

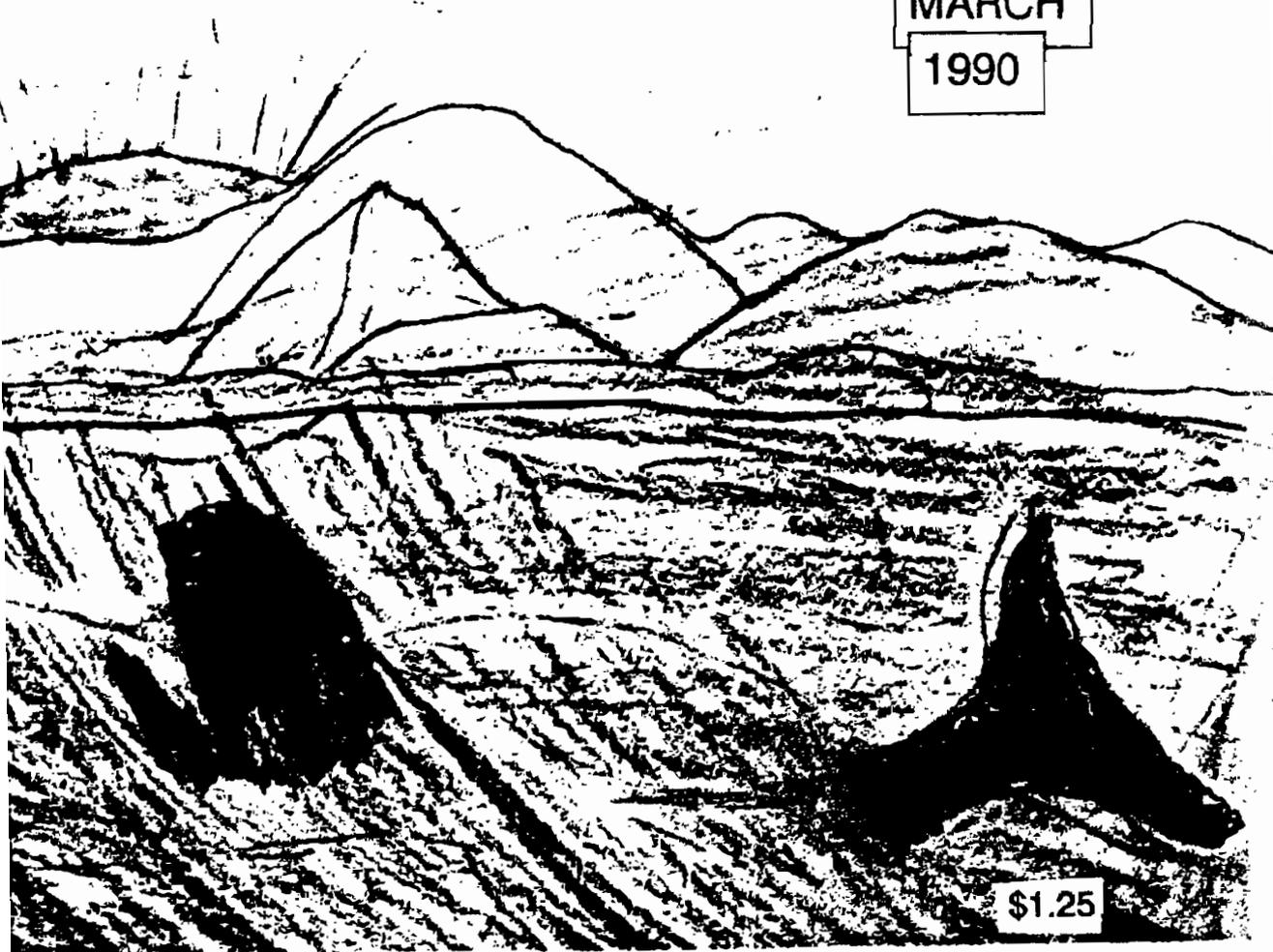
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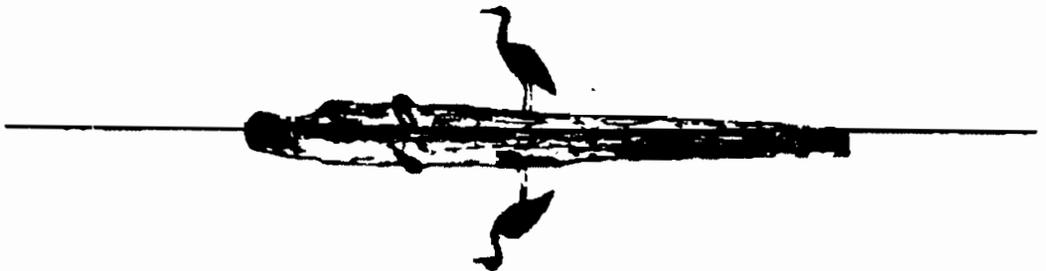
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The Masthead

