

briefs local news

**Cabbie stabbed**

Chilliwack RCMP are looking for a suspect after a cab driver was stabbed during a robbery in the 4600 block of Brooks Avenue early Saturday morning. The driver left the cab to escape, leaving the attacker to drive off in it. Police later found the cab abandoned.

**Surrey shooting**

A man in his mid-20s is recovering from gunshot wounds after being found by police near 127A Street and 67 Avenue in Surrey Friday evening. RCMP say the shooting doesn't appear to be gang-related but the motive is unknown. The victim is expected to recover.

**Vancouver assault**

Vancouver police are investigating an alleged assault that left a 62-year-old man in critical condition. Witnesses reported seeing the victim and a 25-year-old arguing outside a pub on Davie Street Friday night when the victim was punched in the head and fell to the ground.

**GM retires**

Vancouver's general manager of Olympic and Paralympic Operations, Dave Rudberg, announced he will retire this spring. The former city engineer was appointed in 2004 to spearhead Vancouver's preparations for the 2010 Winter Games.

**Better schooling**

The BCTF is recommending actions to help improve education for aboriginal students. In addition to mandatory anti-racism training for new teachers, the union wants the ministry to review the effectiveness of targeted funding and report to the Aboriginal Education Partners Group.

**Gun victim won't talk**

The Lower Mainland's latest shooting victim doesn't seem too concerned with bringing his shooters to justice.

Burnaby RCMP say the 29-year-old man who was shot in the chest Sunday morning has been uncooperative with investigators.

"We have no other witnesses other than him and he's not providing our investigators with any information," said Burnaby RCMP spokesperson Cpl. Alexandra Mulvihill.

The man, who has had limited contact with police in the past, was found suffering from a gunshot wound at a gas station in the intersection of Barker and Patterson Avenue just after 3:15 a.m.

He was taken to hospital and treated for non life-threatening injuries.

Mulvihill said the man was shot at his home, in the 4200 block of Grange Street, but that's as much information as they can squeeze out of the victim.

"We're still doing what we can, but at some point he's got to help us out," she said. "And if he doesn't, we don't have much of a case against the offenders."

RCMP can't say whether the shooting is linked to gang activity or tied to recent gun violence in the region.

A fatal shooting Saturday morning in Langley, however, has strong links to the drug trade, according to the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team.

Police responded to a shots fired call



- CARMINE MARINELLI, 24 HOURS

**BURNABY RCMP** investigate after a man was shot near the intersection of Patterson and Kingsway early Sunday morning.

at the intersection of 202th Street and 50th Avenue at 5 a.m. and found a 36-year-old woman dead on the corner.

The victim has been identified as Laura Lynn Lamoureux, who was known to police.

"At this point of the investigation, this incident appears to be linked to the street-level drug trade and has the signature of being a targeted murder," said IHIT spokesperson Cpl. Dale Carr in a statement

- MATT KIELTYKA, 24 HOURS

**Hold landlords accountable: MLA**

Landlords should be held accountable for drug trafficking on their property, says Surrey-Whalley MLA Bruce Ralston.

Ralston introduced a private-member's bill in Victoria last week that, if passed, could see absentee landlords footing the bill for crimes committed under their watch.

"There are a lot of good landlords out there," Ralston said. "But this goes after absentee landlords who aren't too fussy about who occupies their property or what goes on."

He said the Safer Communities and

Neighbourhoods Act, which is already in place in several provinces, would also set up a director to investigate complaints from residents about illegal activities in their neighbourhood.

The director would be tasked with co-operating with landlords and police to resolve issues or taking civil court action against landlords if necessary.

The Whalley Enhancement Association pitched the idea – similar in ways to legislation already in place to prosecute landlords of properties where marijuana grow-operations are found – to Ralston and several municipalities have voiced their support for the idea.

And while Ralston doesn't expect the bill to pass, he felt compelled to "introduce it" to his colleagues in the legislature.

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**Shedding pounds**

**Week 9: 24 hours' Cardio Core Biggest Bootcamp Losers are on the home stretch and it looks good**

**MIA MENJIVAR**

**Last week: 182 This week: 179 Total loss: 31 lbs**  
With only weeks left, I plan to work extra hard by exercising everyday and not giving in to temptations. My birthday is today and I will not have any cake. That's a first considering my love for ice cream cake. It's OK because sacrifices need to be made to become the biggest loser. Good luck to everyone.

**MICHAEL MEINHARDT**

**Last week: 245 This week: 245 Total loss: 32 lbs**  
I want to win this competition. A decade ago, I was a very active person. I played quite a few sports and won my share of games and races and I guess this competition has really brought out my competitive nature. This week however, I pulled something in my shoulder – a pain that has slowed me. There are only a few weeks left and I need to give 'er if I want to realize the weight loss I have set out to reach, but this setback is annoying.

**CYNDA YEASTING**

**Last week: 179 This week: 179 Total loss: 15 lbs**  
I'm going to push myself harder or ask my trainer Kelly to kick my butt. The classes I love best are the ones where I worked really hard. Although I would really love to win a free year of Cardio Core, I always knew that the odds were against me as I weighed the least to start. My goal was always to get back my passion for exercise. I succeeded as I love working out.

**JULIE MATSALLA**

**Last week: 254 This week: 254 Total loss: 21 lbs**  
In this final stretch I wish I could push the limits, but unfortunately I have an injured ankle/heal so I am limited to what I am capable of doing. I am not giving up but I have to ease up on the workouts and walk when I previously ran. This has already effected last week and this week's weight loss but I don't want to stop and possibly break the habit of going to the workouts, so I am just doing whatever I can at this point.

**JENNIFER GETSINGER**

**Last week: 211 This week: 210 Total loss: 22 lbs**  
A sprint to the finish would look spectacular, but alas, with weight loss, just maintaining the success so far is my primary goal for the next few weeks. And then to launch myself into uncoached territory and continue with fitness and fatless activities without the necessity of reporting to the public will be a challenge.



Spring **ZING**

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