the earlier TV sitcom "Cheers," has been in negotiations to take over the role of Max Bialystock in the Broadway musical "The Producers" after Nathan Lane ends his current run in April. The Emmy-winning Grammer has played the pompous but likable psychiatrist Frasier Crane for 20 years in "Cheers" (1984-1993) and in "Frasier." NBC announced in January that "Frasier" would end its 11-year run in May.

The actor, 48, also has a home in Malibu, where he lives with his wife, former model Camille Donatucci, and their family. He is executive producer of a talk show in development that will feature his wife.



WHOOSH: The Metro Gold Line crosses the intersection of Mission Street and Meridian Avenue in South Pasadena, near homes, restaurants and shops.

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Martin Lawrence

This Is His, Not Momma's, House

Actor-comedian **Martin Lawrence** has closed escrow on a Beverly Hills-area home for \$12.5 million. The asking price was \$13.25 million.

Lawrence, 35, played an FBI agent going undercover in "Big Momma's House," in which he also impersonated the 300-pound title character. Lawrence was also executive producer of the movie, which took in more than \$25 million at the box office its first week in June.

He co-stars this year with Danny DeVito in "What's the Worst That Could Happen?" The movie is due this summer.

Lawrence bought a nearly 14,000-square-foot house on 2.8 acres in a gated

■ Inside:

Mike Medavoy and Peter Norton

community. He plans to refurbish and expand the six-bedroom, 10-bath home, built in 1991.

He wants to convert a triangular-shaped patio into a game room with a billiard table and turn a gym into a movie theater seating 12 to 20 viewers on three

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levels, with a glass-encased snack area in the rear.

The home has two garages, one for three cars, the other for four. The three-car garage is expected to be turned into a gym. There is a large courtyard for additional parking.

Dugally-Oberfeld, headed by Chairman Aleck Dugally, will do the renovations; Maurice Umansky of Hilton & Hyland, Beverly Hills had the listing, and Nick Segal of DBL Realtors, Sunset office, represented Lawrence, other sources said.

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Sylvester Stallone, Jennifer Flavin

Lots More Home for the Holidays

Sylvester Stallone has completed a two-year expansion of the newly built Beverly Hills-area home he bought in December 1998, for about \$10 million.

Just in time for the holidays, Stallone, who starred in the fall remake of the movie "Get Carter," put some finishing touches on the home that he shares with his wife, model **Jennifer Flavin**, and their two children.

Much of the work, including landscaping and improvements, is apparent even

from a bird's-eye view. The Italian-style villa, on two-plus acres, was given an older, Tuscan look. The estate, behind bronze gates, also has a long driveway and grounds dotted with marble statues of lions, crocodiles and other creatures.

A colorful outdoor play gym with swings and slides has been installed for the children, and the grounds have been completed with a pool, two cabanas, expansive lawns and many trees, among them redwoods and pines.

When Stallone bought the house, it had five family bedrooms and two maid's quarters in about 16,000 square feet. He expanded the home to an estimated 20,000 square feet, adding a library, more bedrooms and garages.

Stallone, 54, is known to have a passion for building and architecture and a keen sense of design. He had considerable input in the completion of his home, area Realtors have said.

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Stallone teams with Burt Reynolds in the sports action-movie "Champs," to be released in April, and he stars in the police thriller "D-Tox," also due in the spring.

Dugally-Oberfeld, chaired by Aleck Dugally, was official builder-designer of Stallone's home and its expansion, overseeing architecture, interiors and landscaping.

Benson Ford Jr., a great-grandson of auto pioneer Henry Ford and nephew of Henry Ford II, and his wife, Francie, are having a four-bedroom, 10,000-square-foot home built in Dana Point.

The couple had started remodeling a house, which was originally a motel, on a Dana Point lot they had purchased for \$2.5 million. Then they decided to start from scratch. They bought the house next door, also for \$2.5 million, and now

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plan to build one house on both lots.

The old houses are being demolished, and in their place the couple will build a Palm Beach-style home with 90 feet of sand. The new house also will have a 60-by-30-foot master suite; a game room; a sun deck; a library-movie theater; an all-glass stairwell; and parking for 11 cars. The Fords, whose main home is in Detroit, own Fords as well as such cars as a Ferrari and a Morgan convertible, which took two years to build.

Dugally-Oberfeld, chaired by Aleck Dugally, is builder-designer of the Dana Point home. The firm also created homes for the Fords in Key Largo and Dallas.

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