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Growing Wait Times, Nurses And Doctors' Shortage: 'BC's Healthcare Being Pushed To The Brink'

By Link News Network

'Enough is enough. It's the sentiment being echoed by nurses from communities across the province, who've gathered in Victoria to speak out against chronic shortfalls that are pushing BC's health-care system, and nurses, to the brink.'
 -- BCNU president Aman Grewal



Photo credit: BCNU Facebook

This week is National Nursing Week. It is usually a time to celebrate the sacrifices and hard work of nurses. However, this year the Nursing week took a rather sombre tone and became a point of hot debate in and outside the BC legislature when opposition leaders and BC Nurses' Union demanded answers from the government for continuing shortfalls in our province's healthcare

system. The BCNU hosted a vigil in BC's capital Victoria to give nurses, first responders and families time to reflect on the impacts COVID-19 and the opioid crisis have had on mental and physical health of nurses. Liberal opposition leader Shirley Bond, on the other hand, has been point-

ing serious concerns about increasing wait times and shortage of family doctors which can have long term effect on the over all health of British Columbians. The BCNU says staffing concerns, working conditions and patient care are top of mind for nurses,

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NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh Verbally Harassed, Calls For Death Hurlled During Campaign In Ontario

Singh Later Described It As "Worst Experiences" In Politics

A very disturbing video emerged this week on social media that captured verbal harassment pointing towards NDP leader Jagmeet Singh after a rally at the campaign office of provincial NDP candidate Jen Deck. Videos posted to social media show a small group of protesters approaching Singh and shouting profanity and yelled obscenity in his face as he left the event. Some followed Singh to his vehicle, where they continued to yell and held up middle fingers just outside the window. Protesters yelled and screamed at him, calling him a "traitor", and using extremely troubling language with some showing him their middle finger. The video went viral and captured national headlines. Singh addressed the incident at



Jagmeet Singh

a media conference in Ottawa after a reporter asked him about the experience. He also later issued a statement when people reached out to him after this incident. He wrote, "To those who have asked, I'm in Chardi Kala - rising spirits." "I've visited Peterborough many times and I know your community is filled with good people who want the best for each other, I've always been really well-received and had a good time," Singh said. During the conference, he said it was one of his "worst experiences" in politics. "There were some folks who were saying some really bad, some really horrible things. Some folks were saying

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14 Year Old Hit By Dump Truck In Burnaby Had Moved From Afghanistan Recently

The Burnaby community and Byrne Creek Community School are mourning the loss of a 14-year-old girl who died last week after being hit by a dump truck.

Although Burnaby police have not release identity of the victim but according to media reports, the girl was from Afghanistan who had moved to Canada only last year with her mother and siblings, to join his father who was already in Canada.

Surrey Afghan Mosque organized a prayer session for Muska Behzad where hundreds of people joined parents of the Muska to mourn the tragic loss.

A GoFundMe page has been created by Jan Fawad for Lutfullah Behzad the father of the victim to pay for the funeral expenses. He has received overwhelming response from the community as \$34,000 have already been raised.

The page describes Muska as "a young girl who recently arrived from Afghanistan with her mother and siblings to join her father, who had worked immensely hard to provide a better future for his family



and is the sole provider."

The accident was an immense shock to both her family and the community. As she was walking home from Byrne Creek Community School on May 5th 2022, at approximately 3:20 pm, her life had tragically ended after being hit and killed by a dump truck on 11th Avenue near 16th Street.

The Page mentions, "This tragedy has left her entire family and community in utter shock and despair. She was known to be generous, kind, loving and the eldest of her siblings, helping her Mother with all that was required in the home while also keeping her dreams alive."

She excelled in her stud-

ies and took care of her younger siblings, helping her parents when and where she could. She often spoke of her future goals and aspirations to become a contributing member of the community and Canada at large.

Her new life was filled with new friends, a new school, new neighbors, and a new city, and she was so proud to have arrived in Canada with so many hopes.

Burnaby RCMP's Criminal Collision Investigation Team is continuing to investigate a tragic collision and continues to gather evidence and is in possession of video from the area,

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Motion introduced by MP Randeep Sarai on PR for Temporary Foreign Workers Unanimously Passed

OTTAWA, ON: Private Members Motion, M-44, Permanent residency for temporary foreign workers introduced by Randeep Sarai, Member of Parliament for Surrey Centre, was unanimously passed in the House of Commons on Wednesday May 11th, 2022.

"Motion M-44 addresses ongoing challenges with immigration system, filling critical gaps in our labour market by creating more accessible pathways to permanent residency for Temporary Foreign Workers (TFWs)," Sarai said.

He said that not a day goes by that he does not receive a call or an email from an employer who cannot find workers for their business. "From restaurant owners, produce packers and logistics companies to IT groups, everyone needs workers. As we saw during the COVID-19 pandemic, things can change very quickly and the work that Temporary Foreign Workers do to support our economy is vital to Canada's success," Sarai informed.

With an aging population and domestically low birth-rate, Canada is seeing a decrease in population. Some estimate that by 2030 our population growth will come exclusively from immigration, which already accounts for almost 100% of Canada's labour force growth and 75% of Canada's population growth - mostly in the economic category.

Despite Canada's historically low unemployment rate (5.2% in April 2022), industries like the agriculture sector continued to experience high job vacancy rates that they are unable to fill with domestic labour.

Temporary foreign workers contribute to Canadian economic growth and ensuring



regional labour demands are fulfilled, however the path to permanent residency remains out of reach for many of these workers.

While there are pathways for to PR for lower skilled workers such as through regional and industry specific programs, TFWs continue to face challenges in gaining PR status due insufficient higher education, low language testing scores.

Despite their valuable contribution to our communities and economy, and great employment records over a number of years working in this country - TFWs continue to be at a disadvantage in attaining PR status.

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Police seek public's help locating 64 year-old missing Nedunchellian Vasse Pushparaj

Richmond RCMP is seeking the public's help in locating 64 year-old Nedunchellian Vasse Pushparaj. He was last seen walking away from Richmond General Hospital, in the 7000 block of Westminster Highway, at approximately 7:45 p.m. on May 9th. Pushparaj is described as:

- A South Asian man;
- 5ft 5 inches tall;
- Of slim build;
- With short grey hair, and brown eyes.



and long-sleeved red shirt at the time of his disappearance. Pushparaj was reportedly very intoxicated when last seen, and family members are growing concerned for his well-being. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Nedunchellian Pushparaj is urged to contact their local police, quoting Richmond RCMP file number 2022-12168, or call Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

VPD Asking Young People To Report After Series Of Violent Attacks

VANCOUVER – Vancouver Police are investigating a series of violent incidents involving teens, and are urging young people who feel unsafe to call police immediately or tell someone they trust. “A number of teens have already been hurt, and we’re worried the violence will further escalate,” says Sergeant Steve Addison, adding that police believe many youth crimes still go unreported. “That’s why we’re imploring young people to come forward if they’re a victim of violence or if they have information that could prevent someone else from getting caught up in a dangerous situation.” VPD investigations include several swarmings, robberies, and reports of violent rituals meant to demean and humiliate peers. Since spring break, VPD officers have also encountered a concerning number of youth with imitation guns, bear spray, brass knuckles, and machetes near schools and in the community.

Incidents of note:

- A 13-year-old boy was befriended online and lured from West Vancouver to Stanley Park through social media on April 24. Once in the park, he was swarmed by a group of intoxicated teenagers. They kicked, pepper-sprayed, and robbed him of his phone before assaulting a 63-year-old man who was also walking nearby. The young victim was found bloodied and walking on the seawall.
- A 14- and 15-year-old boy were assaulted and held at knife-point in two separate incidents while walking after dark in Kerrisdale on April 16. The boys were robbed of their backpacks, wallets, and electronics after being surrounded by 15 to 20 teens near East Boulevard and West 41st Avenue.
- A teenaged boy had a pellet

gun held to his head by another youth while sitting on the steps at the Vancouver Art Gallery the evening of April 9. The incident was not reported to police until hours later, when staff at the VAG reviewed security video. The victim never came forward and the suspect has not been identified. Police are now working to identify the victim and suspect.

- A 19-year-old man was bear-sprayed and robbed of his backpack by a group of six youths while walking at night near East Boulevard and West 41st Avenue on March 23. He ran home and told a family member, but the suspects had left the area before police were notified. VPD is also warning parents and youth about a concerning trend of teenagers swarming, assaulting, and video-taping their peers in humiliating and demeaning bullying rituals. These rituals typically include a group of teens surrounding a lone victim, then punching, kicking, and slapping them until they fall to the ground, before forcing them to kiss their attackers’ shoes. Videos of the attacks are sometimes posted online.

“These incidents don’t just cause physical harm, they can lead to deep-rooted emotional trauma that leave permanent scars,” adds Sergeant Addison. “Sadly, the very nature of these incidents often deters victims from coming forward, because they fear retribution and further humiliation.”

VPD encourages parents to speak with their children about bullying and violence, and encourages teens with information about a crime to call police or seek help from someone they trust.

VPD has also expanded targeted patrols and is continuing community outreach programs in an effort to prevent more violence and encourage victims to come forward.

VPD’s Youth Services Section has established a tip-line for anyone with information about the swarmings in Stanley Park and Kerrisdale, or the gun incident at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Anyone who has not yet spoken to police is asked to call 604-717-0614. Anyone in immediate danger or with information about a crime in progress should call 9-1-1 right away.

