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Karnvir Garcha, Victim Of Coquitlam Shooting, Was Subject Of Rare Public Safety Warning

COQUITLAM, BC: A shooting in Coquitlam left 25-year-old Karnvir Singh Garcha dead on July 2, 2023. Garcha, along with one more person, was the subject of a public safety warning issued by Surrey RCMP in late December of 2022, due to his involvement in gang activity and the violence associated with it. The police believed that anyone connected to or in proximity to him may be putting themselves at risk. Garcha was also informed about credible threats to his safety but according to police he had "shown little regard for public safety." On Sunday, July 2, Garcha died in a fatal shooting near Foster Avenue and North Road in Coquitlam at 9:20 p.m. According to the police, frontline officers attended and located Garcha suffering from a gunshot wound. In spite of life-saving measures, Garcha succumbed to his injuries. The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) took conduct of the incident and identified the victim as Karnvir Singh Garcha "in hopes of advancing its investigation."



Photo of Garcha released after he was identified as victim of shooting in Coquitlam



IHIT identified a suspect vehicle, described as a white Kia Niro, arriving in the area at 8:31 p.m.

The investigators learned that Garcha was dropped off at the scene minutes before the homicide. "We are looking to speak with anyone who had contact with Mr. Garcha in the days leading up to the shooting, including the driver of the vehicle that dropped him off," said Sergeant Timothy Pierotti

of IHIT. A suspect vehicle has now been identified. On June 5, 2023, at 9:52 p.m. the Port Moody Police Department (PMPD) were notified of a vehicle fire in a parking lot located in the 3000-block of Murray Street.

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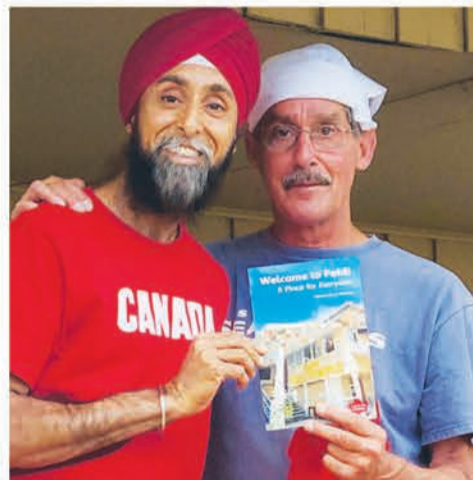
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Visit The Incredible Story Of Historic Paldi Town Through New Museum And Books



This Canada Day, the historic Vancouver Island logging town of Paldi was once again bustling with activity, as the Paldi Khalsa Diwan Society held the opening ceremony for the new Paldi Historical Museum, which is located on the ground floor of the Paldi Sikh Temple. Paldi was a small logging town founded by Sikh pioneer Mayo Singh who worked in the lumber industry and went on to found Mayo Lumber Company.

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VFS Global Plans To Expand In Canada To Manage Increasing Visa And Passport Demands

By Surbhi Gogia

The vital part of traveling to a different country is having the right travel document in the form of a passport or visa. The thought of waiting in long lines, traveling to a far location for an appointment, or arranging tedious documentation, hits a stress button in a lot of travelers. With summer travel picking up after the pandemic, the application process might appear a monstrous task. But Amit Kumar Sharma, head of VFS Global America operation, believes it is easier than it appears. He says planning ahead and adhering to the document checklist can make the visa or passport application process simple and smooth.

According to Sharma VFS Global is a leader and your companion in this process. "We work towards ensuring comfort and speedy services for visa applicants worldwide. We are constantly updating and expanding services to make visa process enjoyable and less stressful for the applicants."

Sharma heads VFS Global operations Americas including the USA, Canada, South America, Mexico and the Caribbean. He was recently in Surrey to discuss the company's expansion plans including the possibility of setting up a VFS centre in Surrey.

Informing about the company's profile, he said that VFS Global works as the bridge between a country's embassy and those applying for visas. "VFS Global is one of the largest outsourcing and technology services specialist for governments and diplomatic missions. When you apply for a visa or passport for many countries, you do not go directly go to the Embassy or Consulate General. You come to one of our centers. We manage the non-judgmental and administrative tasks related to applications for visa, passport, and consular services. We disseminate information, check documents, arrange biomet-

rics etc. Critical assessment task and decision-making is the sole work of the embassy once the completed application is dispatched from our end."

A company that originated in India with the US as its first client currently has more than 3,300 application centres in more than 145 countries and serves more than 68 client governments.

Sharma said that VFS Global is widely present in Canada with centres in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, and Ottawa. In Canada, VFS Global helps to process visa applications for the UK, Europe, Nigeria, New Zealand as well as the online eVisa for several countries including Vietnam, amongst others.

But anticipating an increase in travel after the complete lifting of COVID restrictions, the company is planning to expand its foothold. "There is a pent-up demand for travel, resulting in a surge in bookings for flights, hotels, and other services. As more universities resume in-person classes, we are already seeing an increase in student travel. Similarly, many businesses are resuming travel to attend meetings and events, while family reunions are also expected to boost travel demand. VFS Global is gearing up to handle these counts and is fully prepared to provide the best of services to our applicants."

The expansion will be at multiple levels. One is updating the infrastructure and space at the existing locations; some are already in process. Another plan is to set up new VFS centres in Winnipeg, Regina, and Surrey.

Currently VFS Global Centre in Vancouver manages visa and passport work for the UK, Europe and the entire Schengen area. The company is exploring serving more client governments through its centre in Lower Mainland and an intended centre in Surrey.

Sharma said that the company's focus is complete client satisfaction. "Visa process is



Amit Kumar Sharma,
Head of VFS Global America operation

the first step of your journey and we want to make it smooth and hassle free."

For that reason, VFS Global has introduced various digital and personalised services.

"During the pandemic, there was an urgent need to adapt and evolve to facilitate emergency travel. At VFS Global, we leveraged our technology expertise and provided customers with online and simplified services. We facilitated processes like passports, OCI cards or even applying for visas completely from home."

Once the COVID restrictions were lifted, the company introduced services such as Digital Document Check, enabling customers to verify their application documents before visiting an application centre, significantly reducing the physical time spent at a visa application centre. "Our enhancements to the form-filling process also help applicants to upload and digitally complete the process from home," he said. "We even revisited and addressed basic issues previously faced like anomalies in photographs that were uploaded which led to form rejections. The 'photo solution service' we incorporated into the India mission digitally ensures the picture

you upload is converted to the precise specifications mandated by the government and in turn, saves a lot of time and effort. Now this service could be extended to other client governments too."

Sensing the evolving need for personalised services, Sharma informed that VFS Global is bringing more of the visa application process online and to the safety of customers' homes. "We have recently introduced the innovative Digital Document Check and Digital Application Submission services. We also offer Visa at Your Doorstep (VAYD) service and have seen a sudden spike in demand for this service. We carry mobile kits to capture the biometrics of individuals in their homes or companies and corporate campuses. We also go to universities where students are a huge market, adding that it makes more sense for large groups to utilise this program instead of making multiple in-person appointments at VFS Global centres. In the US, we also facilitate Consular Camps with the support of local federations and associations to bring consular services closer to the Indian diaspora community."

The company, Sharma says, is also present to educate and inform about the application process. He advises applicants to be cautious of visa frauds. "The decision to give a visa is the exclusive task of the government. No individual or organization can influence that decision. Also, some fraudulent entities or impersonators claim to be associated with VFS Global. Such entities may charge applicants for scheduling appointments or providing other services using VFS Global's name, even though VFS Global does not charge for scheduling appointments except for legitimate published fees that are publicised on its respective sites. To stay safe, only the official VFS Global website or authorized third-party partners should be used to schedule appointments and pay fees."

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Three Vehicles Involved In A Shooting Spree In Surrey

Surrey RCMP informed about a shooting between up to three vehicles in Surrey that left an 18-year-old man with non-life-threatening injuries.

The police responded to shooting that occurred in the parking area of Fleetwood Park at 5:50 p.m. on July 5, 2023, and are appealing for public assistance in locating one of the suspect vehicles believed to be involved.

