

## Doctor fined \$25,000 for signing U.S. prescriptions

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**Northern advantage**

A British Columbia doctor has been fined \$25,000 for signing U.S. prescriptions for controlled substances, a provincial health officer says. Dr. Satnam Singh Gandham, 47, of Nanaimo, was fined for signing 100 prescriptions for controlled substances for U.S. patients between 2001 and 2003. The doctor says he has been unfairly singled out and that he has never been charged with anything else. He says he has been a doctor in British Columbia for 15 years and has never been charged with anything else. He says he has been a doctor in British Columbia for 15 years and has never been charged with anything else.

## Inside the Angels

- Rites of initiation
- Nanaimo's fortified clubhouse
- Elaborate organization
- Monitoring the police
- Weekly 'church' meetings

Organized-crime fighters found a treasure trove of information about the biker gang when they raided a Vancouver Island clubhouse

**BY NICK HALL**

The Vancouver Island chapter of the Hells Angels motorcycle gang is a well-organized and profitable criminal enterprise, according to a report released by the British Columbia RCMP. The report, which was obtained by the Vancouver Sun, details the gang's activities on Vancouver Island, including its clubhouse in Nanaimo, its elaborate organization, and its monitoring of the police. The report also mentions the gang's weekly 'church' meetings.

## UBC could have called mom about suicidal girl

Officials could have shared information about suicide attempt, says privacy commissioner

**BY ANDY WHELAN**

Officials at the University of British Columbia could have shared information about a student's suicide attempt with her mother, says the privacy commissioner. The student, a 21-year-old woman, had attempted suicide in 2003 and was hospitalized. The university's health services department had information about the attempt but did not share it with the student's mother.

## B.C. employment gains 40% above national rate

Construction and tourism fuel spring job-growth numbers in the province, following statistical dip in February

**BY NICK HALL**

British Columbia's economy is showing signs of recovery, with employment gains in the province reaching 40% above the national rate in the first half of 2004. The province's economy is being driven by construction and tourism, which are both showing strong growth. The province's unemployment rate is also falling, which is a positive sign for the economy.

## 'Group think' to blame for bad Iraq intelligence

**BY JENNIFER HARRIS**

The intelligence community's failure to accurately assess Iraq's weapons capabilities was the result of "group think" and a lack of dissenting voices, according to a report released by the House of Representatives. The report says that the intelligence community was too close to the administration and did not provide the necessary warnings.

# U.S. consul-general throws Fourth of July party

Undefended border a symbol of Canadian-American 'harmony, economic prosperity and friendship', Luis Arreaga says



MALCOLM PARRY VANCOUVER SUN TOWN TALK

**L**UIS ARREAGA, the U.S. consul-general, celebrated the Fourth of July with a party on the tented lawn of his and wife Mary's official Shaughnessy residence. Playing such pieces as *The Darktown Strutters' Ball*, the Canadian 15th Field Artillery band entertained some 300 guests that this year included the Az-Zaahra Islamic Centre's resident aalim (priest), **Seyed Mohamad Javad Hejazi**, and wife **Fatima**.

Former Musqueam band chief **Gail Sparrow** and B.C. intergovernmental-relations minister **Sindi Hawkins** welcomed guests "with whom we share many values [and are] united on many issues the world over," Arreaga said. He also referred to "our 5,000-mile undefended border — a symbol of harmony, economic prosperity and friendship."

It's sure prosperous for Mission Hill winery owner **Anthony von Mandl**, who sells Mike's Hard Lemonade by the trainload down south and said a first shipment of lemon-lime Mike's Light evaporated from U.S. shelves after its mid-May introduction. "We'll sell millions of cases; it's very, very exciting," said von Mandl, who spurred the process by bizjetting to his U.S. operation's Denver headquarters the following morning.

Von Mandl also smiled when RCMP officer-turned-Vancouver Chief Constable **Jamie Graham** said he insists only B.C. wines be served to 400 delegates attending the Canadian Association of Police Chiefs' convention here in

late August. Insp. **Bill Majcher** of the Mounties Integrated Market Enforcement Team looked chipper, too. The B.C. Supreme Court had just thrown out an action by convicted money-launderer **Martin Chambers**, who alleged that Majcher, when a member of the Vancouver RCMP Integrated Proceeds of Crime Unit, violated his rights.

But what Chambers couldn't achieve, Delta Sun Peaks Resort sales manager **Janet Vu** did. Cruising the River Seine recently, the movie-star look-alikes were passing beneath Paris's Pont Neuf when Majcher suddenly proposed marriage. "I made him get on his knees," Vu chuckled.

**DANIEL BURNS**, the former Steelhead Society president, was expected to propose when he and BNW Travel firm principal **Stephanie Sansalone** were in southern Italy two summers ago. But his tongue finally loosened when they fished for salmon on Ireland's River Cong one misty evening recently.

