

Diplomats pay tribute to Steven Biko

Riot-equipped police watch thousands in mourning

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN (AP)—Almost 20,000 mourners, fists and voices raised in black-power salutes and songs, converged on an open-air sports stadium Sunday for the funeral of Steve Biko in an outpouring of anti-government fervor that is rare in tightly controlled, white-ruled South Africa.

White riot police, some armed with semi-automatic rifles, patrolled this coastal South African town 720 kilometres (450 miles) south of Johannesburg. No major incidents were reported during the five-hour service.

They were joined by top U.S. diplomats and other foreign representatives in paying tribute to the 30-year-old black activist leader whose prison death has become a focus for black dissent and international protest and an embarrassment for the government.

Biko died under mysterious circumstances in a prison cell Sept. 12. Andrew Young, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, sent a three-foot wreath inscribed: "No nation can afford to lose its most dedicated and creative leadership." Another from American tennis ace Arthur Ashe read: "A tribute to a dedicated leader." Both Young and Ashe are black. The U.S. was the only one of 13 Western countries

represented that sent ranking diplomats to the funeral—William Bowdler, ambassador to South Africa, and Don McHenry, deputy ambassador to the UN. They placed wreaths on the open coffin at Biko's home before the funeral procession began. Biko's coffin was drawn atop an ox wagon from the tiny, two-bedroom house in the segregated black township of Ginsburg where Biko had lived with his

mother, wife and two small sons. As the wagon rolled into the stadium, mourners who had gathered from throughout the country broke into the black nationalist anthem, God Bless Africa, and then listened as black leaders bitterly attacked the white-minority regime and its security police, blamed by anti-government critics for Biko's death. News reports citing

knowledgeable sources have said an autopsy showed Biko died of severe brain damage. Officials have not yet released the results of the autopsy. "Biko is dead at the hands of the beastly security police," said Faith Matlaupane, president of the all-black South African Students Organization which Biko founded while in medical school. "He died as many others did. His body lies here

before you lusterless, punished and mutilated by the agents of the forces of darkness." **ACCUSED OF SPYING** As she spoke, fighting broke out in a corner of the stadium where black youths accused a reporter of spying for the police. The reporter was knocked about and several blacks came to his aid when Matlaupane appealed for calm. "Steve's death was caused by this beast

apartheid that stands astride this country with the blood dripping from every pore," said Farouk Meer, vice-chairman of the South African Indian Council. Apartheid is South Africa's system of racial separation. Biko was arrested three weeks before his death under sweeping security laws that allow detention without formal charges. After the service, Biko was buried at a cemetery near Ginsburg.

PQ approves door-to-door vote campaign

SHERBROOKE, Que. (CP)—The Parti Quebecois approved a wide-ranging "information action plan" Sunday aimed at winning the independence referendum "neighborhood by neighborhood, street by street, family by family."

The plan calls for press attaches in each of the province's 110 ridings, a monthly 30-minute television show featuring Premier Rene Levesque, a new nationalist publicity campaign and visits by cabinet ministers and party members to all corners of the province.

Levesque told reporters at the end of a weekend meeting that the plan might be seen as propaganda, not in the sense of distortion, but in the sense of spreading the party's separatist message. "We're going to spread what we want to spread as efficiently as possible," he said.

The party would not stand by and watch others distort its policies, the premier said. On Saturday, Levesque lashed out at the English-language media, especially that in Montreal,

for what he termed scare propaganda and constant hostility. **FIGHT 'BLACKMAIL'** The action plan, prepared by the executive and approved by the PQ's 300-member council, said the party would have to fight the federalists and their "principal weapon... emotional blackmail and the exploitation of fear."

The document said the party has to convince people "of the possibilities which independence offers, in comparison with the powerlessness in which we are kept by the federal system."

On a riding level, the plan will result in campaign organization committees as at election time as well as training of a group of party members to answer questions from the public "about our option and the actions of the government."

Levesque emphasized at the news conference that the action plan would be paid for by the party and not by the government as opposed to federal authorities who are using public funds for various unity committees and study groups.

Arms talks to continue

MOSCOW (AP)—The Soviet Union joined the U.S. on Sunday in pledging to adhere to the existing strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT) while negotiations continue toward hammering out a new accord.

A Soviet government statement reported by the news agency Tass said Moscow will avoid taking any steps incompatible with the current SALT agreement—set to expire Oct. 3—provided the U.S. shows the same restraint.

U.S. State Secretary Cyrus Vance issued a similar statement Friday after two days of arms talks in Washington with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

The Soviet statement made no mention of progress achieved or

problems remaining after the Washington talks. But U.S. officials and Gromyko had said afterward that the two sides moved closer together on the unresolved issues.

The statement said the Soviet Union will continue to abide by the expiring agreement "in accordance with the readiness expressed by both sides to complete within the near future the work on a new agreement... and in the interests of maintaining the status quo while the talks on the new agreement are being concluded."

The expiring 1972 accord sets limits on land-based and submarine-launched intercontinental ballistic missiles. It does not limit heavy bombers that carry nuclear bombs or the number of missiles that can carry multiple warheads.

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Trees for Terrace's 50th birthday were planted Sunday by local brownies, cubs and guides in a ceremony combined with a memorial service for Lady Olave Baden-Powell, wife of the founder of the international scouting movement. A five-foot post, background, is inscribed to the effect that trees in that corner of Lower Little Park were donated by the groups. Group standing behind one of the saplings is representative of the organizations. Centre, Tania Halber, Second Kitsumkalum Brownies, left, Kerry Sinclair of the Third Skeena Brownies, Chantal McFarland of the Kitsumkalum Guides, John Gray of No. 8 Terrace Cubs and Carol Derrick of No. 3 Skeena Guides.

Klan marches again

MOBILE, Ala. (AP)—Several demonstrators were injured Saturday as several hundred blacks confronted 100 persons marching in a United Klans of America march through downtown. In addition, a black, off-duty city policeman was beaten and arrested during the confrontation. The march by the white-supremacist klan began

quietly, near the courthouse. The injured officer, Donald Pinkney, was treated in hospital for head injuries. Police refused comment on the charge against Pinkney, but said he was released on \$500 bond. Pinkney's father, Booker Pinkney, said his son told him he had been charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and assault on a police officer.

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Israel okays U.S. plan

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israel announced approval Sunday of what it said was a four-point U.S. compromise proposal to reconvene the Geneva Middle East peace conference with a single all-Arab delegation at the opening session.

The government said that under the proposal the formal opening would be followed by working-group talks between Israel and Palestinians—but not known members of the Palestine Liberation Organization—would be included among the Jordanian representatives.

The plan was approved at a meeting of Premier Menahem Begin and his cabinet.

In Washington, a state department spokesman said while the proposal has merit, there has been no agreement on this approach among the Arab countries or the co-chairmen of the Geneva conference, the United States and the Soviet Union.

NEW YORK (AP)—Newsweek magazine says Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan has begun secret negotiations with

Jordan and Egypt in a move for separate, transitional agreements with both countries.

The magazine says Dayan talked with an emissary from Egyptian President Anwar Sadat in Paris two weeks ago. As previously reported elsewhere, the magazine says Dayan met with Jordan's King Hussein during a visit to London five weeks ago.

In Paris, the magazine says, Dayan met with a high-ranking Saudi Arabian official acting on behalf of Sadat. What transpired has not been disclosed, the magazine says.

But the meeting was important enough for Dayan to interrupt his scheduled trip to Washington and fly back to Israel for a quick huddle with Premier Menahem Begin, Newsweek says.

Austere defence policies cause short supplies

Underequipped U.S. Army can't fight conventional war

WASHINGTON (AP)—The ability of the United States to fight a major conventional war has been seriously weakened by shortages in key weapons and ammunition and by other critical deficiencies.

"Stated frankly and simply, our army is outgunned and inadequately equipped," said Gen. David Jones, U.S. Air Force chief of staff.

"We have had to live with underequipped tactical fighter units, shortfalls in airlift capability, an austere... air defence force... and persistent shortages of aircraft spare parts and some types of munitions."

Jones said the Pentagon has started corrective actions, but a two-month investigation by The Associated Press shows it will take two to six years to cure most of the major shortcomings.

"It will take at least five or six years of concerted effort before the material condition of the entire fleet attains a sustainable satisfactory level," said the defence department, describing the U.S. Navy.

