# behind the wheel Arms, etc.

There's nothing more refreshing than a breath of fresh air on a hot summer's day and opening the window on your bus may make the trip more comfortable.

But when passengers stick arms and heads out the open window, that's when the transit operator starts to WOTTY.

When pulling into a bus stop, or even when manoevering through traffic, it's easy to come very close to immovable objects such as light and telephone poles and overhanging trees, or even to other moving vehicles on the road.

The operator knows how much space he must allow for clearance of his bus. But he cannot allow clearance for arms and heads sticking out the window.

This poses a real danger if passengers stick anything outside the window the

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chances are sooner or later there will not be enough clearance for the extending limb and a serious accident could occur.

We want you to enjoy your bus ride, but most important, we want you to get to your destination safely. Enjoy the fresh air, but please keep arms, heads, le and everything else ins the bus at all times.

We don't want you to become an accident statistic.

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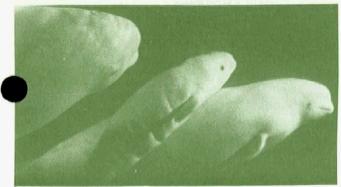


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### A BELUGA IS BORN

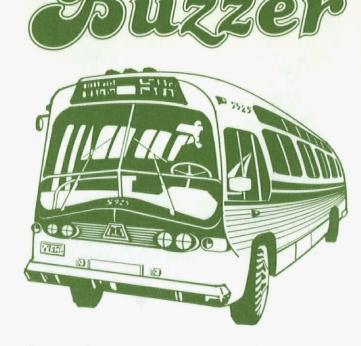
Vancouver has a new baby! The Vancouver Aquarium's female beluga whale, "Kavna", gave birth to a bouncing baby boy on July 13, 1977 at 9:50 p.m. He weighs approximately 150 lbs., measures approximately 5 feet in length and exhibits the characteristic grey colour of a newborn beluga.

This new calf has caused great excitement for the proud Aquarium staff as he represents the first successful birth of a beluga calf in captivity in the world.

"Baby", however, needs a name. To enter the Vancouver Aquarium "Name Our Baby" Contest, print your name, address and phone number on a postcard together with your choice of name and brief explanation as to why that name was chosen. Entries should be mailed to the radio tation, television station or newspaper of your choice and ust be postmarked no later than the contest closing date, August 16, 1977.

### ODDS AND ENDS

The Vancouver Branch of the St. John Ambulance Assoc, is now taking reservations for fall classes in First Aid, Home Nursing and Child Care. For more information or to obtain a fall schedule, call 321-2651, local 24, . . Thunderbird Neighbourhood Centre, 2311 Cassiar, is offering mystery tours for Juniors aged 6 to 12, on Thursdays at 10 a.m. For more information call 254-0427. . . Kitsilano Neighbourhood House, 2325 W. 7th Ave., has Swap Meets every Saturday at 9 a.m., rain or shine, Call 736-3588 or drop in to the centre. . .Spectrum Theatre Co-op opened the new Studio Theatre, 209 W. 4th Ave., North Vancouver with Dylan Thomas' Under Milk Wood. The play runs until August 27, Tuesdays through Sundays at 8:30 p.m. For reservations call 986-4011. . . The Arts Club Theatre is presenting its National Tour of Cruel Tears, a Country Opera, August 16 until September 3. For further informacall 687-6315.



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# Richmond route gets new look

Effective Friday, August 19, 1977, a number of route and bus numbering changes will affect the Richmond services. These changes will include modification of the No. 2 Road and Railway routes, introduction of a new Gilbert Road route, extension of the Bridgeport, Cambie and Sea Island routes to Richmond Centre at Cook and No. 3 Road, plus other minor route changes. This is planned not only to provide better service in Richmond but to reduce the travelling time to Vancouver by up to 5 minutes. There will be added service between Richmond and Vancouver during rush hours along with other service frequency and schedule adjustments which are detailed in the new Richmond timetable.

#### RICHMOND CENTRE

The Richmond Centre, Cook and No. 3 Road, will become the main transfer point for all bus routes servicing Richmond. In addition, passengers wishing to travel to Vancouver International Airport, Southeastern Vancouver and Ladner will transfer at Richmond Centre for buses destined to these areas; with transfers, as required, to most other destinations.

Most buses travelling to & from Vancouver, with the exception of the 401 (and 407 during rush hours) will also serve the new Lansdowne Shopping Centre, routing north-bound via No. 3 Road, Alderbridge, Garden City and south-bound via Garden City, Lansdowne, No. 3 Road. The 401 (and 407 during rush hours) will route along the present No. 1 Road routing via No. 3 Road, Cook and Garden City.

#### SEXSMITH LOOP

Vancouver-bound buses will route into Sexsmith Loop during a.m. rush hours only. At all other times, including p.m. rush hours, these buses will stop on Garden City adjacent to Sexsmith Loop. The 404, 405, 420 and 425 local routes will stop on Sexsmith Street adjacent to the loop to allow for transferring. The Park 'n Ride facilities at Sexsmith Loop will continue to be serviced by commuter routes during both rush-hour periods.

