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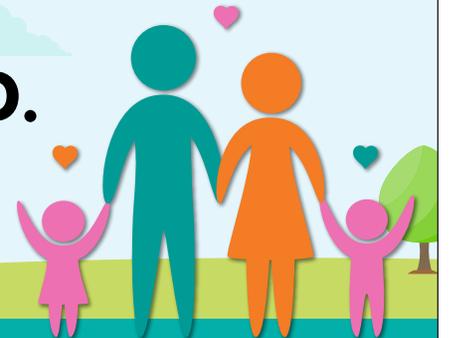
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Team Canada wheelchair rugby coach Patrick Cote holds court during a weekend practice at the Richmond Olympic Oval, as the team prepares to host the 2018 Canada Cup international tournament starting Thursday, June 14. Ranked No. 3 in the world, Canada plays Sweden in the tournament opener at 5 p.m.

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MLA RICHMOND-STEVESTON



Dear Constituents,

We've now wrapped up a busy spring Legislative session, where I continued to fight on your behalf against the NDP government's tax policies.

The NDP promised to eliminate MSP premiums, but in reality they've simply replaced them with a damaging Employer Health Tax which will hurt B.C. businesses, non-profit groups and school boards. Municipalities will also feel the pinch— which means your property taxes may go up.

Meanwhile, the NDP's "school tax" has nothing to do with schools. It's essentially an asset tax— and it's an attack on the hard-earned savings of homeowners. What's more, we recently learned nearly two-thirds of homeowners subject to the NDP's new "speculation tax" will be British Columbians.

These taxes were a major component of the NDP's spring Budget, which was discussed in detail at a forum I hosted with fellow Richmond MLAs Teresa Wat, Linda Reid and Jas Johal. Thank you to all who came out to get informed about what the Budget might mean for you and your family.

As summer approaches, the NDP's referendum on Proportional Representation will be a key focus. This referendum is so important— it could dramatically change the way voters elect their MLAs. After many months of keeping British Columbians in the dark, B.C.'s Attorney General finally revealed the NDP/Green plan for securing proportional representation in B.C. – and it confirms what we've been saying all along. It's a stacked deck in a rigged game. I will work hard to ensure my constituents get what they need to make an informed choice on electoral reform.

Locally, the new Acute Care Tower at Richmond Hospital is moving forward to the business planning phase which is needed prior to final approval. A big thank-you to the entire community for helping to make this step happen— especially the Richmond Hospital Foundation, which has done a tremendous job of raising awareness and funds for the project.

As the weather warms up, I look forward to seeing you out and about in Richmond in the coming months.

Sincerely,

John Yap, MLA
Richmond-Steveston
Opposition Critic for ICBC, BC Lottery Corp., and Liquor Distribution Branch



John co-hosted a standing-room-only "Budget 2018" Community Forum in March.



John, along with MLAs Andrew Wilkinson, Leader of the Official Opposition, Teresa Wat and Linda Reid visited Flying Fresh Air Freight and discussed the detrimental effects of the Employer Health Tax on their business.



John brings greetings and welcomes people to the RCCS Arts and Culture Festival Opening Ceremony in May.



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Batman, school colleagues battling hunger

By DON FENNEL
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The Caped Crusader is on a mission.

Pulling into the driveway outside Samuel Brighthouse elementary last week in his suped-up Batmobile, Batman (Rick Nelson) and his hunger-fighting colleagues from the Richmond School District drew plenty of cheers.

Led by a police escort, the team of works yard employees are part of a unique motorcycle procession. They're spending about 10 minutes this morning visiting with students at each of the 11 Richmond schools that have breakfast clubs.

It's an enormous undertaking, one that requires significant time planning. But one Mike Beausoleil hopes is making a difference.

"One day (five years ago) I was talking to our carpentry foreman about how a lot of us ride bikes. And with one of our staff members also being a Scrabble master, we thought let's do a scramble," recalls Beausoleil, the works yard director, and the main organizer of the Breakfast Scramble.

The title is literally a play on words, as the staff of 17 "bikers" raise awareness and funds for the Feed-U-Cate 38 program. A decorated school bus travels with the crew where, at each school, students select letters



Photo by Don Fennell

The Caped Crusader drove the Batmobile to Samuel Brighthouse Elementary School last Thursday as part of the school district works yard Breakfast Scramble fundraiser.

to participate in a game of Scrabble. The winning school (Whiteside won last year) will earn the grand prize—breakfast cooked by the works yard staff, as well as a recognition plaque. Its students also have the honour of designing next year's t-shirts and event posters.

The works yard staff has also raised funds (the total is in excess of

\$6,000) by selling student-designed t-shirts, along with accepting donations. All proceeds go directly to the district Feed-U-Cate program to help fund breakfast club programs.

The positive response has overwhelmed Beausoleil and his colleagues.

"We had no idea what to expect, but elated doesn't even begin to

describe it," he says. "This really reinforces what we do and why we do it."

The breakfast club is enthusiastically supported at Brighthouse, says principal Emmanuel Adjei-Achampong.

"It is such an important aspect

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Have your say in wellness strategy

By DON FENNELL
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Richmond's first Community Wellness Strategy was introduced in 2010. Now, the city is looking for public input in hopes of building on the plan's success.

Developed in partnership with Vancouver Coastal Health and Richmond School District, the city's draft Community Wellness Strategy 2018-2023 takes a collaborative and holistic approach to improving wellness for local residents.

It supports council's vision to enhance accessible programs, services and public spaces that reflect Richmond's demographics, rich heritage, diverse needs and unique opportunities, and that facilitate active, caring and connected communities.

"Over 1,000 individuals participated in the first round of public consultation with this second round being undertaken to ensure that the right steps are being considered to improve wellness opportunities for Richmond residents," says Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "We encourage residents to continue to let us know what they need to feel healthy, happy and connected to their community."

The ways to continue the conversation are to drop in to one



Photo courtesy City of Richmond

A Richmond family taking part in social connectedness and healthy eating.

of two public open houses or visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca to view the draft Community Wellness Strategy 2018-2023 and complete the online survey. The survey is available from June 11 through June 24.

Open houses are Wednesday, June 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Richmond Public Library's Brighthouse branch, 100-7700 Minoru Gate, and Saturday, June 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Minoru Place Activity

Centre, 7660 Minoru Gate.

The draft Community Wellness Strategy 2018-2023 was adopted by city council May 14 for the purpose of seeking stakeholder and public validation, and the final phase of the project is now being worked on. Community input received will be assessed and used to finalize the report that will be presented to city council at a later date.

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Museum celebrates Indigenous people

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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National Aboriginal Peoples Day, on June 21, recognizes and celebrates the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Indigenous peoples living in Canada.

This year, the Gulf of Georgia Cannery hosts the Richmond celebration on Saturday, June 23 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Organized by the Pathways Aboriginal Youth Centre, the afternoon will feature international pow-wow dancer Shyama Priya, the Wild Moccasin Dancers, Maddie McCallum and the Heiltsuk Dancers.

For those who love a good listen, there will be story-telling by Rebecca Duncan from 2 to 3 p.m.

As well, the celebration offers a variety of options such as a talking stick workshop and a Totem and design workshop.

There will be a bannock bake-off led by Chef Maluh, with local families and individuals who will prepare their unique bannock recipes for judging by a selected panel from 2 to 3 p.m.

Participants can join Tarah Hogue, Indigenous Curatorial Fellow at the Vancouver Art Gallery and Shaun Dacey, director of the Richmond Art Gallery on the bus tour, visiting public artworks by contemporary indigenous artists across our city.

While all the day's events are free, the bus tour requires pre-registration. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

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of our school community for many reasons," he explains. "Every time we meet to eat together there is that sense of community. We're addressing a social issue, but at the same time not singling anyone out by opening (breakfast) all members of the study body. Through the work of Glenn Kishi (with whom the idea originated), Feed-U-Cate is such a huge part of what we've been doing (in education). Our motto at Brighthouse is where everyone counts, and this reflects that message.

