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Interest rates drop to two-year low

The interest on a one-year mortgage dropped to 14.25 per cent today as lending rates for homes, cars and other consumer goods plunged to their lowest level in two years. Page A4

Today's bingo numbers/C11

WINTARIO

The winning numbers in last night's draw:

\$100,000 — 692554
\$10,000 — 450721
\$10,000 — 571606
Scramble — 135814
\$1,000 — 19759
\$100 — 0831
\$10 — 351
Win' fall — 91
Red Ball — 914250

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METRO

Rescue thwarted: Forced to give up an attempt to drag a man from the Plaza II apartment fire and flee for his own life, a youth told an inquest he feels he could have "done something else to save him." Page A6

THE NATION

Out of work: So far this year, 25,745 workers in Ontario have been laid off, some temporarily, the labor ministry says. Page A12

Ordeal's over: Canada's second Everest conqueror says the climb was just hard work — and the elation of success still hasn't struck him. Page A14

THE WORLD



Liberace sued: Scott Thorson, who claims he was Liberace's lover and chauffeur until he was fired in April, is suing the world-famous pianist for \$113-million palimony. Page A14

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NFL soon?: The NFL talks are getting more serious and intense and some players see positive signs that the strike may end in a week or so. Page D3

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Column power: What happens to all those children featured every week in Today's Child column? Of the 153 featured between September 1981 and July of this year, 91 have found, or are about to join, new families. Page C1.

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Frenzy ebbs: The stock market boom cooled yesterday as investors cashed in their profits. Both Toronto and New York exchanges closed with significant losses. Page D8

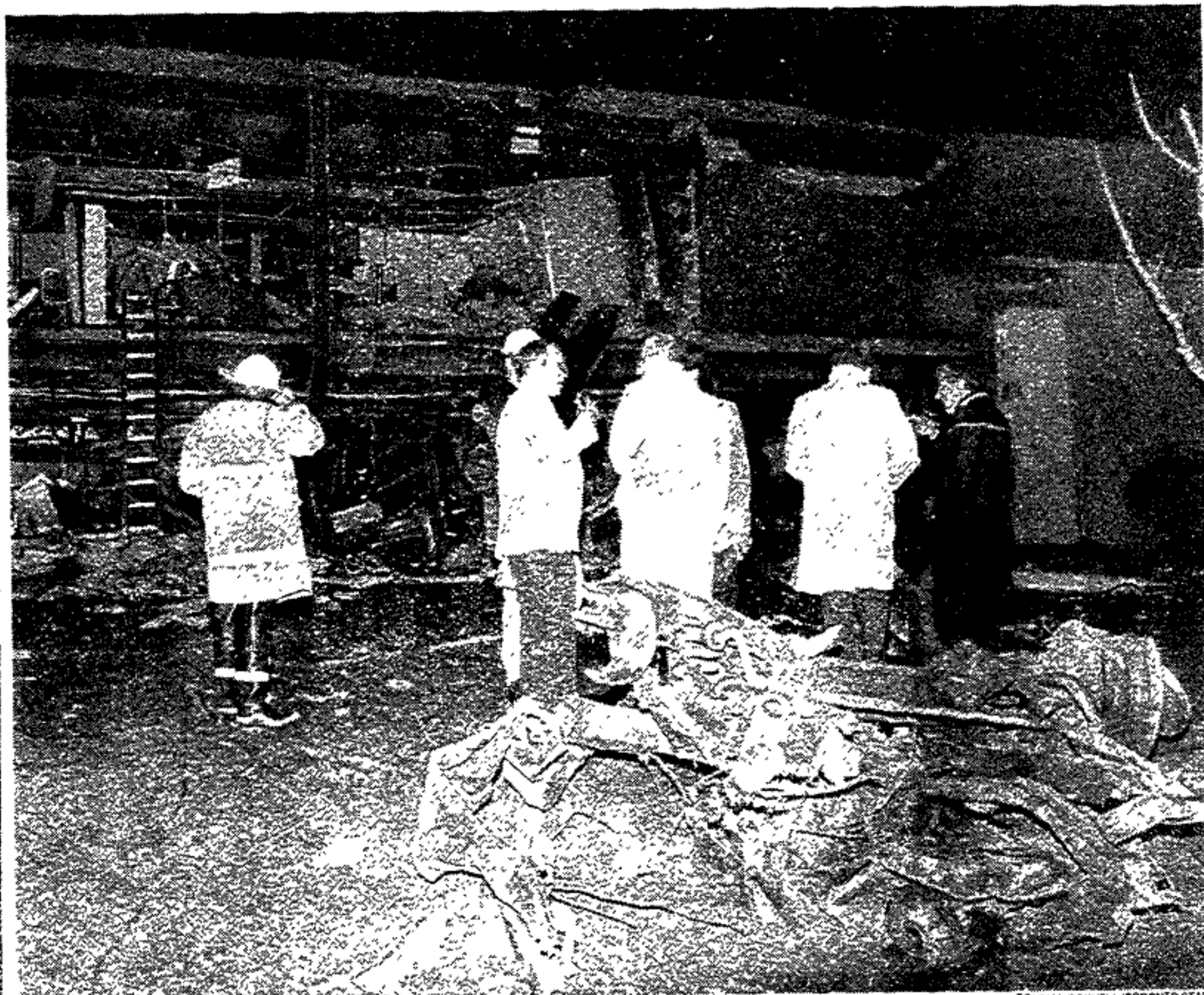
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Canada's first terrorist attack, Etobicoke mayor says

