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Classically-masted vessel returning

By **DON FENNEL**

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Once upon a time, Steveston's lively waterfront was teeming with classically-masted vessels hailing from ports throughout the world.

This week, a tall ship will magically reappear in a much-anticipated tribute to the community's maritime history.

Headlining the Ships to Shore King of the Sea Festival, produced by the City of Richmond and presented by Re/Max, will be Japan's majestic Kaiwo Maru which will be making a rare visit to North America for the free celebration May 5 to 7 in Richmond's Garry Point Park.

Translated into English as the King of the Sea, the Kaiwo Maru is one of the world's largest tall ships—a four-masted, 361-foot long and 182-foot high naval training vessel.

"The Kaiwo Maru rarely leaves Japan and Richmond will be the only North American port of call on this visit," said Richmond Mayor Malcolm Brodie. "This special visit recognizes the strong cultural ties and long-standing friendship between Richmond and Japan."

The tall ship will be available for public viewing from its arrival May 3 until its departure May 8. Free boarding will only be during the festival, with a limited number of passes made available in advance and a small number on site. A notable highlight of the visit will be a Sail Drill on Saturday, May 6 when nearly 200 crew members will climb high into the masts to unfurl nearly 30,000 square feet of sail.

A century ago, the biggest and fastest sailing ships in the world came to Steveston's busy cannery row to load a particularly precious cargo: Pacific salmon. Today, the harbour is still the largest commercial fishing port in Western Canada and also home to a growing tourism sector based largely on its extensive maritime history.

Richmond Coun. Harold Steves, with whom the idea of a tall ships festival first originated, said it's gratifying to see the ongoing interest and success of what has become an annual celebration of the community's maritime history.

"When the idea was first floated in 2000 we were just working on restoring the Britannia Heritage Shipyard building and cannery," he recalled.

Recognizing the first shipment of salmon to Europe went through Bri-



Courtesy City of Richmond

Some 200 crew members will unfurl the sails of the Kaiwo Maru on Saturday, May 6 at Garry Point Park.

tannia, not long after its opening in 1889 as a cannery, Steves thought an ideal way to celebrate would be with the visit of a tall ship. So he asked a friend "can you find us a tall ship to bring in (to celebrate)?"

That friend promptly went on the Internet and found an entire fleet.

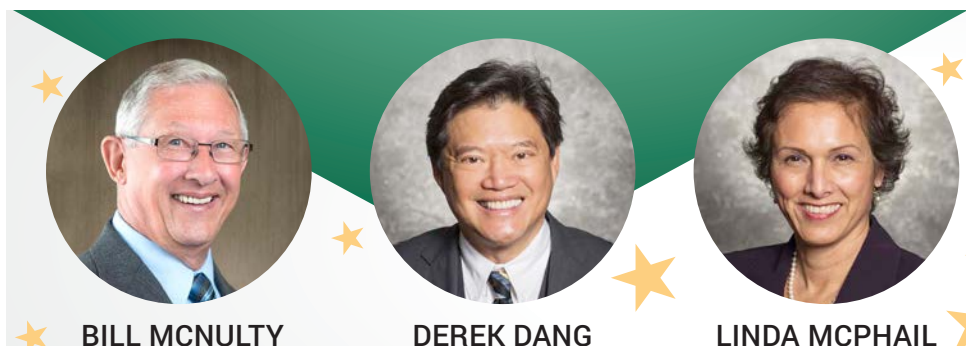
"He found the American Sail Training Association which was looking to bring tall ships to California," Steves said. "He made contact and asked if they might not come here."

After securing that, Steves was inspired to see if expanding the visit into

a festival might be possible. With fears that the cost would be prohibitive, it took a bit of convincing, he said, but ultimately council approved a five-day festival in the summer of 2002. The first night, a Thursday, drew 170,000 people to Garry Point Park. By the end, the event had drawn some 400,000.

"(Richmond) spent \$800,000 on the event, but we were also building infrastructure there including what is now a popular fishing pier," he said. "And when it was over the economic spinoff was about \$10 million."

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Community

Not your grannie's rheumatism

- ▶ Arthritis is not normal aging
- ▶ Arthritis doesn't just happen to your joints
- ▶ Some arthritis can be stopped in its tracks

By **LORRAINE GRAVES**

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Julia Chayko was a dancer and an actor. Then one cold, rainy morning seven years ago, she woke up, "feeling like I had the flu and it wouldn't go away for about six weeks."

While the onset of rheumatoid arthritis can be sudden like Chayko's or more gradual, early diagnosis and treatment can make a life-long difference. And now thanks to discoveries at Arthritis Research Canada (ARC), it can also mean a longer life.

ARC's scientific director Dr. John Esdaile says early diagnosis is vital because while rheumatoid arthritis hurts joints, it also kills people.

"If you control the inflammation, the pain improves and the damage stops," Esdaile says.

Without effective treatment for rheumatoid arthritis, he says, "inflammation disables and kills."

"It does a number of really terrible things. Arthritis can cause heart disease, stroke, lung disease, kidney disease, digestive issues, some blood cancers like lymphoma and possibly diabetes," he says.

The Heart and Stroke Foundation says one in two Canadians die of some form of heart disease. And Es-



Photo by Chung Chow

Patient Julia Chayko and Arthritis Research Canada's Dr. John Esdaile.

daile adds people with rheumatoid arthritis have an even higher risk of heart disease.

