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### Critics say fast-ferries project behind schedule, \$90 million over budget



High-speed ferries are being built in North Vancouver. The project is behind schedule and over budget.

### More Irish killings feared

The latest deadly attack in a Belfast suburb has raised fears that the Northern Ireland peace process has been derailed.

### MP praised after island accident

British Columbia's Member of Parliament, Gordon Campbell, was praised for his quick response to a ferry accident on an island.

### Workers at cancer facility lose jobs

A recent general election result would have cost the jobs of 25 workers at a cancer facility.

### Girl, 14, recovers from bird flu as Hong Kong slaughter ends

A 14-year-old girl has recovered from bird flu after a slaughter of birds in Hong Kong ended.

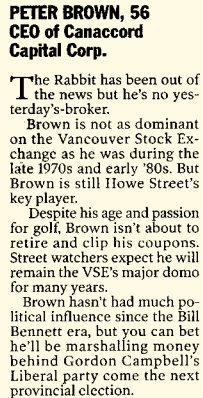
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## NEWS

# B.C.'S TOP 25 MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE



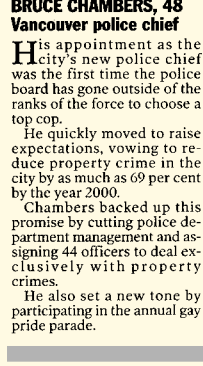
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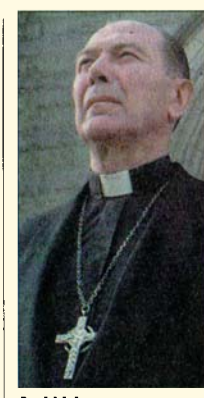
**PETER BROWN, 56**  
CEO of Canaccord Capital Corp.  
The Rabbit has been out of the news but he's no yesterday's broker. Brown is not as dominant on the Vancouver Stock Exchange as he was during the late 1970s and early '80s. But Brown is still Howe Street's key player. Despite his age and passion for golf, Brown isn't about to retire and clip his coupons. Street watchers expect he will remain the VSE's major domo for many years. Brown hasn't had much political influence since the Bill Bennett era, but you can bet he'll be marshalling money behind Gordon Campbell's Liberal party come the next provincial election.



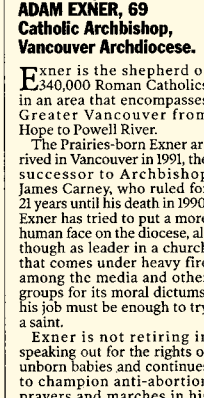
**UJJAL DOSANJH, 51**  
B.C. Attorney-General.  
If it's not an oxymoron, it could be said that Dosanjh is a likable lawyer. In the past year, Dosanjh — the second Sikh cabinet minister in B.C. — supported ICBC's ill-fated modified, no-fault insurance proposal. He has also launched a program to combat racism in schools; regionalized court services; taken a tough stand on men accused of domestic abuse and on dangerous offenders — crucial initiatives in a province that has seen a horrifying rate of violent crime; and he's trying to crack down on illegal drug use in B.C. jails. A lawyer who also provided legal services to farmworkers and helped organize the Canadian Farmworkers Union, Dosanjh brings compassion, a sharp brain, and talent to cabinet — qualities that set him apart from some of his colleagues.



**BRUCE CHAMBERS, 48**  
Vancouver police chief  
His appointment as the city's new police chief was the first time the police board has gone outside of the ranks of the force to choose a top cop. He quickly moved to raise expectations, vowing to reduce property crime in the city by as much as 69 per cent by the year 2000. Chambers backed up this promise by cutting police department management and assigning 44 officers to deal exclusively with property crimes. He also set a new tone by participating in the annual gay pride parade.



