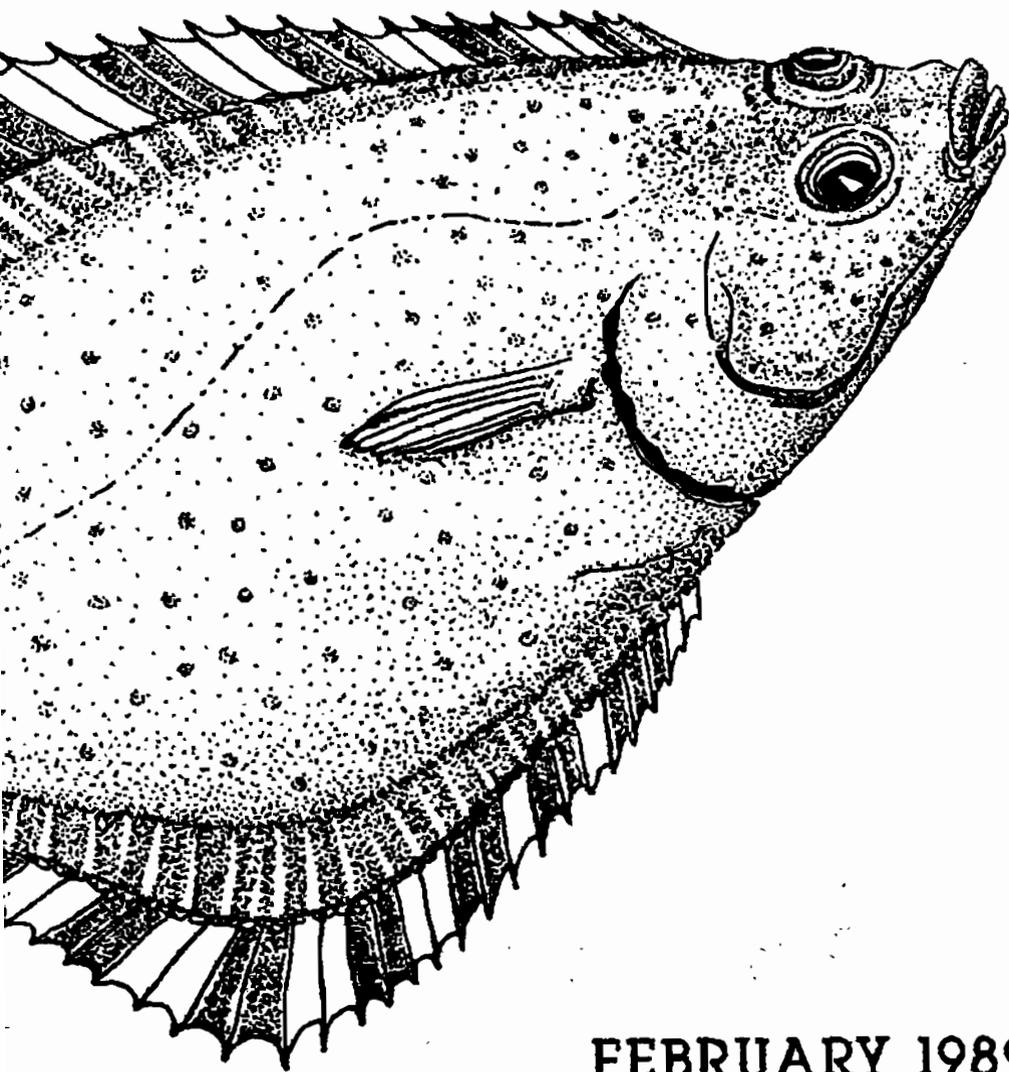


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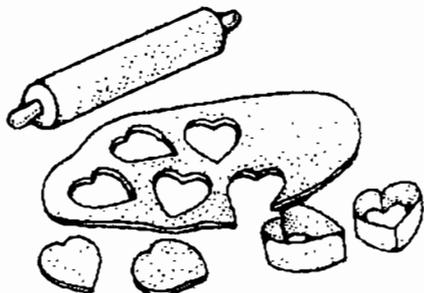
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## THE MASTHEAD

by

Jeanne Ferris, Co-editor

First the oil spill, then a bit of snow, followed by far too much cold weather. Our water has been frozen for a week now, which just means we have to haul in water from the well, not so bad, but the west side has been out of power for several very cold days. The school is closed, at Aguilar House they've been camping out in front of the fireplace in the living room, and in houses with nothing but electric heat it's getting very cold...for Bamfield. From what we've heard, one of the very old transformers for the west side blew, and when BC Hydro replaced it with one they brought in by helicopter, that one blew. There is only one other transformer of similar type left in BC.

It's here and it's being installed very carefully.

Our centerfold this month features a poem by Dr. Louis Druehl, a man who was instrumental in establishing the Marine Station in Bamfield. He's spent quite a long time looking at kelp, investigating kelp properties and kelp, well, kelp personality. He even eats the stuff. Thank you, Louis, for sharing your discoveries with us.

Thank you also to our cover artist, Anne Stewart, and to the Bamfield Marine Station. The flounder was commissioned by the Marine Station and graciously loaned to us.

February is the shortest month for obvious reasons in this part of the world. The only good thing about February is Valentine's Day. Coming six weeks after the Christmas holiday, it arrives just as those of us who decided to diet in January, and then decided to diet in February, are ready to give up. This gives us one more chance to pig out on candy and cookies and then get down to it. I suggest starting with Eva's wonderful cookies (see Page 5). Have a Happy Valentine's Day...only 14 more days until March!



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## CAPE BEALE WEATHER

by  
Norbie Brand  
Principal Lightkeeper

### TEMPERATURES

Mean Maximum

7.0°C

Mean Minimum

2.5°C



### TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Maximum was 9°C (48°F) on January 3rd and 29th.

Minimum was -1.5°C (29°F) on January 7th and 31st.

Precipitation for the month was 416 mm (16.5 inches) of measurable precipitation, with four days without any rain. We also had five days with a trace of snow this year.

1988

Mean Maximum ... 7.9°C

Mean Minimum ... 2.9°C

Precipitation was 301.6 mm (11.8 inches) of measurable precipitation with ten days without any rain. Last year compared to this year was a bit warmer and less rainy.

## FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

by  
Eva Brand

### CHOCOLATE - CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

1½ cup Butter or  
Margarine

1½ cup Sugar

2 Eggs

2½ cups Flour

2 tsp. Baking

Soda

2/3 cup Cocoa

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½ cup Chopped Nuts



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## DAY CARE IN BAMFIELD

Unfortunately, the day care centre that has been operating in Bamfield will be discontinued.

The following is an interview with Agnés Caravati regarding the Day Care Centre in Bamfield.

Sounder— Agnés, what made you decide to open a Day Care Centre in Bamfield?

Agnés— It started from going to Play School two times a week and seeing all those kids there. Nothing was really organized for the children. It was totally free interaction, which is all right, but I thought the parents and the children needed something more organized. The number of pre-schoolers in Bamfield was then around 23 and I thought there was a need for the community to have a full-time Day Care service, as well as creating myself a job. When I started to approach people about this idea I got a lot of support from parents and the community about the 'project'.

S— Where did you go from there?

A— I gathered information about licensing and realized there were a lot of regulations to follow, but that didn't stop me. I decided then to start a correspondence course on early childhood education and applied around town for a place to rent, which turned out to be quite a problem until just two weeks before my opening date. Someone mentioned the Marine Station and I approached Dr. McInerney and he replied yes without hesitation.

My supply of toys was limited, however many people donated toys, books, a high chair and other odds and ends, so we were set. The Bamfield Day Care opened Sept 12th with an interim licence valid until March 12th, 1989.

S— Was there a line-up at the door?

A— Well, I knew who were going to be my three regulars, plus my own two children. I did refuse once to accept someone because my licence limited me to seven at one time. My best day I had eleven children, not all at the same time, of course.

S— Was it hectic?

A- Not at all, no, the children know each other so well in the community. They are very happy to be together without parents. They know each other. They are like cousins and there is a bond between them because they live in this small community.

S- Did you look for any Government assistance for your project?

A- When I got the idea to start it up the Government was working on legislation to support Day Care and it looked very promising.

I dug a little deeper and what I found was that Provincially there was nothing available to me as a Day Care provider. Financial help was channelled to the parents and to welfare. A health unit worker directed me to the Child Care Initiatives fund which was a Federal funding group. So I made up a proposal with my husband Stuart and sent it off.

I got an answer from them in November. They told me my proposal was under review but they needed more information on the community's needs and they were going to come to Bamfield to get a better feel for the community

situation. They didn't come. They wanted me to do an assessment questionnaire, so they could better analyze the response the community had to the project.

I think they thought 250 people was a little small.

S- How was the response to the questionnaire?

A- I sent out 25 questionnaires and got back 5. It was the first time I made up this sort of questionnaire and I might not have emphasized the importance of filling it out and returning it. But this was a letdown because I was counting on it to help me improve the service and participation.

S- So is this the end of the Bamfield Day Care era?

A- No, but it's coming to an end. I cannot personally do it any more because the business is in deficit and I have been volunteering my time from day one, but I might not have taken the right route to success.

S- What road may you have missed?

A- Well, I didn't know the way. I guess setting it up as a private business may not have been such a good idea. Through a

non-profit Society we might get greater support.  
S- What do you see in the future?

A- In my opinion a Day Care is needed in Bamfield. There are several parents who will not be able to work without one and I think it is comforting to know that there is always, or almost always, a place to drop off your children when needed.

So I will continue to work for this end. I am a director of the newly formed Pacific Day Care Society, based in Nanaimo, and I am continuing my courses towards a pre-school teacher's certificate. I am collecting information and ideas and I hope to pursue my project further when the time is right in Bamfield.

S- Anything else?

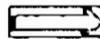
A- Yes, I would like to thank all the people who were part of the Bamfield Day Care one way or another. Those who brought their children, donated toys, stayed for lunch. I would like to thank the school staff, the BMS staff and director for all their help. I would also like to thank my stand-ins, Pauline Garcia, Wendy (Tveit) and Lisa Munson. And of

course Shirley and all the children for being there.

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### SATURDAY SCHOOL

Starting in February Saturday School will be on the 4th Saturday of each month. The School will be at the Church at 1:30 p.m.

The February topic will be Creation.

The March topic will be Easter.

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## SPECIAL NOTICE

### BAMFIELD VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT

As of January 30, 1989, the Women's Auxiliary has begun to function as a fund raising group to support the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Dept.

On February 25th, 1989 there will be a Saturday Matinée for the children at the Fire Hall at 1 p.m.

Admission is \$1 per child and free popcorn and koolaid

goes with the cartoons. We hope to show the kids a good time.

Coming up on March 11, 1989, the Women's Auxiliary will hold a community Garage Sale. Any stuff you wish to donate, please call Lisa Munson at 728-3412 or Tish at 728-3239 for pick-up. We will appreciate any support. The Garage Sale will be held at the Fire Hall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come and participate.

Also in March we will be canvassing for more Auxiliary members.

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## RED CROSS CARNIVAL

1988

by  
Pat Garcia

The annual Red Cross Carnival was held November 12, 1988 with a good attendance.

The branch sincerely thanks those who donated raffles, other prizes and auction goods. Thank you to those who worked in the kitchen, helped as raffle ticket sellers, sideshow operators, auctioneers, runners and cashiers; and all those who came out to join in the fun.

REVENUE	\$2218.39
EXPENSES	<u>341.63</u>
NET	\$1876.76

Out of 1988's Carnival monies we set aside \$876.76 for a portable Laerdal suction unit which is now at the Outpost.