by

Jeanne Ferris, coeditor

The day will soon be upon us when the sun crosses the plane of the equator and for one 24 hour period day will be exactly as long as night all over the globe. The Vernal Equinox could be March 20, or it could be March 21; none of the many calendars in the Barkley Sounder office have it marked. I look forward to it after our dark winter maxinights and rainy winter minidays, probably almost as much as the perennials in my garden look forward to it. I can almost hear them applauding the sun as they raise their fresh young leaves up out of the cold soil. I said almost.

Another event of springtime is the annual migration of the grey whales past Barkley Sound as they move from their winter calving lagoons in Baja, Mexico to their summer feeding grounds in the Bering Sea. Norbie and Eva out at Cape Beale lighthouse often have 'pet' grey

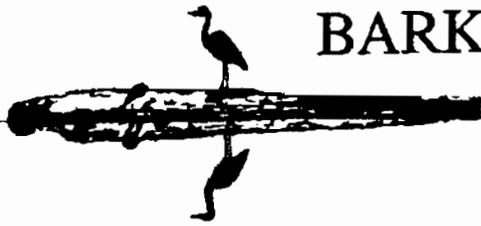
whales who stay to feed in Barkley Sound for the summer.

The grey whale on our cover for March, 1990 was drawn by Tim Munson, age 7, who is in Grade 2 at Eric Godson School in Bamfield. Tim's whale looks to be a young and robust animal who just might decide to stay around Bamfield for the summer. Thank you, Timothy.

Don't forget about the St. Patrick's Day dance at the Hall on Saturday, March 17, or about Earth Day on Sunday, April 22. More about Earth Day near the end of this issue.

And be sure to let me know soon if you are interested in learning more about computers using the new North Island College computer at the Marine Station!





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Sewing Course

Would anyone like to learn more about sewing, perhaps by attending a workshop on dealing with stretch and sew materials, or on the basics of machine-made quilts, or on an introduction to sewing your own clothes or children's clothing?

A few people have expressed interest in some type of a sewing course. If you think you might like to be involved in a course, please give Jeanne Ferris or Hedy Demonigny a call and share your ideas and preferences. We would probably bring our own sewing machines from home to the Community Hall, and find an instructor who would come out for a weekend workshop, or longer, through North Island College Leisure Learning. Costs will depend upon number of participants, number of hours of instruction, fees for materials and all that jazz. There is also a sewing video available, which might be helpful. Interested?

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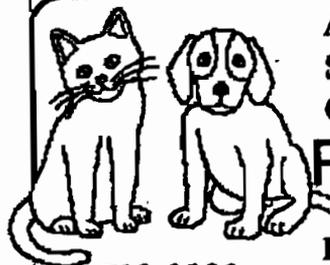
Suzuki Video by

Monica Odenwald

Two videos by David Suzuki on "Canadian Forests" will be shown in the Ross Lecture Hall (next to the cafeteria) at BMS from 7 to 9 pm on April 11.

The aim is to generate more interest in the future of our local forests. An evening discussion on our forests and how they are logged is planned, focusing on the formation of a Western Wilderness Committee Forest Watch Group in Bamfield.

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by
Jeanne Ferris, NIC tutor

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The computer is an IBM compatible AT (Advanced Technology, i.e. fast) with a hard disk, a color monitor and a dot matrix printer. It will be available at all hours to qualified, registered NIC students. I will also be available, as tutor, to get you started, answer questions and invigilate exams at reasonable hours. Courses I feel confident to teach are listed below, with units and costs. More information can be found in

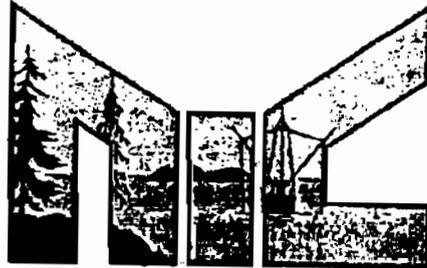
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IN MY OPINION

by

James Ferris, coeditor

I'll try not to pontificate, although it almost seems that what Al calls musing becomes pontificating when I do it.