Surrey Detachment Frontline officers with assistance from the Surrey Gang Enforcement Team, (SGET), Surrey Drug Enforcement Team and the Lower Mainland Integrated Police Dog Services (PDS), responded to a report of shots fired between up to three vehicles that had fled the Fleetwood Park area of 158 Street and 80 Avenue upon police attendance.

Officers located one of the suspect vehicles with four occupants inside, a black Nissan Altima, at Fraser Highway and 148 Street. Three of the occupants were detained, and the fourth, an 18-year-old man, was transported to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

As the investigation unfolded, officers tracked down a second suspect vehicle, a white Tesla and a 16-year-old male was detained. The investigation is continuing and no charges have currently been laid. Investigators continue to search for a third suspect vehicle believed to be involved in the incident, a black Honda Civic that was seen fleeing the Fleetwood Park area at the time of the shooting.

The investigation is being led by the Surrey RCMP General Investigation Unit (GIU) with assistance

from the Surrey RCMP Forensic Identification Section (FIS). The individuals involved in this incident are believed to be known to each other and are linked to drug activity.

“This shooting between vehicles occurred early on a summer evening right near a busy park in our community,” stated Surrey RCMP Media Relations Officer, Sergeant Tammy Lobb. “Those involved in this type of violence show a complete disregard for others, and our investigators are working hard to piece together the events that unfolded on our streets through a thorough review of all the evidence.”

Anyone who has information or dash cam footage is asked to contact Surrey RCMP at 604-599-0502 and quote file number 2023-11367.

Delta's Tarndeepp Uppal Charged With Forty Offences Of Identity Theft And Credit Card Fraud

A Delta woman has been charged with forty offences related to identity theft and credit card fraud. In November 2020, the Delta Police opened an investigation related to suspected credit card fraud. The investigation determined the suspect obtained identification and credit card information, using the documents and data for personal gain.

Charges in relation to this investigation have now been sworn. 31-year-old Tarndeepp Uppal, of North Delta, has been charged with:

One count of theft of credit card and identity information

contrary to section 334 of the Criminal Code;

Fourteen counts of fraud under \$5000 contrary to section 380(1)(b)(i) of the Criminal Code;

Twenty-five counts of possessing identity information with intent to use it to commit an indictable offence that includes fraud, deceit, or falsehood contrary to section 402.2(1) of the Criminal Code. Uppal has been released with conditions not to possess credit cards, identification or data in any other name but her own. This matter is before the Courts and no further information will be released.



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OBITUARY: Sardarni Sita Parmar

It's with great sadness the Parmar Family announces the passing of their beloved mother Sardarni Sita Parmar at the age of 83 on June 29, 2023.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday July 8, 2023, at 3 PM Five River Funeral Home.

Followed by prayers and Bhog @ 5PM at Akali Singh Gurdwara, 1890 Skeena Street, Vancouver, BC. V5M-4L3.

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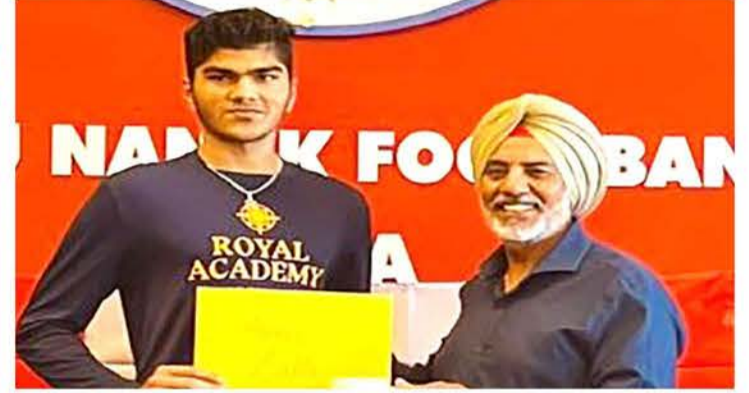
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Guru Nanak's Food Bank celebrates Canada Day in North Delta



DELTA, BC: Guru Nanak's Food Bank Delta, in collaboration with Janta Sevak Society, Mamta Foundation, and Akali Singh Society Vancouver, presented a remarkable event to celebrate Canada Day. This collaborative program highlighted the contributions of Canadian history and the Sikh community while showcasing the talents and stories of resilient children.

Hosted by the children themselves, this event promised a captivating experience with cultural performances, informative presentations on Canadian history, and heartfelt messages of unity.

The President of Guru Nanak's Food Bank, Gyani Narinder Singh, expressed gratitude to all volunteers and sponsors and their support in creating an event that embraces compassion and togetherness. "This celebration of Canada Day serves as a reminder of the country's commitment to fostering diversity, understanding, and harmony among its citizens. It is an occasion that brings people from all walks of life together, strengthening the bonds that make Canada a beacon of multiculturalism and acceptance," he said.

Guru Nanak's Food Bank is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing food insecurity within the community, ensuring access to nutritious meals and essential resources. More information 1.604.580.1313 or www.gnfb.ca

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Obituary: Mohinder Singh Sandhu

(May 15th, 1946 – July 2nd, 2023)

It's with great sadness the Sandhu Family announces the passing of Sardar Mohinder Singh Sandhu (originally from the village of Rurka Kalan) and long time Richmond resident at the age 77 on July 2nd, 2023.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday July 15th, 2023, at 11 AM Five River Funeral Home, 7410 Hopcott Road, Delta, BC. Followed by prayers and Bhog at 2:00 PM at KDS Ross Sikh Gurdwara, 8000 Ross Street, Vancouver, BC.

All family and friends are invited at our residence to pay their respect with the family at our residence 11111 Bird Road, Richmond, Phone: (604) 273-6129.

Warm Regards, Sandhu Family



Newly Expanded Climate Action Tax Credit Coming Soon

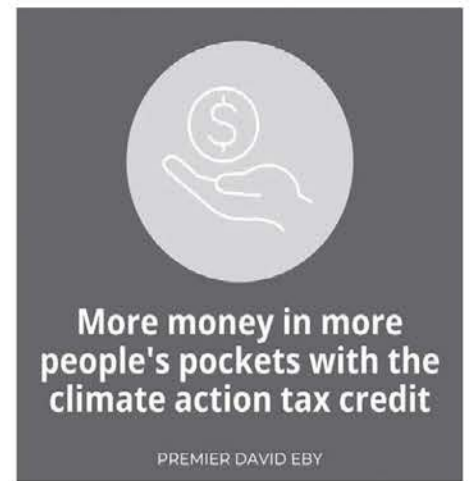
VICTORIA - More than two million individuals and families will see the first quarterly payment of the newly expanded and enhanced climate action tax credit in their bank accounts this week.

"As global inflation continues to impact the costs of everyday life, we're making sure more people will receive more money to help with their bills," said Katrine Conroy, Minister of Finance. "B.C.'s price on carbon pollution continues to be one of the strongest and most comprehensive in Canada. Boosting the climate action tax credit is just one of the ways we are putting money in people's pockets as we work toward a low-carbon future."

A single person can now receive as much as \$447 per year, an increase of more than \$250 from 2022, or more than double what they received last year. A family of four can now receive as much as \$893.50, which is \$390 more than last year.

The increases to the income threshold mean individuals with a net income below \$61,465 will receive a full or partial credit. A single parent with two children with a net income below \$89,270 will receive a full or partial credit. The increased thresholds mean more people will be eligible for the money this year. An estimated 70% of individuals eligible can expect the maximum amounts.

The credit was created to help offset costs for people and families with low and middle incomes, while ensuring B.C.'s carbon tax can continue to help



pay for programs, services and infrastructure throughout the province. The income ceiling for the credit will increase annually, with a goal to reach 80% of households in B.C. by 2030. B.C.'s climate action tax credit is paid through Canada Revenue Agency, along with the federal GST/HST credit, and can take as long as 10 days to be delivered. Despite being a payment from the province, it will appear on bank statements as a payment from the Government of Canada.

The carbon tax will increase every year until it reaches \$170 per tonne in 2030, as required by the federal government.

