



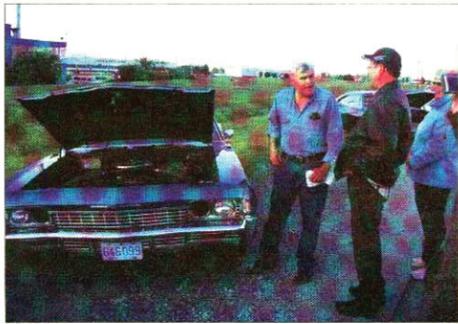
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HST isn't fair, Vander Zalm tells Richmond crowd

Fight HST petitioners have collected nearly half the signatures needed in local ridings

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Staff Reporter
Students, seniors, working families and the poor will be hit hardest by an unfair tax to save electorally-chosen politicians from the fight HST campaign Wednesday.
"It's neither fair equal or as equal as has been suggested," said the Vander Zalm in an election-day speech at Rowanville Polytechnic University. "We have a government that is in the pocket of big corporations."
Vander Zalm said the citizen's initiative to collect signatures from 10 per cent of registered voters in all B.C. ridings is easy government: the people's dissatisfaction of implementing the harmonized sales tax—a 13 per cent tax change on almost all goods and services.
"This (should be) about people—not about big corporations. It doesn't matter your political philosophy, you're going to be affected, and you have a right and should participate in the process."
He suggested opposition to the HST run as high as 90 per cent. Vander Zalm told the afternoon crowd of over 50. The former premier was at Richmond High Sunday delivering a similar message.



Jay Leno spent some extra time on Sea Island on Saturday talking with local car collectors.

Jay Leno surprises local car nuts

On his way to VIP gala, late-night comedian spends time with locals

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Jay Leno proved he's not a head-in-the-clouds celebrity to a group of local car collectors.

of the Richmond Street Rodders. The club got word of Leno's arrival and decided to give him a welcome any gear-head would appreciate.
But instead of a passing wave some were expecting, Leno had his driver pull over, and emerged from the car wearing jeans and a blue shirt.
"They know he's going," said Leno, walking up to club founder Doug Fisher and offering a handshake.
the born-and-raised Richmonder has had since he was 15.
Leno boasts one of the world's greatest car collections. He's said to own upwards of 200 vehicles, about half are cars.
Leno recently told the New York Times he started collecting classic cars when he discovered he couldn't bring himself to sell any of his rides.
"Now I'm a collector," he said. "It wasn't intentional. In fact, I didn't really go looking



Bill Vander Zalm challenged HST supporters and his opponent High Allyn at Rowanville Polytechnic University Wednesday.



Lamborghini opens Richmond boutique

Italian automaker targets new customers on Lulu Island

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A luxury automaker sees Richmond as a growing market for its high-end products, the CEO of Lamborghini said this week.

On Saturday, the Italian brand opened a high-end clothing boutique at Aberdeen Centre, across the river from its seven-year-old Vancouver dealership.

"As Aberdeen Centre is in a different part of town than the vehicle dealership, it will help reach customers who are interested in Lamborghini but might not want to spend the time or effort to go downtown," Stephan Winkelmann told The Richmond Review.

"The dealership and boutique locations are mutu-



Lamborghini chief executive officer Stephan Winkelmann at the Italian automaker's new clothing boutique in Aberdeen Centre.

ally beneficial, and an opportunity to show the wide range of vehicles and merchandise available to enthusiasts."