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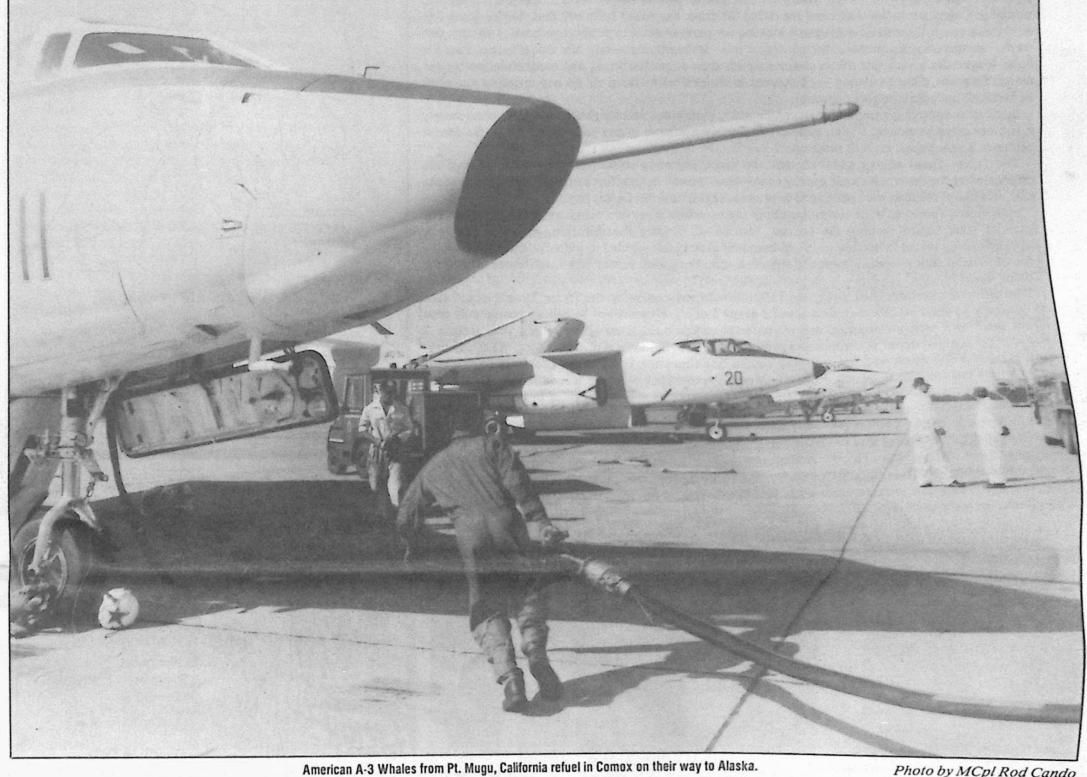


Photo by MCpl Rod Cando

Ottawa -- At a change of command ceremony held 8 September at CFB Ottawa (North), Gen A. John G. D. de Chastelain assumed the position of Chief of the Defence Staff from Gen Paul D.

Dignitaries at the ceremony included Her Excellency, Madame Sauve, Governor General of Canada and Commander-in-Chief of Canadian Forces and the Honourable Bill McKnight, Minister of National Defence as well as military attaches from NATO embassies.

Gen Manson, who has held the position since July 1986, will retire from the CF.

Previous to his appointment as CDS, Gen de Chastelain held many positions within the CF, including: Vice Chief of the Defense Staff at National Defence Headquarters (NDHQ) Ottawa; Assistant Deputy Minister (Personnel) at NDHQ Ottawa; Assistant Deputy Commander of Mobile Command, St. Hubert; Director General, Land, Doctrine and Operations at NDHQ Ottawa; Commander 4 Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, Lahr, Federal Republic of Germany; and Commandant, Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

For the ceremony, 200 members of the CF were on parade, divided into four 50-person guards with the CF Central Band providing the music and four CF-18s from CFB Bagotville flying by in formation.

"Smoking is one of the leading causes of statistics."

Fletcher Knebel

New Chief for CF Rage boils over

This is to all parents of all young people everywhere. I am writing in response to some of the questions you ask me daily. I am not one police officer, but represent every officer in every city and town in Canada.

You may know me only as the cop who gave you a ticket last summer, but I am also the guy who lives down the street from you. I am the parent of three children and I share with you the same hope, ambition, and dreams that you have for your children, I am faced with the same problems you have. I share with you moments of agony and ecstasy; I share with you feelings of shame, guilt, and disappointment when my boy or girl gets into trouble.

The scene is a long stretch of highway with a sharp curve at one end. It had been raining and the roads are slick. A car travelling in excess of 128 km/h

missed the curve and plowed into an embankment where it became airborne and struck a tree. At this point, two of the three young passengers were hurled from the vehicle, one into the tree, the other onto the roadway, where the car landed on him, snuffing out his life, like a discarded cigarette on the asphalt. He is the lucky one.

The girl thrown into the tree had her neck broken and, although she was voted queen of the senior prom and most likely to succeed, she will now spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair. Unable to do anything else, she will live and relive that terrible moment many times.

When I arrive, the car has come to rest on its top and the broken wheels have stopped spinning. Smoke and steam pour out of the engine ripped from its mounting by the

terrible force. An eerie calm has settled over the scene and it appears deserted except for one lone traveller who called it in. He is sick to his stomach and leaning against his car for sup-

The driver is conscious but in shock and unable to free himself from under the bent, twisted steering column. His face will be forever scarred by deep cuts from the broken glass and jagged metal. These cuts will heal, but the ones inside cannot be touched by the surgeon's scalpel.

The third passenger has almost stopped bleeding. The seat and his clothing are covered in blood from an artery severed in his arm by the broken bone end that protrudes from his forearm just below the elbow.

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Leisure

Editorial

Is it just gossip?

Section news: what is it exactly? You can flip through this paper or any other we've produced over the years and all too quickly find the answer. I can sum it up in one word: Gossip. Here is a smattering from a recent edition (the names have been changed to protect the innocent!): Cpl Liz Taylor was posted to Gagetown in late April and she called the other day to say hello and that they're doing fine on the east coast; Capt Ronald Reagan is looking for parking space to put his two boats, two cars, one truck, one motorcycle, camper, and tent trailer in - we are trying to talk him into a garage sale; Pte John Wayne did a very fine job in cleaning up his crew room last week, and congratulations to our newest Sergeant, Clint Eastwood - Clint spent an entire week working out his pay raise and just when he had it all budgeted, he got promoted.

Some of the gossip is entertaining. It can be witty, humorous, and insightful at times; unfortunately it is more often mundane, trivial, and very definately not news in any journalistic sense. So does it belong in a newspaper, in OUR newspaper?

The Totem Times editors and staff over the years, including myself, probably bear most of the responsibility for the troublesome quality of this base 'news'. In an effort to fill the blank pages in the past, it is likely sections were persuaded to produce regular articles for the paper.

Individuals, forced to write something about their sections every two weeks, resorted to gossip. The editorial staff, upon reading the articles, instead of nipping the disturbing trend in the bud, euphemistically labled it 'section news'. Subsequent individuals selected to write for the paper saw the type of articles that preceded them and followed suit. Very soon section news was entrenched in the

The ultimate question, then, (well, not THE ultimate question) is: do the Totem Times readers want to continue to read so called section news? I know I don't. I'm inclined to believe people only read about their own sections anyway; and if you want to know the latest gossip within your section, I would suggest a newsletter is cheaper and more appropriate. But mine is just one voice. What's important, is what YOU want; and the only way we can find that out is if you let us know. Of course, that does involve putting pen to paper - oh, shudder at the thought! - but try it (you'll like it) and at the same time you can wax eloquent about your feelings on world peace, the meaning of life, how they get the Caramel in the Caramilk bar . . .

If you are one of the chosen few who actually write section news, and you wish to begin writing something more substantive and of interest to a wider audience, do so. And don't feel you must write only about your own section. There are an almost endless variety of other topics to choose from: sports and community events, military exercises, interesting personalities, unit activities, to name a few. Use your imagination and remember: what you like to read about is what other people want to read about, so trust your instincts.

Thanks for your support

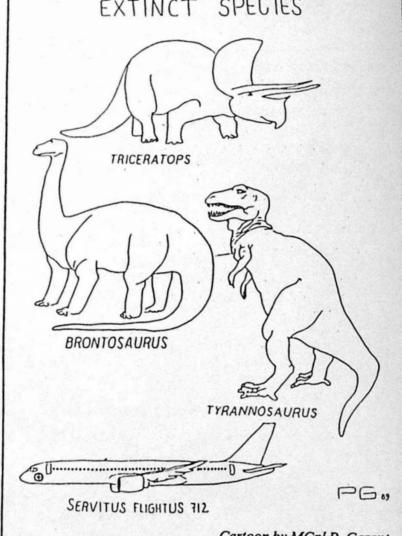
Once again, the Military Police Fund for Blind Children has come to the aid of the local community. Recently, the CFB Comox Military Police section provided funds to help Brad Erhardt purchase a computer complete with voice synthesizer to assist him in his studies at North Island College. Funds were also provided to Patrick Carten to help him with learning concepts and skills over the summer.

