

Gas prices dropped in the Lower Mainland yesterday with some stations in Richmond reporting prices as low as \$1.15 a litre. In other parts of Vancouver prices were around \$1.24. SOURCE: NEWS1130.COM

News in brief

RESOURCE BOOST The Atira Women's Resource Society was awarded \$1-million by the Surrey Homelessness and Housing Society to help fund the

Maxxine Wright Place. When it's built, the Surrey facility will help at-risk women who are pregnant or are parenting new babies.

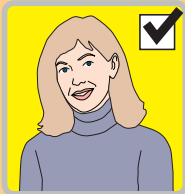
TRAINING GROUND A \$5.1-million parcel of land in Chilliwack will be used as new training ground for paramedic, police and fire

safety training. The 2.3-hectare acquisition was made thanks to B.C. government funding.

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Playing lottery games with confidence. Who's eligible?

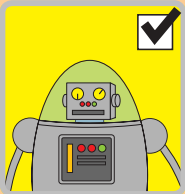
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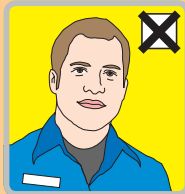
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Robots



Retailers at their own stores



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Director of Canadian Business for Social Responsibility, Wendy Campbell, left, Directions Youth Services director Renata Aebi, and recovered addict Sharon Small listen to Evalen Jaeger Roy from Electronic Arts in Vancouver yesterday.

Local companies 'opening a door' for troubled youth

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Sharon Small was a drug addicted teenager living on the streets of Vancouver until staff at Directions Youth Services Centre opened their door and helped her get her feet back on the ground.

Yesterday, executives from a handful of Vancouver companies met with troubled youth at Directions to discuss how their businesses can help their teenagers and the centre through the Seeing Is Believing tour program.

Small, 21, who's now clean, off the street and part of a music program at Directions, said that's what street youth need — people taking the time to talk to them and find out what they need to rehabilitate their lives.

Evalen Jaeger Roy, with Electronic Arts, said the program has let her company give street youth the chance to develop employable skills with through work placement, job coaching and mentorship. "It's not always about writing a cheque," she said. "Maybe it's about opening a door."

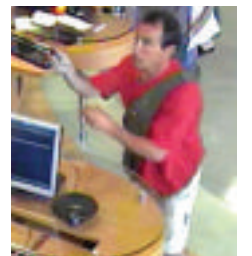
RCMP release image of robbery suspect

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ROBBERY Images of a bank robbery suspect spraying mace on two employees before running off with an undisclosed amount of money were released by the RCMP yesterday.

On June 30 at about 3:45 p.m., a man described to be in his 40s walked into the Coast Capital Saving Bank in Metrotown Mall. He cut in line and demanded money from a teller.

He sprayed two employees with mace and ran off with the cash.



A suspected thief sprays bank employees with mace in this security camera image.

The suspect is described as five-foot-three-inches tall with short dark brown hair. He was wearing a red T-shirt and tan shorts.

Charges laid in puppy shooting

A man accused of shooting and killing a puppy belonging to a young cancer survivor on Quadra Island last month has been charged, RCMP announced.

Cody Wellard, 31, is accused of wilfully and unlawfully killing a dog, and

for the careless use of a firearm. He turned himself in after the Sept. 13 incident.

The Jack Russell terrier belonged to 12-year-old Max Rose who is recovering from brain cancer.

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