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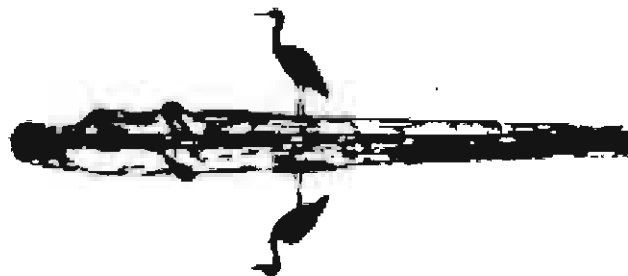
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THE MASTHEAD
by
Jeanne Ferris

The Great Tidal Wave, caused by an Alaskan earthquake registering 7.7 on the Richter scale, hit Bamfield the evening of May 7, 1986. We received a phone call from our Provincial Emergency Program director, Fred Welland, telling us it was supposed to hit Bamfield at 9:15 or so. Residents of low-lying homes and everyone from Pachena quickly evacuated their homes and gathered at our emergency centre, the Bamfield Marine Station. The tsunami speeding south was likely to be 25 feet high. It would have been a great spectacle from the safety of the Marine Station observation deck.

As we all know, the tsunami fizzled out. The tide didn't even go in and out more quickly. No wave happened, but two local residents did make the news in Vancouver: Fred Welland and Bill Patch. People in Prince Rupert crowded the waterfront to watch. It's strange, our fascination with impending and inevitable disaster. We watched for the tidal wave, and enjoyed the sunset and the calm water and the stillness of a lovely spring evening from our porch, high off the water. I'm very glad we were disappointed.

Our cover this month is in memory of our friend and faithful companion, Passamaquoddy Maid, who died unexpectedly at the end of April. Only seven. The drawing is by Ms. MacNabee, a fan of Nova Scotia Duck Tolling Retrievers. Quoddy was a dog who loved to sleep with her nose so far under the woodstove that her whiskers were singed and who would swim after 'ducks' to the point of hypothermia. I remember her standing on her hind legs to eat salal berries, and using her dog ESP until you finally got the message, "You will throw a stick for the dog". Our three-year-old neighbor Narasha knew Quoddy all her life, and kept saying, "Wake up, Quoddy." Me too.

Working with snails has given me a whole new interest in life--the Noble Slug. At the recent International Gastropodic Classic in California a race was held for slugs. Competitors were all banana slugs, animals known and hated by all gardeners. The winning slug trained for months on zucchini prior to the race. Competitors were sprayed with water by their trainers while racing, to keep the slime flowing. We need something like this in Bamfield--how about a Nimble Nubile Nudibranch Classic?

Thanks to the students of Bamfield's Eric Godson School for your contributions to this month's **Barkley Sounder**. The ideas for places to go on Spring Break certainly sound good on a rainy afternoon in Bamfield. Your articles, poems and pictures are very much appreciated.

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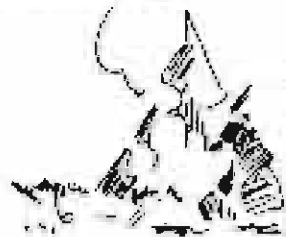
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Letters to the Editors

Dear Editor:

With all these comments about Tom (Ket's Holdings Ltd.) applying for a Marine Pub license I wish to comment--- Mrs. Garcia (the only immediate neighbor to the Motel Bldg.) has a concern. I don't blame her.

The Bamfield Firehall sells booze to the young and or the old...But that's O.K.

Mr. Jackson is applying for a Marine Pub license..But that's O.K.

The Bamfield Inn is applying for a class A license.. But that's O.K.

I could name people who have run boats into the docks, People who have run boats onto rocks after Bamfield dances. There is never a mention of this.

All Elaine and I hear about is R.C.M.P. coming in and the noise and drunks around.

We keep hearing about the Ole Hotel here, where a person got drunk and drowned--that was 45 years ago. Did Mr. Scott dig this out of the archives along with some of his other information whether true or not. Surely a man of his intelligence has a broader outlook. Some of us should leave Bamfield once or twice to experience the outer world. There are other unique villages in B.C.

We've lost residents due to drowning. They were on their way home from Port Alberni. (with a high alcohol content). They were not the first and as life goes they will not be the last. There have been numerous fishing boats lost, sunk and on the rocks because of alcohol. So the "Ole Hotel" was not the only culprit. Almost every home here has a cupboard full of booze for their own use.

A West Coast Trail hiker, fisherman, tourist or workman that rents a room is denied a drink because of the narrow minded people. It is my feeling people are afraid to have a quiet legal place to meet, talk, drink and eat with liquor rules and regulations that are going to be enforced.

Do you realize I can not jeopardise a 31 unit motel for a noisy Marine Pub. This Pub must shut down at 11.00 pm. Not like our Bamfield dances that go until 2:00 or 3:00 am. I am not against any of the above--but I do fail to see why we have two sets of rules--one for commercial and one for the Bamfield community.

Mrs. Jennings remarked about my not being a resident. "WELL" I built our summer home 22 years ago. Then 10 years later we built the store and cafe, 8 years ago the Motel. Since we had 3 girls in school we wished to live full time in Port Alberni. We have (on the average) 10-15 people on the Kets Holdings Ltd. payroll. We are the second or third largest tax payer there. So I do not see what living there and listening to the nit picking has to do with my business interests. Would being on welfare or a Government grant make me a better resident, if I live there?

I believe it is time we all had a positive outlook instead of a negative one.

Thanks Editor for the space
in the Great Paper

Tom Christian

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12:00pm Bamfield
Saturday run will stop at Broken Group Islands
for candidates and buyers on advance request.
NOTE: Pilots should be ready to board in Bamfield
at 11:30.

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11:00am Broken Group 3:00pm Broken Group
Ucluelet (Gibraltar Is.) Gibraltar Is.
12:20am Ucluelet 5:15pm Port Alberni

SUNDAY CRUISE TO BAMFIELD

July 1st thru Labour Day
9:00am Depart Port Alberni 3:30pm Depart Bamfield
12:00pm Bamfield 6:30pm Port Alberni.
NOTE: This Sunday departure from Bamfield may be ad-
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fantasies? So go ahead, dream a little, wish a little, and be young once in a while. It is good for you.

