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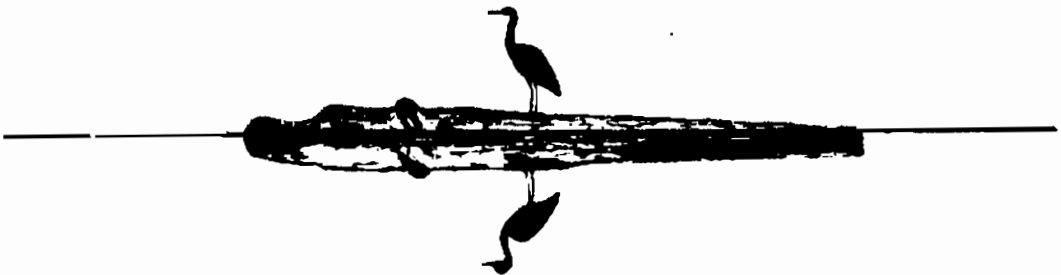
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THE MASTHEAD

by

Jeanne Ferris, Editor

Summer is finally here, some parts of some days. There is a group of about fifty Canada geese that has been sitting across the water from my house for at least a week now. Like the geese drawn for our cover this month, they seem to want to stay in Bamfield a while longer before flying further north. Or maybe it's just a lethargic group. I watched them around 6:30 one morning as the tide was coming in. They had all been sleeping on the beach and as the water rose they stood up, shook their tail feathers, and walked, all fifty of them, around the bay to a higher spot. Never mind this flying stuff; that's for the birds.

Our cover was drawn on a napkin at the Cafe by Michael Jay. Michael is a wonderful watercolour artist, as most of us know, but he also excels in a rare art form known as napkin (or serviette?) art. We shuffled through hundreds of napkin drawings to find just the right ones for the May/June **Sounder** cover. I also took home another pile to photocopy, so most of the

illustrations you will see in this issue are courtesy of Michael Jay. Another Bamfield artist deserves thanks this month too. Heather McLeod, age seven, did the dinosaur poem and illustration. Thank you very much, Michael and Heather.

Special thanks go to Ebba this month. She wrote the memories and condolences for those who have passed for this issue, and then she accidentally threw out her good copies! She stoically rewrote everything from her rough drafts. Her spirit is as strong and beautiful as all the lovely flowers blooming in her yard. Thank you again, Ebba.

The collators will again be here, any minute, so it is time to quit 'keying in' (remember when people used to type?) and get on with printing the **Sounder**. Have a great summer solstice on June 21!





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SCHOOL NEWS

by
Agnes Caravati
President, PAT

The Parents' Action Team (PAT) of Eric Godson School wishes to thank the people of the community for their support of and donations to the Bottle Drive and the Family Potluck Supper. Both events were a great success.

The PAT consists of nine parents this year. We are affiliated with the BC Parent Advisory Council (PAC), which is based in New Westminster.

In each school there is a principal, teachers for the children, and the parents. So, this is how it works: The principal is the educational leader, with responsibilities for the management of the pupils, programs, staff and building. The PAT is informed by the School Board and the PAC on policies, actions, proposed changes in curriculum and etc.

As parents, we can express our opinions and influence decisions. Our role as fund raisers is also important, as the yearly budget is allocated on a per student basis.

Eric Godson school receives little extra money for things such as Physical Education (PE) equipment, library updating, educational computer programs, field trips and etc.

We are now focusing on upgrading the school playground equipment. The members of the PAT feel we are exercising our rights and duties as good citizens and parents. Come join us!

One more thing; don't forget **Sports Day!** It will be held at Pachena from 9 am to 3 pm on Friday, June 21. This will be our last event for the school year.





BAMFIELD BABY BLOOM

We welcome five new babies this month! Two of the babies have proud Aunties who wrote their congratulatory notices. Thank you, Auntie Danielle and Auntie Brenda!

Lisa Lynne Kitagawa

by

Auntie Brenda Hawkins

Congratulations to Tracy and Randy Kitagawa on the birth of their first daughter, Lisa Lynne. She was born April 12, 1991 and weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces.

Michael Steven

by

Auntie Danielle Baker

Jacquie and Steve are proud to announce their new arrival, a 7 pound 11 ounce little boy. He was born at 2:10 am on Sunday, April 21. He was named Michael Steven.

Robert Kenneth Amos

Congratulations to Loretta and Don and Scott Amos on the birth of a little brother for Scottie, Robert Kenneth Amos. Robert was born May 3, 1991 and weighed in at 8 pounds 11 ounces.