The B.C. government will not contact you about the B.C. climate action tax credit by text message. If you get a text about the credit, it may be fraud. If unsure, contact: ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca (mailto:ITBTaxQuestions@gov.bc.ca)

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Street Racing Leads To Multiple Vehicle Impoundments In Surrey

Six vehicles were impounded by Surrey RCMP Traffic Unit during enforcement in Campbell Heights, an area known for street racing and stunting.

On May 12, 2023, during a large gathering in the 2700-block of 192 Street, a 1937 Chevrolet was stunting when the driver lost control and collided with a Semi-truck. The collision was captured on video and widely shared on social media. Fortunately, the driver was not seriously injured. The Surrey RCMP Traffic Unit investigated the collision and have submitted a report to BC Prosecution Service recommending criminal charges against the driver.

On June 16, 2023, Surrey RCMP Traffic Unit conducted proactive enforcement in the same area along 192 Street, as it is a known location where people gather to street race.

In total, 21 violation tickets were served for speed, excessive speed, vehicle defects and



other traffic infractions. Five of the tickets were for excessive speed which is accompanied by an automatic 7-day vehicle impoundment. One driver was found to be under the influence and received a 3-day Immediate Roadside Prohibition with vehi-

cle impoundment.

The Motor Vehicle Act defines excessive speeding as driving at a speed greater than 40 km an hour over the speed limit.

We want to make it clear that Surrey RCMP has zero tolerance for street racing and/or dangerous driving behaviours that places members of our community at risk, says, Surrey RCMP Traffic Unit Sergeant Jason Barrett. Individuals who participate in these activities pose risks to everyone on the road, as well as all the spectators who attend. We will continue to target the drivers and encourage you to do your part by not attending these events, and reporting dangerous driving behaviour to police.

To date in 2023, fourteen lives have been taken tragically in motor vehicle collisions in Surrey. Dangerous driving behaviours and in particular, speed, have been contributing factors in the majority of these fatal collisions.

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Charges Declined in Election Case Involving New West School Board Trustee Gurveen Dhaliwal

VANCOUVER, BC: A Special Prosecutor has declined to approve a charge against Gurveen Dhaliwal, a New Westminster School Board Trustee.

Dhaliwal was being investigated for possibly breaking election rules by being present at a voting place as a scrutineer, which the Local Government Act prohibits, as candidates are only allowed at polling stations to vote on election day. The allegation is that, after casting her ballot, Ms. Dhaliwal remained at the voting place for approximately 20 minutes acting as a scrutineer for another candidate from the same electoral organization. A scrutineer is appointed to represent a candidate at a voting place according to the terms of the LGA. The scrutineer observes the conduct of the voting and counting proceedings at the voting station to ensure it is operating fairly.

John M. Gordon KC was appointed as the Special Prosecutor in relation to the investigation of Dhaliwal's case.

According to a media statement by BC

Prosecution Service (BCPS), the Special Prosecutor concluded that the public interest does not require a prosecution in this case. The Special Prosecutor identified a number of public interest factors set out in the charge assessment policy that weighed against a prosecution. These included that the offence was committed as a result of a genuine mistake or misunderstanding of fact. The loss or harm was the result of a single incident and was minor in nature. "Ms. Dhaliwal did not serve as a scrutineer at the community centre for long. CCTV from the community centre showed Ms. Dhaliwal arriving at 12:19 p.m. and departing at 12:39 p.m. Nothing remarkable occurred while Ms. Dhaliwal was present as a scrutineer. It was estimated that a small number of voters, perhaps a half-dozen, used the ballot box at which Ms. Dhaliwal was scrutineering over this period of time," mentioned the media statement.

In all the circumstances the Special Prosecutor concluded that the public interest

did not require the prosecution of Ms. Dhaliwal for an offence under the LGA and accordingly no charge was approved. Joven Narwal of Narwal Litigation LLP, issued a statement on behalf of Dhaliwal. Narwal said, "We are pleased to announce that the independent Special Prosecutor has decided not to approve criminal charges against our client, Gurveen Dhaliwal, following a comprehensive investigation in which our client fully cooperated. The independent nature of the charge assessment serves as a testament to the integrity of our legal system which strives to ensure fairness and impartiality. We would like to extend our client's appreciation for unwavering support and encouragement from friends, family and members of the community who maintained their belief in her integrity.

Vindicated by this decision, our client looks forward to continuing to serve New Westminster as well as the province of British Columbia and will not be grant-



ing any interviews or providing additional statements at this time."

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Karnvir Garcha, victim of Coquitlam shooting, was subject of rare public...

The vehicle was identified as a white Kia Niro. IHIT is now working with PMPD to forensically process the scene.

Through extensive video canvass, IHIT identified a suspect vehicle, described as a white Kia Niro, arriving in the area at 8:31 p.m. The Kia Niro parked in a loading area at the top of the ramp leading to the underground parkade of 525 Foster Avenue, with its fog lights on, until 9:19 p.m. when Garcha was dropped off at the scene by a ride sharing company. Following the shooting, the suspect returned to the Kia Niro and fled the scene east-

bound in the Alley toward Emerson Street.

"We are releasing this photo and video, in hopes that someone will remember seeing this vehicle parked in the loading area," said Sergeant Timothy Pierotti of IHIT. "If you were in the 500-block of Foster Avenue on July 2 or in the 3000-block of Murray Street on July 5 and observed this vehicle and you have yet to speak with police, please contact IHIT immediately."

Surrey RCMP in partnership with the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC) issued a



Garcha photo released by Surrey RCMP under public safety warning in December

public warning in late December due to an increased threat to pub-

lic safety posed by Garcha and 22-years-old Harkirat Jhutti of Surrey because of the involvement in gang activity and the violence associated with it.

Due to a significant threat to the public posed by these individuals through their connection to criminal activity and high levels of violence, police believe that anyone connected to or in proximity to them may be putting themselves at risk, the police said.

"The individuals identified have been informed by police of credible threats to their safety, but the threat doesn't just place them at risk, it poses a risk to anyone

who associates with them or anyone who is in proximity to them," said Surrey RCMP's Major Crime Team Lead, Inspector Bal Hansra in December. "Due to their association with gang activity, the drug trade, and violent acts such as shootings, these individuals have put themselves, their families, and the community at risk."

"Despite the threats to their lives and the safety of others around them, these individuals have shown little regard for public safety in our communities," said S/Sgt Lindsay Houghton of CFSEU-BC at that time.



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North Surrey Secondary Student Wins \$120,000 Schulich Leader Scholarship

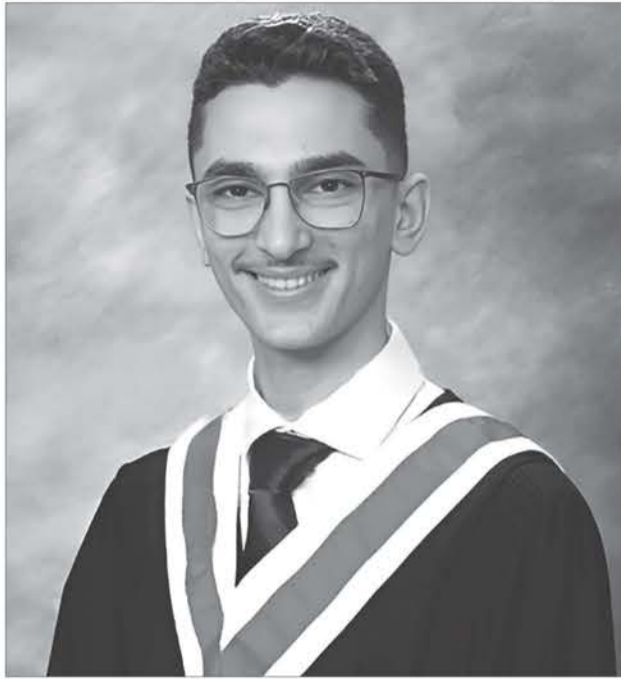
Mohammad Awwad of North Surrey Secondary is one of this year's recipients of the Schulich Leader Scholarships, a highly coveted six-figure scholarship for students who demonstrate a passion for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

The Grade 12 student is among only 100 students from across the country selected for a scholarship from Schulich Leaders, receiving \$120,000 to pursue engineering in university. More than 300,000 students applied and 1,500 were nominated, with Awwad being a very fitting recipient for his lifelong interest in STEM.

