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Stressed workers sought
Psychologists at the University of British Columbia are seeking female volunteers to participate in a research study on stress in the workplace.
The aim of the project is to understand how female workers respond to work-related stress from day to day over the course of three months.
The information from the questionnaire will be kept confidential and anonymous. A summary of the study results will be provided at the completion of the study.
If you would be willing to participate in this study, or if you have any questions, please call Kenneth Sifhu or Marlene Baker at 622-9199 (at the stress lab).

BRIEF
There's a new business in town, and it's the first of its kind. Four Shop Hand Car Wash & Detailing has announced the sale of its first franchise. The shop, which will create 25 jobs in Richmond, is located at 1460 No. 3 Road. Don Stop offers franchisee drive-through service.
Over \$1.000 was raised through the 1997 Mid-Autumn Lantern Festival at the Lower Mainland by the Lower Mainland United Way. The event, which was held at the Richmond Convention Centre, was a success. The event was held on Saturday, December 14, and raised over \$1.000 for the United Way. The event was held at the Richmond Convention Centre, which is a major tourist attraction. The event was held on Saturday, December 14, and raised over \$1.000 for the United Way. The event was held at the Richmond Convention Centre, which is a major tourist attraction.

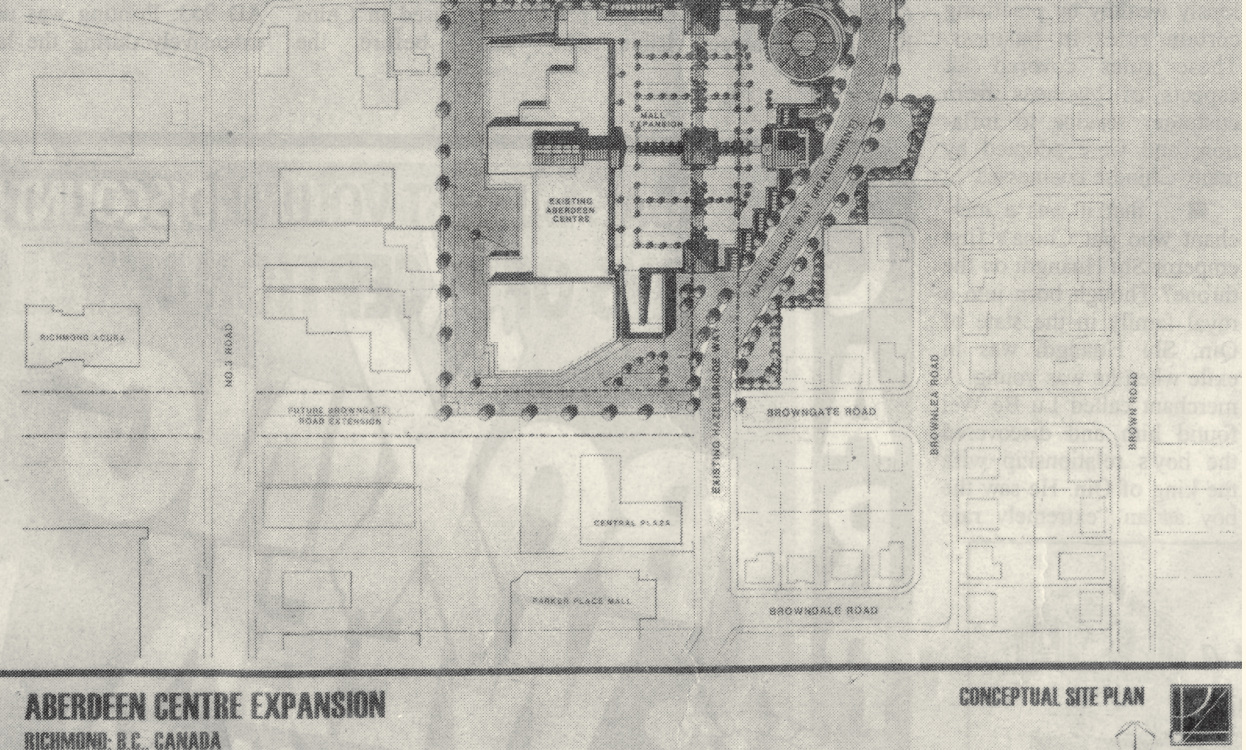
Learn about the risks
Garth and Dorothy Turner learned about taking four years when they married, which they were 25 and made their first investment.
"I started a weekly newspaper and had raised just enough money to last for eight weeks," said Dorothy, now 47. "It really gave me a sense of risk-taking, especially when we sold all of our first investments."
The Turners built their business with a class of 200 pages, which they eventually sold for around half a million dollars. But their risk-taking didn't stop there.
"The paper paid us the first investment, all of which went to pay the income tax on the capital gain we'd made," Garth said. "That's the best ever bankruptcy and there was nothing left of the business."
Garth became minister of national revenue in 1993. He was in charge of the tax department for three years. He is now a consultant. He has also been a member of the board of directors of the Vancouver Convention Centre. He has also been a member of the board of directors of the Vancouver Convention Centre. He has also been a member of the board of directors of the Vancouver Convention Centre.

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Aberdeen eyes expansion
The centrepiece of Richmond's Asia West shopping corridor is hoping to double in size before 1999.
Aberdeen Centre's parent company, Fairchild Developments, announced last Friday plans to expand the thriving mall. Pending city council's approval, the \$60-million project will begin construction by the end of 1997 and open by early 1999.
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Aberdeen Centre always wanted to be an international shopping centre with a touch of Asian flavor. The mall, which opened in 1990, has 60 retail shops and parking stalls for 400 vehicles. The expansion project will increase the amount of shops to 400 and parking spots to 1,000.
Fairchild plans to achieve this through a number of potentially controversial methods. The whole project goes under the public microscope sometime in the new year when Fairchild's development proposal goes before city council.
The construction will take place in Aberdeen's parking lot and part of Hazelbridge Way. Fairchild is hoping city council will approve its proposal to re-route and curve Hazelbridge with Northgate. The new parcel of land would house two levels of parking, one underground and one rooftop. The other side of Hazelbridge Way on the other side of Cambie Road. Architect Paul Leong said it will be the solution to the chronic traffic congestion in the area.
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By Bob Mackin
News Reporter

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it was necessary to align Hazelbridge with Northgate Way to the north," said Leong, who designed Aberdeen Centre and its neighbor, Parker Place. "That's one of the key issues for the success of this plan."

Brownbridge Road, to the south of the Aberdeen property, may eventually be expanded for traffic between No. 3 Road and Hazelbridge.

The new parcel of land would house two levels of parking, (one underground, the other rooftop) and two levels of retail space in between. The underground parking garage would be achieved by raising the first retail level by more than two feet off the ground. The

parking wouldn't be fully underground, however. Leong said it will be 80 per cent submerged.

"Going underground in Richmond is comparable to loading a boat, so to speak," he said. "One of the issues that we need is sufficient weight to load it down. It is an additional cost, but it's also going to be a key element for the overall success of the project."

The project will involve landscaping around the perimeter of the property.

Leong said the mall's design, both inside and out, will be a reaction to the big box mentality overtaking retail property throughout the Lower Mainland. In his presentation, he used phrases like "user friendly" and "pedestrian oriented."

"It'll be less sterile, (with) more identity, more personality. The direction of the mall will stay the same. It will be a retail mall, but we're looking at this as a place for everybody."

The site will include a civic plaza that Leong said could be used for public ceremonies and celebrations.

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