"And without fail on Fridays, the day we hold our breakfast club, we see our least number of lates and absenteeism," he laughs. "Even the parking lot is calmer because more people come earlier."

A longtime former Richmond teacher and administrator, Kishi advanced the Richmond School District program that helps provide funding to schools that run breakfast and lunch programs for students. On average, participating schools spend over \$15,000 a year to support these programs. Traditionally, all the funds are donated or raised by school groups, individual donations or parents advisory councils.

Richmond School District vice chair Sandra Nixon says "it's great to see folks who don't often get engaged with schools, but are the backbone of making it all happen."

"(Feed-U-Cate) is an extremely important program that not only nourishes the tummies of



Photo by Don Fennell

Seventeen "bikers" raise awareness and funds for the Feed-U-Cate 38 program.

kids who really need it, but nourishes the spirit of the whole community."

Feed-U-Cate 38 aims to lessen the dependence on these groups by sourcing additional funding from the community.

"As part of the (district) agreement to attend WE Day for free, all schools had to commit to a local project and an international project," Kishi says of Feed-U-Cate 38's launch in 2012. "I realized there were schools in the district that were seeking financial assistance to help with their breakfast programs."

"Collectively, the district increases success finding solutions that mitigate the effects of child poverty by working together and combining efforts," says district spokesperson David Sadler.

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Salmon Fest seeks volunteers

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The Steveston Salmon Festival organizers still need volunteers for their July 1 extravaganza.

With so many options to choose among you can contribute a few hours and still have lots of time left to enjoy the day with your friends and family.

The list runs the gamut from early morning parade marshalling to clean-up after the fun is over, and everything in between.

And you get more than just the fun of participating in our village's fête of the year, there's swag to be had.

"Volunteers will receive a Salmon Festival t-shirt, lanyard, nylon string backpack and swag and a relaxing volunteer lounge supplied with a variety of food and beverages for break times to keep you hydrated and energized for the day. Volunteers can also enter a free draw to win some fun prizes as well," according to Janice Froese, the administrative co-ordinator.

It's a great chance to not only help out but to meet other members of the Richmond community. It is neighbours helping neighbours to have a fun-filled day.

"We are making some exciting changes to this year's festival and we are eager to work with our volunteer team to make the 2018 Steveston Salmon Festival the best one yet. I would like to give a huge Thank You to all our past and future volunteers. The Steveston Salmon Festival would not be possible without your help," says Josiane Leguerrier, volunteer co-ordinator. To sign-up: icanhelp.richmond.ca/ or email jleguerrier@richmond.ca or 604-238-8013 for more information.

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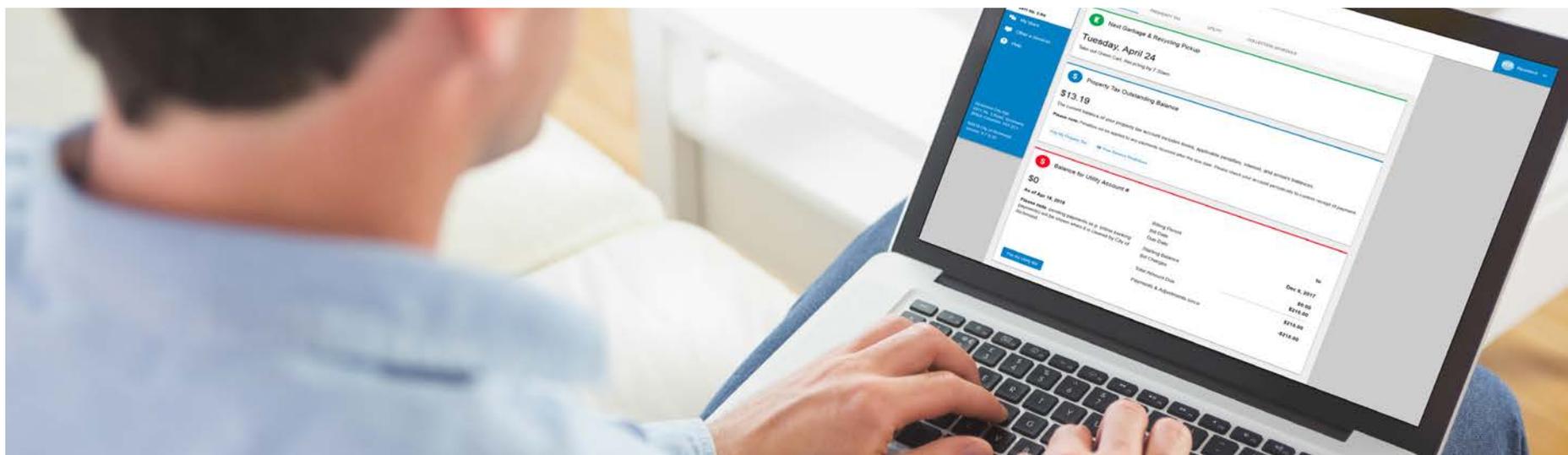


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Cordero headlining S.U.C.C.E.S.S. fundraiser

By DON FENNEL
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One of Asia's best-known entertainers is coming to Richmond.

Affectionately known as "Fei Ma" by her fans and friends, multi-talented Maria Cordero will be performing Aug. 17 and 18 at River Rock Show Theatre in the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Charity Concert.

"It brings me joy every time to perform in this beautiful and culturally-diverse city," Cordero said. "It also gives me pleasure to lend a helping hand to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. foundation's fundraising efforts."

All proceeds from the concert will support important social services and programs at S.U.C.C.E.S.S. that are unfunded or only partially funded by government. This includes programs that serve youth, women, families and seniors. S.U.C.C.E.S.S. is aiming to raise \$150,000 from the two concerts.

Blessed with beautiful vocals and a ra-

zor-sharp wit, Cordero began her singing career in 1985. Only three years later, the song "Beam of Friendship" from her debut album vaulted her to prominence. It earned her gold in Hong Kong's prestigious Top 10 Chinese Gold Songs Awards.

In October 2013, Cordero along with other well-known singers Frances Yip and Elisa Chan gave sold-out performances at the Three Divas Concert in Hong Kong.

"Maria has always been very supportive of S.U.C.C.E.S.S.," said Walter Soo, Jeffrey Chan and Cheryl Kwok, co-chairs of the 2018 charity concert. "Her performance at the 2014 Bridge to S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Gala was marvellous and was the talk of the town here. We're excited and thankful for her return to support S.U.C.C.E.S.S. foundation again."

Tickets range from \$68 to \$198 (VIP) and may be purchased online at tinyurl.com/MariaCordero2018 or at S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation, 28 West Pender St. in Vancouver.

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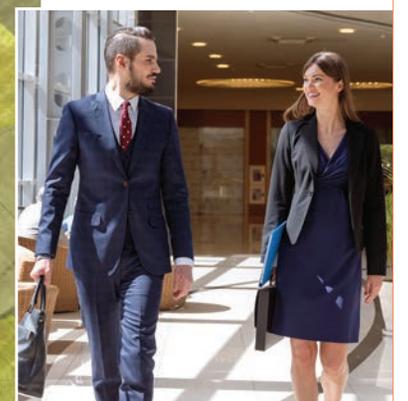





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Strawberry fields, forever?

By DON FENNELL
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The surprising rays of sunshine did Richmond strawberry growers a favour on the weekend. But it's longterm results that preoccupy the minds of local farmers.

"In all fairness, until a couple of days ago (when the weather turned sour) this strawberry season was looking fantastic," says longtime farmer Bill Zylmans. "We had lots of berries and the yields were there. But inconsistency in the weather hampers sales."

As an industry, says Zylmans, who operates W&A Farms, there is concern about the longterm viability of growing local strawberries.

"For whatever reason we aren't drawing excitement to purchase. Is it because berries from other countries are available year-round? Or the price of gas is causing people not to ven-

ture out to local farms?"

Gurpal Birak, who owns Birak's, says it's "very hard" to stay optimistic.

