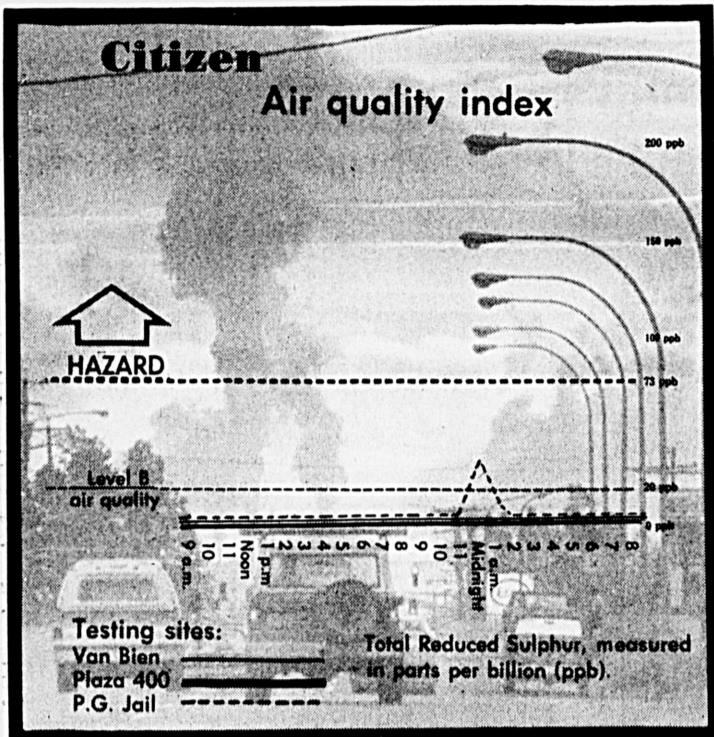
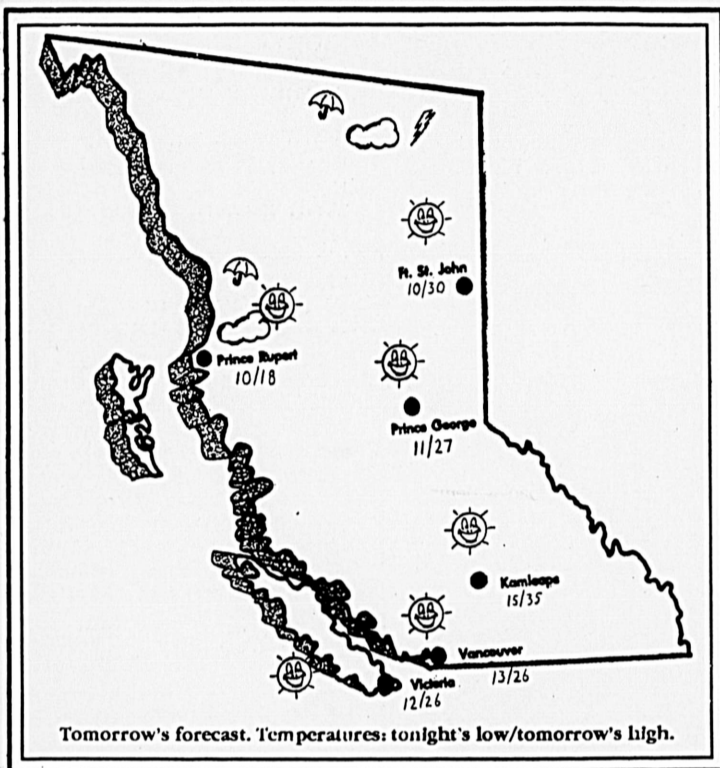


Local, provincial



An inversion caused by stable air conditions led to pollution readings at the Prince George Correctional Centre testing station late Monday evening.



Weather

Immediate Prince George area: Clear skies are expected today and Wednesday with a few cloudy periods overnight and Wednesday morning. The temperature is expected to rise to 26 today, drop to 11 overnight and rise to 27 Wednesday.

No rain is expected today and overnight and there's a 10-per-cent chance of rain Wednesday.

The outlook for Thursday is cloudy with sunny periods with a slight chance of showers and a high of near 24. Friday and Saturday are expected to be mainly sunny with daytime temperatures rising to between 23 and 25.

