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## Volunteers wanted to raise guide dog puppies

By LORRAINE GRAVES @LGSentinel

Carah Glen always want-Oed a dog.

"I had been begging for a dog since I was four-yearsold," she recalls. "Mom was never too keen on the idea but once we had the puppy, she fell in love with the whole aspect of raising puppies."

From the time Glen was nine- or 10-years-old, her family became puppy raisers for dogs destined to become guide dogs.

Now grown up and working with the registered charity, BC and Alberta Guide Dogs, Glen helps others make dreams come true for people living with a host of challenges from blindness to autism to post-traumatic stress disorder.

BC and Alberta Guide Dogs is on a mission: they need puppy raisers who live in Richmond. The puppy raisers need to live close enough to attend the organization's weekly obedience classes in Ladner.

Susie Ward has taken up the challenge as a volunteer puppy raiser five times. "She's feisty. She's bit-

ey. She's so pretty," Ward says with a big smile, petting Teagan's ear as the 12-week-old romped at her

"Doing this is a time consuming, 15-month commitment but is so worth the effort," Ward says.

Kelsi Manton, who is now employed by BC and Alberta Guide Dogs as an apprentice guide dog instructor, started with the organization as a volunteer puppy raiser.

"What originally sparked my interest in puppy raising was that I have a family member who is blind," she says, as she works with teenaged (in dog years) Mack, who is in his final training phase to become a guide dog for the blind.

Manton's first puppy was a little eight-week-old black Labrador named Rufus.

Manton remembers the first time he was put in her arms: "That day was very exciting as I knew his journey to becoming a working dog was now in my hands. During the 15 months that I had him living with me, and accompanying me everywhere I went, I got very used to having a furry lit-



Photo by Chung Chow

Trainer Kelsi Manton, at left, fine tunes Mack's technique before he is matched with his blind partner, while puppy-raiser Susie Ward starts initial training at home with Teagan.

tle friend by my side at all times and I loved it. At times it was busy, but most of the time it just made me smile knowing that one day he would change someone's

But what about giving up the puppy after over a year in your home?

"That's a common question—the pain of giving it you are going to be upset up," Glen says.

"Usually with our puppy raisers, a lot of them really focus on how these dogs make such a difference for someone else. You have the dogs but you know they are meant for someone

else. You don't deny that when you say goodbye to them but you are comforted that these amazing dogs are going to change someone's life by what they do," she says.

Manton says every time See Page 4





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### **GUIDE DOGS**

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she turned one of these pups over to the advanced trainers, they took a little piece of her heart with them.

"You can't take them into your home, love them and give them all you've got without becoming attached. However, it was definitely gratifying to follow them through their training and see what they eventually become."

Manton remembers when Rufus graduated from her puppy raising.

"Once he was ready to move into advanced training, it was difficult to let him go. Although, simultaneously, it was a very inspiring day—almost like sending your little baby off to puppy university. I now have made guide dog training my career and couldn't be more excited. Being a part of an organization that changes lives is incredible. There is really nothing like it."

If you cannot raise a puppy, Glen suggests you can help a puppy raiser by setting up a regular monthly donation to the organization. Options start at \$15 per month. It costs about \$35,000 to raise, train and home a guide dog. The person receiving the guide dog is not charged.

According to the registered charity's CEO, William (Bill) Thornton, BC and Alberta Guide Dogs survives on donations, individual gifts, support from foundations, and special events.

One of those special events is coming up May 11 at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. The Ties and Tails Auction and Gala features an evening of fine dining, inspiring speakers as well as an auction and raffle.

For tickets, call the organization or go to the BCandAlbertaGuideDog.ca website and click on events.

If you are interested in becoming a puppy raiser, contact the BC and Alberta Guide Dogs of-



Photo by Chung Chow

### Puppy Teagan is being raised by Susie Ward.

fice in Ladner at (604) 940-4504 and ask for the puppy supervisor.

"It is recommended," Glen says, "that you attend at least one obedience class and have a chance to talk with other puppy trainers about the time and commitment, and the ups and downs of raising a pup. The puppy supervisor will go through the program with you in more detail and conduct a home interview. If you are accepted, you will be put on our waiting list and will be informed when a pup is available."

Ward says, as she holds Teagan in her arms, "I am always honoured to be allowed to give them the best start that I can."

And how did Glen's entire family feel about the five different puppies they raised?

"We loved it," she says with a big smile.

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## Rolston a champion for music

By ANDREW HUNG Contributor

ven in the final days of her life, 89-year-old Patricia Rolston continued to teach piano for 16 hours a

The longtime piano teacher passed away on March 11 after suffering from a stroke on March 2, leaving behind a loving family and a large community of students and colleagues.

"What made her unique was her untiring passion for teaching," said her son Darcy Hepner, who is a saxophonist.

"The fact that she could sit for five to six hours per day in her 80s, and not drop her concentration for a second when someone was playing was so inspiring," he said. "Nobody got short-changed by her concentration. She was full-on all the time."

Rolston retired from her role as the principal of the Richmond Music

School in July 2018, after directing the school for nearly three decades.

Many of her initiatives have become central programs at the institution, including the Concerto Concert, Scholarship Competition, and weekly concerts at the Gilmore Gardens Retirement Residence.

"Her brain was constantly moving," said Sharon Kirk, her cousin and a piano teacher at the school.

"She was always thinking about how she could make something hap-

Hepner said that his mother continued to study pedagogical books in the past year.

"She was still reviewing and looking at (new) ways to teach piano."

Rolston was born in Vancouver in 1929, and began performing when she was seven years old.

Soon, the young pianist found herself playing at venues like the Hotel Vancouver.



File photo by Andrew Hung

### Patricia Rolston from the Richmond Music School passed away March 11.

"We have Irish roots, and I think this love of music stems from these Irish roots," said Kirk.

Rolston discovered her passion for teaching during those teenage years, and began taking her first students at age 14, one of whom was Kirk herself.

The promising pianist made her recital debut at Wigmore Hall in London in 1958, and would go on to perform across North America and Europe.

In 1977, Rolston founded the music

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## Halfnights finds multiple rewards in volunteering

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

Julie Halfnights supposedly 'retired' four years ago.

But that's clearly a misnomer.

The longtime Richmond community activist is as busy as ever volunteering, and generally trying to make the world a better place.

Halfnights' reputation is both wellearned and deeply-rooted.

Her parents, both immigrants to Canada in 1955, faithfully gave of their time upon settling in Chilliwack. It was a lifelong commitment until their health failed. Working in the service of others was one of Halfnights' first and most vivid memories of her parents.

"The earliest memory I have is of serving tea from a silver tea service with my other at some sort of social," she says. "It might have been for our church, the Chilliwack Arts Council or the Chilliwack Hospital Auxiliary, all of which my mother was involved in when I was four or five."

Rob Howard, himself a well-known and respected community activist, has known Halfnights for close to 20 years—since he served as a Richmond city councillor in the 2000s and later as an MLA in the provincial government.

"I happened to be the council liaison to the Thompson Community Centre and got to see her in action there," he says. "She did a fantastic job keeping the board energized, coming up with new ideas, and bringing people along—often young people. Every good organization and leader has a succession plan."

Howard also appreciates Halfnights' unwavering dedication to whatever task she's taken on.