"It's disappointing," Birak says. "We don't get the support. Something has to be done, like a subsidy, to help the farmer."

Birak says local strawberries, without the use of chemicals, are the sweetest in the world. But he says without more local customers buying homegrown fruits and vegetables, the price has to go up. Inevitably, he adds, that also leads to fewer growers because they don't see farming as a profitable business.

Zylmans recognizes that times change. But he says it's getting harder, and more frustrating to be a produce farmer.

"Historically the industry had three processing plants in the (Fraser) Valley," he says. "When we used to have a surplus of berries they went to the



Photo by Chung Chow
W&A Farms owner Bill Zylmans is bullish on Richmond strawberries, but worries about the longterm survival of the crop locally. He implores people to shop locally.

cannery, and it was reflected in the price. Today there is no longer a relief valve in the form of a processing plant. The industry has dropped to a point where we've all learned you can only grow what you can sell direct to market. I used to grow 50 acres, now I grow 12 to 13. But because costs are

getting bigger and higher all the time, it's getting to be a costly venture. If you lose a crucial weekend in the season it turns into huge dollars losses. A bad rainstorm at a crucial time can wipe me out. There's no getting around it"

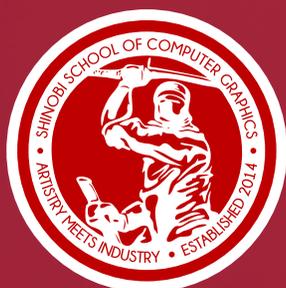
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15th RichCity Idol show a winner

By LORRAINE GRAVES
AND HANNAH SCOTT

When Grade 12 Richmond Secondary student Ysabelle Santa Ana was crowned the winner of RichCity Idol 2018, her abundant and enthusiastic crowd of fans went wild. The theme of the singing competition's 15th anniversary was "City of Stars," but the unofficial theme threading its way through the night was "celebrate your own unique voice."

The evening saw 10 students from each of Richmond's high schools competing to be "the shiniest star out there," according to co-hosts Anna Leung and Marinelle Sinlao. The co-hosts offered an evening of elegant introductions coupled with punny comments after each performer's turn. The three-member judges' panel spanned the music scene. Bruce Nip is a producer and host of a weekly music show on Fairchild Radio. Known by her performing name, Michele C, is a songwriter and recording artist in the EDM and

trance scene. Rounding out the group was Trevor Hoffman, a pianist, composer, and producer. All 10 students sang "This Is Me" from 2017 film "The Greatest Showman" to open the show, as they gathered around three microphones, each with their own chance to shine during the number. The first solo performance came from J.N. Burnett Secondary student Darren Zhang who chose John Legend's "All of Me." A different backing track came up first. Zhang waited calmly for his music to begin before delivering a strong ballad.

Michele C said: "Your falsetto was on point, and I really liked the emotion that you carried with the song." While Hoffman added: "You have an amazing technical voice. This is not an easy song to sing." After Zhong's performance, when asked about his past, he mentioned his opportunity to get into the Voice of China provincial final. "I was so nervous on the stage." Eventual winner Santa



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Ana sang second, performing "Halo" by Beyoncé. Santa Ana handled the crowd well, asking them to use their phones to create beams of light befitting the song's title.

Of her unaccompanied introductory chorus, C said, "The intro was amazing. Doing it a cappella, your voice really shone through."

Judge Hoffman said: "There were moments when I saw the true queen shine. When you find those moments, just enjoy them and keep them going."

RA. McMath secondary's Julien Norrish, another Grade 12 student, also sang a Beyoncé song: "Listen." Despite his microphone not working when he started, his confidence built. The audience recognized the song and clapped along.

Judge Nip said: "You were pushing all of your emotions through that microphone."

C added: "You lost yourself in the song and I love that." The youngest participant of the evening was Steveston-London secondary's Kiran Bassi, who is in Grade 8. She sang Rihanna's "Love on the Brain," and her performance was remarkable given that her backing music cut out after the first few stanzas.

She continued a cappella, finishing out the chorus with professional stage presence beyond her years, before stopping to thunderous applause.

Judge Nip said: "Without the music I really truly heard your very talented voice. You hit every single note."

All three judges expressed a strong desire to hear Bassi sing again with the accompaniment as planned.

Judge Hoffman said: "If we can't get the track working, I would be happy to come up and play piano for you."

Singing fifth was Brazilian exchange student Augusto Tonial, in Grade 12 at Hugh Boyd Secondary. He chose Twenty One Pilots' "House of Gold," which is accompanied by ukulele in the original.

Tonial accompanied himself on acoustic guitar and harmonica. When the lights came up, his fans shouted his name. He had stage presence to burn as he charmed the crowd. His guitar had no sound at first, so he stopped, waited for the sound people to turn up the volume. Once it was working, Tonial had the audience clap along.

Judge Nip said: "He is definitely golden on stage. You highlight the difference between a performer and an entertainer. I was truly entertained."

Francis Naluz, a Grade 12 student from Matthew McNair secondary, sang "Supermarket Flowers" by Ed Sheeran, which gave way seamlessly to a surprise mashup with Coldplay's "Fix You."

He also accompanied himself on acoustic guitar, true to Sheeran's original song.

Judge Hoffman said: "I was incredibly moved by that. I got lost in your entire performance. That was the most emotional performance by far tonight. Just when I thought my heart could not be crushed anymore, you brought in that Coldplay."

RC. Palmer secondary student Orvy Agoncillò chose Bruno Mars's "Too Good to Say Goodbye." Agoncillò delivered strong riffs that Judge C noticed: "There's a sort of husky quality to (your voice) that I like." Judge Hoffman said: "The colour of your tone is really unique, very warm and sultry. That was a highlight for me for sure. I think you made your parents very proud."

Next was Hugh McRoberts secondary's Flora Chen, who delivered a confident version of "This is My Now" by Jordin Sparks. In her interview, Chen said: "I was six when I came here from China. I didn't know English. The way I learned it was through singing."

Judge C said: "You slayed the high notes, and I really like that you have this quiet, unassuming confidence when you sing."

A.R. MacNeill secondary's Jeremy Tong was the penultimate performer. He sang "A Million Dreams" from

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Blundell grads reunite 50 years later

By DON FENNELL
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The Green Bay Packers defeated Oakland Raiders 33-14 in the second Super Bowl. Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In made its TV debut. Pierre Elliott Trudeau became Canada's 15th Prime Minister. And the first Special Olympics were held at Chicago's Soldier Field.

It was 1968, and in Richmond 116 Grade 7 students at Blundell celebrated their graduation from elementary school.

Several of those students reunited recently to reminisce about the days of yore. From the graduating class of 1968, students grew up to enjoy many professions including software CEO, lawyer and educator.

"It was an important time of our lives that made us who we are today," said Julie (Hyde) Pappajohn.

Pappajohn recalls when she first attended Blundell the girls all played on one side of the school and the boys on the other. Lining up outside for fire drills, playing hopscotch and skipping were other popular pastimes.

Donna Matheson, who helped organize the reunion along with Don Taylor and Wayne Green, also recalled the formality of the era. She got the strap in Grade 7 for going to the store at lunch.



Blundell elementary's class of 1968 reunited recently. Photo submitted

"I also remember being on staff room kitchen duty and cleaning up for the teachers, and taking almost all afternoon," said Matheson, who ironically grew up to become a teacher and later vice-principal in the Richmond School District.

Added Beth (Honan) Haggerty: "(The reunion was) an amazing blast from the past. It was a privilege to remember some of our common history along life's journey and as per usual let go of the negative and focus on the positive. Life is too short and we've got a lot of living left to do. Let's make this next season of life a great one and leave this place better than we found it."

"Born in 1955, we were right in the middle of the post war baby boom, and Richmond was a fast growing

community which attracted families," said Taylor, who like Matheson became a teacher and later a vice-principal in Richmond. "Rather than two children, parents were raising three to six children. I am one of four."

