



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Committee

Date: September 28, 2006

From: Cathryn Volkering Carlile
General Manager - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services

File: 11-7400-01/2006-Vol 01

Re: Great Places Referral

Staff Recommendation

That the attached report be received for information.

Cathryn Volkering Carlile
General Manager - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
(4068)

Att. 6

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Staff Report

Origin

At the April 15, 2006 Council Meeting, the following staff referral was made:

1. *Whereas*

- a) *Our City is experiencing rapid change as a result of various initiatives and a strong provincial economy, which is fuelling construction projects; and*
- b) *This provides us with an unprecedented opportunity to shape our streetscapes and landscapes.*

2. *Therefore be it resolved.*

That staff bring forward a discussion paper for a "Great Places" contest to be held annually in the City.

Analysis

Public places are a stage for our public lives. When cities and neighbourhoods have thriving public spaces, residents have a strong sense of community. Vibrant successful cities have great destinations that offer a variety of activities to the community and provide a place to meet friends, gather families, play or relax.

There is increasing interest in creating "great places" within cities and programs to promote and recognize these types of spaces and places. Great Places increase vibrancy, enable social interaction, provide linkages, create stages for activity, project positive images and provide comfortable places for people. They are social place where residents, workers and visitors like to gather, visiting it again and again.

Landscape architect Allan Jacobs, UC Berkeley Professor Emeritus, coined the phrase 'Great Streets' in his 1993 book of that title. Jacobs asked himself a series of simple questions regarding urban development – "Why are some streets better than others?" He subsequently analyzed a series of 'Great Streets' worldwide in search of an answer. 'Great Streets' play a symbolic, ceremonial, social and political role in the life of a city. Importantly, they provide the ingredients to make the street beautiful and, in turn, to make that beauty memorable.

Great Streets Principles:

- 1. Defined Edges
- 2. Beginnings and Endings
- 3. Linearity
- 4. Physical Comfort
- 5. Building Height/Density
- 6. Street Trees
- 7. Special Design Features
- 8. On-Street Parking
- 9. Quality Design and Materials

Beyond this, Great Places create and promote a sense of belonging, a sense of identify and are a source of civic pride. They can be considered as neutral ground, are convenient and a stage for activity. They "lure" and attract people. In Richmond, many "Great Place's" are already in existence including and certainly not limited to:

- Walking along a dyke trail
- The Gathering Place -- King George Park (East Richmond)
- Night Market
- Flight Path Park
- Richmond Centre Mall before Opening
- Steveston Village
- The children's playground at Minoru Park

The City has approved principles for the No. 3 Road streetscape impacted by the Canada Line. This has proved to be a very effective process to seek feedback and to shape any future improvements along the No. 3 Road corridor. **(Attachment 1)**

The City Centre Area Plan (CCAP) is also being prepared to create framework for future development in Richmond's downtown. A set of 10 guiding principles has been prepared to help direct growth and development within Richmond's City Centre Core. **(Attachment 2)**

The 2006 Street Banner Contest -- "Richmond in Focus" has put a call out to photographers to enter their original photographs, either digital or printed hard copy, for the banner display between March 2007 and March 2008. Original photographs will portray activities, experiences and places that make Richmond unique. **(Attachment 3)**

Staff have considered other options to engage the public, community and businesses in recognizing and celebrating Richmond's Great Places. They are:

1. Partner with the Richmond Review and expand the "day in the life" article.
2. Host a Richmond Great Places photo contest.
3. Run a monthly "Great Places in Richmond" segment in local paper.
4. Create and adopt Great Places guidelines that would be considered in all future placemaking planning and programs.

Option 1 - Partner with the Richmond Review to expand the "Day in the Life" (Underway).

Partner with the Richmond Review in their "Day in the Life" photo spread. This "pull out" section highlights the day in the life in Richmond. It runs in July and has been very successful for two years running **(Attachment 4)**. Currently the City of Richmond supplies two photographers whom spend the day taking photos. All the best shots are used in the special insert. The cost to the City is minimal, includes staff time for two staff and currently is funded by the Advertising Budget.

Option 2 - Host a Richmond Great Places photo contest.

Hold an annual City of Richmond's Great Places Photo Contest to promote and enhance community pride in our "Great Places". The costs related to establishing this event will include staff time, advertising in local media, prizes and recognition.

Option 3 - Run a monthly “Great Places in Richmond” segment in local paper.

Run a monthly “Great Places in Richmond” segment in local paper, using a similar format as “Active in Richmond” (**Attachment 5**). Photos would be submitted from the community that highlight their “great place”. Questions would be developed to accompany the photo. The value of this space in the newspaper is approximately \$9000.00 per annum.

Option 4 - Create Great Places guidelines that would be considered in all future placemaking planning and programs.

The City could also develop a community/staff and best practices process that defines guidelines and a tool kit for placemaking that, once adopted, could be incorporated in City projects and planning. A policy statement would then be incorporated into the City’s City Centre Area Plan, the Official Community Plan and any future projects that incorporate placemaking into the process and design. The costs of this would include staff time, community consultation and research.

Financial Impact

The financial impact of any of these options will need further consideration. Depending on the direction from Council additional financial resources for promotion, recognition, and community involvement will be required.

Conclusion

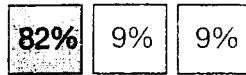
The City of Richmond is committed to the development of placemaking for the community. Currently, some Great Place principles have been approved and more are being considered (e.g., in the City Centre Area Plan Update). The development of defined guidelines and best practises to be used by all the departments and other initiatives as outlined could help ensure the City creates great places and spaces for future generations to meet friends, gather families, play or relax.



for Cathy Russell
Executive Assistant - Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services
(4183)

Streetscape Principles

1. Sidewalks

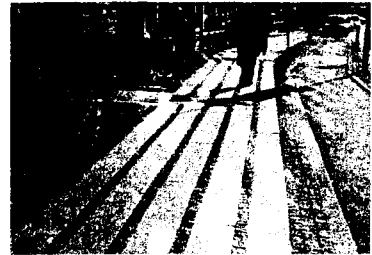


Principles

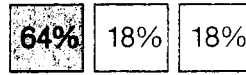
Continuous, high quality sidewalks up and down No. 3 Road, on both sides of the street. The sidewalk takes 'priority of expression' at intersections, curbs and signals.

Comments

"Needs more extensive planning, presentation and theme".
 "A common streetscape typology would greatly unify 'downtown', street trees would help bring the scale down in areas of sidewalk that are next to huge alienating parking lots".