"I love STEM, I'm involved in all sorts of extracurricular STEM activities," he said. "I'm on the school robotics team, I compete in online hackathons – I love programming, so it seemed like the perfect scholarship where I could tick off all the boxes that they wanted."

"I'd say my interest started in elementary school with the weekly ADST classes where we'd bring in small robots and we'd program them. I always found those really fun to work with, and as I got into high school, things got more serious with clubs to join and more things to do."

Half of the Schulich Leader scholarships are valued at \$120,000 to study engineering and the other half are valued at \$100,000 to study science and math. Awwad



jumped on the application process early, spending three weeks revising his write-up before submitting it to his school to seek the nomination.

In his essay, he wrote about being the lead programmer and team captain of North Surrey's robotics team, his third-place finish in an Amazon-hosted hackathon and his mentorship work in the community to pass down programming knowledge to the next generation.

"They really targeted their questions about your accomplishments and what you've done in STEM, your top goals, what makes you stand out most," said Awwad. "I mentioned that I helped start a STEM outreach club where we go to a local elementary school and give students an opportunity to explore STEM with weekly projects. I also

led a Surrey library STEM workshop and taught students how to start programming from scratch."

After several months, Awwad received an email informing him of his scholarship win – but initially, seeing wasn't believing. "At first, I didn't think it was real, I thought surely this is one of those advertisements with the fake name at the title of the email," he recalled. "But then it had the red exclamation mark and I was like, 'This is labelled important, I have to open it.'"

"I opened it right away and my jaw dropped. My parents were around me and they saw me in shock – I showed them the

phone and they read the email, I couldn't even tell them."

Awwad will attend the University of Victoria in the fall, where he plans to study software engineering and pursue a career in the tech industry, either with startups or big companies, before forging his own path.

"I really want to diversify my skills and hopefully eventually start my own company," he said. "I'm not sure what type of company. I'm identifying problems that I'm noticing through this whole journey and I want to solve one of those problems – I'm not sure how or when yet, but one day."

Mission Councillor Ken Herar takes Pride Month Message to Ottawa

Mission Councillor Ken Herar recently visited Ottawa and had the opportunity to catch up with Prime Minister Trudeau during a Laurier Club Event. Herar said, "Trudeau greeted me as Kenneth, which I haven't heard in years."

"It was a productive conversation and I had the opportunity to discuss the diversity in Mission, as we spoke extensively on the importance of inclusion for all and in particular the LGBTQIA2S+ community and Pride Month. I also invited him to attend Fraser Valley Pride celebrations here in Mission, this month," Herar said.

Herar was the lone councillor to support flying the pride flag at city hall.



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Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors' Society Is A Harbinger Of Social Harmony Based On Diversity



By Zile Singh

The Sunset Indo-Canadian Seniors' Society, housed at 6810, Main Street, Vancouver, boasts of a group of very amazing experienced seniors. They are physically as active and mentally as sharp as any youth in his twentieth and thirties. What else can one expect when seniors aged 80, 90 and hundred recite a page-length of poetry by memory and can talk on Gurbani extempore without taking help of a written script. Some are adept at describing religious and political matters. Others excel in cracking civilized jokes and meaningful stories related to life. In July 1977, Mrs. Hemi Dhanoa, a social



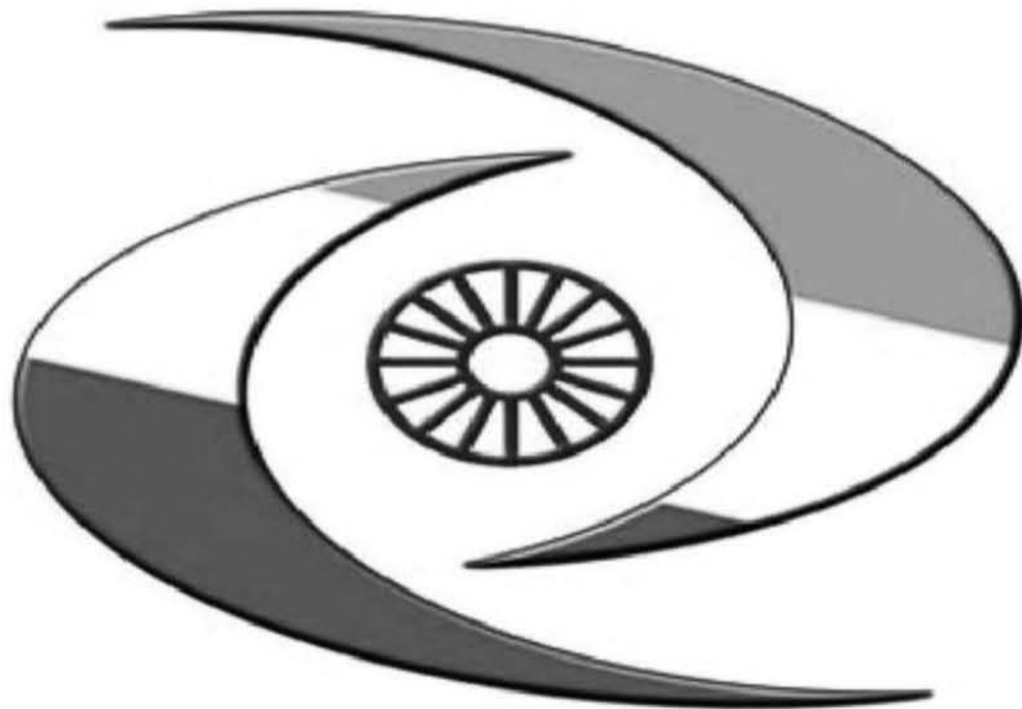
worker, got the Indian seniors group registered under the name of "Hindi-Punjabi Senior Men's Group". In June 2001, the Group was renamed as "The Sunset In-

do-Canadian Seniors Society, Vancouver, BC". Today, it can claim to be a secular and senior seekers' society. It proudly bears a tag of non-religious, non-political,

non-regional, and non-profit making. Though it is a registered society with the BC government, it is capable of running its day-to-day affairs without any government grant. It is truly a harbinger of social harmony based on diversity. Anyone can join it who has attained the age of 65. Any topic under the sun, without hurting anybody's personal sentiments is the area of discussion every Thursday from 12.00 noon to 2.30 p.m. Members of the society include farmers, teachers, preachers, businessmen, civil servants, ex-servicemen, lawyers, bankers doctors, and even a retired diplomat. The members of its Executive Committee are elected unanimously every two-year. Its General Body meeting was held on June 22, 2023. The income and expenditure statements were passed en masse.

It has proved to be a useful platform for politicians of different hues at city, provincial and federal levels. In the recent past, Mr. Michael Lee, Member Legislative Assembly of BC United Front addressed the Seniors hitting the health, housing, and education policies of the ruling New Democratic Party. Some time back, Mr. George Chow, ex-Minister of the NDP visited the Society. He spoke about his party's policies.

Prominent visitors from Punjab and other parts of India also have visited the Society. Last week's address by Mr. Jaswant Zafar, a retired Chief Engineer from Punjab Electricity Board and a writer of high esteem needs to be highlighted as a befitting analysis of the present situation of Sikhs settled abroad. He, without mincing words, said that the Sikhs in Punjab do not need any outside propaganda. The Sikhs in India are capable of looking after their interests on their own. He pinpointed the lacunae of the Sikh diaspora as far as Sikhi tenets are concerned. Today, the rituals and superstitions are eroding the basic values taught by Guru Nanak. His book, "Bhagat Hamare Guru" exhorts the sectarian Sikhs to a large extent. To him, the hymns of Bhagats of lower castes are no less authentic and important. Zaffar elaborated on some other hymns of Bhagat Sain, Baba Farid, and Ravidass. For more information about the Society please click www.indo-canadianseniorssocietyvancouver.ca



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Surrey Mayor announces New Mayor's Working Group on Public Safety



Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke has announced a Mayor's Working Group on Public Safety. The Working Group will have two key objectives:

- Collaborating in the effort to bring Surrey's RCMP Detachment to full authorized strength; and
- Helping facilitate the design and implementation of Surrey's integrated Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. The Working Group will enhance collaboration across agencies, diverse communities and other levels of government in order to deliver a best practices approach to policing and the creation of a safe, inclusive and thriving City.