"What we've also shown for RA (rheumatoid arthritis), when we use powerful drugs like methotrexate and (other new drugs), the patients not only feel better and run around but their risk of heart disease goes down. When we control the inflammation with these powerful drugs, they don't have any increase in heart disease."

In fact, arthritis specialists agree on the importance of prompt diagnosis and treatment; they have agreed to see a patient within two weeks of referral to minimize damage.

While many people can remember the disfigurement rheumatoid arthritis caused in the past, today, because of research both done and put into practice by ARC, most problems rheumatoid arthritis causes can be delayed or even stopped completely. Last year, ARC brought in \$5 million for research on a whole host of inflammatory diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis.

Inflammation can be good when you're hurt or sick because it helps your body heal. But inflammation, like Chayko's, disables and kills when the immune system makes mistakes and destroys good cells, the ones

she needs in her body, such as those keeping her joints cushioned and limber. And, with rheumatoid arthritis, those misguided immune cells don't just limit themselves to Chayko's joints. They go after a whole host of things throughout her body.

Esdaile, who helped create ARC, did some of the early research into methotrexate, part of the palette of drugs doctors use to treat rheumatoid arthritis today. For patients like Chayko who need this drug, it means occasional miniscule doses of the old chemotherapy drug. It's one of three medications she is on.

"I didn't get a lot of side-effects," says Chayko, who feels a little queasy the morning after each weekly dose. "It means one day of feeling a little hung-over and usually for the rest of the week, I'm well again. I will take that any day over when my RA was untreated."

Thanks to ARC's research that has led to changes in attitude, treatment, new drugs and new uses for older drugs, people like Chayko can live better and longer with their autoimmune disease under control.

"I was a very active person. I was a dancer. I was an actress on stage," says Chayko. "In the beginning when my rheumatoid arthritis was untreated, I stopped."

Once again, Chayko is an award-winning actress.

"Today," she says, "I'm doing well, really well compared to where I was even a couple of years ago. Getting onto the proper treatment has got me back onto the stage so to speak."

ARTS help Science

By **LORRAINE GRAVES**

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The finest in the arts and sciences will come together at the upcoming ARThritis Soirée, a benefit for Richmond's arthritis research centre.

Arthritis Research Canada's executive director Shauneen Kellner says the May 18 fundraiser in Downtown Vancouver attracts "those who share a passion and appreciation of art and a desire to support arthritis research."

This is the fifth year that business and community leaders, philanthropists, doctors, scientists, and health care professionals will gather to relish the arts and support their work.

Headquartered in Richmond, with help from Milan and Maureen Ilich Foundation, Arthritis Research Canada (ARC) is North America's largest arthritis research centre, responsible for overseeing \$5 million in research funding last year alone.

Arthritis receives about three per cent of research

dollars in Canada yet, according to ARC's scientific director Dr. John Esdaile: "Arthritis and musculoskeletal diseases costs Canadians more than heart disease, lung disease and cancer and those are just the dollar costs."

"There are, as we know, many other costs to arthritis," he says.

While the World Health Organization says Canada's main cause of disability is arthritis and its related musculoskeletal diseases, ARC's \$5 million annual budget works out to just under one dollar of research for every Canadian with arthritis.

Their research projects range from novel therapies to programs like "Making It Work," which looks at ways to keep people on the job, earning a living while they learn to live with arthritis.

With a strong belief that scientific research is only of value once it's put to use, ARC supports not only teaching the public how to use new discoveries but also guiding doctors to offer the best in treatment based on new research findings. One example of new findings is the high value of movement



Shauneen Kellner,
executive director of
Arthritis Research
Canada.

Previously, people with arthritis tried to rest their joints as much as possible. Today, thanks to research, it is clear that good exercise helps to maintain joint health for everyone including those with arthritis.

On Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m. in The Roof room at the Hotel Vancouver you will have a chance to rub shoulders with the brightest and best names in arthritis research at the ARThritis Soirée.

"The ARThritis Soirée promises something for everyone, including fabulous hors d'oeuvres, champagne, and wine coupled with an amazing raffle,

and tempting live and silent auctions," says Kellner.

Attendees will also be treated to a concert by world-renowned violinist Jenny Bae with members of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra.

"The suffering from arthritis needs to end," says Bae.

To treat aching and stiff joints requires early diagnosis, movement, treatment and someday, a cure. To get there, says Esdaile, "The answer is research."

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Richmond-Queensborough

“I believe that our government should work for everybody, not just the wealthy and well connected friends of Christy Clark. It’s time for a government that listens to and represents you.”

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“Christy Clark and the BC Liberals have taken Richmond voters for granted. I have a proven track record of listening to your concerns and taking action, and I will continue to do this as your MLA in Victoria.”



Kelly Greene
Richmond-Steveston

“It’s time Richmond had a representative that works for them - I’ve fought for schools, now I’m ready to work for Richmond-Steveston. I’m excited to build a better BC with my family, friends, and neighbours.”

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South Arm Community Centre

MAY 13, 10:00AM - 1:00PM

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MAY 13, 10:00AM - 3:00PM

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To bridge or not to bridge

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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When asked about the proposed Massey Tunnel replacement bridge, Simon Fraser University transportation and urban planner Gordon Price says: "land use policy and regional transportation go together."

"It's a contradiction; what we say we want and what we do. We've still maintained the belief that this sea of green will be held in perpetuity for agriculture and wildlife. It creates a sense that we live in a kind of Eden."

The problem, as Price sees it, is that land gets value from access.