I was going to take off on the subject of non-resident voting but decided that I would leave it alone for the moment. I will say, though, that I am against it. I do not feel that voting rights should be conferred just because you happen to own land in an area other than the one you live in. I'll bet that those of you who live here and own land in other areas are not asked to vote on issues that affect your land in those communities.

In Pages from the Past there is an entry in the Pachena diary regarding strange lights in the sky. Could this be a flying saucer? It is comforting to know that people were seeing strange things in the sky a long time ago. These sightings are not purely recent mental aberrations. Too long on the lights?? Who knows.

And so much for this month. If you have anything that you would like to say, please feel free to write to us and we will print it for you. (probably).

One more thing, in passing. Our faithful female Duck Tolling Retriever, Quaddy, died peacefully a week or so ago. She was a lovely dog, and much loved by my wife. I got mad at Quoddy fairly frequently, but admired her courage and zest for life. I will miss her.



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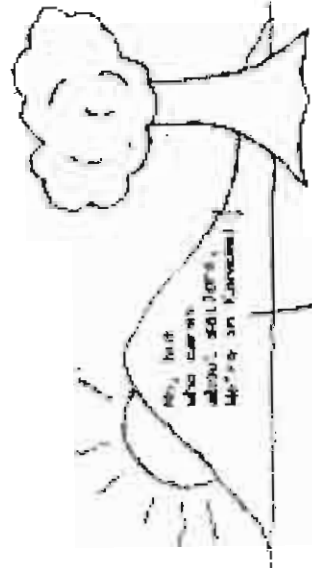
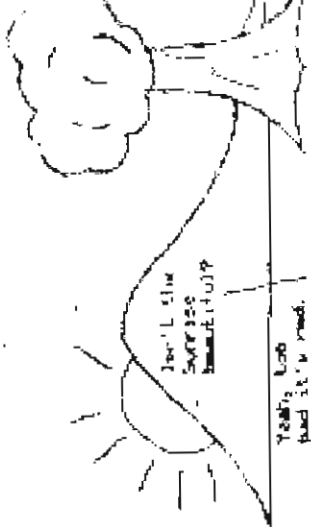
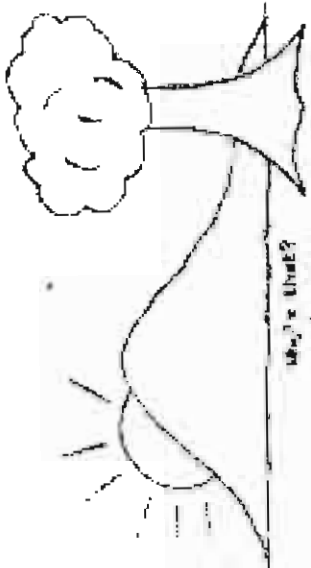
by
Bernice Stewart

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The wine and cheese party that was held on April 22nd was a great success. Everyone enjoyed visiting, playing pool or darts, Trivial Pursuit and even a scrabble game. Loretta Amos welcomed everyone to the hall and asked if they would like to have another one in the near future. The response was favorable. She then stated that we had held back one bottle of wine as a door prize. The door prize was won by Polly Garcia. Both Loretta and myself have since had many comments on how enjoyable an evening it was, so we've decided to have the next one in June, possibly either the 10th or 11th. We will be putting out posters and making personal phone calls.


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Above is Tony Christney's winning entry in the Victoria International Cartoon Festival, held in Victoria in early April. Tony won first prize in the Gr. 8-10 section and collected the prize of \$100 worth of art supplies donated by Victoria Book and Stationery.

CONGRATULATIONS, TONY!!!



FOR MOTHER'S DAY
by
Barb Desrochers

THANK YOU

Thank you for your loving ways
Your patience through my younger days
The way you show how much you care
Simply by just being there
Your helpful hints on how to live
The way you seem to always give

Thank you for your optimism
My dreams are all now realism
The time we shared when I was young
When my life had just begun
For the warm support you offer me
In your debt I'll always be

But most of all thanks for being you
I miss you, need you, love you true
Once again I'd like to say
Have a happy MOTHERS DAY.

SPRING BREAK

by
Rodney Logan

What I did on Spring Break was fun, but I would rather be skiing down the slopes of Big White. I could just see myself going full speed down the hill and wiping out at the bottom and seeing everybody laughing, but I wouldn't care because I would go back up and try again. After that I would call it a day and go to my cabin to relax. I would sit back, watch T.V. and drink a hot chocolate as I thought about the long trip back to Banfield. When I got to Banfield I would go and see my friends. After that I would walk home and say to myself, "School tomorrow!"

I don't think anybody our age likes school, but if you want a good job you have to go to school.

SPRING BREAK

by
Sheila Charles

What I would like to have done for Spring Break was to have gone down to Rio. I would have liked to walk along the beach and sunbathe and go swimming. I would have stayed in a huge hotel with a swimming pool on a sun deck. I would also have gone shopping and I would have rented a big sailboat.

If I had decided not to stay in the huge hotel I would have liked to stay in a mansion. Then I would have gone and picked JoAnne Bowker up, wherever she may have been, and we would have gone to Reno to gamble lots and lots of money, and to buy clothes, and use the rest of the money to buy different stuff, before flying home on a large aeroplane.

Instead of all of this fun I ended up staying right here in Bamfield.

MY SPRING BREAK

by
Tanya

If I had a wish to go where ever I wanted with whom ever I wanted, I think I would go to Greece. I'd go to Greece because it's sunny, warm, and peaceful. I think I'd pick someone very rich, gentle, caring and understanding. While in Greece I would buy an old stone house on an island far away from the cities. I think it would be up on a hill. The island wouldn't be too large, but it would have a large beach with many different coves. The house would be large. In my house, there would be five different rooms. There would be two bedrooms, one kitchen, a living room, and a room with no roof. The room with no roof would heat the house in the day time, and it would be a perfect place for parties. There would be no hydro, just a generator.