Overall donations from the Fund to residents in the Comox Valley total \$5,880. In attendance at the cheque presentation were--from left to right-MCpl Keating, MWO Weed, MCpl Schweitzman, Andrea Rehor, Mr Wayne Erhardt, Monique Rehor, Vlasta Grant, Brad Erhardt, Capt Cossette (B Secur O), Cpl Smith, Sgt Mann, Cpl Porter. Front kneeling--Mrs. Kaiva Carten with Patrick Carten.

Monuments of ice-



HMCS Cormorant, fleet diving support ship, passes a towering iceberg and a sister ship on the way to Artic waters to conduct military operations and scientific research. On passing the Arctic Circle, member's of the ship's company new to the north were given a cold welcome by being dunked in a large tub of ice-cold sea water. Brrrr!!!



Cartoon by MCpl P. Garant



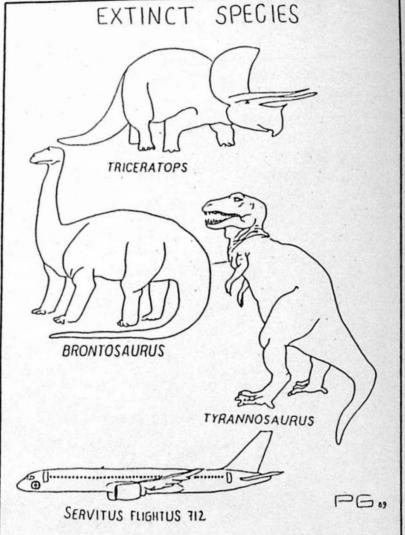
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EDITOR.....Capt Kirk Sunter

Recycling: It's time!

The idea behind recycling was born quite a few years back, but it was not until recently that people realized what must be done in order to protect our environment, extend the life of our present landfill sites, and conserve precious energy.

Many communities (Hornby Island, Nanaimo, Victoria, Vancouver) are now becoming more efficient recyclers. However, in communities where there is no recycling program, close to 90% of all solid waste (garbage) going to the landfill sites (dump) can be recycled.

The average household garbage contains: Paper (42%), yard waste (grass, leaves, etc. 16%), glass and metal (9%), and food waste as well as plastic (7%). All of these are recyclable. Only the remaining 10% should be disposed of at the landfill site.

If you are wondering how to get involved: 1) tie your newsprint in bundles and take them to the collection point behind the Workshop Building off Elm Street and behind the Post Office. 2) call C.A.R.E. (citizen for action on recycling in the environment), 337-8923.

Japan recycles between 50 and 60% of solid waste where as Canada currently recycles just over 2%. Let's all be part of the recycling world.

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by Dave Ward

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Crossword By Rick McConnell

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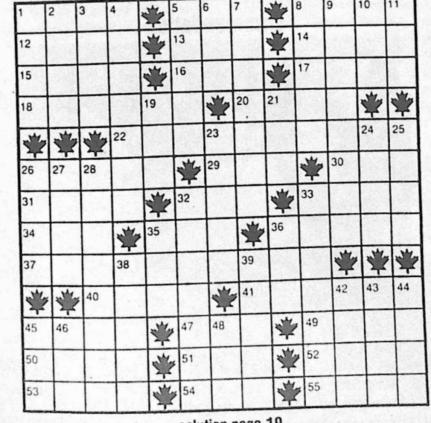
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Airlines stratospheric lingo

I recently wrote about an airline employee named Steve who asked passengers to give their tickets "to Pam and myself".

I attacked Steve for his pretentious and incorrect us of myself. Perhaps I erred in focusing on Steve for abuse of the language. His sin goes with the territory; airlines include elevation of the language as part of the training.

Surely they must. In fact, airlines go past mere elevation; they send the language into the stratosphere.

Steve runs around with people who have the captain illuminating the no-smoking sign, rather than just turning it on or lighting it. Nine out of 10 Americans don't use the word illuminating once a month. Nine out of 10 airline employees use nothing else on the

The sign is permanently illuminated on short flights, so the airline can give us - no, provide us -- "A smoke-free environment." That is, federal regulations prohibit smoking, and the plane has no smoke in it. So we call that an environ-

Illumination of the nosmoking sign, the attendant reports, requires us to "extinguish all smoking materials." They have already told us we cannot smoke pipes and cigars; why can't they just tell us to put out our cigarettes?

This problem goes beyond tabacco. Attendants never ask if you want to buy booze. They inform (tell) you they will be serving "the beverage of your choice." Then they tell you the price if you "wish to purchase a cocktail or a glass of wine."

I don't mean to suggest that a flight attendant should refer to refreshments as booze. That's too coarse. But they can tell us that if we want to buy cocktails we need to have our money ready.

Attendants also let us know that airline personnel will be at the gate to provide assistance in locating gates if we change planes. That is, they tell us where we go to get on the next flight. I don't ever assist anyone, much less provide assistance. I help a few old people now and then, but that's about it.

Moreover, I do not help them put away their goods, which "at this time must be placed in an overhead storage bin or stored beneath the seat directly in front of you," the attendant says.

Why directly? Do they think I'm going to put something under the neighbour's seat -- sort of kitty-cornered in front of

The situation doesn't improve much after we land. We are told what to do if we "wish to deplane." They should just tell us that if we want to get off to use our smoking materials or perhaps to get a candy bar, we need to put the occupied card in the seat and hold onto a boarding pass.

That brings us to the reason I first got irritated at Steve and his fellow airline employees: I can't get a straight answer on the logic of the term pre-

They all start with what they call pre-boarding, in which "those traveling with small children or who otherwise need assistance" get on first.

What a term: pre-boarding. I know about a pre-game warmup; it's a warmup before the game. I know about pre-fight hype; it's that blather before the fight, when George Foreman says he'll tear Mike Tyson's head off. I know about pre-election forecasts; that's when someone predicts a win-

Every pre tells us about something that occurs before some kind of event. Pre and a hyphen give you an objective.

So how can the airlines make a noun out of the combination? I would be happy to support a pre-boarding inspection. I would read a pre-boarding manual. I could get into a preboarding queue or listen to preboarding instructions. A pre-

boarding meal, even a snack, would hit the spot. But they can't make me ac-

cept plain old unadorned preboarding by itself. Early boarding? Fine. Pre-boarding? Never. The thought illuminates my no-language-abuse sign. I would like to extinguish a few airline grammarians.

by Martin L. Red Gibson The University of Texas

Air Force Trivia

WHAT WHERE WHEN WHY



For a change, here's a bush plane, and it's local! Photographer Terri Niemi took this shot in Courtenay River. Why is the door missing, what plane is it, and does anyone know the pilot?

Trivia Answer

AVRO Anson, Twin Engine Trainer and General Communications aircraft in World War II. This beautifully rebuilt Anson was photographed by Pat McElroy at the 1989 Victoria Air Show.

Tech side

his affection for the music of

The AMCRO section is

pleased to welcome our new

clerk, Cpl Miriam Renaud.

who is unique because she is the

only person in the Sqn who

wears a 'brown' uniform.

Contrary to reports given by

the major provincial

newspapers, VU-33 Sqn par-

ticipated in MARCOT 89

which is now over. Our aircrew

and groundcrew worked

around the clock to ensure the

usual top notch VU-33 presen-

ce was felt by the blue force.

Always looking to lend a hand.

some extra training was given

to the 25 NORAD crews as

well as the Portland Air

National Group. The pilots of

the 318th F-15s are still looking

through their recce manuals

trying to figure out what a

The CP-121 Trackersauraus

performed well in its last major

exercise. The first Tracker is

departing shortly for AMDU in

Mountainview, Ont., to be put

in storage. It just won't be the

same around here without the

Tracker's distinctive type of

noise pollution echoing

Our illustrious CO is touring

the western coast of the United

States with his wife, no doubt

contributing to the coffers of

every golf course in their path.

Rejeanne is still recovering

from her knee surgery so the

Capt Don Fair has rejoined

the Squadron after a busy

summer flying DC-6s in the

been back a short time but is re-

establishing himself as a force

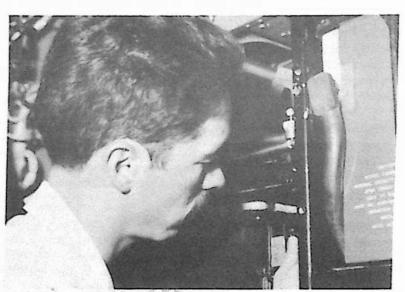
competition should be fierce.

through the mountains.

Tracker is.

