

Schedule adjustments

Effective Monday, February 27

#239

#239 buses will not stop at Main Street and Lynn between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. and between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. This change is necessary because of heavy traffic in the curb lane on Main St. This will ensure that connections continue to be made at Phibbs Exchange.

#501

To improve the reliability of connections at Langley Centre, 3 weekday trips on the #501 route will leave New Westminster Station 3 minutes earlier than before. The revised schedule reads as follows:

Leave New West Stn	Leave Guildford	Leave Willowbrook	Leave Langley Ctr
1:32 p.m.	1:49	2:07	2:17
2:27 p.m.	2:47	3:07	3:17
3:27 p.m.	3:47	4:07	4:17

VOLUNTEERS

Laubach Literacy of Canada, a non-profit organization committed to helping older youth and adults acquire listening, speaking, reading, writing, numeracy and other life skills, will hold a tutor training workshop, March 2 & 3 at 6 p.m., March 4 at 9 a.m., Canadian Memorial United Church, 1811 W. 16th Ave. Info: 731-8354.

Red Cross Volunteers required. Many interesting opportunities available. Call 879-7551, Vancouver Branch.



We nominate for highest place
A clever girl whose name is Grace;
She never lingers 'round the door,
But moves ahead — makes room for more.
Reproduced from the Buzzer, May 6, 1925.

ODDS & ENDS

Edam presents an Evening of Dance by Lola MacLaughlin, Mar. 2-4, 8:30 p.m., V.E.C.C. 254-9578 □ SFU's new Enterprise program — an intensive 2-month course for anyone starting a business — begins Mar. 9. Info: 291-5079 □ The Federation of B.C. Writers presents sessions on freelancing, writing for children, fiction basics and performing poetry, Feb. 26, West End Community Centre. \$20 per session. Info: 683-2057 □ Quilting demonstrations each Sunday 'til the end of May at the Vancouver Museum, with museum admission □ A major retrospective of works by contemporary landscape photographer Robert Bourdeau, Vancouver Art Gallery □ West Burnaby Playschool (6050 Sussex, Bby.) will hold its 30th Anniversary Reunion celebration, Sat., Feb. 25 at 1:30 p.m. Info: Linda at 520-6241 □ Multicultural Concert with musicians from China, Puerto Rico, Lebanon and France, Feb. 25, Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Garden, 578 Carrall St. 662-3207 □ Find out about the Legal Aspects of Buying a House, Feb. 28, The People's Law School, 150-900 Howe St. at Smithe, 7-9 p.m. Pre-registration: 688-2565 □ Magee's Annual Massed Band concert. Magee Gymnasium, 1975 W. 49th, Mar. 7, 7:30 p.m. □ Students and faculty of the UBC School of Music will stage a Pianothon (a marathon of piano playing) Feb. 25 & 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gala Concert Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. Arts Club Theatre, Granville Island. A fund raising event for the UBC School of Music Piano Div. □ Seymour's Buffeh(?) — a mixture of pathos, fear and whimsy — at the Arts Club Theatre on Seymour, Feb. 26 at 8 p.m. \$6. 687-1644 □ A free seminar on healthy eating at Kensington Community Centre, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. Registration: 327-9401 □ Sylvia Russell, Vancouver Food Bank, speaks on Poverty & Homelessness, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., St. Mary's, 808 E. 50th Ave. Phyllis Mittlestead R.N. speaks on Child Abuse Prevention, Mar. 5, 7 p.m., St. Luke's, 390 E. 61st Ave. □ 3-course, home cooked dinner every Wed., 4:30-6:30 p.m., for only \$4.50 at Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, 3981 Main St. Members \$3.50 □ Free band jamboree, Mar. 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m., West Van Secondary School, 1750 Mathers □ The Vancouver Park Board's Lifeguard School will offer courses in Aquatic Emergency Care and the National Lifeguard Waterfront Option, starting in March. Applicants must have the Royal Lifesaving Society Bronze Cross. Phone 665-3424 □ Vancouver Chapters, Beta Sigma Phi, present "This is your life" fashion show, Mar. 7, 8 p.m., Richmond Inn. \$10 ticket includes door prize & refreshments. Call Pat 276-3488 or 669-3941 □ All North Shore, Whistler, Squamish and Pemberton artists and craftspeople are invited to submit up to three of their works for jurying and acceptance in the "Images & Objects VII" Visual Arts Show. Fee \$3 per entry. Info on registration: 988-6844 or 922-1110 □ ANICCA, a new video work by Montreal artist Daniel Dion, at Vancouver Art Gallery □ A Brush with Modern Art, an 8-session course for those who are baffled by contemporary art. Begins Feb. 28, 7-9 p.m. Burnaby Art Gallery. Info: 291-9441 □ An exhibit of 90 photos by Claxton, of all the jazz greats opens Mar. 2 at Presentation House, North Van. Free opening night jazz performance, 8-10 p.m. Info: Karen or Diane, 986-1351 □ West Burnaby Parent Participation Play School Open House, Mar. 6-10, Sussex. Details: Penny, 435-9579 □ The Vancouver Chamber Choir presents the Cambridge Buskers in concert at the Q.E.T., Mar. 3. Tickets at all VTC/Ticketmaster outlets □ An exhibition of collages by Brenda Joy Lem, Firehall Theatre, Mar. 6-Apr. 3 □ The Assoc. of Learning Disabled Adults helps those with reading, writing or math problems. Phone 683-5554.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 24/25 — Thrift Sale, St. Mary's, 2490 W. 37th Ave., Feb. 24, 6-9 p.m.; Feb. 25, 10-noon. Good used clothing, toys, kitchenware, etc.
Mar. 4 — Lunch & Sale, Citizens' Pet Population Control Society, Victoria Dr. Hall, 2026 E. 43rd., 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
Mar. 9 — Thrift Shop Sale, South Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10:30-2:30. Clothing, housewares, books, etc.
Feb. 24 — Perogy Sale, Ukrainian Parish Hall, 501 4th Ave. & 5th St., New West. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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BC Transit operators buck traffic accident trend to record safest year ever.