Instead of coming back to Bamfield, I would buy some sheep and have a farm. I would live there for about five years, and when I had enough money, I would go back to Bamfield and get my family. That is what my Spring Break would be like, instead of being bored to death in Bamfield.

WHAT I WANTED TO DO FOR SPRING BREAK

by
E.J. Papineau

If I was given a wish I would like to go to Maui, Hawaii. I pick Maui because it is sunny, warm and when it rains the rain is warm. I would go there for 8 days. I would go by plane. I would take myself and that's all. I would like to live there but I have to find out what it is like first. There are plenty of cute tanned guys. I would like to go swimming, sailing, surfing and walk the beach. After that I would go to the motel and get dressed up and go to a Seafood Restaurant and have supper. The next day I would go suntan for the whole day. Before I went home I would go shopping, and buy a whole bunch of nice Hawaiian clothes, flowered shirts, white pants, flowered dresses, sun hats, shoes and I would buy some souvenirs like spoons, plates, cups and other things. I would make sure my motel had a swimming pool and sauna and a whirlpool. It would have a seafood restaurant, shopping stores, and a gift shop. I would like a motel on the beach. My room would have a stereo, t.v., water bed and cute guys for room service. My room would have a balcony overlooking a beautiful beach with a telescope, so I could look around. I thought of all this and what did I do! I stayed in Banfield and went to Parksville, B.C. for a lousy week.

HARBOUR MASTER

Any items left in Dock sheds East/West will be removed at the owners cost, (ie) old oil stove in West dock shed. Will the owner please contact the Harbour Master at 728-3366.

Milk Run

The school ran 2 kilometers
and the school raised
money for Rick Hansen.

Jason came first.

Pepper ran too.

The school had Milk.

It was windy and
sunny.

Cameron Burke

REPORT ON MILK RUN

by

Sheila Charles and Joanne Bouker

On Wednesday, April 23rd, the students from Eric Godson ran 3 km from the West Government dock, up to the back trail, along to Randy Robertson's place down to the boardwalk and back to the Government Dock. At the end of the race they got a carton of milk. The students went around the Community asking for donations on April 21st. They earned \$118.80. The money will go to Rick Hanson Man In Motion Tour. We appreciated the Community donations.

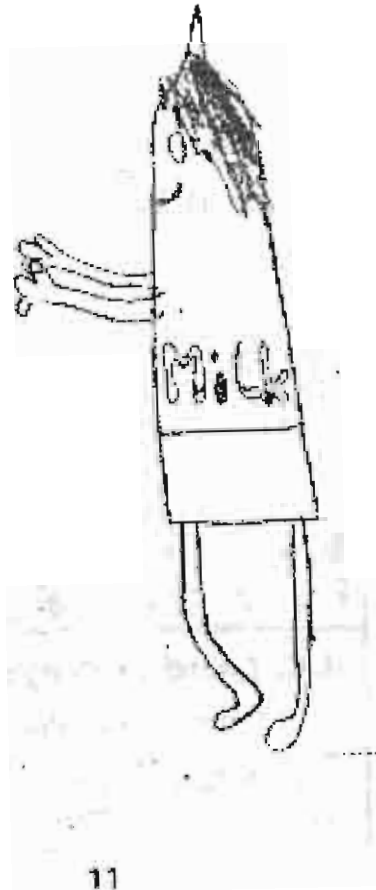
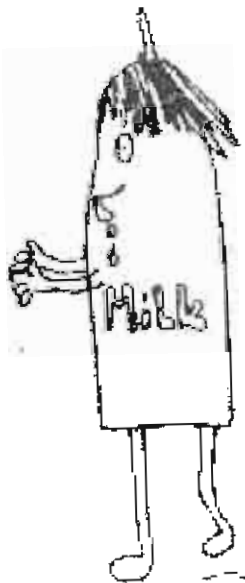


Picture
by
Rod Logan

The Milk Run

Down

The Eric Gibson Memorial School ran
3 km. The run was on Wednesday, April 23.
The grades 1 to 8 ran. We raised money for Rick
Hansen. The school raised \$120.00 for Rick.



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TO HAVE A DREAM

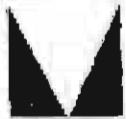
by
Debbie Cook

ALWAYS HAVE A DREAM AND BELIEVE IT WILL COME
TRUE,
STRIVE TO MAKE IT HAPPEN IN EVERYTHING YOU
DO,
FOR DREAMS ARE WHAT MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING,
LOVE WORTH TAKING AND LOVE WORTH GIVING,
DREAMS KEEP LIFE FROM BEING BORING,
THEY LIFT UP YOUR SPIRITS AND KEEP THEM
SOARING.

SPRING

by
Jo Anne Bowker

SPRING IS A TIME FOR FUN,
THROUGH THE CLOUD SHINES THE SUN,
ON THE BEACH WE PLAY BALL,
DREAMING OF A CRYSTAL BLUE WATERFALL,
I LIKE SPRING,
IT HAS THE VALUE OF A DIAMOND RING.

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SPRINGTIME

by
B.J.

EVERYDAY THE CLOUDS PASS BY
THE SUN COMES OUT AND WARMS THE SKY;
EVERYDAY WE LAUGH AND PLAY,
SPRING IS NEAR IT'S ON THE WAY.
SPRING HAS GONE BUT DON'T YOU FEAR
JUST YOU WAIT, SUMMER IS HERE.
WE CAN STILL SCREAM AND SHOUT
YES, BECAUSE THE SUN IS OUT!

THE OLD MAN FROM COMOX

by
B.J.

THERE WAS AN OLD MAN FROM COMOX,
WHO HAD STINKY OLD SOCKS
THEY WERE SO FULL OF MILDEW,
THEY GOT UP AND GREW.
THE POOR OLD MAN FROM COMOX.

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FIRE DEPT NEWS

by

W.J. Mather, Chief

The Bamfield fireboat was launched April 26, 1986, after being out of service for eight months.