"She's done a remarkable job over



Photo by Chung Chow

Learning the value of volunteering from her parents, Julie Halfnights continues to give back to her community.

many, many years at being actively involved in the community," he says. "And she's not one to just dabble. She's always been fully-committed

and passionate, someone who inspires others with the same desire to get things done. She's results-oriented."

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### **HALFNIGHTS**

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Both Halfnights' parents were members of numerous community groups. Her mom volunteered with the Chilliwack Community Services, Cheam Figure Skating Club and the city's centennial celebrations, while her dad was an auxiliary police officer for decades and active in local politics volunteering on behalf of several MI As and MPs.

"He was also the guy who would go help anyone who needed it," Halfnights remembers with fondness. "We shouldn't discount informal volunteers who give their time and talents outside of formal experiences. I was taught—and it was modelled for me—that those who are able, should dedicate at least some of their time to helping those who cannot help themselves."

An active child, Halfnights became very involved in her high school serv-

ing on student council, athletic council, as a basketball coach, a tutor for local Indigenous children and as a high school rep to the local Miles for Millions Walk, a sponsor-based fundraiser for safe water supply in developing countries. She later volunteered while at BCIT, a practice that continued after her children were born and now that they are grown.

While there are of course many reasons people choose to volunteer, Halfnights says there are many services that directly depend upon volunteers. Meals on Wheels, sports coaches, RAPS pet services and drivers for cancer patients immediately come to mind, as to those who visit invalids. There are also causes and issues, she says, that need people to speak up in order that changes are

"Environmental issues are at the forefront now, but civil rights, free speech, voting rights for women and minorities and equality for women are causes that only saw movement via volunteers," she says." I supported those who proposed the temporary modular housing in my neighbourhood because I see people without housing most days."

As part of the modular housinggroup's community advisory committee, Halfnights sees services like grants and scholarships, and how they make huge differences in the lives of Richmond citizens.

At Thompson Community Centre, where Halfnights is a longtime member and has served in many capacities including at present as a director, she and colleagues saw-and responded—to the need for English-as-a-Second-Language pre-school 30 years ago. Through their efforts, adapted fitness for people with disabilities was started 15 years ago, and for the Mother Goose parent-child bonding programs more recently.

She likens Thompson Community Centre to a second home, pleased that her work there benefits people daily. She feels "incredibly fortunate"

to have physical reminders of her involvement in the new Thompson Community Centre, Blair Elementary and Burnett Secondary, having sat on building committees for all three in the 1990s.

Apart from what she can do for others through volunteering, Halfnights says it allows her to meet and get to know people from a broad range of backgrounds and cultures. And it keeps her mind nimble.

"I enjoy it. I get satisfaction out of most of what I do and I constantly learn new things," she says. "I've built a toolkit of skills as a result of volunteering and met many incredible leaders from whom I've learned so much."

Halfnights encourages everyone to volunteer.

"Pursue a heartfelt objective, or challenge yourself with something you'd like to learn," she says. "And know that you can make a difference in just an hour or two."

Just like Julie Halfnights.

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## Amputee CHAMPS share tips and encouragement

By LORRAINE GRAVES **●** @LGSentinel

↑ atteo Pellizzari was clear: "Make sure when you write (your story) that you put something that highlights sledge hockey. It's definitely the most important thing."

The 12-year-old plays often, usually with older players, and sometimes with the national team. His goal is to play for Canada at the Paralympics.

Between March 15 and 17, War Amps Child Amputee Program (CHAMPS) sponsored a BC Child Amputee Conference at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel in Richmond for kids like Pellizzari. He's one of the organization's champions or CHAMPS, outstanding examples of children with amputations who excel.

This two-day seminar offered peer support, workshops for child amputees, and networking.

Sara LaBelle, 21, volunteers as a CHAMPS junior peer counsellor. Her right leg was amputated when she was aged four because of a medical condition.

"At the seminars, we support the younger CHAMPS and parents," La-Belle says. "We offer practical advice and serve as a representative of the organization as well."

In addition to being an attendee, Pelliizzari is also a volunteer with the

organization. He describes the people who go to the seminars: "It's just everybody that the CHAMP program helps. All of the CHAMPS throughout Canada have these seminars in their provinces so, we have the BC seminar. Lots of kids from BC and Yukon come so that we can exchange tips. We're all similar; we all have an amputation one way or another."

Workshops deal with topics such as staring, bullying, and healthy habits.

"It's just everybody talking to each other with the experienced CHAMPS. The organizers have sessions we go to where they explain things and share tips, like what to do and what not to do," says Pelliizzari.

Asked for an example, he says, "What to do: go to the prosthetist (a specialist in prosthetics) to get a check-up every month-ish to keep your prosthetic in good shape and your residual limb in good shape because that's all you have left so you have to make sure it's not going anywhere."

LaBelle says War Amps has done a lot for her.

"I've been almost 18 years an amputee. Growing up I've just attended my sixteenth seminar. Every time I go, I learn something new and make new friends. It's such an amazing opportunitv."

She outlines some of the seminar topics she's participated in or led:



Photo by Chung Chow

Matteo Pellizzari's aims to play on the national sledge hockey team at the Paralympics.

"Starting schools, starting a new activity, what devices are available for it, tricks others have done—I've learned tricks for skiing."

For children, they cover topics such as entering high school and how to deal with teasing, she says.

Pelliizzari says the seminars have been really helpful, teaching him "how to take advantage of your leg or arm and how to stop thinking of it as a disadvantage."

"The theme this year was 'Just the way I am,' so you talk to people. Everybody has differences,"

he says.

Talking of her amputation at a young age, LaBelle says she grew up with an artificial limb.

"I'm sure it was hard on my parents since they had to make the decision

(to amputate). They got in touch with War Amps before my amputation to see what it's like. And then we did the amputation the same year."

The association has provided more than emotional support and advice. In both cases, War Amps has provided additional artificial limbs such as waterproof legs, ones that don't have as many features but you can use to shower, swim and hang out at the beach.

Pelliizzari has special legs for running, donated by War Amps through the CHAMPS program.

"My running legs, which are often the main attractions, have a carbon fibre curve that has an energy return. They kind of lurch me forward. I can't stand on them. That's the point; they

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### **CHAMPS**

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propel me forward, helping me to run a lot better. My normal prosthetic legs don't give me as much bounce. I've had them since I was very little."

Pellizzari says he has an active life, from golf and volleyball to skiing and swimming.

Each activity can rely on a differ-

ent kind of leg. Each artificial limb can cost thousands. Since he is a double amputee, in Pellizzari's case, all costs are times two.

"War Amps has paid for pretty much all that I need. I'm so grateful. I wouldn't be able to do almost all the things I do without War Amps," he says.

But his passion is sledge hockey, he says.

**PELLIZZARI** 

"I really, really like sledge hockey and I'm really good at it. Not to toot my own horn, the nationals have their eye on me."

It's a big part of his life, he says.

"I do it about three times a week. I play with adults because B.C. hasn't really gotten a grip on it yet. They have a team but it's not anywhere near Ontario and Quebec. They have it down to a fine T. That's a big thing there for disabled people." He says he usually plays forward centre.

LaBelle is currently studying at UBC, and lives a "pretty normal life these days," she says. "I go to school, hang out with friends. I can ski. I can drive."