Monday's high temperature was 23.2, the overnight low was 7.9 and a trace of precipitation and 12 hours of sunshine were recorded at the airport weather office.

A year ago on this date, we had a high of 24.7, an overnight low of 10.6, no precipitation and 13.5 hours of sunshine.

The sun is expected to set at 9:40 p.m. today and rise at 4:54 a.m. Wednesday.

Chilcotin, Prince George, Parsnip: Today, sunny. High 26. Tonight, a few clouds. Low 11.

Wednesday, sunny with cloudy periods. High 27. Probability of precipitation zero per cent today, tonight and 10 Wednesday.

Bulkley Valley-The Lakes: Today, cloudy with afternoon sunny periods. Slight chance of an afternoon shower or thundershower. High 22. Tonight, cloudy. Chance of showers or evening thundershowers. Low 11. Wednesday, cloudy with sunny periods. Slight chance of a shower or afternoon thundershower. High 24. Probability of precipitation 30 per cent today, 60 tonight and 30 Wednesday.

Greater Vancouver: Today, sunny. Warm. High 25. Tonight, clear. Low 14. Wednesday, sunny. Warm. High 26. Probability of precipitation zero per cent today, tonight and Wednesday.

Greater Victoria: Today, sunny. Warm. High 25. Tonight, clear. Low 11. Wednesday, sunny. Warm. High 26. Probability of precipitation zero per cent today, tonight and Wednesday.

Cariboo: Today, sunny. High 28. Tonight, clear. Low 11. Wednesday, sunny with cloudy periods. High 29. Probability of precipitation zero per cent today, tonight and 10 Wednesday.

Thompson, Okanagan, Kootenay West: Today, sunny and hot. High 34. Tonight, clear. Low 14.

Temperatures

Location	Temp	Precip	Location	Temp	Precip
Mackenzie	23	7 000.0	Churchill	18	10 000.0
Fort St. John	24	12 000.0	The Pas	21	10 000.0
Fort Nelson	26	12 000.0	Kenora	22	11 000.0
Peace River	23	9 000.0	Thunder Bay	27	9 000.0
Whitehorse	16	8 000.0	N. Bay	25	12 000.0
Yellowknife	25	17 000.0	Toronto	28	16 000.0
Vancouver	23	14 000.0	Ottawa	28	16 000.0
Victoria	24	11 000.0	Montreal	27	18 000.0
Comox	23	15 000.0	Fredericton	22	15 001.6
Port Hardy	18	9 000.0	Charlottetown	17	15 004.6
Prince Rupert	20	11 026.2	Halifax	16	13 004.4
Terrace	24	16 000.0	St. John's	17	9 001.6
Bemton	31	14 000.0	Seattle	27	16 000.0
Kamloops	30	14 000.0	Spokane	33	15 000.0
Abbotsford	27	12 000.0	Portland	29	16 000.0
Canbrook	30	12 000.0	Regina	23	13 000.0
Revelstoke	31	12 000.0	Saskatoon	28	16 002.1
Puntzi Mountain	26	6 000.0	Prince Albert	27	10 000.4
Williams Lake	24	9 000.0	N. Battleford	24	8 000.0
Prince George	23	9 000.0	Winnipeg	24	8 000.0
			Brandon	24	11 000.0
			Miami	32	26 000.8

WESTWOLD MAIL FIGHT

Car a tourist draw

WESTWOLD, B.C. (CP) — It's not quite Niagara Falls, but a postal car held hostage by a small British Columbia community has become a tourist attraction.

"We've had carloads of tourists from Kamloops and Vernon coming to see it," says Liga Buff, coordinator of the Postal Consumers Association in Westwold.

"A couple from Texas stop by asking if this was the car they read about in the newspaper."

Residents protesting the closure of their post office in the community of 600, halfway between Kamloops and Vernon, hemmed in the Chevrolet station wagon 11 days ago.

A Canada Post field services manager parked the car serving

the old postal red, white and blue colors in front of the now-defunct local post office, where it remains blockaded by vehicles.

Westwold residents have said they're prepared to chain themselves to the postal car to prevent its removal.

Post office rural services officer Joe Watkin arrived Monday for a three-day visit to discuss the dispute with residents. But authorities remain adamant they will not reopen Westwold's postal service.