The fireboat underwent an extensive refit, involving major hull repairs and changes along with being outfitted with two 500 gallon per minute fire pumps. The vessel is also being given new outboard engines.

At 1:00 pm on the 26th of April, Jim Hobson trailored the vessel from the fire hall to the boat launching ramp, where the Rev. Dr. Ross and many spectators were waiting. Dr. Ross conducted a service, christening the fireboat the "DARLENE SOMMERVILLE". Immediately following the ceremony the traditional bottle of champagne was smashed against the bow by Hedy Demasigny.

From the boat launching ramp the "DARLENE SOMMERVILLE" was towed by the coast guard to Ostrom's where she received most of her finishing touches.

On behalf of the Fire Dept. Officers and members, I would like to thank all those whose efforts made this refit possible. Many many hours of labour were needed to complete the job, most of which were donated. Thank you!!!

A "thank you" to Dr. Ross for officiating at the ceremony. As some of you may remember, Dr. Ross was a long time Secretary-Treasurer for the Dept.

I would also like to thank Bill and Laurie McDermid for the loan of their herring skiff. When we borrowed the skiff to use as a temporary fireboat, we expected to have need of it for only two months. We appreciate the patience you afforded us.

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REGIONAL DISTRICT REPORT

by
Al Benton

It was refreshing to see a fairly good turnout at the Community Affairs Meeting on April 21st. Thanks to all of you who took the time to come.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who did not run for re-election to committees. Barb Bunting, Tom Schmidt, Keith Wyton, Kitty Lloyd, and Pat Garcia have given freely of their time and effort to help keep the democratic process alive, and I hope that you all appreciate their efforts as much as I do.

At the April 23rd Regional Board Meeting I asked that a letter be sent requesting that a survey of all non-resident property owners be included in any survey of the community on liquor licensing applications. It was suggested to the Regional Board Staff by the Liquor Licensing office that this could be required if so requested. A substantial majority of those at the Community Affairs Meeting felt that this was a reasonable request.

About two months ago, the Regional Board commissioned an economic study of the effects of reduced fishing quotas on the West Coast communities. I have a copy of this study if anyone could like to see it. Basically, it very conservatively estimates a loss of 3 million dollars per year to our region. At the April Board meeting, a committee was struck to attempt to find ways to increase our input to DFO. I am a member of this committee, along with the three mayors. Hopefully I'll have something to report to you next month.

A couple of people have said to me that it seems to them that any rezoning application here receives almost automatic approval. I can understand how this might seem to be the case, but that is only because you don't see what goes on behind the scenes before an application comes to Public Hearing. In many cases applicants talk to me before they even apply. After that they discuss the proposal with the Regional District planning staff, and often with the A.P.C. Suggestions are made in all cases, and it is not unusual for an application to be dropped or substantially modified before Public Hearing. I hope to be able to have our Senior Planner come to the community Affairs Meeting next Fall, to explain the process and answer questions.

CAPE BEALE WEATHER
by
Norble Brand

TEMPERATURE

Mean Maximum 10.2°C
Mean Minimum 5.0°C

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

Maximum 15.5°C on April 7
Minimum 1.5°C on April 30

PRECIPITATION

256.8 mm - 10.1 inches
Heaviest April 19 to 20 64.22mm 2.5 inches
There were 7 days without measurable precipitation.

COMPARISON WITH 1985

TEMPERATURE

Mean Maximum 15.0°C
Mean Minimum 1.5°C

PRECIPITATION

178.7 mm 7 inches
There were 7 days without measurable precipitation.

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WEATHER
by
Peter Janitis

April and it's showers. All twenty days of them. The highest showery day was on the 19th, with almost 2 inches. As for sunshine, also twenty days with 'some' of it. So, after all, it was not so bad at all. Not as bad as Bamfield politics are.

Temperatures. 13.5° C on the 7th. To -1.0° C on both the 10th and the 30th.

Mean Maximum	10.8° C
Mean Minimum	3.25° C
Mean Temperature	7.02° C

Precipitation. 8.63 inches for the month. Average for April is 8.07 inches. We are way ahead with rainfall compared with last year's 24.71 inches, as against 57.49 inches for this year at the end of the same period of time.

No snow. No big blows. No fog. And why not? Not much of a garden planted yet.



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The following is from the April-May-June issue of the British Columbia Sport Fishing magazine. We thought it might be of interest to Barkfield.

Oops Department: Ted Peck Outdoors was left out of last issue's Guide and Charter Directory. Ted and the Keora Kutie can be contacted at 921-9639. He says that he looks forward to an even better season this year than last (if that's possible) and that he's going to be doing some work with Gary Jackson on the new Barkley Sound Sportsmen's Club.

Gary and Ted introduced their resort concept and showed the proposed Eagle Nest Resort at the Seattle Sportsman's Show in February. Seattle anglers seemed to really like the idea of fishing on the "wild side" during the day and playing in the resort's casino at night.

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Letters to the Editors

Dear Sir:

Construction of a new access from the back trail to the Outpost Hospital seems again to be an issue, largely because of the efforts of one individual in the community. Because we have had this discussion in the past, because Sheila, as Margaret Pardy before her, and the Red Cross are on record as being opposed to the proposal, for very good and substantial reasons, and because there is a great deal of support for the Red Cross in Bamfield, some of us at least are led to question the motives of the individual involved.

Why, for example, would someone telephone the Commissioner in Vancouver three times in a week when Sheila was away, asking for permission to build the access and wanting an answer before Sheila returned? Is it because there has not been enough turmoil over access roads in West Bamfield? Is it because he believes that neither Margaret, nor Sheila are community minded; that they invent reasons to oppose the access simply to make life difficult for others? Except for the tactics used, I would be inclined to accept the last, and kindest answer to the question. But there is no kind interpretation.

Both Sheila, and Margaret, as well as others in the community recognise that simple answers sometimes generate more problems. The wisdom required to solve problems is found collectively. That's the joy of a democracy. When one tries to impose his will on others and fails to even try to understand the new problems his solution generates, that individual becomes a liability to the community.