Unlike the conventional forces, U.S. strategic nuclear striking arms appear to be in good shape. These long-range missiles and bombers and missile submarines are designed to deter any nuclear attack on the U.S.

INCREASED CONCERN

During the last year, Congress and the Pentagon have shown concern about the readiness of conventional U.S. land, air and sea forces to deal with a possible attack on Western Europe by the Soviet Union.

This concern grows from a belief that the Russians may have developed enough hard-hitting, fast-moving ground and air power to attack Western Europe with little warning.

Readiness problems also undercut U.S. ability to use ground, sea and air forces effectively in the Far East, Middle East and the oil-producing Persian Gulf.

The investigation highlighted these significant weaknesses among others:

—The army has only 7,000 of the nearly 15,000 tanks planners believe it must have to defeat Soviet armor and replace anticipated heavy battle losses. The Russians outnumber Allied armies by about three to one in tanks in the crucial Central European sector;

—The air force has about half the advanced air-to-air missiles it needs as defence against enemy fighter planes;

—The army national guard and reserve has few units rated ready for deployment. The air force, marines and navy are generally regarded as being in better shape;

—The reserve manpower pool has dropped to 429,000 from 1.6 million five years ago. Because the draft is dead, this individual ready reserve would be the main source of replacements for battle casualties in the first weeks and months of a war;

—Poor reliability of some new aircraft, ships and other complex weapons have caused major problems. During one recent period

fewer than 50 per cent of the Atlantic fleet's F-14 fighter planes were ready to fly.

PERSONNEL DROPPING

The U.S. military services have about 2.1 million men and women in uniform—1.5 million less than the Vietnam war peak and the smallest number since before the Korean War in 1950.

The 468-ship U.S. Navy is nearly the smallest since before the 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. The fleet was reduced by retiring hundreds of older ships for economy reasons.

But there are pluses as well as minuses.

The air force's tactical air command, which is responsible for preparing U.S.-based fighters for deployment, claims it can double the nearly 600 U.S. fighters now based in Europe in 96 hours and have them in combat almost immediately.

The volunteer military concept has been under criticism from Capitol Hill since the draft ended more than four years ago.

DEFENCE ESSENTIAL

A new defence directive, issued after months of study, reinforces what has been the major focus of U.S. military policy—to defend Western Europe as close to the Communist border as possible without yielding any more German soil than is necessary.

The AP learned that the European war reserves stocks contain only about 25 per cent of the tanks required, one-third of the ammunition, no armored personnel carriers, and no longbarrelled, self-propelled artillery, which division commanders say is vital to match the longer ranges of the Soviet field guns.

The reserve stocks in Europe are important because the shortage of long-range airlift capacity makes it questionable whether enough fresh equipment and ammunition could reach Europe in time to influence the battle during the first 30 days.

Man killed

A Terrace man died after a car overturned on Highway 25 south of the district at 4:30 a.m. Friday.

Dead is Louis Hamel, 17, whose car apparently ran off the highway near the Kitimat River. Two passengers whose names are not yet known are in being treated in Mills Memorial Hospital.

Terrace RCMP released no further information on the incident.

In brief: Clark supported

TORONTO (CP) — A resolution expressing unanimous support for party leader Joe Clark was passed Saturday by the national council of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation.

"We're fed up with exaggerated press reports of bickering within the party," federation president John Aimers said in a prepared statement.

He said members of the federation "feel that Joe Clark represents the best hope for young Canadians who want a job, reasonably-priced housing and less government interference in their lives."

The national council is made up of the federation national executive and presidents of provincial Conservative youth associations.

Aimers said 35 per cent of voting delegates at the Conservative party annual meeting starting in Quebec City Nov. 4 will be from the youth federation.

Kitimat school meeting

Mount Elizabeth School Committee will hold a General Meeting for parents of Mount Elizabeth students next Monday at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the lunch room of the High School.

There will be interim reports by the sub-committees studying, Social Problems, Junior Senior Division, Health and NUTRITION, PLUS School Spirit, and election to fill one vacancy, a speaker on a pertinent topic, and an opportunity to meet the teachers.

Coffee and refreshments will be served. This is your chance to get answers to the questions and problems concerning you, to have a voice in the workings of your Committee and School and to learn more about your new School Committee. Everyone is urged to come and bring another parent.

For more information, call Louella Gross, 632-2642 or Marj Fowle, 632-7444.

Mount Elizabeth School Committee was formed last spring as a result of parents concern and interest. Made up of parents, staff, and administration with a School Board representative, the Committee hopes to use Communication, consultation, and a large amount of co-operation to avoid problems and to rectify existing concerns.

It will be most effective if parents convey their ideas to members of the Committee and continue the enthusiastic interest that has been evident since its inception. A list of members and their phone numbers was mailed to every home with the final reports in June. Please feel free to contact anyone on the list at any time.

Lang to China

HONG KONG (AP) — Canadian Transport Minister Otto Lang left here by train Sunday for an 11-day visit to China at the invitation of the Chinese government.

Lang, who arrived here Friday from Singapore, also is minister in charge of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Lang said the purpose of his visit to China is to ensure that trade relations between the two countries continue to improve.

He is scheduled to visit Japan after his stay in China.

Pragmatic leader

PEKING (Reuters) — China's pragmatic new leaders have tightened their grip on the armed forces by naming southerner Wei Kuo-ching to direct the army's political machinery.

The key post was previously held by Chang Chun-chiao, one of the disgraced "Gang of Four" radicals purged last October.

Wei, 70, was referred to in an article in Sunday's People's Daily, the Communist party organ, as director of the political department of the People's Liberation Army (PLA), in effect the army's chief political commissar.

A member of the party central committee, Wei has been serving as party first secretary in Kwantung province and first political commissar of the PLA units in Canton, the Kwantung capital.

He is regarded by analysts here as being close to Deputy Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

During his temporary political exile last year, Teng is understood to have spent some time in the Canton area under the protection of local party and army leaders.

Teng re-emerged in July to become number three in the Chinese hierarchy after 18 months in political eclipse during the period of radical supremacy.

Army leaders have said a thorough purge of radical influence is under way in the military.

As usual, the People's Daily gave no indication when Wei was appointed to his new post. It said merely he had attended an army cultural and artistic performance that ended Saturday.

Lover sought

HOPE, B.C. (CP) — RCMP were seeking an 18-year-old Hope youth who they said faces abduction and robbery charges in what appears to have been a jealous-lover case in this community 160 kilometres east of Vancouver Saturday.

Police said a 44-year-old Vancouver man, who apparently got a little too close to the youth's girlfriend, said he was kept against his will in a motel unit under threat of torture with knives, belts and sticks. The man also said he was robbed of \$50 and driven to the Hope/Princeton Highway where he was beaten and kicked.

RCMP were holding a 15-year-old youth in connection with the incident.

Beer destroyed

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Fire at a north Spokane warehouse early Saturday destroyed 1,500 kegs of beer and six beer delivery trucks, a fire department spokesman said.

No one was injured, but more than 20,000 gallons of malty liquid was ruined in the kegs, which hold between 15 and 16 gallons each.

Fire officials said arson was not suspected. Firemen drove three fully-loaded beer trucks out of the building but six were lost.

Warehouse manager Richard Shepard said he couldn't estimate damage until after an inspection.

Funny man coming

Jay Hoyle, comedian and musician, will perform in Terrace at the REM Lee Theatre Sept 30 and Oct 1 8 p.m. Jay is one of three talented groups that the North West Loggers Association is sponsoring as a part of their convention at the Terrace Hotel. Performing with Jay are Felix Possak and his Banjo Band and the Allan Sister of CBC-TV fame.

Jay Hoyle captures the audience the minute he walks on stage. He is comedy is country and howls of laughter are strictly uptown. Jay's music has country roots but the quality reflects his years of private and university study. He appeals to every ear in the audience. A rare performer who guides his audience from laughter to whisper silence, then to a rousing frenzy with his finale of Bluegrass banjo.

Tickets for the performance of Jay Hoyle and the Allan Sisters and Felix Possak can be obtained at Terrace Sight and Sound, Ev's Men's Wear and the NWLA office at \$5.00 each.