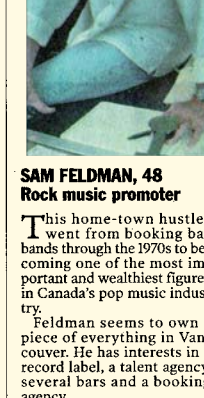
**Archbishop ADAM EXNER, 69**  
Catholic Archbishop, Vancouver Archdiocese.  
Exner is the shepherd of 340,000 Roman Catholics in an area that encompasses Greater Vancouver from Hope to Powell River. The Prairies-born Exner arrived in Vancouver in 1991, the successor to Archbishop James Carney, who ruled for 21 years until his death in 1990. Exner has tried to put a more human face on the diocese, although as leader in a church that comes under heavy fire among the media and other groups for its moral dictums, his job must be enough to try a saint. Exner is not retiring in speaking out for the rights of unborn babies and continues to champion anti-abortion prayers and marches in his diocese. Among the prayers of his churches is one that is an all-encompassing thanks for life — whether it be the unborn child, the handicapped or the sick and elderly — a prayer that sums up the priest's compassion for people.



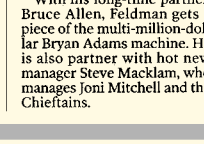
**KEN GEORGETTI, 45**  
President of the B.C. Federation of Labour.  
The former Steelworker from Trail has been B.C.'s top union leader for 11 years. During his tenure Fed membership has grown from 218,000 members to about 450,000. His greatest influence has been political: leading the labour movement's opposition to the Soerds in the late 1980s and ensuring unions backed the NDP in the past two elections. NDP critics call Georgetti the 19th cabinet minister. While labour doesn't get everything it wants from Victoria, clearly Georgetti has the ear — if not always the compliance — of the premier and cabinet.



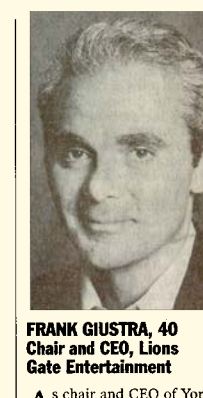
**SAM FELDMAN, 48**  
Rock music promoter  
This home-town hustler went from booking bar bands through the 1970s to becoming one of the most important and wealthiest figures in Canada's pop music industry. Feldman seems to own a piece of everything in Vancouver. He has interests in a record label, a talent agency, several bars and a booking agency. With his long-time partner, Bruce Allen, Feldman gets a piece of the multi-million-dollar Bryan Adams machine. He is also partner with hot new manager Steve Macklam, who manages Joni Mitchell and the Chieftains.



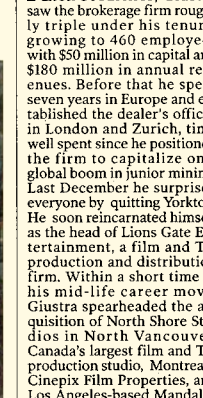
**THOMAS FUNG, 46**  
Property developer and media mogul.  
Fung is behind Richmond's Aberdeen Centre mall and Canada's only national Chinese-language television network. His opening of the \$22-million Aberdeen Centre in 1990 sparked the proliferation of Asian-style malls in Richmond — earning the once quiet suburb the nickname of "Hong Kong West." Fung, scion of the founder of one of Hong Kong's largest companies, has steadily erected a media empire, owning ethnic television and radio stations in Vancouver and Toronto. He epitomizes a growing number of Hong Kong immigrants who have opted to live in the Vancouver area for quality-of-life reasons rather than in the more profitable corners of Asia.



**FRANK GIUSTRA, 40**  
Chair and CEO, Lions Gate Entertainment  
A chair and CEO of Yorkton Securities, Giustra saw the brokerage firm roughly triple under his tenure, growing to 460 employees with \$50 million in capital and \$180 million in annual revenues. Before that he spent seven years in Europe and established the dealer's offices in London and Zurich, time well spent since he positioned the firm to capitalize on a global boom in junior mining. Last December he surprised everyone by quitting Yorkton. He soon reincarnated himself as the head of Lions Gate Entertainment, a film and TV production and distribution firm. Within a short time of his mid-life career move, Giustra spearheaded the acquisition of North Shore Studios in North Vancouver, Canada's largest film and TV production studio, Montreal's Cineplex Film Properties, and Los Angeles-based Mandalay Television. He's currently working on a deal with Warner Bros.



