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TO SHOW GOOD FAITH Mann drops her appeal

Lillian Mann has abandoned her appeal against the arbitration board decision to award her \$115,000 for her Burnaby home expropriated by the municipality for a parking lot.

In a letter to Burnaby council, Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Vander Zalm said Mann was dropping the case to show she was willing to negotiate in

good faith with the municipality under the guidelines set out by a report from inspector of municipalities Ron Woodward last May.

"Even though Mrs. Mann may well be prejudiced by this action, she is willing to take the chance in the hope that such a move will indicate to you her willingness to abide by the report," Vander Zalm's letter said.

The report, which blamed "archaic expropriation laws" for the Mann controversy, suggested an independent appraiser be appointed to determine a settlement based on current market values.

The award of \$115,000 is based on property prices at the time of expropriation two years ago.

A condition of this recommendation was that Mann drop any legal actions against the municipality.

In a telephone interview after the meeting, Mann said she is following what Woodward suggested, but still doesn't know what Burnaby intends to do.

"I'm still waiting for her to hear whether Burnaby is going to accept the report or not," she said. "I've been kept

dangling for four months now. It's very distressing.

"I've played by the rules. Either they're going to accept the report or they're not. How much time do they need?"

Vander Zalm said an appraiser has been appointed "and should be bringing forward a report in the near future, but the points in the report have not been officially responded to by Burnaby council."

Mayor Dave Mercer said a report would be before council next week and "wondered" when the minister was going to get new provincial expropriation laws passed.

"He's the guy who's in the driver's seat," Mercer said. "He hasn't moved an inch since our last request for a change in expropriation procedures."

By LESLIE GILLET

Inside Happy

Entertaining children through the media of carpentry and magic has been a large part of Sid Allison's last 50 years. Leslie Gillet writes about him.

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Crowds

Many crowded classes at Simon Fraser University are crowded this year as a result of record enrollment. Surprisingly there is more off-campus housing available than had been expected.

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Court

Doug Todd takes a look at the daily run of activity in Burnaby family court.

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BCA first at the vote gate

Lee Rankin will carry the banner of the Burnaby Citizens' Association into the battle for the mayor's chair in November's municipal election.

Rankin was elected to the BCA state Thursday along with eight aldermanic and six school board hopefuls.

"I have always wanted to work in politics. It's genetic," said Rankin after his victory. Two members of the Rankin family hold elected positions in Vancouver: Cousin Phillip on the

school board and alderman Uncle Harry.

Rankin, 28, is a reporter for a Coquitlam weekly newspaper.

Rankin was challenged for the nomination by local businessman John Kwasiaka.

"A lot of people have asked me why I would, after entering a career in journalism, want to get into politics. Well, when I covered Burnaby council

I heard a lot of yelling, most of it directed, at the BVA (Burnaby Voters Association)," Rankin told about 100 members of the party at the James Cowan Theatre.

Rankin said Burnaby receives "everybody else's traffic" and that while the promise of rapid transit was good news he questioned the impact the system might have on the community.

He said that young families are finding it increasingly difficult to live in the municipality.

"We need a housing for the young policy. I'd like to see a housing co-op type development like they have in Vancouver. We must, also, be more sensitive to the needs of tenants," he said.

Rankin said he favors a general ban on Sunday shopping. The election will include a referendum on the Sunday closing question.

Rankin promised that if elected he would be a full-time mayor. "Some people say that (Mayor) Dave Mercer puts in less time than Ronald Reagan," he said.

In a surprise announcement, veteran alderman Fred Randall, 43, said he would not seek reelection in November.

Ching increased responsibilities in his work, Randall, who has represented the BCA on council for six years, said not to "count me out" of future campaigns.

"This is just a rest and not my retirement. It has got to the point that I am trying to solve problems on the phone instead of seeing people. It's not right," he said.

The party is also represented on council by alderman Doug Drummond, who received the endorsement of the party.

Other aldermanic candidates are: Paul Bjarnason; party president Derek Corrigan; school trustee Elsie Dean; John Motiuk; Gayle Gavin; Tom Lalonde; and Gordon Smith.

Six school trustee candidates were also selected: Linda Chubotuck; Pam Turner; Barry Jones; Mauritz Mann; Ann Smith; and Frank Boden round out the slate.

EARLY START Students from Douglas Elementary School were out ahead of time Friday, running for the "Very Fox Marathon of Hope." Burnaby's participation in the Sunday run took place at Swangord Stadium, where innovative participants completed the tricky course with baby buggies, bicycles and roller skates. A year's worth of 1,000 lower maintenance portable toilets, raising \$175,929. National total is expected to be close to \$5 million.

Photo by Hazel King

Hydro acreage eyed for farms

The agricultural land commission may find it will not have to do battle with B.C. Hydro over the potential truck garden use of some 275 acres of Big Bend land in South Burnaby.

That indication came this week from Hor Maeno, Hydro's land management manager.

Maeno told this newspaper that if the land commission wants the land status to remain unchanged, it might be more

Gram says the properties are worked more productively than most other farmland in Canada, turning out \$2 to \$3 million per year in produce. At somewhere around \$15,000 gross productivity per acre, the farms are several times more intensively farmed in terms of value than most acreages in the Fraser Valley.