Longtime Richmond city councillor Harold Steves taught Grade 7 science at Blundell in 1968. He has fond memories of the time.

"It was the year Canada's first environmental group was formed," he noted. "The Richmond Anti-pollution Association campaigned for sewage treatment on the Fraser River, and I rewrote a song about it and taught it science and music classes. Does anyone remember the 'Fraser River Song' and the word they weren't supposed to sing?"

When no buses were available, bicycles became the mode of transportation for several field trips to the river and foreshore to study pollution and collect samples. But Steves recalls the trips were cancelled by the principal when a student at the end of the line gave (a rude jester) to the principal of Grauer."

Haggerty retains in her mind a clear picture of Steves perched on the counter with his guitar, clad in a well-worn tan corduroy jacket with patched elbows, button down denim shirt and skinny tie singing about the muddy Fraser.

John de Putter has fond memories of playing baseball and hockey cards against the school walls at lunch and recess, with closest card to the wall taking both cards.

He also remembers Steves and going to the ditches looking at frogs, tadpoles and ditchwater.

"I loved that because that's what we'd do in our neighbourhood."

Jean Matthewson recalls her teachers in Grades 4 and 5. Miss Jackson, her Grade 4 teacher, told the class she would become Mrs. Gilmore after Christmas break, and invited the entire class to go to church in Vancouver to see her emerge in her wedding gown.

"In Grade 5, Mr. Eyjolfson threatened us all with detention if we didn't learn to spell his name by the end of the first week," she said.

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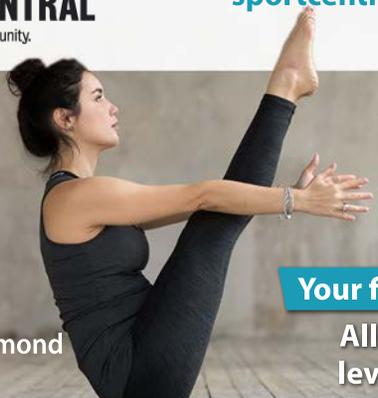
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- Limited parking is also available at Minoru Park and the Richmond Cultural Centre parkade.

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Playscape is new twist on old playground

By DON FENNELL
@DFSentinel

The playscape at Richmond's Thompson Community Centre represents a new twist on an old concept.

An upgrade on the classic playground, the revamped space was completed in mid-December and is already enhancing the experience of pre-schools in the Rompers program.

"We were able to re-use several components that had been added over the past two or three years," says community centre president Julie Halfnights. "The new space has plantings that attract tactile exploration, as well as space where the children will plant seeds and watch them grow."

Representing a return to nature, the playscape model is growing in

popularity. Breaking from the need for specific play equipment, the shaping of the landscape encourages play and interaction. The playscapes also offer a wide range of open-ended play options that allow people to be creative.

"We've had lots of interest from the public about access, so we expect the new area will attract attendees that may not otherwise have visited," says Halfnights.

Up to 50 guests are \$160, with availability Saturdays and Sundays from June 16 to Sept. 16. Afternoons and evenings are open free to the public.

The idea for a playscape at Thompson originated at the community centre's February 2017 planning day. It was then worked on by its children's and facilities committee.

"Terra Nova Nature School (TNNS) changed our view of everything," says

Halfnights. "As we hear increasingly, research about the value of time in nature spurred us forward too."

The playscape design is said to offer a wide range of benefits, both physical and developmental. It is also believed to decrease bullying and injury rates, while helping increase focus and attention spans and social skills.

The TNNS and Rompers pre-school instructors share their educational sessions, "and the wonderful experiences they've shown the Rompers instructors have inspired them to get outside more," says Halfnights. "As we started the design, they wanted to provide a little bit of what happens with the TNNS students for their pre-school classes."

Funds for the playscape (the total cost of the project was \$258,000, with a \$8,600 child care capital grant provided by the city of Richmond

toward a new fence) came from Thompson's reserves, accumulated over the last decade from the excess of annual revenues over expenses. As a not-for-profit, the community centre strives for a 'net zero', but with full classes and thrifty staff and volunteers is able to, in most years, set aside funds for such projects.

The playscape is fully-equipped with an outdoor classroom, sandboxes, playhouses, benches, tables, a slide and play structure.

"We have a long history of contributing to play spaces in our adjacent and nearby parks, but we've rarely paid for the whole thing, as we did in this case," says Halfnights, who is thrilled at the outcome of this project.

"It looks amazing and the kids absolutely love playing there. When you walk by you see nothing but smiles."

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Awards laud heritage work

By DON FENNELL
@DFSentinel

Reiner Siperko, Bob Hodder and John Campbell all have at least one thing in common: an enthusiasm for heritage.

The three individuals, along with the Steveston Historical Society, have been honoured by the City of Richmond with 2018 Richmond Heritage Awards recognizing their ongoing efforts and dedication to historic places, public history and heritage interpretation. The awards were presented at the closing ceremony of the annual Richmond Regional Heritage Fair.

Siperko and Hodder were lauded for their vision in the retention and use of the original concrete murals from the old Gulf and Fraser (Fisherman's Credit Union) in its new mixed-use development called The Kimura Building. The site is located at the northwest corner of Chatham Street and Third Avenue.

Campbell, a volunteer with Friends of the Richmond Archives, was recognized for his ongoing efforts to develop two social media programs—the Facebook “Friends of the Richmond Archives” page and “Outside the Box” blog. He has worked diligently to edu-

cate, intrigue and involve the current residents of Richmond in heritage, and the importance of preserving it. He annually volunteers over 500 hours to these programs.

The Steveston Historical Society was recognized for its “Waking Tour Vignettes” program. The five-part theatrical production, written by Hugh McRoberts secondary grad Andrew Wade, is a walking tour of historic Steveston. The program was first launched in the summer of 2017 as part of Canada 150 celebrations and is happening again this summer (debuting Saturday, June 2). It connects young audiences by partnering with McRoberts drama students.

The Richmond Regional Heritage Fair is a showcase of history projects by students from Grades 4 to 10. Students research and create projects highlighting an aspect of Canadian history to present to classmates, parents and others at a school fair. Some of the students go on to participate in regional fairs across B.C. and at the Provincial Heritage Fair.

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Steveston Salmon Festival begins with Bullhead Derby

By **DON FENNELL**
@DFSentinel

Fishing is one of those time-honoured traditions that celebrates the special bond between generations. This June 24 will present another opportunity to go angling but with a catch—it's only open to children aged 12 and under and seniors 65-plus. So it's grandparents and the grandkids.

Hosted by the Richmond Golden Rods and Reels Society each year, on the Sunday prior to the Canada Day Steveston Salmon Festival, the Bullhead Derby is two hours of time well spent. The actual fish caught may be relatively small, but the smiles on the faces of the anglers is immeasurable.

"Just seeing the expressions on the faces is magic," event co-ordinator John Wells told *The Richmond Sentinel* last year.

Wells has volunteered with the society for 20 years, and describes the derby as truly reflecting the "family atmosphere."

This year's 29th annual Bullhead Derby, as previously, is being supported by Pajo's, Pacific Net & Twine, White Spot and the City of Richmond. The derby at Garry Point Park begins with



File photo

The Bullhead Derby for kids 12 and under and seniors 65 plus on June 24 is a prelude to Canada Day Steveston Salmon Festival celebrations.

registration at 9 a.m. and competition from 10 to noon. Bring your own fishing gear, barbless hooks and bucket. Entry is free and there will be plenty of prizes.

The 73rd annual Steveston Salmon Festival on July 1 begins with the always-popular parade at 10 a.m. New for 2018, the children's festival is being relocated to the baseball diamond behind the RCMP community office.

There will be plenty more to take in throughout the day, from a flower and garden show to a car show, martial arts demonstration to mouth-watering wild salmon barbecue, the Japanese Cultural Show to the artisans

gallery, and plenty of food to tempt the tastebuds. And don't miss the live music including The Boom Booms, Line 49, Urban Myth, Scotty Hills and icon Canadian rock band Honeymoon Suite which is set to take the stage at 5 p.m.