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

by
Rod Burke

May brings with it longer days, more sunshine and blue sky, typical spring excitement and the general feeling of having successfully conquered another winter. It also brings with it a reminder of the effort necessary to complete a successful and eventful school year. Spring Break signalled the beginning of the third term and the students returned refreshed and ready to go!

The major event in the school in April was our participation in the "Milk Run". This is an event sponsored by the B.C. Dairy Foundation and The B.C. School Sports Association. It consists of a 3 km. run, at the completion of which the participants were given a carton of milk. The accompanying donations this year were passed on to the Rick Hansen appeal for rehabilitation through sport. Rick Hansen is the B.C. born paraplegic who is wheelchairing his way around the world to promote that very idea. The total donations contributed in Bamfield were \$120, a very charitable amount. All students from Gr. 1 to 8 at Eric Godson participated and they all enjoyed the experience. Although it was not a race, the fastest time was 8:07 recorded by Jason Bolton, and it will be interesting to see how that stands up as a challenge to next year's students.

Our current enrollment is 48 with the addition of two new students, Stephanie Daw has just joined Mrs. Lindsay's Kindergarten, and Roberta Kanute has just joined us in Gr. 6 from E.J. Dunn. We welcome both of the new students to Eric Godson Memorial.

The P.A.T. has been very busy in hosting a Pot Luck Supper in March. This was very well attended and we appreciate the support. On May 10th they are planning a Dinner Dance in the Community Hall, so plan to keep that night free and join us for an evening of relaxation and enjoyment.

At this point I would like to thank Carl Ostrom for his efforts in repairing our playground carousel, the most well used of our playground equipment.

In the early part of April the city of Victoria hosted an International Cartoon Competition. This event was divided into several grade groups and one of our Gr. 8 students, Tony Christney, won first prize in the Gr. 8-10 section. Tony's winning

entry can be seen elsewhere in the BARKLEY SOUNDEN.

There are several events coming up that should be noted.

May 10th: P.A.T. Dinner Dance at the Community Hall.

May (last week): Eric Godson Annual Track Meet.

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LEITH BOULTER

The long arm of coincidence, timing and perhaps fate has reached out and touched the life of Phil Tipler in a way that almost defies explanation.

Phil was born in England in 1927. When he was six, his parents separated and he lived with relatives who had their own six-year-old called Clifford. The two boys became fast friends.

Phil came to Canada at age 11. While serving in the Merchant Navy in World War 2 he had a ten-day leave in England, nine of which he spent searching for his mother, leaving him only one day in her company. Shortly after he returned to Canada he lost his wallet containing her address. He knew he had loads of relatives in England, and likely some in Canada and the U.S., but he had no contacts.

In April of 1985, Phil's stepson, David Bryson, went to Nanaimo Hospital to have a surgical pin removed from a finger he had broken some months previously. He asked his mother, now Mrs. Florence Tipler, to pick him up. When Flo got there the attending nurse, Liz Brockbank, hearing her name, remembered having spent some time, as a child in Ontario, at a place called Tipler's cabin. When Flo got home and told her husband, Phil asked her to get back to the nurse and see if she could supply him with the names and addresses. By a strange coincidence, one of several, Liz had been filling in at the out-patient department for that one evening. When hospital staff found out the reason for the search, they checked everyone called Liz to see who it might have been.

Liz Brockbank wrote to Ontario and came up with a Tipler name and address. Not only did this produce a relative, but another cousin whose daughter had just completed a family chart tracing their line back into the 1700s. Phil got a copy of this and saw the name of his boyhood chum, Clifford.

Then the search was on for Clifford. The Ontario branch had contacts in England, and one of them located Clifford, now retired after 46 years with the BBC. So Phil and Clifford began a correspondence, leading up to a request that Clifford try to locate Phil's mother.

Finally she was found in Leicester, living in the same house as when Phil had been there in the forties, and still perky at 79.

Phil leaves for England in May. Clifford will return to Canada with him for Expo and a U.S. tour with Phil and Flo in their motorhome. Meanwhile, Phil has both phone numbers punched into his telephone's memory bank, where one touch of a fingertip brings either Mother or Clifford into his living-room.

David Bryson injures his finger on an outboard motor in early '85 and later just happens to meet a particular nurse at Nanaimo General, who just happens to catch his mother's name. Flo just happened to be there. She merely mentioned it to her husband. Liz Brockbank just happened to be able to locate someone in Ontario. Phil's mother happened to be in the same house after all those years. Soon he will be face-to-face with the mother he hasn't seen in over 40 years.

It could all be attributed to a series of lucky coincidences. Or it could be the result of a loose network of random probabilities being woven into a meaningful pattern by an invisible craftsman.

This in turn leads to the question: exactly what is going on, really? But that's another subject.

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PAGES FROM THE PAST

by

R. Bruce Scott

Extracts from the Carmanah Point lighthouse diaries. Entries made by W.P. Daykin concerning weather and general conditions.

July 13, 1898.

Very fine and clear. I could see men on the lighthouse tower at Cape Flattery. Sea very smooth but about every half hour all day several heavy rollers came in.

July 19.

Great quantity of salmon along the coast.

July 29.

Sea calm, very fine and smooth; lots of salmon - got five, one King salmon $32\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

August 10.

Midnight. Fog; signal going; light??? Clear as a bell around the lamp and along the beach at times but thick a little way off shore.

August 17.

1:30 am. A curious light in the sky between here and Flattery. One light crescent shaped and a long perpendicular streak of light east of it. Fog high up but could see Tatoosh light below.

August 23.

Very warm night. Great many salmon flies around (?)

February 25, 1899

Very large ring around the full moon, smaller ring inside.

March 8.

Queen City landed freight and mail. Had to pay an Indian to get the mail - too sick (grippe).

Stone enquired if there was a new missionary and a church bell on board. He added that he did not expect there was.

1900 01 1900.