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5 :00	Newlywed Game	Flinstones	Emergency	Mister Rogers	
5 :15	Newlywed Game	Flinstones	Emergency	Electric	
5 :30	News	Mary Tyler Moore	Emergency	Company	
5 :45	News				
6 :00	News	Hourglass	News	Zoom	
6 :15	News	Hourglass	News	Zoom	
6 :30	News	Hourglass	News	Crockett's	
6 :45	News	Hourglass	News	Garden	
7 :00	Seattle Tonight	Barnby Jones	Bobby Vinton Show	MacNeil	
7 :15	Hollywood Squares	Jones	Headline Hunters	Lehrer	
7 :30		Jones		The American House	
7 :45					
8 :00	Little House On Prairie	Betty White Show	The Waltons	Upstairs	
8 :15	Cont	Cont	Cont	Downstairs	
8 :30	Cont	Front Page Challenge	Cont	Cont	
8 :45	Cont				
9 :00	Mon. Night at Movies	superspecial "If Tonight We Fall In Love"	Grand Old Soap	Age of Uncertainty	
9 :15	Cont	Cont	Cont	Age of Uncertainty	
9 :30	Cont				
9 :45	Cont				
10 :00	Quillan	Newsmagazine	Dean Martin	In Pursuit of Liberty	
10 :15	Cont	Newsmagazine	Dean Martin	Cont	
10 :30	Cont	Man Alive	Dean Martin		
10 :45	Cont	Man Alive			
11 :00	News	The National Night	CTV News		
11 :15	News	Final Hour	News		
11 :30	Tonight Show	Final Hour	Hour		
11 :45		Korda	Final		
12 :00	Tonight Show	Collection	The Late Show		
12 :15	Cont	Cont	"Once an Eagle"		
12 :30	Cont	Cont	Parts 1 & 2		
12 :45	Cont	Cont	Cont		

Tuesday, September 27

10a.m. to 5p.m.

10 :00	Wheel Of Fortune	Fr. Giant Man Arm	Jean Carnem Show	Electric Company	Price Is Right
10 :15	It's Anybody's Guess	Mr. Dressup	Definition	Cover to Cover	Love of Life
10 :30		Mr. Dressup	Definition	Cover to Cover	Midday News
10 :45					
11 :00	Shoot For The Stars	Sesame Street	Karen's Yoga	Music place	Young & The Restless
11 :15	Chico And The Man	Sesame Street	It's Your Move	As We See It	Search For Tomorrow
11 :30			It's Your Move	As We See It	
11 :45					
12 :00	Hollywood Squares	Bob McLean Show	Noon News	Electric Company	Eyewitness News
12 :15	Days Of Our Lives	Bob McLean	Movie	M is for Music	As The World Turns
12 :30		CBC News	Matinee:	About Safety	
12 :45					
1 :00	Days Of Our Lives	I Dream of Jeannie	"Footsteps"	About Safety	As The World Turns
1 :15	The Doctors	Hollywood Squares	Richard Crenna	The Music Place	Turns Guiding Light
1 :30	The Doctors		Cont	All About You	
1 :45					
2 :00	Another World	Kyan's Hope	Another World	Roomastics	All In The Family
2 :15	Another World	Ryan's Hope	Another World	Roomastics	Match Game
2 :30	Another World	Edge Of Night		The Word Shop	
2 :45				Cont	
3 :00	Movie: "The Hills"	Take Thirty	Alan Hamel Show	Black Perspective	Dinah!
3 :15	Angry Robert	Mitchem	Alan Hamel Show	Equal Justice	Dinah!
3 :30				Equal Justice	Dinah!
3 :45					
4 :00	Cont	Eye of The Beholder	Sanford and Son	Sesame Street	
4 :15	Cont	Pencil Box	Sanford and Son	Sesame Street	
4 :30	Cont		The Gong Show	Sesame Street	
4 :45	Cont		The Gong Show		

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Despite a turnout of 436 people for the Kinsmen Bingo at Skeena Secondary Saturday night, the service club only made about \$180. That's because someone lettered the sign wrong showing the prices of bingo cards at \$1 each, not \$2 as planned. The top prize of \$3,000 was split evenly between Don Kennel, of New Hazelton, Helen Zuda, of Terrace, Rod Johnson, of Kitwanga and Brenda Pierre of Kitsegugla. Total prize money was \$5,000 for the night. Kinsmen's next big bingo is a TV-staged affair in November.

Free enterprise runs out of gas

Canadian investors lack guts -- Iona

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Iona Campagnolo, federal minister of state for fitness and amateur sports, Saturday urged business to have more confidence in Canada's economic future and to make greater use of government assistance in its enterprises.

The minister was addressing the annual convention of the Certified General Accountants' Association of British Columbia, which ended Saturday.

"Free enterprise is the engine to move the country, but it seems to be running low on gas and needs to be

primed," she said.

Canadian business expresses its lack of confidence in the economy by investing abroad, she added, mainly in the United States.

And while Canadians invest abroad, European, Arabian and Hong Kong money is being invested in Canada, showing that Canada holds a great promise for these investors.

"We are lacking economic guts," she said.

The minister pointed out that Canada is riding through world economic troubles comparatively well and the government is doing everything it can to restore

Canadian business confidence in the future.

She said that instead of having business come to the government the government is going out to business down to the shop level to explain the assistance available for

expansion, merger and production.

Campagnolo said that newlyappointed Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce Jack Horner will concentrate even more on informing business of what

government can do to assist rather than take over.

The convention elected Etta Richmond of Chilliwack as new president of the 4,000-member association.

Pope feels fragile and human

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Paul, on the eve of his 80th birthday, told 50,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square on Sunday he feels "the fragility of being human."

"In our soul we are divided with two sentiments: one is relative to our age ... which pre-announces that our end in the order of temporal life is approaching," Pope Paul said in the emotional address.

The Pope, who looked in good health and spoke firmly at mass and his traditional noon blessing, today becomes the fifth head of the Roman Catholic Church in this century to reign as an octogenarian. Of the century's seven popes, all but two continued in their reigns after reaching age 80.

"This obliges us to great humility. We feel the fragility of being human to which we are subject as Christ was at the crucifix."

The Pope said the other sentiment he feels concerns the papacy and the foundation of the Roman Catholic Church.

Fires dampened in district

Despite the return to cooler damper weather, four new fires were reported for the week ending Sept. 22, bringing the season total for the Forest District to 144 fires.

The new fires are either out or being mopped up by fire fighting crews.

Along with fire suppression, the Protection division is responsible for the detection, monitoring and control of forest insects and diseases in the Prince Rupert Forest District. All ages of forests are affected by insects and diseases, and although not as dynamic as fire, these agents can cause serious problems to the forest manager. Serious growth loss, deformities and mortality are frequently associated with insect and disease attacks; if left unchecked, an entire forest crop representing over 100 years of growth can be quickly destroyed.

The detection and monitoring of insect populations and diseases is jointly carried out by the Canadian Forestry Service of the Federal Department of Fisheries and Environment and the Forest SERVICE. Two Federal Insect and Disease Rangers are assigned to the Prince Rupert Forest District for a five month season, and provide expert advice on insect and disease problems. The facilities and staff of the Canadian Forestry SERVICE, Pacific Forest Research Centre in Victoria are also made available to the Forest District. In addition to

identifying forest insects and diseases and any resulting problems the CFS Rangers help establish trends of current infestations and recommend possible control action.

Insects affecting forest trees fall in two categories: Defoliators and bark-beetles. Defoliators eat needles and buds of trees, and cause growth loss, deformities and mortality. Examples of defoliators in the Prince Rupert Forest District are the European Sawfly and Spruce Weevil, which defoliate shorepine and Sitka spruce respectively. Chemical control of defoliator infestations is often required, however, this method is used very sparingly and cautiously. No such control is being carried out in the Prince Rupert Forest District at this time.

Bark beetles present a greater problem in the Prince Rupert Forest District. Lodgepole pine, White Spruce and Balsam fir are being affected by an upswing in bark beetle populations in the Interior. Populations have built to epidemic levels in the past several years, particularly in lodgepole pine. Efforts to control the infestations are underway through logging, and felling-and-burning infested trees.

Diseases in forest are also ever present; they cause considerable damage to all ages of trees. Dwarf Mistletoe and root rot are but two of the many forest diseases present in the Prince Rupert Forest District.

