

Cardboard coffins cut corpses cost

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 DELTA, B.C. — Funeral costs in British Columbia have been slashed by a gimmick that a veteran funeral director expects to prove a goldmine for him while saving hundreds of dollars for consumers.
 Ken Timlick decided to offer cardboard coffins when he became concerned last year at the spiraling cost of a funeral.
 He said the average cost of a funeral currently is around \$1,500 if a regular casket is used. He estimated his cardboard coffin system reduces that figure to about \$850.
 Everybody agreed that cardboard coffins helped cut funeral costs, Timlick said in an interview, although only a few persons bought them when the time came to bury a loved one. Of the 18,000 burials in British Columbia last year, fewer than 1,000 used the Timlick model.
 "It was a while before I figured out what was wrong," Timlick said. "Then I realized people didn't want friends and neighbors to see loved ones being taken to their rest in plain, simple caskets."
 So he introduced the "Timlick Rent-a-Casket."
 "I had an expensive-looking, elaborate casket made that fits over my cardboard coffin," Timlick said. "The casket, called a catafalque, was used at a funeral service and procession."
 "When it was all over, the catafalque was brought back and the cardboard coffin stayed behind and was buried. Nobody knew the difference."

En route to Washington Ex-union official shot

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 MARTINS FERRY, Ohio — Bill Lamb, ousted from his seat on the United Mine Workers Executive Board, was shot twice early Monday and is in satisfactory condition at Martins Ferry Hospital. He has been in a bitter battle with United Mine Workers President Arnold Miller to regain a seat on the board.
 Lamb, who earlier this year sought an injunction from U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C., prohibiting the UMW from harming or killing him, was driving to Washington to attempt to regain his seat when he was shot.
 He told a fellow union official that he was driving on U.S. 250 when another motorist flagged him down with a flashlight. He said when he stopped to get out, a man shot twice, hitting him in the

arm and leg.
 Lamb said he drove to Rayland and to the home of Mel Martin, an official of UMW District 6, who said Lamb was "covered with blood." Martin took him to the hospital.
 Martin's wife said Lamb, of Cadiz, Ohio, told them he blacked out momentarily and when he came to, the man was gone.
 Miller suspended Lamb from the executive board last year, accusing him of filing faulty expense accounts.
 District 6, which has 16,000 members in eastern Ohio and the Northern Panhandle of West Virginia, held another election for the seat and Lamb won.
 Last week, Miller suspended him once again and said Lamb could not hold the seat while

under investigation for the expense accounts.
 Tony Bumbico, of St. Clairsville and a member of the District 6 Relief Committee that questioned the UMW handling of strike benefits from other unions during last year's strike, said Lamb had been threatened twice last week.
 "He had a lot of enemies in the union hierarchy," Bumbico said. "And when you buck the stream like that, you get trouble."
 "He had two telephone calls threatening his life if he took a seat on that board. His car was broke into and some papers taken. Nothing of consequence."
 "It's the sickest thing since Yablonski," said Bumbico, referring to the killing of UMW rebel leader Joseph Yablonski, his wife and daughter, over eight years ago.

Rock-heaving vandal nabbed by girl, 15

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 DENVER — A teen-age girl ran down and captured a man suspected of breaking a window in a grocery store, then held the suspect for police, detectives said.
 Linda Rodriguez, 15, of Denver, told officers she saw a man throw a rock through a window of the Cour-

tesy Grocery Friday night.
 "Then he saw me, and he took off running," she said.
 The girl chased the man about a block to an alley, where she grabbed him by the arm and held him. Her brother-in-law later helped take the man back to the grocery store, where police were called.

Publisher says court 'batters' free press

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 NEW YORK — The Supreme Court has put itself "above the law" by ruling that journalists can be forced to reveal their thoughts when they prepared stories, the chairman of the American Newspaper Publishers Association said Monday.
 The recent U.S. Supreme Court libel and newsroom search rulings have "battered" the First Amendment, jeopardizing freedom of the press as well as guarantees of free speech, worship and assembly said Allen Neuharth, ANPA chairman and president.
 "If evidence was needed, this decision clearly demonstrated that the judiciary is inclined to put itself above the law, if not the Constitution," Neuharth told the group's 83rd annual convention.
 Wednesday, the high court ruled that journalists sued for libel by public figures can be compelled to answer questions about their thoughts and opinions when preparing articles or television shows.
 The court said CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" producer, Barry Lando, must answer questions about his "state of mind" when assembling a documentary about former Army Lt. Col. Anthony Herbert, who contends he was libeled by a broadcast of the program.
 Neuharth, who also is president of

the single company owning the most U.S. newspapers, Gannett Co. Inc., said the nation needs an examination of the "state of mind" of the Supreme Court, headed by Chief Justice Warren Burger.
 Neuharth said the rulings would have their greatest effect on small newspapers, radio and television stations and the only solution was to ask state legislatures for press shield laws.
Ancient beggar defies demolition
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 MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — Miguel Servasky, 75, went to sleep last weekend in a vacant building in downtown Montevideo, just as he always did at the end of a hard day of begging.
 Early next morning a demolition crew tore down the building, not noticing he was inside. Three days later, workers removing the rubble found what they assumed was his body.
 They were in the process of digging him out when Servasky stood up and asked for food and water.
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