2. Curb Cuts

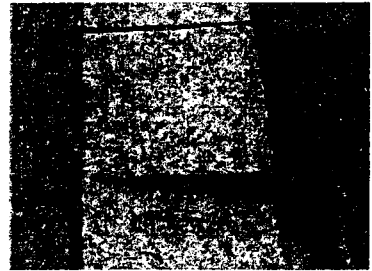


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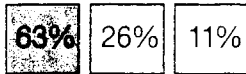
Elimination/minimization of driveway curb cuts.

Comments

"If there is limited vehicular traffic there won't be a need for curb cuts!"
 "Won't you injure yourself when stepping off the curb".



3. Cycle Paths



Principles

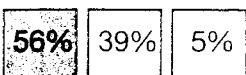
Continuous, raised cycle paths on each side of No. 3 Road; preferably separating cyclists and pedestrians from vehicles.

Comments

"There is a need to connect the Canada Line to Garden City Bike lanes and adjacent N/S bike routes".
 "Cyclists must be kept separate from pedestrian walkways".



4. On-Street Parking



Principles

Short term on-street parking wherever possible, as a positive signal to the importance of street front retail and to serve as a buffer between pedestrians and vehicles.

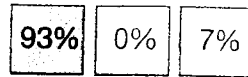
Comments

"Could slow down traffic and cause more accidents".
 "Short-term parking also needs to be enforced".
 "Great idea, is it realistic?".
 "It does create a safety buffer between traffic and cyclists/pedestrians".



5. Pedestrian Linkages

 agree
  disagree
  no opinion



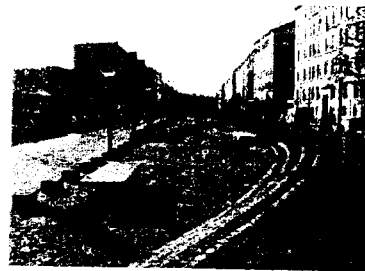
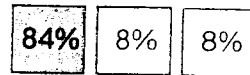
Principles

Convenient linkages to transit stations and bus stops, including 'kiss-n-ride' drop-off & pick-up.

Comments

"Parking/drop off loops are necessary".
 "Should be a top priority to encourage use of the line".
 "Overhead bridge crossings need to connect east and west side of the street" "Don't forget to make them colourful!"

6. Outdoor Rooms



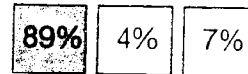
Principles

Public realm urban plazas, boulevards and linear parks, including street trees and greenery along the length of No. 3 Road; all adhering to principles of CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design).

Comments

"The more greenery the better [to balance concrete construction of the Canada Line]".
 "I would encourage covered areas; fabric to allow for greater use of the outdoors when its raining".

7. Street Hardware & Seating



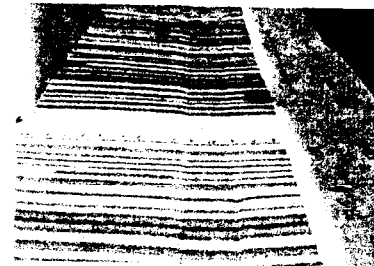
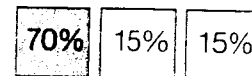
Principles

A coordinated, understated and timeless approach to outdoor furniture, including street lighting complete with banner arms, seating, bollards, recycling bins, information kiosks, and bicycle racks.

Comments

"We are not interested in having a Granville Island".
 "Try not to make so generic it's bland, but not too crazy that it looks contrived un-unified".

8. Public Art



Principles

Promote public art within the No. 3 Road Corridor, both at and between transit stations; consider a strategy of 'artful' transit stations.

Comments

"Art will define the street-the 'calls' [for public art projects] should go out worldwide, we need the best of the best".

Guiding Principles

In addition to a strategy of Smart Growth, the following Guiding Principles will be used to help direct growth and development:



1 Make No. 3 Road the Main Street
 Promote the continued growth and enhancement of No. 3 Road as Richmond's downtown "main street" and pre-eminent retail street.



2 Focus on Transit-Oriented Development
 Maximize opportunities for people to live and work in a pedestrian-focused, high-amenity, mixed-use environment near transit.



3 Promote Urban Villages
 Promote the development of Richmond's downtown as a pedestrian-focused, multi-centred network of urban, mixed-use villages and specialty-use precincts.



4 Provide Healthy Housing Opportunities
 Manage growth to ensure that the City Centre offers opportunities for a broad range of housing types, including a variety of affordable housing options.



5 Create Special Development Opportunities
 Take advantage of the downtown's special attributes (e.g., riverfront, aircraft noise/flood management considerations, the Richmond Oval and the Garden City Lands) to promote new land uses and niche markets.



6 Preserve Openness
 Manage high-rise development in a way that enhances the livability and appearance of the downtown, discourages its encroachment into lower-rise areas, and addresses potential impacts on neighbours.



7 Be a Garden City
 Create a downtown that is characterized by its: • "Great Streets" • High-quality network of parks • Unique and dynamic riverfront • Animated, pedestrian-oriented public realm.



8 Promote A Culture of Walking & Cycling
 Take steps to ensure that both the public and private sectors support walking and cycling as fundamental and integral parts of downtown development.



9 Create a Place, Not a Design
 Develop a variety of interconnected outdoor spaces and amenities—urban parks, plazas, public art, etc. that foster vibrant human interaction.



10 Coordinate Development
 Ensure that City infrastructure and services can keep pace with growth. Develop "win-win" policies for private industry to pay for public amenities.

What do you think about the proposed Guiding Principles? Let us know by filling out the questionnaire provided.



2006 STREET BANNER CONTEST
Call For Entries

The theme for the City of Richmond's 2006 Street Banner Contest for display between March 2007 and March 2008 is "**Richmond In Focus.**" All entries must be original photographs, either digital or printed hard copy.

Original photographs must portray activities, experiences, and places that make Richmond unique. Examples include scenes of:

- Cultural Diversity
- Gardens and Landscapes
- Healthy Living and Wellness
- Nature and the Environment
- Outdoor Recreation and Play
- Great Places and Spaces
- Volunteering

Contest Rules:

- Minimum 5 MP resolution
- Digital photography via CD or DVD is preferred
- Hard copy images must be printed at a minimum of 5"x 7" for consideration
- All photographs must be unedited
- Maximum 10 entries per contestant
- Photographs containing people must have a completed waiver form (visit www.richmond.ca for downloadable PDF form)
- Each digital file submitted must be identified by your full name and image number. For example: John-Doe001.jpg; John-Doe002.jpg
- Identification including name, mailing address, email address, and phone number must be placed on all CD, DVD, and hard copies.