Fitness month not up to par

Fitness month so far proved a disappointment to recreation commissioners who voiced their concern over poor sacking turnouts last week's meeting.

Commission Chairman Gerry Martin said turnouts were better than normal in months but even more people were expected for swimming and skating in September considering the rate of reductions that were made.

He said the commission stills feels the idea is a good one and next September will also be made fitness month, this time with a little more publicity.

"It wasn't promoted enough," he said, meetings in the summer weren't held because most commissioners weren't available and the effort was not well organized.

In addition to reduce skating and pool rates for next year's

In addition to reduce skating and pool rates for next year's fitness months, the commission is considering sponsoring outdoor events similar to the recently-held softball tourney and perhaps family hikes. Nothing of that nature is planned for the coming season, however, because the commission feels its better for local people to organize their activities on their own with the commission supplying any help necessary.

For what it's worth, rate reductions are and increased opening times still in force at the swimming pool until the end of this month when old rates and time will be back.

P.G. gets DREE office

The federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion will soon open an office in Prince George, Skeena Mp Iona Campagnolo has announced on behalf of DREE Minister Marcel Lessard.

The new office has been made necessary by the designation of northern B.C. under the federal Regional Development Incentives Act and the signing of two important agreements between the Department and the Province of British Columbia, said Mrs. Campagnolo.

Under the regional development incentive program which now applies in northern British Columbia, financial grants and loan guarantees are available to encourage investment in manufacturing and processing facilities.

The Industrial Development Agreement, which allows for up to \$70 million of joint federal-provincial programming, including assistance for various types of industrial infrastructure, is expected to be important in northern British Columbia, as in other parts of the province outside the major metropolitan centres.

The Agricultural agreement, which allows for \$60 million in joint funding, will have relevance to the Peace River country and the Bulkley-Nechako district.

In making the announcement Mrs. Campagnolo said, that because of its central location and accessibility, Prince George, a rapidly growing interior community, was considered a logical choice of the new office.



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Interpreting the News

Little promise for peace

UNITED NATIONS CP- The opening phases of the new Middle East peace offensive have produced little promise of actual movement toward a peace conference in Geneva this year.

Emissaries from Egypt and Israel visited President Carter this week to talk about possible resumption of the Geneva conference, which has been standing adjourned since just after the 1973 Yom Kippur War. Carter later is to talk with envoys of the two other Middle East belligerents, Syria and Jordan.

His initial talks with Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy of Egypt and Moshe Dayan of Israel were described as positive, useful and helpful in Washington but diplomats here saw no hint of progress on the insurmountable obstacle of Palestinian representation in the Geneva talks.

"From the public image, we see no grounds for optimism and no hope of success," said one diplomat who keeps close tabs on the Middle East negotiations. "From all appearances, the Arab and the Israelis would seem to be on a collision course."

This viewpoint contrasted sharply with that expressed in Washington, where Dayan said an agreed formula for resumed Geneva talks might be found before the year-end and Fahmy also expressed hope the conference could meet this year.

The aim of Carter's separate negotiations with Dayan and FAHMY, AND HIS TALKS NEXT WEEK WITH Foreign Minister Abdel Hallum Khaddan of Syria and an envoy from Jordan, is to find a way around Israel's refusal to permit representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization PLO to attend the Geneva meeting.

Israelis regard the PLO, an umbrella organization representing various groups of Palestinian refugees made homeless when Israel came into being 30 years ago, as a terrorist organization dedicated to the destruction of modern Israel.

Only Israel, Egypt, Syria and Jordan- the four countries involved in the Yom Kippur War- were invited to the original 1973 conference when it was convened under the auspices of the United States and the Soviet Union. It was adjourned after a few brief sessions.

Dayan tried to indicate some Israeli flexibility by saying Israel would accept at Geneva mayors of Palestinian towns on the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River or other Palestinians known publicly to the PLO sympathizers.

Fahmy ridiculed that idea, and observers here suggested that the West Bank mayors would have neither the stature nor the authority to represent the Palestinian population as a whole and could speak only for their own local areas.

If Washington could nail down Arab-Israeli agreement on new Geneva talks, it would at the same time be able to head off a potentially embarrassing debate in the UN General Assembly over Israel's continued establishments of illegal Jewish settlements in Arab lands occupied in the 1967 war.

Egypt has served notice that it plans to seek such a debate and can be expected to push the issue if the Washington negotiations fall. This would put the U.S. in a spot because it joined the Arab nations last year in condemning the Israeli settlements program and could not avoid being caught up in a new debate in the General Assembly.

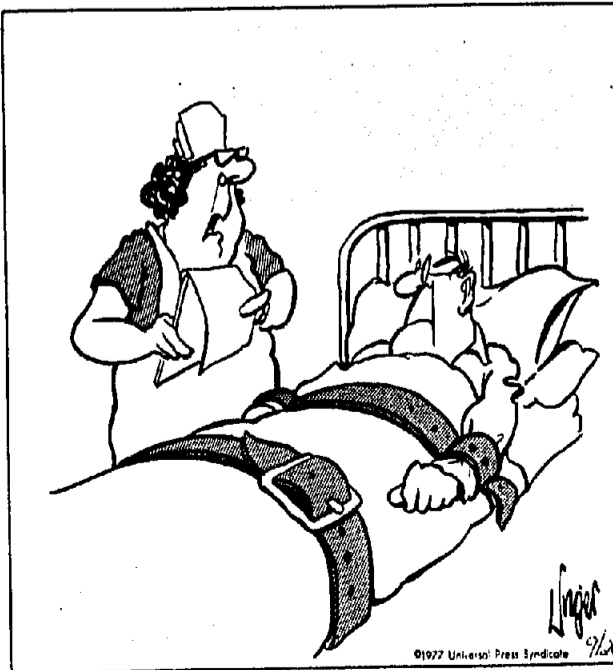
RUINS FOUND

AMMAN (Reuters) - The ruins of a town dating to 4000 BC have been uncovered in the village of Sahab, 20 kilometres (13 miles) south of Amman, archaeology department director Adnan Hadidi said Wednesday.

COMMISSIONER SHOT

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - Police Commissioner Eduardo Ubaldino Salame was seriously wounded Wednesday when unidentified gunmen ambushed him near his office, a police spokesman said.

HERMAN



"Hospital regulations. You gotta wear the straps while I read the bill."

Stuff, pompous, long-winded business executives submit to ego-pounding

HERTFORD, ENGLAND DCP-Five top business executives volunteered for a two-day assault on their egos in which they were called stuffy, slouchy, pompous and long-winded. Each paid \$560 for the course which is aimed at teaching executives how to behave and their look best when dealing with television, radio and press and how improve their communication with people generally.

"All who have taken the course say they benefited from it," said Derrick Scott-Job, a former radio executive who devised this weekend school. "It is largely geared to the media but is also concerned with social and business relations and the best choice of words."

"The right facial expressions are also important, whether you are dealing with business associates, with clients or with members of your staff."

Clive Jacobs, a TV and radio broadcaster who also gives instruction to executives, said most people talk at the rate of two

or three words a second and much of this is "Waffle". "Husbands waffle away to their wives and the wives waffle back. It's mostly stuff-up per-lip stuff for, as our course shows through video-tape recording most of us deal in euphemisms and evasions. There are

more waffles in politics than anywhere else."

Scot-Job said a United Nations official flew over from Geneva to take the course because he felt his public speeches lacked eloquence and the ability to put his points across.

Blessed are the poor - and he means it

BURNLEY, ENGLAND CP-The vicar who attended a service in his own church disguised as a drunken bum really started something in this industrial Lancashire town. He was turned away by two of his own churchwardens.