Bomb explosion rocks cruise missile factory



Aftermath of bombing: Investigators study damage caused by a bomb that went off outside Litton Systems Canada Ltd. in Rexdale last night. The bomb was deliberately set, police said, in front of a

van parked near the plant. The factory has been the scene of several protests because it manufactures guidance systems for the U.S. cruise missile. Wreckage in foreground is what's left of van.

7 injured damages in 'millions'

Seven people were injured last night when a powerful bomb exploded outside the Litton Systems Canada Ltd. plant in Etobicoke, damaging three buildings, shaking homes up to five kilometres away and sending debris flying in all directions.

Police said the bombing was deliberate and Etobicoke Mayor Dennis Flynn, a member of the Metro Police Commission, called it "a black mark for all of Canada, the first terrorist attack of this kind in our country."

Litton, which manufactures guidance systems for the U.S. nuclear cruise missile, has been the scene of frequent anti-nuclear demonstrations for the past two years and had received three or four bomb threats recently, police said.

The bomb rocked the suburban area at 11:31 p.m., 13 minutes after a woman phoned police, told them an explosive device was set to go off and the call should not be taken lightly. A Litton security guard received a similar phone call two minutes later.

Security officers said a woman caller to the plant was apparently reading from a prepared statement. "She said it would explode between 20 to 25 minutes but it went off in 10," said Chuck Pitman, a plant spokesman.

Police say the call was taped.

The bomb was in an orange-colored box marked "Danger Explosives" beside a blue van parked in front of the plant on City View Dr. in the Highway 27-Dixon Rd. area. It exploded while police were investigating the vehicle.

No group has claimed responsibility for the bombing. Just hours before the blast, an Ontario Court of Appeal ruled Litton executives could not be forced

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This story was written by Tim Harper from reports filed by Tom Spears, Nicholas Pron, Don Dutton, Walter Stefanluc, Michael McAteer, Howard Burns and Michael Erdle.

2 teens shot in Woodbridge love feud

Two teenagers were gunned down in front of horrified school students as they stepped off a bus at Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge early today.

Police said the shooting was the result of a broken romance. A girl was shot in the back of the head with a 12-gauge shotgun and the boy, her new boyfriend, was shot in the upper body as he tried to flee.

