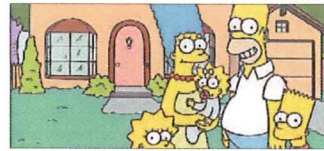




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Hotel Georgia apartments' prices hit the millions

The Sotheby's sales and marketing organization has released a price list for tower apartments in the Private Residences at Hotel Georgia.

One-bedroom apartments will start at \$495,000; one plus den, at \$589,000. Two-bedroom apartments will start at \$1,375 million. The three-bedroom apartments will start at \$3,615 million. (They have a den.)

The subpenthouses will start at \$6,648 million. (The penthouses . . . "upon request only.")

If you want to buy, you have to register and provide refundable earnest money of \$10,000.

Homebuyers camp out

It's not unusual for folks to go camping on the Labour Day weekend. It's less common, however, when the purpose of the trip is a home purchase.

On the last long weekend of the summer, four families did exactly that: They camped out for 24 hours to purchase million-dollar homes from ParkLane in Port Moody. The "August Views" homes were among the final batch of residences released to the market for sale.

August Views is a part of the Heritage Woods master-planned community, which has won more than 30 individual awards of excellence.

Free transit for homeowners

A three-year-old Vancouver Island new-home project is an exemplary demonstration of a residential development that puts barns on bus seats, a study for Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. reports.

"The Short Street Project" in Saanich consists of 72 apartments in a five-storey building, retail at grade. The developer, working with BC Transit and the municipality, devised a number of incentives to get people to use public transit. Residents, for example, received free transit passes for two years. Transit reports the number of monthly trips taken by "Short Street" residences averaged 18 in 2004. The comparable metro Victoria number is five. Visit cmhc.ca on the Internet for the full study.

Top review for Tobiano

The Tobiano golf course and lakeside community has made the pages of Robb Report, a U.S. magazine devoted to all things luxurious.

Tobiano — a 1,000-acre resort community comprised of a 7,300-yard course and 600 homes on the shores of Kamloops Lake — is featured in the October issue of the magazine, which focuses on high-end travel, automobiles and real-estate offerings, among other things.

In gushing about the location of the stunning golf course, writer Shaun Tolson describes "unencumbered vistas of undulating emerald fairways and golden, fescue-coated fields that are flecked with only the occasional ponderosa pine. Tobiano opened in June.

Sound prospect

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Coastal Village is the name of the overall development and Aqua, of its final phase.

Both are figurative reclamation projects because their construction could not proceed until the developer prepared the original marshland at the head of Howe Sound to carry the structures. Project profile, K2



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