"We are so excited this year to once again offer our licensed Spirit of Steveston Zone in the Easthope parking lot that will include a fantastic array of music, and several food truck choices," said festival co-chair Kirstine Dickson.

The children's festival will include inflatables and mini carnival games,

face painters, clowns and other fun activities. Steveston's own Charlotte Diamond and the Hug Bug Band will take to the stage at 2 p.m. for another unforgettable concert.

Canada Day in Steveston begins early, with the pancake breakfast at 6:30 a.m. and the kids' bike parade at 9:30 a.m. The big Canada Day Parade beginning at 10 a.m. will again feature the customary marching bands, decorated vehicles, community groups and plenty of pirates. The award-winning Spirit of Steveston float with Sammy the Salmon on board is another must-see.

A spectacular fireworks finale over the Fraser River will cap the day.

A reminder that parking in Steveston is limited and road closures will be in place throughout the day on July 1.

Shuttle service will also be available from city hall to Britannia Shipyard starting at 8:30 a.m. until to 11 p.m. and from Lord Byng elementary to the Gulf of Georgia Cannery from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., courtesy of Richmond Auto Mall.

Visit www.stevestonsalmonfest.ca event details, parade map, road closure notices, shuttles and parking information.

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RICH CITY IDOL

From Page 11

"The Greatest Showman," which proved to be a choice supported by the judges.

Judge Nip said: "I kind of got lost watching you and the emotions on your face."

Judge Hoffman praised Tong: "I'd say you're probably one of the most engaging performers tonight because you just connected with the audience."

When asked what music has done for him, Tong said it's important because: "I'm not good at studying. Without music I'm just done." His singing would be right at home in a Disney movie. The last scheduled performance came from Cambie Secondary student Tiana Nouredin, who chose "When I was Your Man" by Bruno Mars. Her stage movement looked professional, and she used the whole stage with confidence.

Judge C said: "I think it's the little



Photo by Joe Hu

Fellow contestants cheer as Ysabelle Santa Ana is named the winner.

things that make a performance, and when you sat down towards the end, you were really vulnerable but you owned it, and it sounded amazing."

Judges C and Hoffman compared her voice to the likes of Norah Jones.

The audience erupted in cheers when Kiran Bassi got her second chance to sing this time with the accompaniment as planned. With a voice mature beyond her years, Bassi nailed

her second performance. She had the crowd with her all the way, clapping in time from the start.

Judge Nip singled her out as "absolutely one of the biggest highlights for me tonight."

C said: "You have such a special and unique voice that if I heard you for the first time on the radio, I would completely remember you. You're not trying to sing like anybody else, you're

completely singing like yourself."

Blanche Macdonald did the make-up, giving everyone on stage sparkling stars at the corners of their eyes. The top three finalists won lessons from CCIM Entertainment Group. The winner additionally won a professional music video mixed and mastered by Blue Light Studios. The top five Idols were Chen, Naluz, Santa Ana, Tong, and Bassi. Each performed a very brief a cappella taste from their number. During intermission, the audience voted for their choice for winner from among the top five. After intermission, two CCIM groups gave enthusiastic performances: the Rising Stars and Cassie B & Adam S. The evening's guest performances ended with Rich-City Idol winner Marielle Namuco, also dogged by sound problems. Her third microphone finally worked and she sang a moving version of Adele's "When We Were Young."

Advisor Natasha Jung one of Rich-City Idol's founders, thanked the sponsors for making the event happen.



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Enriching lives

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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The air is full of excitement as two Grade 6 classes assemble for a sit-down luncheon and Reach to Teach graduation celebration at the Arts Connection at the foot of No. 2 Road. Many of the students are dressed in their finest.

The Richmond class from A B Dixon Elementary and the Vancouver students from Britannia Elementary, started the five-month process with a day of individual projects. But gradually, the students found ways to work together as the projects became more pairs than group-oriented.

Reach to Teach is a Community Arts Council of Richmond program that brings children from less advantaged schools together with students from a more affluent neighbourhood school to share learning in the arts, in all its forms.

Friday, June 1 was a day to relish their accomplishments on display, to enjoy a meal together and to thank those who made the semester possible.

The program offers students a full school day of activities with breakfast and lunch. One of the groups doing their thank-you presentation even mentioned the croissants and fruit breakfast as one of their favourite parts.

Education director Karen Boley explained breakfast and lunches the children were served played an important role.

"You can't learn on an empty stomach. You have to fill the physical needs before you can fill the emotional ones," she says.

Boley says it works out well because Arts Connection has an on-site chef and two kitchens who also feed their daycare, Renaissance

Kids Early Learning Centre.

Each of those days at the Arts Connection is filled with what Boley says with a smile, "Acting, dancing, art and eating."

During the student presentations, the students give a scrap book of memories and impressions from Reach to Teach that they've all made together to Arts Connection CEO and founder, Linda Shirley.

Over the past three decades, she has grown Arts Connection. It now has 100 staff, a full time chef, two professional kitchens and a host of programs in the arts on offer, including day care, after school care and a panoply of classes in many disciplines.

One of the student groups in their presentation says, "We're all excited to come. We got to be immersed in the arts for an entire day, plus the food was excellent—loved those muffins."

While another says: "When I saw the new friends we made from Britannia, boy, could they dance. It was really fun to learn how to do a stage slap in theatre class. I learned arts, broke out some new dance moves and learned hip hop."

Boley says the program has left her with a strong impression she is taking home with her.

"One of the students had had a really traumatic upbringing and had a really hard time settling in. The teachers at his school were pretty concerned about him."

Showing how arts education is a foundation not a frill, Boley tells of how the student at first just watched the others in art class, then he started participating, and finally was helping with the others.

"It was the first time his teacher had gotten him engaged in a project," Boley says.

Program treasurer Margaret Ste-

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through the arts



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Dixon and Britannia Elementary students proudly display their creations at Reach to Teach.

phens was thanked for the instrumental role she played in providing this opportunity for these students.

"We fund the program as part of our yearly exhibitions and events through grants received from the City of Richmond, business in the arts, as well as fundraising events that the Arts Connection has, everything from bake sales, ticketed recitals to receipted donations. The Arts Connection donates the space, looks after the hiring of instructors, support workers, the chef who does the shopping for the meals, the programming (and) choosing the participating schools."

Boley says corporate sponsors and private donations play an important part in making this program possible.

"It costs a minimum of \$5,000 for the semester for the food and the teachers," she says.

That works out to about \$20 per student for each day full of profes-

sionally-provided classes and food.

Two other schools will be participating in the program this September.

"We're planning once again to host Westwind from Richmond and Admiral Seymour Elementary (on Keefer St.) in Vancouver. We mix one more affluent school with a school with a more vulnerable population."

She added: "We've been a little concerned for this coming year whether we'll have enough funding to serve as many students as we have in the past. Because grant funding can vary from year to year, we are always on the look-out for that kind heart who can help us."

The arts offer more than just painting, acting or dancing skills. They offer confidence, team-building and bridge-building.

As one student says, "It's hard not to make new friends when you learn and laugh together."

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Richmond

Brighthouse Fire Hall opening this month

By DON FENNEL
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The doors are set to roll up and open at the new administrative home of Richmond Fire-Rescue services.

The \$24.4 million Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1, located on the southwest corner of Minoru Park, will hold an opening ceremony between 11:30 a.m. and noon on Saturday, June 23.

The public is also welcome to drop by and enjoy family fun activities, self-guided tours and to meet staff during an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The new 2,344-square-metre (25,240 square feet) facility is sustainably designed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Gold standards and will be post-disaster rated to ensure it remains operable in an emergency.

Community safety continues to be a top priority for Richmond City Council. About 37 cents from every tax dollar goes toward police and fire-rescue services, as well as emergency programs.

The city-owned building at 6960 Gilbert Rd. marks the conclusion of a 15-year building program, which has seen Richmond build five new fire halls and retrofit a sixth.