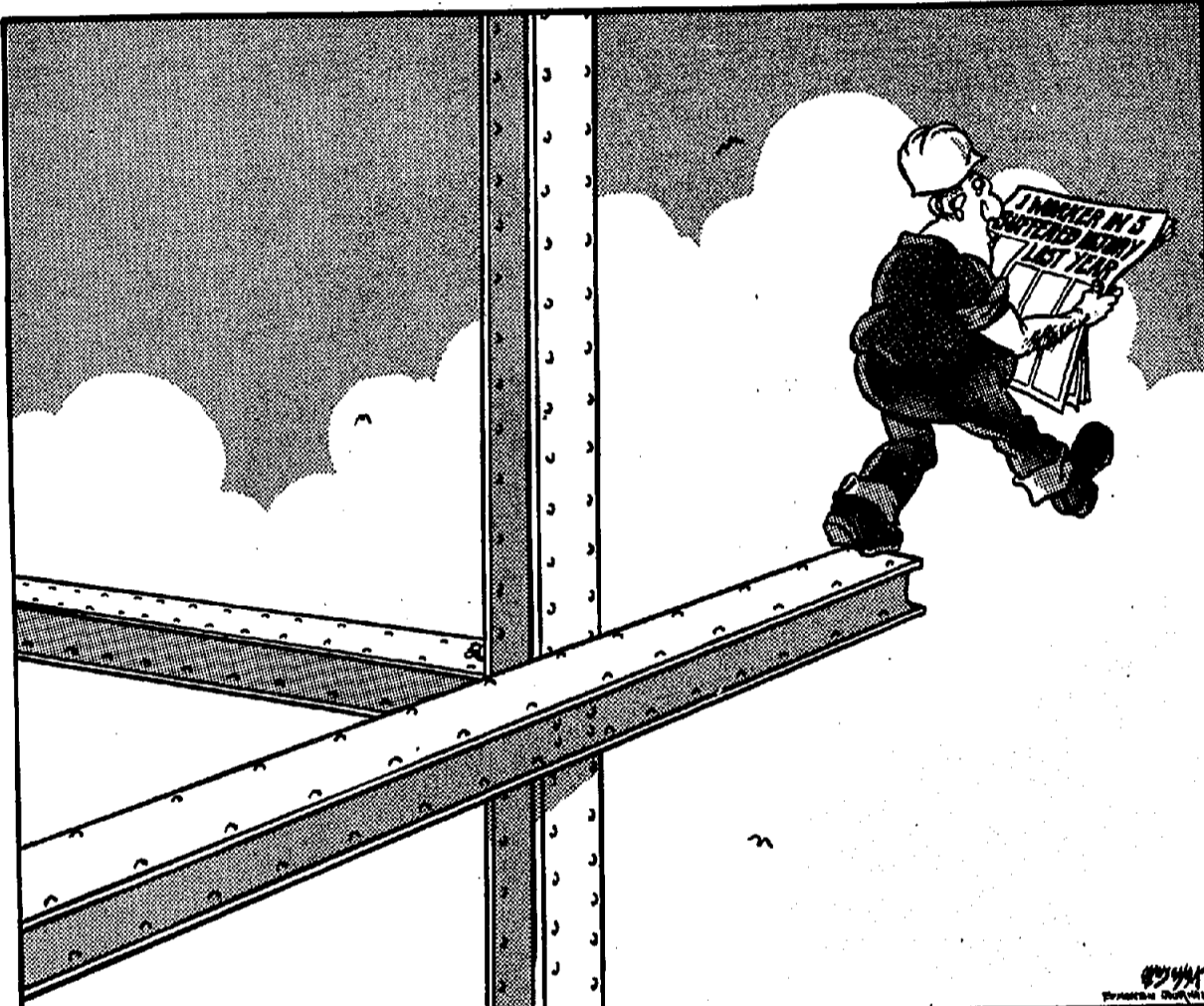
"We didn't object to his shabby cloths or hairy face," said one of the wardens. "But he was staggering and looked very much worse for drink and we thought he might upset other people in the church."

The vicar, Rev. Roger Hale, removed his false whiskers and re-entered, still wearing his shabby clothes.

Unhindered, he walked straight up the aisle and climbed into the pulpit. "Never judge anyone by their appearance," he told the congregation. "Prove it is no sin but the wardens did tight to turn me away when they thought I was drunk and might cause a disturbance in God's house."

The vicar then preached on the text "Blessed are the poor."

After the service he said; "I had no idea my disguise was so good. Perhaps I overdid it bit, grunting and wheezing as I staggered up the aisle. But at least, I got my message across."



Business spotlight

Education takes to the streets

MONTREAL, CP-A group of Montreal businessmen and educationists, who feel an unimproved public can be dangerous, has unveiled plans to take economic education out of the university classroom and put it into the home and factory.

"I think that as businessmen it is our duty to make sure the people understand the system they live in," said Rene Provost, vice-chairman of Provigo Inc., and a founding member of the Quebec Foundation for Economic Education. The national body is concentrating on subsidizing courses in economic for primary and

secondary school teachers. Also high on the national body's list of priorities are publications aimed at the secondary school level and a series of films designed to teach the principles of economics to children between the ages of nine and 11.

The Quebec foundation also is interested in promoting the use of films in the classrooms, but interim president Michel Lecours said the material originating in the United States and English Canada will have to be adapted for the Quebec school system. And Lecours said an education program for elementary and high school

teachers is a high priority for his group, especially since no Quebec university offers the courses. He envisions the foundation offering correspondence course for people of all ages, regular economics publications and courses on the factory floor subsidized by a company and carried out by a foundation officer.

He also would like to see regular conferences between business leaders and teachers, and the establishment of a resource centre that would include a film library for the use of schools and the general public.

A campaign is to start this month to raise \$100,000 from Quebec companies for the foundation. No government funding will be sought. Another foundation official said the organization is not a tool for business to sell the current economic system to the public.

"We have to be very careful about this or we'll lose our credibility immediately," says Jean-Louis Mercier, executive vice-president of Imperial Tobacco Ltd. "I'm getting the public to understand economics better means, they understand business, then so much much the better."

Support for gay rights urged

The B.C. Federation of Labour has released the contents of a telegram sent this morning to the B.C. Minister of Labour, Allan Williams:

"We are deeply concerned that your Ministry has not yet agreed to appeal to the SUPREME Court of Canada the decision of the B.C. Court of Appeals respecting discrimination by the Vancouver Sun against the Gay Alliance Toward Equality.

We believe the government has a moral obligation to uphold its legislation before the courts. The Vancouver Sun decision seriously jeopardizes the human rights of all British Columbians by allowing all types of discrimination is serious on its own merit, but for the government to wash its hands of its responsibilities would be an equal evil.

We therefore urge immediate action to appeal this decision which will demonstrate the governments' commitment to the Human Rights Code."

Len Guy Secretary-Treasurer.

Almost a great scoop but our source was wrong

Rumors are funny things to someone who works at a newspaper. Almost as interesting as gossip and sometimes more engrossing than channeled information, rumors have the function of leading you to a really big story. That's why last week when I was having coffee with my friend Jane and another friend Erica dropped over to say how bugged she was that that the oil port was going to go into Kitimat after all, I grabbed her by the throat and demanded she tell me everything. (I lose a lot of friends that way.) Erica insisted she didn't really know anything and wasn't sure of her facts and I should instead get in touch with another person for the details. Which I did the next morning. This person (who said if I attributed anything to him, he would deny having said it), told me the same story, that the announcement would be made in about three

weeks, long before the Andrew Thompson inquiry had completed their hearings. By this time I was really excited with visions of being the first reporter in the entire country to break this story. The first thing I did was phone Inoa's office in Ottawa. She wasn't in, but a return call from her assistance informed me that our local MP hadn't heard a word. Neither had anybody in at the National Energy Board offices who said they wouldn't know anyway because they were out of it now that they had no application before them. A call to the Minister of Mines, energy and resources Alistar Gillespie, didn't get me any further. His assistant told me they didn't know anything about an announcement and in any case, weren't planning on making one themselves. I was getting no where fast. Getting

desperate now, I finally tracked down Tony Pearce, a locally environmentalist in Vancouver for the hearings. Tony disappointed me by saying he hadn't heard the rumor and explained its possible origin. The Washington state government is expected to make an appointment that they support Kitimat as the site, he said, but nobody is expecting the same from the Canadian government. At least as long as the hearings are still going on. So there went my rumor, and along with it went my aspirations of a big scoop, a couple of hours of my time and lord knows how much in telephone bills. Maybe I'll go back to listening to gossip.