Aircrew

"Stephenwolf".



Chris Shelly, a CRS Tech at VU-33, checks out components on a Tracker. Chris was recently promoted to MCpl.



Troy Jaggand, an Airframe Tech at VU-33, was recently promoted to Cpl. A T-33 fiap gets his attention here.

This past week has been a very busy one for the Aircraft Maintenance organization. MARCOT 89 brought many aircraft from other parts of Canada and the United States to Comox as participants in the exercise. Most of these aircraft, ours as well as theirs, were serviced by VU-33 personnel who worked round the clock to ensure serviceable aircraft for the required missions. All tasks were performed in a cheerful, professional manner and all maintenance personnel are to be commended for a job very well done.

In early Oct., we will be sending the first of our Trackers into storage. It will be replaced by another from Summerside so that the Sqn can continue to meet its operational commitments to the end of Mar 1990.

Congratulations are in order for MCpl Chris Shelly and Cpl Troy Jaggard who were recently promoted. MCpl Harry Weed is out of hospital and doing very well after a successful operation. He should be back to work in mid October if he doesn't 'pop a stitch'. Mar-

Introducing Base Telecom

Greetings. You're probably wondering just what is it we do here at Base Telecom? (Come and his right hand men, Sgt on, admit it - you were wondering.) Perhaps you are Parks and Sgt Tooker, while recalling the new phone extenthose radio techs assigned to sion recently installed in the ofmaintain the VHF/UHF fice, or even the time when the Air/Ground and Marine radios radio in your ambulance was meteorological equipment and of rocket scientists and of the radio techs at IFRCC mainacting up and you stopped by taining the Terminal Radar and Telecom Ground for a little Control System including the assistance. Or maybe your precision approach radar con-CCS, NAMS, ADF, RPDS to name but a few, all work under sole refused to display that Sgt Parks. On the radar side of target so you called in the Navaids boys to put things things, all of the Navaids perright. Telephones, radios, sonnel work out of the main shop at IFRCC under WO radar - the BTelo Organization does them all Gustafson. These are the guys (along with all the PA systems. who keep the ASR, SSR, PAR, intercoms, TVs, VCRs, com-TACAN, and Quad Radar up puters and wide variety of to snuff AND who also work radar systems necessary to the alongside the 221 types whenever the TRACS goes smooth operation of CFB down. It's true -- radar and The BTel staff is mainly radio techs slaving away over the SAME equipment, IN

Don't worry ladies, I haven't

world. Sgt Urban wouldn't

comprised of 221 Radio and HARMONY. And they said it 231 Radar Techs, with an assortment of 224 Comm Techs couldn't be done. thrown in to make things inforgotten the switchboard - a teresting. Our BTelo, Capt very important part of the BTel Sheppard, recently joined us from TRACS STU in Trenton, forgive me if I neglected to along with Tel Supt MWO mention his staff of eight Wilkes, MWO Uhl, Sgt Urban, telephone switchboard Cpl Martin (Tel Admin), and secretary Mrs. Price, and keep operators and their role in things rolling from their offices keeping us in touch with the in Building 45. The majority of outside world. As you can see,

radio techs work at Telecom Base Telecom is a highly diver-Ground (Bldg 35) under the se technical organization watchful eye of WO Anderson requiring personnel who are quick-thinking and readily adaptable to technological change as the electronics world becomes increasingly complex.

Since we are all such a bunch necessity work up a lot of tension firing up the old grey matter, we like to play hard once the workday ends. Why just last week MCpl Wayne Marsh (our sports rep) got us all out to challenge the Base Workshop fellows to a deadly serious game of slowpitch. There were lots of wild pitches, and spectacular fielding moves, and only one slightly illegal incident involving full-body contact. A great deal of fun was had by all. Many thanks to Russ Parker and his merry band of slowpitch enthusiasts for a great afternoon. Maybe next time we'll do the volleyball challenge thing, eh?

Hopefully, with ensuing articles and the passage of time, the people of BTel, CFB Comox will soon become familiar faces to all. Also, we hope the little mystery involving "A Day In The Life of a Typical BTel Type" has been somewhat cleared up.

by Cpl K. P. Gough

tin Lavigne has taken on a couple of new activities, the first of which is a new body contact sport called 'sundeck painting'. Appartently you throw a ladder, paint, brushes, rollers, and your body onto the sundeck and roll around screaming. His wife, acting as referee, said he scored 'La Premiere Etoile'. It's not a great spectator sport though. His other activity is in partnership with Darren Herle: an 'early morning pizza delivery service'. Ernie MacAlpine is

competing with Paul Sparling for a taxi service, although Ernie only has one customer, albeit a steady one.

Boyd Russell has recently put on his Commodores hat with the purchase of an almost new boat. He is beside himself with pride and a small craft warning has been issued for the Straight of Georgia. Capt Snow has volunteered to give Boyd a few lessons in boat launching. The last time he tried (at Rock Bay) it generated a lot of interest and was not your average drill. 'Beam me up Capt!''

There have been some personnel changes between servicing and maintenance with Mike Jameson and Wayne Hartin going to maintenance and two newcomers, MCpl Mark Pigeau and Cpl Roedger, joining them. MCpl Gene Meyer is now in Servicing although he took longer than average to move since he couldn't find his locker.

Another newcommer, MCpl Keller, is reducing his TD by taking all three required courses in Shearwater in successsion. Our 'only' female technician remaining in the Sqn, Pam MacCallum, has recently returned from the T-33 engine course. This is significant because Pam is an airframe tech by trade. Cpl Jaggard and Pte Pilon have to be reckoned with in the Polerecently joined the Comox Hog-of-the-Month com-Valley Search and Rescue petition. Welcome back Don.

-Commendation-



Ted Soles, CE, recently received a commendation from the Base Commander for his outstanding efforts in establishing and maintaining CFB Comox's reputation as the most beautiful piece of real estate in the Canadian Forces inventory. Over the years he has created, developed, and tended the flower beds and shrubbery that add so much to the beauty of the base and contribute subtly by significantly to the morale of the personnel who serve here.

organization making good use of their diving skills. Set The men and women of Base Grubwieser has shocked everybody by demonstrating

Transport refuelling section are bursting with pride! In support of MARCOT, as well as their other normal support duties, they broke the record for the number of gallons of fuel pumped in one day -- 87,000 gallons! The previous record was 85,000 gallons. Well earned congratulations go to Sgt Snider, MCpl Streeter, Cpls Bernard, Fairfex, Heigl, Marcotte, and Veley, and Ptes

Bonnier, Ignacz and O'Brien. We held our Meet and Greet at the WOs and Sgts Mess on 16 Sep. It was well attended and well organized by Sgt Glen Mergaert and his committee. Debbie Mergaert made her special veggie dip which I managed to get a little of, and as usual it was delicious! Roy and Mida Coolen won the door prize - a \$50.00 certificate for dinner at the Old House

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trophen, anacin, etc.) and

acetaminophen (AKA: tylenol,

atasol, exdol) are the two most

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without side effects. In fact

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try to dispel some of these.

and strains.

restaurant. I understand the Mida's 29th birthday is coming up soon and she is looking forward to a romantic dinner. Everyone had a good time and were still ready to boogie when the bar closed and the DJ quit at midnight. Next major event will go to at least 0100 hrs.! The postings and promotions

Truckin'

are still comin in - MCpl Gilles Menard was promoted to Sgt and Cpl John Alexander was promoted to MCpl. Sgt Dave Hodgess and Normand Rouette arrived back in Super Natural B.C. - quite a contrast from the rock and sand of the Namibian countryside. MCpl Derrick Keene is off to CFB Toronto where the night life is the best I have ever seen and the view from the CN tower is awesome! Actually Derrick had a choice between Toronto and Wainwright - I wonder why he took Toronto.?

swing once again and once again we have taken advantage of Sgt Glen Mergaert and made him our section canvasser. Glen, being a smart fellow, decided to start at the top and caught me before I left for Borden. As Jean only gives me enough money for coffee, I decided to go the pay assignment route which is very convenient and beats trying to get money out of my empty wallet! The United Way supports many worthwhile organizations but without our support they cannot succeed.

The United Way is in full

Tales

As I mentioned I am off to Borden for the Advanced Logistics Officer's course and my section will be left in the very capable hands of our Maintenance Officer, Capt Darrell Hamilton.