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Pontificating or not, the garbage situation is a real catch-22 situation. On the one hand the Regional District claims no responsibility for our problems at the same time that they threaten to impose by-laws on us to control what we do with the trash they cannot take care of. According to Al, if we do not sort our trash we may lose the right to use the Alberni Landfill. Since the only responsibility the Regional District has is to provide us with a final resting place for our trash, it would seem to me that losing the privilege of using the landfill would place responsibility for finding another one on the District.

In the meantime, our Regional Director keeps promoting the "if we only had a road to the west side" theme. The inference seems to be that a road would solve our problems, and that is not the case. The two are entirely separate problems and should

be treated that way. A road to the west side will not make the building or maintaining of a disposal area any easier. It would make it easier for residents of the west side to dispose of their trash but that has nothing to do with finding an alternative to the present dump site.

They will probably notice us when they finally get around to grading the roads.

All I can gather from the Regional Board is that they are not going to take care of our problem. If they are not responsible, who is? One thing is sure. If no solution is provided, garbage will build up until it becomes a health hazard and a major problem for us. At that time someone from government will have to take notice of our plight and provide a solution. Either that or when we get buried deep enough we will be out of sight and out of mind. They will probably notice us when they finally get around to grading the roads. That could take years.

COMMUNITY HALL UPDATE

by
Pat Garcia

The Annual Meeting was held on February 21, 1990 with 13 members and one guest attending. The following report was given to the Annual Meeting:

Eleven Directors were elected in April, 1989 to handle the business of the Hall. In October, Agnes Caravati resigned as the time for her new baby approached. We did appreciate her participation and look forward to having her joining us again at a later date. We held six directors' meetings where we tried to plan our functions well ahead.

FUNCTIONS

Functions put on by the Hall included 49 Bingos, 5 dances, an Easter Egg Hunt, a Halloween Party, the Fall Fair, the Members' Christmas Party and the Santa Claus Party. The Canada Day picnic was cancelled because of bad weather. At the Christmas Party Mrs. Mary Patrick was presented with a replica of the Fall Fair Trophy for winning most points for five years in a row and Judy Gray was presented with a pain-

ting by Linda Haylock for her contribution to the Hall.

Hall rentals included 2 Regional Board meetings, 1 School Board meeting, 2 Parent Advisory Team dances, 1 Fire hall dance, 1 Wedding, 3 Red Cross functions, 4 local meetings, the Craft Fair, a Veterinary Clinic and net mending.

Community interest activities for which no rental was charged included Playschool twice weekly, the Fitness Club thrice weekly, Basketball weekly, U.C.W. Potluck suppers and refreshments following a concert, U.C. Bible School for one week, Community Affairs meetings in April, November and December, the School Christmas Concert and rehearsals.

BINGO

A word about Bingo — Bingo enables us to have the Children's activities, Canada Day and Community interest activities with no charge. The calling and managing of the games is voluntary so that the Hall gets the whole 40% after 60% for prizes. (In town Bingo centres, the churches are lucky to get 25%.) We have a very small number of Bingo players who contribute to these activities and if we decided not to have Bingo the above activities would either have to be cancelled, deleted or charged for. From January 1989 to

December 1989 these few people contributed \$2500 to the Hall. At this point I would like to especially thank Deb and Patty Garcia who manage Bingo when I am unavailable.

BUSINESS

In last year's report I mentioned that we were working on resolving the Jungian Trainees group problem of not paying their week's rental. I am happy to report that the Bamfield Inn paid the rental and will in turn try to get it back from the Jungians.

Maintenance is a continuing job and we thank John McInerney for fixing plumbing and electricity and furnace problems. Pat Hawkins did the upgrading on the road and made a small parking area to relieve the congestion at some functions. We are presently converting to B.C. Hydro's Enersave program.

We did purchase some new equipment, a VCR and a TV. There is an extra charge for this with the Hall rental — \$10 over the regular rental fee. At the present time the VCR and TV are used by the Fitness Club who pay \$25 per month for the use.

MEMBERSHIP

Memberships were up in 1989 to 135, the best for the last four years. In 1986 we had 122, 1987 — 98, 1988 — 108. Members can be

proud of the dedication, hard work and the many hours that the Directors put in to make 1989 successful and I sincerely thank them for that.

To all members and non-members who donated time, jobs, money, goods and support of functions, very many thanks.