Pellizzari is finishing elementary school and says he's been really lucky.

"My school's really good. I've never been teased or bullied even remotely."

But he recognizes that's not the case for everyone.

"Some people have horror stories. All my friends are really supportive. They'll explain my leg, and what happened, for me. The social aspect is a big part of having an amputation.

It provides so much more for you. It stops bullying. Having a friend can put your spirits higher. They can explain your amputation for you and that can just make your day, right?"

War Amps helped LaBelle with driving lessons and university where she studies biology with an eye to working in health care.

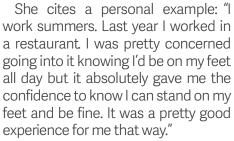
"Because I am so used to being in a hospital and helping people, I personally prefer working with children.

> It would be amazing to work at BC Children's Hospital some day."

> What would she say to someone facing an amputation?

"Don't let it hold you back. You can really do anything if you want to. Science is only getting better. The sky is the limit

for what you can do."



What does Pellizzari want to do when he grows up?

"I really like public speaking and writing. I want to be a news anchor or to write movies."

Asked if his life is worse because he is an amputee, he replies with gusto, "No way! I don't have to clip my toe nails."

It's not just War Amps who've made the difference for these two young people. Both credit their families.

"Obviously, my parents know that I have all the capabilities of anyone without a disability," says Pellizzari.

LaBelle speaks of her parents, "They've tried to instil in me that you can do anything. It doesn't have to hold you back."

And, thanks to War Amps, LaBelle says, "You have the means to do anything you want"

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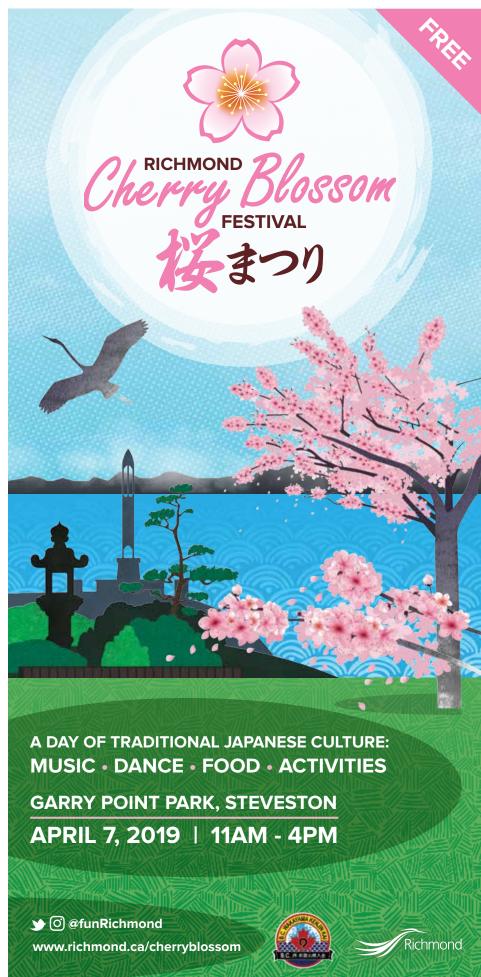




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An aerial view of Terra Nova and the surrounding dyking system.

## Richmond talks flood protection

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

ichmond is on average about a metre above sea level, and as a result the City of Richmond has needed to be proactive when it comes to flood protection.

Dikes are built well above the highest flood on record in 1894, and city council had the foresight to create a dyke utility in 2005 (a source of dedicated funding for dyke upgrades). River water levcally around the clock.

The Flood Protection Management Strategy 2019 includes an implementation program outlining next steps, and longterm strategies for policy planning, infrastructure upgrades, and other areas related to flood risk mitigation.

The strategy reviews the city's vision, regional guidelines and

innovation in flood protection to establish a world-class standard for Richmond's flood protection

But while the city's 2008-2031 Flood Protection Strategy is recognized as a leading authority in the province, the city still encouraged feedback from residents.

Richmond submitted a grant application for the creation of the 2019 strategy, under the National Disaster Mitigation Program, which forms part of the Governels are also monitored electroni- ment of Canada's commitment to build safer and more resilient communities.

> It was awarded a grant up to a maximum of \$150,000 to complete the strategy.

> Residents may attend a drop-in style open house at city hall on April 3 from 2 to 6 p.m. and April 9 from 4 to 8 p.m. or online at LetsTalkRichmond.ca

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Photo by Chung Chow

Richmond realtors are selling tickets to a Feed-U-Cate fundraiser April 11 at The Buck and Ear in Steveston.

### Realtors unite to feed the kids

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

t was a Thursday in September, just before the long weekend.

While waiting to pick up her grand-daughter from elementary school, Janet Downey observed another class being dismissed. As the kids were leaving, the teacher had a number of instructions and offered everyone an apple. One girl asked if she could take two, one to give her sister.

At this point, the teacher asked the girl to wait and after the rest of her classmates were gone gave the girl all the remaining apples. The expression on her face is etched in Downey's mind.

"This precious child had a huge smile after she received the eight to 10 apples, thanking the teacher over and over again and skipping off down the hall," Downey recalled. "I had never seen a kid express so much joy over apples."

Afterwards, Downey asked the teacher what prompted giving out the apples. She explained the school offered a Breakfast Club because there are so many children coming to school hungry. And when they do so, it has an impact on their learning.

In addition to the Breakfast Club,

the school tries to provide students with some other food (bread or fruit) that the kids can take home on the weekend.

Downey was shocked.

"I was also shocked to learn that we (in Richmond) have a large child poverty rate and as a result many children in our neighbourhoods and community do not have the basics," she says.

Poverty in Richmond can be well-hidden. Behind a small window over a garage is the tiny suite that's home to a mom and her children, living on welfare.

Downey decided she had to do something to help. She has started a campaign to raise awareness among her real estate colleagues and on Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. she will host a fundraiser for the Feed-U-Cate 38 Trust Fund at a Steveston pub, The Buck and Ear, 12111 Third Ave. Everyone is invited, where for \$25 patrons will receive a burger and beverage. But tickets must be purchased in advance through Downey at 604-220-9982.

Retired district administrator Glenn Kishi started Feed-U-Cate and continues to volunteer his time for fundraising.

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### **Call for Nominations for the 2019 Richmond Heritage Awards**



Photograph of cars travelling along Granville Avenue, showing tracks for the interurban tram on the left and racetrack grandstand on the left as well as part of Richmond Town Hall, 1921 [City of Richmond Archives Item No. 1978-13-5]

Historic buildings, cultural and natural heritage landscapes, artifacts, and oral and written histories—all are rich resources that contribute to our shared community identity today. The Richmond Heritage Awards annually recognizes the accomplishments of individuals and organizations in the conservation of historic places, and education and awareness about Richmond's diverse heritage.

The City of Richmond Heritage Commission is encouraging the public to submit nominations for the 2019 Richmond Heritage Awards, to be presented on Saturday, May 11, 2019 as part of the Richmond Regional Heritage Fair's Closing Ceremony in the Performance Hall of Richmond Cultural Centre.

Anyone can submit a nomination for an individual or an organization.

