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Ernie Siefke looks over one of the units in the temporary modular housing complex his son helped build. While a homeless camp in East Richmond has Hamilton residents concerned, the City of Richmond unveiled a new temporary modular housing project that could be a part of the solution.



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The BC Human Rights Code (the "Code") is an important piece of legislation that impacts the employee/employer relationship.

The Code protects employees against discrimination based on specific factors which are listed in the Code. These protected grounds are age, gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, colour, place of origin, marital and family status, disability and criminal conviction.

The Code creates an obligation on the part of an employer to create and maintain a work environment which is



free from discrimination and harassment. This obligation lasts from the interviewing process through to the termination of employment.

Asking discriminatory questions during an interview may put an employer in contravention of the Code. Similarly, it is a violation of the Code if an employer is quilty of discrimination when deciding to dismiss an employee.

Discrimination can also occur during employment. Discrimination occurs when a person is excluded from participating in activities or opportunities based on any of the listed personal characteristics.

This might take the form of denying someone work or a promotion or treating that person unfairly or differently than others. Discriminatory harassment can occur when someone is victimized or made to feel uncomfortable because of a personal characteristic.

An employer has an obligaaccommodate tion to workers that have a physical or mental disability. The physical or mental conditions that can constitute a "disability" are not specifically defined in the Code. Rather, it is left to the Human Rights Tribunal to consider whether an individual worker has a disability which the employer must accommodate.

The number of conditions that have been found to constitute a disability under the Code is guite broad. An employer has a duty to

accommodate an employee's disability up to the point of "undue hardship".

The lengths to which an employer must go in providing accommodation is subiect to the Tribunal's interpretation.

If an employee feels they have suffered discrimination in the workplace, or have been terminated for reasons which are contrary to the Code, the Code provides a procedure by which the employee can bring a complaint and seek compensa-

Both employers and employees should be aware of their rights and obligations under the Code.

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## Homeless camp in Hamilton has neighbours concerned

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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here are no bad guys in this story. But it is complicated.

On unused City of Richmond land, in the East Richmond community of Hamilton, tucked behind a chainlink fence and a blackberry hedge, sit six tents of varying quality and condition.

It is home to six people and at least one dog. While the dog's owner wasn't comfortable giving his name, he was comfortable with The Sentinel taking his beloved dog's picture. Her name is Heidi, she's 12 and has a grey muzzle, and came over for a cuddle.

Heidi's owner lives in a tent and he's dug a ditch around it to drain the previous night's torrential rain away. He wore a ball cap that said, "Fifty Ones." He says he cannot find a place to live because he has a dog; it's hard to find a place to rent that he can afford that allows a dog.

"Without a safe place to leave Heidi, I can't go out to work." She is his big tires on it." source of warmth and contact.

He also spoke of the troubles he's had with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety and other similar issues, that medicine only turned him into a zombie and made him gain weight.



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A man, wearing a baseball cap with the words Fifty Ones, is among the homeless living on city property in East Richmond.

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James came along on his bike. "I built that bike from scratch myself. It has a super light frame and I put do some yard work."

He has two part-time jobs, one delivering books and magazines to larger stores, the other job at a local corner store sweeping up and doing handyman jobs.

"It's a mixture of cash and credit. The credit means I can buy food and cigarettes from the store. Sometimes I go to the owner's house and

They both spoke of Alex, who was out, working on the tugboats. They say Alex had worked three 12-anda-half-hour days that week on the tugs but still, even though he made good money, Alex couldn't find a

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## Gala will send kids to camps

fundraising gala at River Rock Casino Resort at the end of April will benefit the Canucks Autism Network's Send a Kid to Camp program.

Hosted by ICONNBC Business Association, the inaugural Shine a Light Gala will be held on Friday, April 26, and will feature a VIP reception, gala dinner and a night of entertainment.

The kids camp program offers children an opportunity to try new things and make new friends in the great outdoors during overnight camps. The event has a high ratio of staff to ensure a safe and successful experience for everyone. Activities include boating, archery, rock climbing, ocean swimming, field games, and campfires, among other things.

The Canucks Autism Network was founded in 2008 by Vancouver Canucks co-owners Paolo and Clara Aquilini. The network's mission is to provide year-round sports and recreation programs for individuals and families living with autism, while increasing awareness and providing training in communities across the province.

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Photo by Chung Chow A new temporary modular housing complex was unveiled by **Acting Mayor** Alexa Loo.

## A modular home to call their own

By LORRAINE GRAVES @LGSentinel

In the spring sunshine, with a simple gathering in the small parking lot just off Alderbridge Way, Richmond's first temporary supportive modular apart-

Speakers made it clear that the Housing First policy provides a solid start for people struggling with physical and mental health as they journey towards a better life and begin accessing better opportunities in a healthy community.

opened the proceedings with a traditional welcome.

Long a Richmond resident, with children in school here. Point said she was happy Richmond was involved in this development, continuing a long Musqueam tradition.

"I love the direction you are going here. We have always looked after all our family," she said.

The 40 units offer 24-hour care to formerly homeless individuals, particularly those at high risk. Fifteen women and 25 men will call this complex—of 275-square-foot bachelor apartments with a large common room—home.

As the press and gathered dignitar-

ies toured the soon-to-open low-rise apartment building, one of the manager's dogs accepted cuddles from passers-by. The apartment building will be pet friendly and have its own off-leash

This new apartment building offers ment building opened on Friday, April 24-hour, everyday-of-the-week staffing for the residents, many of whom may have complex physical and/or mental health needs.

> "Our entire community will benefit from people moving off the street," said acting mayor Alexa Loo.

Statistics looking at communities before and after the construction Musqueam elder Cecilia Point of housing for people living on the streets—shows that supportive housing in itself provides solutions.

> The gathered dignitaries were clear: this is a great start. We need more supportive housing in Richmond because there were enough applications for this one building to fill it twice over.

> Raincity Housing will manage the private apartments, which will not be open to tours.

> "There is still an urgent need to build more of these homes," Raincity's co-executive director, Catharine Hume said."Thank you to people working to resolve homelessness in this community."

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## Richmond heritage engages public

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinell

Acommon refrain among students is that "history is boring."

But just as students tend to learn better when classes are more interactive, bringing history to life also makes it more interesting.

That's long been a priority for Richmond's museum and heritage services. In 2018, ongoing efforts to engage the public led to a new focus on place-based cultural tourism initiatives, including the launch of the Steveston Heritage Experience Tour and Winter in the Village.

Several new initiatives are also planned in 2019, including the creation of a brochure for all heritage sites in Steveston and a passport program to connect the sites, said Marie Fenwick, manager, Museum and Heritage Services.