### RAFFLE WINNERS

Doll House (donated by J. Garcia) ... Joyce Mather  
23 L gas/oil (donated by Ostrom's)... Wendy Bergersen  
Honey (donated by A. Bayley)  
... Sheila Chambers  
Scotch (donated by the Marine Station) ... Pat Lindsay

Mexican Dolls (donated by E. Jennings) ... LaRae Baker  
Hamper (donated by General Store) ... Victor Williams  
Money (donated by J.S. McMillan, Bamfield Inn and Kamsh-ee) ... B. McRae, M. Williams and D. Nookemus  
Mystery (donated by S. Chambers) ... Pat Garcia  
Cake (donated by M. Ostrom)  
... A. Stanzel  
Shawl (donated by A. Lindwall)  
... Judy Gray

### CRIB TOURNAMENT

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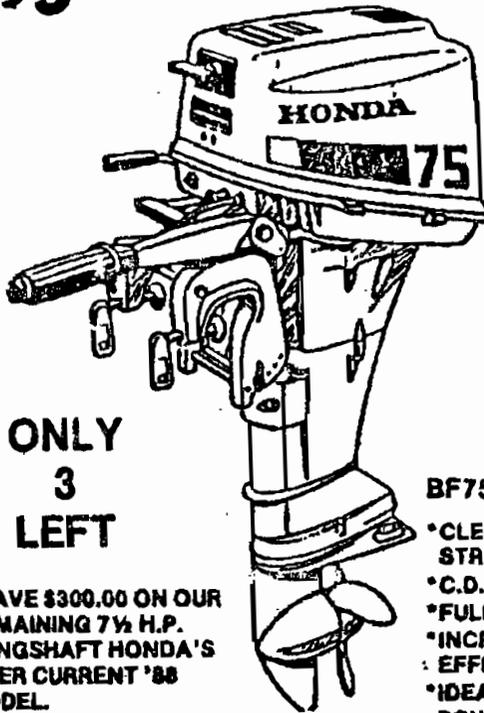
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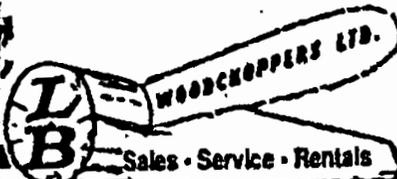
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# REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT

by  
Al Benton, Director

After one month's respite from my prattling, I now propose to bore you for twice as long as normal. For those discriminating readers among you, it only means that you have to ignore me once instead of twice.

## FIRE DEPT

The first item which I promised to report on was the Fire Department debenture. As you will recall, the original amount which was approved by the referendum in November, 1985, was \$25,000. The Bamfield Marine Station subsequently donated \$2000, reducing the borrowing requirement to \$23,000. The debenture was designed to finance the following:

(1) Fire Truck (to service W. Bamfield)	\$ 5,000.00
(2) Hull repairs to Fireboat	\$ 2,000.00
(3) Site preparation and construction of #3 Hall (West Bamfield)	\$10,000.00
(4) Hose	\$ 6,500.00
(5) Communications	<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>
Total	\$25,000.00

The actual expenditures to date are as follows (rounded off):

(1) Upgrading of fire truck	\$3,200.00
(2) Fireboat repairs	\$4,300.00
(3) Site preparation & materials for #3 Hall	\$3,700.00
(4) Hose	\$6,300.00
(5) Communications	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
Total	\$19,300.00

The monies still being held by the Regional District, including accrued interest, equals \$6,210.06 at year end.

The only items on this list that I feel need some explanation are the truck and the site preparation.

The **truck rebuilding** was an extremely ambitious project to begin with, and now in view of the new safety inspection requirements for the Provincial Government seems impossible of successful completion. Hopefully, some monies can be realised from its disposal.

The **clearing and site preparation** is a most unfortunate situation. The property which the Fire Department has held for many years along the Brady's Beach Trail, turned out to be too small for the Building Inspector to legally give a building

permit for a Fire Hall. By the time this was discovered, a considerable amount of money had been spent on site preparation. We then applied for one of the lots by Monruffet's on the new trail. I have just been informed that the Crown Lands Branch has turned down our request because they feel that waterfront property is too valuable to be used for a fire-hall. The latest suggestion is that the Fire Hall be placed on one of the pieces that the School District holds a reserve on. Hopefully, we can resolve this problem soon.

My feeling is that the money has been spent quite responsibly so far. The problems with the land and the truck are unfortunate, but probably not surprising when you consider that our Fire Department of necessity must operate on a shoestring. The Fire Underwriters recommendation that all equipment be purchased new and replaced at least after 20 years is not feasible in Bamfield.

Still on the topic of the Fire Department, I would like to give you a rundown on the proposed operating budget for Aug 1, 1989 to July 31, 1990. This budget has been tentatively approved, but will

still be the topic of some discussion between myself and the Department, mainly because some of the items are more capital items than operating items.

- |                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| (1) Gas/oil/grease/anti-freeze        | \$ 500.00 |
| (2) Insurance:                        |           |
| Vehicle                               | \$ 369.60 |
| Building                              | \$1051.32 |
| W.C.B.                                | \$ 170.10 |
| (3) Memberships and R.D. Insurance    | \$ 235.68 |
| (4) Training                          | \$ 600.00 |
| (5) Vehicle Maintenance               | \$1500.00 |
| (6) Fireboat Maintenance              | \$1500.00 |
| (7) Outboard Repair                   | \$ 500.00 |
| (8) Pumps - Boat, and Vehicle         | \$ 500.00 |
| (9) Hoses                             | \$1473.25 |
| (10) Communications                   | \$ 100.00 |
| (11) Brass Couplings                  | \$ 255.00 |
| (12) Hall Maintenance                 | \$ 460.00 |
| (13) Heat, Light, Telephone and Water | \$2987.91 |
| (14) Office, Postage and Misc.        | \$1520.28 |
| (15) Turn out gear                    | \$3061.08 |

The Fire Chief, Ben Bozak, has asked me to meet with himself and other members of the Fire Department

next week. Apparently this is to include an up-to-date inventory of the Fire Department's equipment and a discussion of future needs. As a result of this I should have more information on the Fire Department next month. In the meantime, the Fire Chief has extended an invitation to all interested members of the community to attend the Fire Department's monthly meetings, which are held at the Fire Hall on the third Wednesday of every month.

## WATER SYSTEM

The next topic which I would like to bring you up to date on is the Bamfield Water System. After starting 1988 with a \$1,115.00 deficit, it looks as though we will close out the year at the break even point. We had hoped to show a bit of a surplus, but as a result of not receiving as large a grant from the Province as we had hoped, plus some wage adjustments to rectify the fact that we had not paid our Records and Maintenance Person holiday pay for six years, there was no surplus.

Next year, hopefully, we will show a surplus, but the system is now seven years

old, so the cost of maintenance is likely to increase.

Here are some general figures to show you what is happening with the system.

