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LORE OF THE RINGS



Mercedes Nicholl, Canadian halfpipe snowboarder, gets with the B.C. dairy farmers' program and drinks a glass of chocolate milk.

Small ocean of chocolate milk prepared for Olympic athletes

B.C. dairy farmers to provide 80,000 litres for Games

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Got chocolate milk? B.C. dairy farmers are preparing to provide an additional 80,000 litres of chocolate milk to 6,000 Olympic athletes during the 2010 Games in Vancouver and Whistler.

Elite athletes drink chocolate milk for recovery as part of their training regimes because of its balance of proteins and carbohydrates, according to the B.C. Dairy Foundation.

The foundation is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting milk consumption as part of a healthy diet for the B.C. community. For benefits of chocolate milk see: www.poweredbychocolatemilk.com.

Detours ahead

Drivers are reminded that Renfrew Street between Hastings and McGill near Hastings Racecourse is closed for the Olympics, and starting this Wednesday, traffic will not be allowed access to Waterfront Road around the Vancouver Convention Centre. In Whistler,

parking is no longer available at the Conference Centre.

Star sightings

They aren't Olympians but celebrities are starting to show up in Vancouver for the Games. NBC broadcaster Bob Costas, who has front-lined Olympic broadcasts from Barcelona to Beijing, was spotted Monday wearing a blue overcoat and a burgundy scarf at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

A home for volunteers

The *MV Mona Lisa*, a cruise ship that will house 1,100 volunteers for the Olympics, was anchored in English Bay on the weekend before heading to Squamish early this morning where it will stay during the Games. The 200-metre-long ship is owned by Leonardo Shipping and operated by Lord Nelson Seereisen.

Olympic rings

The City of Surrey and local environmental group Kidz Gone Green have planted five large maple trees at Surrey's

Games Preparation Centre at the new Chuck Bailey Recreation Centre to represent the five Olympic rings. The Kidz gave Mayor Dianne Watts a cheque for \$2,500, which was raised for the trees.

Get on the bus

Vanoc said it is "cautiously optimistic" spectators will get their Olympic Bus Network tickets to Whistler and Cypress before the Games begin after calling several ticket-holders on the weekend. Irene Kerr, vice-president for services and transportation, said while just slightly more than 50 per cent — about 110,000 tickets — have been sold, spectators have told Vanoc they are still trying to determine if they're going to stay in Whistler or catch a bus to their events. Cypress ticket-holders, she said, have had friends or relatives have booked bus tickets for them.

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