

Builder outlook steady

Homebuilders' feelings about the current U.S. housing market haven't changed from February, but there are signs of growing optimism. The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo said Monday its builder sentiment index was unchanged at 28, the highest level since June 2007. The flat reading followed five straight increases. A separate gauge of builders' hopes for sales for the next six months rose for a sixth straight month, from 34 to 36.