



this children's **BOOK TEMPLE** to foster community passion for reading. Drop in anytime or sign up for a weekly parent and child bookclub (for 1- to 18-year-olds): "I can teach anyone to read, but the love of literature can't be taught," says this pied piper of paper, who



You're screwed. 2 a.m., nobody's home, your **KEYS ARE GONE.** Terry Whin-Yates is your man. Here's why: 1) you get a human being on the phone, not a message; 2) he shows up pronto; 3) he'll give you a quote before coming over; 4) he's a third-generation locksmith; 5) he had a key machine in his room when he was nine; 6) his sons work for him; 7) he has a BA in criminology from SFU and does forensic locksmithing; 8) he's seen it all, from a priest locked out in his underwear to women in chastity belts.

**MR. PROLOCK**, 236-6540 E. Hastings St., 604-773-5625. [Mrprolock.com](http://Mrprolock.com)

has a fervent cult following. **THE LYCEUM**, 3696 W. Eighth Ave., 604-733-1356. [Christiannehayward.com](http://Christiannehayward.com)

You want to do crafts with the kids, but don't want to sell your soul to the devil (Martha Stewart). Megan Zandstra of **LEFT-HANDED SCISSORS** offers **BESPOKE CRAFT** sessions chez vous for you and your closest friends and their kids. Projects are simple and classic—from super-easy felting sessions to tie-dye T-shirt-making. **LEFT-HANDED SCISSORS**, [megzandstra@hotmail.com](mailto:megzandstra@hotmail.com). [Lefthandedscissors.ca](http://Lefthandedscissors.ca)

If the extent of your environmental influence is recycling juice boxes, it's time to sign your kids up for the **Young Naturalists' Club**. Geared toward 5- to 14-year-olds and their parents, these expeditions **FOSTER GREEN AWARENESS**. Led by local nature experts, Explorer Days range from spider outings and mucky pond exploration to recy-

**Pith helmet in place, machete sharpened, you're ready to pacify your yard. Don't kid yourself: YOU NEED A JUNGLE GUIDE.** Senga Lindsay, landscape architect, knows plants (17 years on the job will do that). Just as importantly, she knows psychology: every "bomb-proof," low-irrigation plant she suggests will "complement your lifestyle and highlight your vision of self."

**SENGA LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE**, 4268 Fonteyn Way, North Van; 604-929-8627

cling-plant tours and shoreline cleanups. **YOUNG NATURALISTS' CLUB OF BC**, 1620 Mount Seymour Rd., North Van, 604-985-3057. [Ync.ca](http://Ync.ca)

Love belting out power ballads, but your neighbours aren't amused? Bill Barker is the go-to guy for all things sound. With over 25 years' experience as a contractor, Barker doesn't just soundproof rooms and build recording studios and home theatres; he analyzes frequency, amplitude,

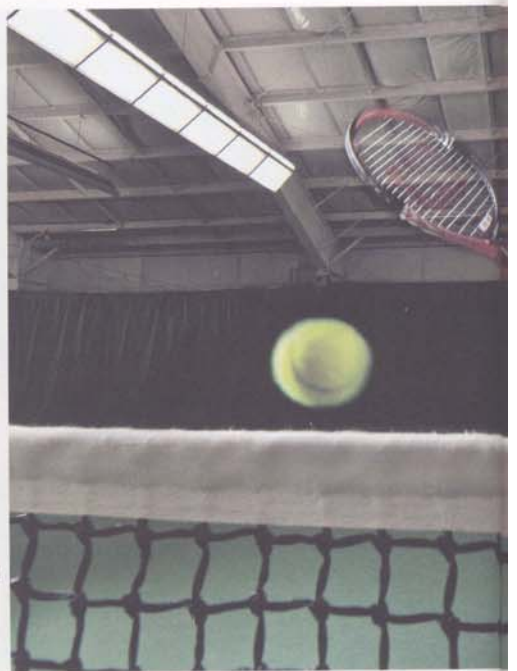


**OUTDATED TECH?**

Donate your first-generation iPhone, DVD player, or any other workable technology that no longer makes your personal cut to Ifny Lachance at **Free Geek Vancouver**. It'll reach someone in need—her local chapter is part of a network flung as far as Florida. **FREE GEEK VANCOUVER**, 1820 Pandora St., 604-879-4335. [Freegeekvancouver.org](http://Freegeekvancouver.org)

sound diffusion, and air flow in order to **MANAGE YOUR NOISY EMISSIONS**. **BILL BARKER & ASSOCIATES**. 604-724-9991

Lots of **TRADES ARE LOW-BALLING BIDS** on construction and reno jobs these days, but what if the discount brings low quality? North Van's **Multivista** photo-documents each step of the job—up to 500 shots per visit for a large home—at crucial junctures. A monthly progress archive not only helps apportion



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