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World Sikh Organization Holds Afghan Sikh And Hindu Resettlement Panel

As a part of Sikh Heritage Month, the WSO hosted an all-star #AskCanadian-Sikhs panel in Surrey on Afghan Sikh and Hindu resettlement. The initiative to #SaveAfghanSikhs began following an attack in July 2018 when the entire leadership of the Sikh and Hindu communities was killed in a suicide bombing. Since then, the community has been the target of bomb

attacks, kidnappings, and repeated storming of the remaining active Gurdwaras in Kabul. The WSO and the Manmeet Singh Bhullar Foundation has worked tirelessly to create an expedited pathway for those trying to flee the terror in Afghanistan. The WSO thanked everyone who joined in to celebrate this milestone achievement at the #AskCanadianSikhs panel!

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Mission City Councillor Ken Herar elected as one of 3 Directors at Lower Mainland Local Government Association

The Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) is one of the 5 area associations of the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM). Lower Mainland LGA includes 30 local governments (from Pemberton to Hope).

LMLGA's annual convention was held at Whistler from May 4-6th. Mission City Councillor Ken Herar was elected as one of the three Directors at Large from the convention delegates.

Herar said, "I am honoured to have the opportunity to be a part of this board with the support from colleagues of various regions. I'm enlivened to learn and to be a strong voice for the region which includes our local community. It has been more than a decade since our city had a voice at the table which brings excitement to see Mission participate once again."

Former Mayor James Atebe last served on the LMLGA Board in 2010. Abbotsford councillor Patricia Ross will serve as President.

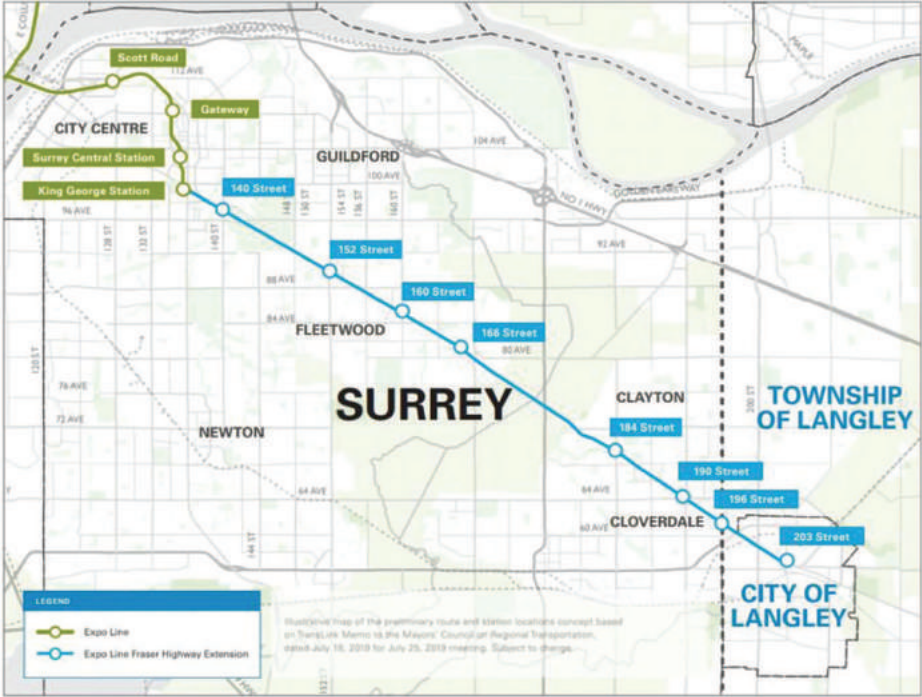
Province Launches Surrey Langley Skytrain Engagement

SURREY – Province is inviting the public to have their say on the first rapid transit project south of the Fraser River in 30 years.

The new Surrey Langley Skytrain public engagement begins Monday, May 9, 2022, and runs until June 9. Open houses for members of the public are scheduled for May 25 in Surrey and for May 31 in Langley.

For more information and to take part in this public consultation, visit the project website here: www.gov.bc.ca/surrey-langley-skytrain

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Project Equality Day

As a part of observing Buddhist Vesakh Week, Chetna Association of Canada hosted a meet and greet session with representatives of Aam Aadmi Party and Rashtrya Lok Dal Party on May 10 at the Dr. Ambedkar Room in the Surrey Center Library. Ms. Jaskirat Mann of Abbotsford, is a national convenor (Canada) of Aam Aadmi Party while KP Chaudhary of New Delhi is the national Secretary of Rashtrya Lok Dal. The session was opened with the recital of Buddh Bandana. G.D. Gaddu, founder president of AISRO introduced KP Chaudhary while Dr. Sukhdev Mann of Aam Aadmi Party introduced Ms. Jaskirat Mann.

Manjit Bains, chair of Chetna's Women Empowerment Committee, gave background on the Project Equality Day and acknowledged the support of various organizations and levels of governments for observing or proclaiming Dr. Ambedkar Day of Equality on the birth anniversary of Dr. Ambedkar, April 14. The project was launched in



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2020 when City of Burnaby first proclaimed Dr. Ambedkar Day of Equality. This year, in 2022, in addition to City of Burnaby, City of Surrey, Province of British Columbia, Government of Tamil Nadu, along with various states and cities in the US and UK also observed Dr. Ambedkar Day of Equality on April 14.

The Project Equality Day is a part of Chetna and AICS' 2050 Goals which includes seeing equitable processes and frameworks for equality, liberty, justice, and fraternity.

The session was hosted by Ratan Paul, media coordinator of Chetna Association.

Physicians, Surgeons Highest Whilst Naturopathic Physicians Lowest Vaccinated Medical Professionals

VICTORIA – Around 98% of physicians and surgeons are vaccinated while only 69% of naturopathic physicians are vaccinated, according to the data published by B.C.'s provincial health officer (PHO) regarding the COVID-19 vaccination status of regulated health professionals for each of the 18 health regulatory colleges as of April 25, 2022.

On March 7, 2022, the PHO issued the Health Professionals COVID-19 Vaccination Status Information and Preventive Measures order. The purpose of this order was to obtain information about the vaccination status of practising regulated health professionals to assist the public in making informed decisions about whether they want to receive in-person services. The following lists each reg-

istrant group and the percentage of practising registrants who are vaccinated or medically exempt. The British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives expect to complete reporting in the coming weeks due to the large number of registrants.

* chiropractors: 78.1%
* dental hygienists: 92.6%
* dental technicians: 90.7%
* dentists: 95.9%
* dental assistants: 92.8%
* denturists: 92.9%
* dietitians: 98%
* massage therapists: 87.9%
* naturopathic physicians:

69.2%

* occupational therapists: 96.9%
* opticians: 94.9%
* optometrists: 96.0%
* pharmacists: 96.7%
* pharmacy technicians: 96.8%
* physical therapists: 95.2%
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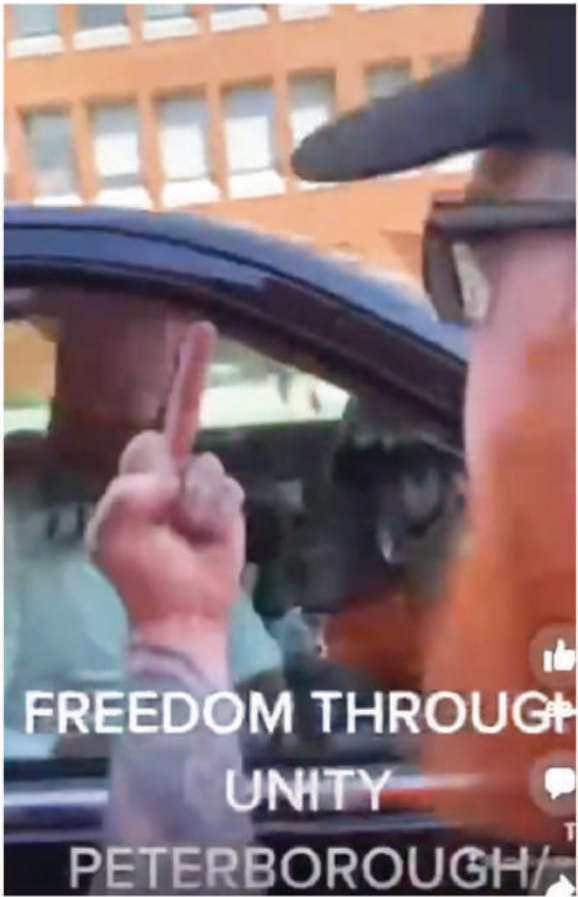
NDP leader Jagmeet Singh Verbally Harassed With Abusive Language During Campaign In Ontario

‘Hope you die’ and things along that nature. (There was) a lot of aggression and violence in terms of the behaviour and demeanour.”

While Singh said he was able to get into the event and back to his vehicle “without any particular issue,” he pointed to the protest as an example of increasing polarization in Canadian politics.

“Sadly polarization and disinformation are real dangers to our society. While disagreements are fundamental to a thriving democracy – hatred, violence and wishing death upon others threaten it,” he said.

When hate is given space to grow, it spreads like wild fire. “That is why we must always confront it – giving it no space to take hold, no room to grow.” Canada Minister of Transport and MP for Mississauga Centre Omar Alhabra, wrote on his Twitter, “The harassment directed towards @theJagmeetSingh outside a campaign event is appalling. This is not how we express our disagreements in Canada. We can have vigorous debates but insults and harassment are unacceptable.”



Protesters accost federal NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh in Peterborough, Ont., on May 9, 2022. Screenshot of Twitter video

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Growing wait times, nurses and doctors'...

calling them “long-standing problems” impacting their mental health and patient care. According to BC’s latest Labour Market Outlook the province is set to need upwards of 26,000 nurses by 2031 to meet the needs of British Columbians. However, 51 per cent of nurses surveyed by BCNU last year said the experience of the pandemic had them considering leaving the profession altogether.