Flagpole guy wire carried away owing to log slipping down the bluff and let the pole fall across the engine room roof but did very little damage. Took topmast, gaff and yard down and removed all halyards etc., and block it clear of roof. Put temporary pole up on lighthouse.

February 11.

Very large ring around the moon.

March 8.

Willapa arrived. Paid Indian \$1.50 to get mail. Quadra returned from Beale where she landed more lumber - about half - bad landing - returned to San Juan at 5 pm.

March 15.

Cape Beale called with message via Victoria for Alberni. Jap insane - imagines Indians want to kill him and trying to commit suicide. Got message as far as San Juan.

March 23.

Great quantity of fish and sea lions around.

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DO YOU KNOW ?

by

Dave Hegstrom

- 1) The longest (largest) jelly fish (cyanea arctica) washed up in Massachusetts Bay, Massachusetts, USA in 1865. Its bell diameter was $7\frac{1}{2}$ ft. (2.29M) and its tentacles measured 120 ft. (36.5 M).
- 2) Mr. Hans N. Langseth of Norway had the longest beard on record. He lived in Norway in 1848 and his beard was $17\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long. (5.33 M).
- 3) Swami Pandorasannadhi of India had the longest hair on record. In 1949 his hair measured 26 ft. (7.93 M) in length.
- 4) Masuriyo Din of India had the longest moustache. Recorded in 1908, it had a span of 8 ft. 6 in. (2.59M).
- 5) In surfing, the highest waves ridden were 35 ft (10M). A 50 ft. (15M) wave was ridden in Minole, Hawaii, on April 3, 1868 during a tsunami. It was ridden by Mr. Holuo to save his life.
- 6) The fastest swimmer (human) is Mr. David Holmes Edgar of the U.S.A. On March 4, 1971 he attained a speed of 5.05 MPH (8.12 KM/H) in a swimming pool.

COAST GUARD

David Hegstrom OIC

To date there have been 15 incidents. No lives lost.

The old Bamfield Lifeboat has been in Victoria since March 23 for a refit. A survey was done by Meadows Marine Surveyors Ltd. She is found to be a little soft in guards and stem. Electrolysis has gotten to some of her fastenings. At this point, we don't know if she'll come back into SAR or not. She'll be in Expo/86 from May 12 to May 18 and then we have been asked back to the 9th Classic Boat Festival in Victoria. We may also go to the Wooden Boat Festival in U.S.A.

Anyone wishing to have their boats inspected for safety gear please call the station.



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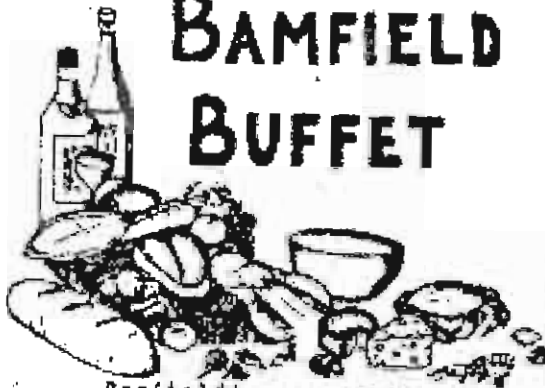
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FROM THE LIGHTHOUSE

by
Eva Brand

CHICKEN STRIPS MEXICAN STYLE

2 Eggs
bottled Taco sauce
1/4 t. salt
1 cup fine dry breadcrumbs
1 t. each: chili powder
 ground cumin
3/4 t. garlic powder
1/4 t. oregano leaves
2 whole chicken breasts, boned,
skinned and cut into long strips.
1/4 cup butter or margarine
1 ripe avocado
4-6 cups shredded lettuce
about 1/2 cup sour cream
about 1/2 cup of any spicy mexi-
can sauce. (for dipping)
4 green onions, thinly sliced
tomato wedges
lemon or lime wedges

In a shallow bowl, beat together eggs, three Tablespoons taco sauce and salt. In another bowl, combine breadcrumbs, chili powder, cumin, garlic powder and oregano. Dip each chicken piece into egg mixture, then breadcrumb mix, then egg mix and crumb mixture again.

Melt butter in 350°F oven. Remove pan from oven, add chicken strips, turn to coat with butter. Bake uncovered in 350° oven for about 20 minutes, or until tender and crisp outside.

To serve, arrange chicken on bed of lettuce. Garnish with green onions, sliced avocado, tomato wedges and lemon. Serve with sour cream and hot sauce.

JACKIE'S APPLE CRISP

by
Jackie Dennis Gr. 7

- 8 Apples
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup butter

- 1) Mix up flour, sugar, brown sugar, rolled oats, vanilla and butter.
- 2) Cut apples up so that it makes 4 cups.
- 3) Get a large pan so that the apples cover the bottom of the pan.
- 4) Then cover the apples with the flour, brown sugar, sugar etc.
- 5) Then put over on at 350' and leave in oven for 40 to 45 minutes or until apples are soft.
- 6) Let it cool for 10 or 15 minutes.

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SPRINGTIME BIRDS !!

by
Ida Welland

So, here I am wavering between the urge to rush outside in the pouring rain, raise my fists up towards the sky, and scream at the weatherman, or just resign myself to indoors for another stretch. As you see, the indoor occupations have won, but I must admit there are compensations sometimes. Here we spend more time than really justified just grabbing at binoculars to scan the trees or ground for another bird which has just flown in. Tends to prolong breakfast time tremendously.

During the past few weeks we have duly admired the Golden-Crowned Sparrows that have checked the area over for seeds - those are Bernadette's special pets from a few years back. They have a tendency to be very hard on early gardens. Have also noticed a flock of starlings, back again for another season. Despite their bad reputation they can make quite a clean sweep of the bug population. I wonder if they clear out the cutworms and earwigs! Right about there I'd almost welcome them. Today found another bird on the not-so-welcome list probing the lawn for bugs, the Brown-headed Cowbird. These last-named birds can certainly wreak havoc among the small birds. They have little to do with domestic duties - merely laying one of their large-sized eggs in the nest of a much smaller warbler, sparrow, or other, and promptly taking off, leaving brooding duties and feeding of the results to the overworked warbler or sparrow. The bird they choose for this onerous task is usually unable to roll the offending egg out of the nest and so finally accepts the situation and rears this larger intruder - sometimes even the young cowbird will push the legitimate babies out of the nest to rid itself of the competition for feed. Meanwhile, Ma and Pa Cowbird are off merrily looking after themselves alone.

