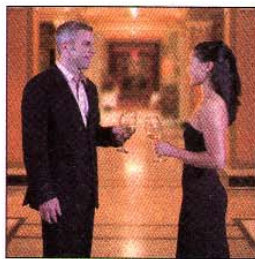




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49 THOMAS FUNG, CEO, FAIRCHILD GROUP

Thomas Fung is still the king of all Chinese media—with five top-rated radio stations in Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto, and the national Fairchild TV channel—but on the real estate front, some of the shine has come off Fung's showpiece holding, the Aberdeen Centre. While it is undeniably an architectural coup, questions remain about the mall's business strategy; brown packing paper covers many a storefront. As our Richmond pundit puts it: "[Aberdeen's] spacious 'haute couture' makes it appear cold and empty, contrary to many Chinese malls.... Location is everything in business, and this mall is neither here nor there."

50 LARRY CAMPBELL, SENATOR, FORMER MAYOR OF VANCOUVER

If it were anyone else splitting town for a cushy federal sinecure, we'd just say, "Don't let the door hit you on the way out" and leave it at that. But although he's abandoning the jostle of civic politics for Ottawa's echoing halls, we tip our hats to Mayor Larry for his civic contributions and classic style. Pressed to name some accomplishments under his watch, Campbell says he's most proud of the Four Pillars drug treatment strategy, the Woodward's revitalization and the Southeast False Creek development. He's also quick to set the record straight when asked how he feels about moving to Ottawa. "I am not moving to Ottawa. I am working there, part-time. I plan on being back in the greatest city of the world every weekend." Any parting advice for the new mayor? "Patience, honesty and a sense of humour. These three will keep you alive." ●

challenging people to think differently." When Abe Lincoln believed that he would not be re-elected during the American Civil War, he wrote down a page of instructions for his successor on how the nation might be saved. Piper claims she is perfectly confident that the institution will progress boldly after her departure. But when told of Honest Abe's list, she cracks, "Did he get it all on one page?"

47 MARK MARISSSEN, FEDERAL LIBERAL PARTY ORGANIZER FOR B.C.; SENIOR PARTNER, BURRARD COMMUNICATIONS

In this province, few will mention the federal Liberals without mentioning Mark Marissen's name. His role as chief organizer for the Liberals in B.C. during the 2004 federal election is almost as well known as his other affiliation—Christy Clark's husband. Clients of Marissen's Burrard Communications, a PR and public policy firm he started in 1998, include such notables as B.C. Ferries, Pattison Outdoor and CIBC World Markets. The company also likes to bill itself as "your West Coast connection" to the halls of Parliament.

48 MAT WILCOX, PRINCIPAL, WILCOX GROUP

"I'm just not sure how powerful I am!" laughs Mat Wilcox, principal of national PR firm Wilcox Group. Others are more sure. Whether helping "manage" the downsizing of SuperPages' eastern offices, providing strategic counsel to Telus during their epic strike, countering the formidable Pam Anderson and her PETA campaign against KFC, or swaying votes for a CRTC licence on behalf of XM satellite radio, the Wilcox Group has proven itself as adept at creating an impact as they are at diffusing one.