The following were elected to serve for 1990:

Pat Garcia President
Eileen Scott Vice President
Lorraine Hegstrom Secretary
Bev McInerney Treasurer

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Irma Cashin Hedy Demontigny
Jan Dwolinsky Sherron Dunsmore
Deb Garcia John McInerney
Kevin Munson Dawn Renfrew

RENTAL RATE CHANGES

Two new rates were added to the rate schedule. Weddings, private parties, dances and coffee houses will be \$75.00 a day with no charge for set-up after 7 p.m. the eve of the event. Veterinary clinics will be \$10.00 per hour.

FUTURE EVENTS

Bingos March 8, 15, 29
Dance March 17, St. Patrick's Day
Court of Revision March 26
P.A.T. Dance May 5

REGIONAL DISTRICT EXPLORES NEW FISHERIES

The Honorable John Savage, Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, has made a grant of \$17,000 to the Regional District of Alberni-Clayoquot's Economic Fisheries Resource Committee.

The grant will allow exploration to be undertaken on a target group of marine species which are traditionally under-utilized on the west coast of Vancouver Island. Mayor Erik B. Larsen of Ucluelet, Chairman of the Regional District Fisheries Committee said, "I'm delighted with the Minister's decision. This is a project which my Committee has been working on for several years."

Commenting on the Minister's announcement, Economic Development Commissioner Ken Hutcheson said, "Development of new fisheries and fish product technology is an expensive and uncertain process, but can be economically rewarding if innovative new fish products are created and sold to specialized niches in the marketplace."

Marine species to be explored include weathervane scallops, mud and box crabs and octopus.

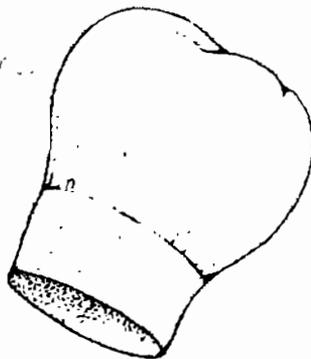
According to Mayor Larsen, if the results of the research turn out to be successful small to mid-sized entrepreneurial fish companies should benefit.

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ALSO TO

Gayle and Gordie Hawkins on the arrival of Clayton James (CJ). CJ weighed in at 8 lbs 6 ounces on February 22, 1990.

Our best wishes to both families.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT

by
Al Benton, Regional Director

I don't have much hard news for you this month, so maybe I'll indulge in a little musing. (It's okay Jim, I'll leave the pontificating to you.)

ROAD

I spoke to Mayor Trumper, the Chairman of the Transportation Task Force, last week and was informed that Highways is now planning to have a meeting with the Ohiatt Band to see if they would be willing to have the Road cross Number 9 Reserve. Quite frankly, I doubt that the Band would be willing to seriously consider this proposal unless it was going ahead. Even then, negotiations could take years if other negotiations such as the Cut-Off lands is any indication. I am beginning to think that with a

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Provincial Election in the near future, this issue will now be stalled until the Election is over. After all, the Government wouldn't want to alienate either the pros or the cons by making a decision.

GARBAGE

At the end of this month the Garbage Dump will close for good. At the last meeting of the Regional Board we received a letter from the Bamfield Chamber of Commerce asking for our help in keeping the Dump open until we could find solutions to the Garbage problem. I was unable to support this request for a number of reasons.

Firstly, at the last Community Affairs meeting, once costs of the various solutions were explained, there seemed to be a general consensus that it was not economically feasible to solve the problem through taxes.

Secondly, as I know from discussions with MacMillan-Bloedel in 1988 and 1989, there is no possibility of convincing them to maintain the dump at their expense. Even with us paying the cost they have been most reluctant to continue its operation. As we do not have the money to pay them to keep it open, nor do we have the authority to tax you any more to pay for it, con-

tinuation of the Dump operation is not possible.

Thirdly, in the absence of a Garbage Collection Service, the Alberni Valley Landfill seems only marginally less convenient to many Bamfield residents than the existing Dump. If the *Lady Rose* proposal works out, the A.V. Landfill will likely be more convenient.

Finally, the Regional District does not have the power to provide a Transfer Site, Collection Service, or any other solution to our Garbage disposal problems. We can obtain these powers from the Province, but I won't start this process going until or unless there is some consensus in our community that the Regional District should solve the problem, and what form the solution should take.

I was visited last week by Mr. Bob Cameron who has been hired by the Department of Indian Affairs as a consultant on Solid Waste Disposal. His recommendation to the Ohiaht Band, I understand, is that they pick up their Garbage and truck it directly into Port Alberni. This is probably the best solution for Bamfield as well, if the problem of getting the Garbage across from West Bamfield can be solved economically.

