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THE TRI-CITY NEWS



FEATURE: So you call yourself a British Columbian...

By Kate Trotter The Tri-City News
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There's more to enjoy on B.C. Day than glorious scenery, interesting people and a dynamic culture. Plenty more, including murder, intrigue, geography and alien visits. Here's a sampling of the quirky and illuminating websites about our province ready for viewing:

www.bcpl8s.ca

The ultimate B.C. website for anyone who remembers avoiding looking over the edge of the Fraser Canyon by focussing on licence plates. Christopher John Garrish has spent years creating what he justifiably boasts as "one of the most comprehensive histories of the licence plates for a single jurisdictions to be found anywhere on the web."

www.celinerich.com/discovery/history.php

The Historical Markers phase of The Discovery Project involves exploring the history of South East Vancouver. Some tidbits:

"1880s" Marine Drive was created by Col. Richard Moody and a crew of Royal Engineers. It was originally called River Road and was infamous for mudfields and potholes.

"1886" North Arm School was built, and the entire school measured 22' x 34'. Students travelled through dense forests to attend and had to be wary of bears, coyotes and cougars. Some came from Lulu Island in rowboats. The register for 1899 shows 475 incidences of students arriving late, a high number considering the student population.

www.vancouverhistory.ca

Fabulous site, as is everything Chuck Davis (author of the official Port Coquitlam history book) turns his hand to. Best feature is a Hall of Fame where you can check to see if you have famous relatives.

"On June 29, 1878" 128 years ago... the