In addition to a detailed year-in-re-

view, museum and heritage services also presented a stellar video to city council April 8 highlighting programs in 2018. It was created in the city's media lab.

Key highlights in the staff report include:

- A new focus on place-based cultural tourism initiatives, including the launch of the Steveston Heritage Experience Tour and Winter in the Village;
- Volunteers contributed over 22,000 hours throughout the city's museums and heritage sites including the new Artefact Avengers—specially trained volunteers who assisted with the specialized work related to the city's artefact collections;

A new program was also introduced at the Richmond Olympic Oval. The Olympic Experience led to a 10-percent increase in visitors, with over 34,000 people taking in the interactive attraction.

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## **CHERRY BLOSSOMS**



Photo by Chung Chow

The cherry blossoms at Garry Point Park attracted lots of attention.



## **HOMELESS**

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place to live.

A little later, Dave came along.

With his left hand clenched in an uncontrollable spasm so tight the skin was shiny, and the tips of two fingers on his right hand missing, Dave said he'd had nerve damage that caused both problems with his hands.

After speaking with these men, hearing from them in their own words about their physical and mental health challenges, it's clear they have complex medical needs.

Supportive housing would offer the home, the care and the independence they need. It means they would have a safe, clean apartment to live in, with ongoing help for their medical problems, whether they are physical, mental or both.

## City supportive

The City of Richmond is working to find this group of six people the homes they need, but it takes time. There is such a shortage of supportive housing.

In the mean time, the city drops by regularly. A piece of paper on the ground, a civic inspection notice, showed they'd been by recently. It stated,"No more than six tents."

All three men said the city, the RCMP and Richmond Fire-Rescue had been respectful. The fire department drops in twice each week and has distributed fire extinguishers to each tent.

Fire, when you have no other way to heat, can be a big risk for the occupants. For anyone already in precarious health, even small burns can be killers or lead to amputations, which in turn cost the person and the health care system dearly.

Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie says when he grew up in Vancouver, he"didn't see homeless people on the streets. It's an important social issue."

Those with complex medical issues like Dave, James and Fifty Ones have been growing in visibility since they are no longer forced to live in locked institutions. The community support services they need are overloaded, as is the waiting list for the housing they

All three men said they would not live in a single room occupancy hotel in the Downtown Eastside, describing them as, "full of drug addicts, bugs and sh\*t." No one who has visited one of the DTES's typical SROs wants to live

Homeless shelters offer no place to keep their few possessions, places to stay during the day or a place for pets. Pets become all the more important when you have no one to cuddle, to talk to, or to offer warmth on a cold

### Cost of homelessness

The cost of homelessness to taxpayers is surprisingly vast. The Mental Health Commission of Canada, funded by Health Canada, has studied homelessness in depth, in many cities, including Vancouver.

The Vancouver At Home (VAH) study is part of the national At Home/ Chez Soi project investigating solutions to homelessness among people with complex medical needs, including mental health issues.

In the Lower Mainland, the study showed that first you have to give people safe, supportive housing—it's called the Housing First programthen you can address their other needs. People without a home cannot take their meds with clean water. cannot get to doctor's appointments and cannot even receive mail to obtain a health care card or any other said, "with hot water and a shower. I'm identification.

Because living without a home means more illness, increased emergency services due to ill health and lack of a family physician or a way to get to one, the federal study found for each person without a home, it costs taxpayers \$53,144 every year.

With Great Vancouver's homeless tally for 2017 sitting at 3,605—of which 119 were children—and with that number being an underestimate according to some advocates for the homeless, that means a total annual cost to taxpayers of \$191,584,120.

Supportive housing can save over 85 per cent of that \$191 million. Kindness is cost effective.

that up; the Housing First attitude saves money.

The study concluded that the cost of having a person in supportive housing first and foremost would

then cost \$28,282 per person, per year for people who are high needs. For those with moderate needs, that cost of supportive housing drops even further to \$15,952 per person annually.

The report said: "Over the two-year follow-up period, every \$10 invested in Housing First services resulted in an average savings of \$8.55 for highneeds participants."

For the six people living rough in Richmond's Hamilton area, they don't want to be living there, living in tents, living without showers, or toilets, or safe running water.

"I just need a clean room." James not picky. I don't need a lot."

Dave's wish list is even more modest: "Just a roof over my head."

While the cost of housing in the region makes finding a home difficult for everyone, for these six people their housing needs are more complex, just like their medical needs.

## What's being done

The City of Richmond is clear, they are working hard behind the scenes to find supportive housing for this group. But it is taking time.

While city politicians have not toured the field, they are quietly pulling out all the stops to move James, Alex, Dave, Heidi, Fifty Ones into sup-The study has numbers to back portive homes as quickly as possible.

> While the city is being as proactive as possible, the reality is there are no quick solutions.

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The residents who live in homes in the area, are understandably not too keen on having people who cannot shower, bath or use toilets on a regular basis, living nearby. They fear the people who have moved into their neighbourhood. Those living in homes in the area want the tent-dwellers moved out immediately.

## 'Tragedy' says mayor

"I think it's a great tragedy of our time that everywhere you go there are people who are homeless," says Mayor Brodie.

there are many factors on every side that have to be considered."

Brodie points to the local home owners' side too:"I can say very clearly that it's not something that people would want across the street from their houses. That's why the work of the city in terms of making sure the site is safe and that it's clean and that the occupants of the tent are respectful is really important."

"I have kept in close touch." Brodie said, "with various service staff who have been monitoring the situation. There are regular visits from our people who are concerned with the life-safety issues. They have all been very, very active in terms of monitoring this situation and working with the folks who are occupying these tents."

The mayor says the city offers the tent-dwellers the free use of the washrooms and shower facilities at the nearby Hamilton Community Centre. While it's a walk to the washroom that few would want to have to make in the night, it is a temporary compromise until the city can find supportive housing.

Brodie says the city has established good dialogue with the occupants and they concur.

But, he stresses, "it's not an easy situation especially when our emergency shelter is not open yet, nor is the

(temporary) modular housing so, we are working with the group and doing everything we can."

Jas Johal, MLA for the Hamilton area, said earlier this month that all levels of government are working together to find homes for the people living in tents on city land at 23560 Westminster Hwy., a rectangle of grassy land bisected diagonally by the freeway to the Queensborough Bridge.

The fenced piece of city land was chosen by the six tent-dwellers when their previous camping spot near Shelter Island Marina saw vandalism that destroyed each tent systematically.

When asked whom they suspected "Their lives must be very difficult but of slashing their homes, one resident of the new tent gathering said the people at the marina had been the most vocal in their opposition to the people living in tents nearby.

> The city has been clear: a recent court case says the municipality cannot evict the tent dwellers living on civic land. The best and, in practical terms the only solution, is supportive housing.