Nearly 2,000 BC Transit operators in Greater Vancouver and Greater Victoria set a new traffic safety record in 1988 with the lowest traffic accident rate in the history of Vancouver and Victoria transit.

The Hon. Rita M. Johnston, minister responsible, told the men and women who drive the 886-bus fleet conventional transit fleet: "It's an impressive achievement! You're doing a great job."

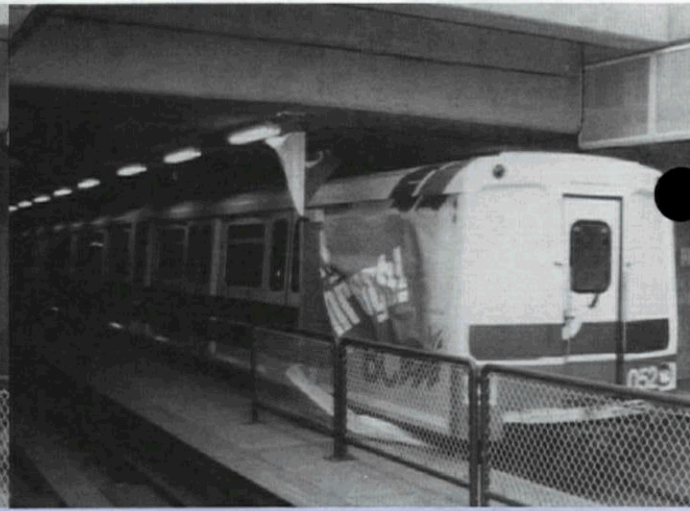
The BC Transit fleet rate — the number of traffic incidents per million miles operated — decreased in 1988 by 8.2 per cent. This followed a 10.7 per cent decrease in 1987. Since 1977, transit in Greater Vancouver and Greater Victoria has won 16 national and international safety awards in passenger, traffic and employee categories.