1. Total sales: up from \$23,459.59 in 1985 to \$39,901.61 in 1988.

2. Gallons of water pumped:

1981 .....	3,428,000
1982 .....	8,841,000
1983 .....	7,633,700
1984 .....	8,739,800
1985 .....	12,023,400
1986 .....	11,098,800
1987 .....	11,059,900
1988 .....	14,003,100

3. Insured Value of System is \$1,700,000.00

Although we are still only pumping about one-third of the capacity of the system, we are starting to run into a problem with water flows in West Bamfield. Although we have plenty of water going across to West Bamfield, the small water lines rapidly reduce the flow below satisfactory levels. Because of financial constraints, I consider it very unlikely that we can consider an upgrade of the West side for 10 - 12 years (until the original debentures are paid off), so property owners or prospective purchasers should bear in mind that we may be unable to provide you with water for developments.

The area along the water from the Coast Guard Station to Wild Duck Road is the only exception to this as it is served by a four inch line.

Here are a few figures to give you an idea of where your money from the parcel tax goes.

1988

Interest	\$ 83,500
Principle	\$ 18,977
U.S.Exchange	<u>\$ 22,750</u>
Total	\$125,227

1989

Interest	\$ 82,535
Principle	\$ 22,882
U.S. Exchange	<u>\$ 21,480</u>
Total	\$126,897

I would hasten to point out that 75% of most of these amounts are paid by the Provincial Government. The exception is the money borrowed for the South Bamfield Extension, which was covered 50% by the Province. I should have the audited year end figures for the Water System within a month to six weeks, at which time I'll have them published in the **Barkley Sounder** for your perusal.

I am sorry to report that on Thursday, January 27, John Hornquist, the Regional

District Building Inspector, suffered a stroke. My initial information is that it was relatively mild, but I'm sure that any of you who have had the opportunity to deal with John will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

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## COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE

by  
Pat Garcia

Rentals for November included two School Board meetings, three political candidates, a Federal and Provincial Election and the Red Cross Carnival. The Hall held their Thursday Bingo games and a Directors Meeting.

In December the UCW had their Christmas Pot Luck Supper and Christmas Bazaar. The school used the Hall every day for a couple of weeks for practices prior to the Christmas Concert. Play school was held on an irregular basis. The December uses were all non-rentals.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY

The members Christmas Party was well attended and enjoyed by those who came. The Hall was well decorated with the guests finishing off the Christmas tree. Barney McRae played the piano for the singing of Christmas carols and songs. Each member received three complimentary refreshment tickets for the bar, ably served by Roger Demontigny.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

A successful and enjoyable dinner dance to bring in the New Year. The bar was open one hour prior to dinner and steamed oysters were served during this time. A buffet style dinner included salads, turkey, ham and hot vegetables with the *piece de resistance* being a 50 pound Baron of Beef cooked and carved for each diner by Al Benton. Our grateful thanks to Al for that and for the loan of the steam dishes for the hot vegetables.

Every year we put tokens in the balloons. This year there were 6 mickeys, 10 free drinks and 2 dance tickets. The mickeys were found and several drinks but no dance tickets! The door prize, Bailey's Irish Cream was won by Lisa Button.

Grant Forrest was bartender and Art Budding supplied the music played by Greg and Rob (who also helped put away the tables and chairs - thanks fellows).

This year we tried a new method of ticket sales which worked extremely well for us. Members had the

opportunity to get tickets from December 5th to 19th, as advertised by posters at Kamshee, Bamfield General, Ostrom's and the Marine Station. By the 20th all tickets were sold - this meant to us that we knew in advance how many to cater for. There was no reservation list, as tickets had to be picked up and paid for, and no waiting for people to pick up tickets at the last minute on New Year's Eve when we are trying to get to the Hall to finish up last minute preparations.

For January the School Board rented the Hall for a meeting re the new school. Bingo continues every Thursday and the Hall is available for Playschool and basketball.

## COMING EVENTS

### February 11th

Parent Advisory Team Pot Luck followed by dance. (non-alcoholic).

### February 18th

Fire Hall Dance.

February (date not specified yet) Hall Annual Meeting.

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### SOCREDS STRACHAN ABDICATES RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

On behalf of Mike Harcourt and the New Democratic Party Caucus, I would like to express my thanks and congratulations to all those volunteers who are working so hard to clean the beaches and shoreline of the West Coast.

This latest environmental catastrophe reveals the Social Credit government's complete insensitivity to the pollution of our province.

With a heavy oil spill that has affected Tofino and spread north from Pacific Rim National Park to Estevan and Nootka Sound, the Socreds have once again dragged their feet in a matter that has wide-reaching ecological implications for the whole West Coast. Environmental Minister Bruce Strachan has adopted his usual ploy of hiding behind his federal counterparts, saying it is up to Ottawa to take the first step. Says Strachan: "We are ready to follow, but we have to be advised what to do."

The fact that it took Strachan more than a week to get from Victoria to Tofino

to tour the oil spill site - and the fact that he doesn't know if extra ministry staff have been assigned to the area to assist in the clean-up - clearly shows he and his government continue to shirk their responsibilities to both the environment and all British Columbians.

As I observed on Friday, January 6, when Bob Skelly, MP and I walked Chesterman's Beach, the shocking fact is that much of the cleanup work needed to minimize damage has been done by volunteers and coast guard crews -- in particular efforts to save one of the only two existing Pacific Coast sea otter colonies. This is a sad indictment of the government's philosophy and lack of action when it comes to our environment.

Apportioning blame and dicker over bureaucratic responsibility is surely far less important than the health of our coastal areas and our tourist and fishing economies. This is the second ban by the federal government on shellfish harvesting in the last month, following revelations in December pollution regulations at B.C. pulp mills have been so lax that shellfish and salmon have been contaminated by deadly dioxins.

Now Ottawa's warning that ground fish, herring and other seafood could also be at risk is another multi-million dollar pollution fiasco.

What is in order now is immediate action on three fronts: deploying provincial equipment and the personnel necessary to clean up both the visible and hidden damage; ensuring that the area's fishing and tourism industries, municipalities and tribal councils are fully compensated for the losses they'll suffer due to the spill; and taking a second

look at the pending Pacific Accord governing off-shore exploration and drilling. As well, tighter international controls on oil shipments are top priority when it comes to preserving our environment and the livelihoods of British Columbians.

I urge all those who have suffered economic loss from this disaster to request compensation and send a copy of the letter to my office. I am determined to press the government to get full recovery from those responsible.