Cabinet minister Cliff Michael, the area's provincial legislature member, has called a meeting with MP Frank Oberle, federal Forestry Minister, and Harvie Andre, minister responsible for Canda Post.



Clothes and other belongings litter the ground after a parked van was struck from behind by a runaway truck carrying hot asphalt Monday morning at the Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal near West Vancouver, killing a woman and her nine-year-old daughter

Grieving man lashes out after ferry terminal mishap

WEST VANCOUVER (CP) — The man whose wife and child were killed by a runaway asphalt truck Monday blamed weak safety enforcement for the tragedy.

"I'm understandably bitter that I have to lose my wife and child because politicians don't want to enforce the kinds of safety rules and regulations that obviously should be enforced out here," said Derek Pestell.

The vacationing Toronto family was waiting for a ferry at the Horseshoe Bay terminal when their van was struck by a truck carrying hot asphalt, whose brakes had apparently failed.

Pestell, who suffered minor burns, was in satisfactory condition at Lions Gate Hospital in North Vancouver. His six-year-old daughter Danielle, was unconscious in critical condition at Children's Hospital in Vancouver.

His wife, Rita Pestell, 45, and daughter Shawna, 9, were killed.

"Whoever the minister is responsible for those kinds of regulations, I hope he sleeps well at night," Pestell said.

In Victoria, B.C. Solicitor General Russ Fraser said British Columbia already has tough motor vehicle regulations, but he will do whatever is necessary to ensure safety.

"If it's going to cause us to put tougher requirements in, then we're gonna do it," he said.

Witnesses said the loaded truck failed to stop at a ticket booth at the Horseshoe Bay terminal and barreled towards the water, crashing into the stationary van and spraying asphalt 30 metres.

The runaway truck caved in the back of the passenger vehicle, spewing asphalt over and into the luxury Ford travel van. The impact hurled suitcases and clothes out of the van. Inside a teddy-bear was pinned among the wreckage.

"We were digging a woman out of hot asphalt; she was buried alive," said one rescuer. "By the time we got to her, she was dead."

Pestell said he doesn't remember the truck's impact. His first recollection after the crash is waking up inside the van and finding a friend draped over the engine cover inside the van.

The other occupants of the van, Douglas McCourt, 65, his wife Beverly, 46, and daughter Meghan, 9, all of Kelowna, were injured. All but Mrs. McCourt — who was released — remained hospitalized at Lions Gate in satisfactory condition.

Truck driver Jatinder Ubhi, 23, of Burnaby, and his passenger, Kuldiv Dail, 36, of Surrey, were treated for minor injuries, and then questioned by West Vancouver police.

After speaking to Ubhi, the operations manager for truck-owner A-1 Paving Ltd. said his employee couldn't see the van because of shadows casted from upper loading lanes.

"He did take the most empty lane as possible," Malcolm Miller said. "I think the driver reacted with great responsibility."

Millership said Ubhi checked his brakes at the mandatory inspection booth before driving down the windy, 12 per cent-graded hill leading to Horseshoe Bay.

But Betty Nicholson of the Ministry of Transportation said there is no record of the truck stopping. A ticket confirming brake inspection must be shown by all trucks entering the ferry terminal.

A-1 Paving employee Dhanmpal Lalli said Ubhi said he checked the brakes at the top of the hill. "He said that as soon as he got back on the highway, he found his brakes were not working."

Vancouver coroner Ken Pitt, who is investigating the crash, said mechanics are taking the truck apart.

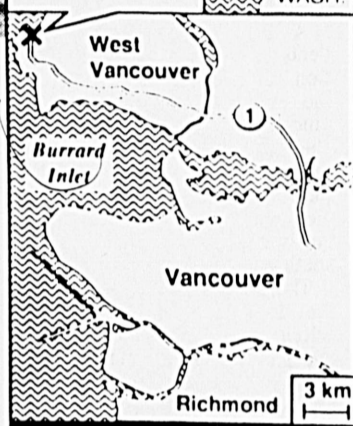
A lawyer serving on a truck safety committee formed after a crash in Kamloops killed five people last year said roadside inspections are infrequent in British Columbia.

Because members believe many

truckers don't know how to operate a vehicle safely, the committee is recommending community college courses for drivers.

Truck crash

Asphalt truck hits lineup at Horseshoe Bay ferry terminal



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