> Johal says all parties are working to find the necessary supportive housing for those living in the tents, many of whom have at least part-time jobs. At least one has close to full-time employment working on the tugboats, according to one resident.

> Johal also stated that people living in houses nearby objected to the six tents on city property.

> Local MP Joe Peschisolido has also toured the area, speaking to those who live in houses and has offered to speak with the City of Richmond as it falls within their jurisdiction.

> Brodie says he sees the recently-approved temporary modular housing as an important part of the solution as"it outlines the importance of housing from the economic point of view, not to mention human compassion."

> So, the hunt for appropriate housing continues. All sides agree, it should be sooner rather than later.

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## Local teams excel in robotics competitions

We are hearing more and more that "the robots are coming."

Many people are increasingly worried their jobs will be automated and replaced by robots.

The future of work is a hot topic these days with many debating the impacts that new technologies like artificial intelligence and robotics will have on jobs, skills and wages. Experts are warning that B.C. must invest more in STEM skills (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) in order to prepare the workforce for future jobs that haven't been invented yet.

In the meantime, there is a huge gender gap in the current tech workforce, with only an estimated 20 per cent of the tech workforce comprising women.

Luckily, we have here in Richmond a group of amazingly smart and talented kids ages six to 18 who have decided to get ahead of the curve.



Photo submitted

Pythagoras Academy (Jayden, Terence, Megan, Ethan, Mark, Curtis) working hard with coach John from RoboPlanets and teacher Angela.

They're not worried about their future jobs getting automated. Instead, they're building the robots of the future. These three teams of students from across Richmond have been working hard this year with their coaches pre-

paring for provincial robotics competitions organized by FIRST Robotics B.C., a non-profit associated with FIRST (firstinspires.org, stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology"), an international robotics

organization founded in the U.S. over 30 years ago. FIRST runs four different robotics competitions all around the world, with a participation of over 615,000 students from more than 100 countries this past year.

B.C. saw 140 teams participate this year in 11 provincial competitions. And the numbers are growing.

The Richmond Robotics teams are from Burnett Secondary, Pythagoras Academy and Daedalos Academy. The Burnett team has eight high school students competing in the FIRST Robotics Competition for Grades 10 to 12.

The Burnett team won at the provincials held in Victoria, which had B.C. Premier John Horgan as special guest. The Daedalos Academy team—Forces of the Galaxy—are in the FIRST LEGO League for ages 9 to 14 and also won at the provincials.

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The six team members from a variety of schools, including three from Richmond, build robots out of LEGO Mindstorms Technic parts and motors, and must research and present this year on a solution for human space travel.

The team from Pythagoras Academy, FIRST LEGO League Junior taught by coaches from Roboplanet, are ages 6 to 10 and will be presenting a project on finding water and energy sources on the moon.

Thanks to all their hard work designing, building and coding their robots, 3D printing parts, solving complex mathematical equations and algorithms in order to perfect their robot performance, these teams have now been invited to represent B.C. and participate in the FIRST World Championships hosted in Houston Texas from April 17 to 20.

"FIRST's mandate is to inspire tomorrow's innovators", says Barish Golland, FIRST Senior Mentor for B.C. "With the support of our sponsors, FIRST Robotics programs help influence, nurture and guide the best young minds to support and encourage the next generation of leaders."

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## Cherry Docs is a kick of reality

**BV LORRAINE GRAVES** @LGSentinel

When the only complaint you have about a play is the name, you know it's good.

The title of Pacific Theatre's current offering is Cherry Docs, a reference to an obscure brand of steel-toed boots.

Cherry Docs opens with a cacophony assaulting our ears. The set in the alley theatre, one end institutional green with a steel window, a key card swipe at the door, a garbage can, a highly visible security camera and a standard-issue clock on the wall. The other side is simpler, a table and a few chairs with another exit door with another card swipe.

It turns out Cherry Docs are a type of Doc Martin boots that the skin-head wore to kick a man of



Photo by Dylan Hamm

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Kenton Klassen (left) as Neo-Nazi Mike and John Voth as young lawyer Danny.

colour to death. Kenton Klassen, carrying a weapon. as Mike the unrepentant Neo-Nazi, points out that when carrying something in his hand to hurt someone, that's considered a weapon. But wearing steel-toed Cherry Docs can do the same damage but not get him caught

David Gow's play is complex. It starts with a clearly-defined antagonist and protagonist. But like real life, nothing stays straight forward. This is a play about re-

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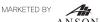
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## Buying a boat? Here's how to navigate process

**BV LORRAINE GRAVES** @LGSentinel

ichmond's Mike Storey loves his New boat.

"When you get out on the water, being a Prairie guy, that moment those sails go up and you shut off the motor, it's wonderful," says the former Calgarian.

When he made the decision to buy a boat, his first hunt was for a good broker.

After interviewing many, Storey settled on broker Richard Hargreaves of Yacht Sales West, a B.C. Yacht Brokers Association member.

"He helped me discover what I wanted to buy," Storey says.

For instance, Hargreaves asked Storey if he wanted a rugged boat to traverse the open ocean or one that sailed better in the lighter winds found in the Salish Sea. It turned out the best boat for Storey's needs wasn't actually one of Hargreaves' listings.

Cameron Williams, an ethics committee member for the brokers association, advises anyone buying or selling a boat to turn to Google.

"Do a Google search for the broker before signing. See their reputation. Look for a company that's been around for a while," Williams says.

Williams says prospective buyers should ask other boaters for the names of trustworthy brokers.

"A good start is having a bricks and



Photo by Chung Chow

## Mike Stoery loves the boat he bought from an ethical broker.

mortar office. We don't offer membership to anyone without a real office," he says. "Also, bells should go off if a broker asks you for extra fees, especially non-refundable fees, when listing or making an offer on a boat"

He says all deposits are refundable, in full, if the deal doesn't go through.

He also warns against brokers who say their insurance doesn't cover cer-

tain kinds of inspections. The broker doesn't own the boat the seller does, and they must maintain liability and boat insurance until it's sold.

While there is no true multiple listing process for boats, there is yachtworld.com

"If it's a fly-by-night broker who can't afford to advertise on there, that would be a red flag as well," says Wil-

Buyers can opt to have their own broker to help them shop, he says.

"That way you can have a broker in your corner," says Williams. For instance, they can ask questions to spot ancient glamour shots rather than ones showing the current con-

The seller pays the 10-per-cent commission. If there are both buyer's and seller's agents, Williams says, the agents usually split it 50:50.

Williams says a good broker can "explain the systems on the vessel, demonstrate the vessel in a simple manner to help you understand it, and, if acting as your buying broker, be able to ethically help through the initial paperwork and negotiating process and ensure all paperwork is done properly, which is a big one."