Keep on truckin.....

by Tom Fisher

Base Hospital:

Aspirin vs Tylenol be avoided without your physician's okay. Because it is acidic in nature and it effects prostaglandins and blood clot-

ting, ASA can predispose a perosn to gastric ulcers. If you are susceptible to ulcers or heartburn, an enteric-coated form of ASA should be tried, ASA (AKA: acetylsalicylic or ASA should not be used at all. Allergy to ASA is fairly common, especially amongst asthmatics, and the drug should be avoided if a known common internal analgesics allergy exists. ASA should not be used in pregnancy due to its interference with maternal and fetal blood clotting; and ASA's use in infants and children as a fever reducing agent should be ASA is quite an effective

were it developed today, it would be a prescription drug. It drome, a disease which can kill. is considered an anti-inflammatory (reduces inflammation), analgesic (pain 6-11 yrs old; and 480-650 mg reliever), antipyretic (reduces fever), and an anticlotting for 12 yrs old to adult. Consult (blood) agent. It is surprisingly exact dosing. Recently, ASA effective when used to treat a has also been shown to possibly wide variety of pain including mild to moderate headaches, toothaches, and mild musculoskeletal pain such as pulled ligaments, tendons, sprains, ASA is, however, not

physician before adopting such

Acetaminophen is also an analgesic and an antipyretic but it does not have an anti-inflammatory or anticlotting effect. Acetaminophen has fewer side effects than ASA and so may be an alternate. Also, since acetaminophen's use as an antipyretic agent in children is not associated with Reye's syndrome, it can be used safely. The dosage for acetaminophen is exactly the same as for ASA, but remember to read the package label to get more exact For both ASA and

acetaminophen there are an enormous assortment of branavoided due to the possible ds and strengths and it's very association of it with the later easy to get confused. When indevelopment of Reyes syn- doubt, always check the label carefully; the generic name ASA should be used every 4 - acetylsalicylic acid or 6 hours at doses of: 150-250 mg acetaminophen will appear for 2-6 yrs old; 300-400 mg for somewhere along with the strength. Two words of caution: extra strength simply the package directions for more means that double the amount of active ingredient is available in the product and is generally reduce the risk of coronary ar- the equivalent of taking two tery disease (and hence heart regular strength tablets, and if attacks). A relatively small pain or fever is prolonged, dose of ASA is required to acute, and/or not relieved by achieve this effect: one regular treatment with either of these strength tablet per day, two drugs, you should contact however, consult your your physician.

by Capt Gour

150 years and still trying

One hundred and fifty years ago this year, Canada's first official weather station went into operation. The nation's longest unbroken set of weather records began on 1 Jan 1840; they were inscribed in the register of Toronto's newly stablished Magnetic and Meteorological Observatory.

Volunteer observers have been a part of the weather service since its early days. Their task is to record, twice a day, basic climate information; their observations have helped Environment Canada build a bank of climatic information that is used by hundred of

thousands of people every day. Over the years, the Atmospheric Environment Service has improved with new developments such as radio, aviation, advanced technology, computers, satellites, and radar.

The Service has grown into an organization upon which all Canadians depend, not just for their daily weather forecasts, but for services in support of agriculture, health and safety, environment management and protection, and, of course, aviation.

Happy Birthday Met Section - well, sort of.

Namibia update

Ottawa -- The Canadian con- Petawawa, are being replaced tingent of the United Nations personnel.

Two-hundred and thiryseven of the 253 member contingent, including four personnel from CFB Comox, which has been in Namibia since April 1989 are being replaced and are returning to Canada. Key personnel of the original group

will remain in Namibia to a smooth transition during the handover period.

Canada's contribution to UNTAG has been the 89 Logistics Unit, and a complement of five military police and seven staff officers for the UNTAG headquarters, located near Windhoek, the county's capital. The Canadian Forces personnel, half from the Special Service Force and 2 Service Battalion, based in

with personnel from 1 Service Transition Assistance Group Battalion and 1 Brigade, both (UNTAG) in Namibia has from CFB Calgary. There are commenced the rotation of 36 females and 17 reservists serving with the Canadian con-"This rotation demonstrates

Canada's continuing commitment to peace and independence for Namibia." said the Minister of National Defence, the Honorable Bill McKnight. "The members of the Can-

adian Forces participating in maintain continuity and ensure this mission are an important element in Canada's efforts to secure world peace."

> An advance party has been in Windhoek since 9 August 1989. in preparation for the departure of the main rotation body from Calgary.

> Canadian Forces' personnel first arrived in Namibia on 14 March, 1989, as part of the 4,700 member UNTAG force created to supervise the country's one-year transition to independence.



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Fire safety

Fire Prevention Week 8 — 14 October

Fire prevention week is observed each year during the week of 9 October, which marks the anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871, and the start of community involvement in fire prevention activities in 1921.

As part of the activities planned, CFB Comox Fire Department will be hosting the Mac-

is completed as an example.

Donald's Smokehouse at Air- 6:00 pm at the ball diamond port School on Tuesday 10 October at 6:00 pm. There will be portable fire extinguisher training as well, with free coffee and doughnuts, and prizes awarded.

Further fire extinguisher training will be held Wednesday 11 October at 10:00 am at the Canex parking lot and at

park, and also on Thursday 12 October at 6:00 pm by 110 Maple Crescent.

Go and "learn not to burn."

All PMO residents will receive a schedule of events for the week. For more information call the Base Firehall at

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Find a word for fire safety

Complete each sentence below choosing a word from the list. Then find each word and circle it in the puzzle. CRAWL

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 If trapped in smoke, Crawl under the smoke to safety. ___ near a flame or heat.

covers protect little children from shock. is used to put water on a fire.

Treat a minor burn with cool. Use the enclosed stairs marked "____

," not the elevator, to escape from a burning building. now. It could save your life later. Have a home fire _

Learn Not to . is the fire safety dog.

10. If there is a fire, get out fast. Then __ the fire department. is a crime. It is a fire set on purpose that does harm

Unless trained to use a fire ___ __, a person should get out and call the fire department.

Most fires in which people die happen in their own. is an unsafe condition that exists in your home.

____ can warn you of a fire before you might smell, hear or see it.

16. If you smell smoke, don't open the door. Feel it to see if it's warm or ____ Fire fighters and paramedics respond to _

causes more panic; set a calm example.

Make a home escape _ Practice it twice a year. 20. In case of fire, you must have two ___ _ routes from your home

may prevent fire fighters from getting to a real fire.

liquids catch fire easily. They must be stored in special safe containers. 23. Sometimes fire fighters need to use an _ to break through locked doors.

_ disconnects overloaded electrical circuits.

25. If your clothes catch on fire, stop, drop and _

26. A hot liquid burn is a .

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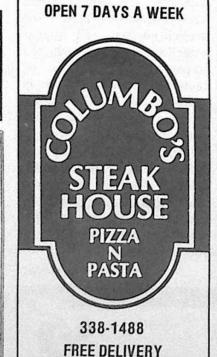
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your home, and the right way to call the fire department? Yes
No Do your babysitters (and you!) know the first role of safety in fire emergencies: Get everyone out fast, and

Do your children keep a safe distance from flame and

Smoking habits

children?

Is smoking in bed against the rule? Do you check for smoldering butts in chairs and sofas? Are you careful disposing of cigarettes, cigars and pipe Yes 🗆 No 🗆 Are there plenty of large, safe ashtrays throughout the

Heating and cooking

Are furnaces, stoves and smokepipes away from combustible walls and ceilings, and in good repair? Is your heating equipment checked annually by a serviceman? Yes \(\simeq \) No \(\simeq \) Are portable heaters properly maintained and located? Yes \(\) No \(\) Do you make sure there are not combustibles near any stove, heater or fireplace in the house? Yes \ No \ Do you have the chimney cleaned and checked

For safety against chimney and other sparks, is roof

covering fire retardant?

Good housekeeping Do you keep rubbish cleaned out? Yes 🗆 No 🗆 Is paint kept in tightly closed metal containers? Yes 🗆 No 🗆 Are flammable liquids stored in safety cans, and kept away from heat and children? Yes 🗆 No 🗆 Have you made it a rule never to use flammable liquids

Electricity Are extension cords never run under rugs or hooked over Yes 🗆 No 🗆 nails? Are all cords in good condition? Are appliances checked periodically for good operating Is the right size fuse in each socket in the fuse box? Do you use a new fuse after each blow? Is your TV antenna installed safely? Is it equipped with a grounded lightning arrestor?

Every "NO" in this check list shows where your family's safety precautions fall short.

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The 1st Lazo Scout Group held its first meeting of the new season on 24 Sept. at Gilwell Hall. We have 11 Beavers, 7 Cubs and 5 leaders registered. We also have a leader who is willing to start a Scout troop or Venturer company if enough interested young people can be found. Scouts are boys aged 11 to 14; Venturers are boys and girls aged 14 to 17. If you are interested, please call Gerry Maillet at 339-3213.

Watch for our boys to be involved very soon in two major efforts - calendar sales, to raise money for our own group; and Apple Day, 20 and 21 Oct., to raise funds insupport of the District and its camp, Gilwell Park.

One thing we didn't get, though, was an excess of interest from parents. Besides those already involved as leaders or on the committee, only 2 showed up! To those of you who couldn't make it, I would like to say we really need you. If you can give some time to help keep your son's program alive and healthy, call me at 339-4988.

