

High-end Bayview properties snapped up

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Developer Ken Mariash may have underestimated the popularity of his \$400-million Bayview development in Songhees.

He definitely underestimated the size of residences people, particularly the well-heeled, were looking for as the selling of the first phase of the massive project gets underway.

"We wanted to release about half the [first] building, about 70 units, but people are taking two units," he said. "We underestimated the size people wanted."

That was definitely true at the top of the scale, as there are a number of people lined up to buy a pair of penthouses each.

"The billionaires are here and everybody wants two penthouses instead of one to consolidate into one residence," he said, adding the rationale appears to be creating a grand home with a view of the harbour and beyond for between \$4 million and \$5 million rather than spending \$12 million to \$15 million for a large home in Oak Bay.

Many of the contracts were still going through the process, but Mariash estimates they have signed and sealed 30 deals already with another 40 to go before the display suites are opened to the public tomorrow.

Mariash said the popularity of the development, despite not yet being offered in markets like New York and Los Angeles, will not get them to hurry along any more of the development.

"We'd like to build one more building soon so it looks like a family," he said. "But I don't want to go so recklessly quick that any part of the vision is destroyed."

Mariash expects to hand out keys to the first building in the first quarter of 2008.

Amazon bogs down

SEATTLE (AP) — Heavy traffic during a Thanksgiving Day sale disrupted Amazon.com's website for about 15 minutes, the company said.

The page-load problems began early Thursday, while the online retailer was offering Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox 360 video game systems for \$100 US (\$200 off list price) to the first 1,000 customers. The Xbox sold out in 29 seconds.

Surf Motel gets facelift

The iconic Surf Motel on the Dallas Road waterfront is getting a facelift.

Jana Mangelsen, whose husband Randy inherited the hotel from his parents and the Surf's founders after both died earlier this year, said a new roof has been put on the 1960 landmark and a contractor is replacing the balconies. Several callers to the *Times Colonist* this week were wondering if the Surf was being torn down.

That isn't the case, says Jana. The hotel closes every year in late fall and will reopen again, as usual, Feb. 1. "Even the contractor is getting a lot of questions from people just stopping by," she said.

A movie production company will be using the Surf to film a made-for-TV movie over three days in early December. Peter Mangelsen, who built the 14-unit hotel and ran it with his wife, Alice, for more than 40 years, died Oct. 8 at age 95. Alice had passed in June at age 89.

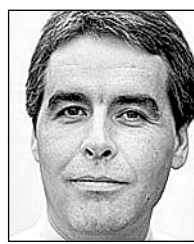
Alastair Chesson has joined Page One Publishing as art director. He has been working in the design and communications field since 1985, including recent stints with the European operations of Sony Vaio and Dainippon Screen Ltd. Page One, which launched Douglas, a new business magazine, last month, is one of B.C.'s largest independent publishing companies with a stable of 15 annual titles. Call 595-7243.

The Victoria Foundation has a slew of fresh faces, including lawyer and trademark agent Wes Crealock, the new manager of special projects, and Shannon Drew, who is taking over the communications department from Vanessa Greebe. Drew was most recently manager of community investment for B.C. Ferries. Maureen Grant is a new executive assistant, joining the foundation after 5 1/2 years at Greater Victoria Eldercare. Michelle McKenzie is in a new position as donor stewardship and youth program co-ordinator.

She's worked with Pacific Opera Victoria and Glenlyon Norfolk in the past. Louise MacDonald was hired as executive administrator after four years at the Greater Victoria Hospitals Foundation.

She's the office general and "right hand" to Victoria Foundation CEO Sandra Richardson and board of directors. Meanwhile, Sharon Bearpark, special-projects manager, is leaving the foundation.

Travelodge Victoria has earned the highest marks for housekeeping among the hotel chain's 110 Canadian locations. General manager Richard Buyschaert said the property at 229 Gorge Rd. East earned the Housekeep-



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ing Award of Excellence after nationwide franchise inspections. "We are exceptionally proud of our housekeeping staff and their hard work," said Buyschaert. "Our guests comment every day how spotless our rooms are, and it is nice that the staff has received some formal recognition." It's the second consecutive year that the Travelodge has won a national award from the parent company. Last year, the hotel won Best Curb Appeal and Exterior Award. The former Coachman Hotel has been flagged a Travelodge since 1995.