“Nurses are fully dedicated to their patients, but the staffing shortages are at the point where nurses are burnt out as they take on extra responsibilities to ensure standards of care are met,” said BCNU president Aman Grewal. “I fear that if action isn’t taken to retain the nurses we have, we’ll see many more making the difficult decision to quit.”

Leader of the Official Opposition and BC Liberal Critic for Health Shirley Bond has been raising alarm bells in the legislature about shortage of family doctors.

“Right now, more than 900,000 people in our province do not have a family doctor or primary care provider,” said Bond.

Explaining the importance of family doctors, she said, “Family doctors build lasting relationships with their patients. They work through out the course of their patient’s lives and have the ability to practice preventative medicine, to screen their patients for more serious conditions and to catch things before they become a larger problem. The history and relationships help make them accurate diagnosis and help them to monitor our health changing throughout the years.” However, lack of family doctors is leaving BC people without preventive care.

The family doctors’ shortage is being felt across the province and over 38,000 people have signed a petition started by Camille Currie. The petition called Bring back our Family Doctors and our Walk-in Clinics reads, “Many individuals have been waiting for years to secure a family doctor, without success. Now, with recent news of more departures and closures on the Island and elsewhere, many more of us who were fortunate enough to have had a family doctor in our community are left without. Walk-in clinics are disappearing, and families are being abandoned in their care of the sick and the vulnerable.”

It also stated that 40% of family doctors in BC are over 55. This means that within 5 to 10 years, we will need to replace 40% of our family doctors, in addition to addressing the already alarming shortage of family doctors. “None of these efforts even address the looming health care burden of the aging Baby Boomers, the largest demographic group yet to require health and medical services.”

Bond said that with 2,600 doctors nearing retirement across the province, the problem will only continue to worsen “unless this government takes immediate and decisive action.”

The lack of family doctors only adds to the stress, as people are forced to go to walk-in clinics or our overwhelmed emergency rooms for basic care which in turn are putting more pressure on

the overwhelmed healthcare systems leading to increasing wait times.

A Canadian tech company that publishes wait times for walk-in clinics across the country in its recent survey said patients in BC and Nova Scotia have the longest wait times across Canada compared to Ontario and Alberta. “British Columbians have to wait more than double the amount of time (58 minutes) to see a physician at a walk-in clinic, compared to Ontarians who wait an average of 15 minutes,” it said. It also mentioned that BC’s average wait time increased by 15 minutes from 2019 to 2021.

The study found the cities with the longest wait times across Canada were Victoria, with 161 minutes, Kelowna (91 minutes), White Rock (83), North Vancouver (74), Vancouver (65), Maple Ridge (61), Burlington, Ont. (51), Port Coquitlam (49), London, Ont. (49), and Grande Prairie, Alta. (45).

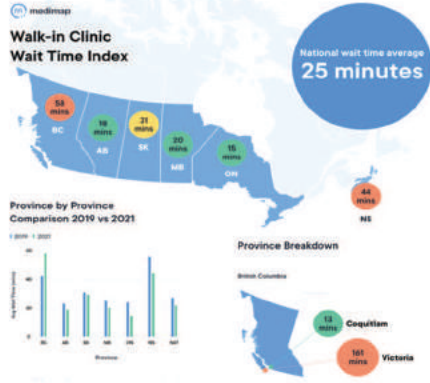
“British Columbia is also the only province that has seen wait times increase over the last few years, with average waits increasing nearly 50 per cent since 2019,” Bond pointed

ed.

Adrian Dix, health minister, while addressing the issue on the National Nursing Week, said, that the government acknowledges the significant toll this has had on the nursing workforce and is dedicated to retain and support nurses in the province. “On April 19, 2022, government announced new supports for internationally educated nurses. These new supports include the consolidation of the provincially based assessment processes for internationally educated nurse candidates, approximately \$9 million in bursaries to help with assessment fees and new nurse navigator positions to guide candidates through the assessment and licensing processes.”

On Feb. 20, 2022, government announced that 602 new nursing seats are being added to public post-secondary institutions throughout the province.

When it comes to wait times, Dix said that there has yet to be a proper assessment of the numbers released by Medimap, CBC reported. He pointed to the government’s ongoing efforts to build a strong health-care



system, including the opening of 28 urgent and primary care centres with more than a million patient visits.

While all these efforts are long term solutions, the government is still being questioned by people and even family doctors about finding long term solutions for family doctors’ shortage.

Bond says government needs to increase the number of family doctors in B.C. who choose to practice family medicine, as well as have honest conversations with doctors and develop solutions that will lead to better outcomes for both patients and healthcare professionals.

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Finding a foreign object in your food is not only unappealing, but it can also cause serious physical and psychological harm. This incident can lead to a complex personal injury claim that may involve long-lasting medical care and other expenses. The good news is that if you have been hurt by a foreign object in your food, you may be entitled to compensation. Here is what you should know about personal injury claims in the food products liability area:

What Is a Foreign Object in Your Food?



Any object or substance that does not belong in your food can be considered a foreign object. For example, a piece of metal, glass, wood, or plastic. Other common examples that may cause injury or harm are insects, bandages, dirt or rocks, and feces (e.g. rat droppings).

What Do You Do After Finding A Foreign Object In Your Meal?

If you find a foreign object in your meal at a restaurant, notify the wait staff and speak to the manager right away. If you find the foreign object in food you purchased from a store, contact the store and

the manufacturer. Do whatever you can to preserve evidence. Keep the foreign object itself if you can, along with your receipt, and take photos of the object, the food, and any visible damage it caused such as cuts in your mouth or broken teeth. Seek medical attention or dental care right away for any injuries and contact a personal injury lawyer if you would like advice on how to proceed.

Can You Start A Lawsuit After Finding A Foreign Object In Your Food?

If you suffered a personal injury after finding a foreign object in your food, you can start a lawsuit to recover compensation. A foreign object found in food can cause the following injuries and damage:

Cuts or other injuries to your mouth, tongue, and throat

Chipped or broken teeth, dentures, or dental work

Damage to your digestive system (e.g., stomach, internal organs) or digestive illness such as E-coli.

Choking

Injury to your jaw (also known as a temporomandibular joint or "TMJ" injury).

Allergic reaction to substances that should not have been in the food.

You may be entitled to compensation for pain and suffering, income you lost or will lose in the future due to the injury, out-of-pocket expenses incurred for medical and dental treatments, and amounts to cover future medical or dental care.

Who Will Be Held Liable for a Foreign Object in Your Food?

The question of who is at fault depends on how your injuries occurred. The source of the food and the foreign object are key factors. It is common for a restaurant owner, chef/wait staff, seller, or manufacturer of the food to be held liable in a lawsuit for injuries caused by a foreign object in food.

Next Steps

After notifying the restaurant, store, or manufacturer that prepared, produced, or sold the food; preserving evidence; and seeking medical attention, your next step should be to contact an experienced personal injury lawyer for legal advice. Our team of personal injury lawyers is here to help and our firm offers a free, initial consultation to discuss your rights and options for obtaining compensation. Call us today at 604-229-6448 or fill out our online consultation form on www.simpsonthomas.com.



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Surrey Board of Trade Asks TransLink for More Safety Measures for Women on Public Transit

The Surrey Board of Trade issued a letter to TransLink CEO Kevin Quinn, calling for immediate action to improve safety measures for women on public transit. "To ensure that all women are part of the workforce, we need to address

the needs of women on transit," said Anita Huberman, President & CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. "Women, in most cases, are the primary caretakers of their children, taking them to and from appointments, going to work, daycare, and school, and grocery shopping, which requires frequent trip chaining." To increase transit usage, women need to feel safe utilizing those modes of transportation. "However, we know this is not the case as women face the fear of harassment and assault while using transit. The Surrey Board of Trade has heard firsthand incidents of harassment and fear from our members while using transit. This fear of safety is not easily understood. Although men can also feel unsafe using

transit, the concerns are different. A family-only compartment or area on a transit vehicle can potentially improve safety and make riders feel at ease and increase their willingness to use public transit," Huberman wrote. The Surrey Board of Trade and their Surrey Women in Business Team recommend that: TransLink research the transit needs of women and conduct a women's safety audit; Ensure that the time for one fare during the day is extended to 3 hours, reducing the financial burden placed on women; TransLink implement a family-only cab, compartment, or section of a transit vehicle; More female staff be hired to pro-



vide a level of comfort for women; and, Install better lighting at all transit stops, and on all transit vehicles.

Surrey Launches 'SMART Cart' to support unhoused individuals in City Centre

SURREY: Surrey is piloting a new mobile outreach program that will pair City Bylaw Officers with contracted Social Workers to support unhoused individuals in City Centre. These 'SMART Cart' teams will provide immediate support to move individuals towards housing and other needed support services. The new 'SMART Cart' program will augment this table's work by providing mobile outreach services from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., providing referrals to SMART as well as other service providers and the BC Housing coordinated access referral system. The pilot is set to run through to July 31, 2023. The 'SMART Cart' pilot project will build on the success of the Surrey Mobilization and Resiliency Table (SMART). Led by the City and established in 2015, SMART connects individuals with critical supports and intervenes when they demonstrate acutely elevated risk. Since inception, 60% of cases have been successfully concluded because the overall risks have been lowered and connections to services have been made. During its Regular Council Meeting on May 9, Surrey Council voted to approve a contract with Lookout Housing and Health Society to supply trained and qualified community service workers as part of the SMART Cart teams for a period of one year, at a cost of \$692,754. "The 'SMART Cart' Mobile Outreach Project is one more example of Surrey's innovative approach to supporting our most vulnerable citizens," said Mayor Doug McCallum. "To make meaningful change, we must do things differently. Everyone deserves a roof over their head and to be treated with dignity. The SMART CART initiative is another example of how Council is prioritizing help to those who are most marginalized in our community."