The association members must all use the same thorough paperwork for all contracts.

"If you see a purchase document that looks kind of questionable, that could be a red flag. Our association's purchase document is five pages long," Williams says.

Storey says his broker brought him to see all kinds of boats.

"It was a really a good process. I learned a lot so made good decisions."

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new boat from Germany, Hargreaves helped at every stage of the way, from shipping to customs paperwork.

Association president Rom Van Stolk of Cedar Grove Marina says: "In BCYBA we handle any boat, not just vachts-typically anything bigger than a dingy."

Both boat brokers advise buyers get a good boat survey, one to spot the structural and the mechanical issues with any munity works together is the boat you want to buy. Don't rely on an older insurance survey.

where the boat goes out for a run to see how it handles. Make sure to have someone who knows marine systems aboard.

The prospective buyer pays for any surveys, whether they

end up buying the boat or not.

While it's advisable to show it to the seller's agent, do not give them a copy, because, Van Stolk says: "Some unethical brokers have taken the survey and Photoshopped out negative information."

"There are some bad apples." We kicked one out last year. It was very, very clear his description of the boat he listed did not match the condition of the boat in any way," Van Stolk says.

Williams says BCYBA is a good community.

One of the ways the com-BC Boat Show, May 2 to 5 at Port Sidney Marina. This asso-Also, be sure to do a sea trial ciation fundraiser sees many people from Richmond and the Lower Mainland trek to see the hundreds boats of all sizes in the water as well as many marine-related businesses.

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demption on both characters' parts. But this redemption takes struggle, and the first step is realization.

What was to be a legal-aid case to make a young lawyer's name—a young lawyer who knows how he accepts all people in their differences—affects him in ways he never anticipated. The fall-out is life-changing.

John Voth, last seen as the young man in Pacific Theatre's Christmas production of The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe plays a powerful, utterly convincing role in the young lawyer, Danny.

Equally powerful, Klassen portrays the skin-head with frightening clarity, showing both his anger and later his needs, a need for community amongst what others see as failure, a need that drove him into the arms of Neo-Nazis.

When he finally says with great passion, "I'm a wasted person, a waste on this earth," the veneer of hatred cracks, letting our realization of who he is seep in.

At another point, this young man cracks mentally, snapping into soldier mode, showing the power of his indoctrination.

Also an educational play, Cherry Docs playwright says to us through Neo-Nazi Mike, that this is not small problem with a few people that there are thousands, tens of thousands in this country, hundreds of thousands around the world who feel the same way he does and they are organized.

He asks what good locking him up will do when prison is full of people who feel like he does, young men who feel victimized, not the by power elite who rule, but by other visible minorities.

The direction by Richard Wolfe is flawless. Every moment, every sound, every word is clear. The blocking seems natural, yet must have been well thought-out because with the audience on two sides, each person watching felt the show was put on for them.

If you like serious theatre done with skill and finesse, Cherry Docs is for you.

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## Richmond recognizes

By **DON FENNELL** ©DFSentinel

on Tuesday night last week. Real stars. As in volunteers.

makes our community a great uals. Words can't illustrate enough place to live, work and play," says Ed Gavsie, president and chief executive officer of Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives, which presented the annual Volunteers are Stars gala at the many local youth who are stepthe Pacific Gateway Hotel.

"Without their contributions, we much accomplished."

hours a week, two hours a month or 1,000 hours a year, every volunteer is equally important, says Gavsie. Whatever the passion, their gift of time has infinite value.

ety, (youth) sports, or your church, we (as a society) need and appreciate you," he says. "And in National mond Sunrise Rotary Club, and hon-

Volunteer Week, it's so important to recognize this."

Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives The stars came out in Richmond brought back the Volunteers Are Stars Awards in 2018 to recognize and celebrate the community's "Everyone knows volunteers many amazing and inspiring individthe dedication and passion they bring to their roles in making a positive difference.

> It's particularly encouraging to see ping forward.

"The earlier we can instill these (simply) wouldn't be able to get as values, and for these youth to pass these values to others, the better," Whether it's volunteering for two says Gavsie. "When I speak to youth groups or classes on volunteerism, I always get people coming at the end and asking 'How can I get involved?""

Recognized with the Shooting Star Award, this year's honoured youth "Whether it's for the cancer soci-were Jason Pang and Amy Ho.

Presented his award by Larry Thompson, president of the Rich-



John Watson was recognized for his volunteer work, which began in

## its star volunteers at Pacific Gateway Hotel

ouring youth volunteers under the age of 25, Pang was lauded for being at the forefront of green initiatives in Richmond and beyond. In 2016, Pang co-founded the Plastic Connection, a youth-led project that aims to educate not only British Columbians but people across the planet about using and disposing of sustainable plastic.

Since 2015, Pang has been a team leader with the city's Green Ambassadors, made up of local high school students who organize a variety of environmental initiatives including the annual Earth Day Youth (REaDY) Summit.

Beyond his work as an environmental advocate, Pang also volunteers with St. John Ambulance's Cadet Program, and as a director of administration for Youth Achieving Success, a non-profit organization that helps high school students better understand their career options and develop professional contacts.

Ho is a crisis line volunteer at Chimo Community Services, responding to calls from people in distress. Over hundreds of calls, she's managed to create a safe space for clients to talk freely while listening without judgment while demonstrating empathy to all.

In 2017, because of her strong character and exceptional communication skills, she was chosen by Chimo to become a group leader helping Richmond gain a reputation and coach.

Ho also volunteers with St. John Ambulance where she is the division superintendent.

Richmond Better at Home Volunteer Drivers, Richmond RCMP Community Police Office Volunteers and Thompson Community Association Children's Committee shared this vear's Constellation Award. Presented by Yolanda Chao (Chao's Generation) and McDonald's Restaurants of Canada, the award honours volunteer groups for their community



Photos courtesy Richmond Cares, Richmond Gives

Dozens of volunteers were recognized at Volunteers are Stars Gala at Pacific Gateway Hotel.

contributions.

Presented by Rebecca Swaim, a director at Trinity Western University, the Nova Star Award honours individual volunteers for their service and contributions to the community. There were two recipients this year: Howard Smythe and Steward Siy.

Smythe has been a mainstay in for hosting world-class events over the past year—from the 2010 Olympics to Ships to Shore and the Richmond World Festival. Despite moving to Surrey last year, he remains a committed Richmond volunteer.

A volunteer basketball coach at A.R. MacNeill Secondary, Siy's commitment to the school, his players and fellow coaches is legendary. He spends countless hours at the gym going over game film, planning drills and doing anything he can to support his players. Siy also co-founded

dents can continue playing in the ed a founding director of the new, off-season.

at the Dupuis Langen Group, presented the Star of Richmond Award to longtime volunteer John Watson.