"Bridges have an immense impact on land and what it is worth," he said.

Price says we can't have it both verdant land and the new bridge.

According to Price, "We've spent trillions of dollars creating car-dependent urban regions. That's clearly the vision for the province. They don't articulate it because it means blowing apart the [Metro Vancouver Regional] plan and using that farmland south of the Fraser for housing."

On April 5, BC Transportation and Infrastructure Minister Todd

Stone announced the start of the bridge project saying it came "after four years of consultation with First Nations, municipal and regional governments."

What he didn't say was that of those three groups, only Delta's mayor supports the bridge. Twenty-one of 22 Metro Vancouver mayors oppose the bridge that is not in their 10-year plan, according to Richmond Coun. Carol Day.

And, the next day, April 6, First Nations Chief Wayne Sparrow released a statement. "This project is in the core of our exclusive territory and the provincial and federal government have not received Musqueam's consent."

Price says, with the proposed 10 lane bridge, we need to ask ourselves: "Does it match up with the growth strategy of metro Vancouver and the answer is unequivocally no—unless the unstated intent is that the Fraser delta will be developed as residential and commercial. All of that Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) will be eroded and be part of the suburban sprawl of the Lower Mainland, the way we used to do things."

And, he says, we've seen this before. The Oak Street Bridge was built in 1957 and two years later, Richmond farmland was rezoned

to be a post-war suburb.

"That was definitely the idea of the bridge; here was all this flat, cheap land. Land gets value from access."

Price says that dropping the number of tunnel drivers by 10 to 15 per cent, would get back to free flowing traffic.

Many people south of the Fraser remember the warnings about congestion the summer the Oak Street Bridge was down to one lane each way for repairs.

Temporarily adding more city buses, and bus lanes the whole way, meant more commuters chose transit instead of their car.

Said one commuter, "I was amazed. It was faster to take the bus than my car had ever been."

Of the proposed bridge, Price says, "It's the way we did it in the 50s, only bigger and that's nuts. It's a staggering waste of money, because it comes out of people's pockets. It's only going to make the congestion problem worse, just somewhere else."

Price says that before we vote, we need to ask our candidates how they are going to respect our vision for Metro Vancouver.

"This is what elections are for, to make them have that conversation."



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Team builder to coach Sockeyes

By **DON FENNELL**

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A familiar face, renowned for his creativity and team building, will be behind the bench of the Richmond Sockeyes this coming season.

Dipping into the local minor hockey pool for their new head coach, the Sockeyes hired Steve Robinson to lead the local Pacific Junior Hockey League (PJHL) team going forward.

Robinson is coming off a busy, and successful, season guiding the Seafair Islanders Midget AAA and Delta Storm Peewee AA teams, and currently the Warriors spring hockey club. The Warriors, a collection of some of the top 16- to 20-year-olds in the region, won the recent Ernie McLean under-18 tournament played in Langley.

Speaking on behalf of the Sockeyes' ownership group, Ron Paterson said Robinson's appointment represented "a bit of a changing of the guard."

"Judd (Lambert, who revealed his intention to step down after the 2016-17 season) enjoyed a lot of success coaching the last number of years, which included a couple of national championships," Paterson said. "I really think (Robinson) offers an infusion of new energy, and he has an extensive relationship with minor hockey."

"He brings a number of characteristics that make for a good coach; leadership being one thing, a passion that's very evident, and hockey IQ," Paterson continued. "All those are really rep-



Photo Chung Chow

Steve Robinson is looking forward to coaching the Richmond Sockeyes next season.

resentative in his presence, and he knows how to win. We think the development of not only our program, but our players as people is very important and that's evident in Steve as well."

The Sockeyes looked at a few applicants, but once they interviewed Robinson knew they had their next coach.

"I'm excited, for sure," said Robinson, who was close to accepting a coaching opportunity in the PJHL previously.

Robinson wasn't actively pursuing the opportunity to move up in the coaching ranks, but once Lambert made known his intention to step down he began revisiting the possibility; further encouraged by several players.

"Deep down we're all competitors in our own way and interested to see if we can continue to succeed at another level," he said.

Robinson believes confidence plays a major part in a team's on-ice success. To that end, he says building—and retaining—player

confidence is paramount.

"Hockey should be fun and I believe in allowing the players to play to their strengths rather than playing not lose," he said. "I think coaches often get into a mentality of looking at what players aren't rather than what they are. It's important to align guys with complimentary skills and build on the good habits they have. Hockey is a game of mistakes and if you play it with so much structure that you're suffocating the players then you're not allowing them to become the players they can be."

Robinson said teams typically boast similar talent bases, so it is the remaining players and how they develop that ultimately makes the difference.

"If you pick a kid (to be on the team) you've got to develop him," he explained. "Everyone has a role, and while that's occasionally adjusted, if a kid doesn't feel included they check out emotionally and the team is not as strong."

Robinson has just rounded out his coaching staff for the 2017-18 season, retaining Mike Ball as an assistant coach and adding two new assistants in Brett Reusch and Jordan Andrews. All former Sockeye players, Ball is the only holdover from the previous regime, while Reusch coached Cloverdale's Midget A1 team last season and Andrews—only one season removed from captaining the Sockeyes—will bring what Robinson said is "a current players' perspective and youthful energy to the group."

"I am pleased with the process and selections and believe we have a great staff in place to lead the team into an exciting season with championship potential," Robinson said.

