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Vince Jones, at the door of his backyard martial arts studio in Rocklin, near Sacramento, is one of an increasing number of men who are creating small private domains in and around their homes.



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Some men just need a place to hide

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“All those flowers and designs,” said Christina Hoff Sommers, a resident scholar at the conservative American Enterprise Institute in Washington.

It's no wonder men aren't comfort-

able at home, with the oversized, “feminized spaces that are being imposed on them” by the women in their lives, she said. “They're going to want to push back.”

It may be an unpopular opinion, but Sommers, who is well known for her critiques of feminism, may have a point.

According to James Twitchell, pro-

fessor of English and advertising at the University of Florida in Gainesville, men are increasingly creating small private domains in and around their houses — in sheds, basements, attics and closets — as a way of retreating from everyday life. Twitchell, author of “Where Men Hide,” published this month by Columbia University

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