### **Nominations**

Complete a one-page nomination form available from Minhee Park, Planner, by email at minhee.park@richmond.ca, or 604-276-4188

### **Submission deadline**

5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019.

### **Submit via**

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### Some of the ways an individual or organization may earn special recognition are:

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- contributions to local knowledge of heritage in public history or interpretation

The Awards Jury will include members of the Richmond Heritage Commission. All decisions of the jury are final.

For more information, please contact Minhee Park, Planner, Policy Planning, at 604-276-4188 or minhee.park@richmond.ca

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## **Act of Faith** explores disability and healing

By LORRAINE GRAVES

**●** @LGSentinel

ichmond-based Rena Cohen lives And breathes the new play she is directing at the Cultch.

"Act of Faith" shows the challenges when a member of a tight community of disabled friends suddenly becomes able-bodied.

She is sure it is an act of God. Others are not so sure.

Does she lose her place in her tightly-knit community?

These are the issues "Act of Faith" explores. While one specific case sparked the play, the experience of seemingly spontaneous regeneration of lost abilities has happened before.

"It was a fairly controversial event, in our community. It inspired the project but it's not autobiographical," she

"Janet Munsil is an extraordinary Canadian playwright. She was artist-in-residence at the University of Victoria's Centre for Spirituality. There were a lot of different people's stories that informed this play. We tend to think its rare but it's not all that rare," says director Cohen.

"While the different belief systems are treated with respect, we don't shy away from controversy and conflict in the play. It's also really funny," Cohen savs.

Realwheels Theatre Company does not just perform plays about people with disabilities. The company works with actors and behind-the-scenes people who live with a range of disabilities.

"One of the things we have is an integrated cast of people with disabilities and able-bodied actors working



Photo by Wendy D

### Tanja Dixon-Warren and Emily Brook star at the Cultch April 11-20.

as all professionals working together. We look to support emerging artists with disabilities, at the same time, we like the integrated experience," says the play's director and Realwheels' artistic director, Cohen.

Cohen cites some examples: "Emily Brook who lives with paraplegia is a lead in our play. This is her first professional gig. It's great to see her blossom in this opportunity. Our assistant director, Caspar Rvan, is a Richmond-based videographer and is a person with disability. I'm mentoring him in directing."

Cohen loves living in Terra Nova, close to the dyke where she can wander down near sunset to take in the views and watch the tourists doing the same. But, for now, those relaxed walks are on hold as she prepares"Act of Faith" for its world premiere in the historic theatre at the Cultch (April 11 to 20).

Tickets: 604-251-1766, online at tickets.thecultch.com or at the Cultch. 1895 Venables St., Vancouver.

ASL Interpretation at the 8 p.m. performance on April 16.

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## The hopes, joys and sorrows of women's hockey

By LORRAINE GRAVES @LGSentinel

racy Power wears many hats for I Gateway Theatre's production of "Glory."

She not only researched and wrote this play—about a women's hockey team in small-town Ontario during the Dirty Thirties—she is also the choreographer for this work about life on and off the ice.

"In this circumstance, I wrote it but knew how I wanted it to move. I wanted the hockey games to come to life so I did it through dance," Power says.

The story revolves around the women's hockey team in the 1930s. They'd started out as softball players and were looking for a winter sport. Two sets of sisters started the hockev team.

"It's about their determination and fight as a group to become a team,

learn to play, and to become the best in Canada. And within that, we also have the personal stories of the women on that team at the time," says Power.

They were not easy times for anyone, let alone women struggling to get by in the hungry Thirties, as the threat of the Second World War loomed.

"I wanted it to be a play about a hockey team and the women on that team but also a play that reflected what the country was going through in the Thirties and the time leading up to war (in 1939). We see some of those stories on stage," she says.

Power says it's a play that both men and women will enjoy as they see the women come together to forge a winning team, a history you cannot find in books.

"It's not taught and I think women deserve as much history document-



Photo by Barbara Zimonick

Gateway's stage is a hockey rink for upcoming production of "Glory."

ed about them. It's my job to put these stories on the stage so we can learn to empower young women and young men," she says.

When "Glory" runs April 4 through 13, Gateway offers events such as speakers and specials such as a ticket-and-wine combo, where with the purchase of four tickets comes a glass of wine and saving of \$5.

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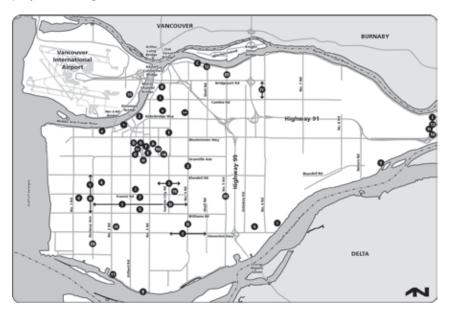
Wednesday, April 17, 2019 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Richmond City Hall—6911 No. 3 Road (main floor galleria)





The City of Richmond's 2019 capital projects are underway. Join us at this year's Capital Construction Projects Open House to learn more about construction works in your neighbourhood.

Staff from FortisBC and Metro Vancouver will also be present at the open house to provide information about some of their ongoing and upcoming projects throughout Richmond.



For more information on this event, call the City's Engineering Department

More information about the City's Engineering construction projects can be found at www.richmond.ca/roadworks.

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### **ROLSTON**

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department at Mohawk College in Hamilton, Ontario and became the program's chairwoman while continuing her piano teaching.

"She could wear two hats," said Hepner, who is a faculty member at Mohawk College.

In her studio, Rolston had a systematic and organized approach in guiding her students, but also fostered an environment of creativity and imagination.

"She had the gift of the gab, and she could always give you ideas," said Kirk.

"She had stories about every piece...that you could relate to."

Rolston retired from Mohawk College in 1989, and she returned to Vancouver, settling in Richmond.

At first, directing another music school didn't cross her mind.

But when a job opening for a principal at the Richmond Music School arose, Rolston's passion for music teaching resurfaced.

"I think the love of music led her to different areas, and that (the job) happened to be available," said Kirk.

Rolston was a creative principal, Hepner says, and she had a knack for making programs that were both innovative and accessible.

But even through all the ideas and changes, Rolston never forgot her ultimate goal.

"The vast majority of them have become, I hope, music lovers, and will go to concerts and make music a part of their lives forever," Rolston said in an interview with The Richmond Sentinel last summer.

"If that happens, then I have accomplished my goal."

The Richmond Music School and Rolston's family are planning a concert in remembrance of the influential teacher, which is scheduled for sometime in May.



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## Richmond City Council declares climate emergency

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

t's a drum Richmond city councillor Harold Steves has been beating much of his life.

So, he's pleased Richmond City Council as a whole has recognized the need to declare a climate emergency—aligning with hundreds of other communities around the globe doing likewise.

"That's how important this motion is," he says, noting that on Friday, March 29, he'd planned to raise the issue at Metro Vancouver.

In actuality, Richmond has been a leader in addressing climate-related matters, Steves says.

Five years ago, it became the first city in Canada to adopt the David Suzuki Foundation's Blue Dot program demanding clean air, water and healthy food.

"What's significant is that we said (as Richmond City Council) we would update our strategy in five years," says Steves. "We are even further ahead now that staff recommended guidelines much more stringent (than provincial guidelines). It's an all-encompassing report that we'll be able to use to plan for the next 20 years. I think that was

the most important thing."