In continuing to set new traffic safety records, BC Transit operators are bucking the trend in British Columbia. General road accident statistics continue to go in the opposite direction.

1988 Vancouver Police Department statistics, for instance, show fatal accidents up by 62 per cent over 1987, pedestrian fatalities up by 37 per cent, and cyclists killed in traffic accidents up by 100 per cent. Traffic accidents in general increased by 7.6 per cent over the previous year.

Congratulations to the 1765 Vancouver region operators who drive 534 diesels and 244 trolleys, and the 240 Victoria region operators who drive 108 diesels.

A little learning is a dangerous thing — just ask any kid who comes home with a bad report card.



Next stop Surrey

Columbia Station official opening

Premier Bill Vander Zalm and Municipal Affairs Minister Rita Johnston officially opened Columbia Station on Tuesday morning, February 14th, and the first train in revenue service rolled out of the station at noon.

Columbia is the 16th SkyTrain station, and the opening marks the first phase of the \$179 million expansion to Surrey.

As the first train broke a "Coming Through" banner spanning the tracks, the premier said it was symbolic of a province on the move. "This is an opportunity province," he told the large gathering of invited guests and members of the public. "The world knows it and is making investments in our future."

Mrs. Johnston, minister responsible for transit, said "The SkyTrain corridor is a great panorama of development from the waterfront in downtown Vancouver, through Burnaby to New Westminster. It's the fastest growing transit corridor in North America, with current and planned developments exceeding five billion dollars. Today, we're extending that corridor and Columbia Station is revitalizing another section of New Westminster."

"Next February, one short year from now, we'll extend the SkyTrain corridor to Scott Road in Surrey," she said . . .

"transit planners estimate daily ridership into and out of Scott Road will be between 12,000 and 14,000."

Other dignitaries in attendance at the opening included West Vancouver Mayor Don Lanskill, Chairman of the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission, New Westminster Mayor Betty Toporowski, Vancouver Mayor Gordon Campbell, Richmond Mayor Gil Blair, Port Moody Mayor David Driscoll and BC Transit Chairman Stu Hodgson.

The new twin-track station, midway along a 325-metre tunnel, is accessible from Columbia, Fourth and Clarkson Streets in New Westminster. It has several enhanced safety features including security television cameras that pan, tilt, zoom and record events, and improved radio communications. At the Fourth Street entrance, underground heater cables will melt ice and snow for passenger safety.

Mrs. Johnston reminded those present that Greater Vancouver has an integrated transit system that is second to none in any city in North America of similar size. "Transit in Denver has 53 million passenger boardings a year, Dallas 4 million, San Diego 25 million, San Antonio 33 million, Phoenix 18 million, Seattle 82 million. The transit system in the Vancouver region has 169 million boardings a year . . . As fast, efficient rapid transit moves into Surrey, Coquitlam and the northeast region, Richmond and the Vancouver International Airport area, more and more people will be able to leave their cars at home."

If you really look like your passport photo, chances are you aren't well enough to travel.

Old FareCard not fare

A woman boarding a bus flashed a FareCard, but when the operator requested a closer look at the Card she said she didn't have one.

A transit supervisor and a member of the Vancouver City Police later met the bus and the woman was identified and charged with Obtaining Transportation by Fraud. Numerous expired FareCards were seized. In Vancouver Provincial Court the accused was found guilty, given a suspended sentence and placed on probation for 12 months. She was ordered not to keep any expired FareCards in her possession.



Please make courtesy seats available when required by elderly or physically disabled passengers.

Operator collecting stories on the lighter side of public transit

BC Transit operator Heinz Hammer is preparing a book that will trace the first 100 years of public transit in Vancouver and Victoria, and feature funny and interesting stories from transit systems around the world. If you have a story or a personal experience you would like to share, please mail it to "Routes", Surrey Transit Centre, 13321 76th Ave., Surrey, B.C. V3W 2V8. The deadline for material is March 31, 1989.