One last word on Garbage. When I reported on the current state of our Garbage problem at the last

Regional Board meeting, there was some very strong concern expressed that we would abandon any attempts at re-cycling. It was indicated to me quite strongly that if we were just to send in large quantities of unsorted garbage our access to the A.V. Landfill might be in jeopardy.

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by
Bernice Stewart

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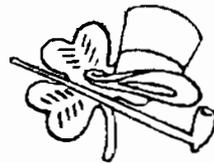
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across the gaps
between the brew
of islands, where the blue
but paler sky maps
the world's sine
of curve. And I
and my ship
are a tiny blip.*

*An Arthur Lismer
with innate sense
of feeling, might have seen
and painted all this, thus,
but few there are with pen or
brush
could catch the still, clean
patience of this immense
land. And few demur
its basic worth
in terms of earth.*

*Zepplined clouds moor
against the coast hills,
fresh in from Cathay
with cargoes of white paint
for the high peaks, and the
dream-faint
drift of green to parquet
the forests. Sunlight fills
the ruffed waves that pour*

*towards the land
to scour the sand.*

*A life should spend more time
in such a vast house
as this. The shoulders of nature
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of unformed fears would rhyme
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Pat Grace

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NATURE NOTES

(in brief)

by

Ida Welland

With the gorgeous weather we have lately it is difficult to remain indoors doing all those mundane chores that always accumulate around the house. Can't seem to get enthusiastic about mending, dishes and all that jazz, not even typing — or at least not during the day.

The month of February has brought a wider variety of birds to The Hill. For example, the Varied Thrush (or Swamp Robin), who usually appears in the early part of December, has just now seen fit to grace The Hill with his quiet presence and gentle song. It is nice to see and hear him again.

When walking up the road last week I spotted a "wood bird" sitting by the side of the road. Upon approaching closer, lo and behold, it turned into a Red-shafted Flicker. He flew clumsily away, apparently with an injured wing. Couldn't locate him on my return trip so lost my chance to play the Good Samaritan. We also have an injured Stellar's Jay who has taken up residence on The Hill. He has an injured wing and

some tail feathers missing — which certainly has cut down on his flying ability. We have the occasional conversation, as he stays around when I'm outside, only going further away when approached too closely (like six feet). The rest of the flock come and go but he knows a good thing when he finds it.

There are lots of Rufous-sided Towhees — okay okay Jim S. I hear you — Rufous-sided Towhee — *Pipilo erythrophthalmus* - (I like that name). They have been around all winter greeting me cheerfully when I go out with their morning seeds. Joining them are Oregon Juncos, and among the more recent arrivals a flock of tiny Pine Siskins, showing off their flying skills with periodic precision maneuvers from tree to tree and back again — usually to The Maple Tree.

We also have tiny little flirty-tailed Winter Wrens (don't you like that description!). They chirp companionably as I wander past their area while busily searching for bugs and other such goodies (the birds searching, not me). And of course, don't forget the majestic Bald Eagles, pausing for a keen-eyed check of their territory from their favourite perch high in the trees. What a contrast in bird size — and in the same paragraph, too. It must be Spring! Mutt and Jeff of birdland. ◊



There's more to come folks,
 but think it's time to quit for now —
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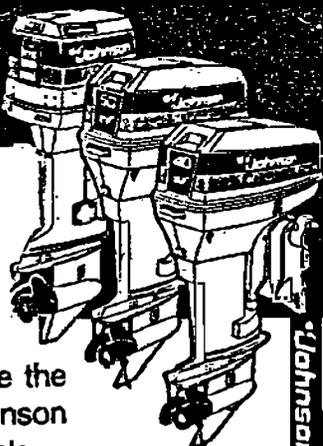
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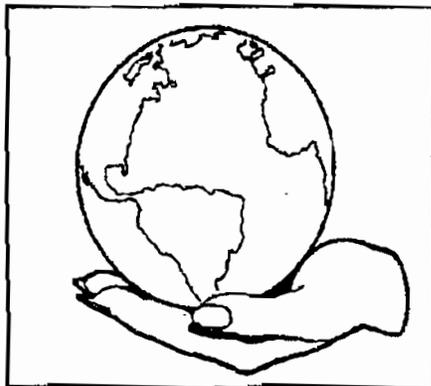
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What we have to do is go in at the same time with a real blitz to keep the opposition off balance. Stress all the good points — like the new-style underground heating system — He subcontracted that one to some guy called Satan Mekatrig.