The secret of the success lies in the traditional farming methods of the Chinese-background community, which has operated in the Big Bend area for around 50 years.

Burnaby municipality has been keeping a close eye on the matter in recent years. Its planning department has attempted to reconcile the cultural value of keeping the farms in Big Bend and attracting industry into the appropriate nearby areas.

For his part, Maeno confirms that Hydro bought a few hundred acres of undeveloped land in the Big Bend area in the early 1970s with the intention of eventually developing it industrially. The land borders on the Vancouver and Lulu Island Railway which is operated by Hydro and the utility saw future

worthwhile for Hydro to sell it on the open market than try to get it out of the reserve and develop it for industry.

Commission staffers conducted a study of the question of farmland use in the Big Bend area, recently, in concert with Burnaby's planning staff.

The issue is being explored in part because some of the long-established truck gardens in the area are showing signs of reduced productivity through long use. If more land was available fallow procedures could be used to save the old land a rest and develop new farmers, according to Gordon Gram, a commission administrative officer.

By LLOYD MACKAY
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MAN DEAD IN CRASH

A Burnaby man died instantly following a head-on collision 26 miles east of Bellingham Sunday afternoon.

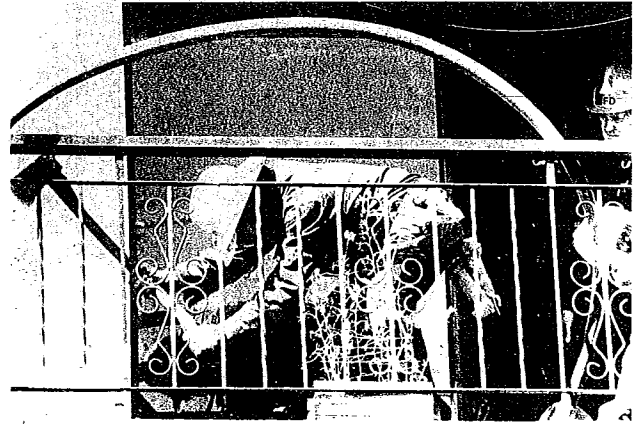
Dead is 22-year-old William Bougie, of 6181 Kathleen St.

A spokesman for the Washington State Patrol office said Bougie's motorcycle collided head on with a 1966 Ford

station wagon on the Mt. Baker Highway at approximately 4 p.m.

Washington state resident 81-year-old Inez Bogie, a passenger in the station wagon, was taken to a local hospital with neck and back injuries.

The incident is still under investigation.



CHOPPING CREW ... Firemen had their hands full of this Cassie Street apartment on the weekend when a barbecue balcony surface and into the carpeted portion of the suite on the balcony apparently upset. Flames spread on the interior.

Photo by Vic Mac-Hale

Surprises about prisons, open spaces, highrises and history

Burnaby is full of surprises for the newcomer. Several of them follow.

- I am surprised that there has not been a howl of protest over the prospect of three new prisons here, built on the Oakalla site. Given the usual community reaction in other places, to prison riots and escapes, it would have seemed logical that protest groups would have been activated the moment there was any news of prisons or otherwise about possible changes at the Royal Oak Hillton. The only argument of objection came from Burnaby's Williamson M.A. Jan. Lottner. Perhaps he has the protesters organized to spring the inmate Attorney

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"General Allan Williams makes any official announcement.

- Having spent a few years suggesting occasionally in the Fraser Valley media that it was a concrete jungle west of Port Mann Bridge, I had expected Burnaby to be very crowded and congested. Instead, I find a com-

unity containing a pleasantly large number of open spaces and areas preserved in a natural state for public use. Coincidentally, the highrises do not proliferate, but are clustered in ways that increase the density where it is appropriate. It appears Burnaby council has been able to make develop-

ers aware of their social responsibilities without creating a climate discouraging to business. The Wales McClelland development, which includes the preservation of the former Royal Oak funeral home, is an excellent illustration.

- Maintaining a historical perspective is often difficult in a suburban community where many of the residents have lived only a few years. Burnaby is surprisingly aware of its history and a strong care of longtime residents see to it that the community's heritage is not soon forgotten. Heritage Village is a good example

that would have thought there would be little more community interest in Metrotown. Perhaps the significance of having a designated town centre in one's community has not quite registered with many of us. Or maybe the idea has been around enough years to have lost its lustre. Mayor Dave Mercer says he wants a restudy of Metrotown. He could look into the idea of changing the name; the present one does nothing to dramatize the town centre idea. North Vancouver's centre, Louisa Quay, takes its title from the fact that it is saltwater oriented. Burnaby's site is physically the highest of any of the centres, commanding wide panoramas in all directions to offices

and apartments in the area. A name like Vista Heights, for example, may not have all the pizzazz in the world, but it is a heck of a lot more descriptive than Metrotown.

- I am surprised that more people do not write letters to the editor. If readers have a beef or a bouquet, they can tell 150,000 about it by writing such a letter. Maybe someone wants to tell me why it should not be surprised about the above items. Please drop a line to 7774 Royal Oak Avenue and tell me about it. If the letter is less than 300 words, in good taste, understandable, interesting and not libelous, it will probably get into print.