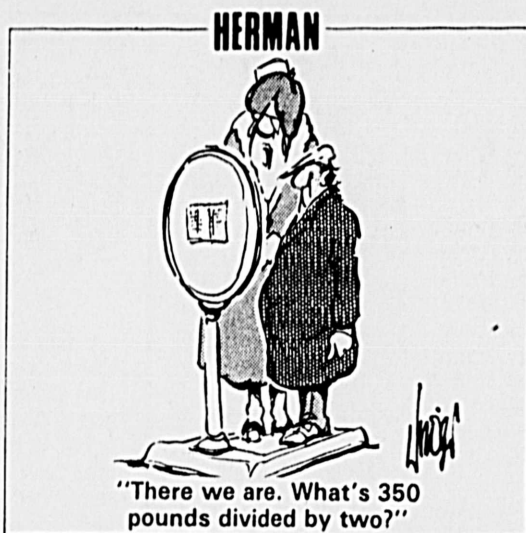


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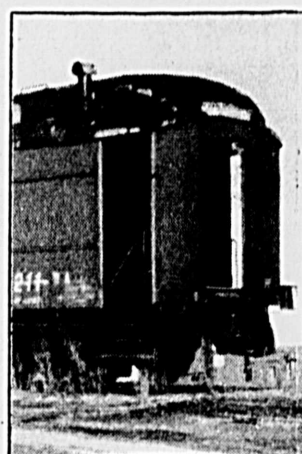
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Sadrack says

Skiers, rejoice. We can expect periods of snow today, occasional snow tonight and intermittent snow Thursday.

Temperatures could rise to -5 today, drop to -10 tonight and rise to -4 Thursday. Chance of precipitation is 100 per cent today and tonight and 70 per cent Thursday.

On Tuesday, the high was -14, and low was -27, the sun shone for 5.1 hours and two centimetres of snow



fell. One year ago, we had a trace of snow, 3.3 hours of sunshine, a high of -21 and a low of -32.

The sun sets at 3:50 p.m. today and rises at 8:27 a.m. Thursday.

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LIBERALS REFUSE TO SHOW UP FOR VOTE

Social benefit fight heats up



Members of two happy and excited families with new sets of triplets include, from left, Devin Greenley, 2, parents Garry and Saline holding triplets Nolan, Alicia and Tyrone; Kurt and Betty Jo Sandberg holding triplets Sarah, Jeffery and Katie, along side sister Jenny, 5, and brother Jeremy, 3.

Citizen photo by Ric Ernst

Diaper supplies worry moms of triplets

by BERNICE TRICK
Staff reporter

The nursery at the Prince George Regional Hospital is busier than usual these days with two sets of triplets demanding lots of tender loving care.

Jeffery David, Katie Elisabeth Rose and Sarah Jessica arrived about 10:30 a.m. Nov. 23 in Prince George Regional Hospital just in time for their parents, Betty Jo and Kurt Sandberg's sixth anniversary.

They weighed in at four pounds, nine ounces; three pounds, five ounces and two

pounds, 15 ounces, respectively. The premies, who were delivered by caesarean section at 30-weeks gestation period, are still in incubators, but gaining weight and doing well.

Alicia Saline, three pounds, 12 ounces, Tyrone Raymond, four pounds, 13 ounces and Nolan Garry, four pounds, one ounce arrived in that order in a matter of three minutes about 6:35 a.m. Nov. 26 at Grace Maternity Hospital in Vancouver.

The three infants of Saline and Garry Greenley are out of incubators and gaining weight steadily at PGRH.

The young mother of 21 years also delivered by caesarean section at 33-weeks gestation period.

Tyrone is ready to go home today where "one cradle is ready and two others will be borrowed" to accommodate the babies who have a two-year-old brother, Devin.

Both couples have no problem with formulas since both mothers are breast-feeding, or finding space for the new arrivals, but they have other concerns.

Having enough diapers is a common problem. Both families expect to go through a case of

disposable diapers each week.

"Northern Interior Health Unit is giving us each three cases, but after that, it will be a problem," said Mrs. Greenley.

Garry works in a logging camp about 90 miles away and comes home about twice a week, but the Greenleys' neighbors have become organized to help out with shopping, housework and meals.

Mrs. Sandberg, 25, says their biggest concern is obtaining a large enough vehicle to accommodate the family of seven.

"We have two cribs now, are

borrowing a third and we also have two highchairs, but we sure need car seats for the babies," said Kurt, 26, who works at Prince George Sawmill.

Friends and neighbors of the Sandbergs have offered daily help since relatives live in the U.S.

Both couples agree the most important thing right now is to get the babies home and make sure they're happy and healthy.

"The future and any problems that go with it will be taken care of as they happen," said Mr. Greenley.

by Canadian Press

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Mulroney today accused the Liberals and New Democrats of practising "the politics of petulance," after the Liberals shut down Parliament on Tuesday afternoon following a heated debate on government plans to revamp the distribution of social benefits.

Opposition MPs have been badgering Mulroney and his ministers for days for a clear indication of the government's intentions.

On Monday, NDP Leader Ed Broadbent was ejected from the Commons after he refused to back down from a charge that Mulroney had wilfully misled the House.

On Tuesday, the Liberals, after Speaker John Bosley rejected a request for an emergency debate on funding for social programs such as old age pensions and family allowances, refused to show up for a vote they had triggered.

That move — an old favorite of the Conservatives when they were in Opposition — paralysed Parliament for the rest of the day and choked off debate on a bill on tax measures scheduled for discussion during the afternoon sitting.

Mulroney told reporters today as he arrived for the Conservatives' weekly caucus meeting the opposition "knows exactly what it's all about. Our statements (on what constitutes the universal application of social programs) have been very clear cut.