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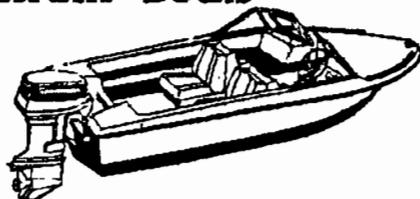
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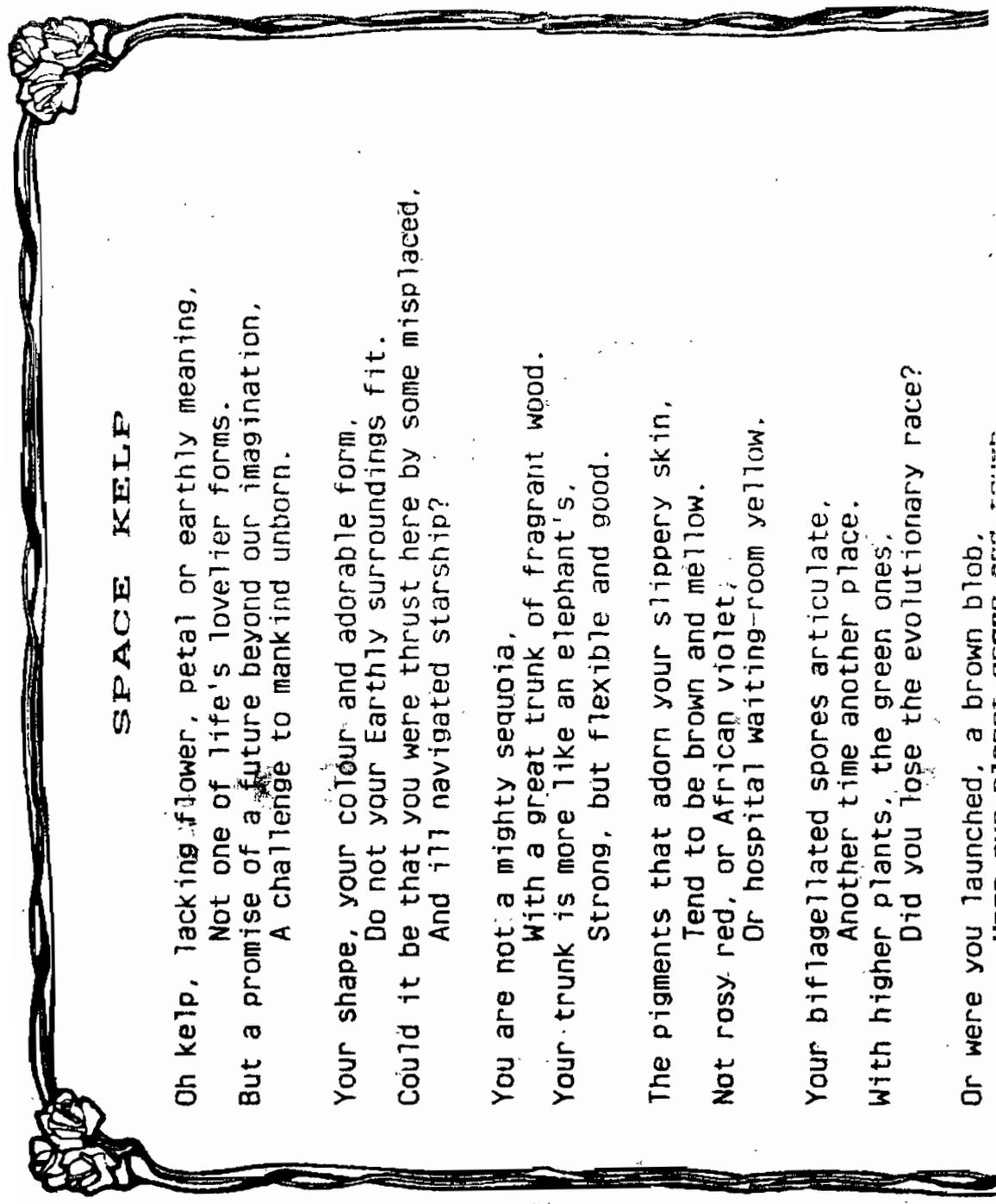
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Do not your Earthly surroundings fit.  
Could it be that you were thrust here by some misplaced,  
And ill navigated starship?

You are not a mighty sequoia,  
With a great trunk of fragrant wood.  
Your trunk is more like an elephant's,  
Strong, but flexible and good.

The pigments that adorn your slippery skin,  
Tend to be brown and mellow.  
Not rosy red, or African violet;  
Or hospital waiting-room yellow.

Your biflagellated spores articulate,  
Another time another place.  
With higher plants, the green ones,  
Did you lose the evolutionary race?

Or were you launched, a brown blob,

Upon our planet green and brown

where in unfair competition you couldn't  
Display your cosmic stuff?

Oh galactic help so far from home,

Do you weep slimy tears at night?

When you see in the starry wonderment,

Alpha Centauri, or rather, the third star on its right

This unnamed star, or 1632B in the astronomers' atlas,

A glittering pinpoint of hope,

Bespeaks of a host of brown ethereal friends,

At the apogee of that acute slope.

Or are you on some trans-galactic mission,

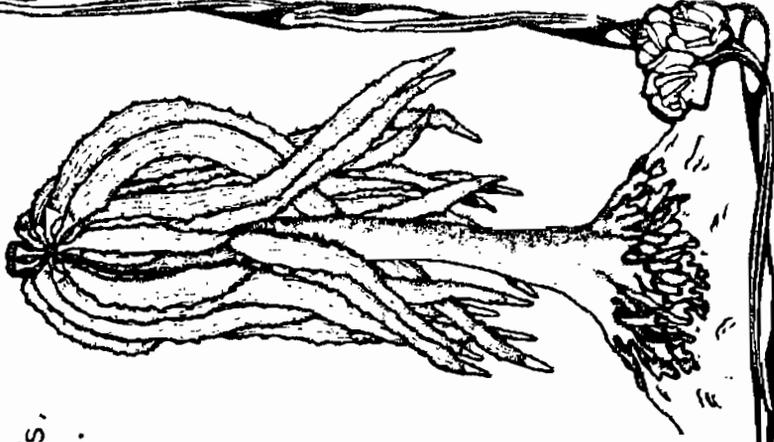
Perhaps to explore a black hole

is your glory.

We may never know and the evening is late,

And besides that's another story.