Bonnie Cochrane, Chairman Ist Lazo Group Committee

September 17: A quiet day in Ireland

Sunday, 17 September, was the day selected this year as the "Battle of Britain Sunday". A special religious service of thanks was held at CFB Comox, and in many churches in England and around the world. A good deal of public attention is focused on these services, and they are advertised well in advance so people can make plans to attend. Not so in the Republic of Ireland which I visited recently.

Although many Irishmen from the south served with British forces during the war, and also in Korea and the Falklands, there is no official recognition of the fact. The Battle of Britain service was not advertised; on the contrary, one had to search for the location of the service. I discovered it was to be in St Patrick's cathedral, and we attended on the afternoon of 17 September.

St. Patrick's Cathedral is the National Cathedral for the Anglican Church of Ireland and it occupies the site of a Celtic church probably founded by the saint himself. The church dates back to 1191, although, obviously a great deal of restoration work has been done on it.

The service was well attended; about five hundred people; and we joined with the contingent of Royal Air Force Association members. Two lessons were read, one by a retired Air Commodore, the other by Sir Nicholas Fenn, the British Ambassador, and the sermon was read by a retired RAF Chaplain. The Ambassador was accompanied by the British military attache, who appeared in uniform, complete with paratrooper wings, which surprised many, for in so doing he became an obvious target for the

Following the service we were invited to the RAF Association club rooms for a social gathering. Located a short distance outside of Dublin, in a unmarked house, it was explained to me that "we keep a low profile".

The same day the famous All Ireland Championship game was played between the Cork and Mayo teams. Cork won and the occasion was a combination Grey Cup-Stanley Cup affair, with many thousands of Irishmen crowding into the streets and pubs; with better things to do then set off a bomb somewhere.

by Duke Warren

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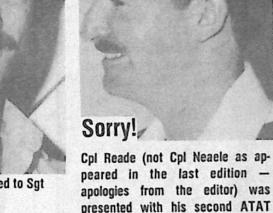
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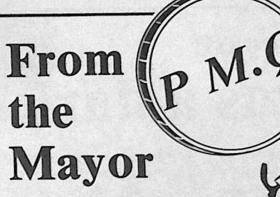
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peared in the last edition apologies from the editor) was presented with his second ATAT Honours Certificate. He attained scores of 97% on QL-4 Trade Advancement Exam and 96% on QL-5

Fished out? see Note pg. 18



On and off base

The PMQ Fun Day was held 9 September and proved to be a great success. It was opened with a short address by the Base Commander, Col McGee, and a demonstration jump by the Base Parachute Club led by Cpl Clive Webb. During the day many activities were run including the Ident-a-kid Program, Little Toot rides, Face Painting, Cancy Floss, Model Aircraft demonstrations, Video Machines, Fish Pond, and horse rides. Also, 500 Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Ice Cream Cups were served. Pop was donated by Coca Cola Bottling of Campbell River.

The afternoon ended with a Dunk-the-Mayor contest. As the Mayor, I can attest the water was somewhere between glacier water cold and freezing.

Thank you to everyone who showed up and especially the Councillors for making it such a successful day.

Following a plea in Routine Orders and the Base Newspaper, we had a very favourable reponse to a request for volunteers for the Council. The complete list is as follows:

Terry Smith, Mayor, PMQ 81A, local 8376/339-6899 Jeff Carlisle, Deputy Mayor, PMQ 84, local 8224/339-0927 Ward 1: Blocks A & B, PMQs 1 to 101A Spruce Street Kim Rochester, PMQ 6, 339-7214

Ward 2: Blocks C, D, E, & F PMQs 12 to 17A Cedar Crescent Dan Kieffer, PMQ E5, local 8267/339-4565 Sandy Cochrane, PMQ 46, local 8520/339-4988 Ward 3: 18 to 25A and 34 to 48 Cedar Crescent

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65A Elm Street Gerry Beatteay, PMQ 58, local 8315/339-7526 Ward 5: 66 to 83A Elm Street

Gerry Blenkarn, PMQ 71, local 8383/339-5721 Ward 6: 84 to 86 Elm Street, 87 to 91A Poplar Cres., 92 to 93A Elm Street, and 95 to 100A Pine Street

Kevin Mercer, PMQ 90, local 8458/339-0086 Debbie Roy, PMQ 91, 339-7998

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Ward 8: Blocks 104, 106, 109, 113, 115, and 118 Maple Crescent Chris Mitchell, PMQ 106B, local 8243/339-0470 Ron Bennett, PMQ 106A, local 8250/339-4203

Ward 9: Blocks 111, 112, 114, 116, and 117 Maple Crescent Pat Adams, PMQ 117A local 8253/339-4912

Animal Control Officer, Wayne Takarz, PMQ 7A, local

Secretary, Community Council Office, Linda Rose, local 8571 Please clip this column and keep it close to your phone. In case of problems in your area call your Councillor and he will raise your concerns at the next council meeting.

Thanks everyone who volunteered to fill the Council positions, and if you would like to serve on the Council, there are still openings available. A call to Terry Smith or Linda Rose will ensure you are invited to the next Council Meeting.

Future events: planning is underway for a Meet and Greet Dance to be held 21 October. In December, a Craft Fair and Santa visits will occur, and, of course, a Christmas Tree Burn will end the year.

One last comment: After a long waiting period, the residents of Ward 8 finally received some much needed Playground Equipment. There is a plan afoot to put more equipment in this area as well as enlarge the playground area in Ward 1, and also to install a new playground in Ward 9. So you can see the Council is working to serve the residents of the PMQs.

Lastly, the PMQ Council has had a Newspaper Recycling Collection Point installed in the PMQ area. It is located behind the CE Workshop Building off Elm Street. Also, for the interest of Base Personnel, there is an additional collection point behind the Post Office. Bundled papers only, please.

by Terry Smith, Mayor

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East coast:

It was a dark

was dark and foggy, but it hadn't started out that way. The call from RCC Halifax came at 17:30, while the members of the standby crew were however, would make no busy with life's daily tasks such as fixing the car or eating din- and so the enroute fuel stop in

A young crewman aboard the WJ LAWRENCE, a 105 foot scallop dragger currently 120 miles south of Yarmouth. N.S., had fallen from a ladder to the deck of the ship 12 feet below. His symptoms lead the crew to suspect a possible broken back and they didn't want to move him for fear of permanently crippling him. He lay on the cold deck, covered as well as could be expected, but basic first aid was no comfort for the pain and the numbing cold. Each time the ship rolled, water came on deck, soaking the young man and chilling him more. It was not a good

situation. As the vessel was so far offshore, the plan was to launch the standby Buffalo as top cover for the Labrador helicopter, which would do the actual pickup. Pilots Maj Bob Cuthill and Capt Richard Lapointe proceeded directly to squadron operations to complete the mission flight planning. Flight Engineer MCpl Kevin Gignac preflighted the helicopter while Search and Rescue Technicians, Sgt Tom Elliott and Cpl Seldon Miller prepared and loaded special equipment. The crew of the Buffalo, pilots Capt Mauro Parisotto and Capt Greg Riis, and navigator Maj Kevin Keogh were in operations planning the topcover mission and discussed with the helo crew possible flare patterns for illuminating the horizon for the night hoisting. With its greater speed and range, the Buffalo would delay it's departure so as to rendezvous with the helicopter after it had refueled in yarmouth and had headed out to sea. The helicopter could have left Summerside with a full load of fuel and headed directly for the boat. Once on scene

The night of the 16th of June they would have been able to give the SAR Techs thirty minutes with the patient and still make Yarmouth with minimum fuel reserves. This, allowances for the unexpected Yarmouth was planned.

The helicopter started engines fifty minutes after receiving the call, well within the two hour launch parameter. The refueling stop and situation update in Yarmouth were completed quickly and the rendezvous with the Buffalo went exactly as planned, as the helicopter passed the last of the island to the south of Yar-There was fog ahead, and the

ship reported visibilities as low as six hundred feet, with blue skies above. The Buffalo preceded the helicopter by a short distance, located the vessel, and briefed her crew on preparations necessary for working with the helicopter. By now it was dark and there was no moon to help matters. With all her lights on, the WJ LAWRENCE was plainly visible down through the fogbank, which was topped at two hundred feet above the ocean. However, once on final approach to the ship, forward visibility from the cockpit of the helicopter was not much further than the windshield wipers. Twice the helicopter came within a quarter mile of the vessel without seeing it. On the third approach the vessel was sighted but without sufficient visual clues a stable hover was impossible. Until now, flares from the Buffalo were not used because it was

felt they would either not be visible up through the fogbank or, once the helicopter decended into the fog, they would be too bright for the pilots.

