

# B.C. WEATHER OUTLOOK

**Prince George area:** Skies are expected to gradually clear overnight with a 60-per-cent chance of rain and a risk of frost in low-lying areas. Saturday is expected to be mainly sunny with cloudy periods and a 30-per-cent chance of rain.

The temperature should dip to 2 to night and rise to 14 Saturday.

Thursday we had a high of 13.7, an overnight low of 4.1 and 12.6 mm of rain and 0.2 hours of sunshine were recorded at the airport weather office.

A year ago on this date we had a high of 22.1, an overnight low of 5.2, no precipitation and 9.6 hours of sunshine.

The outlook for Sunday and Monday is for mainly cloudy skies, a 50-per-cent chance of rain, overnight lows of between 3 and 4 and daytime highs of 16. The chance of rain is expected to increase to 80 per cent Tuesday accompanied by an overnight low of 6 and a daytime high of 18.

The sun will set at 7:54 p.m.

today and rise at 6:27 a.m. Saturday.

**Interior:** A Pacific cold front moving eastward out of the southern interior will leave cool, moist unstable air in its wake. Skies will remain mainly cloudy with a few showers or thundershowers.

**Chilcotin, Cariboo:** Tonight, mainly cloudy. Chance of showers with evening thundershowers. Patchy ground frost. Low 3. Saturday, a mix of sun and cloud. Chance of a shower. High 16. Probability of precipitation in per cent 80 today, 60 tonight and 40 Saturday.

**Parsnip:** Partial clearing overnight. Chance of showers. Frost in low-lying areas. Low 2. Saturday, sunny with cloudy periods. Slight chance of a shower. High 14. Probability of precipitation in per cent 70 today, 60 tonight and 30 Saturday.