Louis Drueth  
On the Occasion of the  
WSN Presidents' Banquet  
San Francisco  
December 1988



Land of Bam  
by  
Fred Welland

In the Land of Bam, much ado is presently being made of various plans and schemes to connect the two parts into which Bam is divided by the mist-shrouded waters of the sheltering inlet. There are those among the inhabitants who would count it as their greatest achievement if they could proceed from one shore to the other by way of a wheeled vehicle, and to see that same vehicle snugly stabled behind their domicile each eve would bring the ultimate in rapture to their hearts.

Arrayed against them are those whose greatest desire is to see maintained the present state of no carriage-way between the two parts. Each side doth marshal a veritable army of arguments in support of its own fast-held views, and indeed it is hard for the bemused traveller to win through to the right of the matter. Forsooth, the opinions voiced are oftimes so contradictory that it seems as though each participant is speaking of a different land.

As is usually the case in the Land of Bam, a high regard for the well-being of

their fellow creatures doth appear to be foremost in the minds of all concerned in this matter. It is undoubtedly for that reason we find those who are waxing most eloquent, and trumpeting most loudly on the advantages that will surely accrue to all once the connecting carriageway is in place, to be endeavouring to enrich their fellow men by allowing them to purchase the various properties held in the Land of Bam by these same benefactors. It is similarly noted that many of those standing firm against the proposal have no more than necessary to do with the world without, and deem a large measure of solitude as being essential to their well-being. In addition, both sides do appear to number among their ranks those who follow no apparent skein of logic but strike off willy-nilly into the thick of things, like unto a man in a press of people who is caught up in the excitement of the moment.

Many are the arguments that have been advanced, both pro and con, and thick as the flakes in a winter blizzard fly the refutations.

"If God had meant East and West Bam to be as one, He

would not have put the inlet in between."

So runs the latest pearl of wisdom, and indeed, more sense is thereby made than by many other statements thus far put forward.

It is to be earnestly hoped that this contentious issue will be settled in the near future to the satisfaction of the majority of the inhabitants, for indeed it has engendered much confusion and ill-will among those who deem themselves to be affected by the outcome. On the other hand, if credence is given to the tales presently being circulated of the existence of a voracious sea serpent lurking at the bottom of the separating inlet and there lying in wait for unwary travellers on their way from one shore unto the other, then it may be that the dispute will be settled somewhat sooner than had been expected.

Either the tales will be found to be based on hard fact and, by the time officialdom doth bestir itself to act on the matter, the whole of the population will have vanished into the maw of the monster, thus removing the spur of immediacy from the situation, or the tales will prove to be a falsehood, put about to add impetus to the

drive for construction of a rout by land between the two shores. If such proves to be the case, there is a strong likelihood that feelings will run so high as to ensure that there will shortly be no one survivor upon either of the two shores to dispute the matter, with the same result as if there had in actuality been a monster. Either way, the matter appears likely to be resolved in one manner or another.

*To be continued next month.*

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# BAMFIELD MEMORIES

by  
Graham Elliston

## WORKING AT THIS AND THAT

### PART TWO

We were always on the lookout for jobs. One summer Alvin Fry and I agreed to paint the roofs of Mrs. Hoskin's house and shed, using some tins of old paint and tar which she supplied. The roofing was of corrugated iron and the weather was hot, so we really sweated for our money as the paint kept turning into a thick porridge while we struggled to spread it over the rusty surface. Finally, with the shed finished and only one narrow strip left to do down the middle of the house roof, I stepped aside to straighten my back and admire the work. My feet hit the wet paint and -- whoosh! -- off I went backwards down the slope and onto the rockery below. It all happened so quickly that I didn't have time to break anything and was lucky to survive with nothing worse than a sprained wrist and a little more practical knowledge about the hazards of working on roofs.

One day when I was sitting in the breakfast nook gazing out towards the B.C. Packers someone with dark curly hair, black denims cut off above the ankles, and a long gangling stride appeared on the trail and asked if I'd like to whistle punk for him. It was Johnny Bourne. He and a donkeyman by the name of Florian ("Flo") Podosky were running a small logging show along the shore at Kelp Bay. I jumped at the chance and arranged to be picked up at the floats early the following morning. This was the life! Sitting up on a stump watching the whole scene while Johnny hopped nimbly among the logs setting chokers and yo-ho-ho-ing signals so that I could relay them to Flo whose donkey was always somewhere completely hidden from our view. Johnny loved his work and threw himself into it with a wild enthusiasm which could be expressed only by action, noise, or songs and yodelling from the good old days of Jimmie Rogers and the Carter Family. He would tell stumps and snags exactly what he thought of them when they got in his way, drawing on the most inventive store of cuss-words I've ever heard, but he never lost his temper and always managed to free

up the jackpot with the right combination of signals and profanity. When we stopped for lunch we would scramble down to join Flo at the donkey engine where he and Johnny would discuss every detail of the operation as if they had both been standing together all the time. When it was time to get back to work Johnny would get up, stretch, let out a whoop and lead me up the slope again at a run. Often at quitting time he'd throw back his head and yodel just for the hell of it. Sometimes I wondered why he needed me to punk whistles, as I'm sure Flo had no difficulty hearing him from any distance! Last summer I visited that hillside again and could still hear the echo of Johnny's strong clear voice singing "I'll be all smiles tonight" to the surrounding hills and valleys.

We ran to and from Kelp Bay in Johnny's beat-up old sixteen foot plywood putter. This was in the days before the *Comox Post* had wiped out the basking sharks with its special ramming knife. It was common then to see their fins and tails poking up all over the sound. I remember once counting twelve when I was out fishing in my putter,

and on another occasion the *Invictus* hit one when we were running across to Uclulet. One day on our way home Johnny spotted a fin and yelled at Flo to steer the boat alongside while he grabbed an oar to clobber it with. I stood up in my caulk-boots, figuring we'd all be spinning through the air any minute and that I might have a better chance of survival if I started out from a standing position. From this angle the shark looked like a submarine, about four or five feet across and much longer than the boat, black and solid as a rock. It was dozing, but suddenly it gave a convulsive shudder, and pointed its nose downwards. At the same instant its tail lashed the air just behind us, sending a shower of spray over the boat -- and that was all. The expected blow never came. To my surprise we were still all in one piece, soaking wet, but alive. Johnny and Flo were laughing their heads off while I was trying to get the saliva to flow back into my mouth. Later that evening, when Dad asked if I'd seen those crazy idiots almost getting smashed by a shark, I said I'd had quite a good view of it.