Selection:

- Six to eight designs will be selected for display on banners in selected locations along Richmond's streets between March 2007 and March 2008.
- A \$250 honorarium will be awarded for each of the selected designs. Winning contestants will be contacted by October 31st, 2006.
- All entries and reproduction rights become the property of the City of Richmond. Artwork may need to be modified to meet the needs of the banner production.

Mail or deliver your entry to:

2006 Street Banner Contest
City of Richmond Parks Division
5599 Lynas Lane
Richmond, BC V7C 5B2

You may also email your entries to bannercontest@richmond.ca. NOTE: there is of limit of 2 images per email only.

Deadline for entries is Monday, October 23rd, 2006.

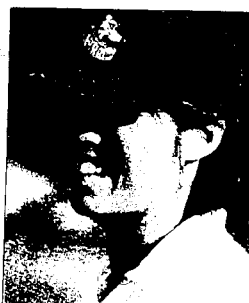
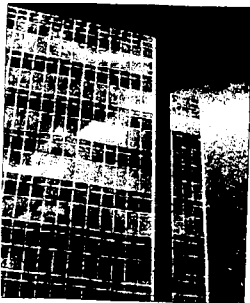


Signe Sparrow, 16, catches some air time at Richmond Indoor Skate Park.

Chung Chow photo

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Sheila McCarthy, Lilian Williams and Shirley Gill taking their nightly walk together along the Britannia Heritage Shipyard park trail.

The photographers



Mark Patrick has been a photographer with The Richmond Review for 25 years.



Christina Lazar-Schuler is a parks design technician for the City of Richmond and a mixed media artist and entrepreneur in the arts and crafts industry.

A Day in the Life

Richmond from dawn to nightfall



Chung Chow has taken photographs for The Richmond Review for more than 15 years.



Kiyoshi Otsuji has worked for the City of Richmond for 20 years as a graphics co-ordinator.

Jarvell Jarvey is a Richmond photographer.

Special thanks to Westley Wai-Ting Olson and Alisa Bygrave for submitting photos.

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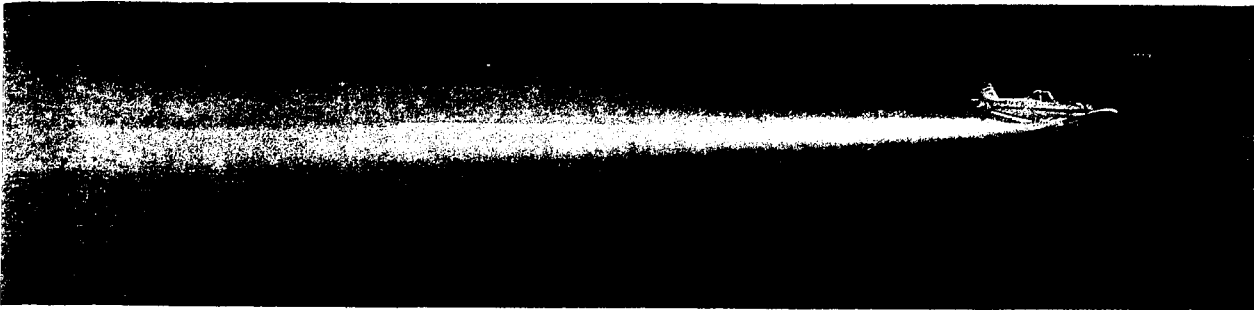
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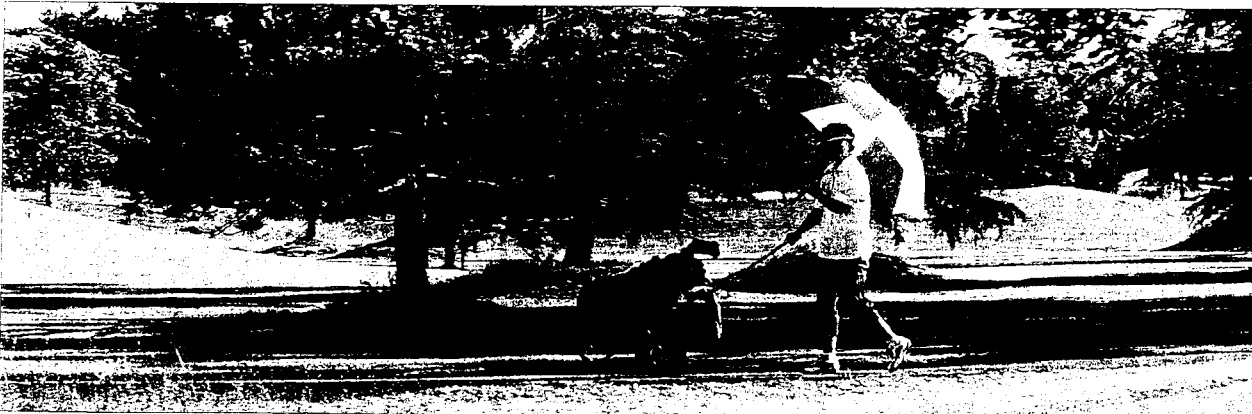


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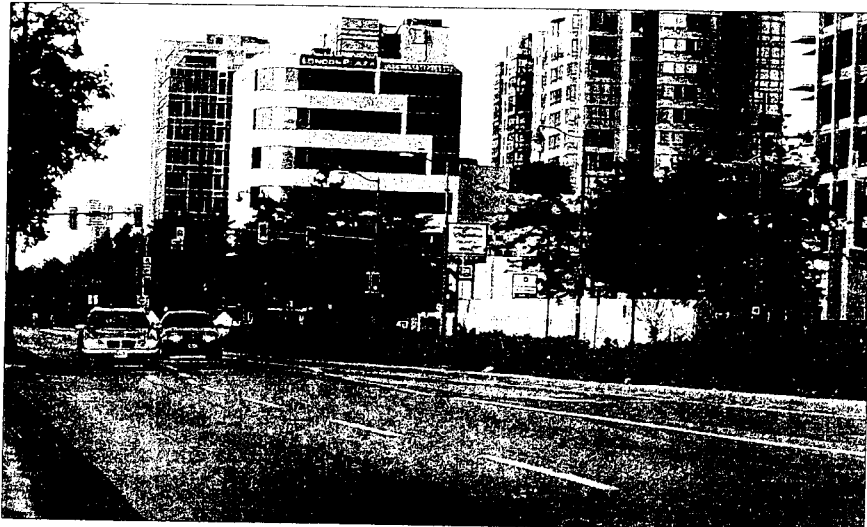
Farm workers are up early picking this year's blueberry crop in a field on Cambie Road east of No. 6 Road.