Starting this weekend you and me and everybody else in this province are going to have wear seatbelts by decree of the government who does so much to protect us from ourselves. "B.C. Buckles Up," the ads are screaming at us, while giving us the facts and figures on how much is going to be saved in dollars, and what they term "human misery". Now, I'm not upset about buckling my seat belt when I get into my car. It's something I usually do automatically I've been in enough fender benders to be aware of what happens on the road and aim even a little a fatalistic maybe the next one could be serious crash. But I don't like being told this is something I have to do and is I don't take the precaution I am going to be breaking the Law. It's a pretty paternalistic move on part of the government who should be occupying themselves with more important issues that need legislating rather than telling us they are going to save our lives whether we like it not.



Beer and prize money were awarded victorious drivers who participated in stock car races, a demolition derby and bag races at the Terrace Stock Car track Sunday.

Top cars round the first turn at high speeds after the start of a race. Right, cars slam into each other at slow speeds at the start of a bag race, in which drivers have bags over their heads and a backseat driver directs his blind partner through the course.

Ten-lap heats were won by Tom Sheasby and Don Stewart. A 15-lap heat was won by Herb Quast. Bag races were won by Dennis Ward, guided by Gary Edgar and by Stan McKay guided by Dale Anweiler. A demolition derby between four cars was won by Randy Kerr, whose vehicles was still moving despite a flat tire.

Competitors buy their cars for less than \$100, usually getting them from owners who've abandoned them in their back yards. Cages of welded piping strengthen the bodies and each driver wears a crash helmet and safety belt.



Sports

Defence forces turnovers

Edmonton crumbles under Lion's attack

VANCOUVER (CP) — Rookie Ken Hinton returned a missed field goal 130 yards for a touchdown Saturday night as British Columbia Lions won their sixth straight game with a 30-13 win over Edmonton Eskimos before a sellout crowd of 32,419.

The Lions were leading 20-13 in the Canadian Football League (CFL) game with less than six minutes left when Edmonton's Dave Cutler missed an attempted field goal from the B.C. 33 yard line.

Hinton took the ball deep in his end zone and raced up the sidelines, where he received a block from teammate Grady Cavness at about the Edmonton 40 to spring him past the final defender for the touchdown return.

Hinton's runback was the longest individual punt return in CFL history. The longest CFL punt return (a missed field goal is

Longest punt return ever

classified as a punt) was 131 yards but it took two players to do it.

On Aug. 22, 1958, Boyd Carter and Dave Mann of Toronto Argonauts went that distance against Montreal Alouettes when Carter returned the ball 15 yards and lateralled to Mann who carried it the rest of the way.

HELDPREVIOUS RECORD

Larry Highbaugh of the Eskimos was the previous holder of the mark for the longest individual punt return as he ran 116 yards against Winnipeg on Oct. 26, 1975.

The win gave the Lions a 9-2 record in the Western Division Conference (WFC) and a sweep of back-to-back games against the Eskimos, which dropped to fourth place in the WFC with a 5-5 record.

B.C. also got second-quarter touchdowns from Mike Strickland on a 19-yard run and a pass from Gary Keithley to Leon Bright which covered 78 yards. Lui Passaglia completed the B.C. scoring with three field goals and three conversions.

Edmonton's only touchdown came in the third quarter on a 44-yard pass from Bruce Lemmerman to John Konihowski. Dave Cutler converted and kicked two field goals.

SCORES TOUCHDOWN
Keithley made one of his infrequent appearances in the second quarter after starting quarterback Jerry Tagge of the Lions was intercepted in the Edmonton end zone by Ed Jones on a poorly-thrown pass.

On his first play from scrimmage, Keithley handed off to Strickland who broke two tackles and ran 19 yards for a touchdown.

After a field goal by Cutler on the next series, Keithley came right back with a flanker screen to Bright, who raced 78 yards down the sideline for his sixth touchdown of the season.

B.C. led 3-0 after the first quarter and 17-3 at the half before Lemmerman, who

took over at quarterback for Edmonton in the first quarter from Tom Wilkinson, began hitting on passes to Warrington and Howard Strickland.

Lemmerman finally found Konihowski open behind defensive back Joe Fourqurean of the Lions in

the third quarter and Edmonton pulled within seven points at 20-13.

Passaglia's third field goal completed the scoring, although Edmonton drove to the B.C. 15 in the final minute before Lemmerman threw three incompletions. The B.C. defence forced

four turnovers while Edmonton had one.

Tagge and Keithley completed just five of 14 passes for 130 yards, with Bright catching two passes for 109 yards.

Konihowski caught five passes for 84 yards, while

Warrington and Howard Strickland each had five catches for 71 yards.

Mike Strickland of the Lions led all rushers with 87 yards on 12 carries and Howard Strickland of Edmonton had 32 yards on eight carries.

Standings

	CFL				
	W	L	T	F	A
Montreal	8	3	0	222	164
Toronto	4	6	0	157	189
Hamilton	4	7	0	187	251
Ottawa	3	7	0	219	223
West					
B.C.	9	2	0	266	190
Winnipeg	6	5	0	260	246
Saskatchewan	6	5	0	224	253
Edmonton	5	5	0	254	198
Calgary	3	8	0	160	235
Sunday Results					
Hamilton 20 Montreal 19					
Calgary 11 Saskatchewan 1					
Saturday Results					
Winnipeg 36 Ottawa 24					
B.C. 30 Edmonton 13					

CFL Roundup

Bombers gain on Ottawa errors

WINNIPEG (CP) — Winnipeg Blue Bombers converted three Ottawa turnovers into touchdowns to defeat the Rough Riders 36-24 in a Canadian Football League game Saturday.

Two fumbles and a pass interception led to Blue Bomber touchdowns and gave Winnipeg a needed victory before 23,211 fans who turned out despite a steady day-long rain that continued throughout the game.

Winnipeg quarterback Ralph Brock scored two touchdowns and Tom Scott and Richard Crump each scored once. Bernie Ruoff added four converts, two field goals and two singles.

Richard Holmes scored a pair of touchdowns for Ottawa on runs of 58 and 10 yards and Mike Murphy went over from the one for the other major. Gerry Organ booted three converts and a field goal.

The Rough Riders scored the first two times they got the ball and held a 17-3 lead early in the second quarter.

But Winnipeg marched 99 yards on eight plays, culminating in Brock's first touchdown, to cut the margin to 17-10.

Tim Berryman fumbled the kickoff and after Winnipeg's Randy Halsall recovered, the Bombers moved 43 yards to tie the score on Brock's second major.

The Rough Riders upped the score to 24-18 in the third quarter.

Larry Cates fumbled a punt on his 23-yard line which Winnipeg recovered. On the next play, Brock hit Scott with a touchdown pass to put the Bombers ahead.

Ruoff's convert and a field goal early in the fourth

quarter increased the Winnipeg lead to 29-24 before Ottawa began moving toward a potential go-ahead score.

But Merv Walker intercepted a Tom Clements pass, returning it 43 yards to the Ottawa 27-yard line, with just over one minute to go.

The win gave Winnipeg 12 points in the Western Conference and a second-place tie place with Saskatchewan Roughriders, who were to play in Calgary on Sunday. Ottawa remained tied for third place in the Eastern Conference with Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Defence keeps Stamps alive

CALGARY (CP) — Calgary Stampeders placekicker Cyril McFall scored 11 points but it was sufficient to defeat Saskatchewan Roughriders 11-1 in a defensive-oriented Canadian Football League game Sunday afternoon.

The win, Calgary's third of the season and second consecutive, kept the Stampeders in the Western Football Conference basement with a 3-3 record.

Saskatchewan remains tied for second in the West with Winnipeg Blue Bombers with 12 points, but the Bombers have won two of the three games between the two clubs this season. Both have identical 6-5 records.

Next Sunday, Calgary will play Saskatchewan again in Regina in a home and home series.

McFall kicked field goals of 14, 17 and 27 yards and added singles of 36 and 23

yards. Bob Macarotti accounted for the sole Saskatchewan point with a 51 yard single in the second quarter.

Saskatchewan turnovers proved costly—one Calgary field goal came off a fumble while another resulted from an intercepted pass.

Kicker wins it for Cats

By IAN MacLAIN
HAMILTON (CP) — Rookie Canadian Nick Jambrosic kicked his fourth field goal of the game with 40 seconds remaining Sunday to give Hamilton Tiger-Cats a 20-19 Canadian Football League victory over Montreal Alouettes.

