

IN AMERICA NO ONE EVER FIXES A WATER HEATER. They are much too easy to make and to replace. No one even knows how to fix a water heater or to tell what is wrong with one. There are no repairmen or schools for repairmen. Cities don't get fixed either. Consider the following list:

## Repairs

Temecula  
Cathedral City  
Moorpark  
Palmdale  
Encinitas  
Big Bear City  
Loomis  
Moreno Valley  
Adelanto  
Hesperia  
Laguna Niguel  
La Quinta  
Apple Valley  
Highlands  
Perris  
Lake Elsinore  
Dana Point  
Ione  
Victorville  
Hercules

These were the fastest growing "cities" in California, the fastest growing state, from 1980 to 1990. Temecula grew by 1419.9%. Over 90,000 people moved to Moreno Valley. There were almost as many newcomers in Perris as there were in Paris. If you drive and visit these places it is not hard to think that we're much better at making new water heaters than we are at making new towns. The bravest and most intelligent efforts by town builders in the recent past have been attempts to make new towns that actually are as good as water heaters. Personally, I'm more interested in being a repairman. Its grubby work, messing with all those rusty rotting, malfunctioning carcasses, but somebody should do it before the whole world is covered with them.