On the lookout for new volunteer opportunities—his term on the Gateway Theatre board ends this year-Watson has lived in Greater Vancouver for 80 years and spent the last 50 of those in Richmond, where he's amassed a monumental list of accomplishments.

He began volunteering in 1981 as a board member at Richmond Public Library and in 1982 helped spearhead construction of a performing arts and theatre venue (Gateway Theatre). In 1987 he turned his attention to another new project, chairing the expansion of the library and cultural centre at Minoru Pavilion.

MacHoops, a club team where stu- From 1990 to 2011, he was appointnon-profit Vancouver Airport Au-Despina Williams, vice-president thority and upon "retiring" from that position joined the YVR Green Coat (airport greeters) team. He's been there ever since.

> Richmond is fortunate to be a community that embraces, and recognizes the importance of volunteerism. City council in 2018 endorsed the Volunteer Management Strategy that focuses on supporting volunteers in their development and achievement of their personal goals, as well as further supporting city, partner and affiliate staff who work closely with volunteers.

> "We need leaders, volunteers," says Gavsie. "This is not going to disappear any time soon. Therefore, we need to make sure we constantly recognize people giving back."

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## RAPS COMMUNITY REPORT Caring for the animals who care for us



## Affordability is key for animals and people



Karen Kamachi

For RAPS, making life more affordable is at the centre of our mandate. It might surprise people that an animal-serving agency like RAPS is committed to addressing affordability.

Since our No. 1 objective is saving and improving the lives of animals, what does the cost of living in Metro Vancouver have to do with our work?

The connection between affordability and our care for animals should not be surprising. The high cost of living makes it difficult for most of us to provide our families with everything they need and want. And animals are a beloved part of our families. RAPS exists to find forever homes for animals at the City of Richmond Animal Shelter and to operate the RAPS Cat Sanctuary, where hundreds of mostly unadoptable cats live out their lives surrounded by loving care.

But we don't stop caring for animals once they are adopted. If we can help families that need a hand with their companion animals—whether they were adopted from us or not—that's part of our mission.

For years, RAPS has provided subsidized veterinary care for animals in households with low incomes. We have operated a pet food bank, ensuring that no one has to choose between feeding themselves and feeding their companion animals. And we have delivered a range of under-the-radar services to animals and people in need.

Since we opened the RAPS Animal Hospital, a little more than a year ago, we have provided the community and other animal care agencies close to \$400,000 in fully- or partly-subsidized veterinary care. This year, we intend to increase that amount substantially.

When we opened the hospital, it was to provide services for the animals in our care, and also to assist the public with affordable animal healthcare. The revenue generated from our services to the public are reinvested into saving and improving the lives of even more animals. Our goal is to help as many people and animals as possible, and to create healthy, happy and sustainable communities.

letro Vancouver have to do with our work? We may not be able to change the macro-eco-The connection between affordability and our are for animals should not be surprising. The high can reduce the burden of animal health care costs, which is a critical aspect of a family's budget.

As a result, we hope that more companion animals will receive regular checkups and routine care that ensures they remain healthy and happy.

There's another way we help on the affordability front. The RAPS Thrift Store on Granville and the RAPS Animal Hospital Thrift Store on Francis in Richmond are destinations for savvy shoppers. We have a vast range of products, including clothing and household needs, at prices that even other thrift stores can't match! (By the way, did you know that some thrift stores are for-profit ventures with only a fraction of revenue going to charity? RAPS Thrift Stores are run by a tiny staff and a small army of volunteers, with 100% of profits going directly to RAPS for animal care and to subsidize the hospital operations so we can keep the cost low for the public.)

The two RAPS Thrift Stores offer quality items at a Hospital Thrift Store.



Karen Kamachi and Eyal Lichtmann outside the RAPS Thrift Store on Francis Road.

tiny fraction of their retail costs. This helps the budgets of families in our community, while generating a crucial amount of money for the services RAPS delivers.

With this in mind, here are some easy ways to help RAPS save and improve the lives of animals.

First, shop at the RAPS Thrift Stores.

Second, consider donating gently used items, especially furniture and clothes, to RAPS when you do your spring cleaning or get some new items.

Third, choose the RAPS Animal Hospital, located at the Richmond Auto Mall, for your veterinary needs. Nobody likes to get a veterinarian's bill ... but at RAPS Animal Hospital, you know that you are getting competitive prices and all the revenue is being reinvested to save and improve the lives of even more animals.

Karen Kamachi is manager of the RAPS Animal Hospital Thrift Store.

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*In their own words...* 

## Council committed to transparency and accountability



Kelly Greene Councillor

Richmond City Council is strongly committed to transparency and accountability, which are fundamental concepts of democracy, wherein citizens are invited to participate in the democratic process and to hold their elected representatives accountable. Recently, we have taken steps to make it easier to review Council members' voting records and to access the Council agenda and reports in advance of scheduled meetings.

Currently, individuals interested in learning how a Council member voted for a particular issue need to determine what date that topic or item was on the Council agenda and then read through the minutes to find out who voted for what. This can be an onerous process for residents. On March 25, Council voted to support creation of an online voting record with a searchable database. The project will be completed by mid-year and was able to be accommodated within this year's budget allowances. No ongoing additional staff time is needed to maintain the voting database, so it is economical and ensures Council's voting records will be more easily accessible for the public.

Council and Committee Meeting agenda



packages are currently released to the public on the City's website on the Friday night prior to the next week of meetings-with the first scheduled meeting of the week starting as early as 4 p.m. on Monday. This may present a challenge to participation from interested residents as few people are avidly checking for the package online on a Friday evening. Even if they did see the agenda package, staff would not be available to respond to gueries from the public on the weekend, and it may be difficult for the public to reach Council members

as well. I'm proud to say that on March 11 Council passed a resolution to have Agenda packages available five business days in advance of the Monday meeting. Folks will now have more time to be able to connect with staff, members of Council, and other interested parties.