The loss, only the Als' third of the season, left Montreal atop the Eastern Conference standings with 16 points while the Ticats, with eight points, are tied for second with Toronto Argonauts, two points ahead of Ottawa Rough Riders.

Montreal kicker Don Sweet hit on all four of his field goals attempts and converted the Als' touchdown which came on a four-yard pass from rookie import quarterback Mark Jackson to John O'Leary.

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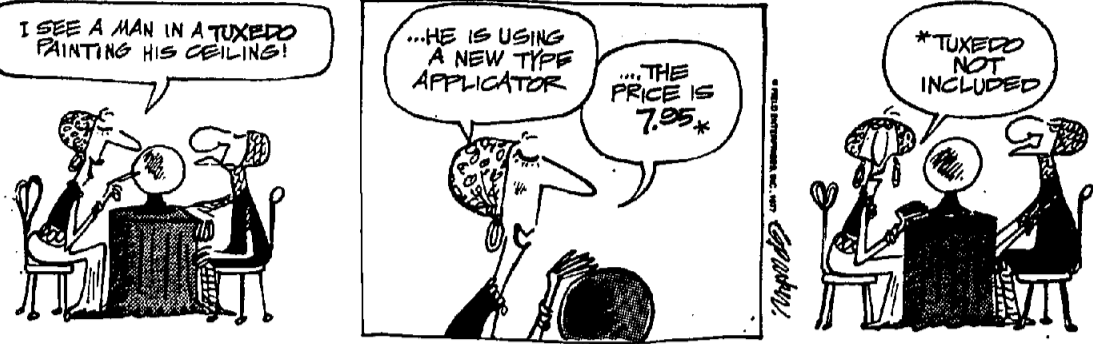
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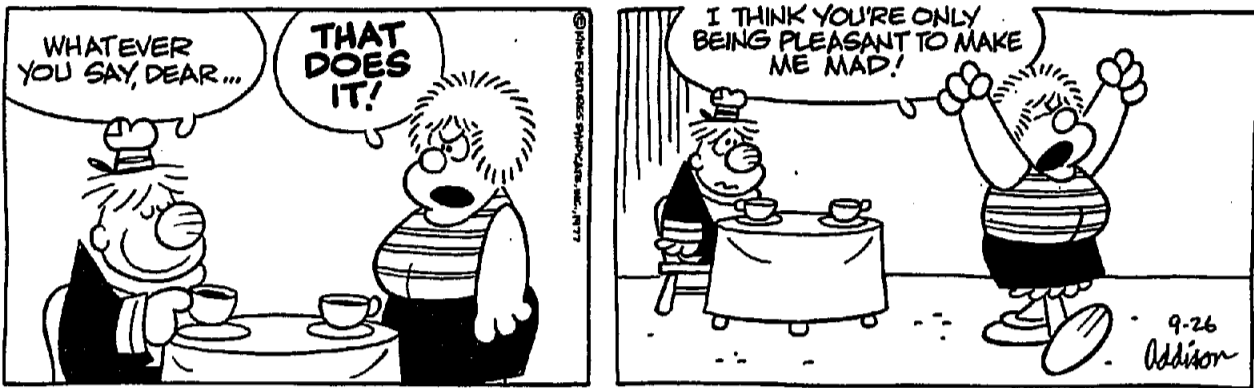
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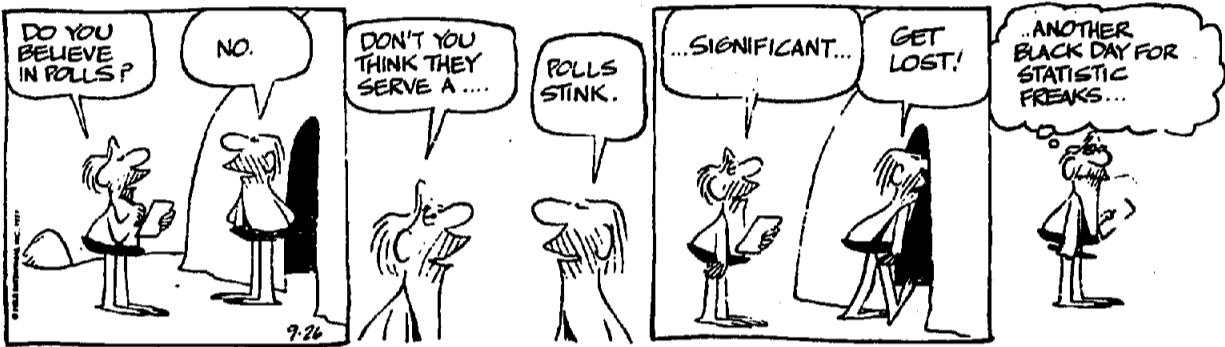
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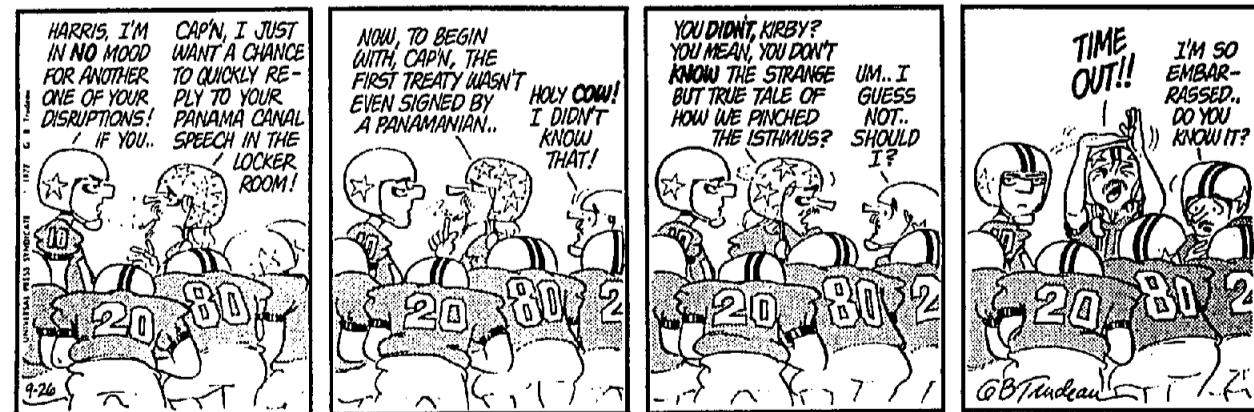
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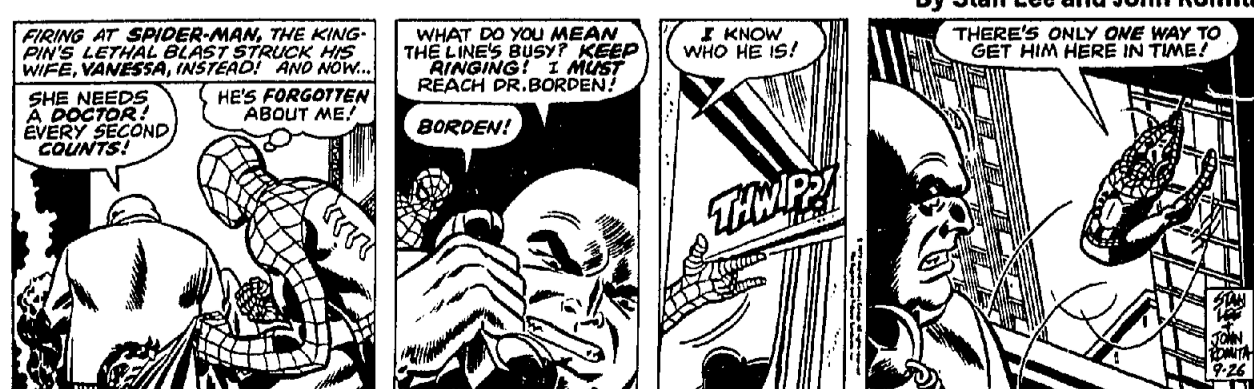
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Crossword

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 1 Part of N.B.
 5 Hardy character
 9 Shake-speare's start
 12 Reputation
 13 Man's name
 14 Lump of coal
 15 Where Los Alamos is
 17 Land area
 18 Chooses
 19 Sum
 21 Dearest, in Montmartre
 24 Decree
 25 - Roller
 28 Easiest understood
 30 Nigerian native
 31 Gives up
 32 Female ruff
 33 Dreamy composition
 35 Watery animal fluids
 36 River to the Caspian
 37 Sea duck
 38 To a specified time