Mark Patrick photo

Morning



Valdeen Hillier of Richmond Girls Softball gets breakfast on at the London ballpark cookhouse. Mark Patrick photo



A rare example of No. 3 Road bereft of traffic. Taken at 6:30 a.m.

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Off on a bike ride at Terra Nova.

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Tim Franklin and Randy Speck (driving) are volunteer helpers at the pee-wee girls provincial softball tournament at London field.

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Paul K. works his chip game at Mayfield Lakes. Mark Patrick photo



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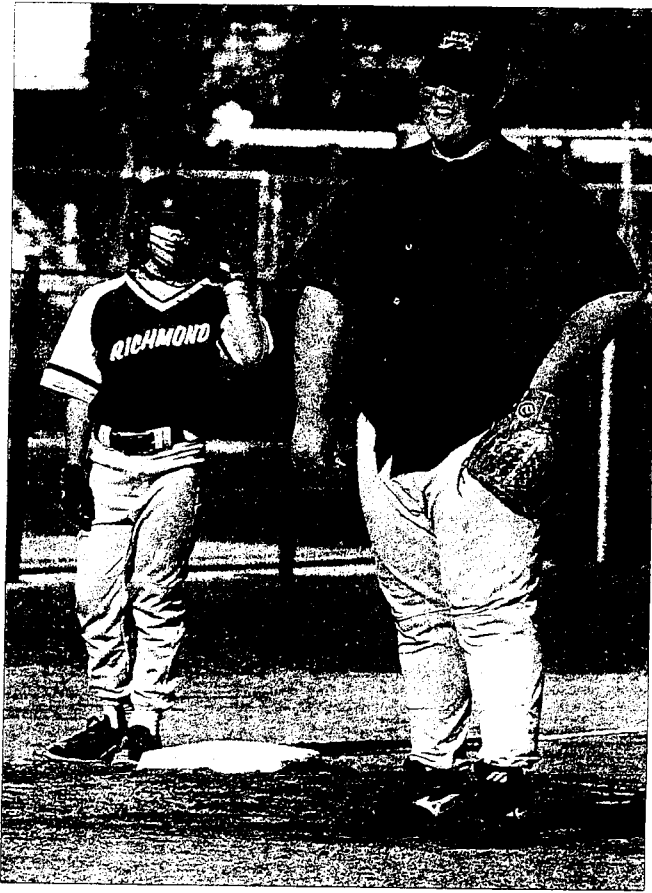
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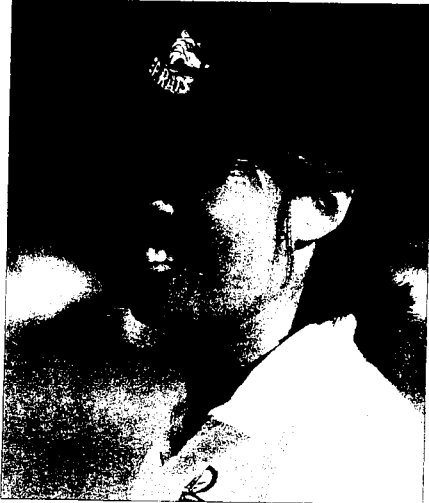
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Out to the ball game

Boys peewee C provincial softball action at R.C. Palmer field. CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Olivia Liao keeps score for her brothers team, the Richmond River Rats; Richmond baserunner Grant Sayle and Devils' third baseman Alex Spencer; Devils centre fielder catches a fly ball; River Rats first base coach Pat Zimmerman enjoys a chuckle. Mark Patrick photo



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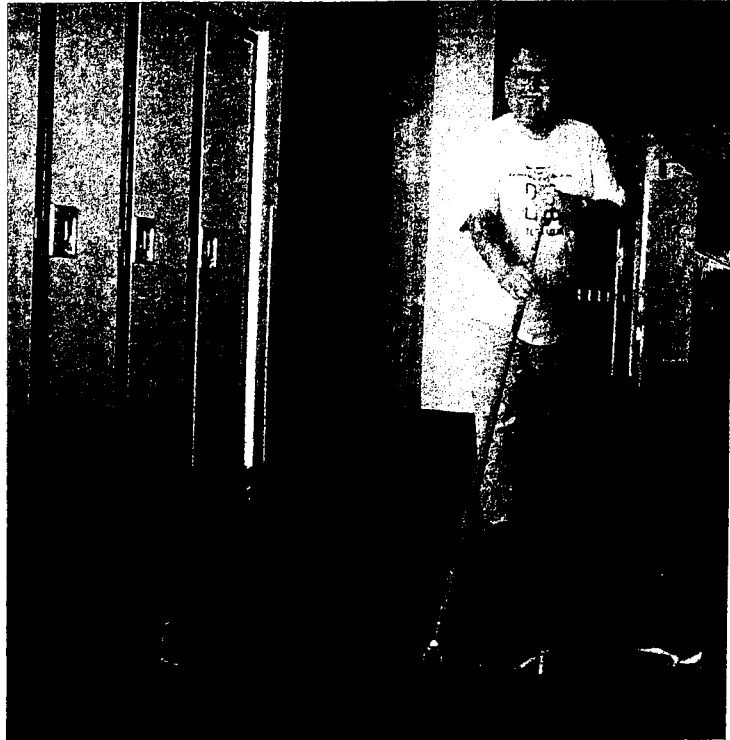
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Teamwork



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Crystal Matta, 8, gives her little sister Natasha, 2, a lift at the RCMP's Team Izzat basketball skills camp at McNair Secondary.



Mark Patrick photo

McNair custodian Ben Hoffmann opened the school and cleaned up after the Team Izzat crew.



Cpl. Mike Bh runs down a basketball ti at Team Izza basketball c. McNair Seco Team Izzat w established Richmond R a way for poi volunteer th in mentoring Mark Patrick p

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Kiyoshi Otsuji photo

Richmond Fire-Rescue's Brian Walters slides down the poll at Fire Hall No. 1.