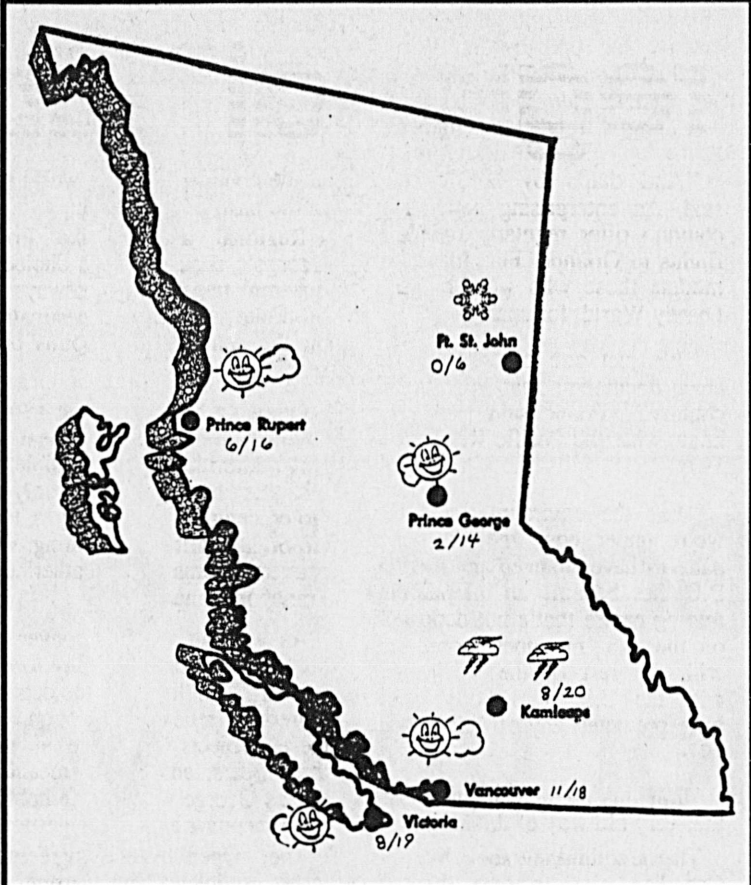
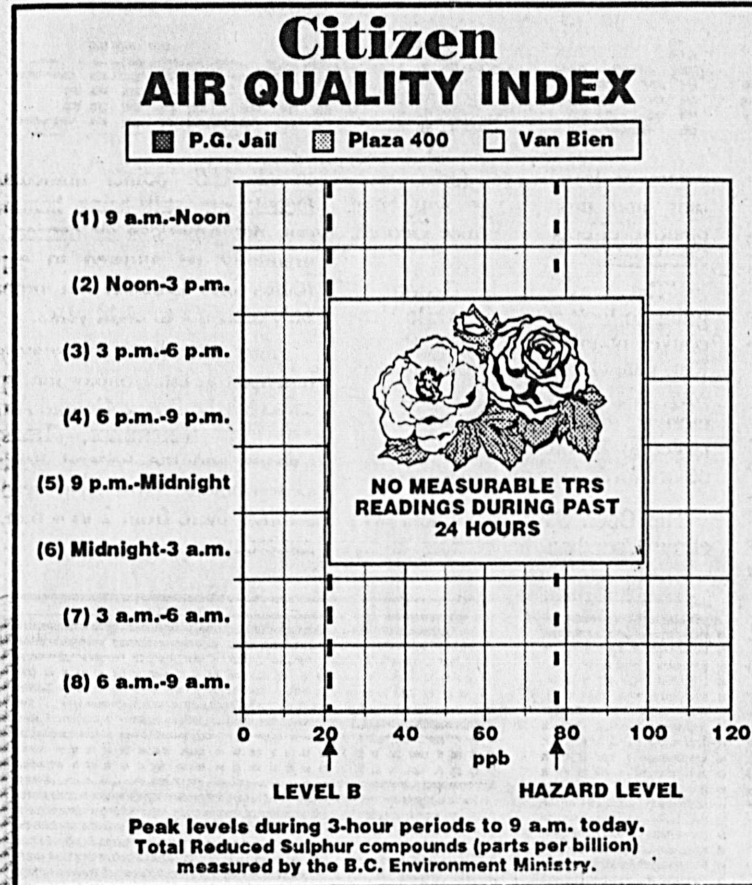
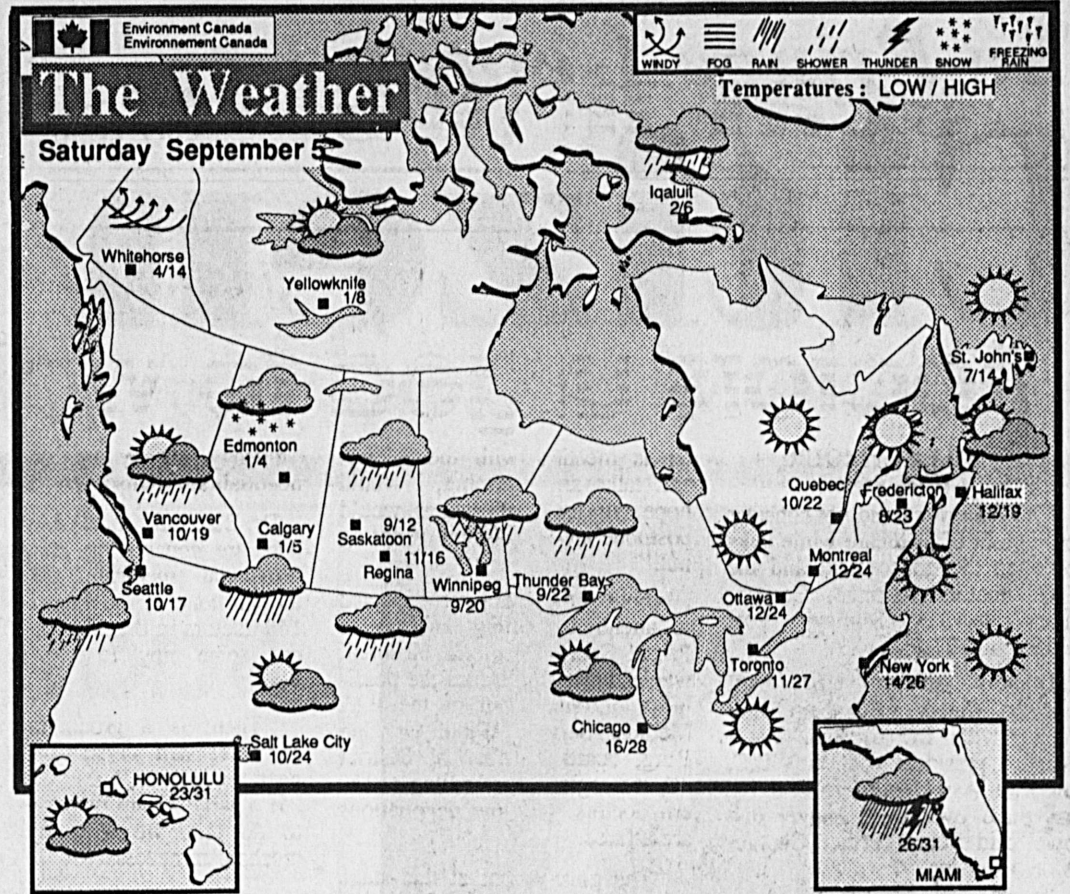
**Bulkley Valley, the Lakes:** Tonight, partial clearing overnight. Chance of showers with evening thundershower. Frost in low lying areas. Low 2. Saturday,

mainly sunny. Slight chance of showers in the mountains. High 15. Probability of precipitation in per cent 80 today, 60 tonight and 30 Saturday.