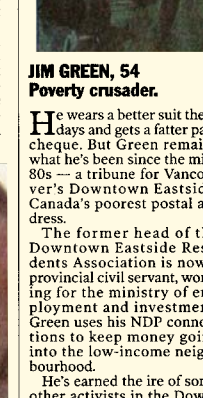
**RICK HANSEN, 40**  
Executive director, Rick Hansen Institute.  
Hansen's father-in-law Patrick Reid won't forget the first time he met the man who would later marry his daughter Amanda. He opened the door to Hansen's knock and found the wheelchair athlete waiting to tell him his vision for a round-the-world Man in Motion tour. The meeting place would have been unremarkable except that the door was at the top of a steep flight of steps. Reid figured if that was no deterrent, Hansen could probably wheel around the world — which he did, raising more than \$26 million for spinal cord injury research, rehabilitation and prevention. Last year Hansen and UBC created the Rick Hansen Institute, an organization created with the aim of removing barriers that limit people with disabilities from reaching their full potential. It focuses on finding a cure for paralysis and helping to improve the health and quality of life for people with spinal cord injuries.



**TERRY HUI, 33**  
CEO of Concord Pacific Group.  
Hui is Vancouver's most important land developer and the personification of our city's connection to the Pacific Rim. He has spearheaded the city's largest makeover ever — the \$3-billion office-and-residential complex on the former Expo lands on the north shore of False Creek. The Hong Kong immigrant is also the owner of the CN lands in Toronto — another inner-city dead zone he is shaping into a new neighbourhood. With his billion-dollar Asian backers, nobody can cry location, location, location like Hui.



**JIM GREEN, 54**  
Poverty crusader.  
He wears a better suit these days and gets a fatter paycheck. But Green remains what he's been since the mid-80s — a tribune for Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, Canada's poorest postal address. The former head of the Downtown Eastside Residents Association is now a provincial civil servant, working for the ministry of employment and investment. Green uses his NDP connections to keep money going into the low-income neighbourhood. He's earned the ire of some other activists in the Downtown Eastside, but others will thank him for starting the Four Corners Community Savings Bank and funneling government money into the Woodward's project and job training programs in the beleaguered neighbourhood.



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They wield power and influence in the province where we live and will affect its direction during the next year. The Sun looks at B.C.'s newsmakers of '98.

DOUG WARD AND GILLIAN SHAW  
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They are people of influence. They have power because of their avarice or their wit, ambition or ideas money or brains. There are obvious power people. Premier Glen Clark is probably the most influential person in B.C. because of his hands-on control of the provincial budget.

B.C. Federation of Labour president Ken Georgezzi is another clear choice given labour's strength in B.C.

But Clark and Georgezzi are not part of the permanent Establishment - the corporate elite, which more than any other group has always dictated this province's fate.

Clark could easily be out of office after the next election.

And, if the NDP loses, those who control private investment will have even more influence than they exer-

cise now. People like Jim Pattison, Peter Brown, David Radler, Norman Keevil and others.

Their influence may be permanent but their membership isn't. Newcomers from Asia are making their mark. People such as Concord Pacific Group's Terry Hui and developer-media mogul Thomas Fung. So are other newcomers, such as MacMillan Bloedel president Tom Stephens

There are people of influence in B.C. outside the business and political spheres. Sarah McLachlan and Sam Feldman in pop music, Rafe Mair on radio, Martha Piper at the University of British Columbia in professional sports.

Globalization has meant that many of our most influential people represent power based in other countries. People such as Hui, who has used Asian money to become one of Canada's Most Important and devel-



**NORMAN KEEVIL, 59**  
President and CEO of Teck Corp.

Keevil sits at the highest echelon of the province's corporate elite. His total pay package in 1996 was \$2.58 million - tops among chief executive officers at B.C.'s biggest public companies.