FISH TALES: The first chance to see the new-look Sockeyes will be at the team's annual Prospects Camp May 29 to June 2 at the Richmond Ice Centre.

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Richmond's Valerie Wideski dominates on rugby field

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Rarely does Richmond witness the development of an athlete as accomplished as 18-year-old Valerie Wideski.

The Steveston-London senior is a powerful and aggressive superstar on the rugby field.

Besides boasting an impressive collection of rugby championships under her belt, Wideski is also a member of the BC Women's Rugby 7s team, the U18 Bayside Rugby Club, and the McRoberts Senior Girls rugby team.

She and her family immigrated from American Samoa 10 years ago. Since moving to Canada,

Wideski has tried her hand at multiple sports—soccer, track and field, football—but ultimately fell in love with rugby.

Recently, Wideski was one of just 40 players across the country to be invited to try out for the Canadian National Rugby team. Although Rugby Canada has yet to release the final 23-woman roster, Wideski hopes to receive a reply in the coming weeks.

The rugby standout had no initial intention of attending tryouts because of the hefty \$1,350 price tag.

Unable to afford the cost on her own, she and her younger sister reached out to the community for help through a Go Fund Me campaign.

Fortunately, Wideski was able to raise \$2,230, far surpassing her goal.



Photo by Chung Chow
Valerie Wideski is a proud Steveston-London student, but she plays rugby for Hugh McRoberts.

"It was crazy. I didn't know what to think when it happened," admitted Wideski, "It was a week until the money was due. I thought there was no way I was going to be able to make that much money in a week."

For life after high school, the budding athlete is considering a rugby scholarship to Acadia University. She wants to continue playing the sport at an elite level in hopes of achieving her long term goal: playing in the Rugby World Cup with the Canadian National team.

When asked about what advice she would tell aspiring female rugby athletes, Wideski said, "Give rugby a try. It's totally worth it. It's helped me get through the difficulties in my life. Play like a girl and you'll be amazing."

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PROVINCIAL ELECTION 2017

With the provincial election now just days away, *The Richmond Sentinel* wraps up its election coverage by providing space to each of the 15 candidates in Richmond's four ridings. Each candidate was asked: What's the top issue in your riding? What do you propose to do about it? And they were asked to limit their answers to 150 words.

Richmond South Centre:



LINDA REID

BC Liberals

Top issue in your riding:

The most important issue in this election is building

and maintaining British Columbia's economy.

What do you propose to do about it?

BC leads the country in job creation thanks to the strong fiscal management of our BC Liberal Government. This has also resulted in our triple-A credit rating, helping to ensure British Columbians continue to pay the lowest taxes in Canada.

A strong economy means there is money for important projects like affordable housing which improve the lives of the people of Richmond. We will deliver a new state-of-the-art care tower at Richmond Hospital as part of our ongoing commitment to health care in our region. Seniors care is also a top priority. We are investing \$500M over the next four years to improve care for seniors across the health system.

A strong economy means we have nearly \$1 billion for affordable housing and millions for the seismic upgrade and expansion of our schools. For example we are working to complete a \$14 million upgrade of

Cook Elementary and millions more is being spent on upgrades and new facilities at Kwantlen Polytechnic University.

Responsible management of the economy means we can continue to support those in need while at the same time delivering the best social program in the world, a job.



GREG POWELL

Green Party of BC

Top issue in your riding:

Housing is the most

important issue in Richmond South Centre, which is why I feel great about the BC Greens' comprehensive approach.

What do you propose to do about it?

Expanding the foreign buyers tax, implementing a progressive property transfer tax, expanding the supply of affordable housing, and addressing poverty at the roots are all policies that I will support in the legislature. Every British Columbian deserves to have a place to call home that they can afford.

Part of affording a home is affording electricity and heat. Rising hydro rates mean Site C must be stopped before it becomes a greater burden for everyday customers. Buildings that are energy-efficient keep costs down, and keep our climate secure.

Another critical part of affordable housing is transportation. The BC Greens' plan to expand transit service, increase the availability of active modes of transportation, and embrace a future with electric vehicles are all solutions that fit my values and comprehensively improve quality of life for all in BC. The changes we propose are changes you can count on for an even better BC.



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BC NDP

Top issue in your riding:

The top issue in Richmond is your increasing cost of living.

Christy Clark and the Liberals have made it more expensive for you to live and even at those earnings, an average wage cannot make ends meet in Richmond. The Liberals have failed to stop housing costs from rising to unaffordable levels. BC Hydro rates have increased and will continue to increase because of Liberal policies. ICBC rates are rising and whether you drive a car or take Translink, you will be paying more due to Liberal corruption.

What do you propose to do about it?

My solution is simple. Instead of wastefully spending billions on a toll bridge the region doesn't need, instead of spending billions on a BC Hydro dam that independent studies have shown is not worthwhile, our proposal is to freeze Hydro and ICBC rates, and implement our platform policies to make Richmond affordable for us again.

Richmond-Queensborough:



MICHAEL WOLFE

Green Party of BC

Top issue in your riding:

My top issue is preserving

the farming and liveability in the Richmond-Queensborough communities from being paved over by the Port of Vancouver.

What do you propose to do about it?

The action required is to cancel the George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project. This will prevent the incoming 320 metre ships from traversing up the Fraser River to transfer LNG from Delta, jet fuel from East Richmond, and coal from Surrey. It is clear, that the BC Liberals and BC NDP are focused on maximizing the private return from government investments, not the social return. Both of these parties cannot be trusted as their campaigns are funded by corporations and unions that put profits before people. As the voters in this riding we hold the power to act—if we feel that we have the responsibility for the wellbeing of future generations. The BC Greens and your candidate, Michael Wolfe, is change you can count on.



