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Sunday's big
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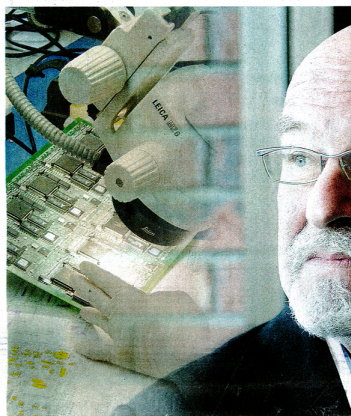
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The lure of a simpler life
is drawing hardy souls out
of the city and into the wild. »

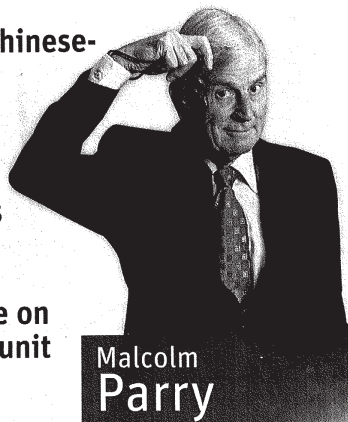


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TOWN TALK

For Children We Care gala funds ultrasound devices for children

**Charity: Chinese-
Canadian
group's
galas to
benefit
Children's
Hospital
rewarded
with name on
oncology unit**



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EVER HIGHER: Wings restaurant-chain owner **Angel Chan** took flight to the tune of \$668,669 when she chaired the Chinese-Canadian community's For Children We Care gala recently. It will fund two ultrasound machines at B.C. Children's Hospital, for which the 20-year event has reportedly raised close to \$15 million. Acknowledging that, BCCH Foundation chair **David Podmore** said a new facility will be named the For Children We Care Oncology Inpatient Unit.

Aston Martin, Audi, Bentley, Jaguar, Porsche and Range Rover vehicles flanked the gala's tables; where they could have, but sadly didn't, flash their lights White Spot-style to have 700 attendees dine.

UP DOWN UNDER: Australia Day and New Zealand's Waitangi day were celebrated this week by Aussie consul **Kevin Lamb** and Kiwi consul-general **Melissa Trochon**. Lamb noted that the reception marked New South Wales's Feb. 7, 1788 founding. New Zealand's national day acknowledges a British-Maori treaty of Feb. 6, 1840. Lamb's eyes are on Feb. 20, when Australia will be the Vancouver International Wine Festival's theme country. Anticipating that, he served Wine Men of Gotham and Chapel Hill Shiraz, Stoneleigh Chardonnay and especially Kate Radburn Pinot Gris to guests, including several from the consular corps. Among them, Britain's **Rupert Potter** wisely said: "I'll stick to pushing beer."

WINNERS: Corner Gas TV series and movie creator-star **Brent Butt** emceed the Vancouver Canucks' 15th annual Dice & Ice gala Wednesday. It routinely adds \$500,000 or more to the Canucks For Kids fund's \$46-million total. The players could have used more gas in their corner the night before, when the Anaheim Ducks downed them four-zip. But they manned the gala's gambling tables with aplomb, aware that not only fans but those served by the Canucks Autism Network, Canuck Place Children's Hospice and the BC Children's Hospital Foundation were counting on them.

TIT FOR TAT: With six episodes to air before it fades, Reunion Pictures' Continuum TV series will still feature the gang of fictional rebels who step back in time from the year 2077. In real life, stars **Luvia Petersen** and **Omari Newton** look forward to June 20. That's when Peterson will marry Miss Quincy and The Showdown bassist **Jessie Robertson**. It'll be a role reversal for the actors as Petersen emceed Omari and playwright **Amy Lee Lavoie's** 2014 wedding.

HEART AND SOUL: Governor General **David Johnston** attended a Vancouver Club reception this week in connection with the 23rd annual Performing Arts Awards Gala which he'll host at Ottawa's National Arts Centre May 30. "The arts are the soul of the nation," he said to a somewhat ballet-oriented audience. His Excellency also spoke of some hair-raising flights in the line of duty. That resonated with event host **David Aisenstat**, just landed from a 10-day circuit to Toronto, London, Philadelphia, L.A., Mexico and Whistler.

WHAT A DOLL: EBay bidding closes today on the second porcelain Cinderella in the anatomically exact series Moscow-born **Marina Bychkova** produces at her fittingly named Enchanted Doll operation here.

JUMP TO IT: Toronto teacher, playwright and math PhD **John Mighton** hit town recently to promote the JUMP Math charity he founded. Designed to enhance numeracy, its global programs reportedly raise children's math skills by two grade levels while also building student's confidence and well-being. Knowing the sums involved in extending such programs, Mighton's sister **Sue Daugulis**, the Venue West Conference Services president, brought affluent donors to a soiree at **Patti and Sam Gudewill's** Point Grey home. As for mathematical jumps in city real estate, one attendee showed photos of a waterfront home he would bulldoze next morning. Located on Point Grey Road's two-block loop north of Cornwall Street, the 52-foot lot and teardown is believed to have cost some \$14 million in 2014. More precisely, another private sale saw the house next door fetch \$16 million this week, exactly a year after the vendor's wife died, leaving him disinclined to remain there.