Keevil took what was once a minor player in the mining industry and turned it into a company with global connections.

He engineered Teck's very profitable investment in Diamond Fields Resources - which discovered Labrador's rich Voiseys Bay nickel deposit.

Teck, which has assets of \$2.6 billion, is exploring in Kazakhstan and Vietnam; has just bought a controlling interest in an Australian gold mine; and operates 10 mines in Canada and one in Chile.



**RAFE MAIR, 66**  
CKNW radio talk show host.

Is he a small-l liberal populist who sticks up for B.C.'s sense of grievance? Or a right-wing, egomaniacal demagogue who appeals through crank radio to our basest, most parochial emotions?

Whichever, he's certainly the champion of the B.C. Firsters. In Rafeland, he's far more influential than he ever was as a Sacred cabinet minister.

His shrill persona can skew popular opinion, as federal politicians learned during the ill-fated Meech Lake and Charlottetown accord process.



**JOHN McCAW, 46**  
Chair Orca Bay Sports & Entertainment.

McCaw, who made his money in the cellular communications business in Seattle, took over from Arthur Griffiths in March 1996. Since then he has made his mark on both Orca's teams, the Canucks and the Grizzlies.

The past year brought massive and probably much-needed change to the Canucks hockey team. McCaw dumped general manager Pat Quinn, to be followed shortly by coach Tom Renney. Meanwhile, he also dealt in the darling of New York, Mark Messier, and has new coach Mike Keenan, of Stanley Cup fame, rattling a few face cages.

And to top off the year, the Grizzlies, for the first time since they ventured on to the NBA court, have an outside hope of getting to the playoffs.

**WENDY McDONALD, 75**  
Chairman and CEO, B.C. Bearing Engineers Ltd.

Another one who eschews the prospect of a rocking chair for flitting around the globe, taking care of a business that brings in \$125 million a year, McDonald clocked up more successes last year in a chain of them that started back in 1944 when B.C. Bearing was incorporated.

She took over running the company when her then-husband died and hasn't looked back, although her life was marred by the tragic death of two more husbands. The mother of 10 children, five her own and five adopted, McDonald works with four of her children on a daily basis and a grandson, Lance Ross, 33, who is the company's marketing manager.

She was awarded the Order of Canada last January and continues to be involved in the business and service community. This January, she heads on a Team Canada mission to Latin America.



**SARAH McLACHLAN, 29**  
Pop singer.

This Dunbar resident has been fumbling towards superstardom for two years and now she's there.

McLachlan, whose lush voice launched over two million records in the U.S., won massive media recognition this year for headlining Lillith Fair, the summertime female rock fest she founded.

Chatelaine Magazine named her their 1998 Woman of the Year.



**MARTHA PIPER, 51**  
President of University of British Columbia.

Piper, the university's 11th president, is an American by birth and a Canadian by choice. She built her academic career as director of the McGill School of Physical and Occupational Therapy, and honed her administrative skills at the University of Alberta.

There, as dean of rehabilitative medicine and later as vice-president of research and external affairs, she was known as an adept fund-raiser with an ability to build partnerships beyond the university.

She distributed "Think about it" baseball caps at her installation as UBC president this September, signalling an intention to out-hustle the competition in the race for academic relevance, donations and research grants.

UBC's income topped \$780 million last year. It has about 23,000 graduate and undergraduate students, 1,900 faculty and 14,000 other full and part-time employees.



**DAVID RADLER, 55**  
President of Hollinger Inc.

The head of Hollinger Inc. keeps his eye on the bottom and editorial lines at Vancouver's two main dailies, The Vancouver Sun and the Province.

Hollinger has a controlling interest in Southern's 18 Canadian daily newspapers and a large string of papers in North America, including the Chicago Sun-Times.