These are just the first two steps to strengthen our commitment to accountability and transparency for the citizens of Richmond. To find our scheduled meetings, visit https://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/ council/meeting/WebMeetingCalendar.aspx

## City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

### **Public Works & Transportation Committee** 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 17 Anderson Room,

Richmond City Hall

### **Council Meeting** 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 23 Council Chambers Richmond City Hall

### Parks, Recreation and Cultural **Services Committee**

4:00 p.m., Wednesday April 24 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall



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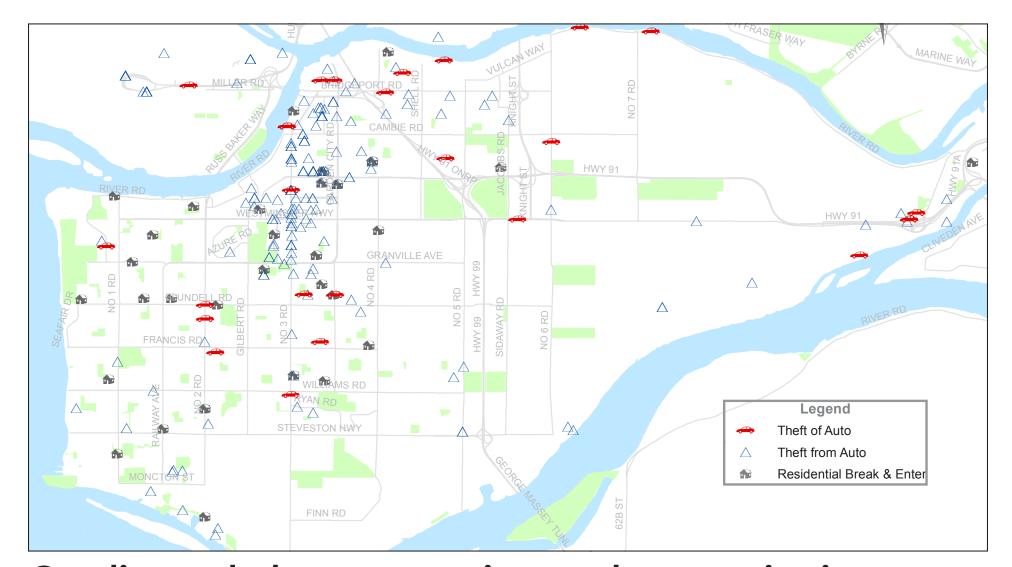


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## Credit card phone scam is sneaky, convincing

By MARTIN VAN DEN HEMEL @MartinvandenH

n ongoing credit card phone Ascam managed to nearly dupe a smart local friend of mine, so I thought I would share the story.

It started with a phone call on his land line, where someone purporting to be from a retailer asked my friend if he authorized a relative's use of his credit card to purchase something.

He said he hadn't, and the seemingly helpful caller then urged him to call the number on the back of his

credit card to report the fraud.

So he did as he was told, hung up his phone and then immediately looked up the number on the back to intercept his call... of his credit card and dialed.

What struck him as odd was that the person who answered had a similar British accent to the merchant he'd just spoken to.

But he brushed that off as a coin-

Later, he also wondered why he didn't have to follow a series of telephone prompts to get through to the right department.

But at the time, he thought he was

legitimately talking to an agent from the land line connection wasn't sevthe credit card company.

After all, how would they be able

As he continued through the process, he was suddenly asked to dial of \$3.1 million. Police helped them his PIN number.

That's when it dawned on him. And he quickly hung up.

mutual friend, they both wondered how these fraudsters were able to intercept his call.

The trick was that the person who called them didn't hang up at all 0503 if you've been targeted. when my friend did. Which meant

ered.

As the Vancouver Police Department explained last month, local senior citizens were defrauded out recover \$2.5 million of the stolen money.

The fraudster play a recorded dial When he shared this story with a tone, to make it seem like the phone had been disconnected.

> While police know of five cases. there could be more.

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## Gateway panel talks women in sport

By DON FENNELL @DFSentinel

n hour before an early April mati-An nour perore arroam, ..., nee performance of Glory—a play about the real-life challenges faced by women's hockey team in 1930s Ontario—at Richmond's Gateway Theatre, an intense discussion is unfolding.

The final Gateway forum of the season, "You Play Like A Girl: Why We're Still Talking about Women in Sports" is exploring gender equality in sports and how women in sports has changed. The panel of experts includes Patricia Vertinsky, UBC professor and social historian in sports studies; Natalie Korenic, a coach in the Richmond Ravens girls' hockey association; and Olympic snowboarder and Richmond city councillor Alexa Loo.

"Playing any sport, team sports in particular, gives you life skills that translate over to what you do later in life whether that involves sport or not," says Korenic, who grew up in Richmond playing everything from ice hockey to field hockey to tennis.

But she says there is a serious lack of visibility when it comes to female sports.

athletes and to consider sport a life- and often challenging path. long activity," suggests Korenic.

"If girls don't see women in sport they won't continue to be involved in

"If we had a women's game on regularly (televised in primetime) it would make such a difference. But it's also important that women find and watch those games. I know a lot who say 'I'm not watching women's hockey.' What kind of message is that sending?"

The sudden folding of the Canadian (professional) Women's Hockey League recently sent shockwaves through the sport. While there continues to be a national women's hockey league in the United States, Korenic believes there needs to be a single, strong North American association. She says more support from the National Hockey League is also needed.

Loo also grew up in Richmond playing a myriad of sports. Her parents met skiing, and by the age of four she was successfully carving her niche on the bunny hills. It wasn't long before she transferred those athletic skills to snowboarding and eventually became a two-time Olympian in the parallel giant slalom.

But the road to the Olympics wasn't "It is very important to have elite exactly paved with gold. It was a long,

"I thought I could get there easier than I could, but 11 years later I finally made it," says Loo, who has spent a considerable amount of her time lobbying for amateur athletes in Canada—both female and male.

Like Korenic, Loo says there is a

"For example, on Saturday there's Hockey Night In Canada, but we don't have a women's game that day to watch. Also, in Canada we don't sports. Every four years (during the Olympics) your sport comes up and now we're going to talk about you. The rest of the time we forget about you. We need to start saying this is what I want to watch, what I'm interested in seeing. And when the FIFA women's soccer games were here, did we all go? If not, why not?"

Originally from England, where as a child she lived near a beach and rode ponies—eventually leading to show jumping, Virtinsky has for the last three decades been teaching at UBC. She says as with many things, dollars and cents are at the core of the genthing, she says, adding that sport is der issue in sports.

"It's all about money in many respects. If you go to some universi-

ties in the southern U.S., some of the stadiums (at high schools) are bigger than classrooms," she says, arguing that sport needs to be accessible for everyone regardless of their income. And she says it's particularly important that access isn't limited for youth.

Virtinsky points to rapid transit shortage of female sports on televi- models in Europe, that routinely transport people from the city to ski hills. She says most every child in Germany has the opportunity to participate in sport every afternoon.

"Denmark is also a nice example," pay enough attention to our amateur she says. "There, full gymnasiums and fields are within reach of everyone in every neighbourhood. They are a richer country in many respects, but never-the-less it's where they put their tax dollars to make sure every kid has a very short distance to go to partici-

> Loo adds that in some Scandinavian countries such as Norway, top coaches are paired with the youngest athletes to ensure they are getting better physical development, and learning skills from a younger age to get a better foundation for their sport. It's not seen as an add-on or elite seen as a fundamental alongside reading, writing and arithmetic.