The gunman, said to be the girl's former boyfriend, then fled and was later cornered in a nearby house.

the size of bottle caps dotted the side.

Police constables Mervyn Dennis, Bruce McKee and Guy Courvoisier all suffered minor lacerations. Guy and Dennis were treated and released from Etobicoke General Hospital. Dennis, complaining of a sore shoulder, left hospital with his arm in a sling.

Gaping hole

Courvoisier was kept overnight for observation.

Dungey said that after the smoke cleared all he could see was the engine block of the van and the gaping hole in the front of the Litton building.

"One of the officers was standing beside me and he got blown off his feet from the force of the blast," Dungey said.

"There was almost no time to clear the area," he said.

"We had about a minute and a half from the time we saw the bomb to the moment it went off. The van just disintegrated. I hate to think what would have happened had we been closer... we might have been blown to smithereens."

He said there had been reports of four other bomb threats at the plant, all of them false.

More photos, stories/A3

4 Metro policemen had narrow escape

By Nicholas Pron Toronto Star

Four Metro policemen narrowly escaped being "blown to smithereens" when a box of dynamite exploded while they were investigating a bomb threat at Litton Systems in Etobicoke today.

The officers were first to arrive at the factory at City View Dr. and spotted a dark blue van parked on the lawn just off the boulevard in front of the building.

Large crate

One of the officers went over the van and spotted a large orange crate with what appeared to be dynamite on top of it.

At that point, Sgt. Harry Dungey ordered the constables from the area and as they got back to the cruisers the bomb went off, ripping a gaping hole in the front of the building and sending shards of razor-sharp debris in all directions.

Dungey's quick action to clear the area is credited with saving the lives of the officers, Staff Supt. Jack Webster said.

Like bullets

"Parts of the car were raining down all over us," Dungey said later.

The side of one police cruiser looked as if it had been riddled with bullets. The windows were smashed, tires flattened and holes



Injured by debris: Constable Mervyn Dennis (in wheelchair) is one of the 23 Division policemen injured by flying debris when the bomb went off at Litton Systems.

Trudeau to give three fireside chats on TV

By Bob Hepburn and David Vienneau Toronto Star

OTTAWA — Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau will appear on national television and radio during three successive evenings next week to deliver a series of "fireside chats" on the economy.

The 15-minute addresses start Tuesday on both the English and French CBC networks. Times have not yet been confirmed, but it is likely the shows will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Prime Minister has never before staged several televised addresses in one week.

Trudeau will discuss economic problems such as unemployment, inflation and interest rates, according to Michael Gillan, the Prime Minister's communications adviser. He will also talk about the worldwide recession and its impact on Canada.

But Trudeau "has no intention of making any announcements," Gillan said, ruling out any major statements about a massive job-creation program or a resignation by the Prime Minister.

In a letter to CBC President Pierre Junneau, Trudeau said it was necessary to discuss "these matters of exceptional national importance in a non-partisan manner

with as many Canadians as possible."

Trudeau said the Conservatives and New Democrats should be given time to respond "and encourage a national effort to act constructively about the problems confronting our country."

The Tories and NDP will be given three 15-minute periods to reply to Trudeau, but must share the time under CBC policy.

NDP Leader Ed Broadbent said last night the shows are a "three-day striptease." He argued that if Trudeau had anything substantial to say, one show would be enough.

The decision to conduct a series of tele-

vision and radio spots is seen as an attempt by Trudeau to boost the government's faltering public image — and to restore momentum to its "6 and 5" wage restraint program.

Polls show public support for the Liberals mired in the 30-per-cent range. And the party was trounced Tuesday in three federal by-elections in Ontario.

Meanwhile, the federal cabinet met yesterday in the Gatineau Hills to discuss its plans for fighting the unemployment crisis.

(The cabinet meets in a mansion for-
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Ben Wicks



"And where were you when I was being sexually harassed at the office?"