Tenants'll be people looking just like Him, so there shouldn't be any racial problem. Husband gets there first, the little woman turns up later. And, no kids. That's firm! Pets allowed though, but there shouldn't be any trouble there. Only one mentioned was a boa constrictor — fangs

pulled, the usual sanitizer treatment. Environmentally, it's sound. Good country, so no plans for flood control to clutter up the view. He's figuring on a nice little apple orchard, so that should satisfy all the nature freaks. Skinny-dipping's the in thing — I got an idea He's planning on slipping through some sort of nudist camp.

Now, it's going to be owner-constructed — we may run into a little union trouble over that. That's one thing to watch out for. Another thing, He's issued His own rezoning and builders' permits. Could be difficulties there — but that's why we're in on it. Our job's to smooth over these

little details — point out the advantages of such a nice neat addition to the neighborhood. One possible selling point — if it does go sour, He's arranged to close it down with a big fireworks display — said something about fishin' — I didn't quite catch it. Hey guys, that's a joke — let's hear those guffaws! May be going to shut 'er down with a fireworks show and fishfry — I'm not sure about that one. Well, I'll get back to Him on that.

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by
Steve Lacasse

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snow, storms and colder than normal waters, but all persevered and realized that things can only get better in the future.

Now that the course is finished, the divers will be able to appreciate the local beauty of the Pacific Northwest. Unknown to many people, this area of the world is second only to the Red Sea for abundance and variety of sea life. So, sometimes colder can be better.

At this time I would like to congratulate the newly certified divers and wish them many years of fun and enjoyment with their new sport. The February Graduating Class was: Donald Amos, Heather and Lonny Brook, Larry Clinton, Warren Westwood and Richard Zoet.

Congratulations are also extended to the Graduating Class of August, 1989. They were Debbie Hogarth, Greg Lafontaine and Carey Robins.

There are beginner classes being offered on a continual basis. Specialty courses such as Basic Marine Biology for Divers, Advanced Scuba Diving and Wreck Diving will be offered when there is enough interest shown. For information or questions regarding scuba diving or the general marine environment, feel free to call me in the evenings at 728-3240.

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WHAT IS "SHARE OUR RESOURCES"

by
Carol Lundy

SOR was formed August 10/88 in Port Alberni primarily in response to the Carmanah Valley issue. The goal of SOR has been and will continue to be the promotion of multiple use and adherence to the concept of "Preserve Special Places-Protect the Working Lands".

Multiple use means that the land is used for a variety of benefits, in a manner which derives the maximum benefit from the land base for all people. Such uses are industrial activity, job creation, road access for wheeled vehicles, wildlife viewing and protection, hunting, fishing and

preservation of small unique areas in their natural state.

The Share concept comes from the fact that when large areas of working lands are turned into wilderness, there is no wheeled access, hunting, job creation-industrial activity from this land. These areas in effect become blank spots on a map which cannot be utilized by most people in the Province.

SOR Membership

As of Dec 24/89 membership in our organization was 1015. The "Share" idea is one that has been endorsed by several other groups throughout B.C.. The include:
Share Our Forests — Duncan
Share Our Resources — Port Alberni
Share the Stein — Boston Bar
West Kootenay Forestry Alliance — Nelson
Share the Clayoquet—Ucluelet/Tofino
Share the Cariboo — 100 Mile House
Canadian Women in Timber — Branches across B.C.
North Island Citizens for Shared Resources — Port McNeill/Port Hardy

These groups, all in their infancy have been formed over the last few years in response to the growing number of land use issues in B.C. Total membership of these

groups is in excess of 10,000. New groups are being formed monthly.

All these groups have one thing in common. The belief in "Multiple Use", and the need to ensure that the working land base which drives the Provincial economy is kept intact.

Multiple use and retention of the working lands are primarily rural concepts because most rural communities depend on the working lands for their economic base and recreational pursuits. Most "Share Members" are from rural B.C.. In effect groups such as SOR are the voice of rural British Columbia.

Get Involved

SOR supports the concept of sustainable development and public involvement. Only through these methods can true multiple use be obtained. However, to be truly representative of public needs people must get involved and make their views known. This is especially true of the silent majority, the middle class working people, potentially the members of SOR.

So often in the past these public forums become stages for highly motivated special interest groups presenting a very small proportion of the population. Via the

sheer volume of their views, politicians interpret it as being the public viewpoint.

Please make sure that you become part of the solution, write letters, research issues, talk to people, get involved!

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Precipitation for the month of February was 291.9 mm or 11.4 inches of measurable rain. There were 11 days without any rain.

In 1989 the Mean Maximum was 5.8°C and the Mean Minimum was -0.05°C.