DOWN
 1 Start for plus or sense
 2 " - to Autumn"
 3 Pull by a chain
 4 Arsenal
 5 Topic
 6 Discard goddess
 7 Thus (L.)
 8 Concave moldings
 9 Dispersed
 10 An hour in Barcelona
 11 Biblical brother

16 Upon (prefix)
 20 Rest on one's -
 21 Chatter (slang)
 22 Tramp
 23 Public speaking
 24 Festival
 26 Move in spirals
 27 The end of Berlin
 28 Withered
 29 Rip
 31 Meet requirements
 34 Start of triumph
 35 Glassy mineral
 37 Pixie
 38 Western State
 39 Back of the neck
 40 Amazon estuary
 41 Passage in the brain
 44 Enemy
 45 Part of a pile driver
 46 Watering place
 47 A decade in Tennessee

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Cryptoquip

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip—BABY TIRES; PRATTLES SLEEPILY.
 Today's Cryptoquip clue: M equals L.
 The Cryptoquip is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe can give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

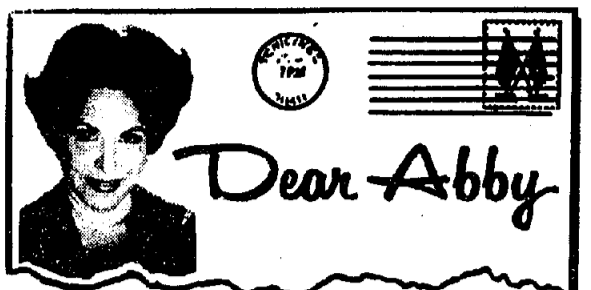


Dr. Lamb

By Lawrence E. Lamb, M.D.

DEAR DR. LAMB—I am a 16-year-old girl and have an intimate sexual relationship with my 17-year-old boyfriend. I am concerned as to whether I can become pregnant if my virginity is not taken. We use the withdrawal technique. Is there any possibility that I can conceive if the hymen is not ruptured? My boyfriend is confident that no sperm can inundate the ovary if the hymen is still intact. Personally I tend to believe this too, but I am having apprehensions. I hope you can allay my fears. I don't want to face the embarrassment and heartbreak that an unwanted pregnancy would bring on my family and myself. DEAR READER—First of all, the withdrawal technique is one of the least reliable forms of birth control, and it is the most commonly used method in active youngsters—including those who should know better. It only takes one sperm cell united with an ovum to induce a pregnancy. A small amount of sperm at the vaginal opening can result in pregnancy. No, the hymen does not have to be broken for pregnancy to occur. This membrane-like structure already has a hole in it or is torn at the time a girl begins menstruating. There is no other way for nor-

mal menstrual discharge to occur. The opening that permits passage of blood also will permit passage of sperm cells. You might ask yourself why you and your family would be embarrassed or have heartache if you were to become a mother. I suspect you will say that it is because your parents would not approve of your life style. I can't make your decisions for you, but you should resolve your feelings about this before you run the risk of pregnancy. Your own responses, your parents' responses, your partner's responses, and what happens to an unwanted baby are all things every girl should carefully consider in deciding what life style she will choose. It is better to confront these basic facts while one still has a choice rather than after it is too late.



Dear Abby

Lousy Student May Mean Lousy Roomie

By Abigail Van Buren
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 DEAR ABBY: I am a 22-year-old woman living alone in an apartment and I need a roommate to share expenses. A 16-year-old boy wants to be my roommate. We work together. His parents kicked him out of the house because he did lousy in school, and he needs a place to live. What worries me is this: If the boy moves in with me, will I get in trouble because he is a minor and I am an adult? And even if I don't get in trouble with the law, do apartment owners have the right to know whether a couple is married or not? I'm having my doubts because of this kid's age. Please help.

SECOND THOUGHTS
 DEAR SECOND: At the risk of sounding like a broken record, if you are concerned about your "rights" and "the law," consult a lawyer. (The laws differ from state to state.) You are wise to have second thoughts. A 16-year-old boy who was kicked out by his parents because he did "lousy" in school would probably make a lousy roommate.
 DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law (I'll call her "Nancy") has just had her second miscarriage in two years. Of course we fell very sorry for her because she has no children and she wants a child very much. The problem, however, is Nancy's mother (my mother-in-law). She has asked everyone in the family not to talk about their children or even mention "babies" in front of Nancy because it might upset her. Two of us in the family are pregnant right now, and this request seems ridiculous to me. She has even said that out of consideration to Nancy, if there are going to be any baby showers, they should be done "quietly" so Nancy won't know about them. I would like your opinion on this.

BABY BLUES
 DEAR BLUES: Nancy's mother may mean well, but she's protective of Nancy to the point of being unrealistic. Of course you shouldn't allow the subject of babies to dominate the conversation in Nancy's presence, but you also shouldn't go to ridiculous extremes to shield her.

DEAR ABBY: How can I tell my friends that it's in poor taste to question a divorcee about her "ex"? After 24 years of what everyone (including me) thought was a good marriage, my husband ran off with another woman. That was two years ago, and people still ask me, "What do you hear from Lester?" What do they expect me to hear from him? Just before our daughter was married last June, people nearly drove me crazy, asking, "Is her father going to give her away?" And, "Did you invite 'him' and his new wife to the wedding?" Abby, I'm not the kind of person who can tell people off, but I'd sure like to know how to respond to questions I hate to answer.

LIBRA
 DEAR LIBRA: You are not obligated to answer a question just because it's asked. If you feel that the question is in bad taste, simply say, "I'd rather not talk about it"—then change the subject.

Your Individual Horoscope

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FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1977

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 to Nov. 22) ♏
 Do not be overly concerned with setbacks, opposition. Taken philosophically, they can be teachers, stabilizers. Some fine advantages in the offing. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 to Dec. 21) ♐
 Persons in your occupational circle may seem to be rather demanding, but try to realize that overaggressiveness is often a sign of inner insecurity and respond accordingly. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) ♑
 Never mind the odds against you! Keep working toward your objectives. There is always a way for the imaginative, optimistic worker. And you are that!
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) ♒
 You will have less opposition in certain areas than you expect. Take the bit by the teeth; put beliefs, intuitive ideas actively to work. PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) ♓
 Good stellar influences should encourage you to step out and try for bigger gains. Accelerate your pace but do not reduce effectiveness by scattering energies.
 YOU BORN TODAY are a highly sensitive and idealistic individual, endowed with lofty ambitions, and reveling in beauty wherever you find it. You have a great love of the arts and fortunately, the talents needed to succeed in them yourself—provided, of course, that you properly educate yourself along the desired lines. Music, poetry, the theater and literature have the greatest appeal for you and, should you not choose one of these as a career, may well take up one or more as an avocation. Birthdate of: Pope Paul VI; Cuthbert (Lord) Collingwood, Brit. admiral; T.S. Eliot, poet, playwright; Julie London, singer, actress.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 20) ♈
 Extraordinarily fine influences! There will be many means at your disposal for achieving goals, reaping an abundant harvest of gratifying rewards. A time for ACTION!
 TAURUS (Apr. 21 to May 21) ♉
 There is a prevalent tendency toward unconventional action. Don't join those who are indiscreet. Bend backwards, in fact, to give a good example of the wisdom of conservative action.
 GEMINI (May 22 to June 21) ♊
 You must reckon with strong opposition now. But, with tact, good judgment and your innate perceptiveness, you should be able to overcome it.
 CANCER (June 22 to July 23) ♋
 Be alert. Scrutinize all situations before acting. Rule out doubt, fear of failure. You have the know-how!
 LEO (July 24 to Aug. 23) ♌
 Auspicious influences indicate new opportunities, reception of delayed recognition, the successful conclusion of pending negotiations. All in all, a good day!
 VIRGO (Aug. 24 to Sept. 23) ♍
 A day for gathering information, sifting details of a project you have in mind. Well prepared, you should conclude it satisfactorily.
 LIBRA (Sept. 24 to Oct. 23) ♎

Defence!
 Walk, jog, run, skate, ski, swim, paddle, pedal... don't let life catch you with your head down.
 Fitness is fun. Try some.
 PARTICIPATION