The Stellar's Jay is another rascal in the crowd. In this case he is usually after the eggs or babies in other birds nests, and can swiftly wreak havoc on a Robin's nest or any other of the smaller birds. He is such a handsome bird that I don't like chasing him, but during the nesting season usually scold him when he heads over towards known nest areas. (Sometimes he stops and listens to me!) This year I might be extra tough on him, as we have seen some special birds we would like the encourage as new inhabitants.

Within the past week two pair of Townsend's have been busily flitting around collecting insects in the trees and on the ground. What a sight - a flash of bright yellow with black accenting the color alerts you to this one's identity. The adult male in breeding dress sports a black-black crown, cheek patch, and throat, with black streaks down the breast - the bright yellow seems to encircle the black eye in a triangular shape, with more yellow in the breast turning into white on the underparts. A lively shade of gray shows up on the wings with white wing bars and some black showing up on the gray tail - as well as on the olive-greenish-yellow back. (Hope you can figure that one out.) The adult female has the same head markings but on a more muted tone of cool gray instead of black-black.

Audobon's Warblers have also put in an appearance. Slightly less striking than the Townsend's, they sport a bright yellow throat patch, as well as a yellow crown patch and, just forward of the wings, two yellow patches. The breast is not as streaked as Townsend's, and mostly white, the rest of the bird being pearly gray interspersed with white. Always someone wants to change things, and in the National Geographic Field Guide the Audobon's Warbler and the Myrtle Warbler are being called Yellow-rumped Warbler. Personally I like the separate names as they were.

Of note also are the tiny Ruby-Crowned Kinglets which have been flitting about twittering happily as they glean the tiny insects from the trees. Apparently they are fond of the spruce bud moth, which should make these little birds popular with the forestry people.

Some flocks of Pine Siskins are about, putting on their spectacular aerobatic displays. Large flocks, comprised of hundreds of individuals will suddenly take off on precision flying maneuvers as they circle around from one tree to the next. Pat Garcia has been trying to identify some elusive birds which spent a short time around her place. From the description, they were possibly the House Finch or the Purple Finch, which are both known to come into this region.

¹ Rather please with myself also, that I finally identified to my satisfaction - Surfbirds - which spend a fair amount of time in large flocks at the waters edge, twittering loudly to all and sundry. My waterbird I.D.'s are strictly limited. Must rectify that some day!

Okay folks, that's all for now. Lo and behold - my reward

seems to be that the sun is once more shining. Happy birding, and I'll endeavor to get back to the Wrens next time. Also will tell you a bit more about Menus for birds.

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Just a note from Bessie to let you all know how she is. She loves to hear from all her dear friends and it has been so kind of you to write and send cards.

We have had a very busy Spring even though the weather has turned so cold and miserable lately. Mom has been having several eye appointments to see if we can fix up her eye a bit better. We won't know for sure until summer if she will decide to get the cataract off her eye. Also Mom goes to the Day Hospital every Wednesday and Friday. It is a wonderful place where they combine a lot of physical therapy with what seems to me to be a lot of fun - can't wait till I get old and can go!

At Day Hospital she has won at Bingo, played floor hockey and gone bowling. They make their own lunch and do some baking. There is a Geriatric Specialist, a Physiotherapist, Occupational Therapist, Pharmacist, Social Worker, Nurse, etc. etc. all there

to keep them happy.

We also had a lovely party in March with Susan Scott providing the entertainment playing her Scottish Harp. Mr. and Mrs. R. Bruce Scott, Mrs. Frank Stewart, her daughter Frances and granddaughter, Allison nee Hughes (can't remember her married name!), Mark Phillips and my sister Violet were all in attendance.

For Easter we had an egg hunt and weiner roast at Goldstream Park for all the children. Luckily it was a warm day and Mom came along for the fun. Right after Easter the circus came to town so we just had to take Mom and Karl. I could hardly get Mom to leave - she enjoyed it so much. They had a lot of animals - bears, tigers, dogs, horses, monkeys, etc. etc.

We have had a few visitors, Ellen, Violet, Sonja, Ann and Alice and Henry have been over from Vancouver. We also enjoy seeing Kitty and Dean from Bamfield when they can pop it. Irma Cashin was in Victoria for a few days and Mom enjoyed seeing Irma, too.

Hope all is well with all of you and Mom sends her love. Just to tease you I have put a picture of "Lady Di" on our letter, but you will have to suffer through reading my short story attached before you will know why I did!!!



Love,
Bessie and Nora
Bessie Wickham
(and Nora Flower)

Big moment

THEIR ROYAL HIGHNESSES
THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS
OF WALES

Well, I suppose by now everyone is wondering why I have a picture of 'Lady Di' on our letter. I have saved the best story for the end here.

We decided 'spur of the moment' to take Mom to see the Royal couple arrive here at the Parliament Buildings. My husband, Ron, who is not much of a Royalist, had told me previously that there would be no way in the world that he was going to fight the crowds in excess of 10,000 people to get us there when we wouldn't see anything anyway. I very much wanted to see Lady Di and Prince Charles and must have had a terrible long face on the day of their arrival as Ron relented and at about noon the same day in the midst of buying a new lamp at the Hudson's Bay, (Karl had just broken our old lamp while jumping on the couch much to our dismay), he announced out of the blue that he would take us there. Well - what a flurry of activity - to get home - to get ready - to get going. I had only a half an hour. No time to shop for new hats which everyone told me we must have if we were to be noticed by Diana. I picked a small bouquet of semi-attractive "weeds" from our garden - the only flowers out around and some foil. I packed Mom's warmest clothing and off we rushed to the Day Hospital to kidnap her out of her therapy for the rest of the day. As I got Mom warmly dressed we jokingly told the other elderly folks that we were taking Mom to have lunch with Chuck and Di. A lady with a very British accent said "When you see Charles will you tell him I said hello." !!!!

