

Accused killer taunted police, trial told

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up former Woodward's department

store, West Hastings Street's 100 block

is even more woebegone than usual. But that didn't faze a cheery crowd

filmmaker **Tony Pantages** sporting a platinum crewcut to squire art scribe Claudia **Medina**. Handsome-dog jazz

pianist Hank Bull trying to whip up prices while being little heeded in the

Also noted: Cathy Chilco, who left Sesame Street operations here in 1995 to become assistant VP of international production at the children's televi-

sion show's New York headquarters. An Israeli-Palestinian joint project to produce 65 half-hour episodes has

to produce 65 half-hour episodes has gone "surprisingly smoothly, even though we couldn't always get people to Tel Aviv," Chilco chuckled.

In October, she'll begin developing Sesame Street in Egypt. And she's crossing her fingers that a series nearing completion in Shanghai will be breadest pationwide in China.

cial skills. And, given the lingering harshness of China's Cultural Revolu-

tions, officials there reportedly want

the television show to help children understand and appreciate beauty.
One might equally say that of the
100 West Hastings Street.

broadcast nationwide in China. An interesting challenge: with Bei-jing mandating one-child families, Sesame Street there is devised to take the place of siblings in developing so-

Malcolm

PARRY

TOWN TALK

social hubbub.

that went there Friday to bid for artworks and

raise funds for the Or Gallery.

Noted: handsome-dog pho-tographer Lin-

coln Clarkes smothered with

kisses on his

40th birthday.

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SMALL BUSINESSES GET HELP FROM CITY STAFF

Staff at Vancouver city hall are having some success in helping small-business operators cope with the strike......B5

et set to travel

NIGHT BEFORE . . . Venus is no stranger at Richard's on Richards, a nightclub that has long drawn those seeking the love that fades with dawn. But a different Venus looked in Fri-

day. It was Mike De Cotiis' Georgia Street condo development of that name, and Anson Realty proprietor Grace Kwok, who has sold 100 of the 36-floor building's \$109,000 to \$2.5 million units, threw a party for existing and especially potential buyers.

There to remind guests that money

begets money were some of Kwok and husband Stephen's mah-jong partners. These included property development and media mogul Thomas Fung and his former screen-star wife Amy, and Golden Properties head Ge-offrey Lau and wife Sandra, who sings love-gone-wrong roles in her own Chinese opera company.

MORNING AFTER . . . By Saturday morning, Fairchild Holding president Thomas Fung, whose late father was Hong Kong tycoon **Fung King-Hey**, had his own party going. At the faintly

THOMAS FUNG

forlorn Fairchild Plaza at Broadway and Cambie, Fung launched Fairchild Radio's CHKG FM96.1. The station plans to air 114 hours in Cantonese and Mandarin, and fill its week with programs in 13

other languages. Attorney-General Ujjal Dosanjh and State Secretary for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women Hedy
Fry spoke warmly about the station's aims. Meanwhile, above the racket of several guests talking, Vancouver city Councillor Daniel Lee praised Chinese-language reporters for being "more factual and less editorial."

Councillor Gordon Price confided his grizzled, two-week beard is not



ON A SESAME ROLL: Sandy Tomc and Cathy Chilco at Or gallery benefit bash.

the result of the civic outside workers' strike but merely part of his getting ready "to study alternative trans-portation systems in Central Italy."

Take a cycling vacation from Flo-rence to Sienna, that is. This was a four-wheel crowd, how-

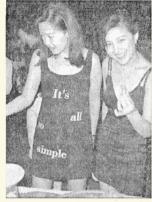
ever, and much more interested in the BMW 318ti coupe dealer **Brian Jessel** provided for a raffle prize.

Others scanned posters offering "a glamorous chapter of your life" to en-trants in the Nov. 29 Miss Chinese (Vancouver) Pageant, the winner of which will vie to be Miss Chinese International 1998 in Hong Kong. Glamorous already, Capilano College music student Sabrina Padula

Your Love), which FM96.1 listeners may hear when it is released on her first album in December.

UNMAKE MINE MUSIC . . . Englishto-the-core Magic Flute record store proprietor **David Lemon** did some hard thinking about how to memori-alize the late **Princess Diana**.