Steves has been studying climate change since 1959 when he was a student at the University of British Columbia. In 1967, he was inspired to rally for the cause after hearing the world's top climatologist warn that the climate was changing.

"We didn't know what caused global warming at the time," he says. "Whatever the reason, we agreed we had better start preserving the world food supply. That's how I got involved in drafting legislation to set up the Agriculture Land Reserve Act in 1973. The (fear) was that if the climate changes, and the population continues to grow and we're paving farmland, what are we going to do? That's what we were thinking in 1973, and now this is the future. The forecast we saw then is all coming true. It's a little bit scary. It's alright to say 'we told you so,' but we don't have to like it"

Since Richmond City Council adopted the principles of the Blue Dot program five years ago, Steves says the use of natural gas in the city has been reduced by 17 per cent and electricity by half of one per cent.

The city reduced its overall greenhouse gas

emissions by eight per cent between 2007 and 2010, and by a further four per cent between 2010 and 2015, despite a 12-per-cent growth in population during the period.

"This is all because of the changes introduced in the last 10 years, but it shows how slow the process is," he says. "If you haven't started yet, you've got a long way to go."

In declaring a climate emergency, Richmond City Council has also directed staff to consult with the public on proposed or suggested revisions to the city's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and other climate action strategies. Public consultation will begin later this year to consider proposed revisions to city targets.

It's believed future measures to help achieve the new goals could increase energy efficiency standards for new buildings, further development of low-carbon energy systems in new and existing buildings, and development of additional electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Expanded active transportation systems, denser communities and transit investments will also contribute to longterm reductions in the future.

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Board of Directors of Vancouver Airport Authority announces that the Annual Public Meeting will be held to present the Airport Authority's 2018 Annual & Sustainability Report and financial statements.

### THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019

East Concourse, Departures Level 3 International Terminal Building Vancouver International Airport Richmond, B.C.

3:00 p.m. Registration

3:30 p.m. Meeting begins

A livestream of this meeting will be available on Vancouver International Airport's Facebook page.

The 2018 Annual & Sustainability Report will be available at www.yvr.ca at the end of April.

Please submit advance questions to Community\_Relations@yvr.ca by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 or via Twitter using #YVRAPM.

Vancouver Airport Authority is a community-based, not-for-profit organization that operates Vancouver International Airport (YVR).



## Hockey World Cup a year away

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

The countdown has officially begun. In less than a year—March 29, 2020 to be exact—Richmond will again be in the international spotlight as hosts of the 2020 CARHA Hockey World Cup.

Since hosting the long track speed skating events during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games at the Richmond Olympic Oval, the city has gained a well-earned reputation for hosting outstanding sporting events. Excitement is already building in the local community for the CARHA World Cup March 29 to April 5 next year.

"We are so excited...as (the tournament) is recognized as the premier adult adult recreational hockey event worldwide," said Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "With a great host team, experienced volunteers, outstanding venues and the many

excellent attractions and services in Richmond, we're confident the 2020 CARHA Hockey World Cup will be the best yet"

CARHA tournament manager Lucy Peeling said they're thrilled to bring the event to such a passionate, vibrant and multi-cultural city, showcasing the very best Canada has to offer to hockey players from around the world.

"The response from teams has been tremendous and team registration has been virtually sold out since 2018," she said. "We can't wait for all of our participants to experience the same welcome that our organization has received from the community."

The Richmond event is expected to feature some 140 teams from 15 countries and generate up to \$15 million into the local economy.

Since 1996, the number of European

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The *Richmond School District* is beginning the next phase of facilities planning and is looking for public input on the development of our Long Range Facilities Plan.

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Photo by Chung Chow

The CARHA Hockey World Cup is coming to Richmond next April.

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teams participating has increased to where 60 per cent of tournament registrants are from outside North America.

Held every four years, the tournament is based on the Olympic model. Adult recreation players from age 19 to 70 are eligible to participate.

The majority of games will be held at the Oval and Richmond Ice Centre, with Minoru Arenas also hosting several major games.

There will be no admission fee to games, which organizers hope the community as a whole will strongly embrace.

Local minor hockey associations (Ravens, Jets and Sockeyes) have already stepped forward to show their support.

"I'm looking for it," says local businessman Doug Paterson, part-owner of the Richmond Sockeyes Junior Hockey Club which will be front-andcentre. "It's going to be great for the community and it's important Richmondites help out and support it where they can."

The international tournament concept is close to Paterson's heart.

"I've played in a number of tournaments and they're great," he says. "The camaraderie and meeting people from different parts of the world is special. The L.A. Kings had a team in one of the tournaments I was in. It doesn't get any better."

Pam Lacroix, manager of Richmond Sport Hosting, says CARHA's site visit to Richmond last year convinced the organization this was the place to host the 2020 World Cup.

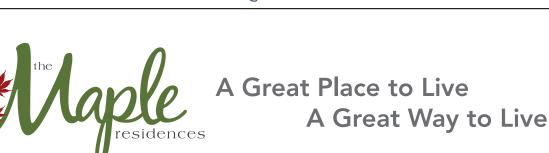
"Our bid package was impressive, but the vibe they got from the moment they stepped off the plane I think won it," she says. "Everybody wanted this event to come to our city and I think (CARHA World Cup) organizers saw and felt that."

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



## Horse barn finds solution in Spades



Julie

Spades was a problem. The fiveyear-old cat, who came to the RAPS City of Richmond Animal Shelter as a stray, didn't seem very fond of people. That can make finding an adoptive home challenging. Hissing and scratching aren't what most families are looking for when they seek a feline companion.

Fortunately, we also operate the RAPS Cat Sanctuary—Canada's Cat Sanctuary—which is where hundreds of cats who are unlikely to find a forever family live out their lives surrounded by love and care. These cats come to us from all over B.C. and beyond. Many come from jurisdictions where they would have faced euthanasia. Because RAPS is a no-kill animal-serving agency, we welcome cats who have literally nowhere else

But it turns out Spades isn't much of a cat person, either. He got in nasty scraps with some of the other cats and people at the Sanctuary. Spades was a recluse and stayed hidden most of the time, which does not portend a good quality of life.

We weren't sure what to do about

As a rule, RAPS adopts cats out to **Desgroseillers** homes only with the assurance that the animal will remain indoors. Between cars, covotes, transmissible diseases and other dangers, outdoor cats tend to have a far lower life expectancy than indoor cats. Ensuring that cats have the best chance at a happy, long, safe life is our top priority.

> But Spades was unhappy with people and unhappy with cats. What kind of a life was in store for him? Being surrounded by hundreds of cats who made him frightened and agitated was not an ideal situation. And his habit of swatting at human hands made a human family a distant dream.

> About this same time, a horse barn in Southlands (that weirdly rural stretch of Vancouver between the river and Marine Drive) was having a nasty rodent problem.

> Shervl Law, who boards her horse at the barn, was aghast to see that rats were gnawing on the soft cartilage at the back of the horses' hooves and behind the knee.

> "We tried really hard to get a cat," says Law. But, like RAPS, most other animal organizations insist on keeping cats indoors.

While it is crucial for an organization shocker.



and procedures, it is likewise importedge that we have rules—and that the roost" sometimes we need to bend them.