The B.C. branch of the Canadian Institute of Management has accredited the certificate and diploma in Business Administration programs offered by the University of Victoria's Division of Continuing Studies. The announcement yesterday gives students and graduates of the programs the option of being certified to use the Certified In Management (CIM) professional designation. Current students can register with the Canadian Institute of Management for a yearly fee of \$150 and be enrolled as student member. If you've completed the courses you can be "grandfathered" for the CIM designation by contacting UVic at 721-8072. Check www.cim.ca

It's being called the mother of all conferences. The Victoria Conference Centre has been selected as the host city for the 2008 International Congress and Convention Association annual gathering.

Jocelyn Jenkins, acting GM of the conference centre, said 820 delegates from 75 countries will be attending the November 2008 event, including 80 professional congress organizers "who are major influences in bringing conferences to destinations on behalf of their clients worldwide."

It's the first time that the ICCA will hold its congress in Canada. Victoria won the bid in Rhodes, Greece, with a delegation led by Victoria Mayor Alan Lowe. The 2007 conference is being held in Pattaya, Thailand and the 2009 event is going to Florence, Italy.

The CRD headquarters building dominated the Victoria Real Estate

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Retirement opens doors

Retirement brings an end to one part of our life and delivers new experiences for us.

Local authors Enise Olding of the Cowichan area and Carol Baird-Krul of Gabriola Island help retirees understand and adapt to this new stage through their new book *Transition to Retirement, the Uncharted Course*.

Their book comes out of their retirement planning workshops designed to help retirees reflect and feel comfortable with retirement. Olding and Baird-Krul use their own experiences and research when tackling this topic.

A reading and book launch is set for Nov. 30 at 6:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Nanaimo Harbourfront Branch of the Vancouver Island Regional Library. A second event will be held on Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the Cowichan Branch of the Island library system. There is no charge at these events.

• **Saturday, Nov. 25.** Introduction to Aboriginal Tourism. Royal Roads Continuing Studies. 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$165. E-mail: continuingstudies@royalroads.ca or call 391-2600, ext. 4801.

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• **Tuesday, Nov. 28.** Wealth of Health - how to promote health at work. 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, 100 - 852 Fort St. Cost including taxes is \$21.20 for members and \$42.40 for non-members. Register at www.victoriachamber.ca, call 383-7191 extension 0, or fax 385-3552.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 29.** Hugh Stansfield, chief judge of the provincial court of B.C. speaks on "Criminal Justice and the Community" in the Business Leaders Luncheon series. Event is offered by the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce and Royal Roads University. It runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Union Club, 805 Gordon St. Cost is \$40 plus GST for chamber members, and \$55 plus GST for non-members. Register at www.victoriachamber.ca.

• **Thursday, Nov. 30.** Chris Aesoph speaks on "Putting the snap back into your crackle and pop - when being right isn't enough." Presented by Sales and Marketing Executives Victoria. 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the McKenzie Room at the Union Club of B.C. Call 480-4217 or contact Sally Chalmers at officewise@shaw.ca. Guest tickets are \$37.

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RFP 22/06 - Rehabilitation Consultant

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The District of Saanich requires the services of a Rehabilitation Consultant to provide support to the Disability Management Program, including providing advice and guidance on the recommended course of action and assisting with the return of ill or injured employees to work.

RFP documents may be picked up at the Office of the Director of Purchasing, The Corporation of the District of Saanich, 770 Vernon Avenue, Victoria, BC, V8X 2W7, Phone 250-475-1775, ext. 3481. Saanich website is www.saanich.ca

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Career Opportunity

Executive Director

The John Howard Society of North Island is a multi-service agency that has been providing innovative justice and non-justice programming to children, youth, adults and families throughout upper Vancouver Island for over 30 years. Accredited by the Council on Accreditation, it is committed to delivering the highest quality client-centered services through a staff of 70 dedicated professionals. The position is located in the vibrant communities of Campbell River and Courtenay, BC, on Vancouver Island.

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