His characteristically elegant con-clusion: a Sept. 18 concert in the QE Theatre, which Lemon hopes will raise \$100,000 for the Red Cross land



MEDIUM MESSAGE: Henny Yau, Amy Fung at Richard's club for Venus party.

mines survivors fund.

Diane Loomer will conduct choral

works and Clyde Mitchell is to lead the Vancouver City Orchestra (it's a first-time assemblage of Vancouver Symphony, Vancouver Opera and CBC-Vancouver Orchestra musicians) in a program from Nimrod in Elgar's Enigma Variations to Beethoven's Third Symphony — The Eroica — with the Chor Leoni men's choir perform-ing Sing Me To Heaven.

It reminds me that Lemon is a spon-sor of a Nov. 15 concert by the Van-couver Bach Choir, which will include Delius' non-religious but no-less-moving Requiem.

THIS OLDER HOUSE... English teachers at the 41st-at-Blenheim academy may shrink from the press announcement: "Crofton House School is celebrating their 100th year of educating young women." But others, in-cluding head Barbara Walker and board chair Bill Everett, can't wait for March 1, 1998, when staff, students and alumni will mark the school's his tory since **Jessie Gordon** founded it in her Georgia Street home.

Events will begin Sept. 14 with a trek from the West End, a parade to the



FAIREST CHILD: Maria Padula, singer daughter Sabrina at FM96.1 launch.



MAH-JONG MATEYS: Sandra, Geoffrey Lau at Richard's on Richards Venus do.

school and a ceremony led by Lieutenant-Governor Garde Gardom.

Maybe Elizabeth Bell-Irving, who

as Elizabeth O'Kiely wrote Gentleman Air Ace: The Duncan Bell-Irving Story, will revise her equally worthy Crofton House School: The First Ninety Years.

Extra blood donor clinics set to boost supply

Red Cross officials hope to achieve a 10-per-cent increase in donations.

LORI CULBERT

More blood donor clinics operating longer hours and at more convenient times are being organized by the Red Cross in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island in an effort to boost blood donations by 10 per cent.

But even if the aggressive campaign is successful, it still may not stop a reat of this summer's that forced the cancellation of some elective surgery, said Ted Griffith, marketing services manager of the Vancouver Red Cross branch. 'Ten per cent [more blood] will help,

definitely, but I can't guarantee the shortage won't happen again," Griffith

In July, British Columbia's worst-ever blood supply shortage forced some Lower Mainland hospitals to turn away patients who had been scheduled for surgery. The provincial bank had dropped to a one-day blood supply, but that was bolstered after 11,000 donors

responded to a public appeal.

Right now, the local blood bank has a two-day supply, which means it can pro-vide blood for operations only until Thursday if no more donations are received. Just before the Labor Day week end, the bank supply dropped to 36 hours and officials sent warning letters



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LOCAL HERO: Igor Shtenz joins the Red Cross' latest drive to boost stocks of blood that have been low all summer.

to hospitals, although Griffith was not

aware of any surgery being cancelled. Griffith said officials would like to have a continuous four-day supply. To succeed, they will need about 500 donors a day in the the Lower Mainland

and Vancouver Island; they average about 350 daily now.

Officials announced Monday they hope to collect 10 per cent more blood by opening clinics in New Westminster and south Burnaby; increasing clinic

hours in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, Maple Ridge and Vancouver Island; and adopting more flexible hours, such as opening the Oak Street office in Van-couver from noon to 8:30 p.m., to coincide with donors' free time

Many of the new hours are in the Fraser Valley because blood collections have been high there this year. On the other hand, hours will be cut back in North Vancouver, where donations

Griffith said donors shied away after the federal government announced in July it would eventually create a new blood collection system.

He said the agency now gets phone alls from people who no longer know where to donate blood, or refuse to do so until the new system is established.

country. In August, Canada's health ministers issued an urgent appeal for blood donations, prompted by rising fears that Canadians have stopped giving blood to the Red Cross because they assume the humanitarian agency is al-ready out of the blood business.

In fact, that won't happen until after a transition period of at least a year, when a new quasi-government agency will become the country's blood collector.

We hope people do [come back]. We're get some major marketing initiatives to let people know we are still in business," Griffith said.

Griffith said donations may also be down because the average time to give blood has increased to about 90 min-

utes, from 45 minutes.
That's a result of the inquiry into Canada's tainted blood scandal recom-mending increased screening for