Chung Chow photo

Const. Bill Ng catches rush hour speeders along Steveston Highway at McKenzie Road.

Police and fire



Jerome Duncan of Richmond Fire-Rescue practices going up in the aerial ladder.

Kiyoshi Otsuji photo

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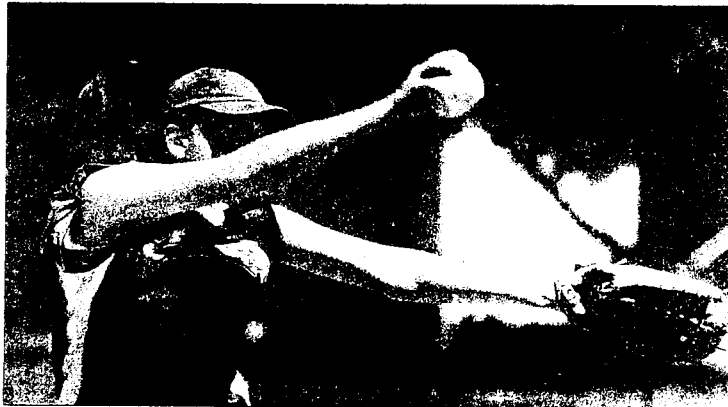
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Diamond days

Provincial peewee C girls softball championship at London field. Richmond Eagles vs. Victoria. **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Richmond Eagles players Katrina Tokei, Maya Zhang and Sarah Higashitani sing a game song; Sarah Higashitani at bat; Jamie Lynn McArthur unleashes a pitch; and Kim Prasad beats the tag at home to score a run for the home team.

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The Richmond Jaguars versus the North Delta Panthers at pee-wee C provincials. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Kaeli Alexander gets a hit for Richmond; Shannon Grant is safe at third for the Jaguars; Chanelle Harder, Alexandra Kuels and others shout the team chant to encourage a hit; Jaguars coach Dan Hendrikson shakes hands with the opposition at the start.

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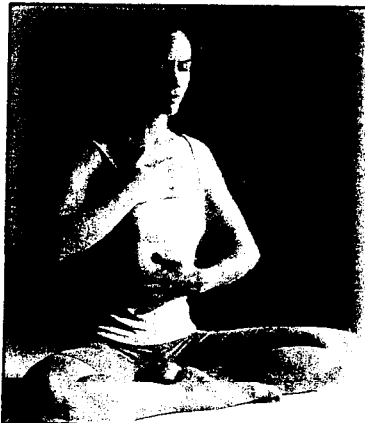
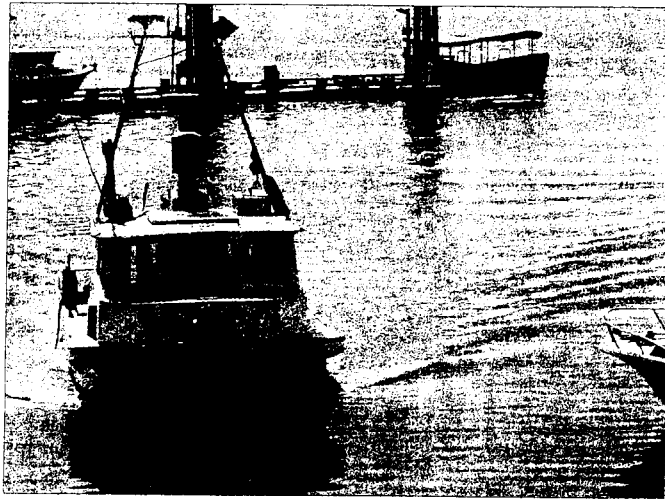


A couple of young casters try their luck reeling in fish at London's Landing 'Fish for the Future 2006' Christina Lazar Sci



Hoa (front) and her daughter Maya sell tiger prawns to the crowds at the Steveston fish docks.
Christina Lazar Schuler photo

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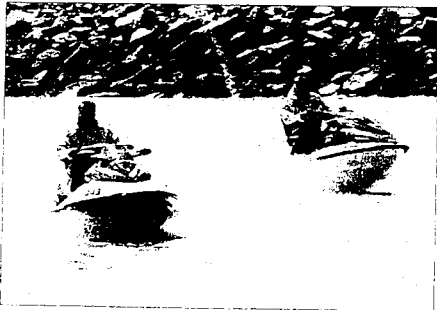
Bike Patrol



Emergency Community Safety Vehicle



Red Serge Officer



Waterway Patrol



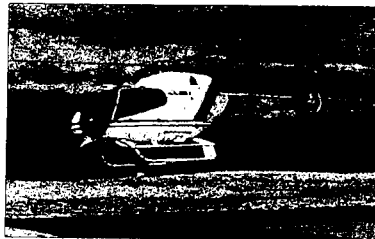
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Community ATV Patrol



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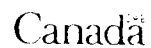
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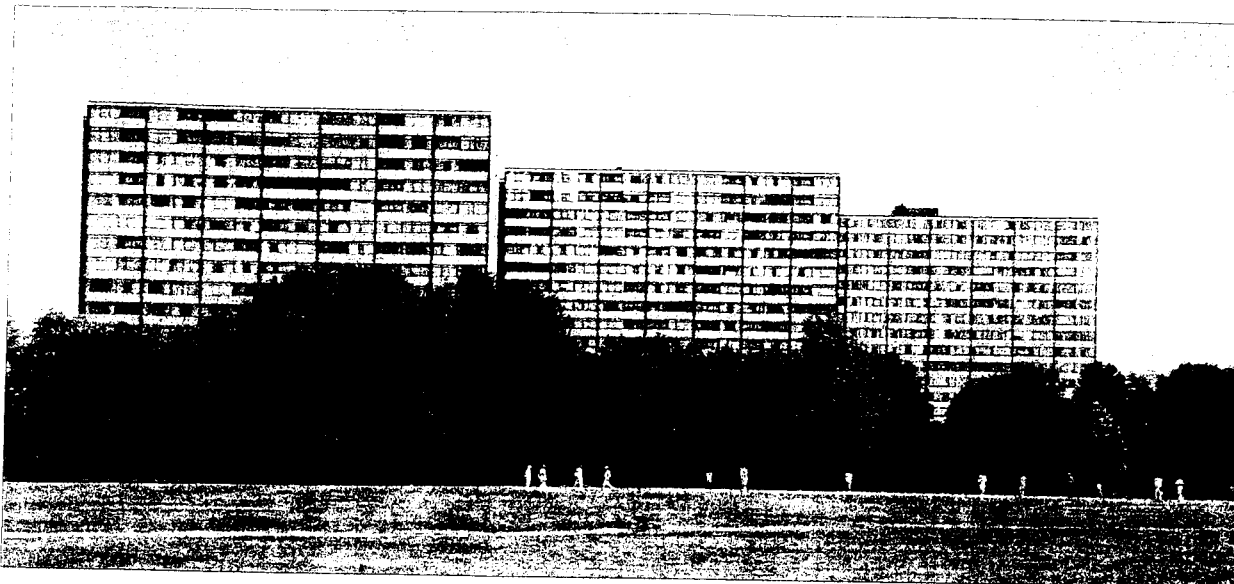


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a day in the life



Cricketers gather for a game at Minoru Park.