So here we were amidst all this excitement, the bands, the crowds, the flags. What fun! Ron found several spots that he parked us in and each time I would look around and see something just a bit better - "see over there - there are a lot of wheel-chairs just there inside that fence," I said. "No way - I'm not moving you guys one more time," but eventually Ron found himself pushing Mom's chair through a police guarded security entrance with a group of other wheel-chairs from Gorge Hospital. "Everyone can see me" he says. "Don't worry," I said, "just look like you belong here". And that is how Mom got to shake the hand of the man who one day will be king and Karl gave the future queen some flowers.

Ron was asked to leave but Mom, Karl and I could stay. Immediately after Prince Charles's speech they started their "walk about". I still had the very bedraggled and wilted bouquet of flowers so I quickly gave them to Karl as Charles approached. He was working through the crowds on the other side of the path from us, shaking hands and chatting, but then he spotted Mom. Well, he turned and walked directly across over to her. I was so stunned. He shook Mom's hand for ever so long. In his clipped accent he said "Ms'am, I hope that you are not too cold." I was frozen to the spot, I couldn't move a muscle and it wasn't from the cold! Mom must have felt the same way - She mumbled something incoherent back to him.

"I see they have got you all 'rugged up', he said. (I had put a heavy blanket on Mom's lap). Then he turned to me and said with a twinkle in his eyes, "I don't suppose those are for me". He pointed at the flowers. I shook my head. My mind went blank, my mouth went dry, my knees shook. I must be dreaming. All I could do is grin a dozey lop sided grin. Mom, Karl and I just stood there, rooted to the spot, eyes and mouths open. I think Prince Charles went back over to the other side of the path just then. I really don't know - he just sort of faded out of my sight in slow motion!

"Are those for me" she said it so sweetly. Diana. What I thought, I musn't blink or move or I will surely wake up and this will be all over. I had rehearsed with Karl that he was supposed to say "Your Royal Highness". So I poked him in the ribs and muttered "say it now". Nothing. He stood mute like the rest of us while the crowds of thousands screamed, shoved and held out their hands to be touched by royalty. "We love you Di" "We love you Charles" they screamed all round us. She smiled a lovely smile for Karl and took our small bouquet. Then she seemed to reach over and all round me to shake hands with so many others. It seemed as if the film which had been in slow motion now went into fast - they were in their limousine and gone.

As we walked up to get the car they did drive by us and I waved as I could see them inside waving - I wondered if they recognized me.

I really felt that they did sprinkle a little magical "star dust" on us. We have been excitedly watching the T.V. coverage - unfortunately the camera just got the top of Karl's blond head and they didn't play the interview that ECTV did with Mom after.

Mom spoke very quietly and you know good old Mom she said just what she thought - when the interviewer asked her if she was excited about shaking Prince Charles' hand - she replied "Well I'd rather shake his hand than her's" (Diana's). Mom is not fond of shy Di as I am.

I am a big fan of Diana's now. She wore royal blue with black dots and she said she was freezing cold. In real life she looks much different than on T.V. or in pictures. She is taller than Charles, but she is very very thin and has a fragile look about her. Almost the look of a frightened deer ready to bolt out of the headlights of your car on a dark night - startled by the brightness of it all.

She has a lovely complexion, absolutely beautiful and flawless skin. She wears little makeup and her nails looked natural. But it was still the aura about her that got me - sweetness, innocence, youth with a vulnerability that makes her not a bit stuck up at all. I think she was a bit like you or I would be in her situation - nervous.

The next day on talking with an acquaintance whose husband had attended the press dinner at the Government House - she mentioned that he had heard Diana say "The press always makes William appear to be such a bad boy but he really is not - he just is very active. I don't let him crayon on the palace walls!!!"

Well, such is life, with the Royal visit over now I must go back to reality and the normal goings on of everyday life and routine. Dirty dishes, dirty house and dirty clothes. It seemed for a while I could dream - to meet Charles who shares the same birthyear as me and whom I felt I knew when I saw him because all my life he has had to share his private life with the public. I really feel proud of him - I am sure he has had to go through all the trials and tribulations of growing up as I did and he did it with the extra burden of the press following his every move. I think he has become a most sensitive and caring person and will someday be a most loved King.

Nora Flower

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The R.C.M.P. have been visiting here quite often. It's great to see them. It seems to me there had been lots of gas gone missing in previous years-tanks and all. Last season we had two tourists lose all their gear. I believe it is for our own safety to chain our motors to our boats.

How did we arrive-a tourist-Have a look around - Yes then up and down the harbour. How many were born and/or raised in Bamfield? I'm not knocking it- just stating a fact. How many commercial fishermen.

Thank you

Elatne Christian

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By the way, Carl, the capital of Afghanistan is Kabul.

Community Affairs Meeting Elections

There were no elections necessary at the April Community Affairs Meeting. Each vacancy had one nomination from the floor. Our new representatives are:

Water Committee:

Bill Petch and Carl Ostrom were elected by acclamation. Continuing members are Bill Mather, who, as Fire Chief is automatically a member, and the APC Chairman.

Advisory Planning Commission

Mike Warren, Bill Petch and Dean Cariou were elected by acclamation for two year terms. Koby Lee-Ran was elected by acclamation for the one year term. They join incumbent member Bill McDermid.

Parks Commission

All four members were elected from the community by acclamation. Eileen Scott continues on the commission, with new members Val Burger, Barb Hall and Kent Ollis.

Other issues of interest involved more discussion on the impending Marine Pub at the Bamfield Trails Motel and the cost of \$55. per 55 households per year to convert our existing, illegal satellite dish system to a legal operation, operated by CANCOM. The meeting adjourned with Carl Ostrom's suggestion that we put a 5 cent surtax on each glass of liquor served at the Marine Pub and use it to pay CANCOM.

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