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Risks Of Contaminated Vancouver Drug Supply Heightened During Pandemic



More than a third of people who use drugs in Vancouver, Canada reported a decline in the quality of drugs during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a new study published in the journal Drug and Alcohol Dependence. The decline in drug quality was associated with an increased risk of experiencing a non-fatal overdose. The research findings support calls for a safer, regulated supply for people who use drugs to prevent further deaths from an increasingly toxic and unpredictable supply. Data for the study came from three ongoing cohorts of people who use drugs in Vancouver: those from the At-Risk Youth Study, the Vancouver Injection Drug Users Study and the AIDS Care Cohort

to Evaluate Exposure to Survival Services. Researchers from Simon Fraser University, British Columbia Centre on Substance Use, the University of British Columbia, Curtin University and the Burnet Institute Behaviours and Health Risks Program in Melbourne, Australia carried out the study—together with co-authors who included people with lived and living substance use experience. **Safe supply needed** Researchers note that while harm reduction measures such as supervised consumption sites and naloxone distribution programs are vital to saving lives, they don't fully address the increased risk and challenges resulting from an increasingly toxic drug supply. Their findings underscore the

need to implement low-barrier and accessible models for a regulated and safer supply of drugs to prevent further deaths. "Our study findings re-enforce what the community of people who use drugs has been saying since the pandemic was declared – the drug supply is increasingly toxic, dangerous, and unpredictable, and people need safer options if we're going to help keep them alive," says study senior author Kora DeBeck, an SFU associate professor in SFU's School of Public Policy. DeBeck leads the At-Risk Youth Study and researches drug-related harms prevention. **Evidence of decline in drug quality during the pandemic** Researchers surveyed 738 people who use drugs, via phone or videoconference, between July and November 2020. They found that 272 people or 36.9 per cent of those surveyed reported a decline in drug quality. Those who reported drug quality declines were also significantly more likely to report experiencing a recent non-fatal overdose, frequent injection drug use and stimulant use.

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Video / Film Making Competition For Indian Diaspora and Foreign Alumni

Indian Council for Cultural relations (I.C.C.R.) in collaboration with Routes-2Roots, which is a non-profit Non-Governmental Organization, is organizing Video/ Film making competition with the objective to connect with Indian Diaspora living abroad, and with foreign students and alumni who are presently studying in India or have studied earlier. The competition will commence on May 09th, 2022 and close on July 25th, 2022. The competition is being organized on the following themes and sub-themes for different age groups:

Indian Diaspora		
Theme	Age Group	No. of Prizes
My roots, My ancestral	(i) 18-25 years; (ii) 26-50 years; (iii) Above 50 years	3 prizes in each age group and Theme
Away from India: What do I miss the most?		
Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam : World as my family		
Foreign Alumni of India		
Theme	Age Group	No. of Prizes
Learning in India, Learning from India	(i) 18-35 years; (ii) 36-50 years; (iii) Above 50 years	3 prizes in each age group and Theme
India: My home away from home		
Indian Culture: Imprints on my mind		

2. The participants are required to upload their videos on link <https://www.routes2roots.com/ICCR-film-making> . The entries of participants will be adjudged by jury members selected by ICCR. Best entries in each categories, themes and sub-themes will be awarded prize money as follows, First Prizes - \$ 500; Second Prize - \$ 300; Third Prize - \$ 200 (or in INR equivalents).
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Online Dating Alert: Ontario's Man Charged For Forcing Women Into Sex Trade After Meeting Them Via Online Dating

TORONTO, ON: The Toronto Police Service – Human Trafficking Enforcement Team informed public of a human trafficking investigation which began in March this year. Saman Rezvani, 28, of Aurora, Ontario, was charged.

It is alleged that he met a woman on an online dating platform and began intimate relationship. He procured her to work in the sex trade and trafficked her throughout the Greater Toronto Area and in Montreal, Quebec. The police informed that he forced her to turn over all the money

she earned while working in the sex trade to him. He also withheld her identification and forced the woman to marry a man. The police informed that he used deception, false promises and assaults to exercise control over her actions and movements.

Rezvani was arrested by Toronto Police Service, Human Trafficking Enforcement Team. He has been charged with several trafficking in person charges.

Police describe Human Trafficking when a person who recruits, transports, trans-

fers, receives, holds, conceals or harbours a person, or exercises control, direction or influence over the movements of a person, for the purpose of exploiting them or facilitating their exploitation, for a sexual purpose or a forced labour purpose. Victims can be men, women or children; can be Canadian citizens; and can be moved across local, provincial or national borders. They can be coerced through violence or the threat of violence



against family and friends. Police would like to encourage all affected individuals to come forward and report Human Trafficking occurrences to police.

Mediation In Sea To Sky Transit Strike Fails To Move Employer

VANCOUVER—Mediation failed after B.C. Transit's third-party contractor PW Transit was unwilling to collaborate with workers on roadmap to wage parity, says Unifor.

"We discussed various options and multiple timelines, but, as they have from the beginning, PW Transit again rejected any proposal for a roadmap that gets Sea to Sky transit workers' wages up to today's Coast Mountain Bus Company levels," said Gavin McGarrigle, Unifor Western Regional Director. For the first time, the union offered to delay wage parity with CMBC wages until April 2024, but the employer refused. One of the options proposed by Unifor would have slightly modified one of the company's recent offers of a signing bonus, but converted to wages spread out over the term of the agreement, leaving the parties only \$0.25 per hour apart on transit drivers' wages in 2024. PW Transit refused to convert the signing

bonus into wages and to close the remaining small gap, said Unifor.

Unifor's negotiators also offered another day of mediation in the near future, giving time for the employer to consider the ongoing impact on the community, but that was rejected by PW Transit. As a result, there are no other negotiations scheduled. "It was deeply frustrating that after nearly 15 weeks without transit service in the region, the employer won't entertain any timeline or solution for wage parity over the life of this agreement," said McGarrigle. Unifor Local 114 began legal strike action on January 29, 2022.

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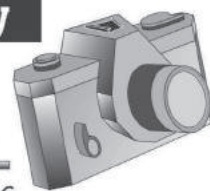
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Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann Warns Singers Promoting Gun Culture Through Songs

He disapproved of propping up such a trend and said those found involved will be dealt sternly

Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann has warned those singers who allegedly promote gun culture through their songs, PTI reported. He disapproved of propping up such a trend and said those found involved will be dealt sternly. Forty-eight-year-old Mann, the comedian-turned-politician, condemned the “trend of gun culture and gangsterism being promoted by some Punjabi singers” and urged them “to desist from fanning violence, hatred and animosity in the society through their songs”. He called upon such singers to follow the ethos of Punjab, Punjabi and Punjabiyat thereby strengthening the bonds of brotherhood, peace and harmony “instead of fueling anti-social activities through such songs”, as per an official statement. The chief minister asked them to be far more responsible and play a constructive role in promoting the rich cultural legacy of Punjab for which it is known the world over. “It is our prime duty to prevail upon such singers not to encourage violence through their songs which often pervert the youth especially the children with impressionable minds. Initially, we request them not to prop up such trend failing which the government would be forced to act sternly against them,” he said. Mann was addressing a high-level meeting of deputy commissioners

and senior superintendents of police on the drugs issue, the statement said. He said no laxity would be tolerated for eradication of the drug menace as its supply chain would have to be broken to save the youth falling prey to the scourge.



In the past, some Punjabi singers have been accused of promoting gun culture and glorifying violence through their music videos. Last year, then Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh had backed the arrest of a Punjabi singer who was accused of promoting gun culture and glorifying violence in a song. Promoting gangsterism and gun culture in this manner was absolutely wrong, Singh had then said. The Punjab and Haryana High Court had in July 2019 directed the Director General of Police in the states of Punjab, Haryana and the Union Territory of Chandigarh to ensure no songs glorifying liquor, wine, drugs and violence are played or performed. The direction had come on a plea by Pandit Rao Dharennavar, a professor of sociology at a government college here, who had petitioned the high court for a ban on such songs.

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including surveillance video that shows one view of the incident. Burnaby RCMP is looking at all factors and circumstances that may have contributed to this tragic event, though speed and impairment are not believed to be elements. “Police are aware that a dog had been nearby at the time of the collision. Investigators are still analyzing all statements and information, however, there is no indication the dog was behaving dangerously or had previously been the subject of any complaints to police,” police said. “We know the community is looking for answers as to what caused this tragic collision. We are asking people not to jump to conclusions as our officers continue to gather necessary evidence. There are many people affected by this tragedy and we are working to ensure supports are in place for anyone affected,” said Cpl. Mike Kalanj with Burnaby RCMP. The truck company involved continues to cooperate with the investigation, according to the police.

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New Report Estimates Impacts of Increased Supply on BC Housing Market

Vancouver, BC – The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) has released a new Market Intelligence report estimating the potential impacts of increased housing supply on BC's housing market. The report, Bigger, Faster... More Affordable? Evaluating the Impact of Supply-Side Policies on the BC Housing Market, finds that policies designed to streamline the development cycle are effective at mitigating demand shocks and corresponding price increases.