Kiyoshi Ot

Saturday at the park



Kiyoshi Otsuji photo

Two members of a wedding party wait in the shade by the plaza fountain.



Kiyoshi Otsuji photo

Ester Viaje, Mel Hermoso, Lily Soelo and Gladys So enjoy a day at the park.



Kiyoshi Ot

Jennifer Tseng works on her wushu moves.

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At the temple



Chung Chow photo
Satinder Grawal stirs as Balwinder Bring pours chick peas in the curry at Nanakar Gurdwara Gursikh Temple.



Chung Chow photo
A communal lunch: A family affair where everyone helps.



Chung Chow photo
Parmindar Grewal and her mother, Kashmir, have a chat and enjoying the sun outside the Namak Gurdwara Gursikh Temple on Westminster Highway.



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CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: Best friends—a man with his Golden Retriever at Steveston Wharf; Ross Long tries out his antique large format camera at Finn Slough; mending fences at the Sharing Farm.

Jarveil Jarvey photos



Out and about

Summer Fire Safety Tips

The BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund would like to remind everyone to take extra care in their summer activities to avoid preventable burns and scalds.

Barbeque — Propane & Natural Gas

- Never use a barbecue indoors, doing so can cause a build-up of poisonous carbon monoxide gas.
- After connecting to the propane cylinder, check for leaks by brushing a soap and water mixture over all connections.
- Prevent cooking grease from dripping onto hoses or propane cylinder. Grease build-up is a fire hazard.
- When finished barbecuing, make sure the barbecue is turned off and the burner flames are out. Turn off the valves or gas supply and close the barbecue lid.

Gasoline

- Store in safety cans or containers that have been approved for the storage of flammables. Store outside the home, away from pilot lights or other sources of ignition.
- Never use gasoline as a cleaner, a charcoal starter or a solvent.
- When refueling any engine, turn it off, allow it to cool and extinguish all smoking materials.
- Always keep gasoline away from children and pets.
- Never use water to put out a gasoline fire.

Protect Yourself and Your Family

- Practice Stop, Drop and Roll. If you catch on fire: Stop where you are. Drop to the ground and cover your face. Roll over and over until the fire is out.
- If you are burned, run cool water over the burn. Never apply butter or salve to burns because they seal in heat and can cause further damage to the skin.

Visit the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Burn Fund website at www.burnfund.org for more fire safety tips.



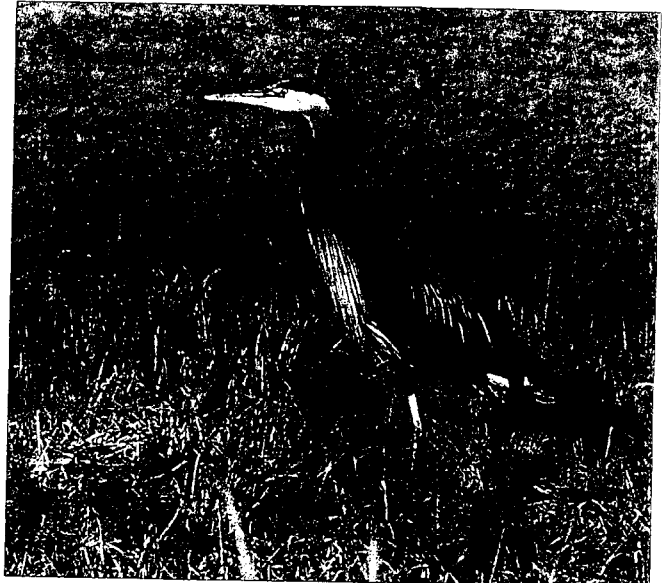
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Birds and bees



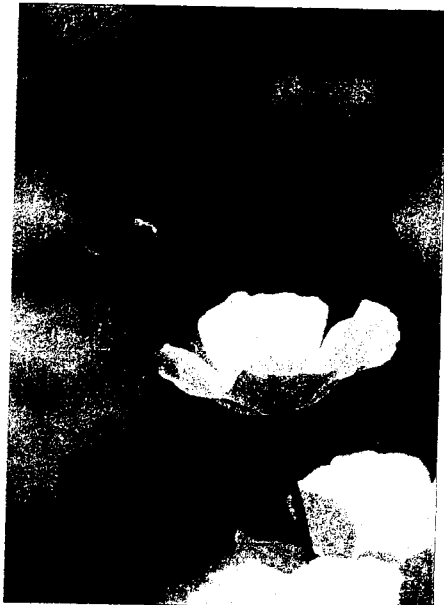
Feeding pigeons.

Westley Wai-Ting Olson photo



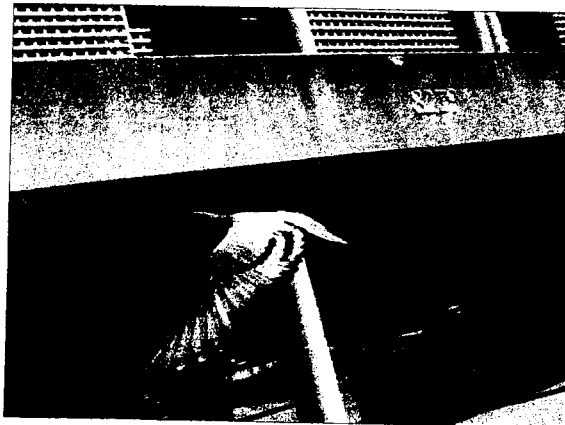
One of Richmond's ubiquitous herons.

Mark Patrick photo



A bee collects pollen.

Jarvel Jardey photo



A pigeon in flight.

