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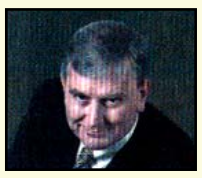

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THOMAS FUNG, the Fairchild media mogul, and wife **Amy** also held an alfresco dinner, at which 100 or so notables negotiated their university district home's lawns, terraces, stone stairways, arbours, gazebos and suchlike.

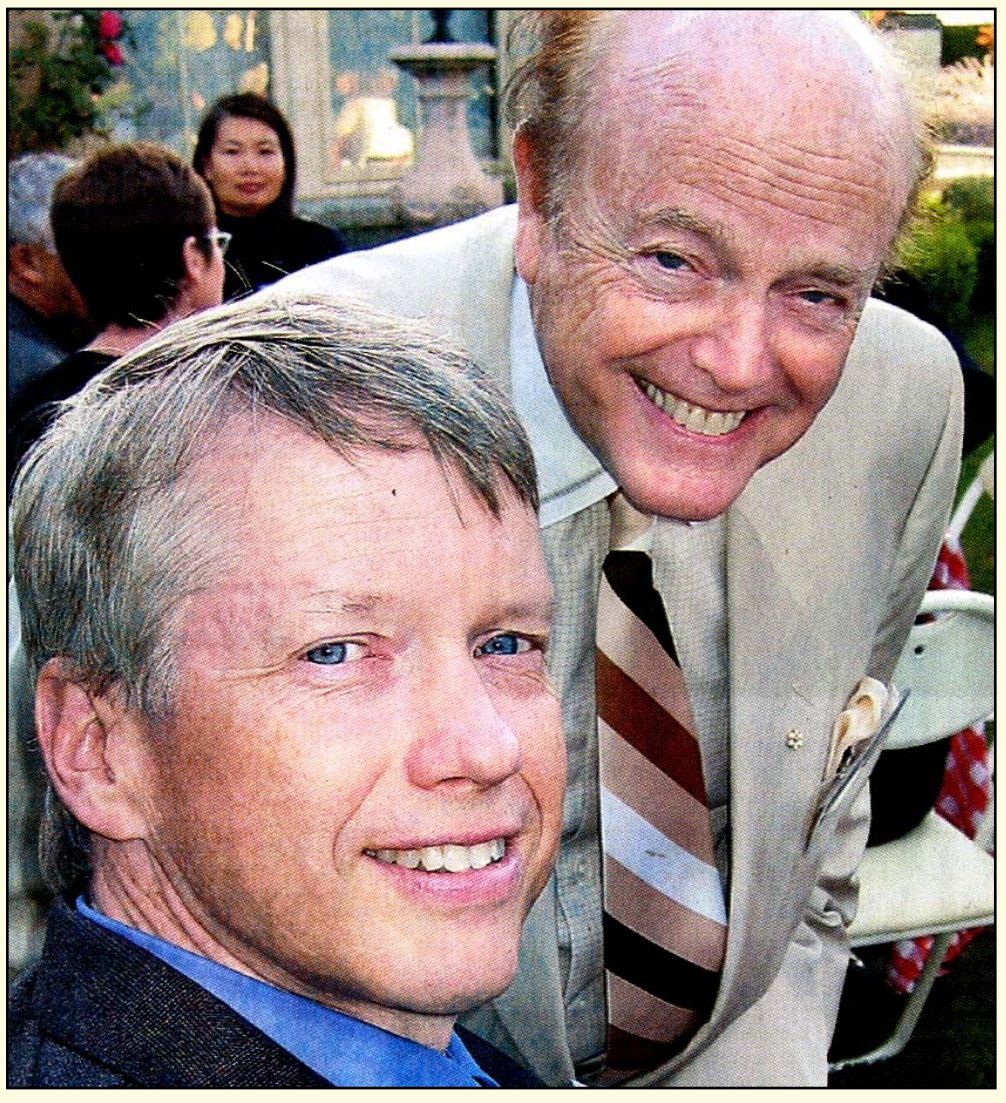
Jimmy Pattison, who'll celebrate his 78th birthday Oct. 1, scrambled around them as spryly as he did while climbing from a $2-a-month family upbringing to found Canada's third-largest private company, with 30,000 employees and $6 billion in annual sales.

But the ornamental fixtures were as inaccessible as the dark side of the moon to the chap who heads Canada's third-largest city, with 600,000 residents and $800-million in annual revenue.

Although he's our most powerful civic politician, it is still surprising to see quadriplegic Mayor **Sam Sullivan** helpless as a baby when negotiating anything but a smooth and level floor. His rise from welfare-recipient despondency seems the more remarkable when you help carry his inert form over what are pleasing ornaments to most of us but insurmountable barriers to him.

The Cunard steamship line's motto was: Getting there is half the fun. In Sullivan's case, it was nine-tenths of a hard-fought battle. No wonder companion **Lynn Zanatta** says he's having more fun than ever.

Fairchild Group chief Thomas Fung and wife Amy had 100 to dinner in their University District garden.



Sam Sullivan and Jim Pattison climbed different career ladders, but each got mighty high.