"Now is an opportune time for all levels of government to work together to deliver services that provide citizens a safe and secure environment in which to live and work," said Surrey Mayor Brenda Locke. "In addition to the RCMP, we are expanding our fire and rescue service and bylaw enforcement operations. Surrey is committed to a collaborative, solution-focused approach to community safety. I have been in contact with the Premier

and I am pleased he has expressed support for this work. I am excited to move forward."

Surrey has long been a leader in the development of proactive, community responsive programs. The Mayor's Working Group on Public Safety will update and build on all of those programs. Examples of these programs include the "Car 67" program, and the Police Mental Health Outreach Teams which includes a mental health support worker working alongside police officers. Several programs support youth and their families such as the Surrey Anti-Gang Family Empowerment ("SAFE") program and the recently launched Surrey Youth Resiliency Program. Police-led programs such as Project Lavender, Project Mini Blue, Surrey Wraparound, Game Ready, and the Shattering the Image anti-gang project for schools provide an important way to build police prevention activities in our schools.

Surrey RCMP are valuable partners in all of these programs and have shown they can provide modern, best-practices in urban policing. The recently re-launched the Public Safety Committee will work closely with the Mayor's Working Group.

Alberta RCMP seek Homicide Suspect Believed to be in BC

The Alberta RCMP Major Crimes Unit is seeking public assistance in locating a man wanted on several charges in relation to a homicide.

Bith Gattang Chuol is wanted on outstanding warrants for First-degree murder, Kidnapping, Break and Enter, and Extortion in connection with the death of Vanessa Silva in Edmonton in September 2021. Chuol is described as dark complexion, 193 cm (6 ft 4 in), 64 kg (140 lbs) having black hair and brown eyes.

Investigators have reason to believe that Bith Chuol was in the Surrey area recently and may still be here, said S/Sgt Kris Clark, of the BC RCMP. If you see him, please call 9-1-1 immediately. Chuol is considered armed and dangerous, and should not be approached. If you locate him, contact your local police immediately. If you have information as to his



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Along with the opening of the museum, two books that pay tribute to Paldi were highlighted on the day: Paldi Remembered by Joan Mayo (daughter-in-law of Mayo Singh, the founder of Paldi) and Welcome to Paldi: A Place for Everyone by Harman Singh Pandher. Dignitaries in attendance included MP Alistair MacGregor, MLA Aman Singh, Wally Oppal, Moe Sihota, and the Sikh Motorcycle Club. And Premier David Eby sent congratulations from the Province of British Columbia via a video message.

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This Canada Day, let's evaluate what it means to be a Canadian



By Balwant Sanghera

Canada has just celebrated its 156th birthday on July 1. Only a few days ago, it reached a landmark of 40 million population. Canada's colonial past often overshadows its present, numerous positive attributes and accomplishments. There is no doubt that Canada has a lot of dark chapters as part of its history. Treatment of the Indigenous communities, Chinese Head Tax, Exclusion Act, the Komagata Maru tragedy, treatment of Japanese Canadians during World War 2, are just some of the unpleasant and unfor-

tunate events that caused a lot of pain and suffering to the affected minority communities. However, successive Canadian governments of all stripes must be commended for their efforts at righting these wrongs. Today's Canada can be proud of its policy of inclusion, fairness and social justice.

Canada continues to be the most favoured country for potential immigrants. We are experiencing record levels of immigrants to Canada. During the past few years, record number of international students, temporary foreign workers, visitors and immigrants from all over the world has greatly enriched this country. Canada is one of the most open, inclusive, welcoming multicultural and multilingual countries in the world. This country's natural beauty, natural resources, vast and diverse landscape are unmatched in the world. Canada is one of the most



culturally diverse countries in the world. The degree of freedom we enjoy in this country is envy of many. Despite all of these very positive attributes Canada is also facing a lot of challenges.

Sky high housing prices, inadequate support for seniors, crumbling infrastructure, lack of resources for the vulnerable people and reconciliation with the Indigenous communities need immediate attention. Misuse and abuse by unscrupulous elements of our rather compassionate and lenient

laws have made Canada a safe haven for criminal elements. All of this needs immediate attention of our law makers and decision makers at every level.

Our fast-growing population needs major improvements and upgrades to our infrastructure. Internationally, Canada needs to assert/reassert itself as a peacemaker and peacekeeper. Our national leadership needs to recognize that peace and good government are as essential today as they have been in the past.

Finally, we need to work on our identity. Each one of us needs to respond to the question: What does Canada mean to me? What are our traditional values? How do I define myself as a Canadian? Answers to questions like these would be helpful in defining our identity as citizens of this great nation. As Canada reached its 40 million population landmark on June 16 this year, Canada's chief statistician, Anil Arora put it very well in these words: "This is an exciting milestone for Canada. It is a strong signal that Canada remains a dynamic and welcoming country, full of potential. As we head into Canada Day, this is certainly cause for celebration."

Happy Birthday, Canada!
Balwant Sanghera is a retired School Psychologist and Community Activist

19-year-Old dies in Burnaby targeted home invasion



Ryan Nagy

A 19-year old man was victim of an early morning altercation at a Burnaby residence. The Burnaby RCMP informed on June 29, 2023 at 7:05 a.m., the Burnaby RCMP received a report of an incident at a residence in the 7600-block of 17 Avenue, Burnaby.

Upon attendance, members located a 19-year old, associated to the residence suffering from life-threatening injuries. Despite the best efforts of the first responders, the victim succumbed to his injuries on scene.

A second victim was located with non-life-threatening injuries. IHIT took conduct of the investigation and has continued to work closely in partnership with the Burnaby RCMP Detachment, BC Coroners Service and the Integrated Forensic Identification Section (IFIS).

IHIT identified the victim as Ryan Nagy of Burnaby, in hopes of advancing its investigation.

"We believe this was a targeted incident," says Sgt. Pierotti of IHIT. "We're asking that anyone who had recent contact with Mr. Nagy, to contact IHIT immediately, as we build a timeline of events leading up to this tragedy."

IHIT is asking anyone with information, or anyone who was in the 7600-block of 17 Avenue between 6 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on June 29, to contact the IHIT Information Line at 1-877-551-IHIT (4448) or by email at ihit-info@rcmp-grc.gc.ca.

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Low Supply Continues To Impact Home Pricing In The Fraser Valley: Sales Increasing Despite Rate Hikes

SURREY: The Fraser Valley real estate market saw strong sales activity in June with levels on par with the 10-year average for the month, amid on-going challenges with supply. In June, the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board (FVREB) processed 1,935 sales on its Multiple Listing Service (MLS), an increase of 51.1 per cent compared to June 2022 and a 13.1 per cent increase compared to May. "As seen in recent months, prices continue to trend upward, with lack of supply and high demand for housing," said Narinder Bains, Chair of the Fraser Valley Real Estate Board.

"What we're seeing is sales increasing, with buyers entering the market despite current financial implications of anticipated rate hikes." The Board received 3,424 new listings in June, an increase of 2.8 per cent compared to last year, and a decrease of 3.1 per cent compared to May 2023. The month ended with a total active inventory of 5,944, a 6.9 per cent increase compared to May, and 8.2 per cent less than June of last year. "A number of factors are at play in the Fraser Valley market, from low supply to un-

precedented interest rates – the highest in more than 20 years," said Board CEO, Baldev Gill. "For those seeking to enter the market, whether buying or selling, only a professional REALTOR® can provide the expert guidance and advice to fully evaluate each client's needs, and to protect their interests." Across Fraser Valley in June, the average number of days to sell a single-family detached home was 21 and a townhome was 16 days. Apartments took, on average, 22 days to sell. MLS HPI Benchmark Price Activity Single Family Detached: At \$1,526,200, the

Benchmark price for an FVREB single-family detached home increased 2.3 per cent compared to May 2023 and decreased 7.4 per cent compared to June 2022. Townhomes: At \$845,400, the Benchmark price for an FVREB townhome increased 2.3 per cent compared to May 2023 and decreased 5.2 per cent compared to June 2022. Apartments: At \$552,200, the Benchmark price for an FVREB apartment/condo increased 1.8 per cent compared to May 2023 and decreased 2.5 per cent compared to June 2022.