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A rooster.

Aisa Bygrave photo

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Keeping busy



Janie Christianson colours up her boat, Seahawke 7, moored in Shelter Bland Marina on Graybar Road, with hanging baskets of flowers. Chung C



Steve and Hugh repair a carburetor from a Honda Gold Wing motorcycle in the parking lot of Tugboat Annie's on Graybar Road. Chung Chow photo



Joe Ayotte is cleaning out and streamlining his utility box for his boat, moored at Shelter Bland Marina at the end of Graybar Road. He's a retired employee enjoying the good life. Chung C

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Mei Pang (centre) leads her fitness dance class to a disco beat at the Richmond Chinese Community Society. Chung Chow photo



Evelyn offers an apple at a picnic table next to the No. 3 Road fishing pier. Christina Lazar Schuler photo

Around town



Denise Wai (left) belts out a Chinese pop song as Janice Ma (centre) and Loeva Leung listen during a karaoke class at Richmond Chinese Community Society. Chung Chow photo



Three-year-old Leo plays at the No. 3 Road fishing pier. Christina Lazar Schuler photo

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From sea to sky



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Seair passengers at South Arm Terminal awaiting their flight to the Gulf Islands; pilot Mike Dempster (left) and dock-hand James McDonald haul the float plane away from other planes before firing up the engine; Dempster stows passengers' luggage in the cargo hold for the scheduled 4:45 p.m. flight to Nanaimo. Chung Chow photos

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Chung Chow photo

Linda Leahy of Burkeville loves to recycle and collect and she has the yard to prove it.



Chung Chow photo

Burkeville's Bill Robinson (on the ladder) says they've only started work on reshingling his patio roof today. His son-in-law, Jose Gomez-Garcia, says Bill said that over a week ago.



Being good Burkeville neighbours, Molly (left) and Liz Sjerdal take their neighbour's Golden Retrievers, Zeus (left) and Nike, out for an evening walk.

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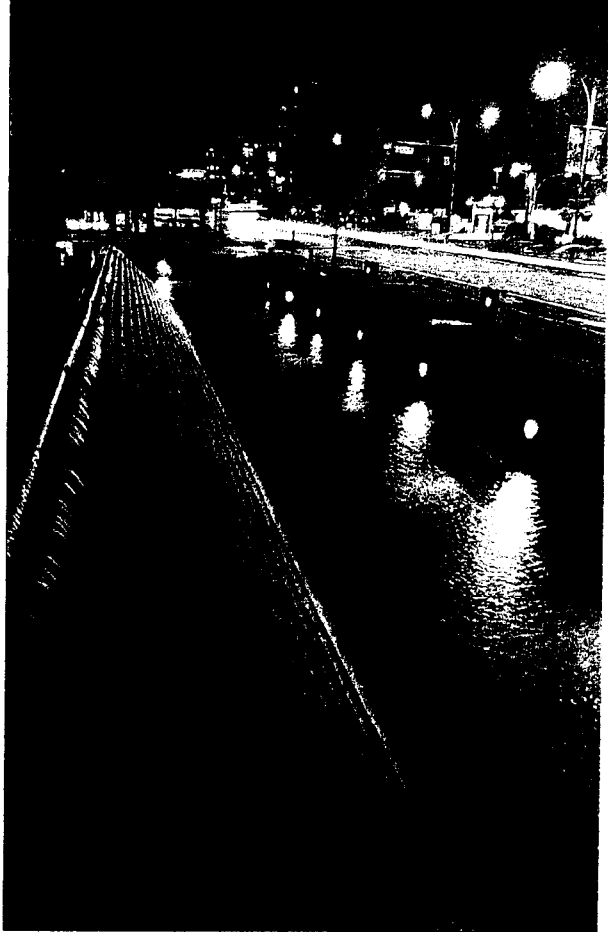
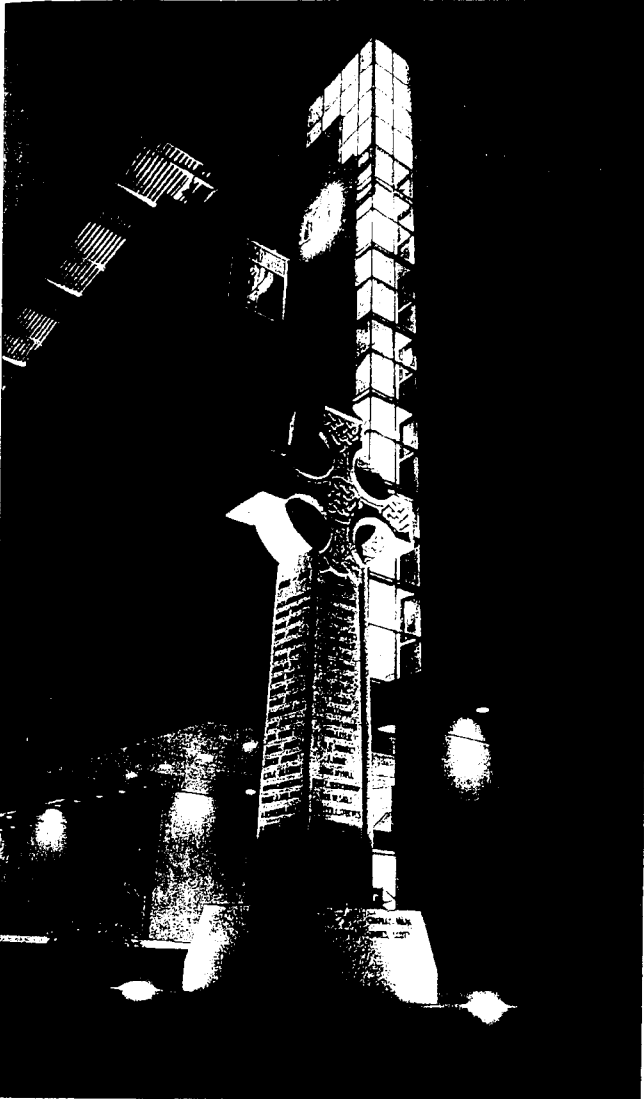
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City scenes



Two views of Richmond City Hall at night.

Chung Chow

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Ticket collector Tiffany Leung hands out special 3-D glasses for those who want to see Superman Returns at SilverCity's Imax Theatre.



Kimberly Gamos scoops up that fluffy, buttery popcorn for movie patrons at SilverCity Riverport.