"Rising housing prices continue to be a concern for British Columbians despite many attempts by both the provincial and federal governments over the years to slow price growth," said Brendon Ogmundson, BCREA's Chief Economist and one of the report's authors. "While demand-side mechanisms have often been the policy of choice, it is now widely accepted that increasing supply can have a longer-lasting impact. That is what we try and quantify in this report."

Using an economic model under development at BCREA, the report explores the linkages between the new home construction market and the re-sale market. This allows the authors to quantify how policies to build more homes faster could impact housing prices and the market's ability to absorb new demand. Looking at three scenarios ranging from building homes faster, building more housing, and doing so in an environment with a significantly streamlined development cycle, the results

show that increasing supply and getting it to market faster would have a positive impact.

"If we can better match supply and demand in a timely fashion, the housing market is able to better withstand the impact of demand shocks and mitigate price appreciation," Ogmundson adds. "There is a lot that needs to happen to make these types of scenarios a reality, but the most important takeaway is that increasing supply can have a lasting impact on market affordability."

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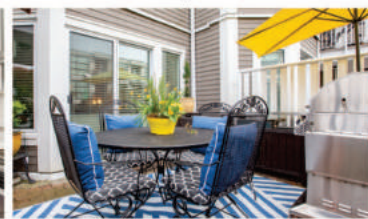
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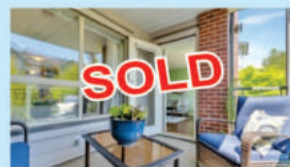
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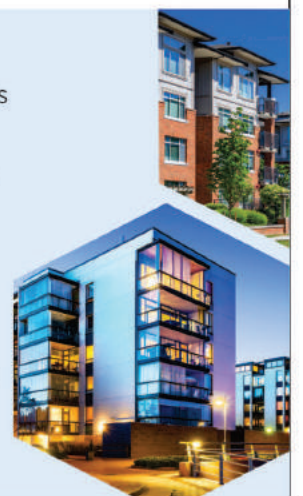
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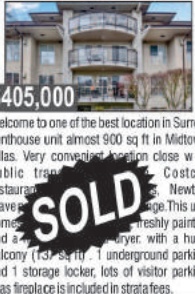
9926 159 ST., SURREY



Welcome to this CUSTOM BUILT home in the most desirable of Surrey. This property sits on a 9500 sqft lot with a LARGE BACKYARD which includes a FENCED area and a great sized patio. The home has a good size living room with a fireplace, a dining room with a large island, a kitchen with a large island, a master bedroom with a walk in closet, a bathroom, a laundry room, a garage, and a large deck. The home is a must see. Call today to see this home.

\$1,690,000

#403 - 7505 138 STREET, SURREY



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#35 - 12711 64 AVE., SURREY



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12555-12557 96 AVE, SURREY



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5105 ABERDEEN ST., VAN



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#37-8358 121A ST., SURREY



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9750 128 ST., SURREY



Sold 6 bed and 2 bath home in the heart of Surrey. A perfect home for investors or a family. The home has a good size living room with a fireplace, a dining room with a large island, a kitchen with a large island, a master bedroom with a walk in closet, a bathroom, a laundry room, a garage, and a large deck. The home is a must see. Call today to see this home.

\$999,900

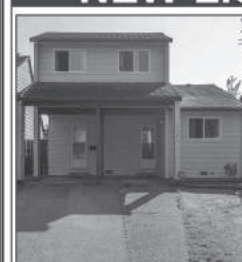
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NEW LISTING



\$1,100,000

One of the Best locations in Surrey. Well kept 2 story House features vaulted ceilings, has fireplace in the living room plus master bedroom on the main floor. Close to all amenities, schools, transportation, shopping mall and Easy Access to all major routes. Good for first time Buyers. The value of this home Resides in its spectacular location.

NEW LISTING

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\$1,499,000

NEW LISTING



\$1,899,000

Welcome to this beautiful 3 story home, located in a great neighborhood. Very spacious open floor plan with a huge kitchen with spice kitchen and family room area that is perfect for entertaining. The main floor also has a large bedroom/den with an adjoining full bathroom that would be perfect for a grandparent. Large patio that is covered, perfect for BBQs. Fully finished basements. Home with a nice use of laminate floor, crown moldings all throughout and a beautiful color scheme. Close to all amenities, Close to Gurudwara. Easy to access all major routes.

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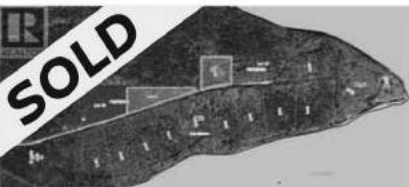







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12261 66 AVE, SURREY

**OPEN HOUSE :
SAT & SUN 2-4 PM**

9 BED • 6 BATHS • 7,199 SF LOT

Welcome to Desirable and conveniently located in the heart of West Newton. Featuring 9 Bedrooms, 6 wash rooms including one bedroom on the main floor with a full washroom Over 3400 sq of living space on 7200 sq ft of rectangular lot .Bonus 3 rental incomes in property(2+2+1) total rent generating from suites \$3850/month .New Kitchen cabinets with quartz countertops & stainless steel appliances for the main kitchen; New Paint , New Windows New hot water tank Newer Roof and Siding. Large driveway for multiple parking .Huge Sundeck and a private fenced backyard .close to shopping and minutes to transit, Beaver Creek park and Beaver Creek Elementary school Tamanawis Secondary, and Khalsa private school. Will not last long !Book your private viewing today!

\$1,999,000

103 19835 64 AVE, LANGLEY

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2 BED • 2 BATHS • 1,132 SF

Welcome to Your Future dream Home in the most desired neighbourhood Willoughby Heights! This Beautiful & Well kept 2 Bedroom 2 Washroom Condo features with 1132 Sq. ft of space & 91 Sq.ft covered completely private north facing Balcony overlooking Greenbelt. Very Spacious Living Room. Master bedroom is ensuite with good size Walk in Closet. Second Washroom is fully renovated. Kitchen comes with one year old appliances. Very Quiet & Calm Unit. Very Close to Canadian Superstore, Costco , Willowbrook Shopping Center, Schools, Parks & Recreational facilities. Comes with 1 Parking Stall & 1 Storage Locker And Second Open Parking Stall is available for all the residents along with lot of Visitor Parkings

\$599,000

104 7349 140 ST, SURREY

**OPEN HOUSE :
SAT & SUN 2-4 PM**

3 BED • 2 BATHS • 1,375 SF

Welcome to Your Dream Home in the Most Wanted & Centrally located neighbourhood in Newton Park!! This Beautiful & Well Kept 1375 Square Feet 2 Storey Townhouse features with 3 Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms. Very Spacious layout with Separate Living and Dining Area & Renovated Kitchen, In Suite Laundry and TWO Parking Stalls. Laminate Flooring in Living Area was done in 2021, New Hot water tank was replaced in 2020. Close to Schools, Shopping Centre, Public Library, Restaurants, Newton Wave Pool, Canadian Super Store, Fruiticana, Costco and Public Transit. Amenities include Club House/Tennis court and Playground. Very easy access to All Major Routes.

\$799,000

45804 REECE AVE, CHILLIWACK

**OPEN HOUSE :
SAT & SUN 2-4 PM**

3 BED • 1 BATH • 2,316 SF

Investor's Alert! SUBDIVIDED LOT WITH BACK LANE ACCESS WITH PLA APPROVED. Two Bedrooms on the main floor with 1 Bedroom upstairs. Already rezoned, ready to tear down the Livable house down & start construction or rent it out now & start construction next year. Currently Tenanted on month to month Bases, Tenant willing to stay. Gardner's delight with amazing arts and crafts all off the large patio.

\$1,199,000

14974 RAVEN PL, N. SURREY

3 BED • 1 BATH • 1,155 SF

Investor's Alert! Updated Home on a 7280 Sq. Feet Lot with a 70 feet wide front with 3 Bedrooms & 1 Washroom in Boliver Heights. Good condition for Living now & Build later. Roof was done in 2016. Full exposure for lot of natural light with a huge backyard. Very close to Guildford Mall, T&T Super Market & Walmart. Easy Access to Highway 1. The Best thing is that this property comes with a Back Lane Access.

\$1,399,000

103 6299 144 ST, SURREY

3 BED • 3 BATHS • 1,541 SF

Welcome to Your Future dream Home in the most desired neighbourhood Sullivan Station! This Beautiful & Well kept 3 Bedroom 3 Washroom Townhome features with a good size Living Room & dining Room with 9' High Ceiling. Living Room directly walks in to fenced backyard. Open Concept Kitchen with Granite Countertops. Generous sized Bedrooms on top floor with Master ensuite. Double tandem Garage with lot of cabinets for storage. Lots of Visitor Parkings Nearby. Amenities include a 7800 sqft club house with OUTDOOR POOL, sauna/hot tub, yoga studio, 2 guest suites & much more. Very Close to shopping, transit, Highway 10, Bell Center.

