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■ Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams are said to be back together – in real life. **P. 2**



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■ Radiohead wowed the crowds at Thunderbird Stadium, despite a big rainstorm. **P. 16**



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Driven to draw

Artist works in Downtown Eastside to craft compelling images of community. P. 3.

Artist Felicity Don is showing her portraits of people from the Downtown Eastside at the Interurban Gallery on the corner of East Hastings and Carrall. P. 3.

- Rob Kruyt, 24 hours

Transit crunch looming

TransLink officials are expecting extra crowding and congestion on Lower Mainland transit routes as September rolls around.

High gas prices, increased environmental concerns and the yearly back-to-school rush will add up to a surge in transit use after Labour Day.

"We're going to see even more people taking public transit and that's going to lead to more people on there and more congestion," said TransLink spokesman Drew Snider.

But Snider said TransLink will also be adding 80,000 hours of new bus service come September. That will include a brand new east-west route in Vancouver – the No. 33, which will wind its way from UBC to the 29th Avenue SkyTrain station along 16th Avenue – to help relieve the pressure on the busy Broadway corridor.

Snider said 40 per cent of the added service will be south of the Fraser River, with increased frequency through routes connecting Surrey Central with Newton Town Centre.

- Irwin Loy, 24 hours

SURREY SHOOTING

One dead, one injured

A Surrey man is accused of murdering his wife and trying to kill his daughter after a shooting Tuesday.

Harpaljit Sandhu, 53, has been charged with one count of second-degree murder and one count of attempted murder.

Surrey RCMP responding to a report of gunshots at a home in the 14300 block of 72nd Avenue Tuesday found two female victims, both with gunshot wounds. Sandhu's wife was pronounced dead at the scene, RCMP say. His daughter, meanwhile, was taken to hospital and was in serious condition last night.

Sandhu appeared in Surrey Provincial Court yesterday.

RCMP say the family of the victims have asked for privacy.

- Dharm Makwana, 24 hours



- Rob Kruyt, 24 hours

Felicity Don with a showing of her portraits at the Interurban Gallery on the corner of East Hastings and Carrall.

Don draws on life experience

It's Felicity Don's unrelenting drive for compelling images that keeps her drawing the colourful characters living in the Downtown Eastside.

"It's this artistic greed," she explained, standing amid her imposing pastel portraits inside the Interurban Gallery at East Hastings and Carrall Streets. "I love the clothing and I love the expressions."

Don, one of Vancouver's few courtroom artists, displays her series of portraits as part of this weekend's Fearless Festival, billed as a celebration of art, music and theatre centred in Pigeon Park.

For Don, the exhibition is another tie to a neighbourhood she's been an integral part of for the past two decades, sometimes in serendipitous ways.

Last year, media outlets across

Canada called on the artist as she sat metres from serial killer Robert Pickton, convicted of murdering six women with ties to the Downtown Eastside. She sketched his every gesture for the duration of the trial.

"It makes it a little bit more frightening ... because I've been with people who've been there [with Pickton's victims]," she said.

Still, the high-profile job hasn't brought the same kind of community recognition as her time sketching at the Carnegie Centre.

There, Don and her easel are welcome as she offers to sketch those who are willing.

"It's been a hell of a struggle, but it's more of an uninhibited way of working," she said.

For more information, visit fearlessfest.blogspot.com or felicity-don.com.

- Dharm Makwana, 24 hours

Uncertainty dogs Insite poll results

A new public opinion poll suggests Canadians tend to support Vancouver's supervised injection site, but many are also misinformed about what goes on in the Downtown Eastside facility.

Thirty-eight per cent of respondents to the online survey by Angus Reid Strategies said they supported Insite, compared with 23 per cent who said they were opposed. But a roughly equal percentage – 39 per cent – said they weren't sure.

The percentage of those who are unsure is lowest – 13 per cent – in British Columbia, where Insite has been a front-page issue for several years. Respondents in eastern provinces showed the most uncertainty.

But one-fifth of respondents also thought Insite users were given drugs like heroin and cocaine to use inside the facility – a mistaken belief.

That suggests many in Canada are operating on misinformation, says Mario Canseco, director of global studies at Angus Reid.

"We have roughly one in five who have a completely twisted notion of what [Insite] does when it comes to drugs," Canseco said.

It could suggest that Insite's backers could gain a great deal from a public education campaign on the injection site.

"Not everyone has the exact information they require in order to make their minds up about this," Canseco said.

Officials with the Conservative federal government have turned up the volume against Insite in recent days, with Health Minister Tony Clement slamming the facility at an international AIDS conference and criticizing doctors who support it at a Canadian Medical Association conference.

- Irwin Loy, 24 hours

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REMAINS FOUND

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team (IHIT) is investigating after human remains were found inside a home in the 14300-block of 88th Avenue. Police were called to the scene yesterday about 10 a.m.

BEWARE OF DOG

West Vancouver police are reporting the No. 1 fear among criminals is police dogs. Local thugs better watch out as Const. Jarret Chow and police service dog Kai defended their gold medal at the National Dog Trials in Saskatoon, last month. The duo also placed in the fastest/ toughest dog competition and two search categories.

GET YOUR VOTE ON

Officials in Vancouver have opened an election office in anticipation of civic elections Nov. 15. Election staff are there to handle questions about voting, registering and running as a candidate. It's at 450 West Broadway.

SOARING HIGH

An SFU grad student has snagged the \$150,000 Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation scholarship, an award the school says is the country's richest social sciences prize. Nic Rivers, 31, will use the scholarship to study the effectiveness of alternative strategies to combat climate change.

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