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#### Toronto Real Estate News

Latest sales information from the Toronto Real Estate Board.

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#### Buy Design

Maybe you don't have the time or know-how to do it yourself. Or perhaps you and your significant other simply can't reconcile your disparate tastes. Whatever your reason is for hiring a professional interior designer to decorate your home, here's some advice to help make the experience a success.

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#### Best Person for the Job

No one knows your home better than you, right? But who's the best person to determine what you should list your home for, to sell it in a reasonable time period? A real estate sales representative, that's who!

#### Get the Edge

Spring is peak home-buying time. You might be in the market for a new home this season – but so are a lot of other people. To get a jump on your competition, here are a few things you can do before beginning the home-hunting process.

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#### The New HST: A Taxing Issue for Homeowners

By now, you've certainly heard about the Government of Ontario's newest tax reform – a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST), effective July 1, 2010 – that will combine both the provincial and federal sales taxes on products and services. How will this affect you, as a homeowner or homebuyer?

**Terminology Tip:** Assumable Mortgage



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