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Events In My City

Bill Reid Gallery Exhibition of Northwest Coast Painters Merges

Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art presents the Canadian premiere exhibition of True to Place: stímestexw tel xéltel from June 15, 2022–March 19, 2023. Curated by artist and muralist Xémontalót Carrielynn Victor (Stó:lō), True to Place: stímestexw tel xéltel examines the artistic practice of 10 Northwest Coast Indigenous artists, whose expanding boundaries and embracing of contemporary styles and techniques are informed by personal and collective

traditions of form, story, and place. The group exhibition explores a spectrum of colour palettes – from bright neons to muted ochres – and features painting on a variety of mediums, including canvas, wood, paper, sculptural forms, traditional basketry, as well as digital creations. Address: Bill Reid Gallery of Northwest Coast Art, 639 Homby St Vancouver, BC, V6C 2G3 www.billreidgallery.ca



Contemporary Painting of the Northwest Coast Guest Curator: Xémontalót Carrielynn Victor (Stó:lō) Atheana Picha Blue-blackfish, 2022 Mixed media Collection of the Artist)

Vancouver Election Office hiring more than 1,500 election officials

The Vancouver Election Office is hiring more than 1,500 election officials to assist voters at voting places across the city during advance voting days and on election day this upcoming October. Positions at the voting place include: Presiding Election Officials Alternate Presiding Election Officials Registration Clerk Voting Coordinators Find out more and apply at vancouver.ca/election-work. The Election Office is looking for election officials who are personable and are committed to offering a non-partisan, positive experience to voters. Training sessions will be provided. Compensation starts at \$315 for election day. Applicants do not need to be a Canadian citizen to work at the Vancouver Election. On Saturday, October 15, Vancouver voters will elect a mayor, 10 councillors, seven Park Board commissioners, and nine school trustees. For more information about the election, visit vancouver.ca/vote.

Surrey Outdoor Pools Begin Opening May 16

City of Surrey outdoor pools are set to welcome back patrons over the next two months, which will see all pools open by June 25. Most pools are opening between one week and one month earlier this year, to align with the school schedule and to provide additional swim opportunities for the community. Pool Opening Schedule: May 16: Bear Creek (13820 - 88 Avenue) Greenaway (17901 - 60 Avenue) Sunnyside (15455 - 26 Avenue) June 4: Hjorth Road (10277 - 148 Street)

June 25: Kwantlen (13035 - 104 Avenue) Holly (10662 - 148 Street) Port Kells (19340 - 88 Avenue) Unwin (13313 68 Avenue) Admission for public swimming is free on a first come, first serve basis with regular capacities. Lane swimming is again available this year and certified, instructor-led Red Cross swimming lessons will be available for a fee. To learn more, visit www.surrey.ca/outdoorpools. For swimming lesson rates and schedule information, visit: www.tidesout.com.

Storytimes are back at Surrey Libraries

Surrey, BC – Surrey Libraries is welcoming back families to in-person storytimes happening at all branches except Port Kells. There are storytimes for every family – inside, outside, and online and for many age groups like babies, toddlers or preschoolers. There's even special evening storytimes where participants (including parents and caregivers) can wear their pyjamas. Made possible through a cultural grant from the City of Surrey, the Library is also presenting a special Dancing Family Storytimes on May 11 and 13, in partnership with Foolish Operations. For caregivers who can't bring their children to the Library, there are many pre-recorded storytimes on Surrey Libraries' YouTube channel (surreylibrariesbc) as well as Start with Stories, a song and rhyme video series featuring Library staff that highlight five important early literacy activities (singing, talking, reading, playing, writing) that caregivers can do with

their children to help them build essential pre-reading skills. All storytime programs are free and more information can be found on the Surrey Libraries website at surreylibraries.ca/events

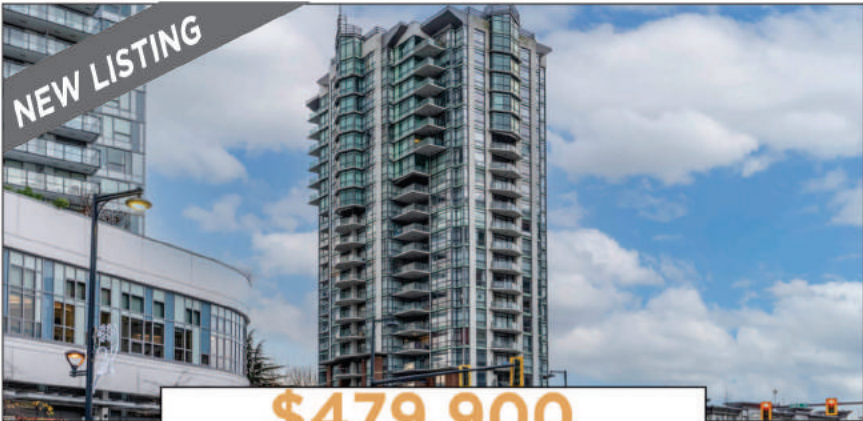
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9860 HUCKLEBERRY DRIVE



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#509 13399 104 AVENUE



\$479,900

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PRINCE GEORGE One Acre lot , 58 years old home 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, South Blackburn airport area, good holding property. \$198,000	FORECLOSURE Prince George BC 53 years old home 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 23,552 sqft lot(0.54 acre) concrete foundation, taxes \$1295.76 , very close to taborlake. \$199,000	PRINCE GEORGE 1.34 acre , 56 years old home, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 bedroom suite, also has shop, garage and lots storage \$264,000
PRINCE GEORGE Split level 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, single garage all fenced yard 8000 sqft. lot rented to good tenants \$1750 per month plus tenants pay heat and light \$398,000	FORECLOSURE 5 Acres Maple Ridge 35 years old, 4 beds, 3 baths, good house \$2,700,000	CHILLIWACK M-1 Zoned commercial property. 2 bed, 2 bath older, rancher with 8700 sqft lot running a small business for 22 years rented \$48,000 per year. \$1,248,000
FORECLOSURE South Surrey Morgan Creek 17 years old home, 13,900 sqft lot, 6100 sqft 3 storey home with 6 bedrooms, 5 bathroom, 3 garages lots more to see \$2,700,000	FORECLOSURE Mission BC! 61 acres development potential with 27 years old home, 2 homes, pool hot tub, barn, storage, lots buildings, paved driveway, lots details. Pls call \$19,999,900	FORECLOSURE Burnaby South Deer Lake , 15 years old, 12,000 sqft lot, 6 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, 5900 sqft home, 3 storey, 3 garages. \$4,800,000
8 UNITS TOWNHOUSES Prince George two storey, 2 bedrooms, fully rented, all renovated brings \$90,000 per annually, close to down town, victoria medical building. \$1,400,000	PRINCE GEORGE 4PLEX Side by Side duplex with basement suites both side makes 4plex rents total \$3900 per month tenants pay heat & light \$749,000	FORECLOSURE Vancouver West South Granville 13 years old, 5 bedroom, 5 bathrooms, 9500 sqft lot, 4600 sqft home, double garage. \$6,700,000
FORECLOSURE Prince George BC , 60 years old, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 6000 sqft lot size, house with one bedroom suite(rents \$750) and main floor rent \$1550 per month. Tenants pay heat & lights. \$398,000	DEVELOPMENT Townhouse site to develop in Vancouver E , 6700 sqft land, application approved for "8 stacked town homes" town homes 4 level of total 8342 sqft to be built \$3,450,000	

15611 ROPER AVENUE, WHITE ROCK

NEW LISTING

\$1,649,000

Listing ID: R2577672



Well cared 4 bed/2 bath 2185sf House . Large FLAT LOT, Great Location to walk to Uptown or Beach. Open floor plan is perfect for family living. New Paint Bright Kitchen & dining with walk-out to oversized side deck. Hardwood floors throughout. Living upstairs boasts a feature Fireplace. Spacious Kitchen Lower level has 2-Bedroom Suite with separate entry. Large Double garage with storage. Earl Marriott French Immersion Sec & WR Elementary +(Peace Arch) French Immersion Catchment. Large deck 578sqft nice patio 105sqft with double garage. Buyer agent to verify with city for duplex option. **VIEWING SATURDAY 6:00pm to 8:00pm AND SUNDAY 1:00PM TO 5:00PM.**

2880 169 ST., SURREY

\$3,599,000

Listing ID: R2584077



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More Housing on way for University of Fraser Valley's Students

ABBOTSFORD - More students at the University of the Fraser Valley's (UFV) Abbotsford campus will be able to live on campus with the construction of new student housing that will triple the number of beds available and expand dining facilities. "We know that finding housing near UFV's Abbotsford campus can be a challenge. That is why our government is working hard to deliver more than 8,000 new on-campus student beds throughout B.C. by 2028," said Anne Kang, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training. "This fantastic project at UFV is part of the Homes for B.C. plan, and it will help so many students focus on their studies. With the

new space at UFV, we now have more than 6,800 new student housing beds open or underway." The Province is providing \$70.3 million toward the \$82.3-million project. The new housing will increase on-campus accommodations for students from 200 to 598 beds. The six-storey mass timber building will include 398 new student beds as well as common areas. The Cascade Café, an existing food service on campus, will also be expanded to add another storey and increased floor space. These changes will double the size of the dining hall and increase seating capacity from 121 to 350 seats. The completed space will offer greater food options and ex-

panded operating hours. Dining hall construction is anticipated to begin in early 2023, with completion in early 2024. Student housing construction is expected to also begin in early 2023, with the first students to move in by fall 2024. These new spaces are in addition to recently completed renovations to buildings A-East and D on the Abbotsford campus to maximize the learning space, upgrade technology and improve the building exteriors. The new facilities provide open and flexible learning spaces, student consultation areas, new office and classroom furniture, and the renovated Spirit Bear Café area. Mauli Bajaj, UFV graduate, said,

"I'm very excited to see the Province and UFV adding housing on the Abbotsford campus. This is a big step toward alleviating pressure on students seeking accommodation in a difficult rental market. Now, students will be able to live where they study with predictable costs in a great new building. Plus, this means the campus will gain energy and life from having more students calling campus home. From a



student's perspective, this is a game changer."

Continued from Page 12 Risks Of Contaminated...

