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The Vancouver Canucks open their training camp today and we kick off our comprehensive coverage with a look at Mark Messier—the King of the City. SPORTS, F1

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Palace offered to restore Diana's title after death

The King of Spain rejected the proposition just hours after delivering a critical funeral address, report says.



Queen Beatrix of Spain is seen with her husband, King Juan Carlos I, at the funeral of Princess Diana.

Hunt under way for Mobutu's looted treasure

Belgian officials are hunting for the whereabouts of the treasure looted by Mobutu Sese Seko Konde Ngbendu Buzubuzi.

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Hey, you never know! For 500 more, play BC49, too! \$2 MILLION

up former Woodward's department store, West Hastings Street's 100 block is even more woebegone than usual.

But that didn't faze a cheery crowd that went there Friday to bid for artworks and raise funds for the Or Gallery.



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Handsomeness-film maker Tony Pantages sporting a platinum crewcut to square art scribe Claudia Medina.

Also noted: Cathy Chilco, who left Sesame Street operations here in 1995 to become assistant VP of international production at the children's television show's New York headquarters.

An Israeli-Palestinian joint project to produce 65 half-hour episodes has gone "surprisingly smoothly, even though we couldn't always get people to Tel Aviv," Chilco chuckled.

In October, she'll begin developing Sesame Street in Egypt. And she's crossing her fingers that a series nearing completion in Shanghai will be broadcast nationwide in China.

An interesting challenge: with Beijing mandating one-child families, Sesame Street there is devised to take the place of siblings in developing social skills. And, given the lingering harshness of China's Cultural Revolution, officials there reportedly want the television show to help children understand and appreciate beauty.

One might equally say that of the 100 West Hastings Street.

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Extra blood donor clinics set to boost supply

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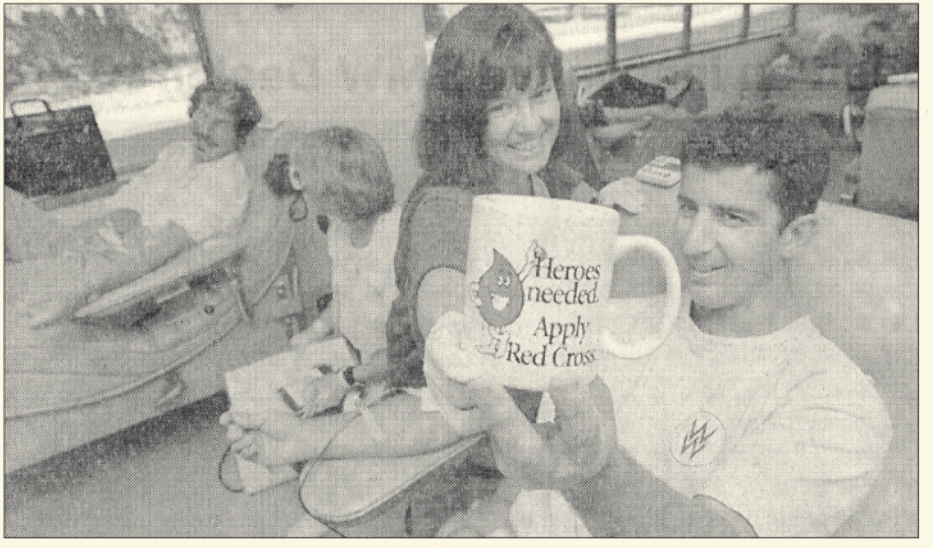
More blood donor clinics operating longer hours and at more convenient times are being organized by the Red Cross in the Lower Mainland and on Vancouver Island in an effort to boost blood donations by 10 per cent.

But even if the aggressive campaign is successful, it still may not stop a repeat of this summer's blood shortage that forced the cancellation of some elective surgery, said Ted Griffith, marketing services manager of the Vancouver Red Cross branch.

"Ten per cent [more blood] will help, definitely, but I can't guarantee the shortage won't happen again," Griffith said.

In July, British Columbia's worst-ever blood supply shortage forced some Lower Mainland hospitals to turn away patients who had been scheduled for surgery. The provincial bank had dropped to a one-day blood supply, but that was bolstered after 11,000 donors responded to a public appeal.

Right now, the local blood bank has a two-day supply, which means it can provide blood for operations only until Thursday if no more donations are received. Just before the Labor Day weekend, the bank supply dropped to 36 hours and officials sent warning letters



LOCAL HERO: Igor Shtenz joins the Red Cross' latest drive to boost stocks of blood that have been low all summer.

to hospitals, although Griffith was not aware of any surgery being cancelled. Griffith said officials would like to have a continuous four-day supply. To succeed, they will need about 500 donors a day in the the Lower Mainland

and Vancouver Island; they average about 350 daily now. Officials announced Monday they hope to collect 10 per cent more blood by opening clinics in New Westminster and south Burnaby; increasing clinics

hours in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Langley, Maple Ridge and Vancouver Island; and adopting more flexible hours, such as opening the Oak Street office in Vancouver from noon to 8:30 p.m., to coincide with donors' free time.

Many of the new hours are in the Fraser Valley because blood collections have been high there this year. On the other hand, hours will be cut back in North Vancouver, where donations were low.

Griffith said donors shied away after the federal government announced in July it would eventually create a new blood collection system.

He said the agency now gets phone calls from people who no longer know where to donate blood, or refuse to do so until the new system is established.

That problem is common across the country. In August, Canada's health ministers issued an urgent appeal for blood donations, prompted by rising fears that Canadians have stopped giving blood to the Red Cross because they assume the humanitarian agency is already out of the blood business.

In fact, that won't happen until after a transition period of at least a year, when a new quasi-government agency will become the country's blood collector.

"We hope people do [come back]. We've got some major marketing initiatives to let people know we are still in business," Griffith said.

Griffith said donations may also be down because the average time to give blood has increased to about 90 minutes, from 45 minutes. That's a result of the inquiry into Canada's tainted blood scandal recommending increased screening for donors.