One last approach was planned. The Buffalo would drop flares to illuminate the horizon as well as providing a reference for the pilots. The helicopter would fly the stan-

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and foggy night

dard ship approach, used to and far enough upwind meant

approach a vessel in less than ideal conditions, remaining above the fog until the ship's lights could be seen from below, then fly a steep descending approach keeping the ship in sight. It worked, and soon, with some very skillful directions and hoisting from the Flight Engineer MCpl Kevin Gignac, the SAR Techs and the stokes litter had been hoisted to the deck of the rolling vessel. The helicopter then climbed back up to a safe altitude to conserve fuel at a more efficient speed and save flares for the upcoming hoist up sequen-

Sgt Elliott and Cpl Miller were soon with their patient, who had been lying on a bed of discarded scallop shells and other refuse for almost six hours since the accident. Suffering from hypothermia and in extreme pain, he was carefully examined, splinted. and placed on a special board, before being loaded into the lit-

ter. With help from the crew, he was moved from the forward deck to the stern as the helicopter was radioed for the pickup. Barely twenty-two minutes had passed from the time the SAR Techs had hit the

The fog was a lot thicker now and again the helicopter was unable to reach the vessel on the first attempt. Only fifteen minutes of fuel remained before they would have had to have headed for Yarmouth. On the next pass, MCpl Gignac spotted the ships lights, just to the right and ahead, and was able to direct the helicopter over the stern of the boat. By ing procedure was almost

now the difficult hoistfroutine; the hard part had been finding the ship in the fog. The Buffalo navigator,

Maj Kevin Keogh, had been kept busy modifying and adjusting the flare pattern to provide optimum illumination. Keeping the flares clear of the helicopter

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would burn out before the Buffalo could complete its pattern and get back to the drop point again. However, by using airto-air Tacan he could position the Buffalo consistently at the same distance upwind from the hovering helicopter, thus guaranteeing continuous and accurate illumination. The leg back to Yarmouth

he couldn't overfly the boat for

a reference or else the flare

was by contrast uneventful. Approaching the shore the Buffalo proceeded directly to the airport to refuel and be ready to transport the patient to the next major medical facility if required. The Labrador flew directly to the hospital, where the helipad had been prepared and marked with red flares by the RCMP. The SAR Techs escorted their charge into the hospital,

Gaspe, P.Q. It was a long, dark, and foggy night.

the helicopter later at the air-

port across town. Labrador 304

proceeded to the airport and

landed with minimum fuel. The

total flying time for the

Labrador was 6.2 hours, while

it had been 7.7 hours since

being called out. A short time

later the SAR Techs called and

advised that it looked as if their

the SAR Techs made their way

back from the hospital the Buf-

falo was tasked again. This

time it was an Electronic

Locator Transmitter search to

the north west of Fredericton,

N.B. As if this wasn't enough,

the second Labrador back in

Summerside had been launched

on short notice for a reported

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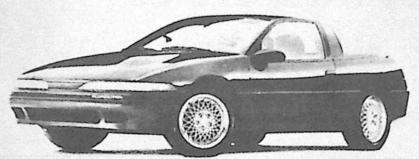
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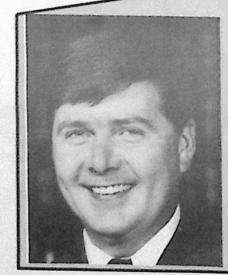


MCpl "George" McManus joined the CAF in 1973, becoming the eleventh female to enter the photo trade in over 20 years. Posted to her home town of Winnipeg, she worked in Base Photo for 5 years before moving on to CFB Baden, Germany, in 1978. After 1 year in Base Photo, she switched over to 1 Canadian Air Group, working on the CF-104 Starfighter for the rest of her tour. 1983 saw her in Greenwood, N.S., servicing the Aurora for 4 years and then in DIAC Photo Maintainance for 1 year. She was posted to Base Photo, Comox, a year ago.



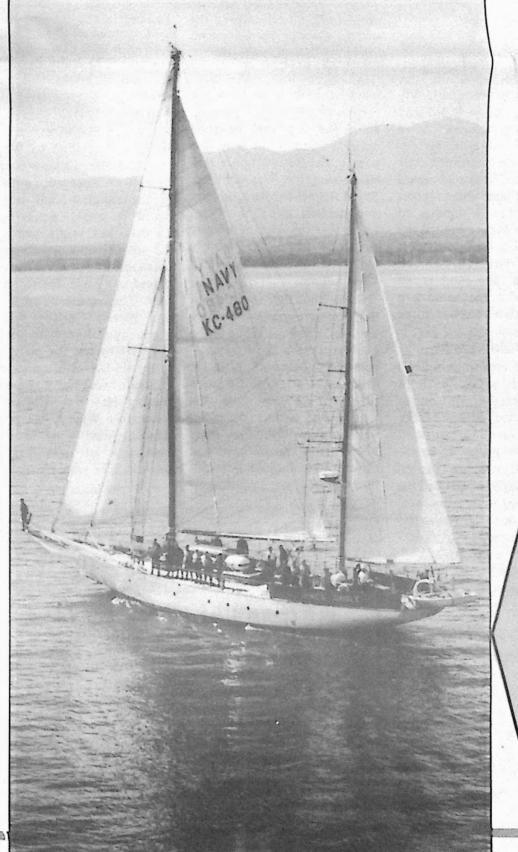


Cpl Alisa Hooper, also with Base Photo, is presently on maternity leave, having recently given birth to a bouncing baby girl. She has been in the photo trade for seven years.



MCpl Rod Cando joined the CAF in 1976. His first posting was to Base Photo CFB Summerside. He was then posted to 415 Sqn., CFB Summerside, working with the Argus until its retirement in 1981. 1981 to 1984 saw Rod posted to 407 Sqn to work with the brand-spanking-new Aurora. He then proceeded to do some star gazing with Satellite Tracking at St. Margarets, N.B., until 1988. Then going from coast to coast to coast, MCpl Cando landed back in Comox.





Sgt Gerry Fairbrother joined the RCAF in July 1967 in Vancouver. Basic training in St. Jean, Que., was followed by trade training in Borden, Ontario. He was then posted to Base Photo in Trenton Ontario, until 1974. Ottawa and a five year stint at the CF Photo Unit was next in line. While in Ottawa he spent four yours with the motion pictures section, spending up to nine months a year on the road. 1979 brought a move west to



Cold Lake with the Base Photo section there. Two short years later he moved across base to 417 Sqn, where he remained until the squadron closed in 1983. Once again, he was transferred across the base, back to the Base Photo section, this time for a four year stint. In 1987 he returned to his home province and Comox and has taken charge of Base Photo. As with most military photographers, he has photographed numerous VIPs, including: the Queen, Lord Mountbatten, 3 Governor Generals, and 2 Prime Ministers. Included in his air time are the T-33, CF-5, CF-104, and the CF-18.



Cpl Kim Cummings joined the CAF in July 1977. Her first posting was to the Canadian Forces Photographic Unit in CFB Ottawa(N). She was there from 1978 until 1984, at which time she was posted to Base Photo here in Comox.

Recreation

Recreation

What's your BMI?

"So what's your sign?" He blushed and looked away. "Capricorne", she replied. "What's your BMI?" He looked blankly at her, as he stood stripped of his pride, beer gut hanging out.



argue it's not the package, it's what's inside that counts. But who wants to be seen with a

Thanks to the military, this is a less frequently delt with problem. But should you only be concerned with BMI (body mass index) once a year?

If you are concerned with monitoring your health you should be aware of your BMI on an ongoing basis. Calculating BMI is done by dividing body weight (in kg) by height squared (in m).

If you are healthy you should end up with a number between 20 and 27. Over 27 and you are too heavy for your height. Under 20 and you are too light.

Body builders will have a

True, many people would higher BMI but may have a lower percentage body fat and thus may still be in excellent physical condition. A simple skinfold test can easily determine if this is the case.

> So now that we understand what a BMI is, what relevance does it have to one's life?

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Clearly there is much more to being fit than knowing your BMI, however, it's a start, and the PERIs can help you get where you want to be. So stop by and ask about a fitness

by John Lait



Fitness for Life

It was a proud moment for WO Ralph Murphy, as the BPERO, SLt F. Bradley. presented him with a "Fit For Life" scroll and a gold medal.

WO Murphy is well known throughout the CF for his running achievements. He was recently posted to CFB Comox from Goose Bay and running enthusiasts and the Base Running Team will obviously benefit from Ralph's knowledge and skill. Congratulations!

Season starts with a win

(or Mikie's happiest of happy days!)

While most of us were golfing or fishing, the CFB Comox Silver Totems were hitting the ice in the Air B.C. Wings Old Timers Hockey Tournament in Victoria. The Silver Totems, who have been on the ice since early August, were placed in the closely contested "C" Division. The teams played a round robin, with the two top teams playing a one game play-off for the division championship.