Individuals who regularly use stimulants were significantly more likely to report a decline in the quality of drugs—a concerning finding given

that data from the B.C. Coroners Service finds cocaine was present in 46.2 per cent of deaths from 2019 to 2021. Researchers suggest a safer supply is needed for those who use stimulants as well as opioids.

"The perception is that it's the toxic drug supply of opioids that is killing people, but contaminated stimulants are also killing a high number of stimulant users," says Kali Sedgmore, study co-author and a youth harm reduction and peer navigator/supervisor with Molson Overdose Prevention Site and Mobile Unit in Vancouver. "Many youths rely on stimulants as a survival tactic to stay safe, alert and protect themselves on the streets. Harm reduction and other services would help to support these realities for young people."

Contamination of B.C.'s unregulated drug supply with benzodiazepines is another concern and heightens overdose risk. Researchers say benzodiazepines are appearing more frequently in community drug checking.

"If anyone is still wondering why overdoses are continuing at rates higher than ever, they just need to look at the drug supply," says Dean Wilson, study co-author and peer engagement lead with the BC Centre on Substance Use. "The supply first became more unpredictable in 2016. What happened? People died. In 2020, the supply got worse, and more dangerous. What happened? More people died. The drug supply is killing people. Regulate drugs and get people access to a safer supply, where they know what they're using."

Part of a global problem
The decline in drug quality during the pandemic is a global issue. Research conducted by the International Network of People Who Use Drugs found that 50 to 70 per cent of respondents globally reported that the quality of drugs declined during the pandemic.

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Motion introduced...

This motion encourages the Government of Canada to continue to work towards making PR status attainable to more TFWs.

The motion text mentions that the government should develop and publicly release within 120 days following the adoption of this motion a comprehensive plan to expand the economic immigration stream to allow workers of all skill levels to meet the full range of labour needs and pathways to permanent residency for temporary foreign workers, including international students, with significant Canadian work experience in sectors with persistent labour shortages, and such plan should incorporate the following elements: amending eligibility criteria under economic immigration programs to give more weight to significant in-Canada work experience and expand the eligible occupational categories and work experience at various skills levels;

(b) examining evidence and data gathered from recent programs such as Temporary Resident to Permanent Resident Pathway, Atlantic Immigration Program (AIP), Rural and Northern Immigration Program (RNIP), and AgriFood Pilot, and Provincial Nominee Process (PNP);

(c) incorporating data on labour market and skills shortages to align policy on immigrant-selection with persistent labour gaps;

(d) assessing ways to increase geographic distribution of immigrant retention in smaller communities, as well as increase Francophone immigration outside Quebec;

(e) identifying mechanisms for ensuring flexibility in immigration-selection tools to react quicker to changes in labour market needs and regional economic priorities; and

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Vidyut Jammwal sponsors an Assamese film 'Local Utpaat'



favourite action star who was kind enough to extend financial support to our dream project Local Utpaat. He's a country boy for a reason and we're highly grateful for his contribution towards this special film."

He adds, "I mean, he's such a big star. To my surprise, he called me back after I requested help and asked me to send him my account details. This was of immense help because I managed to pay my fighters something more than what we'd budgeted."

The film released today in theatres all over Assam and we're very grateful for Vidyut's contri-

Mumbai: Bollywood's action star Vidyut Jammwal has sponsored an upcoming action Assamese film titled 'Local Utpaat' releasing today.

Jammwal extended financial support to the film.

Director Kenny Basumatary says: "I am thankful to our

bution."

One of the top martial 2022, Vidyut Jammwal is all set for the theatrical release of 'Khuda Haafiz Chapter II Agni Pariksha' and has exciting projects like 'IB 71' and 'Sher Singh Raana' in the making.

Anil Kapoor Says He's Overwhelmed By The OTT Success Of 'Thar'

Mumbai: The Anil Kapoor starrer 'Thar' which had an OTT release has managed to stand out of the crowd. Riding on the back of its storyline, picturesque landscapes, performances and style of filming, within a week of release, the movie figures in the global Top 10 Non-English films on Netflix and is currently trending in the top spot in films in India.

An elated Anil Kapoor said, "It's amazing to see how with Netflix, boundaries of filmmaking can be pushed and unique and differentiated films can find audiences. We are overwhelmed to see how 'Thar', our attempt at something new, has found tremendous love on Netflix. Seeing the film currently trend at no.1 in films in India is proof that our audience is open to differentiated content and pushes us to tell diverse stories."

Directed and written by Raj Singh Chaudhary and produced by Anil Kapoor Film and Communication Network (AKFC), the film stars Anil Kapoor, Fatima Sana Shaikh, Harshvardhan Kapoor, Satish Kaushik, Mukti Mohan and Jitendra Joshi in pivotal

roles.

Talking about the success of Thar on Netflix, Harshvardhan

thanks to Netflix who have given our story the platform to reach millions of viewers worldwide. I

am beyond ecstatic to see the love pouring in for the film in such a short space of time and looking forward to how the film grows."

The film has also featured in the Top 10 in Films category on Netflix, in 11 countries across the world, including India, Maldives, Mauritius, Bahrain, UAE, Qatar among others.

Director Raj Singh Chaudhary said, "Thar is my directorial debut and I was anxious to see how the audiences will react to the film. Netflix's belief in the film enabled us to bring it to life. The response we have received for the film from audiences in India and around the world is phenomenal. It's been our passion project and I am grateful to our entire crew for all their hard work." 'Thar' follows the journey of Siddharth, an antique dealer's

journey through a remote village in Rajasthan that has recently been rocked by a series of violent killings. As the local cop Surekha Singh investigates these killings he crosses paths with Siddharth.



Kapoor who also turned producer for the first time for this film shares, "I've lived with 'Thar' for many years and at times it felt like it was a distant dream but we persevered and today this dream has become a successful reality

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‘Closet writer’ Ranveer Singh Talks About The Power Of Tragic Humour



Mumbai: Bollywood star Ranveer Singh, whose latest film ‘Jayeshbhai Jordaar’ dropped in theatres on Friday, has a penchant for different forms of humour, more so tragic humour and satire which the film hinges on. For him, satire and tragic humour are sharp weapons for making a social commentary in the face of a crisis.

The actor, who has always been a “closet writer” and has earlier worked as a copywriter with advertising agency Ogilvy & Mather, spoke to IANS about the art of satire, the reference point for ‘Jayeshbhai Jordaar’, his director Divyang Thakkar and the writer in himself who’s constantly at work even while performing in front of the camera.

‘Jayeshbhai Jordaar’ is a satire, a first for Ranveer as an actor. Revealing how enriching the experience was for him to work in the set up of satirical comedy, he shares, “I love satire. I am a closet writer as well so satire, tragic humour and black comedy are some of my favourite themes of humour as a writer. There is something about satire that I absolutely love. When you have so much to say when there is a social commentary to be made and it’s told in the most humorous ways it suddenly changes the equation entirely.”

Furthering his point, he adds, “Tragic humour is the most potent kind of humour. Like Mr Charlie Chaplin - he is the pioneer of tragic humour as his

films were made in times of war and social crisis. He presented the dark realities of the world in such a humorous and entertaining way that you could not just help but laugh and marvel at the excellence of that man to draw your attention to a problem.”

Ranveer mentions that he has made a humble attempt to imbibe Mr Chaplin’s style of work to make a social commentary or a fair point with his character of Jayeshbhai.

This is the second time he’s playing a Gujarati man, nine years after ‘Goliyon Ki Raasleela Ram-Leela’, where he played the passionate lover, Ram Rajad. Jayeshbhai, however, is cut from a different cloth. Despite being from a small town, the character is well aware of his social responsibilities and does everything in his capacity to fight the evil of gender discrimination.

Probe him about his reference point for his character in the film and Ranveer points to Divyang Thakkar, the debutant director who has helmed ‘Jayeshbhai Jordaar’, “Divyang was my reference point for this character. He is a pakka Gujju bhai and unconsciously or subconsciously he has written a lot of himself into the character and I could sense that with the passion and the intensity with which he used to speak about the character.”