AMAN SINGH

BC NDP

Top issue in your riding:

I've spent a considerable amount

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of time knocking on doors and getting to know what the concerns of the people of Richmond Queensborough are. The issue that is resoundingly at the top of people's minds is one of affordability. This is not surprising as the BC Liberals and Christy Clark have consistently looked after the interests of the wealthy and well connected at the expense of everyday people.

What do you propose to do about it?

We need a government that listens to its people and responds to their needs. I would work with all levels of government to make life more affordable, restore many service that have been taken away and provide better services in healthcare and other areas and work to ensure that we have good quality well paying jobs. Everyone deserves a government that works for them not just the wealthy and well-connected.



JAS JOHAL

BC Liberals

Top issue in

your riding:

Affordability

What do you propose to do about it?

Our plan starts with a strong, diverse economy that has created more than 226,400 jobs since 2011. We continue to keep taxes low as British Columbian's earning \$125,000 or less pay Canada's lowest income taxes, leaving families with more money to spend how they want to. One of our key principles is keeping home ownership within the reach of the middle class. We introduced the BC Home partnership, which provides

up to \$37,500 towards the purchase of a first home worth up to \$750,000 with no interest or payments for the first 5 years. We've invested \$4.9 billion since 2001 to provide affordable housing for more than 104,000 low-income households. Moving forward, BC Liberals have announced a personal income tax freeze, will cap bridge tolls at \$500 annually for commuters, and create a new active seniors tax credit, new respite tax credit, and increase the renovation tax credit.



KAY HALE

BC

Conservative Party

Top issue in your riding?

Affordable Housing: Action

Plan Committee; to work with 3 level of Government, address multi facet issue.

What do you propose to do about it?

Youth Mental Health: Work to set up Minister of State for Youth and mental Health.

Senior Care: Work with Federal and Provincial Government to set Appoint Minister for Seniors and develop Strategy for Seniors.



LAWRENCE WEI CHEN

BC New Republican Party

Top issue in your riding: My top issue this

time is Improve medical care policy. MSP include dental care.

What do you propose to do about it?

Many seniors and residents live at or near the poverty line. They often have to make a choice between refilling a pharmaceutical prescription and buying food. Dental care is almost out of the question. So, my top issue this time is all the BC residents should have dental care for free.

Richmond-Steveston:



KELLY GREENE

BC NDP

Top issue in your riding:

At the door, I have heard from many

people that they are tired of the donation scandals and are angry about the appearance of corruption with the BC Liberal party. In the Globe & Mail article on the Wild West of fundraising in BC, John Yap was featured with LNG lobbyists representing a foreign corporation.

What do you propose to do about it?

I would vote, with my fellow BC NDP MLAs, to ban all corporate, union, and foreign donations, and also put a cap on individual donations. Banning these donations is important so the government less concerned about making big donors happy and more concerned about the welfare of British Columbians.



ROY SAKATA

Green Party of BC

Top issue in your riding:

First priority

issue is the combination of the high property and business tax burden for small businesses combined with lower customer traffic during the late fall and winter months.

What do you propose to do about it?

My solutions is the designation of Steveston as special economic zone for 5 years and a further extension if required. The second priority issue is the impasse on the Onni Imperial development impasse between Onni Corp and Richmond City Council. I am prepared to convene an all stakeholder ad hoc committee to make recommendations for a solution that honors Steveston's Maritime/Agricultural multicultural history.



JOHN YAP

BC Liberals

Top issue in your riding:

Affordability is the major issue on the doorsteps.

Families are concerned about the cost of housing, their kids not being able to afford living near to them. Seniors are concerned with not being able to afford to live here because of increased costs of housing and services.

What do you propose to do about it?

The BC Liberals are addressing this. These 6 principles will continue to guide us:

- Ensuring the dream of home ownership remains within the reach of the middle class.
- Increasing housing supply.
- Smart transit expansion.
- Supporting first-time home buyers.

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- Ensuring consumer protection.
 - Increasing rental supply.
- For seniors, we want to:
- Double the Home Renovation Tax Credit to \$20,000
 - Introduce a Respite Tax Credit of up to \$2,500 for people caring for seniors or family members with disabilities.
 - Build and fund an additional 500 long-term care beds across BC.
 - Introduce an Active Seniors Tax Credit to support and promote seniors leading active healthy lifestyles.



RYAN MARCINIW
Green Party of BC

Top issue in your riding:
I think that the top issue is the

approval of the acute care tower and upgrades for Richmond Hospital.

What do you propose to do about it?

The people of Richmond have

waited long enough. I would fast track the approval process to have construction start as soon as possible.

Richmond North Centre:



TERESA WAT

BC Liberals
Top issue in your riding:
The top issue in my riding is the security of our

economy. People want to ensure there are jobs and opportunities that can support their families and help fund critical government services like health care and education.

What do you propose to do about it?

My priority continues to be creating jobs, controlling government spending, and cutting middle-class taxes to leave more money in the pockets of taxpayers. We have a strong record in these areas over the past four years. We have the lowest personal income taxes in Canada for those making under

\$125,000, we are reducing MSP by 50 per cent as a first step to eliminating premiums, and we have tabled five consecutive balanced budgets. However, there's still more work to do. I want to freeze personal income taxes and the carbon tax, and cut taxes for our local small businesses.