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13271 80 AVE

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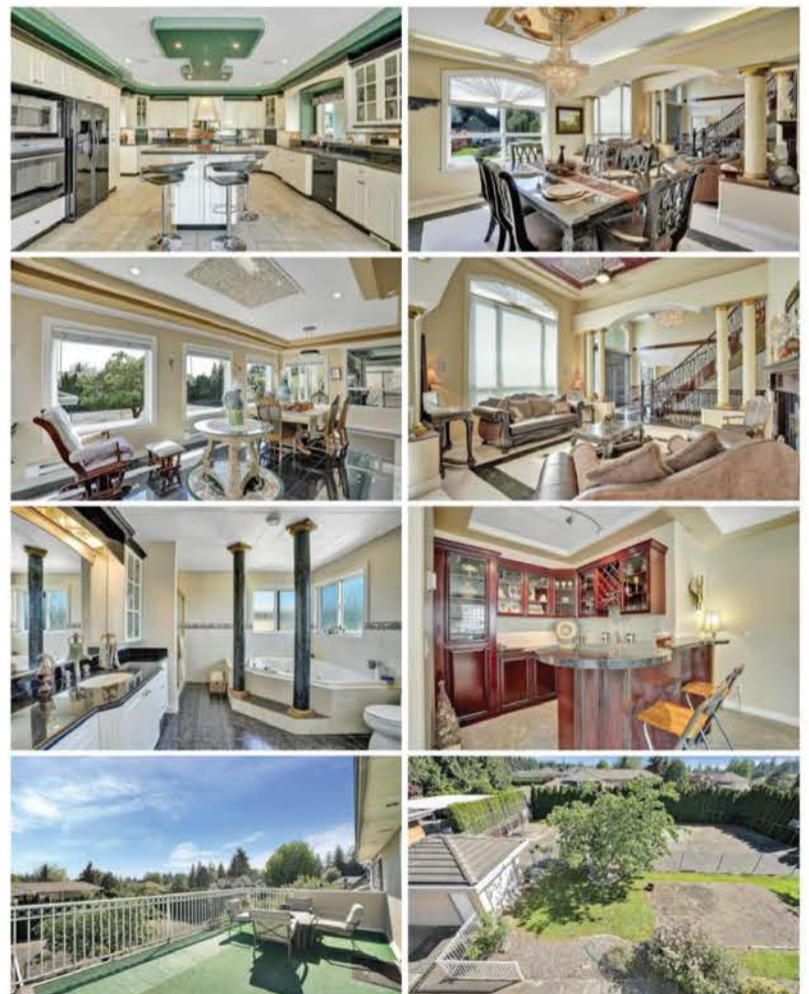
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Punjab-Origin Girl 'Buried Alive' By Ex-Boyfriend In Australia In 'Act Of Revenge', Court Hears

In a horrific act of vengeance, a 21-year-old Indian nursing student in Australia was abducted by her jilted ex-boyfriend from India, driven nearly 650 km and buried alive in South Australia state's remote Flinders Ranges, a court has heard, PTI reported.

Jasmeen Kaur from Adelaide City was killed by Tarikjot Singh in March 2021, a month after reporting him to the police for stalking.

According to media reports, Kaur was abducted from her workplace on March 5, 2021, and driven more than 400 miles

(644 km) while bound with cable ties in the boot of a car Singh had borrowed from his flatmate, news.com.au portal and other websites reported on.

He buried Kaur in a shallow grave after making "superficial" cuts to her throat which were not enough to kill her and she was aware of her surroundings when she died at some point on March 6.

Singh pleaded guilty to the murder but the horrific details of his crime came to light during sentencing submissions at the Supreme Court this week.

Prosecutor Carmen Matteo said

the murder was "not efficient" and Kaur was "made to suffer".

"She had to have been consciously suffering what could only be described as the absolute terror of breathing in and swallowing soil and dying in that way," Matteo said.

Kaur's family, including her mother, was in the court to hear the sentencing submissions.

The court heard Singh planned the killing because he was unable to get over the breakdown of their relationship.

"The way in which Kaur was killed involved, really, an uncommon level of cruelty," Mat-



teo said. Singh faces a mandatory life sentence, with the court to impose a non-parole period next month.



A newly-arrived Indian immigrant, who was killed in a hit-and-run accident in Brampton on Monday, has been identified as Prakash Mariyappan.

The 29-year-old victim came to

Canada a year ago with his wife and an infant. He was hit by a car while riding his bike, not far from his home in Brampton, this Monday morning. He was rushed to the hospital but succumbed to

India Family's Canadian Dream Shattered As Husband Dies In Accident

his injuries. The woman driver fled the scene after the accident. She was later arrested and her vehicle was seized by the police.

Media reports quoted the victim's wife, Indu Sekar, as saying that she was against the idea of moving to Canada but he convinced her by promising a better life.

When the shattered wife was brought to see the body of her husband, she broke down, saying: "This is what you came here for?"

A family friend told the media,

"She didn't want to travel to Canada, he only convinced her to travel here to get a better life. And yesterday when she saw his body, she broke down, saying, 'I told you, we need not come here'. They came to this country with a lot of dreams, but everything is shattered now."

A 'GoFundMe' has been launched by the local community to raise money to fly the body back to India.

"My Friend Prakash has come to Canada just towards the end of 2022. He was living with his

wife and an 18 months old boy in Brampton. Unfortunately he has passed away by a fatal accident done by a impaired driving lady on 3rd July 2023 in Brampton. We have just begun this fund raising activity to support the family (his wife Indumathi and kid) and get his body transported to Tamilnadu, India. Even a penny from your pocket will help the family in some ways, atleast this is the least thing we could do to stand by his family during this tough times," wrote the fund organizer.

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Surrey's Local Developers Invited To Donate Properties Slated For Development To Temporarily House Ukrainian Families

SURREY: Matt Ilich and his business partner Sasha Faris at First Track Investment are calling on fellow real estate developers to join a new program on housing.

The program is arranging short-term housing for Ukrainian families arriving in the Lower Mainland under the Canadian-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) program by utilizing unoccupied houses sitting on properties awaiting redevelopment. The program gives them somewhere to live until they can find their feet.

"Operation Welcome Home" - with the emphasis on "home" - began late last year in Vancouver and has expanded to Richmond, and now Surrey.

The program matches arriving families from Ukraine with local, vacated homes that developers have bought for eventual tear down. Thousands of homes are purchased and demolished annually for new development in the Lower Mainland. They often sit empty for months but remain in liveable condition until replacement developments are ready to start. Opening the doors short-term and letting these displaced families live in those homes temporarily is most often preferable to living in a hotel room for weeks on end after arriving.

To date, 13 families have been accommodated. The developers do not charge anything to provide the homes. "We're looking forward to expanding



this to Surrey and make use of some of the homes slated for removal," Ilich said. "Some of them aren't even that old, they're just waiting to be demolished in several months or a year to make way for new developments as Surrey grows. A lot of developers are in the same situation as us, with an inventory of homes just sitting empty that could help these people."

"Operation Welcome Home" is operated with placement assistance and wraparound services from the social services agency S.U.C.C.E.S.S. (the United Chinese Community Enrichment Services Society) and Rennie Foundation, and Maple Hope Foundation, which helps families seeking refuge here from the conflict in Ukraine.