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Photo by Don Fennell

The new home of Richmond Fire-Rescue, including administrative operations, Brighthouse Fire Hall No. 1 will officially open June 23.



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In their own words...

City Council is committed to keeping Richmond streets safe



**Bill
McNulty**
City Councillor

Richmond is blessed with being one of the safest communities in Canada. Our crime rate remains low and continues to decline, even as our City grows. But crime prevention and enforcement require constant attention and City Council is committed to keeping our streets safe.

The good news is that Richmond's violent crime rate for the first quarter of 2018 was just 1.36 crimes per thousand residents, compared to a regional average of 2.36 crimes per thousand residents.

However, property crime continues to be a problem, with 9.15 incidents per thousand residents reported in the first quarter of the year. That's still below the regional average. But, as anyone who has been the victim of a break-in or theft knows, these disturbing incidents leave us feeling unsafe and violated. Community losses from property crime are also significant.

Council and our RCMP detachment management have made reducing property crime one of our top three policing priorities for 2018 through 2020. The other top priorities are combatting organized crime and dealing appropriately with vulnerable persons,

including those suffering from mental illness or domestic violence.

To ensure continued success in meeting these priorities and to support overall crime reduction and prevention, Council has provided additional resources to the RCMP. In the current 2018 operating budget Council approved the hiring of an additional 16 police officers and three new municipal police employees.

Since the beginning of the current Council term, we have approved adding 39 new police officers to the Richmond RCMP staffing complement. In addition, we've hired an additional six civilian policing staff during that same period. This means there are more officers on the streets preventing crime and more resources for criminal investigations and crime prevention programs.

As our City grows and evolves, policing needs are changing. With most of our current growth taking place within our City Centre, Council recognized the need for more policing services and support within the heart of Richmond.

The City Centre area currently generates just over 1,000 police calls a month, which is 28.6 per cent of all calls. With tens of thousands of new residents moving into Richmond's downtown over the next few decades, the City Centre area is anticipated to comprise about 37 to 41 per cent of the total calls for service by 2030. That's why we recently approved development of a new expanded City Centre Community Policing Office to be located at Gilbert and Granville.

The new 10,000 square foot facility will replace the existing City Centre Community Policing Office at Lansdowne Road and No. 3 Road, which, at 4,500 square feet, lacks the size and facilities necessary to provide the full range of police services required.

The expanded space will allow a number of police officers to be permanently based in the new facility, which will reduce response times and increase service time. Additional space will also boost our crime prevention programs, which are supported by more than 100 volunteers.

While we have heavily invested in policing, our focus on Community Safety goes much further. In fact, about 37 cents from every tax dollar goes towards police, fire-rescue services and emergency programs.

Council recently endorsed a new five-year plan for Richmond Fire-Rescue, which recommends significant new investments in staffing and equipment to support emerging community needs. That's on top of the five new fire halls built since the turn of the century.

In Emergency Programs, Council also approved an update of our Emergency Plan. We also invested in the very popular new Richmond Resilient Communities program, which is designed to provide residents with the tools and knowledge to prepare themselves, their families, and their communities to be resilient to emergencies of all sizes.

Richmond is a safe community. Council is making the necessary investments to ensure it stays safe.

City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar

Development Permit Panel

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 13
Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

General Purposes Committee

4:00 p.m. Monday, June 18
Anderson Room,
Richmond City Hall

Public Hearing

7:00 p.m., Monday, June 18
Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Planning Committee

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 19
Anderson Room,
Richmond City Hall

Public Works & Transportation Committee

4:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 20
Anderson Room,
Richmond City Hall

Council Meeting

7:00 p.m., Monday, June 25
Council Chambers
Richmond City Hall

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Committee

4:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 26
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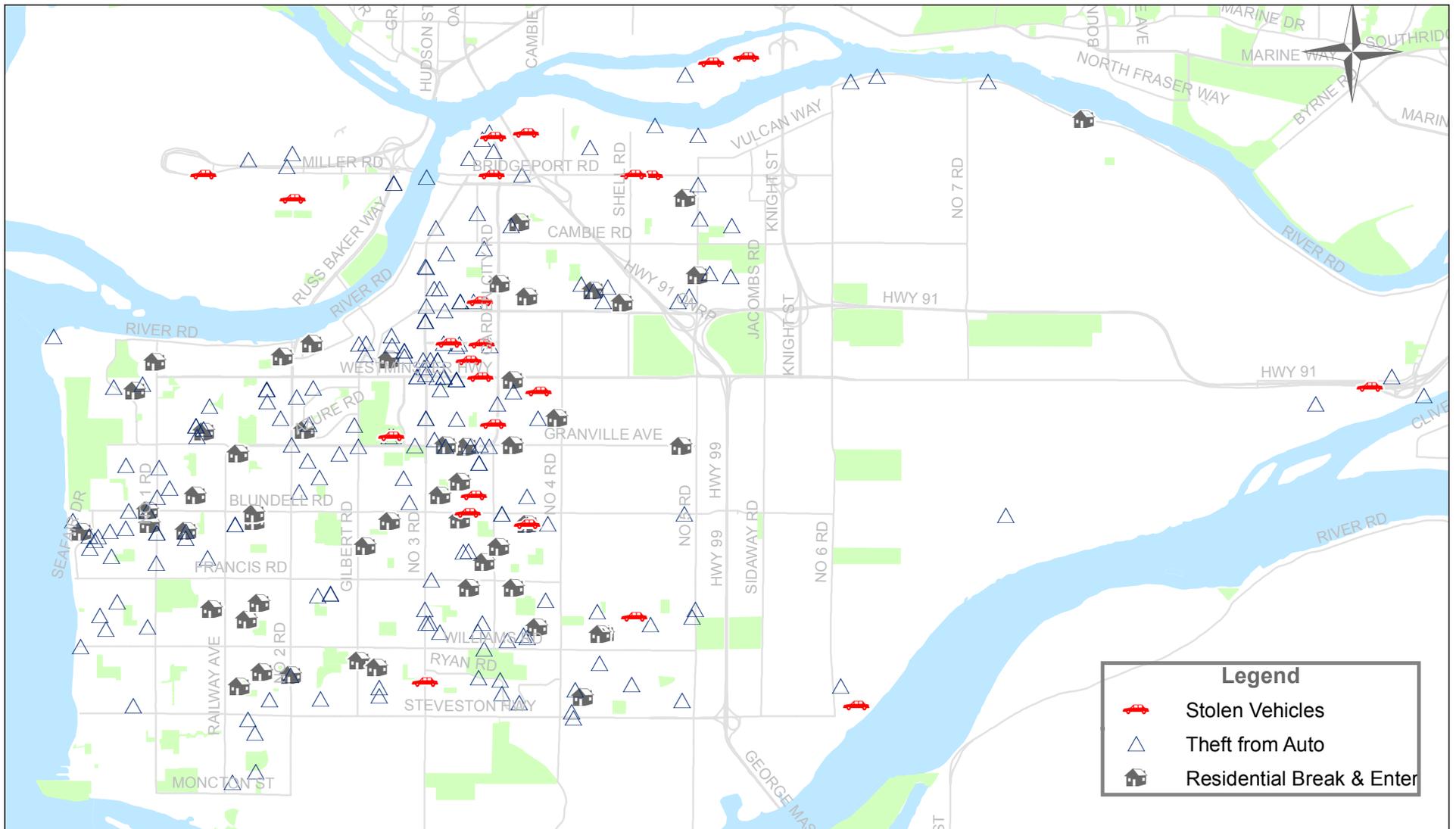


For meeting agendas and reports visit www.richmond.ca.
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RCMP

Crime Map May 1-31, 2018



The concept of goodness

Cpl. DENNIS HWANG
Richmond RCMP

In our daily travels as police officers, we see and are exposed to a multitude of things, which, quite frankly regular folks should never have to see.

However, time and time again, we also see the good in people that exist and presents daily.