"What you have here is the politics of petulance.

"You've got Mr. Turner and Mr. Broadbent fighting it out for the job of leader of the Opposition. Until that matter is resolved between them I suppose you're going to have stunts like the hijacking of the House that we've seen in the past two days."

Mulroney said later with a wide grin that if there were a third opposition party in the Commons "they'd probably burn the place down."

Up against 211 Tory MPs the 40-member Liberal caucus and the 30 New Democrats have virtually no hope of ever toppling the Mulroney government in a non-confidence vote, but the opposition can still use procedural ploys to stall the Commons and grab publicity.

Meanwhile, Liberal leader John Turner said he has not ruled out the possibility of using the Liberal-stacked Senate to block any government attempts to change universal social programs.

"I don't rule anything out but I would be very reluctant to see the Senate exercise its majority against the will of the House of Commons," he told reporters on his way into Liberal caucus.

The Senate, which now has 73 Liberals, 22 Tories, one Independent Liberal, three Independents and five vacancies, has never used its constitutional veto to stop a government bill, but it has forced amendments.

Turner said his caucus will consider all options to stop the Conservatives if they decide to alter the universal nature of social programs.

"Since the election and during the election, he (Mulroney) has deceived the Canadian people about his hidden agenda of what he really had in mind . . . particularly as it relates to the dismantling of our social programs."

And Turner defended his party's walk out on Tuesday from the Commons, saying MPs were "outraged at the vagueness and the flippancy of the replies" from the prime minister and cabinet ministers.

CBC CUTS ESCAPED

'We're still here'

by DAVE PAULSON
Staff reporter

"Reports of our demise have been greatly exaggerated."

The speaker, borrowing a quote from Mark Twain, is Ray Hudson, station manager of CFPR, the CBC radio station in Prince Rupert which many had written off as a casualty in the corporation's \$75-million budget cuts announced last week.

It was expected smaller CBC radio stations in places like Prince Rupert and Corner Brook Nfld. — both serving remote areas of the country — would be among the first to go, but Hudson believes it is that type of service offered by CFPR as the reason it was saved.

CBC Prince Rupert serves a vast area of B.C., from the Queen Charlotte Islands to Vanderhoof and from Kitimat to Stewart, and for many it is the only radio reception available.

"We were told these were one-time cuts," Hudson said Tuesday in a telephone interview, snuffing suggestions there would be more slashing by the corporation next year.

"Most of the cuts were aimed at

television. Radio just never had that much money in the first place," continued Hudson.

"We will remain essentially unchanged. We're not being cut and we're not being increased. The status quo remains, which is kind of nice."

Of interest to Prince George's morning listeners of CBC radio from Vancouver, the Interior's current affairs program Daybreak will continue in its 6-to-9 a.m. slot until at least the end of June.

Daybreak researcher Katherine Aberle told The Citizen that support for the show "has been quite phenomenal, in terms of letters here (Vancouver) and to the powers that be in Ottawa," after word spread that Daybreak might be turfed.

Daybreak is CBC radio's only program broadcast exclusively to the B.C. Interior.

Aberle says the show's seasonal budget expires at the end of June and it won't be known until then if the show will be renewed.

She said 96 people received layoff notices at CBC Vancouver, but the current affairs division was relatively untouched.

Hong Kong agreement signed

by Associated Press

PEKING — Britain and China signed an historic agreement today which will return Hong Kong to China in 1997, ending 156 years of British rule over the prosperous capitalist colony.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of Britain and Premier Zhao Ziyang of China signed the agreement in the Great Hall of the People in the presence of top Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, dignitaries from both countries and guests from Hong Kong.

Thatcher and Zhao praised the accord.

For China, implementation of the agreement will launch it on an experiment unique in the annals of Chinese communism. Under a formula known as "one country, two systems," Peking has promised to retain Hong Kong's capitalistic lifestyle and traditional freedoms for 50 years.

The Chinese, who hailed Thatcher for her "foresight and sagacity" in reaching the agreement, accorded her a 19-gun salute at a state welcome earlier today and promised Peking will implement the historic accord "in every respect."

Trustees reject ban of girls' sex guide

by BEV CHRISTENSEN
Staff reporter

The controversial book Girls and Sex will remain on the shelves of secondary school libraries despite the fact its male counterpart, Boys and Sex, was banned in May.

Following the decision at Tuesday's board meeting to retain the book, Trustee Graham Farstad moved to correct the disparity between the two decisions by introducing a motion to reconsider the previous banning of the book, Boys and Sex, on the basis it provides a parallel position to Girls and Sex.

That motion was tabled until the board's January meeting to give new trustees time to review the book and for public input.

The decision to retain the book, Girls and Sex, followed the hearing of an appeal by Julia Serup of the district superintendent's decision to leave the book on the shelves of secondary school libraries. During her appeal she quoted passages from the books which she claimed indicated the author, Dr. Wardell Pomeroy, advocated bestiality, homosexuality, masturbation, premarital sex, lesbianism and abor-

tion, downplayed the seriousness of venereal diseases and undermined parents' values.

She said she objected to the information in the book because it was repugnant, not factual, and was provided without any moral guidance.

During the meeting, Dr. Iris McIntyre outlined the steps taken by the committee in reaching the decision to retain the book. The committee followed new guidelines established by the board in June for dealing with controversial learning material.

Trustees agreed unanimously the book should remain on the shelves of school libraries saying:

- Serup distorted the contents of the book by quoting passages out of context.
- It was an optional book and not required reading.
- The book provides factual information about an optional point of view at a time when students are subjected to "a barrage of information on sex, much of which is degrading".
- The school system has an obligation to provide knowledge but does not teach morality.