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## Masters in full bloom

Britain's Ellen Whitaker riding AK Kanselier jumps a fence Wednesday at the opening of the Spruce Meadows Masters Sports, Pages D1, D4



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## House prices plunge \$20,000

Red-hot market chills in August

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CALGARY HERALD

Calgary's resale housing market, which has set a scorching pace for the past two years, has dramatically cooled, with the average price for single-family homes plunging by about \$20,000 in August, according to a local realtor.

The average sale price dropped primarily because of a decline in the sales of luxury homes, those over a million dollars.

According to preliminary figures from Calgary realtor Bob Truman, of First Place Realty, the average sale price of a single-family home in August was \$485,566 — down from the record high of \$505,920 set in July.

The median price dropped in August to \$430,000 from \$435,000 in July. It was \$439,000 in June.



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The average sale price for single-family homes plummeted last month.

Truman said Wednesday that the average sale price in August was affected by the number of sales in the million-dollar-plus category.

In August, he said, 38 homes sold for more than \$1 million at an average sale price of \$1.5 million.

This compares with 61 sales in the upper-end market in July with an average sale price of \$1.7 million.

Official Multiple Listing Service data for the month of August is expected to be released today by the Calgary Real Estate Board.

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## Most suspects of busted gang back on street

JASON VAN RASSEL  
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A day after Calgary police announced a 10-month gang investigation that resulted in the arrest of 19 suspects, all but three are back on the street.

The investigators behind Operation Barbershop said the probe effectively dismantled the Clippers, a street gang police ranked among the city's most violent. That 16 people accused of being members or associates

of the gang had been released on bail by Wednesday afternoon illustrates, in part, the considerable work police still have to do to live up to that claim.

"Even if they're ultimately convicted of a criminal offence, you can bet there'll be someone else to take their place," said Doug King, a criminologist at Mount Royal College.

"A gang will always renew its membership... that's the reality of gangs."

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## New iPod opens door to Internet

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Courtesy, Apple Inc.  
The latest version of the iPod is eight millimetres thick and looks like the iPhone.

The future of mobile computing is a sleek touch-controlled iPod that can surf the Internet and show films in widescreen, Apple predicted Wednesday.

The latest version of the music player is just eight millimetres thick, comes with an 8.9-centimetre colour screen, built-in Wi-Fi Net access and Apple's Safari web browser.

It looks like the iPhone, a device dubbed "the God machine," but without the phone part. For the first time, users will be able to buy tracks from iTunes, Apple's online media store, and download them to the iPod without using a separate computer.

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Chris Benoit

## Did concussions turn wrestler into a killer?

The father of Chris Benoit and a doctor who examined brain damage caused by multiple concussions might be partly to blame for the deaths of Benoit, his wife and his son.

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