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# Designer garbage cans you say?

Burnaby's sanitation workers are putting a new face on local garbage.

Everything from muffler men speed boats and from cars to milkshakes are adorning local garbage containers these days.

Hotels, restaurants, apartments and other establishments that sit at the municipality's 12-square-foot to 18-square-foot garbage containers can — for no additional charge — have their containers designed with their company's logo and other creative signs.

"It's part of our service," says

## Only in Burnaby

Glenn Harries of the sanitation department. "It helps beautify Burnaby. You just don't see this grubby old thing sitting on the corner of somebody's lot."

Sanitation superintendent Ed Williams says he came up with the idea over an ice cream cone at the Dairy Queen on East Hastings.

This ugly green container was sitting next to a white building and a white fence and it just looked terrible," he recalls.

He asked municipal painters to put a coat of white on the container and paint shop foreman Ron Kozoway suggested adding a decorative milkshake design.

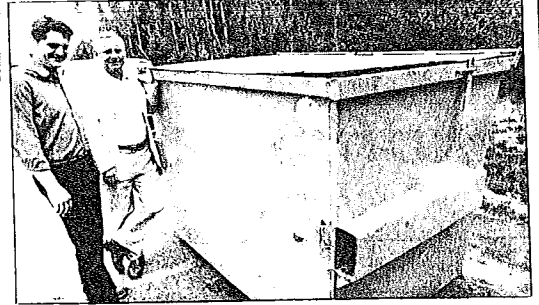
Williams says the program has spread by word of mouth and, as far as he knows, is unique to Burnaby. He said about 12 local enterprises have requested the paint job, noting that those interested should call 294-7210.

"We just did it to beautify the

containers instead of putting out green containers like everyone in the world does. Lot's of times we just paint them the same color as the building so they aren't so ugly," he said.

Kozoway, a 15-year veteran of the municipal paint shop, says each job only costs the municipality \$25.

"It looks a heck of a lot better," he says. "When they're decorated like that they look a little more pleasant to the eye. Nobody wants to be looking at a garbage container."



Burnaby paint shop foreman Ron Kozoway, left, and sanitation superintendent Ed Williams stand in front of the newly adorned tourist information garbage container.

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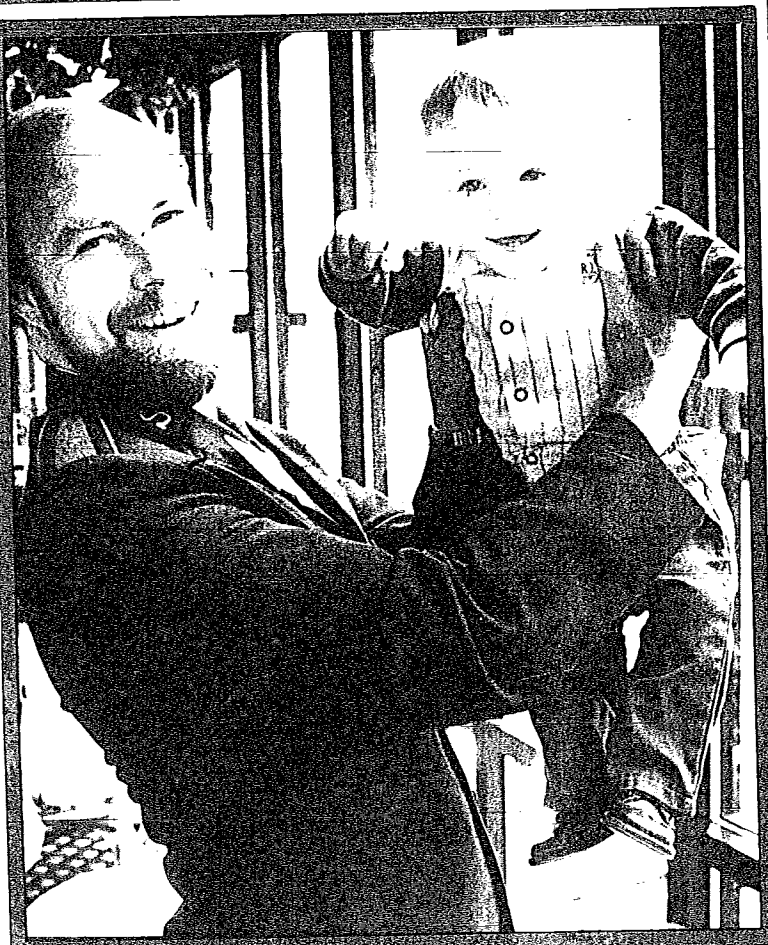
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## HERE'S OUR HERO



Salvation Army minister Bill Mollard holds little Dusty Lalonde, the 10-month-old baby he saved from a fire.