**Okanagan:** Tonight, mainly cloudy. A few showers. Chance of thundershowers. Windy at times. Low 8. Saturday, cloudy with sunny periods. Chance of a shower or thundershower. High 21. Probability of precipitation in per cent 80 today, 80 tonight and 40 Saturday.

**Vancouver:** Tonight, cloudy periods. Chance of showers or evening thundershowers. Windy. Low 11. Saturday, sunny with cloudy periods. Chance of a shower. High 18. Probability of precipitation in per cent 60 today, 60 tonight and 40 Saturday.

**Victoria:** Tonight, cloudy periods. Chance of a shower. Low 8. Saturday, sunny with cloudy periods. High 19. Probability of precipitation in per cent 60 today, 40 tonight and 20 Saturday.



| TEMPERATURES   |               |             |               |             |
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| TORONTO (CP) — Temperature in Celsius; precipitation in millimetres: | Dease Lake    | 12 -2 005.6 | The Pas       | 15 5 000.0  |
| Vancouver  | Peace River   | 15 5 003.4  | Kenora        | 17 12 002.2 |
| Victoria   | Whitehorse    | 9 4 002.7   | Thunder Bay   | 18 8 000.8  |
| Comox  | Yellowknife   | 6 1 001.8   | N. Bay        | 21 7 002.4  |
| Port Hardy   | Edmonton      | 14 7 001.8  | Toronto       | 25 10 007.4 |
| Prince Rupert  | Calgary       | 15 8 004.4  | Ottawa        | 15 11 016.8 |
| Terrace  | Winnipeg      | 11 11 009.0 | Montreal      | 16 14 040.0 |
| Penticon   | Regina        | 14 5 002.0  | Fredericton   | 16 12 002.0 |
| Kamloops   | Saskatoon     | 15 5 000.0  | Charlottetown | 16 8 000.0  |
| Abbotsford   | Swift Current | 14 5 000.0  | St. John's    | 10 8 004.6  |
| Carleton Place   | Medicine Hat  | 19 9 000.0  | Seattle       | 22 12 001.3 |
| Revelstoke   | Swift Current | 14 5 002.0  | Spokane       | 28 14 000.0 |
| Blue River   | Regina        | 15 5 000.0  | Portland      | 25 17 000.0 |
| Puntzi   | Saskatoon     | 19 5 000.0  | San Francisco | 22 14 000.0 |
| Williams Lake  | Prince Albert | 14 5 012.2  | Los Angeles   | 24 16 000.0 |
| Prince George  | N. Battleford | 17 4 000.0  | Las Vegas     | 35 22 000.0 |
| Mackenzie  | Winnipeg      | 19 12 000.2 | Reno          | 27 7 000.0  |
| Fort St. John  | Brandon       | 19 8 000.0  | Phoenix       | 39 20 000.0 |
| Fort Nelson  | Churchill     | 10 3 000.6  | New York City | 27 21 016.3 |
|  |               |             | Miami         | 29 28 014.5 |

| Long range forecast for PRINCE GEORGE |         |          |        |        |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------|--------|--------|
| Today                                 | Tonight | Saturday | Sunday | Monday |
|                                       |         |          |        |        |
| max 13                                | min 2   | max 16   | 4/17   | 5/17   |

| SMOKE PARTICLES  |  |
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| The concentration of minute smoke particles in the air averaged 38 micrograms per cubic metre in the past 24 hours, which is rated FAIR by the environment ministry. |  |

# 600 jobs saved at Westar mine

**by Canadian Press**  
**VICTORIA (CP)** — Creditors involved in the Westar Mining bankruptcy have agreed to revive the company's Greenhills coal mine and put 600 employees back to work.

But the company's larger Balmer mine will remain shut, prolonging the hardship of 1,200 workers there who have been off the job since May.

News that the Greenhills mine would reopen was greeted with relief in Sparwood, the southeastern B.C. community hit hardest by the closures.

"I'm really pleased," miner Mike Skippen said Thursday. "This will change everything for us."

Added co-worker Steve Patterson: "Now we're just waiting for a phone call to get back to work."

The Greenhills operation was shut earlier this week when parent company Westar was declared bankrupt in the face of more than \$400 million in debts.

The breakthrough was a deal — reached late Wednesday — among Westar's major creditors to extend Greenhills a 60-day line of credit and reopen the mine under management of a court-appointed trustee.

The provincial government also agreed to indemnify the mine against any future risks other than operating losses — such as an unexpected equipment breakdown.

The province will also underwrite costs incurred by the trustee in finding a private-sector buyer for Greenhills.

Finance Minister Glen Clark, who helped put the deal together, praised the flexibility shown by creditors that include CP Rail, Pohang Steel of Canada Ltd. and Westshore Terminals Ltd.