JOHN CROCK

BC Action Party
Top issue in your riding:
I cannot agree that there is only just

one top issue in Richmond North Centre. There are many issues that affect, and will be affecting the everyday lives of people in our riding.

What do you propose to do about it?

1. The Massey Tunnel upgrade seems ill conceived and transplants the traffic bottleneck to another point along the highway which borders the area. Bridge tolls are also grossly unfair and affect the

residents in the immediate proximity the most. My views on tolls is that they are a hindrance to economic development and infrastructure should be paid for by other than user fees.

2. Day care is a concern in our area, not so much the cost but quality of day care is the biggest concern, so we have to revise the way day cares are licensed and regulated.

3. Richmond Hospital needs seismic assessment and upgrades. These needs to be a provincial priority. I will be putting pressure on the government in power to make sure this happens.



LYREN CHIU
BC NDP

Top issue in your riding:
Richmond Hospital is aged, outdated, unsafe, and in

poor conditions.

What do you propose to do about it?

BC NDP supports city council's plan to build a new acute care tower.

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McMath teacher Anil Sharma's photography has been featured in TIME, Entertainment Weekly and Rolling Stones magazines.

Photographer's passion born of necessity

By NANA YAMASE
Student Reporter

Anil Sharma spends five days a week at R.A. McMath Secondary School marking dozens of photo assignments.

But at night, the long-time Richmond teacher often turns into a concert photographer, snapping shots of famous celebrities and well-known performers. His work has been featured in TIME, Entertainment Weekly, and Rolling Stones magazines.

You could say that Sharma stumbled into a love for photography.

His passion grew from a necessity to get a job. It began when he sought a teaching position at Matthew

McNair Secondary School.

As it turns out, photography was the only thing available for him to teach.

"I had a Fine Arts degree and have lived and breathed art since I was four so it was just a new medium for me to express myself with," said Sharma. The professional side was an extension."

He incorporated his fondness for this newfound art with his love for music and now gets paid taking pictures at concerts.

Sharma has a simple philosophy.

"Whatever it is that you do, believe in it, do it because you love it and put everything you have into it," he said.

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Major music acts to perform at Ships to Shore festival

By **DON FENNELL**

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photo by Margaret Malandrucolo

Alan Doyle: May 6

Oil and iron ore are Newfoundland and Labrador's highest-valued exports, but its best known advocate may well be Alan Doyle.

Lead singer of the Atlantic province's beloved musical ensemble Great Big Sea, the legendary Canadian actor, producer and best-selling author will headline Richmond's upcoming Ships to Shore King of the Sea festival with a free concert Saturday, May 6 in Garry Point Park.

The performance by Doyle and the Beautiful Gypsies will, appropriately, help celebrate the community's maritime history.

"Maritime life is a significant part of Canada's heritage, and is especially important to cele-

brate this year during Canada 150 (a year-long recognition of the country's 150th anniversary of confederation)," said Bryan Furman, on behalf of Re/Max realty, the presenting sponsor of this year's Ships to Shore King of the Sea Festival.

Known for their energetic performances, Doyle and the Beautiful Gypsies are touring across North America and Europe this year. They'll be playing songs from Doyle's solo records and Great Big Sea favourites, traditional songs and some unpredictable gems from far-flung places.

Armed with a reputation as one of Canada's most treasured musicians and storytellers, Doyle said: "I always want people to have the greatest night of their life when the house lights go down."

Vancouver's own Juno award-winning Dear Rouge will also perform a headline concert on Friday, May 5. The duo will be showcasing their chart-topping alternative dance-rock sound that has made them an audience favourite across Canada and beyond.

"We're very excited to have Alan Doyle playing on Saturday night," said City of Richmond spokesperson Ted Townsend. "It's going to be a huge day. We'll have the sail drill in the afternoon, then Doyle on the main stage, and finally fireworks that evening."

Of Dear Rouge, Townsend said: "They're very popular with younger audiences, and their performance coincides nicely with the end of youth week (May 1 to 7)."

Tall ships

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Today, Steves looks at the tall ships festival, and the myriad of other events the city now hosts, as a "staycation."

"It's become very popular for people staying at home and I think it's helped our businesses as well," he said.

As founder and president of the Steveston Merchants' Association, Jim van der Tas is dedicated to bringing the business community together. He sees events like the Ships to Shore King of the Sea Festival as helping to advance the cause.

"I think it's great, and it (promises to be) one super weekend here in Steveston," he told the Richmond Sentinel. "For us at the restaurant (van der Tas is an operating partner at Blue Canoe Waterfront Restaurant) we've asked all staff to be available

(for the May 5 to 7 event)."

van der Tas said he hopes Steveston will collectively continue to expand on its maritime history, as well as consider additional events to help draw even more tourism. One idea he shared is converting Steveston into a truly Christmas village.

"We have a blank template here for a winter wonderland," he enthused. "We could have a throwback to the 1920s and 1930s, with special shopping events while carollers (stroll) throughout the village."

Part of Richmond's year-long celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary of confederation, Ships to Shore King of the Sea affords festival-goers an opportunity to not only board and view the visiting ships, but also enjoy a myriad of music, food, culture and fireworks starting at 9:05 p.m. Saturday.

