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QUAILS' GATE WINERY

Fundraiser to support War Child

War Child is partnering with Quails' Gate Estate Winery to host an intimate evening of wine, food, music and altruism on Sunday.

The event features a performance by celebrated artists Jill Barber and Matthew Barber, fine wine and cuisine created by celebrity chef Vikram Vij and winery chef Roger Sleiman.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will support War Child, an internationally-recognized charity that provides



Jill and Matthew Barber are the guest performers at the fundraiser Sunday for the War Child charitable organization hosted by Quails' Gate Estate Winery in West Kelowna.

humanitarian assistance to war-affected children

in some of the most volatile regions of the world.

Tickets can be purchased online at warchild.ca/quailsgate with two special ticket prices: \$250, regular tickets; \$500 for VIP tickets (includes additional pre-event reception with chef Vij, and the Barbers, plus a bottle of Quails' Gate wine signed by the Barbers, and a signed copy of Dr. Nutt's bestseller, *Damned Nations*).

A reception will start the evening off at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Matthew and Jill Barber are a brother/sister duo who combined have

recorded 15 albums and earned three Juno Award nominations.

Their first album together, titled *The Family Album* and set for release this summer, is both original material composed by the siblings along with a collection of cover songs of popular music from the past 50 years.

Chef Vij is a well-known entrepreneur in the Lower Mainland restaurant scene.

He gained widespread notoriety as the first Indo-Canadian Dragon on *CBC's Dragons Den*.

Vij has appeared as a guest judge on *The Food Network Canada's*, *Top Chef Canada*, *Chopped Canada* and *CBC's Recipe to Riches*.

He became a certified sommelier from the International Sommelier Guild in 2000, and is passionate about pairing wines with his cuisine.

He has also published two award-winning cookbooks.

Sleiman is the head chef at Quails' Gate Winery's Old Vines Restaurant.

Quails' Gate winery is located at 3303 Boucherie Rd.

Negotiating a settlement difficult without legal advice

Negotiating an injury claim directly with an insurance adjuster can feel intimidating.

It should. You are facing a seasoned fencer, the likes of Inigo Montoya in *The Princess Bride* who dedicated his life to the study of fencing so as to avenge the death of his father in a duel with "the six-fingered man."

In his hand is a magnificent sword.

Not so bad if you are the "man in black", with even more impressive training, armed with a similarly impressive sword.

You are not, though. You stand there bravely like the Black Knight in *Monty Python's The Holy Grail*, claiming to have "but a scratch" after his arm is lopped off.

Your negotiating position is hampered by two critical factors: One, you don't know what amount of financial compensation for your injuries and losses would be fair; two, you have no means to force that compensation out of ICBC.

Without having a clear negotiation goal, and holding a wet noodle instead of a sword, you are basically "cap in hand" hoping that ICBC will voluntarily provide a fair offer.

It doesn't matter how brilliant a negotiator you might be. With such an impossibly weak negotiating position, you haven't got a hope.

If you follow my

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top of the ice cream sundae that they have been building since their very first discussion with you about a settlement.

You are told

a lawyer would be unnecessary and that they have bent over backwards to try to keep you happy, to not give you any cause to seek legal advice.

It is the culmination of mass marketing of their brand "Building trust, driving confidence," that we all pay for with our insurance premiums.

I find it so offensive that they don't tell people the truth—such as when negotiating your claim they are doing so not as your insurance company, but as the insurance company defending the negligent driver who caused your injuries and who is likely completely unaware of your ongoing symptoms.

My advice? Sign the form and cash the cheque. Then, please simply spend the hour it will take for you to have a free consultation with a seasoned fencer armed with a gleaming sword, a consultation that can occur by telephone from the comfort of your living room couch.

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advice, a relatively new ICBC tactic could result in less, instead of more, unfairness in the settlement of injury claims.

The tactic involves the use of a document ICBC calls a Claim Payment Proposal.

The way it works is that you and the ICBC adjuster have your negotiation to the point of reaching ICBC's highest, best offer.

Instead of requiring you to sign away your legal rights, which is something that might push you over whatever threshold held you back from consulting a lawyer, the insurance settlement amount would have no strings attached.

All you have to do is to sign the claim payment proposal form, the only legal effect of which is to acknowledge receipt of the money.

The wording of the form carries on the charade that ICBC tries to portray in the negotiation of personal injury claims, i.e. the charade that they are being fair with you.

The form even starts with the words: "This payment is being tendered by ICBC as a fair and reasonable assessment of the above-noted claim."

It is the cherry on the

Federal minister to speak in Kelowna

Federal Transport Minister Lisa Raitt is the guest speaker at an event hosted by the WhereWine + Art Bistro in downtown Kelowna on July 8, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Raitt will be sharing her own story about politics, the challenges she and women in general face.

The bistro is located at 315 Lawrence Ave.

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Notice to Taxpayers
Re: 2015 Property Tax due by July 2, 4:00 pm

Westbank First Nation property tax notices for 2015 have been mailed to all taxpayers occupying Property within the boundaries of IR#9 and IR#10.

If you have not received your tax notice, please contact the Westbank First Nation taxation office. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to obtain a copy of the current tax notice. Not receiving a tax notice does not remove the obligation to pay nor does it defer penalties.

The 2015 property taxes are due and payable by 4:00 pm., Thursday, July 2, 2015. A penalty of 10% will apply to balances unpaid after the deadline. You may make your payments with cash, cheque, Visa, Mastercard and Interac or via Internet banking. If you pay by internet banking please date your payment a few days in advance of July 2 to ensure payment is received by WFN on time. You may also pay at your own bank by presenting your tax statement to the teller.

With all payment methods, **please ensure your signed Home Owner Grant application (if applicable) is received in our office by July 2.**

WFN office hours are 8:30 to 4:00 Monday to Friday, but please note the **office is closed Monday, June 22 for National Aboriginal Day and July 1st for Canada Day.**