

Weather

Immediate Prince George area: The weatherman says we can expect a continuation of our sunny weather today. Clear skies are forecast for tonight.

Sunday is expected to be mainly sunny with a few afternoon cloudy periods and some chance of showers in the latter part of the day.

Chances of precipitation are 0 per cent for this afternoon and tonight and 20 per cent tomorrow.

Today's high should be 24 with an overnight low of 5. Sunday's high is expected to be 24.

Friday's high was 24 and the overnight low was 3.2. There was no rain and 14.8 hours of sunshine recorded at the weather office.

A year ago today the high was 17 and the overnight low was 9. There was no rain and 11.7 hours of sunshine recorded.

The sun will set tonight at 9:34 and rise Sunday at 4:43. Sunset Sunday will be at 9:35 and sunrise Monday at 4:42.

Chilcotin-Cariboo. Today: sunny. High 27. Tonight: clear. Low 7. Sunday: sunny. High 27. Probability of precipitation in per cent zero today, zero tonight and zero Sunday.

Parsnip: Today: sunny. High 24. Tonight: clear. Low 3. Sunday: Sunny with afternoon cloudy periods and chance of a shower. High 22. Probability of precipitation in per cent: zero today, zero tonight and 40 Sunday.

Bulkley Valley-The Lakes: Today: sunny. High 25. Tonight clear. Low 5. Sunday: Sunny with cloudy periods. Slight chance of an afternoon shower. High 24. Probability of precipitation in per cent: zero today, zero tonight and 20 Sunday.

Thompson today: sunny and hot. High 31. Tonight clear. Low 13. Sunday: sunny. High 31. Probability of precipitation in per cent: zero today, zero tonight and zero Sunday.

Okanagan: Today sunny and hot. High 30. Tonight clear. Low 10. Sunday: sunny. High 30. Probability of precipitation in per cent zero today, zero tonight and zero Sunday.

Kootenay West: Today sunny with cloudy periods. Slight chance of showers. High 28.



Happy Grad

Area high school students graduating this weekend will soon be on the look-out for summer jobs. Cheryl Schlesinger, a Prince George senior secondary graduate, receives her certificate from assistant superintendent John Stevens at PGSS grad ceremonies Friday. Prince George RCMP report one of the quietest grads on record last night and part of that success is likely due to the organization of "dry grads" in recent years.

Citizen photo by Dave Milne

Subsidy offered for rental units

VICTORIA (CP) — The British Columbia government will spend up to \$40 million to encourage developers to build rental housing throughout the province, Social Services Minister Claude Richmond said Friday.

"The program will encourage investment in new rental development by reducing interest costs for projects that meet our objectives," he told a news conference.

The government said it will subsidize developers by offering them loans at three percentage points below normal interest rates. The rental units must be built in areas where vacancy rates are below two per cent.

In return for the public subsidy, developers must give tenants the opportunity for 60-year leases and agree to rent controls. Rents — which would be about \$750 to \$850 in Vancouver for a two-bedroom apartment — would rise with the consumer price index, said Richmond.

"This isn't affordable housing," said New Democrat Robin Blencoe. "What you're telling elderly people is that their hard-earned tax dollars are going to be used to subsidize private developers."

Richmond said the program initially will fund 2,000 units. Preference will be given to affordable family housing projects.

Proposals for an additional 2,000 units will be solicited in the fall, Richmond said.

The provincial and federal governments will build 1,800 social housing units this year and a similar amount next year, said Richmond. The cost of those units was not given but Richmond said the federal government will pay 66 per cent of the total cost.

A new Crown corporation will also be created to oversee housing shortages, especially grave in the Vancouver and Victoria areas where vacancy rates are below one per cent.

Peter Thomas, the former chairman of the Century 21 real estate franchising giant and now chairman of the B.C. Housing Management Commission, will be the head of the new corporation.

Thomas said he hopes to persuade developers — as well as banks and pension funds — that investing in rental-unit projects is both a social responsibility and good business sense.

While rental units do not generate quick profits, they do supply steady cash flow, said Thomas. Developers could also benefit from the long-term appreciation of land.

Housing report hit by real estate firm

VANCOUVER (CP) — Local real estate officials have scoffed at a report predicting that the fast-cooling national housing market faces a crash over the next 12 months.

Investment dealer Wood Gundy said in a monthly report that a market downturn could cut prices by 25 per cent in Toronto and 17 per cent across Canada over the next year.