Game One

Harbour City Burger Kings provided the opposition in the opening contest for the base squad. Wayne Hay got the season off to a fast start when he opened the scoring on a pass from Boyd Russell at 1:37 of the first period. Steve Bale



Silver Totem Wayne Hay "in training."

Lonely? see Note pg. 18

made it 2-0 a few minutes later with Ted Norrie picking up the assist. Harbour City narrowed the gap to 2-1 before Wayne Hay notched his second of the game, with an assist from Mike Gariepy. The Burger Kings bounced back to cut the lead to 3-2 only to have Wayne Moore score on a three way passing play from Bale and Norrie. The

first period ended with the Silver Totems up 4-2. In the second period the defence and goaltenders took control with the Burger Kings scoring the lone tally of the period as the Silver Totems held on for a 4-3 win with Billy Fisher in nets. Game Two

In the second game, the Comox team fell behind 2-0 to the Oak Bay Crusaders and appeared to be on their way to a lopsided loss. However, the Silver Totems found the net in the second period as they fought back to even the match at 2 on a pair of goals by Ted "Breakaway" Norrie; Bale and Gariepy picked up the assists. Oak Bay then beat goalie Vince Lamb with a late goal as they handed Comox a 3-2 defeat.

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CFB Comox completed the round robin affair against another tough opponent, the Victoria West Wranglers. Vic West grabbed an early 1-0 lead that held up through-out a hotly contested first period. The two teams continued their fast pace into the second period with neither team able to score. With less than 5 minutes to play Wayne Moore evened the count at 1-1 as he converted a pass from Barry Howell and Carl Mullen. The game ended in a tie, with the same two teams now slated to meet in the divisional final.

Championship Game

be a rough affair with 13 the two period contest. Mike "Wheels" Gariepy provided the offensive punch as he exploded for a three goal natural hat trick. Gariepy provided the Silver Totems with a two goal lead in the opening period, his first unassisted, with Barry Howell setting up the second. Vic West came out flying in the

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second and quickly evened the match. Gariepy then snapped in his third of the game unassisted as the Silver Totems regained the lead. Vic West bounced back again, evening the score at 3, and it appeared as if the two well matched teams would have their second straight tie. But with only 1:15 left in the game, Wayne Moore found the net to give Comox a one goal lead once again. Vince Lamb shut the door in the nets

as Comox went on for a 4-3 vic-

Following the tournament the team were guests of Colonel and Mrs. Gibbon. While at the Gibbon home, a golf "driving" being an island some 250 yards penalities being handed out in off-shore. At press time, the longest ball winner depended on whom one talked to. Bale, Moore, and Russell have laid claim to this dubious title. Bill Snow edged out "Whisper"

Lawless in the shortest drive, by less than an inch. Lawless did enjoy having the ocean as a fairway, as he could claim that his normal hooks and slices were still on the fairway. Parting Shot!

I would like to express my public appreciation to Wayne Hay and Stan Lawless for the only "wave" accorded a player in the slo-pitch ball league; loved it guys. Amazingly, Lawless, last year's bad boy, did not pick up a penalty in the tournament. However, he only played one game due to an injury. The team's "Top Gun" was Wheels Gariepy with 3 goals and 3 assists, while Wayne Hay has the early lead The final contest proved to contest was held with the target in the sin bin with 7 penalties. passing Hay by Christmas. Remember Wayne, the pen is mightier than your shot---of course, a lot of things are mightier than your shot.

by Gerry 'Bones' Fairbrother



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Windsurfing is not just a sport for beach bums, intent on whiling away the long, hot afternoons of summer. It is also a highly competitive sport which demands fine physical conditioning and a hunger for the winning edge. Now, after just a few short years, the sport of windsurfing is making a big splash in the military world.

Recently, the Royal Military College (RMC) in Kingston was the site of the very first Canadian Forces National Invitational Windsurfing Championships. Competitors ranging in rank from corporal to brigader-general arrived from bases all across Canada and in Europe not only to race. but also to participate in workshops designed to better their technique and capability.

The event, staged just beyond the harbour limits of Navy Bay on Lake Ontario, with the fine historical buildings of RMC and the splendour of Old Fort Henry as a backdrop, was claimed a unanimous success by competitors and organizers alike. With capable support coming from the RMC physicial education and recreation staff. under Maj Bill Oliver and Capt 'Barney' Barnard, and racing assistance from the Canadian Yachting Association (CYA), the event proved to be deman-

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It was no surprise to anyone that when the final race was over, the overall winner was Capt Mike Fabbro of NDHO. A world champion in the tandem freestyle event in 1988, he also won the top prize in the Canadian National Windsurfing Championships held just two weeks prior to the military

"This event was really a great success. The calibre and enthusiasm phenomenal," Capt Fabbro said. "I was proud to compete with these guys."

He also won the Men's Open division, with Capt Dave Livingston of CFB Halifax coming in as the runner-up.

In the Men's Novice class, the winner was 2LT Frank Desmarais of NDHQ, with the runner-up prize going to 2LT Kevin Billy of CFB Gagetown.

The Men's Master class saw LCol Joe Lemieux of CFB Trenton claim the top prize, while Maj Al Obal of NDHQ came in as the runner-up.

One of the few disappointments of the event was that only one woman entered the Ladies' Open category. Nonetheless, MCpl Chantal Lariviere of CFB Gagetown, after a fine effort which saw her competing strongly with the men was awarded the first place medal

One of the founders of windsurfing in the military and the oldest competitor in the water at Kingston was Brig-Gen Sky King of Air Command in Winnipeg. Brig-Gen King learned to windsurf while serving in Europe and upon returning to Canada as the base commander of CFB Trenton in 1981, he organized the first official



With Old Fort Henry in the background, 23 windsurfers ranging in rank from corporal to brigadier-general, compete just beyond the harbour limits of Navy Bay on Lake Ontario.

Canadian Forces Windsurfing Club. Now, there are more than a dozen bases with clubs, serving over 1,000 members.

In 1985, the first ever instructional meet took place on the Bay of Quinte at Trenton, and although Brig-Gen King called it a 'super success', no other meets have taken place until this summer's first military competitive windsurfing contest.

Brig-Gen King places most of the blame for that on the fact that the Canadian Forces have not yet accepted windsurfing as a bonafide sport.

"We're trying very hard right now to get windsurfing accepted as an official sport in the CF," he explained. "This competition (at Kingston) has been a very good first step and we are going to push very hard to get it recognized."

Like Brig-Gen King, Capt Fabbro and Capt Kevin Bryski were two of the original windsurfers in the Canadian Forces. They too would like to see the sport officially sanctioned so that regional windsurfing championships can take place with an eye to making the national championships an annual event.

"We'd like people to see that we're not just a bunch of beach bums," said Capt Fabbro. "Windsurfing is an incredibly demanding sport." Capt. Bryski agreed

"There's such a misconception about windsurfing. It really is a competitive sport. You're out there fighting the wind, the other competitors and yourself. It's a very physical sport and it takes a lot of fitness. It's like doing 150 chinups!"

Capt Bryski, who acted as

technical organizer for the championships, said he leaves Kingston with a "great deal of satisfaction". Not only did people get the chance to compete, some of them for the first time (one competitor had trouble finding the starting line at the first race), but several seminars also gave the competitors a chance to really learn something about the sport.

Organizers are hoping the second Canadian Forces National Invitational Windsurfing Championships will be held late next summer. It is expected that an even higher number of competitors will come out for the event, realizing that you don't have to be a world champion to compete. All you need is a little enthusiasm and a love for the

by Capt Darlene Blakeley

Caving: Going down under

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located just this side of Quallicum Beach (about one slightly more advanced set of caves, many of which intercon-For experienced cavers, there nect. Many people may be are many different caves to familiar with the Upana Caves choose from. For those of you as this is where the cave scene who are new to the sport, the for the movie Tom Sawyer was

Have you ever wanted to get caves. Horn Lake Caves, hours to get to Upana Caves from Comox, and is well worth the drive. For those more advanced in

the sport, the world's largest vertical dropping cave is located in the mountain overlooking Gold River and comes complete with its own internal glacier, so dress warmly and use only the best safety equipment. For the novice "spelunker",

dress in old clothing as you'll get dirty, take at least two flashlights per person, and wear protective head gear. Remember, you should never cave alone, so you are going to have to find a friend or two for the trip.

Good luck and happy

by John Lait





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National scene





Tragically Hip climbs chart :

Far from tragic but certainly hip the quintet known as the * Tragically Hip, The Hip for short, have broken out of their * Kingston, Ontario, base and are currently poised to assault the North American charts with their first full-blown release. This * 11-song outing follows their self-titled mini-album 1987 release * * and it shows how much the group has matured in such a short *

This group of rockers (Bobby Baker, Gordon Downie, * Johnny Fay, Paul Langlois, Gord Sinclair) have been paying their dues through countless night clubs and one-night gigs. * They have toured relentlessly to build their reputation and * * recently clicked with MCA Records for worldwide recording. * * Following the signing the group travelled to Memphis to record * * "Up to Here" (MCA-6310) where they worked with producer * Don Smith, a producer/engineer who recently worked with * Tom Petty, Travelling Wilburys, Roy Orbison and Keith * Richards. The results are an example of what can be accom-* plished when a talented group (The Hip) get together with a * * gifted producer (Don Smith) and one of the best engineers in * the business (Bruce Barris).

