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ME & MY SUMMER

From visiting with Jurassic in Richmond to making homemade ice cream to touring Italy, our readers share their summer adventures. Story B3



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Trash rage? Not in our fair city, despite the ongoing civic strike. Story B5

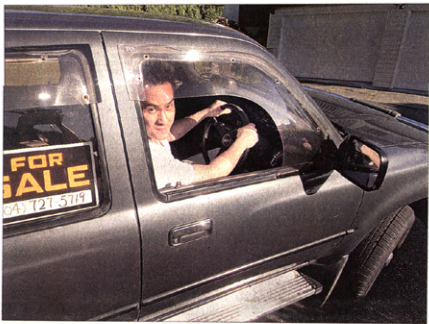


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Buyers told to beware after ICBC reviews crash data



Used-car importer Kai Hui drives as well as deals in right-hand-drive vehicles and says the sales from Japan sell readily.

Right-hand-drive cars on ICBC radar

BY MICHAEL KANE
VANCOUVER

ICBC, driving a used right-hand-drive imported from Japan, in B.C. could be the wrong way to go.

A study released Tuesday shows right-hand-drive vehicles driven in the province are more than 40 per cent more likely to get into a crash than similar left-hand-drive vehicles.

The doesn't face themself used car importer Kai Hui, who uses a Japanese right-hand-drive to get to his day job as a marketing manager in Port Kells.

"The way I see it, it's like the theory with guns and people," said Hui.

"It's always in the hands

of the people and I haven't had any issues with it because it's a very common driver" in Japan, Hui said. "There is a 200 right-hand-drive vehicle and imported into British Columbia every month, mostly from Japan."

Can that be 15 years or older or do not need to meet Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, although they must meet provincial standards and pass an inspection before being allowed on the road.

"For the most part, they are very good condition," said Paul Tait, parts and service manager at the Skyline Shop in Abbotsford, which has imported hundreds of used Nissan Skylines over the past three years.

"Automobiles are usually quite a bit lower on cars from Japan because they don't drive the distances that we do here."

They also have to put their cars through an inspection every two years, so they keep them well-maintained.

ICBC claims data indicate right-hand-drive vehicles are more than 40 per cent more likely to get into a crash than left-hand-drive vehicles.

Researchers also found that the average time for a crash to occur after an owner first purchased a right-hand-drive vehicle is 223 days, 48 per cent longer than the 265 days for a left-hand-drive vehicle.

However, there was no evi-

Man hit two officers before he was shot

VANCOUVER | 39-year-old 'bolted up' and struck police officer's head with chain

BY CHRIS SKEETON
VANCOUVER

A 39-year-old man shot dead by Vancouver police Monday night hit two officers with a metal chain and was approaching three more when he was shot, the city's new police chief said Tuesday.

At a news conference on his first day as head of the force, Chief Ian Chu said the incident began around 7:30 p.m. Monday night when police received a 911 call that two people were having a fight between 10th Avenue and Granville Street. When police arrived, only one person was still at the scene: a large man sitting on a bus-stop bench.

"This man turned away from one officer and they could see something shiny in his hand," said Chu.

Police shot the man to drop the item, which turned out to be a clear hammer, and to lie on the ground.

The man dropped the item and began to lie down — but not completely.

"One of the officers at the scene approached the man and attempted to hook his belt," said Chu. "This man bolted up and swung a chain, striking our officer in the head. This officer dropped quickly to the ground and was unresponsive."

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Halt to watershed logging challenged

Lumber firm takes vulnerable position on Sunshine Coast to B.C. Supreme Court

BY JONATHAN WOODWARD
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The Sunshine Coast Regional District overrode its ban on logging in a watershed because it was deemed to be in the public interest, the B.C. Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

The regional district claimed to have the authority to restrict logging on steep slopes and near creeks to protect drinking water supplies.

The district worried that sil-

Vacation schedule leaves Sunshine Coast ER without a doctor

As with other rural regions, there's a shortage of on-call practitioners

BY LINDA NGUYEN
VANCOUVER

tor and local family practitioners on call to see patients, were unavailable because many doctors are on vacation this month.

"Hospitals have responsibility to the community at large and it must be assured to the public that emergency rooms are staffed," Dr. Jane Bishop, a hospital physician and Wednesday.

"We're not able with our

LUXURY ABOVE AND BEYOND

Adjacent to Pacific Spirit Regional Park, The Westbrook is the first luxury high-rise at UBC within a new, sustainable community of upscale residences, shopping and services.

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Every Wednesday this summer, we are checking in with Lower Mainlanders to see what fun activities they are discovering. Get some tips on planning your own family time by reading what is most appealing this season to different age groups

WEEK 7

This Saturday is opening day of the 2007 Fair at the PNE. Entry is free between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and there is musical entertainment in the evening. For more information, phone 604-253-2311 or visit www.pne.ca.

Rather sit back and relax? Then try **Movies Under the Stars** at Gateway Amphitheatre, 13401 108 St., Surrey, on Saturday. You can watch *Shrek the Third* for free and sample food from various ethnic restaurants in the community. For more information, phone 604-580-2321.

☹ = Not so sure ☺☺ = Mostly good ☺☺☺ = Don't miss it 🆓 = Free \$ = \$5 or less per person \$\$ = \$20 or less \$\$\$ = \$20 plus



Having fun yet?

Tell us what you've been getting up to. Just e-mail a high-res image or two of your summer activity and details of your outing with "me and my summer" as the subject line.

E-mail us at readerresponse@png.canwest.com. Or mail them to: Katya Holloway, The Vancouver Sun, Suite 1, 200 Granville St., Vancouver, V6C 3N3 (include your contact details).

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You can also tag along on the adventures of Melanie and Stephanie (of the Me & My Euro Summer column) as they travel around Europe this summer.



CHLOE
Age 8
ACTIVITY: JURASSIC ALIVE EXHIBITION IN RICHMOND'S ABERDEEN CENTRE
Went with: My mom and dad.
Highlight: My favourite dinosaurs are all in the Jurassic Alive Exhibition and they are Yangchuanosaurus, T-Rex and the Protoceratops.
Rating: ☺☺☺ Cost: \$\$
Review: My mom bought some things at Aberdeen Centre and brought the receipt to the lady so I could ride on the Yangchuanosaurs. (The exhibition is totally free but you need to spend \$10 at the mall (in any store) to go on the ride.)
It's so much fun. It can move, roar and this dinosaur looks so real! For the T-Rex, I like his roar because it sounds exactly like a dinosaurs and I'm not scared of it. The Protoceratops was so cute — she was laying eggs.
Next Up: I'm planning to go camping.