The crash, which will hit Toronto and Vancouver the hardest, will set the stage for a recession next year, the report said.

But Jerry Jackman, Royal LePage senior vice-president, said he has problems with the report because company sales volumes are still strong throughout Western Canada.

"And when I look at the long-term, I don't see any cloud on the horizon that's going to suddenly change the course of B.C.'s market," he said. "I just don't think you can make a blanket statement like that and say we're going to hell in a handbasket."

Greater Vancouver house sales in May levelled off for the second consecutive month as the number of homes for sale continued to outpace demand.

The Greater Vancouver Real Estate Board reports that 2,208 homes were sold on the multiple listing service last month, up five units from April sales but a 27-per cent drop from May 1988 sales.

The current reduced sales volume follows an early 1989 house market boom, which saw an all-time record of 3,954 homes sold in February.

Board president Brian Calder said the current number of listings is about 20 per cent higher than traditional levels.

Ferry captain 'not conscious'

VICTORIA (CP) — The captain of the Mill Bay ferry was "not conscious" before the vessel ran aground Monday, the manager of the B.C. Ferry Corp. said Friday.

"We cannot prove he was asleep but we can say some form of unconsciousness prevailed," said Rod Morrison. "You don't have to be asleep to be unconscious."

The ferry's captain, Trevor Hayward, has been demoted two ranks to second officer and suspended without pay for a month for negligence, Morrison said.

The 16-car, 134-passenger vessel ran aground 300 metres from its Mill Bay dock on Saanich Inlet.

Solidarity expecting to win seats

WARSAW (AP) — A Communist party struggling to keep itself and Poland's economy afloat is competing against an invigorated Solidarity slate of candidates in an election seen as the freest in Eastern Europe in four decades.

The elections Sunday for seats in the current one-house parliament and a new senate are also viewed as a huge gamble for both sides.

About 80 per cent of Poland's 27 million eligible voters are expected to vote.

Campaigning ended Friday with Solidarity leader Lech Walesa taping a television message and Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish leader, delivering a rare television address.

Walesa urged restraint on both sides and said many people in the government were worried about the election's outcome.

"We are running very aggressively and proposing clear solutions," he said. "A lot of people with other political concepts have not seen such a thing before, and they are scared."

He said Solidarity and the Communist party face "hard work" in finding solutions to Poland's economic and social problems.

"We are all learning on both sides," Walesa said. "We shouldn't give way to emotions... because emotion could destroy us."

Communist party candidates and their allies are guaranteed 299 seats — or 65 per cent — in the Sejm, or parliament. Solidarity candidates are contesting the other 161 seats and all 100 places in the senate, which will be the first freely chosen legislative chamber in the communist world.

'REVISIONISTS' ATTACKED

Meech Lake unity sought

OTTAWA (CP) — A year before Meech Lake must be ratified, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney made a direct appeal Friday to New Brunswick and Manitoba to save the constitutional accord.

Speaking to a business audience, Mulroney predicted the accord will be ratified by its deadline of June 23, 1990, because no fundamental flaw in it has been discovered after 90 days of hearings in Ottawa and seven provinces.

But his speech came nowhere near being a victory address as he attacked Meech Lake critics as revisionists, predicted a repeat of tensions leading to the 1980 Quebec referendum debate if the accord dies and warned that Canada can't afford another constitutional failure.

In an apparent contradiction of his stand that no fundamental flaw has been found in the accord, he said that although Meech Lake is not perfect it is better than the current Constitution.

The accord, approved in principle two years ago today by Ottawa and the 10 provinces, is being widely written off because new governments in New Brunswick and Manitoba elected since 1987 are balking at ratification.

In addition, Clyde Wells, the new premier of Newfoundland, says he wants substantive changes or the province will withdraw its approval.

Mulroney didn't mention Newfoundland.

But he said it now is up to the two holdout provinces to complete a dream of unity and fairness first

set out by Sir John A. Macdonald and George-Etienne Cartier.

"So I call upon the people and legislatures of New Brunswick and Manitoba. The time for generosity and fairness is at hand. Do not risk the glittering future in store for Canada."

Once again, Mulroney said he would not agree to opening the accord for amendments until after it is ratified.

Among other things, the accord recognizes Quebec as a distinct society and would bring the province into the Constitution, filling holes left over from the 1982 constitutional agreement. It also enhances the powers of all provinces.

Mulroney asked his audience to think back to referendum night in May 1980 when Quebecers said no to separatism because they felt federalism could work.