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by
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It is the myth of Social Credit competence when it comes to managing our tax dollars and public lands.

We hear it continually from the Socreds, but you don't have to look further than the Expo land deal to see it isn't true.

Until two years ago, we owned the Expo lands — one-quarter of downtown Vancouver and the envy of cities around the world.

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Bill Vander Zalm and his Socred government sold off the most valuable piece of public land in the province and managed to lose our money doing it.

As Mike Harcourt says, some business deal.

An editorial in the Vancouver Province newspaper advised British Columbians to try to see "the funny side of an allegedly businesslike gov-

ernment being played for a sucker by real business people."

I believe the Socreds, in their blind rush to sell off public lands to a single private developer, not only showed amazingly bad business sense — they failed to protect the public interest.

While the Socreds were cutting this ridiculous deal behind closed doors — and while the premier was interfering in the bidding process on

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behalf of a wealthy friend — New Democrats were pushing for a fair deal for British Columbians.

New Democrats called for the Expo lands to be divided into parcels that smaller B.C. developers could afford to bid on.

New Democrats said lease arrangements should have been reached to ensure we'd be able to build affordable housing on the site.

New Democrats said no deal should have been signed until we knew exactly who would pay for the clean-up of contaminated soils and waters.

But Bill Vander Zalm and his Socred business wizards refused to listen. Now you and I are picking up the tab.

Compare this Socred fiasco to the Australian Government's handling of development at the Expo 88 site in Brisbane. As in B.C., the original Australian plan was to sell their Expo site to private developers for huge office towers and commercial buildings.

Responding to political and public pressure, the Queensland state government decided to sell parcels of the Expo 88 property in phases, while retaining control of the final development plans. New guidelines were set, open spaces and waterfront public areas were assured, and res-

idential buildings were included in the plan.

Because their government didn't arrogantly ignore public and political opposition, Australians are assured their Expo site will remain a valued public asset.

New Democrats have always pushed for a fair deal for British Columbians on our Expo lands. Instead, the Socreds gave the site away. They call it "free enterprise." I call it a bad deal.



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Some time ago we ran a series of articles written by William Eddy Banfield when he was a resident of this area. They are interesting enough to deserve a second look. They are also an opportunity for those who have not read them to gain insight into the history of the Barkley Sound Area. These articles were first published in the Victoria Gazette 132 years ago.

Number One
Beecher Bay and Sooke Inlet
August 2, 1858

Beecher Bay is situated about fourteen miles in a westerly direction from Victoria, and in the Juan de Fuca Strait, a pleasant three hours canoe travel. There is no road immediately into the bay but there is a good bridle path to some farms in its vicinity, and an Indian trail takes one to an encampment on the southern extremity. It is about three miles broad at its mouth, and about two deep. There are about one hundred and fifty indians living here; a portion of the Clallam tribe. It is one of the best salmon stations on Vancouver Island, as from four to six hundred barrels of that fish are taken

here every year, wholly by Indians. Oil is also procured from dogfish.

There are not any white settlers on the bay, but two good farms in the neighbourhood. There is good anchorage and shelter for small vessels, in about five fathoms of water. The land is not adapted for extensive agricultural purposes, neither is timber large; but pine of medium growth and quality abounds. Game is plentiful in the neighbourhood, such as deer, grouse etc., and there are two or three pretty sand beaches, well adapted for fishing purposes.

August is the month in which the salmon in general are most plentiful, and if the arts of civilization were brought to bear on them, the takes would increase in large proportion. The Indians are very quiet and well disposed.

Sooke Inlet, or harbor, is about seven miles from Beecher Bay in about a northwest direction; a magnificent piece of water -- an indentation between two head-lands protected by a sand-spit which runs across its mouth, and leaves a very small entrance of about one hundred yards, but which is very easy for ships of heavy draft of water to enter, and they can lie in perfect safety when inside. Vessels drawing 18 feet of water have entered here. The outer harbor is large and accommodating

and would contain three hundred sail of ships easy. There is also an inner harbor of large size, but a bar intervenes, which would render it inaccessible to large craft.

A small river empties itself into this harbor about the junction of the two; it is a place of much repute as a salmon station, but its principal value consists in its fine timber. Pines, cedar, etc., grow here in abundance, and are very large. Several cargoes of large spars have been exported to China and other markets by the Messrs. Muirs, who are large landholders at Sooke. these gentlemen have also a small mill for cutting

lumber, and a farm surpassed by none on the island, and famous for producing good butter.

Captain Hugh McKay has also a snug little ranch and cooerage near the entrance to the harbor. These are the only two settlements. The Indians are but few and very quiet.