Since moving to the barn last summer, Spades has become almost unrecognizable to those who knew him. It turns out that, when it's on his terms, he's quite happy to jump on a person's lap, rub against their riding boots and even get picked up for a short rub.

"I sent a letter of complaint," Law laughs, "because he's very friendly and loves being cuddled. This is not the cat we thought we were getting."

The rodent population has been kept at bay wonderfully, Law says, and the presence of a cat has brought the horse community closer together. They argue over which human he likes best. For their part, the horses are generally nonplussed. Some wuffle Spades curiously while others largely ignore him. When Law grooms her horse, she puts Spades on the horse's back and he settles in comfortably.

"He really has brought the group of quite disparate people together and everyone's looking out for him, everyone throws in money to make sure that he's got food, his worm medication, and everybody's working together to have them be part of our community," Law says. "He definitely rules

Julie Desgroseillers is senior man-The conclusion of this story is a ager of the RAPS City of Richmond Animal Shelter.



# ROSCOE

Roscoe is a beautiful three-year-old Cane Corso X Mastiff, an extremely affectionate and loyal dog who lives to please his people. Roscoe has come a very long way since he first came to the shelter and he impresses us daily with his willing attitude and loving personality. He's a big boy (about 50 kilos) and can get excited and jumpy, so he will be suited to living with older kids above the age of 12.



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## The people's City Hall



Carol Day Councillor

Your voice is being heard at city hall and your new City Council is working hard to make changes that will improve your ability to be engaged in key decisions. In only five months, this new Council has made a number of important changes. One of the first actions of the new Council was to reduce the permitted house size on farm land to 4,200 square feet from the 10,974 square foot mega mansions that were previously allowed.

My motion to create an enhanced online database of how City Council has voted on agenda items has passed and soon will be available tion was passed for staff to research and identify feasible options for publishing on the City's website the audio recording from all Council and Standing Committee meetings that are not video recorded and report back to Council.

Another successful motion of mine, to modernize the Council Code of Conduct, was passed last fall. Council referred this to staff to review the code of conduct options and codes of conduct implemented in other municipali-

ties and report back to Council for our discussion and consideration in the near future.

In February, a motion was passed directing staff to update the Public Art Policy regarding the distribution of developer funds that the City collects for public art. The new policy will consider the contributions for a range of uses including art programs and other benefits that will support the citizens of Richmond.

The most important step forward is the recent change to have City Council meetings agendas and reports available to Council, and more importantly the public, five business days before the meetings. Currently the information comes out Friday night for meetings that are beginning on the following Monday at 4:00 p.m. The additional time will allow Councillors and the public adequate time to speak with staff and to complete necessary research on important issues before they are discussed at Council or committee meetings.

Transparency and public engagement are at www.richmond.ca. In February, another monecessary for a democratic and responsive local government and I believe 100 per cent that the changes we have made will improve the way we do business. Your Richmond City Hall is a welcoming place, please come by for lunch, enjoy the garden and water feature, check out the rotating art and museum displays showcasing local artists or pick up information on issues that interest you. Our helpful staff are there to serve you and maybe you will run into a Councillor.



### **City of Richmond Council Meetings Calendar**

### **Council Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Monday, April 8 Council Chambers Richmond City Hall

### **Community Safety Committee**

4:00 p.m., Tuesday April 9 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

### **Development Permit Panel**

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 10 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

### **General Purposes Committee**

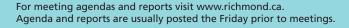
4:00 p.m., Monday, April 15 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall

### **Public Hearing**

7:00 p.m., Monday, April 15 Council Chambers, Richmond City Hall

### **Planning Committee**

4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 16 Anderson Room, Richmond City Hall



### **Council Meeting** Live Streaming







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## City seeks public input on the Flood Protection **Management Strategy 2019**

The City of Richmond's Flood Protection Management Strategy guides the City's flood protection efforts and enhances its ability to prevent flooding, reduce flood risks, and minimize the effects of climate change induced sea

The City is currently updating the 2008-2031 Flood Protection Management Strategy which recommends periodic review.

Share your feedback and get involved:

### Attend a drop-in style open house:

Open House #1 Wednesday, April 3, 2019 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Richmond City Hall 6911 No.3 Road

Open House #2 Tuesday, April 9, 2019 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Richmond City Hall 6911 No.3 Road

### Visit LetsTalkRichmond.ca to:

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Photo by Chung Chow

Richmond City Baseball president John Braaten is keen to see more local youth enjoying the great game.

# Richmond City Baseball sowing the seeds

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

built on basics.

It's an approach Richmond City in a game known for its traditions.

But, Richmond City Baseball has also been open to thinking outside the box exploring opportunities that further both player development and fun.

"RCBA continues to focus on our grassroots programming model, ever developing and modifying to ensure maximum youth participation and development," explains John Braaten.

schedule planned for the 2019 campractice model. Instead of individual coach and team practices, David van Ostrand is overseeing multiple team practices.

"We also have a new mentoring volunteering program to aid with this, featuring players from our Col-Every successful venture starts lege Prep, 18U AAA and 15U AAA with a solid foundation, one players working in conjunction with our 11U and under division practices and skills sessions as a form of Baseball has adopted, following a giving back while earning volunmodel that has long been a staple teer hours needed in school," says Braaten.

> Optimism is high for the College Prep team, under the guidance of longtime manager Raul Verde Rios, to enjoy another successful season. This will be Verde Rios' last year leading the program, which began with a five-game exhibition and many cultural experiences in Mex-

With the official opening day set Richmond City Baseball president for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6 at the fields adjacent to Palmer Second-The association has an exciting ary School, about 500 players are set to enjoy the great game of basepaign and has reconstructed its ball. Mayor Malcolm Brodie with throw out the traditional first pitch, joined by several city councillors.

"We continue (for the third year)

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### **BASEBALL**

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to provide free baseball programming in conjunction with Richmond Girls Softball (Kindergarten to Grade 7 physical education week-long classes) in elementary schools, which promotes our sports-maybe to those who may never have had the opportunity," he says.

"Kids get many benefits from playing sports such as baseball," Braaten stresses. "Sports are a fun way for kids to be active. They also help kids grow in other ways, such as:

- learning new skills
- being part of a team
- · learning to work with coaches
- learning the value of practice
- enjoying competition

"Our focus since I became president has been on our grassroots," Braaten says. "We have seen player retention remain high, a result of the many changes RCBA has implemented over the vears including six-on-six games for 5U to 9U allowing for more opportunities and reps. More player engagement hopefully continues to build our brand."

## Paralympian Chan passes suddenly

By **DON FENNELL** 

@DFSentinel

nanada's Paralympic community is mourning the loss of one of its finest athletes following the sudden passing of wheelchair rugby icon lan

The Richmond man passed away March 18 at the age of 41.

Chan was a world champion and five-time Paralympian, a strong promoter of his sport and supporter of his fellow athletes.

Wheelchair Canada described him as "a consummate professional whose on-court accolades were only surpassed by his impact off the court."

"His impact on the wheelchair rugby community is truly immeasurable and he leaves behind a legacy of excellence and compassion that many can

Chan was the focus of the documentary "Can't Stop/Won't Stop" which centered on Team Canada's work ethic on their journey to the 2008 Bei-•dfennell@richmondsentinel.ca | jing Games. He also appeared in the documentary



Photo courtesy Wheelchair Rugby Canada Richmond's Ian Chan was a star wheelchair rugby player for Canada.

