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Whale watching boat sinks
 Thirty-two passengers on a Richmond-based whale-watching boat had an unexpected adventure Thursday when the boat hit something and sank near Mayne Island.

BREAKING NEWS
 The passengers were on the Explorer, one of two vessels owned by Vancouver Whale Watch, when it hit some kind of obstruction. The accident happened around 1:30 p.m. The 45-foot aluminum hulled boat went down in the area of Campbell Bay, at the bottom of Mayne Island. No one was injured. All the passengers were transferred onto other vessels.

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On guard ... Life-sized warriors are on sentry duty around the fountain at Aberdeen Centre exhibit, The Return of the First Emperor of China, on display at the centre until Aug. 30.

BRAIDWOOD
Taser ban not needed
 New guidelines required

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Tasers should not be banned in B.C., but the provincial government needs to set strict new guidelines that would limit their use by municipal police. That is the general recommendation made Thursday by retired justice Thomas

OLYMPICS
Games make business winn

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Air, street closures ge

It's a given that in any walk of life, where there are winners, there will almost certainly be losers.

Next year's Olympic Games — both on and off the field of play — will be no exception in Richmond.

Case in point, in the loser corner, a locally-based airline, Pacific Coastal, which may have to spend up to \$1 million re-routing its aircraft around the province to comply with street Vancos Integrated Security Unit no-fly restrictions.

In the winner corner, however, will be Johnny Canack's Nutrition, a new small business recently opened on Elmbridge Way

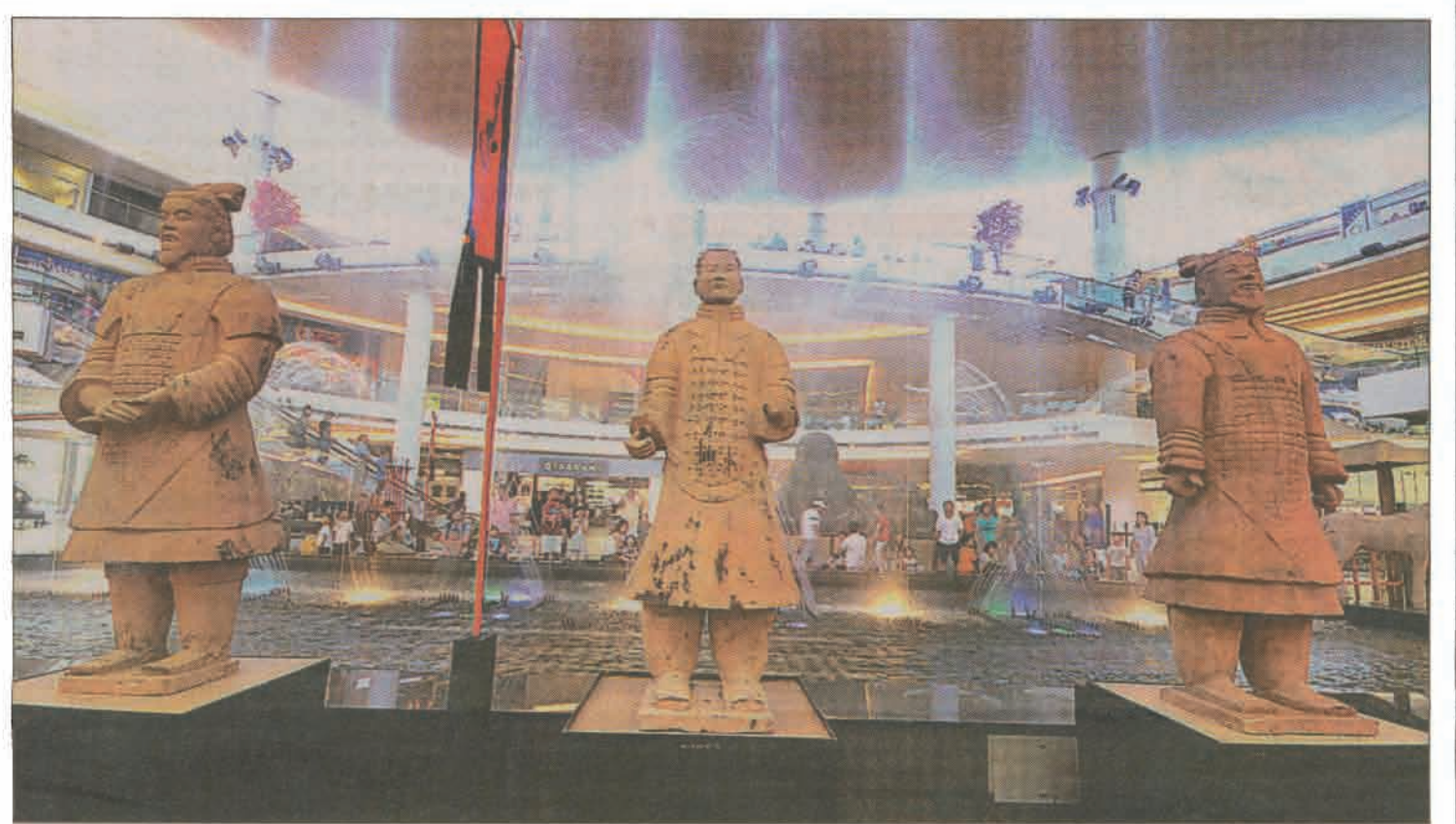
in the shadow of the Richmond Olympic Oval.

Although street closures in the oval area during the Games might deter traffic from coming anywhere near Johnny Canack's, the store — which sells fitness supplements, vitamins and health shakes — will be slip bang in the middle of a pedestrian corridor.

And store owner Chris Elston hopes that some of the thousands of sports fans making their way to and from the oval, before, during and after the speed skating events will make a pit stop at Johnny Canack's.

"We do get some passing trade already, but most of our business right now comes

Return-It BOTTLE DEPOT



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On guard ... Life-sized warriors are on sentry duty around the fountain at Aberdeen Centre. The terra cotta figures are part of an exhibit, The Return of the First Emperor of China, on display at the centre until Aug. 30.