# NEW ROUTE BOOSTS RICHMOND SERVICE

Along with the many route changes taking place August 19 in Richmond, a brand new service will be introduced. The 407 Gilbert route is provided to further improve transit services in this ever-growing area.

The northbound route is from terminus on Moncton at 1st Ave. via Moncton, 3rd Ave., Chatham, 4th Ave., Steveston Hwy., Gilbert, Westminster Hwy., No. 3 Road to terminus at Cook (Richmond Centre). The southbound route is the reverse of the northbound route. During rush hours, the 407 Gilbert route will be extended to downtown Vancouver following the same route as the 401 No. 1 Road service.

In addition, there will be changes to the routing of the No. 2 Road and Railway buses as follows: The No. 2 Road will route from Steveston via Moncton, No. 2 Road, Blundell, No. 3 Road to Richmond Centre, extending through to Vancouver during rush hours only; The Railway will route from Steveston via Moncton, 3rd Ave., Chatham, 7th Ave., Springmont Gate, Springfield Dr., Williams, Railway, Granville, No. 3 Road and beyond to Vancouver. Both pes will follow the same routes in the reverse direction.

# BUS SYSTEM STREAMLINED WITH NEW ROUTE NUMBERS

B.C. Hydro Transit is re-numbering many of its routes such that numerical series will correspond with geographical areas.

The 200 series, for example, is used exclusively in Not Vancouver, while the 300 series corresponds to routes Surrey, North Delta & White Rock. Two-digit numbers are used on routes which stay within the city of Vancouver. A new 400 series, meanwhile, will begin formation in Richmond.

Bus routes in the Surrey, North Delta & White Rock areas presently in the 600 series will start to show their new 300-series numbers Aug. 19 and B.C. Hydro Transit says it will take about two months before all routes are renumbered.

New timetables being issued Aug. 19 will carry both old and new numbers and bulletins explaining the changes in detail are carried on the buses.

The idea, transit planners explain, is to streamline the route numbers so passengers can tell just from the route number where the bus goes.

Further streamlining is expected in future changes in Coquitlam, Burnaby and New Westminster.

## NEW EXCHANGE SPEEDS SERVICE

A new bus exchange at the north end of the George Massey Tunnel in Richmond should make travel to Vancouver a lot easier for residents of White Rock, North Delta and North Surrey.

The new "Massey Exchange" opens Aug. 19 and w provide an easy connection to Richmond for passengers coming from White Rock, North Delta and North Surrey.

North-bound passengers will have the opportunity to transfer there to Richmond buses or continue directly into Vancouver. The No. 4 and No. 5 Road buses will connect at the exchange to carry passengers into Richmond. Corresponding connections will also be offered in the Southbound direction.

The exchange is designed to provide faster service into downtown Vancouver by eliminating the diversion into Ladner Exchange while increasing transfer possibilities.

Compensation is believing that people from other planets are much smarter than we are but much uglier than any of us.

### ROUTE CHANGE IMPROVES WHITE ROCK SERVICE

A new bus route will be established Aug. 19 to speed service between White Rock and Vancouver.

B.C. Hydro Transit says the new 351 North Bluff service, the will replace the present 650 Deas Island route, will wide a much quicker service between White Rock and Vancouver by eliminating the lengthy diversion into Ladner Exchange presently used by the 650 Deas Island route.

The 351 route will follow most of the 650 route but will stay on the freeway to Vancouver instead of diverting via Ladner Trunk Road to Ladner Exchange. Connections to Richmond will be made at the new "Massey Exchange" at the north end of the George Massey Tunnel, Connections with the 640 Valley-to-Sea bus to and from Ladner Exchange and Tsawwassen will be made on Highway 10 across from the Delta fire hall at a stop to be known as "Matthews Exchange". Traditional connections between the 640 and services to and from Vancouver will continue to be made at Ladner Exchange through schedule adjustments and more frequent service on the 601 South Delta route.

The 351 North Bluff route is designed for passengers to and from White Rock and south Surrey in Zone B of the transit system. Passengers wishing to travel to Ladner Exchange or other points in Zone A formerly served by the 650 route should now travel on the 601 South Delta bus.

A preacher stated recently there are 296 different sins. His mailbox is now filled each day with requests for a list of them from people who are afraid they've been missing ething.

# TIMETABLES ALTERED

B.C. Hydro's transit system will undergo some changes on August 19, 1977. The following is a list of timetables being altered.

VANCOUVER AREA Beach 1 Broadway 9 Davie 8/Kingsway 19 Downtown SEA-BUS Shuttle Dunbar 7/Arbutus 18 False Creek South 50 Forty-First 41 Forty-Ninth 49 Fourth 4/Oak 17 Fraser 6/Cambie 15 Granville 20/Victoria 25
Hastings 14/Hastings Express 34
Knight 22/Macdonald 22
Main 3/Robson 5
P.N.E. Park 'n Ride 2
Renfrew 16
Southeast Vancouver
Stanley Park 11/Powell 12/
Nanaimo 24
U.B.C. & Tenth Avenue
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