Radler and partner Conrad Black are currently deliberating starting a Canadian national newspaper to rival The Globe and Mail and Financial Post.

Radler commutes between the Hollinger office in Vancouver and Chicago, where he is the publisher of the Chicago Sun-Times.



**JIM PATTISON, 69**  
Chair, president and CEO, The Jim Pattison Group.

With \$1.25 billion in deals under his belt this year, don't expect Pattison to slow down any time soon. And that figure doesn't include the spare change that went to building factories and new grocery stores.

Pattison bought so many companies this year, you have to use two hands to count them all - 10. While others rush to go public, Pattison is going in the opposite direction, taking two companies private last year. He also sold his stake in B.C. Sugar, but started up a chain of aquariums with the first, a \$60-million project, already built in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Buy Low was one B.C. grocery chain snapped up by the Pattison Group, which is also building new Overwaitea stores in B.C. and has launched on-line grocery shopping in Edmonton. With 17,000 people working - Pattison says "hopefully not for us, but with us" - the veteran B.C. business tycoon says he's never been busier nor had more fun.



**TOM STEPHENS, 55**  
President of MacMillan Bloedel.

The new president of the company that epitomizes corporate power in B.C. arrived this fall at a tough time. Forest commodity prices have been falling, Asian markets are down and the NDP government isn't easily intimidated by industry threats.

Stephens, an American, is seen as a turnaround specialist at a time when Manville Corp. of Denver, Colo., through bankruptcy protection during the 1980s when it struggled with asbestos-related lawsuits.

Stephens quickly set a new tone. The corporate gunslinger warned of job cuts and drastic action to reverse mounting losses. Stephens said that MB's 13,000 staff members are collectively seen as "losers" and that the company is "worth more dead than alive."



**BING THOM, 56**  
Architect.

His proposal for a convention centre at B.C. Place Stadium was rejected, but it was one of the few failures in this remarkable architect's career.

Thom was born in Hong Kong, moved to Vancouver when he was eight and without a word of English.

He studied under Arthur Erickson at the University of B.C. and wound up working with the master on the Robson Square Courthouse and Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto.

Over the years Thom has had a role in many of the city's most distinctive buildings, including a quartet of pavilions at Expo 86, the Blue Horizon Hotel and the False Creek Yacht Club. Perhaps his best-known recent project is the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts at UBC.

The Order of Canada award winner was chosen to help oversee the design of a new port city in China, which is expected to take 20 to 30 years to build.

**LILIAN TO, 51**  
Executive director, SUCCESS.

To's soft-spoken tones belie the power behind her words. A social worker who took over the running of SUCCESS nine years ago, To presides over a budget of \$8 million, a client list of 210,000, a paid staff of 200, plus 6,000 volunteers.

SUCCESS serves a vital role in the community, offering social services to a multi-cultural, mostly immigrant population. Under To's leadership, SUCCESS helps everyone from new immigrants needing job training and language skills to at-risk teens and lonely seniors.

The organization is adept at building bridges between other organizations and public services, stretching its fund-raising dollars over a wide range of services. Construction is completed by next August on a new social service centre on Pender and Carroll on the outskirts of Chinatown. Already \$4.7 million of the required \$5.3 million has been raised.



**JEFF WALL, 51**  
Artist

He may be an unsung hero in his home town, but this Vancouver photo-conceptual artist is hailed in Europe as one of the most important art world figures of the late-20th century.

His gigantic backlit Cibachrome images sell for \$250,000 and up. At this summer's Documenta X, for instance, the once-every-five-years contemporary art survey in Germany, Wall was one of the main events.

That event attracted 600,000 visitors and Wall's work was considered by many European critics to be some of the strongest there. Wall, who teaches fine arts at the University of B.C., was also recently the subject of major one-man shows at the Smithsonian Institute, the Los Angeles Museum of Contemporary Art and the Whitechapel Museum in London.



**THE NEXT WAVE**

In Monday's Vancouver Sun, we will feature the up-and-coming influential leaders in our community.