"Blow At High Dough" kicks off the proceedings with a * * change-of-pace track that opens as a ballard and injects some * steamy guitar, bass and drums. The pop/rock strains of "I'll * * Believe In You" should light up phones at stations while the * * bluesy "New Orleans Is Sinking" displays Downie's gutsy, * * howling vocals. Sensitive and chilling lyrics in "38 Years Old" * deal with today's social problems while the back-beat and * street-wise lyrics of "Boots or Hearts" should be considered * for singles release.



A striking setback

dians were gearing down from the sum-users could either walk to their or they wouldn't have gone ahead with mer break, an awful lot of questionable destination (hardly realistic if the disactivity was taking place on the labor front. In Dartmouth, Nova Scotia,

The similarity between all four group-police, teachers, nurses and the contemptible mistreatment of this same public in each case.

Many Dartmouth business people, for example, were concerned enough about the lack of police protection that they were forced to hire people to patrol their businesses overnight during the strike. That, of course, cost

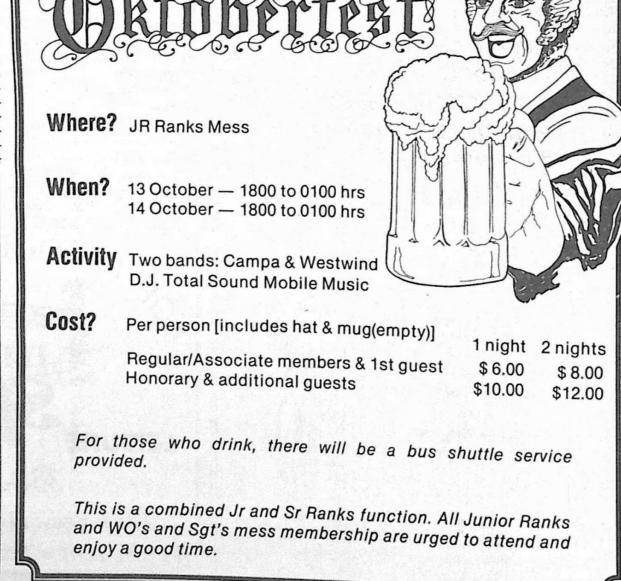
As for the nurses strike in Quebec (the only one of the four disputes to be officially declared illegal), families of patients in several of the province's hospitals had no alternative but to take time away from work in order to provide care for their loved ones. Again, that cost money. And anticipating the worst, working parents in this same province prepared to either send their children to daycare or remain at home until the strike was

And in the nation's largest city, very few were lucky enough to avoid getting stung by this nightmarish disruption. For workers who rely primarily on the Toronto Transit Commission to get from point A to point B, this dispute gave the taxpay-

Around the time that most Cana- alternatives to choose from: transit- didn't care that their strike was illegal tance involved was three or more guess why police in parts of Nova miles-in other words, the vast Scotia are not defined an essential majority of Toronto's commuting service while everywhere else in workforce) or take a taxi (forget it). Canada they are. On the other hand, As one stranded commuter said during the strike: "I just hope that all Torontonians continually late for work because of this dispute have as strong one knows it) but they don't like to be

Many Canadians, frustrated yet want to go out on strike. What the situation breaks down to again at being held hostage by these painful strike situations, have sug- is a basic lack of respect on the part of these unions towards the taxpaying gested proper legislation clearly defining what constitutes an essential public. Until they realize that use of service and what does not as a possities. More to the point, however, was ble solution to these deeply unsettling public will continue to be the victim walkouts. Unfortunately, though, that in the endless battles between manage-







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Local scene

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Rage

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His breath comes in gasps as

he tries desperately to suck air past his blood-filled airway. He is unable to speak and his eyes, bulging and fixed on me pleadingly, say that he is terrified and wants my help. I feel a pang of guilt when I recognize him as a boy I let off with a warning the other night for an open container of alcohol in his car. Maybe if I had cited him then, he wouldn't be there now.

He dies soundlessly in my arms, his pale blue eyes staring as if trying to see the future he will never have. I remember watching him playing basketball and wonder what will happen to the scholarship he will never use.

Dully, my mind focuses on loud screaming and I identify it as coming from the girl who was thrown from the vehicle. I race to her with a blanket, but I am afraid to move her. Her head is tilted at an exaggerated angle. She seems unaware of my presence and whimpers for her mother like a little child. In the distance I hear the ambulance approaching, winding its way through the rainy night.

> Cheap fun? see Note pg. 18

When it arrives, the attendants begin the job of scraping up and removing the dead and injured. I stand by, watching, as my hot tears mingle with the rain and drip off my cheek.

I am filled with grief at the waste of so valuable a resource: our youth. I am sick, angry, and frustrated with parents and leaders who think a little bit of alcohol won't hurt anything. I am filled with contempt for people who propose lowering the drinking age because, after the kids will get booze anyway, so why not make it legal? I am frustrated with laws, court rulings, and other legal maneuvering that restrict my ability to do my job in preventing this kind of tragedy.

I would give anything to know who furnished those young people with that booze. I will spend several hours on reports and several months trying to erase the details of that night from my memory.

I will not be alone. The driver will recover and spend the rest of his life trying to

heart with trying to do my job and being tagged the bad guy. I pray to God that I may never have to face another parent in the middle of the night to tell them their son or daughter has just been killed in a car accident.

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child to know where he or she

was and what they were doing;

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about minors and alcohol

abuse, and blame me for

harassing them when I was only

trying to prevent this kind of

tragedy. It happened because

you believe this sort of thing

only happens to someone else.

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doesn't happen to you.

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On the base

Two years old and growing

On 12 September, the McGee, made two presen-Museum Committee celebrated the second anniversary of the opening of the Comox Air Force Museum with a reception, well-attended by local community supporters and guests. Three curators where present: Capt Dave Blamire, who maintained a growing collection of artifacts in the years before the museum physically existed; Ms. Nancy Greene, who, with enthusiastic volunteer support, oversaw the construction and organization of the museum; and the present curator, Betty Bennett.

After welcoming the guests, the Base Commander, Col Jack

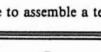
tations. The first was a framed scroll of appreciation presented to Nancy Greene, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the development of the museum between March 1987 and April 1989. Ms. Greene thanked the many

volunteers whose efforts were a

constant inspiration to her.

The second presentation was a framed copy of the words of the RCAF March Past for display in the Museum, presented by Col McGee to Maj Ian Sibbald. Chairman of the Museum Committee.

We hope to assemble a tem-



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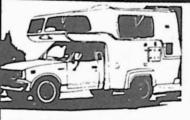
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We now have all executive positions filled. Thanks to the following volunteers; Heather Hand, Brenda Tremblay, and Val Little - phoning committee; Heather Smith, Jenny Harper, and Debbie LeBois -

food committee; and Madeleine Simmons

Before our zany entertainment committee had us introducing ourselves and doing the Bird Dance together, we had our 50-50 draw, which was won by Sharron Jefford and. later, our door prize draw which was won by Debbie LeBoid. Then we all enjoyed the wine and cheese provided

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10 October at 8pm. (not 16 Oct. as previously stated) because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be treated to a Fashion Show

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The 1989/90 season started with a tea, held 10 September, in honour of Mrs. Donna McGee, our new Honorary President, officially welcoming her to the club. The Comox Flower Pot donated a beautiful floral arrangement which was presented to Mrs. McGee.

The Club is off to a good start this year with over seventy ladies attending last Wednesday's 'Meet and Greet, Wine and Cheese'. Our guest was Mrs. Ester Thompson with her Create-a-Book. Wanda Barrett and Shelly Bankhead won the books

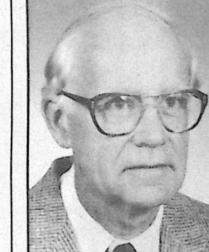
which Ester gave as door prizes. Kelly Sunter was the recipient of a gift certificate for a full body massage from Barb Whyte at the Cream of the Crop. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to the generous businesses.

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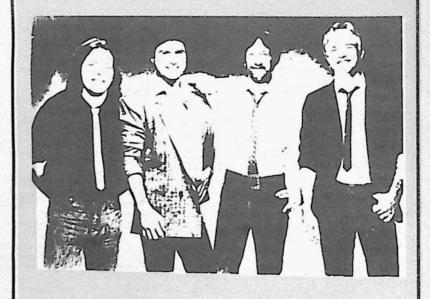
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