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sports, to letting someone else into traffic when there is a huge traffic jam.

If one could quantify all those little things collectively, there is a lot of good.

We also bear witness to some of the most extraordinary examples of goodness – people of all colours, ethnicities, religions, rising to the task and acting in the most selfless of ways in moments of perfect clarity.

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Students from Richmond Christian Elementary decorated these paper bags to remind shoppers not to drink and drive.



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Jets ready for hair-raising experience

By **DON FENNELL**
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When Cody Kusch sat on the executive board of the Seafair Minor Hockey Association, he introduced a number of community initiatives that raised much-needed funds and increased awareness.

Now as a member of the newly-minted Richmond Jets (an amalgamation of Seafair and Richmond), he's anxious to do more of the same.

As the Jets' first official community function, a head shaving and hair donation event will be held Saturday, June 23 at Steveston Barbers and Shay's Hair Studio.

Everyone in the family (fathers, mothers, sons and daughters) is encouraged to come out and support the fundraiser which will begin at 3:45 p.m. In its seven-year history, with the support of many Jets' fami-

lies, the event has raised more than \$75,000 in support of BC Children's Hospital.

Kusch sees the fundraiser as an opportunity to "nurture our kids' charity minds early."

"While our boys and girls are healthy enough to still play hockey, and sometimes worry about not making it to a banner game, other kids at the hospital sometimes worry about their next chemotherapy appointment," he says. "We are what we do. There is a special bonding that occurs when our boys and girls see us do what we preach. Rubbing each other's bald heads and donating hair is fun. The visual is long lasting and so are the feelings. Just ask the 100-plus kids who have taken part in the last six years. Let's make this year the year we break the \$100,000 mark."

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Subscribing to the belief that bald is beautiful, Richmond showed its support for the BC Children's Hospital at last year's head shaving and hair donation event at Steveston Barbers. The seventh annual will be held June 23.

Islanders take final bow with several awards

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With the newly-minted Richmond Jets about to take flight, the Seafair Islanders took one final bow by netting half of the major awards at the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association annual congress.

Prior to dissolving its membership with the PCAHA, as did Richmond Minor—with which Seafair has formed the new Richmond-Seafair Minor Hockey Association—Seafair received five awards: President's Service Award; Gold Puck Award; Bruce Allison Coach of the Year Award; John Ptucha Coach Development Award; and Earl Sinkie Juvenile MVP Award.

The President's Award recognized Seafair's efforts to raise funds for BC Children's Hospital through a head-shaving fundraiser organized by vice-president Cody Kusch.

Seafair president Nigel Shackles was presented the Gold Puck Award for his 10-plus years of service to minor hockey.



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Seafair president Nigel Shackles accepts a pair of awards from Lynn Nakashima.

Steve Robinson, who coached Seafair's Bantam A1 team to the provincial and Western Ca-

nadian championships earned the Bruce Allison Coach of the Year Award.

Seafair's coach co-ordinator, Steve Howitt, was recognized with the John Ptucha Coach Development Award.

Alex Dengler, who played for the 2017-18 Seafair Islanders juvenile division team, was selected for the Earl Sinkie Juvenile MVP Award as the top player in his age group among all the PCAHA teams.

"The day was a bittersweet one for both the Seafair and the Richmond minor hockey associations, as both ended their memberships with the PCAHA," said Ken Hamaguchi, the longtime executive director at Seafair. "However, with the birth of the Jets, players in the city will all play under one banner. The merger was a long time coming, but it is expected to create a more competitive and harmonious hockey program."

•Richmond Ravens referee allocator Lolly Gagnon was presented with the PCAHA's head referee award.

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Canada Cup returning to oval

By **DON FENNEL**
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Gail Hamamoto has dedicated considerable time and energy to promoting wheelchair sport. A particular success has been wheelchair rugby.

A member of the Canadian Paralympic Association development committee since 2005, the Richmond woman continues to be at the forefront of the game also known as Murder Ball.

This week, Hamamoto is overseeing the 2018 Canada Cup, an international wheelchair rugby event this year featuring teams from Australia, Denmark, Japan, Sweden, the U.S. and host Canada. The thrills-and-spills-a-minute tournament begins Thursday and continues through Sunday at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

"We are very excited for the 2018 Canada Cup," says tournament chair Hamamoto. "Fans and spectators are guaranteed excitement as the world-class athletes bring their best to B.C."

Bringing to the table more than two decades experience as an athlete, coach, official, volunteer and sport administrator, Hamamoto was director of sport development for BC Wheelchair Sports from 1998 to 2012, and since 2007 has chaired the Canadian Wheelchair Rugby Management Committee. She co-chaired the organizing committee for the 2010 World Wheelchair Rugby Championships at the oval, and has attended the 2004, 2008 and 2012 Paralympic Games as a representative of the sport.

Efforts such as these were instrumental in the creating of the Canada Cup in 2004. The event is held every two years at the oval.

All entries in the 2018 Canada Cup, the eighth version of the



Wheelchair rugby returns to the Richmond Olympic Oval this week (June 14 to 17). Photo by Chung Chow

tournament, are among the top six wheelchair rugby teams in the world. The Canada Cup represents the final competition ahead of the World Wheelchair Rugby Championships this August in Sydney, Australia.

Ranked third in the world, Canada takes on Sweden in the opening game of the tournament June 14 at 5 p.m. Round-robin play will continue through June 16, with the finals on June 17.

Perennial runners-up to the U.S. or Australia at previous Canada Cups, Canada is looking to rebound from a fourth-place finish in 2016. Sporting a new-look lineup, Canada will have five players set to make their tournament debuts alongside seven returning Paralympians

including co-captain Trevor Hirschfield.

The team also features Richmond's own Travis Murao, another veteran of the squad.

The U.S. is the defending Canada Cup champion, dethroning Australia in the 2016 final. However, Australia is ranked No. 1 in the world, with the U.S. second.

Wheelchair rugby is a team sport for male and female athletes with a mobility-related disability in at least three limbs. A unique sport, it combines elements from basketball, handball and hockey. The object of the game is to carry the ball across the opposing team's goal line. Two wheels must cross the goal line for a goal to count, and the player must have firm control of the ball

when he or she crosses the line. All wheelchair rugby players compete in manual wheelchairs. Players must meet the minimum disability criteria of the sport and must be classified under the functional classification system.

Wheelchair rugby was invented in 1977 in Winnipeg by a group of athletes with quadriplegia who were looking for an alternative to wheelchair basketball. They wanted a sport that would allow players with reduced arm and hand function to participate equally.

The sport they created was originally called muder ball.

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Richmond FC hands out soccer awards

By DON FENNELL
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Among the many deserving of recognition at the Richmond FC award ceremony held recently at city hall, one soccer team stands out.

It wasn't their win-loss record that set them apart however, but their general play on the pitch.

Richmond U17 Silver Strikers received the Charlie Mead Award as the youth soccer association's most sportsmanlike team. The team didn't receive a single card throughout the 2017-18 season.

The award honours the memory of Mead, who was a Richmond official.

Also recognized were:

•Tai Shimada (U15 Metro United)

Shimada was presented with the Patrice Sarrazin Award as Most Outstanding Select Player. Presented annually, the award remembers Sarrazin, a Richmond player who passed away of a rare bone cancer in 1993 at the age of 19. The award is meant to recognize a player with the qualities that made Sarrazin stand out among his teammates—hardest worker, team player and leader on and off the field.



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Tai Shimada of the Richmond U15 Metro United was presented the Patrice Sarrazin Award as Most Outstanding Select Player.

•Kody Glasspool (U17 Gold Wolves)

Glasspool was presented with the Jordan Yttri Award as the District's Most Outstanding Goalkeeper. It is in memory of a former Richmond player and McMath Secondary School student who passed away in 2004 at the age of 17. He was



Photo by Martin van den Hemel

Richmond Gunners were recognized at the Richmond FC award ceremony, held recently at city hall, for their league and district titles in the 2017-18 soccer season.

a gifted athlete who excelled in many sports.