The phantom hero stepped from the shadows last week.

Bill Mollard vanished in the wee hours of Aug. 18 before Marieanne Lalonde had a chance to thank him for saving her tot, Dusty.

*... thanks for saving*

Across the road at 6233B Burns St. a fire was gutting a basement suite, driving his neighbors into the street.

Every neighbor, that is, but Dusty who was trapped in the basement.

## Bulldozers mark Metrotown's start

Burnaby's downtown is out of the starting gate. Local officials and Cal Investment representatives were on hand last week for ground-breaking ceremonies to mark the start of construction on the long-awaited Metrotown commercial development.

This puts into place the actual start of the first renewal of

By DAVID SPANER

Metrotown," said acting-mayor Vic Stusiak.

Stusiak and Jim Forsythe, president of the development company Cal Investments, presided over the ceremonies as a bulldozer went to work on the parking garage site.

Cal Investments is developing a \$190,000 mall that will feature Woodward's and incorporate the existing Sears store on Kingsway.

Contracts on the 600,000 sq. ft. mall have been awarded to Ellis-Don Ltd., for a \$7 million garage, and to Smith Bros and Wilson Ltd., for \$3 million demolition work.

Cal spokesman Jim Briggs said a third contract for construction of Woodward's store will be announced Sept. 12 and a final contract for the building of smaller stores in the mall will be announced in late September.

Briggs said Cal has been interested in developing the project, scheduled to open in the fall of 1986, since the early 1970s.

"We started the excavation for the parking garage and we did a little jackhammering inside the building to start demolition," Briggs said of the ground-breaking ceremony.

"It feels terrific," he said. "It's

been sitting in our minds for 13 years and now that we're starting construction we're delighted."

Briggs said Cal's project had stalled until last fall when Sears' closure of its catalogue warehouse put Metrotown back on the development company's agenda.

"It feels terrific..."

I guess the key was we came to an arrangement with Sears," he said, noting that a refurbished Sears store will "flow right into the mall."

The other end of the mall will be anchored by Woodward's and smaller stores will be housed in the shell of the old warehouse, between the two department stores.

The development includes 200 commercial outlets and a five-level parking area connected to the mall by covered walkways.

Municipal manager Mel Shelley attended the ceremony and was pleased to see Metrotown off the ground after all these years.

"It kicks off Metrotown in nice style. It's something we've waited a long time for," he said.

But last week the status of an even larger Metrotown development, proposed by Daon Developments, remained up in the air.

"We had always hoped that both investments would go. It appears Cal got the jump," Shelley said.

Daon's Metrotown spokesman Don Milliken was unavailable for comment last week, but he earlier said



Acting Mayor Vic Stusiak shakes the hand of Cal Investments' president Jim Forsythe.

his company's project could be jeopardized unless it could sign up two anchor tenants.

Since Sears and Woodward's are committed to Cal's project and Eaton's and the Bay have other Burnaby stores, landing two anchor tenants has long been a problem for Daon.

Stusiak noted that council has been supportive of the Daon development. The project has been given three readings and "it's a go" providing Daon is willing to proceed, Stusiak said.

## ALRT is GREAT

Rapid Transit is a "mega-opportunity."

"That's the word from minister responsible for transit Grace McCarthy, in Burnaby last week to unveil the \$14 million ALRT Vehicle Control and Maintenance Centre on Stride Avenue.

McCarthy added, however, that she feels there is little danger.

"We hope there will be some answers to the tragedy," she remarked.

The Burnaby centre is the nerve centre of the entire operation she

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