"Murderball."

Chan was also a multiple winner at the Richmond Sports Awards.

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## Love story spawned at PIC curling championships

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

Jennifer Westhagen has a special affinity with Richmond, and specifically the Pacific International Cup (PIC) club curling championships staged here each spring.

It was at the tournament she met her future life partner, Matt Panoussi, who are proud parents of 16-month-old Josh

"Josh could be considered a PIC baby," Jennifer says. "Matt (who was playing on a men's team representing Australia) and I (curling on women's team from Washington) would never have met if weren't for the PIC."

This year's 20th anniversary PIC tournament, bringing together club champions from around the world for five days of competition and camaraderie April 17 to 21 at the Richmond Curling Centre, will be Westhagen's ninth.

The first five times she represented Washington state, but has since been making the lengthy trek up from Australia. It's a long haul, but one that has become a welcomed tradition for Westhagen and Panoussi, who'll again be representing the 'land down under' as skip of the Australian men's team.

Westhagen has curled everywhere, from North Dakota to Minnesota, Nova Scotia to Michigan, and Finland to Korea. But Richmond, of course, is special.

One of Australia's most enduring figures, Kevin the Kangaroo will also be making the trek from down under. The mascot is one of the most popular figures in the 20-year history of the Pacific International Cup and is anxious to share the joys of the world's foremost club curling championships.

While Kevin is always accommodating, willingly posing for photos, it's important

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Photo submitted

Jennifer Westhagen (right, holding baby Josh) met her husband Matt Panoussi at the Pacific International Cup





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to recognize he's as patriotic as they come. His allegiance is to the Land Down Under, and the Australia women's team specifically.

This year, Westhagen, who will skip, is joined on the Australian women's team by vice Beata Bowes, who after 10 years of curling (starting out in the United Kingdom) will be making her first trip to the PIC; second Katherine Hayes, who got to know Westhagen while stuck on a desert (Solomons) island (while their teammate Stephanie Barr was stranded at the Brisbane airport); and lead Roslyn Gallagher (who met Westhagen playing soccer for the South Yarra Soccer Club).

All the members reside in Melbourne and members of the Victorian Curling Association. While they're competing at the PIC, their league season will be just getting started.

"We travel a lot together," Westhagen



The Jennifer Westhagen team.

explains. "Our nationals are in New Zealand as they have the only dedicated ice in the southern hemisphere."

The team spends an inordinate a mount of time in the 100-person town of Naseby in the middle of the south island. But Westhagen says the hospitality is "amazing."

"Australia is far from everything, so we travel to curl (as well as) for other things (like Westhagen's and Panoussi's wedding last July in Hawaii which the entire women's team attended)."

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## **Jets score Esso Medals**

By **DON FENNELL**©DFSentinel

The Richmond Jets' inaugural minor hockey season continues to be filled with highlights.

Just days after its Juvenile A1 team won the association's first-ever provincial championship, the Jets learned they'd won the 2018-19 Esso Medals of Achievement—Score Big Contest.

Richmond was one of six associations chosen from among thousands of entries nation-wide.

The Jets will be presented with a \$5,000 prize. An additional \$1,000 donation will be presented to its Midget A1 team.

"We selected the Midget A1s for the team prize because they earned the opportunity to travel to Kelowna for the BC Hockey provincial championship," explained president Carolyn Hart "We knew the team would be faced with some substantial travel expenses in order to compete."

Enjoying an outstanding season, the Midget A1 team, guided by head coach Derek Chichak, finished 1-4-1 at the provincial tournament.

Hart said the \$5,000 association prize presented by Esso's a welcome bonus' and will help outfit the Atom A, Peewee, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile teams in new jerseys next season.

"Every year, we register to receive Esso Medals of Achievement for our teams," Hart said. "Each team gets three medals—one for their most dedicated player; one for their most improved player; and one for their most sportsmanlike player. The teams also receive certificates that they can present to their players. We never expected to win one of the grand prizes. It is a wonderful surprise."

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## High-five for Ravens at BC hockey championships

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

> hen it mattered most, Ashley Specht stepped forward.

Dedicated to the team concept that epitomized the Richmond Ravens this season, Specht scored one goal and assisted on another by Sophia Buckberger—both during the same shorthanded sequence in the BC Hockey Female Midget A provincial championships final March 24 in Fort St John. The goals helped the Ravens to an eventual 4-0 victory over the South Island Royals, and Richmond's fifth B.C. title under head coach AJ Sander.

In reflecting on the Ravens' 2018-19 season, Sander speaks often of the all-for-one mantra. Following the championship win, he again emphasized how the latest success was the result of every player contributing to the end goal.

"They all bought into the concept of playing as a team," he says proudly. "We didn't talk about winning but being successful. We told the players they would play this (BC final) game when the team was being picked. It was always about being positive, while making sure we worked hard. Our consistency showed through all the games at the provincials."

After failing to qualify last season for the provincials for the first time under Sander's guidance, this season was about getting back on top of the mountain, he says. And rarely was there a moment the Ravens didn't believe.

A group of six returning players, backstopped by goaltender Brynn Waisman, established the standards early. The rookies quickly followed suit. A commitment to defence saw the team surrender only 64 goals in 62 games, while the offence was equally proficient with 220 goals for.

As this season wore on, the Ravens became increasingly stronger



Photo submitted

For the fifth time, the Richmond Ravens are BC Hockey Female Midget A provincial champions after blanking South Island Royals 4-0 in the title game March 24 in Fort St John.

months. They were undefeated through the playoffs and in their five games at provincials.

And when they did face adversity, the Ravens responded. At the provincials, they again faced longtime rival North Shore, with whom they battled neck-and-neck for league honours. Down 2-0 with 14 minutes to play, the Ravens found a way to rebound for a 3-3 tie. Sander chalks it up to all the training that gave the players the physical stamina and mental focus that was required.

As a coach, Sander has built an impressive resume since his first foray as an assistant in boys' hockey while still attending high school. He's now coached well over 1,500 games—the vast majority wins.

Since he began coaching female hockey, Sander says he's seen the game grow—both in terms of participation and the respect it is afforded. While he would have loved nothing more than for the West Coast

losing only once in the last three to have a franchise in the Canadian Defence Women's Hockey League—which folded last weekend—he believes if Aish Sander (captain) a player is good enough to reach the Grace Wallace next level she'll be recognized.

"A local team would be advantageous and boost interest in female hockey," Sander says. "It's like when Forwards we had the Olympics, registration went up. But overall our numbers (in B.C.) aren't there right. They're much larger back east. But having a team here would help increase the numbers."

The Ravens will wind up their sea- Amanda Phillips son this weekend (March 29 to 31) at Richmond's 22nd annual Ice Classic Female Hockey Tournament at the Ice Centre. Teams from throughout North America will participate in the **Bench personnel** season-ending event at the midget, bantam, peewee, atom and novice levels.