Allegations raised over budget leak

OTTAWA (CP) — The word illegal crept into the government's vocabulary again Friday.

Deputy Prime Minister Don Mazankowski, in defending his boss Brian Mulroney against opposition allegations that he denied due process to those accused in budget leaks in April, suggested himself that illegal activities occurred.

Mazankowski was defending the prime minister against charges that he had prejudiced the case of those charged in the embarrassing leaks.

Mulroney has "pointed the finger at no one" in his comments on the matter, Mazankowski told the Commons.

"But there was obviously an illegal, unauthorized release of the budget."

Earlier this week, Mulroney said there had been "unlawful dissemination" of budget information April 26, the day television reporter Doug Small broadcast leaked details of the document and forced its early release that night by Finance Minister Michael Wilson.

On April 27, when the govern-

ment learned of a second budget leak before tabling the document in Parliament, Mulroney spoke of crimes being committed and possible incarceration.

Liberal Herb Gray lured Mazankowski into his controversial comment when he asked Friday how Canadians could take Mulroney's "words at all seriously" about due process when the prime minister made such remarks.

While charges have been laid against five Ottawa men, including Small, no one has been convicted and no crime proved, Gray said.

As the budget leak continued to dominate the Commons, Mazankowski waved a raft of newspaper clippings in which the initial leak April 26 had been described as the result of a crime.

But he ceased the practice when Gray asked why, if the Tory took such stock in editorials, he had not heeded widespread calls by Canadian newspapers for Wilson's resignation after it was acknowledged he had not told the Commons of a second leak.

USS IOWA DISASTER

Probe studies sailor

WASHINGTON (AP) — Investigators of the USS Iowa explosion that killed 47 sailors are now focusing on a despondent sailor who showed off a timing device and was quoted by a crewmate as saying, "If you've got to go, go in a blast." NBC said Friday.

The sailor, killed in the explosion, was gunner's mate Clayton Hartwig, 25. The network said he was the last man to touch the gunpowder that exploded in the ship's second turret on April 19.

A witness told investigators that Hartwig showed off a \$15 timer available in hobby stores and said that if it were rigged to a battery it could set off the ship's gunpowder and start a chain of explosions, NBC said.

Defence Department spokesman air force Maj. Alan Freitag said he could not comment on the reports until the investigation is complete. NBC said Hartwig was often de-

spondent and aloof and he was reported to have told the witness, "If you've got to go, go in a blast. You go quick. You go painless."

Hartwig could have inserted a home-made detonator between bags of gunpowder in the breach of the turret's centre gun, NBC said. Navy explosive experts have successfully tested a similar timing device in a simulation, the network added.

NBC also said investigators found that Hartwig had written letters that spoke of his death and the destruction of the second turret.

NBC said Hartwig's close friend, Kendall Truitt, was heard by two other sailors as saying immediately after the blast, "I can't believe he actually did it."

Truitt has asked the navy for an apology for linking his name to the criminal investigation of the explosion.

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Special thanks to the management and staff at the Coast Inn of The North, the Balloonery (Laurel Patterson) for decorations and to Dr. John Paget for his participation piping in the guests Saturday evening.

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT HOUSEHOLD SPECIAL WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Location: 350 3rd Ave. — Date: June 4, 1989 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Ministry of Environment in Prince George is pleased to announce that during Environment Week Sunday June 4, 1989, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. our Special Waste Storage Facility will be opened to the general public. This one day opening is to provide the residents of Prince George the opportunity to drop off special (hazardous) waste materials. This collection will not include private businesses. Our facility is located on the corner of London Street and 3rd Avenue. Wastes may be dropped off only on the scheduled date and time and when a Ministry of Environment representative is in attendance at the depot. See chart below identifying acceptable disposal methods for household Special Wastes.

TYPE OF WASTE	COLLECTION	SEWER*	GARBAGE	RECYCLED
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Medicine (expired)	X			
Used antifreeze		X		
Automatic trans. fluid				X
Automotive batteries				X
Brake/steering fluid	X			
Used engine oil ***				X
Paint solvents/cleaner	X			
Glue (solvent based)	X			
Paints (oil base)	X			
Paints (latex base)			X**	
Paint (automotive)	X			
Paint thinners	X			
Paint strippers	X			
Turpentine	X			
Varnish	X			
Wood preservatives	X			
Pesticides (insecticide herbicide, fungicide weed killer)	X			
Fiberglass epoxy	X			
Moth balls/naphthalene	X			
Photographic chemicals	X			

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