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## **HOOP STARS**

Photos by Chung Chow A.R. MacNeill Secondary hosted the inaugural Richmond boys' and girls' basketball all-star games recently. Several of the top players from the respective senior leagues participated.





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## Bowling strikes a chord with the Imoos

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

n an early Tuesday evening in April, an East Richmond establishment is rocking. And rolling.

A large number of mostly young adults is engaged in an activity that appears to be enjoying a revival of

It's a league night at Lucky 9 Lanes, an all-encompassing bowling centre at Riverport Sports and Entertainment Complex. The participants, including at least a few teens, are displaying their considerable skills. Well versed in the language of the lanes, you routinely see the celebratory high-five following another "strike" or "spare."

Affectionately nicknamed Three Imoos' by their dad Clay (well known in the Twitter-verse as Canuck Clay), Sean, 17, Jacob, 15, and Kayla, 11, are doing their level best to show that bowling is much more than just an activity to pass the time. It's a serious sport that deserves respect.

Jacob delights in the opportunity to promote bowling.

"In school right now I'm playing some volleyball and basketball, and I used to be in track and played a bit of football," he says. "But bowling is a sport people don't really know. When I did a personal project for school, evervone found it interesting. But you feel stereotyped for sure."

It is perhaps a tad ironic that bowling isn't afforded more respect among the sports fraternity, given the roots of the game date back to Germany (Kegelspiel). Some 2,000 years ago, a game similar to bowling was introduced among Roman legionaries tossing stone objects as close as possible to other stone objects. This eventually led to bocce or outdoor bowling.

And despite the chortles, bowling is today played by 100 million people in 90 countries.



Photo by Chung Chow

Richmond's Jacob, Kayla and Sean Imoo are part of the bowling surge at Lucky 9 Lanes.

But there's a big difference between bowling a couple of games and bowling in a league.

"We come and bowl four or five times a week," Jacob explains. "Over two hours, we do practice shots and drills—just like in any other sport. We can play up to 15 games a day and that really puts a strain on our physical game. We're all sweating by the end, and our muscles are pulled. There's a lot more than just walking up and chucking a ball. And the mental game is big. You have to be thinking constantly."

### United in faith

They say the family that plays together, stays together.

Secure in their strong faith in God, Richmond's Imoo family is very active the result of their work as youth ministry leaders that husband-and-wife Clay and Gail would take the teens in at most once or twice a year—Clay the church group bowling a few times a year. It was always one of the highlights of the youth ministry calendar. The sport has since become a family favourite.

"Bowling runs in both our families," explains Clay, the patriarch of the Imoo (which rhymes with Nemo as in the cartoon Finding Nemo) clan. "My mother's side has some competitive bowlers in it; in fact my first cousin Jordan Jung co-owns the JR pro shop at Lucky 9 Lanes. Gail's mother's side also has some decent bowlers in it. As for our immediate family, both Gail and I bowled (recreationally) growing up. We've always enjoyed

at St. Paul's Catholic Church. It was bowling because it's fun, affordable and social."

> While Gail doesn't bowl anymore continues to bowl once a week on average and plans to join a league in the fall.

Each of the kids—Sean, Jacob and Kayla—demonstrate the skills to go

The family recently spent a week in Las Vegas where Sean was playing in a United States Open youth bowling competition.

"It was a great experience and there were a lot of good takeaways for my future tournaments," says Sean, who has made significant progress over the last year, earning a silver medal at

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## **BOWLING**

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the 2019 Canadian Tenpin Federation championships.

"Growing up we'd go regularly to Lois Lanes but I didn't really take it that seriously. Eventually my brother Jacob got serious, and I thought what the heck I might as well try it too."

Playing a variety of team sports through high school, Sean has always seen himself as a bit of a natural athlete. So placing last at the Canadian Tenpin Federation championships in 2018 was a hard lesson.

"It was tough for me, but I think it also speaks a lot to the importance of the mental game and my drive to be the best," Sean says. "I put in a lot of hours over the summer to come away with silver this year. It was great for me."

Sean continues to strive to get better, taking advantage of a lull in the season to reset his game mentally and physically in hopes of being even more prepared for next year.

Among the siblings, Jacob started the competitive ball rolling when he joined a youth league four years ago. This year, he has been capturing his progress on video while putting together a full documentary on his "Road to 300" (a perfect game).

### Star struck

Clearly dedicated to the pursuit of excellence, Jacob was star struck when he had the opportunity to meet the world's top bowler while in Las Vegas.

"Oh my goodness, I couldn't understand what I was saying," Jacob says of his encounter with Jason Belmonte. "There was so much anticipation in meeting him that my heart was pounding. When I got my picture with him it was so awesome. I'd been looking up to him and seeing him on TV for the last four or five years, and it was good to see what a nice guy he is. It's cool to meet someone you look



Photo submitted

Jacob Imoo meets the world's top tenpin bowler, Australian Jason Belmonte, in Las Vegas.

up to."

An Australian, Belmonte, 35, plays on the Professional Bowler Association Tour in the United States and in world events. He is known for being one of the first bowlers to gain media attention for using the two-handed approach to deliver his shot. With 23 career 300 games, he has won 21 PBA titles, one of only 15 players in history with a least 20 tour wins.

After watching Belmonte bowl, Jacob has also adopted the two-handed style.

"(Belmonte) started bowling that way because he couldn't pick up the ball, and it's become popular with a lot of kids today," Jacob explains. "All the kids love it because you get so much power even if you don't have that much muscle. And it's cool to see that ball curve from one side to another."

## New twist on an old game

At its height of popularity, bowling defined suburban America in the 1950s and 1960s as a favourite family

activity. It was also a time when television was coming into its own, a medium that helped to create bowling stars.

By the 1980s, however, the widespread appeal of bowling was gone. But there remained those who refused to let the game die, and have since been steadfast in their efforts to revive interest.

The Imoos are keen to help advance the momentum.

Jacob recalls with fondness—and amusement—his early days bowling.

"I remember those long drives with our dad and being so excited, and then throwing the ball in the gutter," he smiles. "But it was cool, and we couldn't wait for the next time. It's always been a fun sport and something we've loved to do."

Since taking the game seriously, Jacob has become a top-notch bowler and a gold-medallist in both the Youth Bowling Council (YBC) and Canadian Tenpin Federation (CTF). His next goal is to become a national champion in both. The YBC finals are

set for early May in Montreal and the CTF championships are olater in the month in Edmonton.