The view of the Juan de Fuca Strait from Sooke is beautiful, and its situation and natural beauty render it a most desirable place. A good bridle trail connects it with Victoria, and an Indian trail with Saanich. The distance over the latter is accomplished by Indians in a day; a long piece of

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which is water travel.

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Some fifteen miles below Sooke is another small river which empties itself into the Juan de Fuca Strait; it is somewhat larger than the Jordan, abounds in fish, and a good settlement might be made on the banks at the mouth, but the intervening shore is rocky and barren, until one reaches the fine open bay of Port San Juan, which is opposite Neah Bay or Cape Classet, a description of which and the Nitinat Indians, I purpose giving in another letter.

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**Earth Day
April 22, 1990**

Earth Day Canada

by
Jeanne Ferris

April 22, 1990 marks the twentieth anniversary of Earth Day. It is the purpose of Earth Day Canada to inspire every Canadian to personally commit to actions that will generate positive environmental change; to take a step in the right direction. This is a global event, with people all over the world working to envision and implement a sustainable future for our planet.

Our most famous local artist, Linda Haylock, has done her part by donating her watercolour, "Violets", to the Artists & Earth silent art auction. Over one hundred of Canada's finest established artists have contributed to the silent auction, which is raising money for the Earth Day 1990 Canada Association.

Other events in Victoria include a concert, a massive bike-athon, a Fate of the Earth conference and a competition to design an environmental model demonstrating sustainable development.

Perhaps students in Bamfield would like to design an environmental model for dealing with garbage in an ecologically sound manner. The Prize? How about an all expense paid trip to the Alberni landfill?

Bamfield Weather

by
Peter Janitis

We had quite bad weather in January, but the first half of February was even worse. B.C. drivers had a difficult time driving in the snow, and I had a hell of a time figuring out the precipitation for my weather report.

We started out with heavy rains and then, as it turned colder, snow. On the 6th day of February the ground was covered with 6 inches of white stuff. And it stayed in shady places until February 18. Total snowfall for February was 9.9 inches. Rain amounted to 14.24 inches. Total precipitation was 15.23 inches. The average for the month is 12.8 inches. Total precipitation for the year so far is 32.47 inches. Last year for the same period of time we had 21.67 inches.

Temperatures

It was cold in February, but not as cold as last year. We had 15 days with freezing minimum temperatures with a low of -4.5 C on February 14, 17 and 18. Last year we had 19 days with freezing minimum temperatures with a low of -9.5 C. The high for this February was 16.5 C on the 27th.

Mean maximum	8.3 C
Mean minimum	0.2 C
Mean Temperature	4.25 C

UNITED CHURCH NEWS

by

Rev. Marv. Fowler

My father was a respected amateur paleontologist and I grew up with both dinosaur bones and the Bible as daily fare. I have never thought that evolution and creation were mutually exclusive terms. However, a continual puzzle for me is the way in which so many of those who vigorously denounce any suggestion that there might be some sort of evolutionary process at work in the world have nevertheless swallowed - hook, line and sinker - the idea of "survival of the fittest" as a socio-economic fact of life. It is the slogan for the

basic assumption behind the common belief that "competition" is the right, proper, natural, and God ordained order of things in business and social affairs.



Darwin (and his followers) would be flabbergasted at this misuse of his concept and at the underlying misconception that "survival of the fittest" implies some sort of cosmic, absolute set of qualities adding up to "fittest" under any and all circumstances. Nor was it their idea that competition as an individual "head on" fight to the finish is the universal law of nature. There is a great deal of evidence that cooperation is just as much a "law of nature" as is competition.

But, to my mind, a far worse misconception is the theological one that "dog-eat-dog competition" is the God-ordained way for all of life, especially human life. Biblically speaking, the "way of God" is clearly that of cooperation and the "gifting" of others, and competition - handmaid of pride - must be thought of as part of the sinful, fallen state of humanity.

SERVICES

There will be no service on the 18th of March. There will be a service on April 1st.

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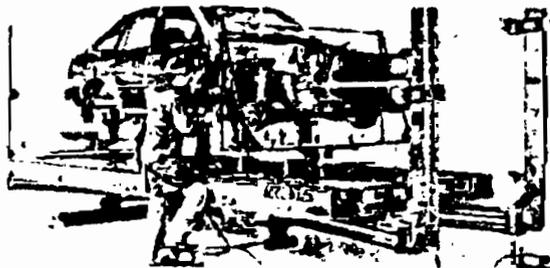
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