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ez declined to give many details doctor she said is prepared to

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nd that's all I can tell you," she

said. "Whatever I asked for, he would help. That's fairly new information, so obviously I have a lot of mixed emotions today. But I think by the end of the day I will be comforted knowing this."

Retired physician Dr. Scott Wallace, who had earlier indicated he would consider helping Rodriguez end her life, said the doctor in question is not him. But he said he sympathized with the doctor, whom he said is risking his career and possible criminal prosecution.

Considine said he hoped the Supreme Court of Canada would act quickly to hear the appeal, given his client's rapidly-deteriorating physical condition.

Her doctors estimate Rodriguez has between 10 weeks and 14 months to live.

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RICHMOND

Building boom follows successful mall for Asians

Today, The Vancouver Sun introduces Pacific Rim Report with a look at the \$140-million mall building boom that Richmond expects will position the city as the Asian centre of the Lower Mainland. And in Pacific Rim Report's debut on D1, it examines the origins of this phenomenon.

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Two-year-old Christopher Lee and his brother Kelvin, 8, smiled and laughed as they bounced along in the kid-sized Renault.

It seemed to ease Dad's humor as well. Joseph Lee had been driving around the Aberdeen Centre parking lot searching for a spot along with some of the nearly 5,000 people who shop at the Richmond mall every day.

The Lees were visiting Aberdeen Centre for the first time. But Joseph Lee says it's too successful for his

"It's just like Hong Kong," said the 38-year-old insurance underwriter. I'll probably go to another mall because this is too busy.'

The success of Aberdeen Centre, which opened in 1990, has led to a \$140-million building boom of malls geared almost exclusively to Asian immigrants.

By the end of the year there will be four malls in a four-block radius near No. 3 Road and Cambie, with nearly 70,000 square metres of stores, restaurants, medical services, a hotel and even a Buddhist tem-

It will give Richmond the largest indoor Asian shopping district in Canada. And city officials think they can attract tourists by billing Richmond as the "little Asia" of the Lower Mainland.

The word Richmond sounds like rich-man, which some Chinese believe makes it a lucky place. And feng shui experts — who practise the art of determining whether a location will bring luck or at least no ill fortune - say Richmond's location is lucky because on a map it appears to be placed at the mouth of a dragon's

As Joseph Lee's boys jiggled in their coin-operated jalopy, the herbalist at Tung Fong Hung Medicine Co. Ltd. was listening raptly to a woman explain her ailments, while his assistants measured out different kinds of ginseng and other medicines for customers.

The tofu shop was also doing a roaring business with its soy products, while the bowling alley was jampacked with a provincial tournament.

But all was quiet in Line Saint Denis, an upscale women's fashion store.

"Business is so-so," said Pierre Henri Wong. But he's optimistic things will turn around when the other malls open, making Richmond more of a draw for Asian immigrants as well as other Canadians.

Down the street at Parker Place, the Tchao family was also out exploring. The family lives in Richmond, but was visiting the mall, which doesn't officially open until March 28, for the first time.

"It looks a bit excessive. I doubt if there are enough people to keep this going," said Claude Tchao, president of Tri Star Seafood Supply Ltd.

But developers say attracting people won't be a problem. Nearly 30 per cent of Richmond's 130,000 residents are of Asian ancestry and the malls' location near the airport and just off several freeways makes it easy for people living in other suburbs.