Chung Chow photos



Michael and Liz Beresford and Jerome Lee catch-up on some reading while waiting in queue.

Island nights entertainments



Renee Beaumont, Trudy Harvey and Esther Kohler (far left photo) stay warm and enjoy the tunes at Lesismore's performance at Musical Expressions: Concerts on the Docks at Britannia Heritage Shipyard.

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Tricia Liu and Hung Hum make fresh crepes.

Chung Ch

At the Night Market



Some skewered fish balls for nine-year-old Helen Jeong.

Chung Ch

Chung Chow photo

The Richmond Night Market hosts its version of The Dating Game on the main stage. Alden (centre) demonstrates how he would rescue damsel-in-distress, Kim, as emcee Taryn Belle (right) looks on.



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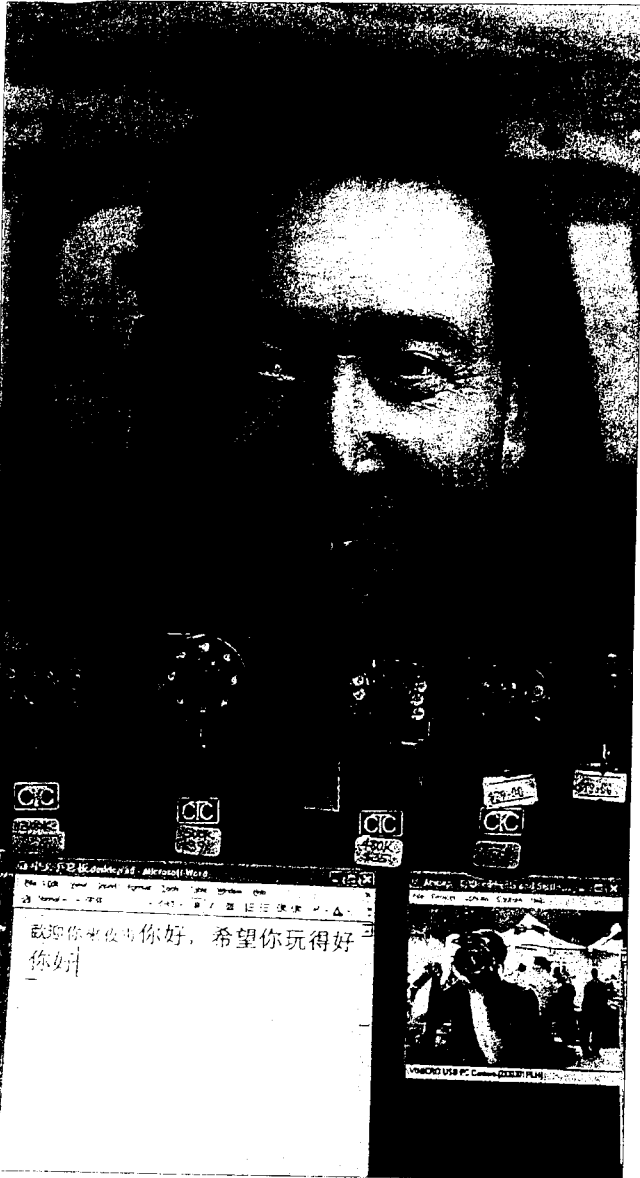


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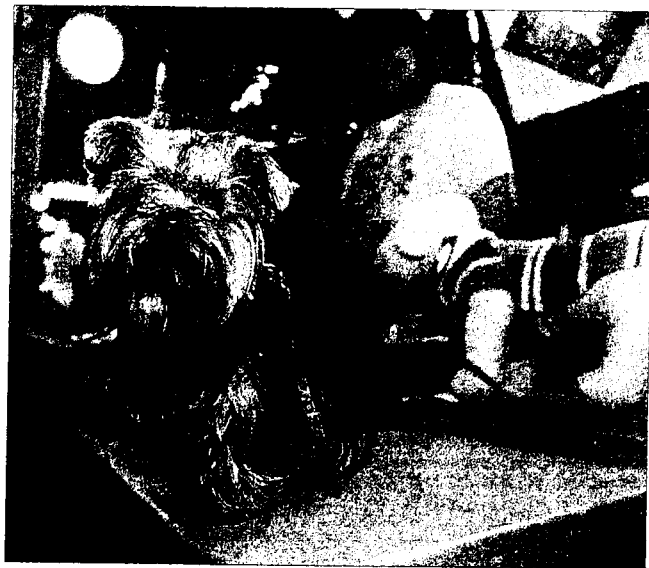
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Joe Xu keeps an eye on everything with the newest in spy cameras available at the market. Chung Chow photo



'Cookie,' a three-year-old Yorkshire Terrier, at a Night Market vendor who sells clothes and accessories for dogs. Chung Chow photo



Eva Yao, Kathy Chan and Ting Ting Zhang have hot soup to ward off the night chill. Chung Chow photo

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Night shift



Chung Chow photo
Chevron gas jockey Justin Ruscheinski fills up at No. 2 Road and Westminster.



Chung Ch
Carly Pullman works the graveyard shift at Tim Hortons on No. 3 Road.



Chung Chow photo
Amato Gelato Cafe on No. 3 Road was full of teens whose bus made an unscheduled stop. These teens are from New York who are on a special tour from Alaska to Hawaii via B.C. and California.

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How long have you been involved?

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Why did you get involved with this activity?

I was asked to be a judge because of my love of gardening

What do you like best about this activity?

Meeting the avid gardeners in this community

How does it benefit your life?

I meet new, interesting people and get to see so many great gardening ideas and places

What are some things you do to keep active?

Tennis, walking, and gardening



If you like this activity then you might also be interested in joining the City's Partners for Beautification program. Residents, community groups and businesses can work together to make Richmond the most appealing, livable and well-managed community in Canada. Call 604-244-1266 for more details on this program.

getting Richmond

This week's 'Getting Richmond Moving' tip:

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Heritage Awards	Feb	City / Richmond Heritage Commission
Civic Appreciation	Feb	City (proposed)
Gateway Awards	Mar	Tourism
911 Awards	April	Chamber/City
Ethel Tibbits	April	Review
Sport Awards	May	Sports Council/City / Review
U Rock Awards	May	City
Landscape & Garden Contest	Sept	City
Business Excellence	Oct	Chamber
Volunteers are Stars	Dec	Volunteer Richmond

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Richmond Art Awards	TBA	City / Art Coalition
Business in Arts	TBA	City / Chamber / Arts Coalition