Jeremy Wallace Levitan

Congratulations to Don and Chelsie Levitan who welcomed their first child, Jeremy Wallace on May 21, 1991 at 6:24 am. Jeremy was born weighing 8 pounds 6 ounces. A sad 'Good-bye' as well, since the Levitan family will be leaving soon for Don's new post-doc position at the University of California in Davis.

Francis Carieau

Congratulations to Kitty Lloyd and Dean Carieau on the arrival of their second daughter, Francis. Claire's little sister was born on Wednesday, May 29, 1991 in Victoria and will soon be appearing in Bamfield!

REGIONAL REPORT

by

Mike Hicks, Regional Director

It seems that many of our area's potholes have been filled over the past few months. The road issue has been dealt with for the time being, road grading has improved, our Parks Commission-/Chamber of Commerce building is under way, clam poaching has been officially protested, and a floating fishing lodge moratorium has been placed on Barkley Sound.

I have been allowed a three month leave of absence from the Regional Board and Keith Wyton will be filling in during the summer.

Starting in September, my goal is to completely audit and analyze Bamfield's tax commitment to the Regional Board and the benefits received. I would predict some surprising conclusions and strong and controversial reactions in the Fall. Until then, have a wonderful summer!

[For those who may have missed it, the **Sounder** publishes below the letter Mike distributed via householder mailing after the Transportation Committee report at the Hall on April 30.]

Dear Fellow Bamfield Resident,

I wish to take a moment of your time and report on the "West Bamfield Connector" meeting and subsequent developments.

The meeting was well attended with representatives of the Feasibility Study, Consultants, Highways, Transportation Task Force and our MLA present.

Mrs. Trumper, Chairperson of the Task Force, reported that after meeting with her committee, they were prepared only to recommend to the Minister of Highways a Barge Landing Option. She said that the road and bridge options were too expensive.

I have been pressing the Task Force and government to give the people of Bamfield their honest and realistic decision, rather than their past usual procrastination. They have done so, and I accept their decision.

I fully realize that the barge option does not stand well with many people of our town. I feel very badly for those who have fought so hard for a road connector and hope that you will take some solace in Mrs. Trumper's statement that a barge landing is an interim solution, and will not detract from any future road connector which will be considered in the future. It

is, however, important that at this time in Bamfield history to deal quickly with the barge landing concept.

I have contacted 138 Bamfield residents and found 65% in favour of carrying through with the Barge landing engineering. It will probably be months before any engineering takes place. At that time, I will appoint a number of people to work with the Highways and design appropriate landings on East and West Bamfield. These will simply be access points to the water with no subsidized service. After engineering has taken place, we will meet once again and decide on the fate of the landings.

I hope this explains the situation. If all goes ahead, I would not foresee any landing built before the end of next year. I hope that if nothing else, proponents on both sides of the connector issue have learned that all lobbying should be directed at the Task Force and Government of British Columbia. They will make any future decision not Bamfield residents or the Regional Director. I sincerely hope that our town can now lay down our swords, join together and collectively support our Fire Department, Chamber of Commerce, Parks, Community Hall dances and

other groups and activities that make our town such a terrific place to live.

Have a great summer.
Yours sincerely,
Mike Hicks



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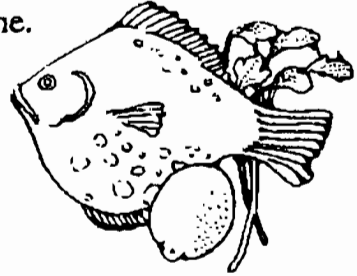
by
Eileen Scott

The Park Committee in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce wish to report that our Bamfield Centennial Park is progressing well. We have achieved great things! To date the cement pad has been laid and the plumbing has been installed under the pad. By late June the cement blocks will be arriving and Mr. Ratzy from Port Alberni will be putting up the building for the Tourist Information Centre, with indoor flush toilets and the future possibility of pay showers.

To date the volunteer effort here in Bamfield has been excellent, astronomical, out-of-this-world! Bamfield can be proud of its volunteers. The effort they have put into the Park is most encouraging.

The Park grounds also are shaping up. The grass, seeded a few months ago, is growing. The bottom section, near the road, can't be seeded until the water line is in and the septic field is completed. It looks as though we will hit our July First deadline.

A BC Lottery Grant was received for \$8,250. This, in addition to a Community Futures Grant of \$8,200 and a tremendous volunteer effort, has put us into a position to be able to achieve the July 1 deadline.



VOLUNTEER FIREMEN RESPOND QUICKLY

A warm thanks to the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department for coming out in the middle of the night, crossing the inlet (all except Stuart) and putting out a nasty chimney fire that was raging in my neglected chimney.