•Sunny Sandher (Graduates)

A goalkeeper with the Richmond Adult Soccer Association Graduates, the Richmond FC product received the new award presented annually to the most outstanding Richmond FC adult player. It is named in honour of Jim Lamond for his lifelong and continued support of soccer in Richmond.

•U13 Metro United

This Richmond team earned the Bradley Nielsen Award for its determination. The award is presented annually in memory of a former Richmond coach who passed away in 2005 at the age of 40 after a courageous battle with cancer. The award is meant to recognize not necessarily a winning team but one that has come together while overcoming obstacles.

Richmond FC also bestowed several lifetime membership awards to nine deserving individuals. It is the highest accolade and most prestigious award given to members for 10 years of



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Richmond FC chair Rein Weber (right) receives a lifetime membership award from board member Mike Fletcher.

contributing to the sport of soccer, administrative ability or significant ongoing assistance to the club.

This year, those honoured were Dougie Gordon, Doug Newstead, Fari Fuladi, Ken Glasspool, Terry Dowie, Paul Lambranda, Indie Sahota and association chair Rein Weber.

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BATTER UP



A popular sport throughout the summer, the Richmond Cricket Club is in action most weekends at Minoru Park.

Photo by Don Fennell

McMath's Lo gets high marks from coaches

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Alicia Lo's work ethic is top notch, an inherent trait that has the McMath secondary student poised for a bright future on the track.

Just completing her Grade 12 year, she is coming off an impressive silver medal in the senior girls triple jump at the B.C. High School Track and Field Championships. Her leap of 10.75 metres was just off the winning standard of 11.37 metres set by Claremont's Rebecca Dutchak.

"I was aiming for bronze, so it was definitely a major surprise," says Lo, who placed fourth in 2017. "I was shocked and delighted when I acquired a new personal best by almost 10 centimetres."

Widely recognized as a genuinely nice person, Lo is "grateful" her sister encouraged her to join the school team in Grade 10. She's also thankful

for her "amazing" coaches and their belief and patience, who immediately saw the potential.

"She's just totally a thinker," says McMath's Bob Riddell. "She is always analyzing her jump technique and listening to the feedback from her coach Harry Haley. "Her board take-off and distance even in that first jump had us excited for her, and then she just showed what a great student she was.

"And she loves listening to Green Day, my favourite," laughs Riddell.

Byron Jack, her coach with the Richmond Kajaks which she joined this year to increase training, is anxious to see where Lo goes from here.

"She had a foot injury early in the season and was able to overcome it," Jack says. "We haven't even jumped too much this year, however we have worked on her strength and speed and that has really paid off. I believe Alicia still has more in the

tank and I expect that she will jump over 11 meters soon. She is a delight to coach."

Lo plans to continue training after graduation, focusing on triple jumping and improving her sprints. She is hoping to transfer to the University of Alberta in the future to pursue her studies, and also join the Golden Bears track team.

Carson Bradley and Liam McLeod, two of McMath's vaunted sprinters, also shone at the provincial championships.

The defending champion in the boys 200 metres, Bradley placed sixth this year in a time of 22.43 seconds. McLeod was seventh in 22.55 seconds. Bradley still hopes to break 22 seconds this summer, having ran 22.2 at the district qualifier.

Bradley earned a bronze medal in the 400 metres with a third-place time of 49.75 seconds, an improvement on the 49.8 he ran in April. His

winning time at last year's provincials was 50.57 seconds. He added a second bronze in the 4x100 metre relay.

Though Riddell observed Bradley's dissatisfaction with the 400 metre result, he shouldn't be discouraged.

"I was thinking that success for Carson and Liam this year would be making the final eight," Riddell says. "I am hoping Carson sees his accomplishment in a more positive way. Carson is an athlete who sets goals, works toward them and monitors his progress. He is very results-oriented and times or placing are a big part of his feedback loop. It's hard for a Grade 11 to win at the senior level."

Riddell continues to be bullish on next year for the McMath Wildcats. He says Tani Seward and Serge Serbinenko are becoming "super runners" in their own right, further adding to the talent pool.

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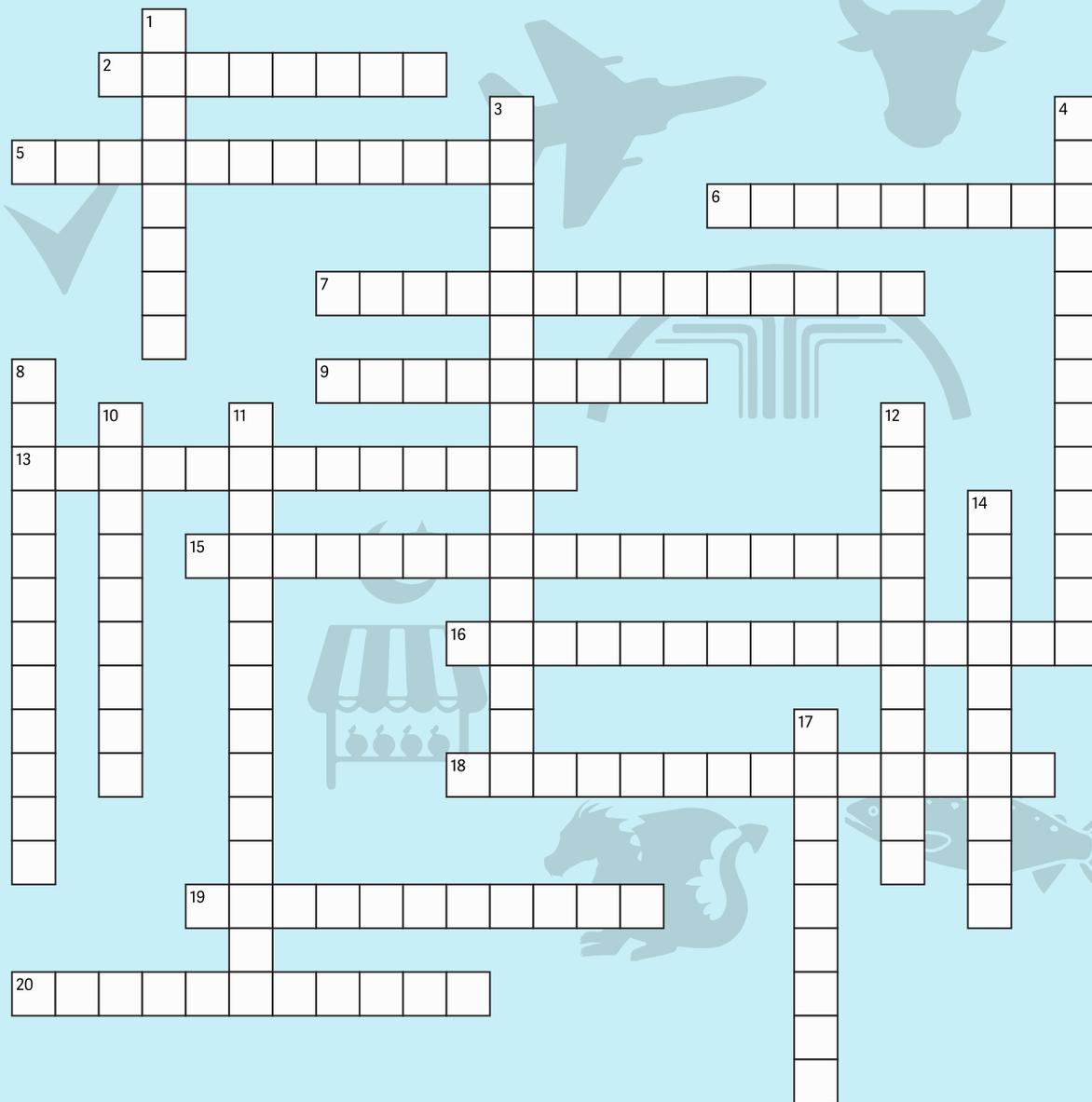
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