"We're excited to be among the first to provide families with a temporary home in Surrey. Having a proper 'landing pad' with a solid local address puts them in a better position to find work and get their new lives in order," says Nathan Hildebrand,

vice president of Qualico which is planning to offer some vacant properties in south Surrey for "Operation Welcome Home". "With the stress of escaping the war and moving to a strange new land, a home environment helps them cope better than being in a hotel. We're able to provide a perfectly liveable place for a few weeks or months, until they ultimately decide to stay in the Lower Mainland or move elsewhere in Canada."

"With leadership from S.U.C.C.E.S.S. we are now able to provide housing as part of a continuum of services that ensure those arriving are given what they need to establish themselves here," said Queenie Choo, CEO of S.U.C.C.E.S.S. and S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation.

"This may include finding employment, integrating children into schools and the community and eventually helping to secure more permanent housing."

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KPU Receives Funding To Support Internationally-Educated Nurses

SURREY: A Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) course that assists internationally-educated nurses to access health care jobs in Canada is receiving new support from the B.C. government.

The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills is providing \$183,911 to KPU, allowing the university to offer three sections of the course Introduction to Professional Communication for Internationally Educated Nurses (IPCIN).

IPCIN is designed to assist internationally-educated nurses improve communication for entry into professional practice, expand health and idiomatic vocabulary, and increase understanding of culturally expected behaviours of the Canadian health care system.

Aimee Begalka, dean of KPU's Faculty of Academic and Career Preparation, says the tuition-free course is a great option for students new to the country who are ready to grow their careers to support their families and contribute to their communities.

"There is a real demand

for nurses in B.C. We have many trained professionals coming from other countries who have skills and knowledge, but face challenges joining the workforce. This is a course that meets their needs by providing language training and hands-on experience, while educating students about the expectations of the workplace in Canada." The IPCIN course is funded by the B.C. government's Adult Basic Education and English Language Learning Pathways program, which is providing \$3.8 million to public post-secondary institutions for programs allowing students to acquire new or upgraded skills or knowledge in English, math, and science.

KPU's first IPCIN course of 2023 runs Sept. 26 to Dec. 7 at KPU Surrey. Students must be permanent residents (five years or less), living in B.C., and have an occupational certification as a registered nurse (RN), Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), or Registered Psychiatric Nurse (RPN) from their source country.

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Surrey Canada Day 2023 Draws Over 70,000 Attendees at Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre

SURREY: Surrey Canada Day, presented by Prospera Credit Union, hosted over 70,000 attendees throughout the day at Bill Reid Millennium Amphitheatre in Cloverdale this past Saturday. Attendees enjoyed a day of free live performances by headliners Broken Social Scene, Crown Lands and Neon Dreams, followed by a fireworks finale sponsored by Guildford Town Centre. The event also featured cultural sharing from Kwantlen and Semiahmoo First Nations.

“With attendance of over 70,000, Surrey Canada Day showcased the vibrancy of our diverse community,” said Mayor Brenda Locke. “Through captivating performances by Broken Social Scene, Crown Lands, Neon Dreams and cultural

sharing from Kwantlen and Semiahmoo First Nations, we came together to reflect, connect and honour the land we live on. Surrey is a City that celebrates our rich diversity and inclusivity, and we are made all the stronger for it.”

The Indigenous Village provided attendees with an opportunity to connect, reflect and learn about the rich heritage and traditions of Indigenous Peoples. Through cultural sharing, education, contemporary performances, a Bannock vendor, and an Indigenous market, participants gained a deeper understanding of the true history of Canada.

“It was so wonderful to celebrate Canada Day with the City of Surrey,” said TJ Schmaltz, Chief People and Legal Officer

at Prospera Credit Union, “Our volunteers had a great day chatting with attendees, handing out cool treats and enjoying the diverse entertainment. It was truly a wonderful event.”

The annual event featured live performances on four stages, amusement rides, dance battles, an Indigenous Village, community booths, a sensory friendly space, and food trucks. Additional activities included dance battles and performances by local DJs in the Community Hub presented by Chalo! Fresh Co.

Event attendees are invited to provide their feedback on the event by taking an online survey for a chance to win a \$250 gift card to Guildford Town Cen-



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Surrey's Local...

“It’s a great idea which has been welcomed by the City of Surrey,” said Surrey city councillor Linda Annis. “The city has approved the use of these residentially zoned homes for temporary occupation as city-designated ‘care facilities’ capable of housing up to 10 people. Surrey is one of the region’s most culturally diverse cities, and we welcome these families from Ukraine. We hope they might eventually decide to find a new, permanent home here once they get settled.”

“We want to emphasize the empty homes being used by ‘Operation Welcome Home’ are not derelict or run down,” Ilich added. “The developers organize whatever minor repairs or new appliances might be needed to make them liveable for a while longer. If a family stays a month or two, and then successfully moves on to start a new life in Canada, we know we’ve done our part in helping them. The opportunity to help is right in front of us – we just connect the dots to make it happen.”

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Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society Campaign Succeeds In Attracting “100 New Drivers Region-Wide In 100 Days”

SURREY: After announcing its “100 drivers in 100 days” recruitment campaign in late March, the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society is pleased to announce it has attracted enough new driver candidates to push them over the goal line.

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says Bob Smith, president of VCDS. “That’s potentially 109 new drivers, but we’re not stopping there. Finding new drivers has been an ongoing undertaking since the day we started. We’re constantly looking for more drivers, especially in the City of Vancouver, to meet the growing need for patient rides.”

VCDS forecasts it will receive over 29,000 ride requests this year. Having enough drivers to meet that number prompted the society to set the lofty goal this spring of attracting 100 new

drivers in just a matter of weeks.

At the start of the campaign, VCDS had about 370 member drivers who use their own vehicles and volunteer whatever time they can spare. Many cancer patients can’t get to their appointments on their own due to any number of factors including age, medical condition, having no family members nearby or an inability to drive themselves.

“We continue to welcome all drivers interested, but we especially need drivers in the City of Vancouver,” Smith

adds. “Only a fifth of our drivers live there, but the larger clinics in Vancouver like the Vancouver Cancer outpatient centre and nearby VGH Blackmore Pavilion account for almost half the rides VCDS provides. All the patients we serve appreciate the personal attention they get, and most of our drivers will tell you they get as much out of the experience as the people they’re driving. It’s truly rewarding.”

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Sonam Kapoor

will be the only Indian celebrity to attend Wimbledon 2023 finals in London

Sonam Kapoor will soon become the only Indian celebrity to attend the Wimbledon finals this year at the historic All England Club in London. The actor is known for her sartorial choices and it remains to be seen what she will wear for her Wimbledon 2023 outing.

The championships, commonly known as the Wimbledon, is the oldest tennis tournament in the world and is widely regarded as the most prestigious. It has been taking place since 1877. It is not clear if Sonam will attend the men's singles final or women's singles final, which is scheduled to take place next weekend.

Sonam Kapoor's other high-profile events this year

Sonam recently attended Dior's Autumn-Winter show at the Paris Fashion Week. She was seen in a beige Dior trench coat with a beige A-line dress, black brogue shoes and a black page boy hat.

Before that, Sonam had graced British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's bash celebrating UK-India relationship at 10 Downing Street, where she made a fashion statement in a beautiful pastel green saree with a white over coat.

Sonam was also the first Indian actor to be seen at the coronation concert of King Charles III in England. She was in an off-shoulder printed white dress and delivered her spoken word performance on stage. Sonam Kapoor makes film comeback

On Friday, Sonam made her film comeback with the release of her film, *Blind*. She plays a visually challenged woman investigating a murder mystery in the film. Directed by Shome Makhija, it was released on JioCinema on July 7.

She was last seen in *The Zoya Factor* in 2019, before the Covid-19 pandemic and the birth of her and businessman-husband Anand Ahuja's son Vayu Kapoor Ahuja last year.

Talking about her comeback, Sonam told ANI, "I took two years off as I was pregnant and then wanted to take some time off with my son. Two years are not done yet and I have signed onto two projects - one show and one film that I will start working on. It will release in another year, because that is how films work. Then my idea is to do two pieces of content every year, that's it, not more because I want to spend time with my family as well."



