

Town Talk: Auto dealer Moray Keith added bounce to new Cadillacs



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Whistler Film Festival executive director Shauna Hardy Mishaw welcomed participating actor-filmmaker Mary Galloway to a fundraiser for the Nov. 30-Dec. 4 festival at Big Rock Brewery. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG

HIGH FLYERS: Dueck auto dealer Moray Keith held a showroom party recently to launch Cadillac's XT5 and CT6 models. Symbolizing manufacturer General Motors' revival from government bailouts and decades of indifferent models, a large trampoline had gymnasts soar five metres over partygoers' heads. "We're trying to get our sales guys to bounce even higher," Keith said. Watching the rebounders, Vancouver Canucks captain-turned-president of hockey operations Trevor Linden likely shared that view.

Vaunted new models notwithstanding, Keith has collected a dozen classic Cadillacs. The latest is a very-low-mileage 1957 Coupe de Ville. That era's prominent front-bumper styling inspired the "bullet bra," a garment not evident when Vancouver Fashion Week designers staged a show on the Dueck sales floor. Among them, Grandy Chu accompanied Andrew Saxton Jr., the former Conservative MP and possible leadership seeker who doubtless hopes the electoral trampoline will bounce him and his party back up again.



Seen on his and henna-decorated Shalina Kajani's wedding day in 2013, John Daly has retired from a fourth-decade TV news-reporting career. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG

ANCHORS AWEIGH: Television folk celebrated Global reporter John Daly and promotions professional Shalina Kajani's 2013 wedding in the couple's penthouse. That lively event was overpowered by a recent wall-to-waller at Mahony & Sons Stamps Landing where, with a poster for the Titanic's first and last sailing on the wall, colleagues and pals marked Daly's retirement. On-air tributes included Global New anchors Chris Gailus and Sophie Lui giving the fourth-decade reporter a three-minute sendoff. Promising festivities "from 6 p.m. till dawn," the party invitation pictured Daly receiving the sole award — reporter of the year — at 1987's inaugural Jack Webster Awards banquet. A career highlight was his on-the-spot coverage of police raiding then-premier Glen Clark's home. Now a media heavy himself as president of the Jim Pattison Group and its The News Group North America component, Clark missed a tit-for-tat showing at Daly's party.



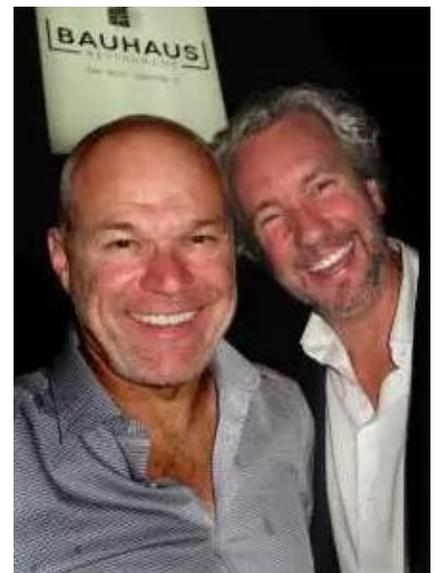
Global BC sports anchor Squire Barnes and news director-station manager Jill Krop attended John Daly's wall-to-wall retirement party. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG

SET-STRAIGHT: Sophie Lui's surname appeared as Liu in this column Sept. 3. Punsters call that ebacuating one's vowels.

RETURN ENGAGEMENT: After Brightlight Pictures chief Shawn Williamson produced many of his films, director Uwe Boll literally turned tables recently. Closing his Cordova-at-Carrall Bauhaus restaurant to diners, he staged a party for Williamson and many movie folk.



Dueck auto dealer Moray Keith threw a party and fashion show to launch two Cadillac models, one of which looked about to crash into him. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG



Movie director Uwe Boll staged a party at his Bauhaus restaurant for his frequent producer, Brightlight Pictures head Shawn Williamson. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG



Chris Haddock and Julia Kwan received the inaugural Daryl Duke prizes for Canadian screenwriting from Lt.-Gov. Iona Campagnolo in 2007. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG

It could also have been a third-anniversary celebration for actor Garry Chalk and PlaceSpeak civic-engagement firm founder Colleen Hardwick. "We met in 1977 at Bimini (public house) where I was underage and busing tables and Gary was bouncer," Hardwick recalled.

SEQUEL: The "inaugural" \$25,000 Daryl Duke Prize for Canadian screenwriting will go to Mark Hoffe here on Sept. 22. That may surprise Chris Haddock and Julia Kwan, the Da Vinci's Inquest and Eve & The Fire Horse scribes who split that sum at an equally inaugural event May 30, 2007.

KEY MOVES: Taiwanese expats filled the Centre for the Performing Arts when Asian Canadian Special Events Association managing director Charlie Wu staged the annual TAIWANfest's kickoff party. Ken Hsieh conducted the Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra in a show titled A Cultural Tango With Hong Kong. Attendees feted Chung-chen Kung, who was the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Canada's director-general here in 2006-2007 and is now representative in Ottawa. Those roles would be consul-general and ambassador were Taiwan an accredited nation. Current director-general Tom Lee served in Liberia and Gambia before a "paradise" Vancouver posting. During a Kansas City stint, he married pianist Gloria Hsu, a relationship doubtless pleasing to the Hong Kong-based Tom Lee Music firm's unrelated owners.



Gloria Hsu accompanied husband and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office director-general Tom Lee to TAIWANfest celebrations. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG

MOTHERING WHISTLER: Ganja smoke clouded the screen in 2002 when then-political science student Shauna Hardy Mishaw co-founded the Whistler Film Festival. Although the air has cleared, the purview widened and budgets, attendance and sponsorship increased greatly, she remains as sole executive director.

"We are fundraising for initiatives that will propel us into one of the most important film festivals in the world," Hardy Mishaw predicted in 2010. During a suitably yeasty fundraiser at Big Rock Brewery recently, she said: "Our festival has presented the work of over 1,000 filmmakers." One was Coast Salish Talent actor-producer Mary Galloway, whose Unintentional Mother screened in 2015 and who has received the inaugural Kevin Spacey Foundation award for Canadian filmmakers. At the Nov. 30 to Dec. 4 running, "Ten talent programs will serve up to 64 Canadian artists," Hardy Mishaw said.

ARTSPEAK: "Thoroughly but never didactically, (the artist) scrutinizes dimensions of our telluric existence in terms of the physical, perceptual, and technological interiority that defines us."



PlaceSpeak firm founder Colleen Hardwick and actor Gary Chalk celebrated their third anniversary at Brightlight Pictures' Bauhaus party. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG



Global News anchor Chris Gailus and Postmedia crime reporter Kim Bolan attended Global reporter John Daly's retirement party. MALCOLM PARRY / PNG

FIRST BITE: The Fishing For Kids tournament has raised close to \$8 million for the Canucks Autism Foundation since 2009. For the previous three years, it benefitted B.C. Children's Hospital Foundation. The Mining Suppliers Association's Al Cloke and Dave Sharples joined Westcoast Fishing Club's Brian Legge and Brian and Rick Grange to stage that original angling competition. Their annual event resurfaced in Tofino in 2011 as the Hooked on Miracles tournament that, with related Mining for Miracles programs, has reportedly raised over \$25 million for the foundation.

DOWN PARRYSCOPE: Guess which restaurateur is nicknamed Mr. Grumpy Pants.

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