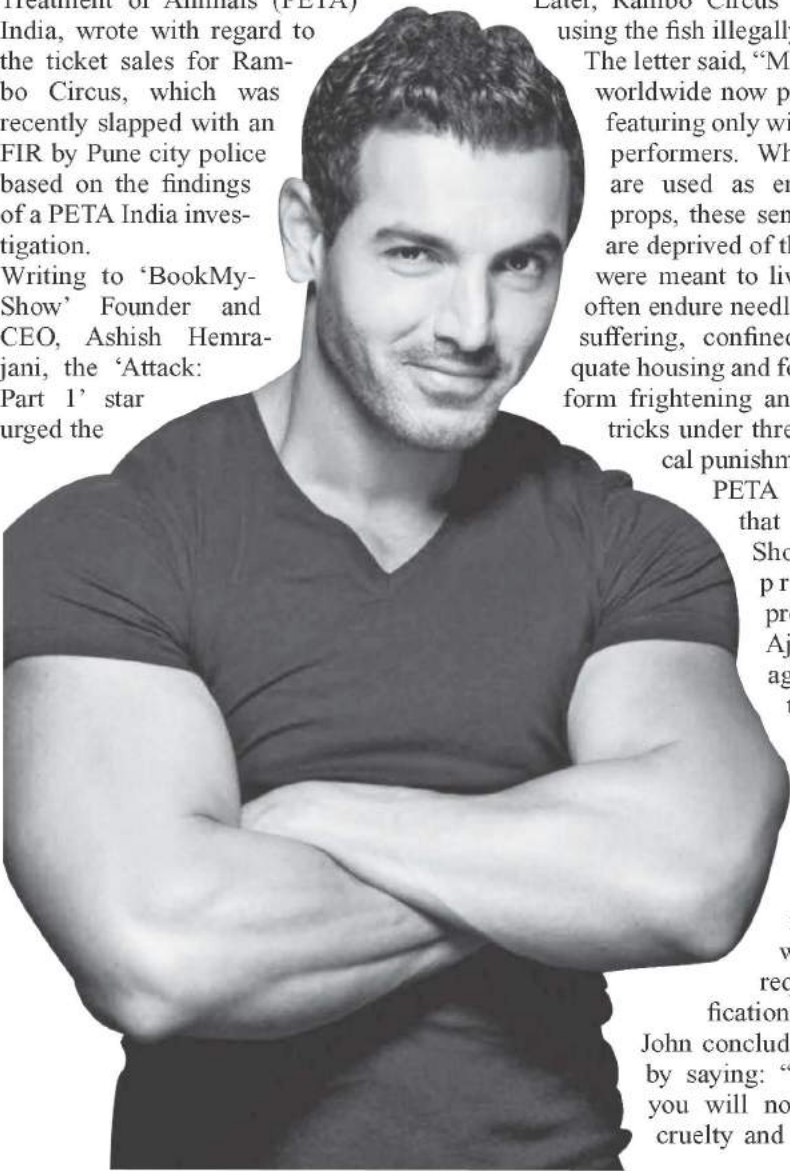
Ranveer goes back in time when he heard the film’s narration for the first time, “When Divyang was narrating the story to me, I felt that I didn’t need to look around anywhere else because my reference point was right in front of me in the form of my director.”

John Abraham To E-Ticketing Platform's CEO: Stop Circus Ticket Sales

Mumbai: Bollywood actor John Abraham recently sent an urgent letter to a popular e-ticketing platform's CEO to draw the latter's attention towards ending of ticket sales to circuses that rely on animal cruelty and enact a policy to promote only animal-free entertainment.

John, who has been a former 'Person of the Year' for the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India, wrote with regard to the ticket sales for Rambo Circus, which was recently slapped with an FIR by Pune city police based on the findings of a PETA India investigation.

Writing to 'BookMyShow' Founder and CEO, Ashish Hemrajani, the 'Attack: Part 1' star urged the



former to put an end to ticket sales operations of the circus after an investigation revealed that it forced dogs to perform unregistered tricks.

The dogs performed tricks such as jumping through hoops and atop a flagpole, and that a performer held two fish between his teeth, swallowed the fish alive, and regurgitated them into a bowl of water.

Later, Rambo Circus admitted to using the fish illegally.

The letter said, "Many circuses worldwide now put on shows featuring only willing human performers. When animals are used as entertainment props, these sentient beings are deprived of the lives they were meant to live, and they often endure needless pain and suffering, confined to inadequate housing and forced to perform frightening and confusing tricks under threat of physical punishment."

PETA India notes that 'BookMyShow' also previously promoted the Ajanta Circus, against which the Animal Welfare Board of India recently sought action for using animals without the required certification.

John concluded his letter by saying: "I hope that you will not side with cruelty and that 'Book-

MyShow' will do the right thing by implementing a policy to not promote, sell or permit the sale of tickets for circuses that use animals."

The actor's past work for PETA India in-

cludes speaking up for monkeys forced to dance in Mumbai, urging authorities to clamp down on illegal pig slaughter in Goa, and starring in a campaign urging everyone not to keep birds in cages.

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Instagram Official: Saba Azad Calls Rumoured Beau Hrithik 'My Love' In French

Mumbai: Actress-singer Saba Azad made her relationship with Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan Instagram official by calling him "mon amour".

Saba took to her Instagram handle and announced her next project 'Minimum', an international drama and Hrithik reacted to the post. She shared in her post: "My next with these gems - in @variety today!! Saba Azad, Namit Das, Geetanjali Kulkarni, Rumana Molla to Star in 'MINIMUM', Immigrant Indian Drama Feature Set In Belgium, jointly produced by Platoon One Films and Ellanar Films. Produced by Shiladitya Bora and Radhika Lavu, the film is slated to go on floors in June 2022. The international drama will be helmed by writer-actor Rumana Molla in her directorial debut."

Commenting to the news, Hrithik wrote:

"Hehe. You gonna kill this! Oui? Oui!"

Replying to the 'War' star, Saba replied: "hehe fingers crossed mon amour (My love)."

Hrithik's aunt, Kanchan Roshn also sent her warm wishes and congratulated her.

Hrithik and Saba have been reportedly be dating since past few months.

Saba made her acting debut with 'Dil Kabaddi,' and was also seen in the 2011 film 'Mujhse Fraaandship Karoge' alongside Saqib Saleem. She was last seen in an anthology series 'Feels like Ishq'.



Charli XCX Lets 80s Music Influence On Her New Album 'Crash'

Los Angeles: Singer Charli XCX is currently "very inspired" by music from the 80s. She let the sounds of the decade influence her new studio album 'Crash' "both sonically and visually."

The 29-year-old pop star told People magazine: "At the moment I'm very inspired by a lot of '80s music. My current record Crash was really heavily inspired by that, both sonically and visually."

She believes that the most recent U.S. leg of her tour is "the most high octane" yet and has channelled her all into it, including "doing choreo for the first time," reports [aceshowbiz.com](https://www.aceshowbiz.com).

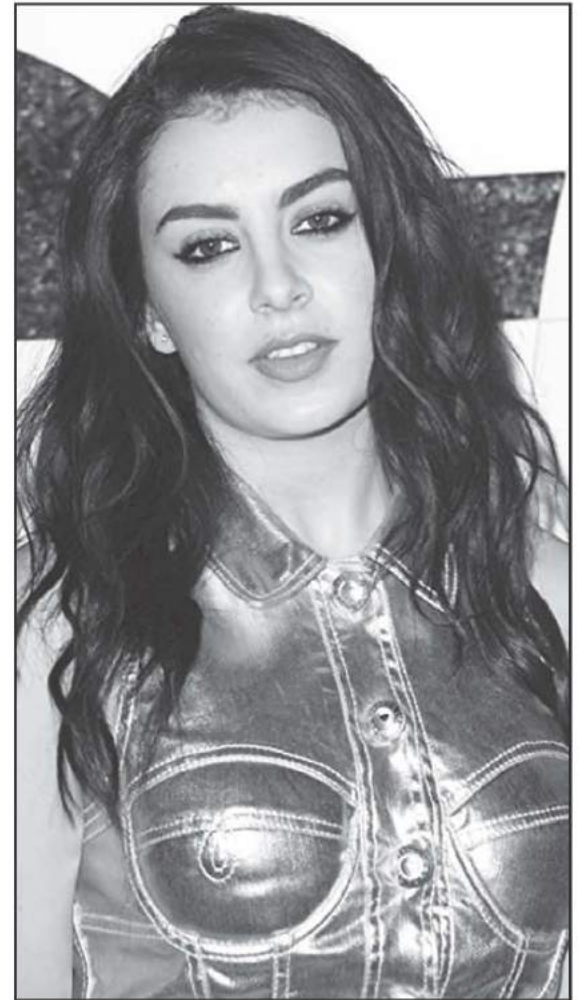
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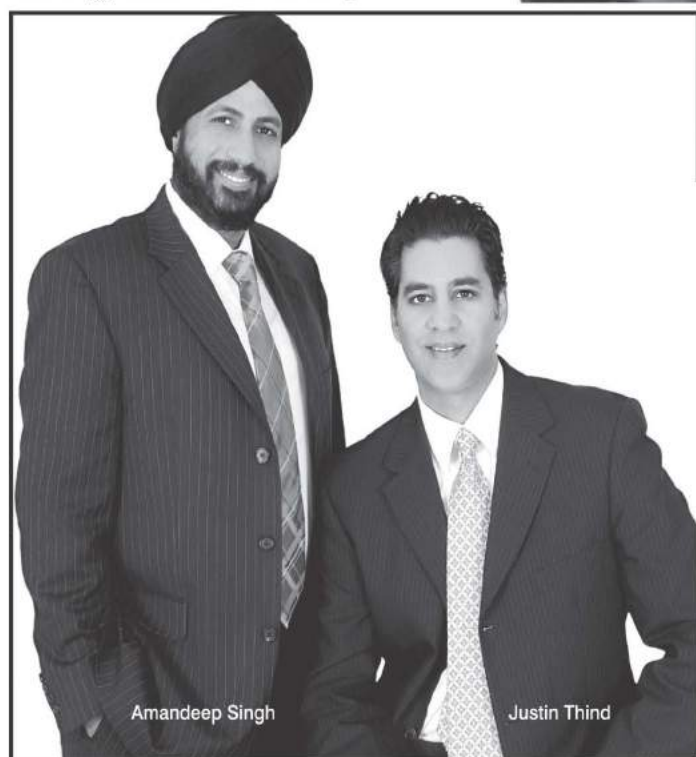
The 'Boom Clap' hit-maker says doing gigs stateside was "more than what I thought it was going to feel like" but thinks it "good" to do the unexpected.

Charli added, "I feel like with this album, I did something that my fans

didn't really expect of me. I had spent the pandemic creating an almost rave-inspired album in some ways. Then to really come back with something that's so much more classically pop was a little bit unexpected.



But I think that's a good thing. It's a good thing to not do what people predict of you." Before she heads back across the pond for shows in the UK, the 'Yuck' hitmaker believes in allowing herself to "zen out as much as possible."



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