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Saira Banu Makes Instagram Debut On Dilip Kumar's 2Nd Death Anniversary, Pens Touching Note: 'I Plan To Visit His Grave'

Friday marks Dilip Kumar's second death anniversary. The legendary actor died in 2021 after a prolonged illness. Dilip's wife Saira Banu wrote a long note for Dilip Kumar as she made her Instagram debut on his death anniversary. The veteran actor also penned a heartfelt note for a news portal, where she spoke about her plans for Dilip Kumar's second death anniversary.

Saira Banu's Instagram debut Saira Banu and Dilip Kumar were married for 55 years. Dilip Kumar was 98 when he died. Saira made her Instagram debut on Friday on his death anniversary.

Along with a black-and-white picture of herself and Dilip, as well as a more recent throwback of the couple, she wrote, "I am writing this note on the 7th of July to especially express my gratitude to the



overwhelming multitude of caring well-wishers and dearest friends from the world over who have so tremendously swept me off my feet till today with their everlast-

ing remembrance, love and respect for my Kohinoor, Dilip Kumar Sahib. This is the day, 7th of July at 7am when time stood still and my loved one slid into a deep slum-

ber..."

Saira says Dilip Kumar is with her always

She further added in her Instagram caption, "Till this day, I feel he is with me and no matter what, we will still walk the path of life together, hand in hand, one in our thoughts and being until the end of time."

Saira also shared how she plans to use her new Instagram account. She concluded, "On Instagram, I would like to share his life, his thoughts and vision, as also his dedication and commitments not only to the Film Industry of which he has been the Ultimate Actor, but various other activities towards society and well-being of the world at large."

Saira Banu on two years of Dilip Kumar's death

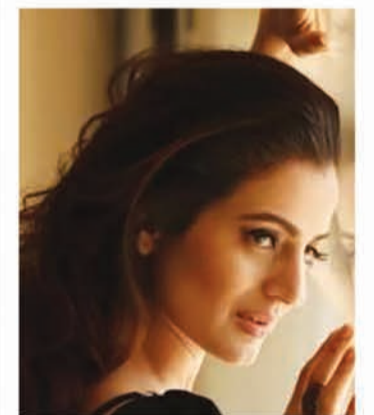
An excerpt from the note that Saira

wrote for News18, read, "I can't fathom the fact that two years have gone by without Dilip saab, not around me. It just feels like yesterday when I was caressing his head or feeding him his favourite dishes and even listening to some of the finest melodies along with him. I remember him every second of my life. This day comes as a thunderstorm in my life. Since Dilip Saab's passing away, life has been really difficult for me because we spent around 56 years together and grew up together as husband and wife."

Saira plans to visit Dilip Kumar's grave

She further wrote, "Every day we hold prayers for him, but today in particular we will have prayers and Quran Khani (special prayers in Urdu to pray for the peace of the people who have passed away) throughout the day with relatives and friends pouring in and giving me support through this period of grief."

Ameesha Patel says contemporaries couldn't handle her success



Actor Ameesha Patel recently talked about having a successful career in Bollywood without any 'godfather', while her contemporaries belonged to filmy families. Ameesha made her debut with Hrithik Roshan in Kaho Naa... Pyaar Hai (2000), which was a huge box office hit. Talking about her success, Ameesha said her contemporaries couldn't handle it and it led to a lot of jealousy.

Ameesha Patel's return to films Ameesha is all set to mark her comeback in films with Anil Sharma's Gadar 2. The film reunites her with Sunny Deol. Gadar 2 will see a theatrical release on August 11.

Ameesha on being an 'outsider' Ahead of the film's release, Ameesha told Bollywood Hungama, "When I entered the film industry, I only had film actors' kids or producers' kids enter with me, it was Kareena Kapoor, Abhishek Bachchan, Hrithik Roshan, Tushar Kapoor, Esha Deol, Fardeen Khan, you name it, you turn your head and it was a film family third generation person coming in."

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Bhumi Pednekar was once again spotted with rumoured boyfriend Yash Kataria in Mumbai on Thursday. They stepped out with Bhumi's sister Samiksha Pednekar and their other friends for a dinner outing. While Bhumi and Samiksha posed for the paparazzi, Yash tried to keep away from the cameras.

All of them were dressed in black for the dinner outing. Bhumi was in a mid-length dress with a thigh-high slit. She also carried a jacket. Samiksha was in a latex shirt and matching pants. Yash too was in a black T-shirt and blue denims. He also wore sunglasses.

Few days back, Bhumi and Yash were spotted at the Mumbai airport. Both of them tried to keep a low profile and walked separately to the parking area. None of them has confirmed their linkup rumors.

Who is Yash Kataria

Yash is a builder and has friends in the industry like Rakul Preet Singh, Jacky Bhagnani and others. Bhumi, Arjun Kapoor, Aryan Khan follow Yash on Instagram but his profile is private. Yash is also among Bhumi's followers on her Instagram. He was also spotted seeing off Bhumi at Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani's reception in February.

Bhumi Pednekar on relationships, marriage

In a 2017 interview with Hindustan Times, Bhumi had said she has

dated many boys earlier but she was naïve and immature then. "I am a modern day girl and of course I have dated many guys. But in all honesty, I was a child, so immature and naive. Everything was so frivolous and I'm not a bitter person. I'm friends with all my exes, as they were all friends. I feel these are the experiences that turn into the person you are."

On the question of marriage, she had said, "Fortunately, I come from a family where we were told 'you are not getting married till you are successful.' So, I have no family pressure and everyone is very chilled out and would never put me in a situation where I'd be asked to be with somebody or get married."

Bhumi was recently seen in Sudhir Mishra's film Afwaah, which also starred Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Sharib Hashmi and Sumeet Vyas. She will now be seen in The Lady Killer, Meri Patni Ka Remake and Bhakshak.

Huma Qureshi says being a Muslim, she never felt 'different' in India: 'Questions should be asked'

Huma Qureshi recently opened up about polarisation in the film industry on the basis of religion and said she doesn't understand it. Huma said she never felt she is a Muslim or anyone 'different' from others. She also slightly touched upon the incident in the US where the media questioned PM Narendra Modi about the rights of Muslims and other minorities.

Huma Qureshi on polarisation in Bollywood

Huma rose to fame with Anurag Kashyap's Gangs of Wasseypur. She is known for her bold statements. During a recent interaction on a news channel, the actor was asked if polarisations in films exist.

In response, Huma told Aaj Tak, "Aaj kal jab mai ye baatein sunti hu toh lagta hai ki ye baatein ho kiu rahi hai? (I don't understand where these things are coming

from)." Replying to her, the anchor explained, "Yeh baatein isliye ho rahi hai kiuki jab PM Narendra Modi halhi mein America gaye they, media k taraf se ek hi sawal pucha gaya aur woh ye sawal tha bharat me jo musalman hai unke hit and adhikar surakshit nahi hai. Kya aapko lagta hai ye sawal sahi tha? (This has surfaced from PM Modi's recent visit to the US where US media questioned him about the protection of Muslim rights. Do you think this was the right question)"

Huma Qureshi on being a Muslim in India

Huma replied in Hindi, "I never realised that I am Muslim and I am different. My father is running a restaurant, Saleem's in Kailash Colony (of Delhi). In my personal experience, I have never felt it. People might have felt it. Having said that I feel, questions should be asked and every government should answer."

Internet reacts to Huma's answer A video clip from the interview has surfaced online. Reacting to her reply, an Instagram user wrote in the comments, "End me khel gayi Qureshi (In the end she said it)." "India is the safest for any human alive on this earth. Period," commented another one. Someone said, "Well said." Yet another added, "Huma Ji ne sahi jawab diya (Huma has answered it correctly)."

Huma Qureshi is only a day away from the release of her upcoming film Tarla. It is a biopic on Indian chef and cookbook author Tarla Dalal, which will stream on ZEE5.

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Opo Squash (Long)
ਓਪੋ ਕੱਦੂ



88¢
lb

Daikon (Moli)
ਮੂਲੀ



98¢
lb

Plain Gur 2 lbs Shell
ਸਾਦਾ ਗੁੜ



\$2.99
pkg.

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