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CANADA 150

From middle class to internment camp

By LORRAINE GRAVES

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It was cold that spring in Steveston when they were being gathered up and shipped out. The temperature dropped to -8 C some nights, according to Environment Canada. Some days, it didn't go above zero but at least it was dry. Still, it was not a time to be sleeping in cattle barns or uninsulated shacks in abandoned mining towns.

It had started small, at first, with a general registration but on Dec. 7, 1941, the day of the surprise bombing of the US Navy base at Pearl Harbor by the Japanese Air Force, all Canadians of Japanese ancestry were ordered under the War Measures Act to register for identity cards as enemy aliens.

The next order was to turn in all radios and cameras, then their cars and fishing boats, then the addition of a curfew, then in the spring the men and older teenaged boys were rounded up and sent away to camps in the BC interior.

"People don't realise it's so easy just to wipe out a community's rights and with one sweep of the glove, legislation can wipe out their lives and the hopes and the dreams," says SFU associate professor of communications Kirsten Emiko McAllister.

For some Steveston families, like Mitts Sakai's parents, if they could sell everything to pay in advance for the total cost of their entire family's internment and transportation, and if the men could go ahead to build their internment camp, then the families could stay together, living without running water, electricity or many of the other everyday



Courtesy Vancouver Public Library Historical Photographs (VPL 1381)
A man looking down at a baby in a woman's arms in 1942, when Japanese men left via train to eastern destinations in Canada.

amenities they'd had in their Steveston homes.

Families could also agree to work together in the sugar beet fields of the prairies, otherwise, families were divided; men and older boys split from the women and children.

Some of Steveston's Japanese-Canadians, who choose not to be quoted directly, say jealousy was at the root of the racism.

The pre-war community had done well because everyone worked; the dads, moms and all the children had jobs either fishing, packing fish or picking fruit, so they were able to prosper, buying nice homes, new cars and establishing successful businesses.

Even though we were at war with their homeland, the German and Italian-ancestry neighbours who helped the Japanese Canadians pack up their lives, were not interned.

Sakai says these groups had learned English, had intermarried, and even had relatives in government. Those Canadians were not seen as "other" while the Vancouver Province newspaper ran cartoons denigrating the Canadians of Japanese ancestry.

According to Sakai the division was born of two

intermingled factors.

"It was mostly discrimination and the language barrier. The Japanese who first came here didn't understand English."

He draws a comparison to present day Richmond.

"People from China today, that's the same situation. Younger Chinese understand English and the older Chinese don't."

Like Sakai, McAllister too draws a parallel but an economic one, citing the property, homes, businesses and fishing boats, originally signed over to the government for safe-keeping but later confiscated and sold off.

"A lot of property and a lot of wealth was taken. Just like we are on unceded aboriginal territories, we are prospering from the wealth of Japanese Canadians."

In May of 1942 the federal government declared Steveston, home to 10% of all Canadians of Japanese ancestry, "free of Japanese."

Throughout the war years, Canadians of Japanese ancestry endured many hardships but when the war ended, the hardships did not. The racially-motivated injustices continued.

In 1949, the restrictions on Japanese Canadians were lifted; they were allowed to return to BC's coast.

"Materially and emotionally, they were devastated, families scattered," McAllister says. "The elderly were exhausted. A lot of young people who would have gone to university had to give everything up."

"There are so much intermarriage amongst the Japanese community so, for the third and fourth generation, there is no such thing as race to them; they are all human beings and individuals. And I think that's the good thing that came out of the war and the evacuation, is this integration. The other Canadian people have learned that Japanese are not the Japanese that were depicted in the cartoons creating discord. We are honest, hardworking people."

So, as spring comes once again to Steveston and the 75th anniversary of the internment of Canadians of Japanese ancestry rolls by, we need to look to the future while we also learn the lessons of our past.

CANADA 150

Marpole-Richmond Review Wednesday, March 11, 1942

By Ethel Tibbits
editor, reporter, owner, publisher

Public sentiment has lashed itself into a fury which cries: "Crucify them!" and the government has yielded to the storm and plans to tear up all Japanese roots in this area.

Strange that there was no such outcry when Canada was so busy shipping munitions to Japan these last several years! The Japanese militarists, we are told have enough scrap iron on hand to last them four years, and they can of course thank Vancouver for doing its very considerable bit in making this provision for them.

Then these patriots who now so loudly cry for the annihilation of the local Nipponese had nothing to say, so far as we can remember, in criticism of the U.S.A. in supplying that same militarist government with sufficient oil with which to wage several years of war.

How much of this is outcry is patriotism and how much pure unallowed brute selfishness—the desire to get rid of a competitor?....

They are Canadians by every right of birth. But already the authorities have taken their boats away with very little compen-

sation, we understand, being granted them for their property. Now the flaring headlines loudly proclaim that the Japanese cars are to be confiscated. Will that be done also without compensation?

What is this, anyway—Hitler's country or a democracy?

From March 8, 1942 "The New Canadian" a Nisei [Canadian-born people's] paper

The ruins of a shattered world crumbled faster and closer around 20,000 harassed and bewildered people over the week-end and today, as governmental machinery moved on with its work of 'demolition.' Fathers, husbands, brothers being removed each day; livelihood and means of sustenance going and gone.

Wednesday April 1, 1942

"Young Evacuee Describes Journey" by Yosie Yasui aged 19

(Yasui, a recent high school graduate, was among the first group sent to a road work camp in the Rockies.)

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--No matter what happens, I doubt if I shall ever forget the past week. It has been a week of great significance, something to be remembered from generation to generation of Japanese-Canadian people in this country.