## Out on bail

**VANCOUVER** — A truck driver serving five years for criminal negligence in the deaths of a mother and daughter at a B.C. Ferry terminal in 1990 was re-

leased on bail Thursday pending an appeal.

The B.C. Court of Appeal, overruling strong opposition from the Crown, decided the continued confinement of Jatinderpal Singh Ubhi, 25, is not necessary to safeguard the public interest.

Justice Harold Hollinrake noted prosecutor Bill Ehrcke said public confidence in the administration of justice will suffer if Ubhi is released pending the appeal.

The judge said Ehrcke, recalling Ubhi committed a serious driving offence while awaiting trial on the terminal accident, warned the trucker might be tempted to drive if released.

Hollinrake, although he described the Crown's submission as forceful, noted the suspension of Ubhi's driving licence will continue during the bail period.

Ubhi was convicted of two counts of criminal negligence causing death and five of causing bodily harm after the brakes on his dump truck failed and the vehicle slammed into a van at the ferry terminal in West Vancouver.

The prosecution at Ubhi's jury trial last November relied solely on the argument the trucker was criminally negligent in not inspecting and adjusting his brakes.

He was sentenced to 18 months by the trial judge. The B.C. Court of Appeal increased the penalty to five years.

## Mom angry

**LANGLEY** — A mother is furious after her 12-year-old son was issued a \$75 ticket for illegally riding his bicycle on a downtown sidewalk in this Fraser Valley community.

Christine Livingstone said her son, Jimmy, was forced on to the sidewalk for the short ride back to his father's house because he was almost hit by a car.

"There's no bloody way I'm going to pay it," Livingstone said. "If they (children) are in danger, they should have the right to pro-

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tect themselves. I'm going to fight this."

Jimmy Livingstone said he was ticketed by an RCMP officer in a patrol car about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday despite telling the officer that he was nearly hit by a car.

"He said I shouldn't ride on the sidewalk. But there were cars going by and I didn't want to take a chance. There were cars squealing their tires."

"And I wasn't going fast (on the sidewalk). I was going with friends, who were walking."

Sgt. Wayne Treleaven, who heads the Langley detachment's traffic section, said the officer who issued the ticket would be interviewed about the matter. Until then, Treleaven said, he couldn't comment.

"(But) 12 is a little young," he added. "It doesn't happen often. "My only other observation is we get a lot of complaints from elderly residents in downtown Langley about (bicycles on sidewalks)."

Livingstone said she is particularly angry because she often sees members of the RCMP's bicycle squad riding on sidewalks.

## Concert set

**PENTICTON** — Picket lines set up by striking electrical workers will not interfere with a Sunday concert by singer Bryan Adams in the southern Okanagan community of Osoyoos.

The workers, on strike against West Kootenay Power, removed a picket line Thursday at the concert site.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers had been protesting a move by BC Tel to hook temporary telephone lines to the site onto a nearby West Kootenay Power pole.

The union is seeking a "hot declaration" from the Canadian Labor Congress on such jointly used poles.

Bill Taylor, union shop steward for the Oliver-Osoyoos area, said that after talking to the concert's promoters and the union's business agent, the parties agreed to remove the picket line to ensure public safety and security at the site.

Some of the 18 phone lines being installed by BC Tel were earmarked for emergency purposes.

"We thought they should have those lines available," Taylor said.

About 200 electrical workers have been on strike against West Kootenay since July 17. Nearly 100 members of the Office and Technical Employees Union also went on strike against the utility this week, although they had been respecting union picket lines since July.

About 30,000 people are expected for Sunday's concert, which also includes the Steve Miller Band and three other rock groups.

## Metric muddle

**VANCOUVER** — City council has scrapped a plan to require builders to submit development and building permit plans in metric measurements.

The decision Thursday followed protests from industry representatives, who said the requirement would create havoc because much of the material they use is sized in imperial measurements.

"This would be the equivalent

of converting everything into Swahili," said Dave Witso, a house designer. "This is an issue of communication, not of public safety."

At present, the city's planning and permits and licences departments accept applications and plans in both imperial and metric measurements, although the zoning and development bylaw has already been converted to metric.

Since 1978, the city has gradually worked toward changing all measurement requirements in its bylaws from imperial to metric.

However, Al Floyd, administration manager for the planning department's development permit group, said only a few architects and builders submit plans in metric.



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## Tourist alert

**VANCOUVER (CP)** — Tourist Alert issued by the RCMP. The following people, believed travelling in British Columbia, are asked to call the person named for an urgent personal message:

Peter and Olga Remus of Vernon, B.C., call Robert Remus  
 Andrew Caswell of Whitecourt, Alta., call Cori Caswell  
 Carla Legare of Edmonton, call home  
 Tim and Tammy Anderson of Vancouver, call Bent Koster



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