As Sansalone was changing her fly, Burns waded over to suggest she try her luck with a one-carat diamond ring he produced. "Foolishly, she rose and took the bait," he said, "thus becoming the catch of my life."

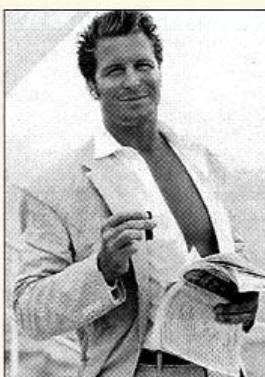
They'll wed in the Napa Valley Sept. 4, and be toasted in single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon uncorked at pals **Jayson** and **Barbara Woodbridge's** feted Hundred Acre wine estate.

**JOY MacPHAIL** should have stuck to her resolution of waiting until after the 2005 provincial election before driving the birthday present she got from movie-making swain **James Shavick**. Her Mercedes-Benz 230 Kompressor coupe now has a big scratch along its side.

**STEPHEN SUMNER**, the city fashion model, has worked in Milan for some years. He lost a leg there recently in a road accident that put him in a coma for



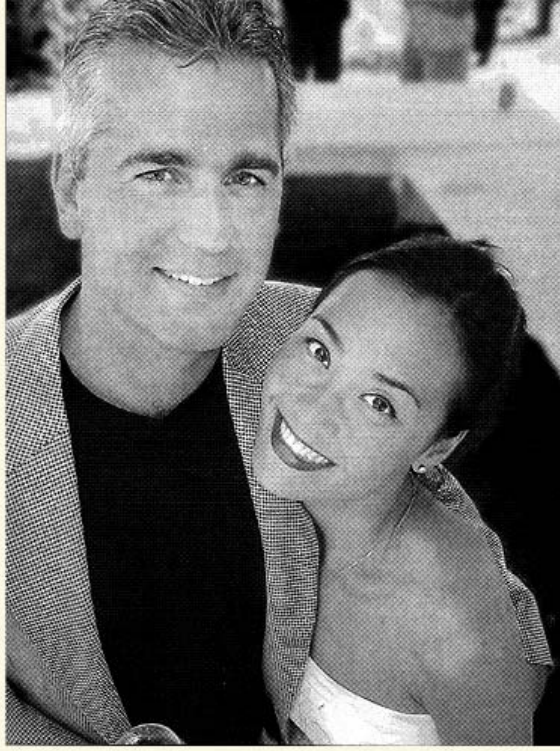
Thomas Fung's Seventh Heaven has 1950s decor and contemporary cuisine with just a hint of Asian flavour.



A benefit Monday will help Stephen Sumner, who lost a leg in an accident in Italy.

nine days. Friends and fashion biz folk will help raise funds for his hospital bills at the Granville-off-Davie Wildfire restaurant Monday evening.

**THOMAS FUNG**, the Fairchild Group chair and CEO, now owns another restaurant (the first was the Ajijima noodle house) in his rebuilt Aberdeen Centre in Richmond. The 175-seat Seventh Heaven opened its doors Wednesday —



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with celery and sweet beans. Fung, who looks a decade younger than 53, says he doesn't relax by "playing golf, chasing girls and driving racing cars." Instead, "I do something creative," by which he means executive-producing feature films.

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**DIANNE MACZKO**, who chairs the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) golf tournament, has turned it into a real money spinner. When this year's long-sold-out running ended at the University course Wednesday, regional director **Shirley Kepper** said it had grossed \$100,000, up from \$44,000 two years ago, to become the biggest single contributor to the B.C. and Yukon region's \$3-million annual budget.

**SPICE LUCKS**, the realtor who has sold many Point Grey Road waterfront properties, will wear silk lingerie and recline on a satin-sheeted couch on that gilded thoroughfare tonight. She'll represent the deadly sin of sloth — hardly a Lucks characteristic — at the twenty-somethingth running of Jericho Tennis Club's Sin at Sunset party.

Greed will be portrayed by a line-up of Ferraris, lust by exotic pole dancers, and gluttony by chow from the club's kitchen. Nothing for anger, except maybe racquet-throwing on the courts below.

**SHAWN WILSON**, the Morton's executive chef, ran a free BBQ 101 class for the Cordova-off-Howe steakhouse's big spenders recently. He also laid out rubs and marinades, including one where a half-cup of red wine, a quarter-cup of whiskey, six minced garlic cloves, a tablespoon of Worcestershire sauce and a half-teaspoon each of red chili flakes, salt and black pepper are reduced by one third in a saucepan.

Marinades, of course, are for your bulk-pack sirloins, not Morton's long-aged New York strips. As for tenderizing humans, Robert Mondavi's 2002 Private Selection Pinot Noir — \$19.99 at vendors — did that tastily.

**DOWN PARRYSOPE**: Late bon-vivant Ben Metcalfe coined the line: "Give my compliments to the chef — when he sobers up."

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