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The sea rolls smooth tonight  
the hills lie blue against the land,  
and, in my mind I see  
the long, indented, craggy coast  
behind its fanged  
and out-flung reefs  
devoid of boast ---  
lil'tring its voice thru rock and sand  
to uninterpreted beliefs

This is the coast I love,  
and, contrary bombast nonetheless,  
it speaks a tongue beyond  
the tortured diction of words  
in grey spume  
and white curds  
spinning meaning without stress  
on a prehistoric loom.

The world drives down  
to creeds of greed  
which never found their aim,  
where seas roll in  
to lonely shores  
beyond mere man's domain.  
And those who listen  
hear the stars, and see  
the wind's refrain.

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Pat Grace

## LEITH BOULTER

About 15 years ago two couples somewhere in the United States gathered to experiment with a ouija board. At first nothing happened, but during the evening the planchette spelled out the message: "We are here with you tonight."

The couple operating the board each accused the other of having manipulated the planchette, but very shortly they became convinced they had indeed contacted an entity from another level. He called himself Michael, and for the following 15 years he has continued to communicate. The group expanded to a dozen or so members.

Chelsea Quinn Yarbro has written three books based on these messages as well as the reactions of group members: **Messages From Michael** (1980), **More Messages From Michael** (1986) and, in 1988, **Michael's People**. She derived the contents from transcripts of the mediumistic sessions and from the resulting experiences and reactions of those involved.

Ouija boards are a bit far out in the opinion of

many, and "messages" from another level may, and often do, seem somewhat weird, and foreign to what we think of as reality.

But all ways in which knowledge, opinions or beliefs may be expressed and received deserve to be examined and choices made as to their validity and possible application to our lives, be ouija boards, mediums, psychics or whatever is out there. It is up to the individual what he or she accepts and uses, discards or believes to be a crock. It's called keeping an open mind, at the same time being careful the opening isn't too large.

I read the first two books a few years ago and received the third, which I have now begun, for Christmas. The fascinating thing is that Michael, purportedly a soul entity composed of some 1000 fragments, each of which occupied a series of physical bodies over the centuries and which have now finished their earthly education and been reunited into the whole from which they fragmented in the beginning, and now residing on the mid-causal plane on a level above the

astral, chooses to communicate with current earth dwellers in order to pass on the knowledge and experience gained from the "soul's journeys". Are you still with me? Good!

Michael says it is up to us whether or not we pay any attention to his messages. The choice is ours, as are all choices throughout our lives. This column is to draw the books to readers' notice so they can make their own choice. I have read the first few pages only and here is a handful of quotes so far. (When Michael says "fragment" he

refers to the individual soul which is part and parcel of each of us).

**BECAUSE OF THE OBDURACY OF MATTER, THE PHYSICAL PLANE OFFERS HAZARDS THAT ARE PRESENT NOWHERE ELSE ... YOU CHOOSE TO BE HERE SO YOU CAN MAKE CHOICES ....(And on planet-originating disasters): WE WOULD NOT ADVISE ANY FRAGMENT TO LIVE IN CONSTANT ANTICIPATION OF DISASTER. THAT IS NOT TO SAY YOU ARE NOT FREE TO CHOOSE DREAD AS A WAY OF LIFE, BUT IT IS LIKELY TO DISTORT YOUR PERCEPTIONS .... (He then lists man-made disasters - plague,**

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famine, nuclear waste, pollution, etc.): THESE ARE MORE "ARRESTING", WITH THE ADDITIONAL WEIGHT OF THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTORY RESPONSIBILITY, SUCH AS FRAGMENTS WHO ARE DISTRAUGHT ABOUT SMOG WHILE DRIVING THEIR AUTOMOBILES FORTY MILES TO WORK EVERY DAY. IF SUCH A SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY BECOMES UNBEARABLE, THE FRAGMENT MAY EVENTUALLY CHOOSE TO CHANGE JOBS, MOVE CLOSER, TAKE LESS HAZARDOUS TRANSPORTATION, OR HAVE A HEALTH BREAKDOWN IN ORDER TO AVOID THE WHOLE ISSUE ....

ONE OF THE RAMIFICATIONS OF CHOOSING TO INCARNATE ON THE PHYSICAL PLANE IS GARBAGE. CERTAINLY SOME FRAGMENTS CREATE MORE GARBAGE, SOME CREATE LESS, BUT IT WILL INEVITABLY HAPPEN ... AS LONG AS THIS PLANET IS VIABLE TO YOUR SPECIES YOU WILL RETURN TO IT, INCARNATION AFTER INCARNATION, AND FOR THAT REASON IF NO OTHER, YOU MIGHT CONSIDER HOW MESSY YOU CAN STAND IT TO BE...-

....  
IT WAS NOT LONG AGO - NO MORE THAN 500 YEARS - THAT A LONG-LIVED AND WELL-EDUCATED MAN COULD IN THE COURSE OF A LIFE LEARN IN THE ACADEMIC SENSE ALL

THAT THERE WAS TO KNOW. SUCH AN ACCOMPLISHMENT IS NO LONGER POSSIBLE, NOR EVEN DESIRABLE. FRAGMENTS MUST CHOOSE EARLY IN LIFE - OFTEN AS A RESULT OF THE EXPECTATIONS OF OTHERS RATHER THAN THE GENUINE INSIGHT OF ESSENCE (soul) - THE COURSE THE EDUCATIONAL ASPECT OF THE LIFE IS TO TAKE. THE SYSTEM SERVES MORE TO ENFORCE PARENTAL AND CULTURAL EXPECTATIONS OF YOUNG CHILDREN THAN TO OFFER THEM GENUINE OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES ....

THESE FRAGMENTS LIVING IN SUCH SOCIETIES AS WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING OFTEN SUFFER FROM WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED "FUTURE SHOCK" OR "CULTURE SHOCK" BECAUSE THE MECHANISMS OF THE CULTURE TEND TO LAG AT LEAST TWO GENERATIONS BEHIND THE ACTUALITY OF THE CULTURE ITSELF.