CURRENT OFFERING: Last time Autoform dealer **Mike Wood** parked a Tesla electric car beside a downtown hotel, he'd sold it over the phone while driving there. Not so this week for the 2010 coupe he and partner **Aaron van Pykstra** have priced at \$89,900. Not that quick sales are best. A 1962 Maserati 3500 GT in their showroom since 2012 adds zero to the odometer but almost six figures on the price tag annually, Wood said.

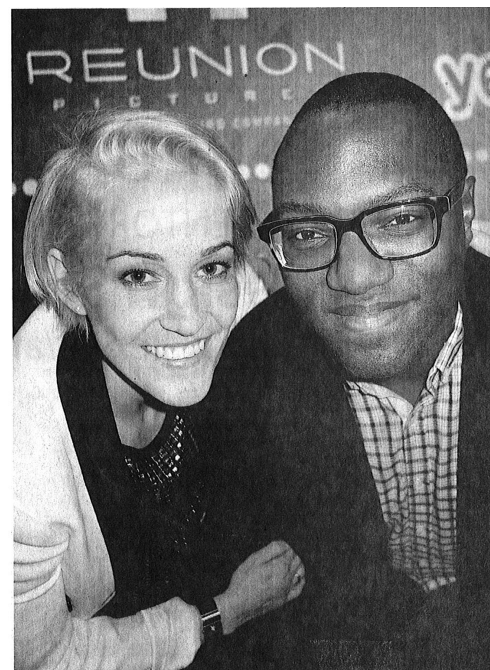
HERE WE GO AGAIN: Like a pet budgie, this column has been all over the newspaper. It debuted on Page A2, hopped around other sections and, in 2012, found its present perch. Now, with the newspaper reformatting, it will occupy the Weekend Review section's first inside page, adding further faces to the more than 10,000 portrayed so far. See you there Feb. 7.

DOWN PARRYSCOPE: To placate motorists for its five-paid-parking-tickets-and-you're-towed proposal, city hall could have cyclists with 50 easily racked up traffic violations fly pennants reading: "I was so naughty."

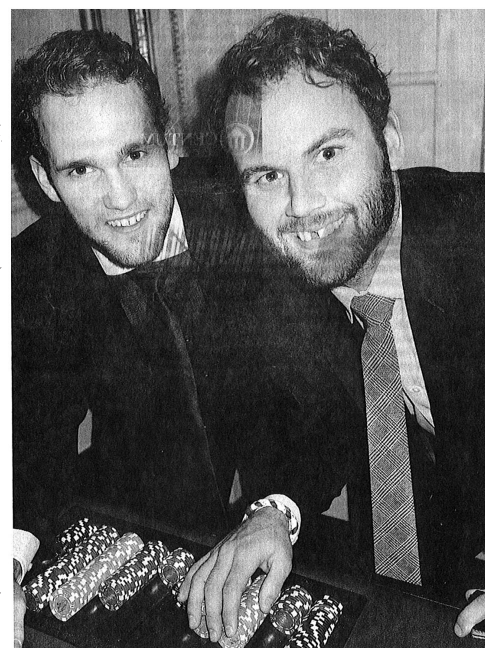
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Continuum TV series stars Luvia Petersen and Omari Newton MC each other's weddings, his old-style and hers, which takes place June 20, same-sex.



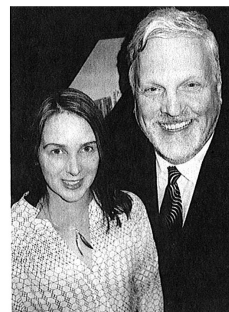
Hockey players Linden Vey and Zack Kassian were literally in the chips as dealers at a Vancouver Canucks' gala to benefit the Canucks For Kids fund.



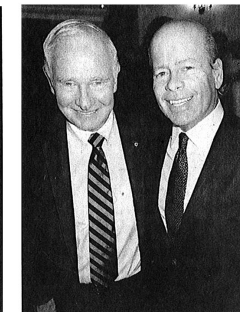
Amy Fung and Shirley Kwan were among 700 at the For Kids We Care gala that has given its name to an oncology in-patient unit at BCCH.



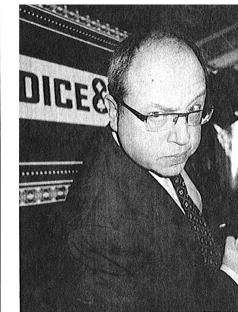
Autoform dealers Aaron van Pykstra and Mike Wood showed a Tesla sportster that wasn't sold over the phone on the way downtown.



New Zealand consul-general Melissa Trochon and Australia consul Kevin Lamb hosted a joint celebration for their respective national days.



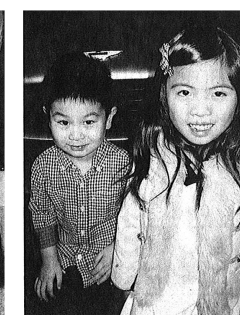
Governor General David Johnston had David Aisenstat front a reception for the upcoming Governor Generals Performing Arts Awards.



Comedian and Corner Gas creator-star Brent Butt was the MC for the Vancouver Canucks' Dice & Ice gala that benefits youngsters.



Another of Enchanted Doll founder Marina Bychkova's remarkable porcelain creations is offered on eBay until 6:17 p.m. today.



Hugo Lee and Shelby Han were among the several youngsters who attended the For Children We Care gala to benefit those less fortunate.