### RICHMOND RAVENS MIDGET A Goal Brynn Waisman

Erika Palmierei (associate captain) **Annalisle Wong** Cailey Wong

Sophia Buckberger Megan Dillon **Emily Dragecevic** Julie Farkasch (associate captain) Olivia Northrup Sydney Payment Jenna Proulx (associate captain) Ashley Specht Emma Tait

AJ Sander (head coach) Natasha Steblin (associate coach) Rachel Coulson (associate coach) Tamara Wong (associate coach) Satwant Bhatia-Sander (trainer)

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## Sprinter Bradley to continue athletics career in T.O.

By **DON FENNELL** @DFSentinel

> In elementary school track and field circles, Lee Hunter is a legend.

A longtime teacher at Richmond's A.B. Dixon, he championed many future athletes by instilling a love for sport.

The lengthy list includes two stalwarts who also honed their skills with the Richmond Kajaks: thrower Camryn Rogers and sprinter Carson Bradley.

"I started running in Grade 3 at the encouragement of (Hunter)," says Bradley who, a few months shy of graduating from RA. McMath Secondary, recently committed to the University of Toronto where hopes to further develop his blossoming athletics career.

"At first I was not nearly the best. I simply did it because I enjoyed it"

Over time, he started getting faster and faster and by the time he was in Grade 7 didn't lose a single race the entire year.

Though both his parents excelled as athletes (his mom ran as a member of Manitoba's provincial team in the 1980s and his dad was a provincial soccer player), as a young boy Bradley struggled to find a sport he liked. He tried soccer and hockey, but says they didn't suit him well. And during his high school days he played on the junior basketball team. But he had the most fun running track so his mom encouraged him to take the next step and train with the Kajaks.



Photo by Chung Chow

### Sprinter Carson Bradley will be taking his talents to the University of Toronto this September.

He was 10 years old.

"I competed in many events including middle distance, jumps and throws until I was 13, then I started to focus on the sprints," he explains.

With his track hero being former Canadian Olympian Robert Esmie (who as a member of the men's 4x100 metre relay team won gold at the 1996 Summer Olympics), Bradley soon gained an even greater appreciation for the discipline. That was further heightened when Esmie invited him to train part-time with him.

"He's been one of biggest supporters ever since," says Bradley. "I'm a bit of a tense person and he's taught me how to relax and have fun."

Bradley made a notable breakthrough running for a spot on the provincial team. He was 15 and running the 300 metres in Nanaimo. To qualify, he had to win both the race and match, or better the qualifying time of 39.42 seconds.

"I had never been more determined in my life," he recalls. "I ran the hardest I ever had, and crossed the finish line in first in 36.36 seconds. I was so elated, and I have yet to replicate the sense of euphoria I felt that day."

Currently focused on the long sprints, which includes the 200 and 400 at which his best times are 22.43 and 49.41 respectively, Bradley would also like to try his hand at the hurdles. The 400-metre hurdles to be precise. But his priority will continue to be the sprints.

"My goal for the season is to run under 49 seconds for the 400, and my goal is to win the 400 at the B.C. high school championships and help the relay team win the 4x100. With Kajaks, I hope to do the same at the provincial iamboree."

Those events, he hopes, will serve as a prelude for future success at the U of T, where his immediate goal will be qualifying for the U Sports national championships and, long term, to represent Canada at the Commonwealth or Pan American Games.

Reflecting on his time with the Kajaks, Bradley feels he's been blessed.

"There's so much I have enjoyed about Kajaks. My coaches, Byron Jack and Jackson Cheung, are truly phenomenal. There's a real sense of community. And one of the highlights each year is the annual awards ceremony when every member of the club gets together to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of all the athletes, coaches and volunteers."

While Bradley is winding up his high school career, his younger brother Jackson may be waiting in the wings. His focus, however, is on soccer, but he will be joining Carson on McMath's track team in Mav.

"Jackson is really fast," Carson says."In fact, he has beaten all the records and personal bests I set when I was his age."

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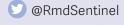
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### Patricia Anderson Oct. 7. 1934-Jan. 30, 2019

It is with a profound sense of loss and sadness that we announce the passing of our beautiful mom, Patricia Anderson.

While she was never one to trumpet her own achievements, she will hopefully forgive us as we boast just a little about the compassionate, caring, loving woman she was — if only to soothe the vacancy she leaves in our hearts

The daughter of Sidney and Ann Chudleigh, Pat was born in 1934 in Lethbridge, Alberta, and spent her childhood in the quaint, small town of Picture Butte.

In those days, the arrival of a train was a veritable event in Picture Butte, and it was common for the local kids to greet the passengers as they disembarked. One day during the Second World War, a train arrived with dozens of interned Japanese families. Isolated in her rural community, young Pat had never seen a Japanese person. The experience of watching them herded off the train like cattle and escorted into the segregated part of town left an indelible mark on Pat, nurturing a strong sense of social justice that would guide her later in life.

Pat moved to Burnaby in 1952 and attended Vancouver Tech, followed by studies in psychiatric nursing at Essondale, which was B.C.'s first training school for psychiatric nurses. Essondale later became Riverview, but that was long after Pat quit school to marry the dashing young logger she met on a blind date at the old Dodson Beer Parlour on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. That man was Morris Anderson, a 25-year-old high-rigger who couldn't wait to spend his life with the tall, slim nursing student with the curly black hair

They married on Oct. 8, 1954, on Morris's 26th birthday, and settled in Vancouver Bay, a remote B.C. Forest Products logging camp. They would spend the next nine years at the camp, where they had their first three children, before moving to a small house in Coquitlam, and a few years after that, to Richmond. In 1976, six years after their fourth child was born, Pat decided it was time to return to work outside the home, and she got a job at the cannery scooping roe from raw fish, then with CARA, the company that prepared food for CP Air, and finally with CP Air itself, where she became a cleaner and proud member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, where she fought for workers' rights as a union shop steward.

Pat had an abundance of empathy and demonstrated it continually throughout her life. From sewing clothes for children orphaned by the Vietnam War, to protesting the rising cost of milk, to marching for peace, to campaigning door-to-door for progressive political candidates, to serving coffee and sandwiches to hungry workers on strike — she left every situation better than she encountered it.

Pat's was a rare kindness that saw the best in everyone. Before the ravages of dementia cruelly took their toll, you could always count on a bottomless pot of coffee, a homemade treat and good conversation if you stopped by for a visit.

Mom, you are missed.

Patricia Anderson is predeceased by her husband Morris. She is survived by her son Maurie, daughters Sharon (Terry), Tina and Corry (Randy), grandchildren Colin and Whitney, and many, many friends.

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## Eugene Sheffer's crossword

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- "Please go ahead" 12
- Fork prong 14
- The National Pastime
- Circus structure 16
- 17 Cacophony
- 18 Scalawags
- Basilica areas
- 23 Diving duck
- Soccer legend 24
- Brewing gizmo
- Greek letter 28
- Not out of place 29
- 30 Scull need
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- 36 Notorious
- Port city of Poland
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- 41 Pealed
- Pitcher's tactic 42
- "American —"
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- Lion's pride? 49
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- UFO crew

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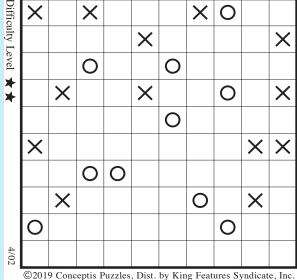
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