Richmond Review saved for posterity

By LORRAINE GRAVES
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Canada's 150th Anniversary has given preserving our community's history a boost.

The yellowing fragile back copies of the earliest editions of *The Richmond Review* will now be preserved thanks to a \$10,000 grant from The Richmond Canada 150 Community Celebration Grant Program.

The Friends of the Richmond Archives' successful grant application means that a good portion of the early days of *The Richmond Review* will be digitized so they will not only be preserved for posterity but also be searchable electronically.

Anyone who has had to go through pages and pages of an old newspaper looking for a specific story or topic will appreciate the new, quicker way to search old sources.



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Victoria Day older than Canada

By **DON FENNELL**

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In many parts of Canada it's seen as the unofficial start of planting season, and with increasingly brighter skies and warmer weather a sign that summer is just around the corner.

But celebrating Queen Victoria's birthday has been a tradition since even before the nation officially came into being.

The parliament of what was then only a British province named Canada first legislated May 24 as a holiday to recognize the monarch's birthday. Following her death in 1901 it was decreed that Empire Day be held throughout the British Empire (of which Canada was a part) to remem-



Photo by Chung Chow
Ivana Smulik (left) and Sasha Cheung will be serving up goodies for Mother's Day and Victoria Day at London Heritage Farm this month.

ber the "Mother of Confederation."

In 1952 Victoria Day was permanently moved to the Monday immediately before May 25, while Empire Day (renamed Commonwealth Day in 1958) was eventually changed to the second Monday in March.

Not a holiday, the only formal recognition is

that the Royal Union Flag is flown alongside Canada's flag at government installations.

Canada is the only country that commemorates Queen Victoria with an official holiday, with sports, picnics, camping and fireworks just a few of the traditional activities.

Richmond will be hosting two major sporting events over the long weekend this year. Richmond City Baseball Association's annual Victoria Day Long Weekend Invitational Tournament goes May 19 to 22 at Blundell Park, while Richmond Minor Lacrosse Association's annual Midget Division tournament will also be held the same dates at Minoru Arenas.

Victoria Day follows another popular tradition—Mother's Day. The celebration, which this year is May 14, began in 1908 when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at a church in West Virginia. Her mom had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War. While it is not a holiday, many people mark the occasion by giving cards, flowers, chocolates or other gifts.

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Teaching a rush, too

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As a photographer he sometimes goes to ultimate heights to fulfill his goals, like in 2008 at the first Pemberton Music Festival.

Sharma flew in an open door helicopter to take an aerial shot.

"So there I was thousands of feet in the air with half my body hanging out of the helicopter," he said. "But once I started shooting I was just focused on the shot and kind of forgot about any fear I would have had."

The exhilarating rush of being a concert photographer is fulfilling. But Sharma finds teaching students

to be equally rewarding.

"Seeing them start off as wide-eyed kids in Level One Photo, to confident and talented Grade 12s, all the way to professional artists and designers and most importantly genuinely interesting and good people is the best possible reward," he said.



Photo by
Chong Chow
Anil Sharma

Using his experiences, Sharma blends these different sides of his life together and inspires others to create their own beautiful pieces of art.

"I tell my students that the most important things I photograph are never people like Kanye or Taylor Swift but rather my friends and family. Those are the photos that matter and I will keep taking pictures of them every chance I get."

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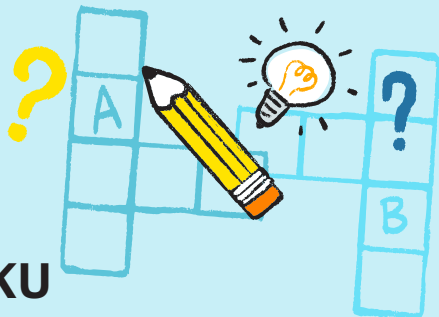


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SUDOKU

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

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

DOWN

- 1 Avian spring visitor
- 2 South west park
- 4 Gambling den
- 5 Colourful kayak or local eatery
- 7 _____ Designer Outlet
- 10 Scotia slough
- 13 Thorny Cactus Garden Shop
- 15 Steakhouse
- 17 Longest serving Mayor
- 19 Richmond _____ Park

ACROSS

- 3 Isle by airport
- 6 Pet food shop _____ friends
- 8 Number of prov. ridings in Richmond
- 9 _____ Adventure Plex
- 11 Hamlet by airport
- 12 Airport abbreviation
- 14 Bridgeport _____
- 16 Nobleman's crossing
- 18 Harold's family's town
- 20 Sweat fitness
- 21 School of Chivalry

Answers will be posted in the next issue in mid-May.

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- A permanent property tax exemption for all Canadian Forces social community organizations, e.g. Legions, ANAF, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the battle of Vimy Ridge.
- An expedited completion of the new North Tower of Richmond General Hospital.
- The building of four community centred mini medical centres to provide house visit services to the chronically ill, occupied by 4 doctors and 2 registered nurse/nurse practitioners. The case load limits would not apply. Compensation will be based on quality and not quantity criteria.
- A pilot project to have a registered nurse/nurse practitioner in our current medical clinics to assess the increased availability of doctors to patients and not be case load limited.
- A needs-based K-12 and post secondary education funding with inflation protection for 5 years terms.
- A 5 year poverty reduction plan combined with a community based economic development plan.
- Business VAT tax and innovation.
- Investment in clean energy.
- Banning big money in politics.

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