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**Nations battle for cup**  
England, France and Portugal  
at the Nations Cup soccer  
tournament held at High  
Road Park on the weekend.  
By Jonathan Cole  
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**Another grain in the wall**  
Professional sand sculptors  
build a replica of the Great  
Wall of China as part of the  
Return of the First Emperor  
show at Aberdeen  
Centre.  
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**COURT**  
**Mountie faces hearing**

**Senior officers to probe allegations of theft**  
By Nelson Bennett  
A Richmond Mountie charged on two occasions with theft will face a court hearing in October.  
Const. Khushf Khan, 34, was charged with theft of a bicycle in 2007 and a car in 2008. He was also charged with using force to remove an armoured car from a street in 2008.  
Judge Peter Griffin said there were possible explanations for the three offences, including that Khan was a victim of a scam or that he was a victim of a scam. Khan was charged in May 2008 by Vancouver police for stealing.  
In May of this year, he pleaded guilty to charges of theft under B.C. law in court in Vancouver. Khan, 34, is a permanent resident but has been working as a security guard. He is currently on a probation order for 18 months. He is also charged with using force to remove an armoured car from a street in 2008.  
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**CITY**  
**\$465,000 spent on oval travel**

By A. J. C. Coates  
The City of Richmond spent \$465,000 on travel for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games, according to a report released by the city's auditor general.  
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**Hoops coach coaching** Kevin (The Flying) King won the class championship at the "Hoops" basketball tournament with his students, a record. King is now the coach of the team. The team won the championship. See article p. 17.

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

**First Emperor arrives at Aberdeen Centre**

By Tracy Sherlock  
Special to the News

Show includes life-size replicas of terracotta warriors and Great Wall sand sculpture

According to legend, China's first Emperor, Qin Shihuang, was a tyrannical ruler who wanted to live forever. To further his quest, he had a life-size army built, and initiated the building of the Great Wall of China.

Aberdeen Centre is commemorating his life with its new display: Return of the First Emperor, One man, two wonders of the world, which opens July 24 and runs until August 30.

The show will include a sand sculpture of the Great Wall of China as well as life-size replicas of Qin Shihuang's terracotta warriors and horses.

"We wanted to plan something for the kids that is interesting, but also educational," said Joey Kwan, promotion and public relations manager at Aberdeen Centre.

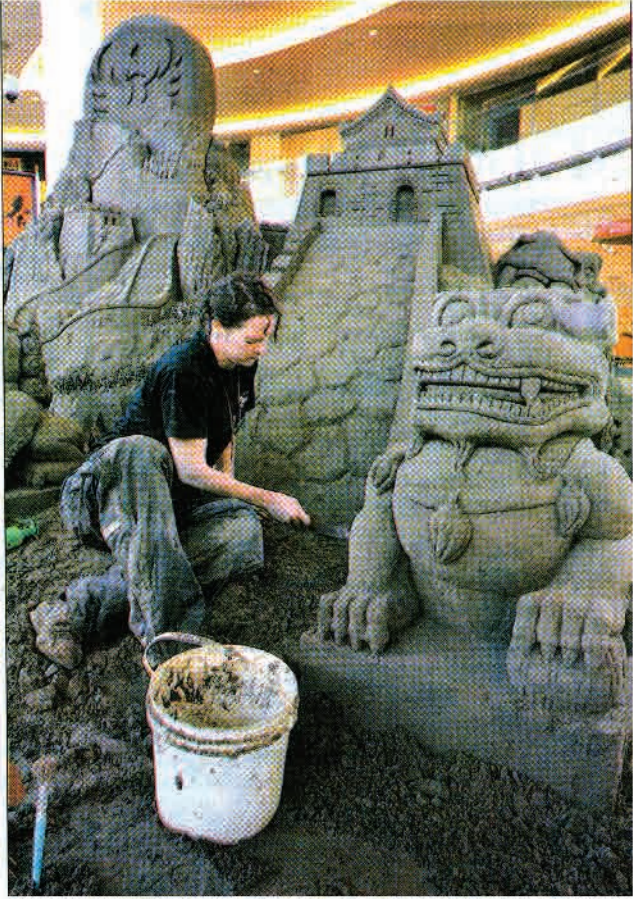
Qin Shihuang strove to complete the Great Wall during his reign between approximately 250-210 BC. Initially, wall sections had been built to protect individual states, but Qin Shihuang unified China into one state and he wanted to safeguard the entire country with a unified "great" wall.

Today, more than 2000 years later, the wall is reported to be the only man-made structure visible from outer space.

One hundred metric tons of sand will be trucked into the central atrium at Aberdeen Centre to create a 33-foot by 16-foot version of the monument.

The show also includes replicas of Qin Shihuang's Terracotta Warriors, which were built to help the Emperor rule from the afterlife, Kwan said.

Emperor Qin Shihuang is reported to have had an immense fear of death, which prompted



**Sandemons** Fredd Dobbs (above) and Charlotte Kolff (right) put the finishing touches on a sand Great Wall of China at Aberdeen Centre.

him to build a life-size terracotta army, complete with six-foot-tall warriors, horses and chariots. The army was buried with him.

The terracotta sculptures were discovered in 1974 by accident, and current estimates are that there are more than 7,000 figures in the site, which is still

with their horses, chariots and weapons, they are masterpieces of realism and also of great historical interest."

For the show at Aberdeen, there will be 10 soldiers and two horses, all of which are replicas of the originals borrowed from Ontario's Royal Exhibitions. The replicas have distinctive facial features, hairstyles and armour that identifies their ranks in the military formation.

There will also be a surprise on Saturdays and Sundays: one terracotta warrior is a living warrior, who will come alive and show off his battling skills for the crowd, Kwan said.

A summer show is becoming a tradition at the mall: two years ago they hosted Jurassic Alive, a show of animatronic dinosaurs, and last year they had a display about organic farms.

There will be a free excavation

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being excavated today.  
"Qin ... is buried, surrounded by the famous terracotta warriors, at the centre of a complex designed to mirror the urban plan of the capital, Xianyan," according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. "The small figures are all different;

tion pass scavenger hunt during the show, Kwan said. Customers who correctly answer the trivia questions, by exploring the exhibits, will be entered into a draw each week to win a chess set made with terracotta warriors.

When customers spend \$20 or more at any Aberdeen Centre merchant or restaurant, they will receive one complimentary miniature terracotta warrior, while quantities last. There will be five

collectibles in all, with one alternating style available each week.

Return of the First Emperor, One man, two wonders of the world, runs July 24 to August 30. The show is open the same hours as the mall: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday to Wednesday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday.

The mall is located at 4151 Hazelbridge Way. For more information visit [www.aberdeen-centre.com](http://www.aberdeen-centre.com).