"It's a challenge sometimes staying serious," admits Jacob, who sports an engaging personality. "But I really want to get a scholarship and hopefully become a pro. I really love bowling."

Though she has only been bowling in a league since last September, Kayla is already serving notice she's a force to be reckoned with. Her brothers readily acknowledge she may have the most potential.

"She's a very quick learner," Sean says proudly. "And she throws the ball very smoothly. The sky is the limit for her."

A silver medallist in the CTF and bronze medallist in YBC, Kayla clearly looks up to her brothers and enjoys spending time with them.

Her eyes light up as she talks about a family video of her bowling at the age of two or three. And she sports a wide smile noting she's at least once even recorded a higher score than Jacob.

"Since Jacob and Sean started bowling in league it's been amazing for me to watch them, so (last year) I was like 'Hey, why don't I try it?' As soon as I started I was getting much better at it. Winning medals was a really cool experience too because in gymnastics (which she'd competed in previously) it was a lot harder to do that."

Kayla says seeing the pros like world champion Belmonte bowl has only strengthened her love for the sport.

"It was so cool to see how easy it was for them to get all the strikes and spares, while I'm here getting one pin at a time," she says.

As for her short-term goals, Kayla says "maybe winning provincials, but definitely working on my mental game and targeting. Sometimes when I bowl it just goes straight—this way. So I'm working on getting the ball to go where I want it to go."

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## FREE Classifieds

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To post your FREE 25-word classified, please email us at jaanab@richmondsentinel.ca. Deadline: Thursday, April 25 for the May 2019 issue.

### Spring sale

SPRING SALE at South Arm United Church, 11051 No 3 Rd, on Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to noon. Plenty of baking, plants and silent auction and a garage sale all in one.

### Pottery sale

RICHMOND POTTERS CLUB spring sale at Richmond Arts Centre, 180-7700 Minoru Gate. Friday, April 26 to Sunday, April 28. Discover unique, hand-made items by local artisans. Free admission.

### Lectures

**FOR RICHMOND** CENTER **DISABILITY** (at Lansdowne Centre) and Van City Credit Union present: Each One Teach One, financial literacy for people with low income or on disability. Sessions are open to all from 4 to 5:30 p.m. April 29 focuses on debt smarts, May 6 focuses on ID theft and fraud prevention.

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### **Easter services**

Steveston United Church, 3720 Broadway St.

- April 14, 10 a.m.: Palm Sunday service
- April 19, 10 a.m.: Good Friday service
- April 21, 6:15 a.m.: Easter Sunrise service (Garry Point)
- April 21, 10 a.m.: Easter Worship service.

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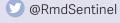
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## Eugene Sheffer's crossword

### **ACROSS**

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## **DOWN**

- "Veep" airer
- Sort
- 3 D.C. figure
- Celery servings
- Drain blockage
- Intends
- Actor Stephen
- Groan-inducing
  - humorist
  - TV station employee 31
- 10 Injure
- Feed-bag filler
- Possesses
- 20 Tic-—-toe

- Sir's counterpart
- Church section
- Peter Parker's alter
  - ego
- 24 Coin aperture
- Prudish
- Takes too much, in
  - ed. lingo
- 28 Skater Lipinski
- Faction
- Fear-stricken
- Big fuss
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- Hoosegow

Extinct bird 45 Picnic crasher 47 Born

Altar vows

Roth svgs. plan

Answers will be posted

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Jittery

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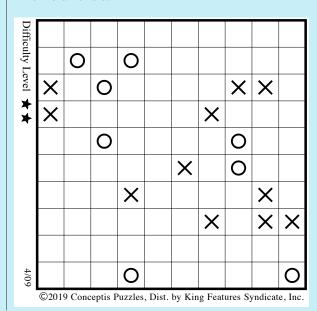
## **SUDOKU**

The goal of Sudoku is to fill a 9x9 grid with numbers so that each row, column and 3x3 section contain all of the digits between 1 and 9.

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1					5			
	5	3	9	2	4	8	1	
			7					5
		6		4				
8			6		3	2		
	3	5		7		6		

## **TIC-TAC-LOGIC**

A one player game, the object is to place Xs or Os in the squares grid. There cannot be more than two consecutive Xs or Os in a row or column. Each column/row is unique and has five Xs and Os.



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### 33-22800 Windsor Court

PARC SAVANNAH. This super 3 level townhome offers over 1500 sq ft of living space. 4 bedrooms + 3 bathrooms. Open and Bright layout with a large private fenced patio & balcony. Stainless Steel appliances, gas range stove, engineered hardwood floors. 2 car double garage. All situated in the Sought after Hamilton location in Richmond with easy access to Hwy 91, public transit, close to McLean Park, Hamilton Elementary School, Communit Centre, Queensborough Landing Outlet & Walmart.



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### 8720 No. 5 Road

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14300 Burrows Road PRIME LOCATION! East Richmond

on 3.7 acres of located in ALR. Build

land. Property is zoned AG-1



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DEVELOPERS ALERT! Both lots are 66'x 150' / 9900 square foot lot. Opportunity for possible future re-zoning to facilitate low density Townhouses.

## **LAND & FARM LISTINGS**

## Richmond

22451 Gilley Road	8 acres	REDUCED
22280 River Road	8.1 acres	REDUCED
14300 Burrows Road	3.7 acres	\$2,499,000
14400 Burrows Road	5.7 acres	\$2,999,000
11500 Westminster Hwy	0.5 acres	\$1,388,000
14260 Westminster Hwy	5 acres	\$3,288,000
*8720 No. 5 Road	9.8 acres	\$6,200,000

\*Rarely available zoned AG-1 / possible Public Assembly

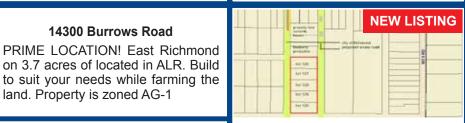
## Surrey

16611 20th Ave	3.21 acres	\$9,000,000	
16055 60th Ave	25 acres	\$3,600,000	

\*4 BUILDING LOTS fully serviced LOCATED in sought after Elgin/Chantrell South Surrey \*\* Call for prices

## 14400 Burrows Road

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## Lot 126, 127, 128, 129 & 130 Granville Ave

EXCELLENT HOLDING PROPERTY After area of East Richmond. Approx. Lot size 0.778 acres or 33,889.68 square feet for each lot. OR Combine Lot 126, 127, 128, 129 & 130 to equal 3.89 Acres/ 169,448.40 Square. Zoned AG-1 Agricultural. Small fruits and vegetables permitted. City of Richmond Road allowance to the West and East of LAND ONLY. NO SERVICES

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Call Dale for more details on any of these properties!

