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Man on a Mission

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CALGARY HERALD

Lofty plans often start with lofty ideas, and Randy Dean admits his second project is a leap of faith.

But the president of Tricor Development Corp. isn't worried. "It's the evolution of inner-city living," he says of The Mission Crossing, where the upscale condos start at \$1.6 million.

"We know we're testing the market," he says. "We could have built condos starting around 600 square feet, but with the location and value of the land here, we thought the city would be better served with a project such as this."

The project consists of nine three-storey townhouses with full-size private patios on each roof.

It's right in the heart of the

The Mission Crossing seen as 'evolution of inner-city living'

trendy Cliff Bungalow/Mission area of the southwest inner city.

The homes are just under 2,400 square feet and include estate features, including private-access, underground

parking for each unit.

The project also contains an elevator for each unit, along with high-end finishing and products at every turn. Dean envisions the units attracting young professionals who want to live close to downtown and the excitement of 4th Street or 17th Avenue with its many shops, restaurants and entertainment spots.

But because of the high standards and attention to detail in the workmanship, he also sees the units attracting mature buyers who are currently in estate homes and want to downsize, but stay in the area — or come to the inner city as empty-nesters.

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Courtesy, Tricor Development Corp.
Artist's rendering of The Mission Crossing.

CONDO SHORTS

Windows in the clear

Summer's a good time to clean those windows before the frost strikes. But be gentle, warns Jeld-Wen, a U.S. window manufacturer. It recommends one teaspoon of baby shampoo or one and one-half cups of vinegar per four litres of water. Rinse thoroughly and dry immediately with a clean, soft cloth. Avoid power washers, metal tools, razor blades or other objects that can break seals, scratch glass and remove exterior glass coatings.

— Kathy McCormick

Great divide widens

It was bound to happen. It started with 'his-and-hers' closets, then moved into separate sinks in the bathroom. Now, separate bedrooms for couples is a growing trend in the U.S., says a survey by the National Association of Home Builders. According to some experts, a leading cause of marital tension is a poor night's sleep, so the NAHB has noticed an increased demand for homes to be built with 'his-and-hers' bedrooms.

— Kathy McCormick

Kitchens uncorked

People are not only entertaining at home more often, but topping off those gourmet meals with wine selections from their own collections. Hence, anything related to wine has become an important part of kitchen and storage design — and newer kitchens reflect this trend. Look for wine racks, bars, gadgets, cooling fridges, cellars and tasting rooms in upscale homes.

— Kathy McCormick



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