

Downtown housing aims to beat the wind



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Construction crews Friday worked on the reinforced concrete walls of one of downtown Pensacola's new condominium projects, Bayfront Lofts in the 400 block of Bayfront Parkway. The 12-inch-thick walls are designed to provide better insulation, acoustics and support to the four-unit condo project in the historic wooden cottage district. "They've been tested to withstand 180-mph winds," said Steve Dauser, of Panhandle Lofts LLC. He and partner Bob Van Slyke expect the project to be completed in September or October. One two-bedroom unit and one one-bedroom unit remain unsold. The price on the one-bedroom unit is \$395,000; and \$659,000 for the two-bedroom unit, Dauser said.