Note the occasional dry wit/sarcasm. And I'm only up to Page 8! Well worth \$5.25, as are the first two. By the time you are finished, some appreciation of the validity of Michael's messages may have been gained. Again ... maybe not.

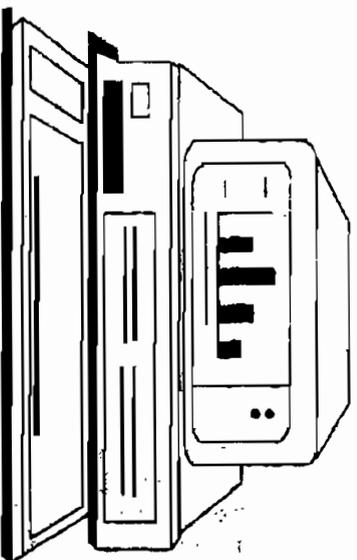
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SOME EFFECTS OF THE  
NESTUCCA OIL SPILL  
ON VANCOUVER ISLAND  
WILDLIFE

by  
Alan E. Burger

When the oil barge *Nestucca* collided with a tug off Gray's Harbor, Washington, few of us on Vancouver Island paid much attention. The arrival of the mess on our doorstep, along with several thousand dead seabirds, made us all take notice in a hurry. It is incredible that an amount of oil which would only fill a large swimming pool could cause such widespread damage.

As oil spills go this was a little one. I heard one expert say that if it hadn't affected such a politically and environmentally sensitive area virtually no cleanup operation would have occurred.

I've had a small role in trying to assess the damage of this spill to seabirds off our coast. This has meant walking beaches picking up lumps of oil which, deep within them, might contain a dead bird. It has also meant picking through many bags filled with dead, rotting birds in an effort to ident-

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ify them and keep a record of what has been killed.

The Canadian Wildlife Service and the Environment Protection Service have been keeping a tally on how many birds have arrived dead on Vancouver Island. At this time the total count is around 2500 birds, with more reports coming in every day. About 750 birds have been identified and some initial assessments have been made of the impact of the oil.

The two most common species to be killed were the Common Murre and the Cassin's Auklet. Common Murres, quite commonly seen in Trevor Channel and further offshore, comprise 42% of the dead birds. Cassin's Auklets, which are seldom seen near land but are common on the edge of the continental shelf, comprise 34%. I've spent many days doing field work on both these species and I'm disgusted that these highly specialized, incredibly interesting birds can be turned

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into lumps of rotten tar. Their diving activities seem to make them more vulnerable to oiling than more aerial birds like gulls.

To date it seems that most of the birds were killed offshore. There have been several oiled Parakeet Auklets, a small bird which breeds off Alaska and winters far offshore. This species has never before been recorded in British Columbia. Relatively few of the local inshore species were killed. Many gulls and some shorebirds have been seen with oiled plumage. If they ingest sufficient oil or get their plumage matted they too might die.

One way that biologists hope to get some useful information out of this event is to monitor the types of birds found on the beaches. Very useful information on the extent of the mortality, the types of birds affected and the place and time they were oiled can be obtained from an analysis of dead beached birds.

Anyone who finds a dead bird on beaches around Bamfield can contribute by taking the bird to the Bamfield Marine Station (or call 728-3301) or the Canadian Coast Guard. It's important to put a label on the bag giving the place and date.

All dead birds will be of interest over the next three months. Some birds may have no oil on their plumage but may have eaten oiled carcasses. Please let us know about any dead birds or other oiled marine animals that are found over the next few months.

This spill has probably killed over 10,000 seabirds, at least one sea otter and countless thousands of other marine creatures which don't rate much mention because they aren't furry or feathery. It has also caused disruption and financial loss to many people. One can only hope that the lessons learned from this relatively minor spill can be applied to reduce the chances of this happening again.



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## BAMFIELD WEATHER

by

Peter Janitis

No punch lines this time. Politics tiresome, Leafs losing most of the time. Low profile.

Mother Nature performing as well as usual.



## PRECIPITATION

Twenty-five days of it totalling 16.17 inches. In addition, we had our first snow in three years on the 31st, totalling 2.5 inches.

## TEMPERATURES

The high of 10°C (50°F) on the 20th. Low of -3°C (28°F) on the 7th. There were 11 days of 0°C (32°F) or below.

Mean Maximum ... 6.7°C

Mean Minimum ... 1.5°C

Mean Temperature .. 4.1°C

Not a bad month at all but it would have been better to be in Mexico or Hawaii. Several of our residents have done so.

## IN MY OPINION

by

James Ferris, co-editor

It is unfortunate that Agnés is finding it impossible to continue her Day Care for the children. It was a service that was good for both the kids and the parents. Let's hope that a way can be found to make it possible for her to continue to provide the care in the future.

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Whale Watching is starting to have quite an impact on Bamfield. It seems to be a good way to benefit our economy without undo strain on the ecology or our tempers. Temperamentally, whale watchers seem to be less aggressive than sports fishermen.

I wonder what the whales think about all this? Migrating seems to have become a spectator sport.

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This cold snap has been quite an experience for us. We so seldom have one and for that reason the cold always comes as a surprise.

While this is not Hawaii, it is certainly not Inuvik either. Cold, clear weather is nice, but on balance, warm is better.

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The road into town has been improved. The side roads have not had much attention, but at least the main road was made passable. I have spoken to the people responsible for maintaining the road, and they have assured me that things will be better in the future.

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Bob Skelly and Gerard Jannsen will be in town on the 14th of February. They have scheduled a visit to Anacla in the morning and will be coming to Bamfield in the afternoon. We will inform you about their plans while they are here. Hopefully you will have an opportunity to talk to them about any governmental problems that you need help with.

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Ursula Banke of Tofino has taken up the fight for correction of the inequities in the Northern and Isolated Areas Tax Deduction legislation. She has written a letter to the Finance Department, Michael Wilson and his aide, Gordon Roberts outlining the problem and showing her dissatisfaction with the way in which the law is being administered. She has obviously researched the



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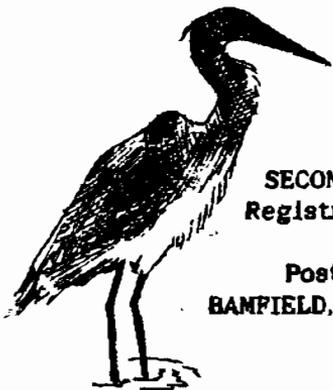


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