They responded quickly, came prepared and, under the expert guidance of fire chief Ben Bozak, took control of the situation.

A special thanks to Ben Bozak, Stuart Hall, Steve Demonigny, Gord Hawkins and Doug Bozak of the BVFD.

Anne Stewart
West Bamfield

Bamfield Weather

by
Peter Janitis

For the last two months Mother Nature did not do very much. For that, she should be in Oslo receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. Unfortunately, somebody else did.

Temperatures:

April's high of 20 C was on the 20th. The low of -0.5 C was on the 11th.

May had a high of 21 C on the 1st and 22 C on the 2nd. After that it cooled down. The low temperature was a pleasant 4 C on the 14th.

Precipitation:

In April we had 7.61 inches, which was slightly below our 8.07 average for the month.

In May we had 4.9 inches, which was slightly above the average for the month of 4.06 inches.

So, at the end of May we had accumulated 45.52 inches. Last year we had 51.48 inches.

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BEACH CLEANUP

by Nancy Sanders

We had a warm, sunny day for our beach cleanup, and hardworking volunteers. The turnout was a bit disappointing at both Keeha and Pachena, but a group of Marine Station people - (and some of their lucky friends who were visiting for the weekend) organized and carried out events at both beaches. Special thanks to Tim Rawlings, Mary Sewell, John McInerney and Dave Hegstrom for help in planning and organizing this event, and to Adrienne Mason, Al Benton and the BMS kitchen staff, Kelly Nordin, Dave Hutchinson, Kathryn Cook, Don and Chelsie Levitan, Judy West and Richard Zoet for all your help. Thanks also to Liz Spence and Parks Canada for helping us out with trash disposal.

At Keeha, we were fortunate to have the help of an enthusiastic group of 25 high school students from all over B.C., participating in a Marine Station "Plunge into the Pacific" week. The Coast Guard was standing by when we arrived, and bagged trash was carried down to the waters edge where Geoff Lindsay and Brian McKay slogged through the

surf to pick it up and carry it out to Clifford Charles in the S.A.R. inflatable. Full boat loads of trash were ferried over to David Hegstrom and Fleming Mikkelsen in the 104. Nothing like riding around for hours in boat loads of trash to make your day, right guys? Because we took longer than anticipated to pick up all the stuff, and lunchtime came and went, rumour has it at least a few people ate chitons for lunch. About 500 kg of rubbish was removed from Keeha Beach alone. This doesn't include the 55 gallon drums, a huge pile of mooring line and lots of plywood pieces that were left behind. (For the locals - we did find shoes - but no pairs, and sadly, no camera bags or glass balls were found.) Possibly the most unusual item found, still to be identified, looked, felt and weighed like an enormous slab of hot melt glue, measuring nearly a meter long, half a meter wide, and about 10 cm thick. Any ideas?

Meanwhile, back at Pachena, a group of Marine Station people enlisted the aid of some local kids playing on the beach, and managed to pick up huge amounts of trash there as well. We all met at Pachena for refreshments.

The following is a partial listing of the most numerous and/or larger items we found on Keeha Beach:

PLASTIC

food bags/wrappers	148
beverage bottles	92
bleach/cleaner bottles	152
milk/water gallon jugs	93
oil/lube bottles	115
other plastic bottles	140
nylon rope, pieces	191
miscellaneous pieces	363
fishing floats, lures	27
caps/lids	157
buckets	41

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buoys/floats	270
cups	168
meat trays	98
packaging material	219
miscellaneous pieces	965

LARGE OBJECTS

55 gallon drums	4
propane/butane tanks	4
crab traps (squished)	7
tires	5

The total weight of rubbish removed from Keeha Beach alone was more than **500 kg!**

Thanks again to everyone who participated in any way in the beach cleanup!

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The Road Not Taken

*I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence;
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
I took the one less travelled by,
And that has made all the difference.*

--Robert Frost

At least 110 people attended the meeting in the Community Hall on April 30 to hear the Regional Transportation Committee's recommendations concerning the advisability and price of a road connector to West Bamfield. The end result was a recommendation for some type of barge, run privately, with barge landing sites to be decided.

Port Alberni Mayor Gillian Trumper chaired the Transportation Committee appearance in Bamfield. With her were senior personnel from the Ministry of Transportation and Highways and a representative from Graeme and Murray Consulting Ltd. Committee members were: Terry Ford, whose consulting firm had the contract to study the problems and propose solutions; Rick Casper; Neville Hope, Regional Director for the Department of Highways on

Vancouver Island; Peter Whiteman, the District Manager; Gary Folgard, the Design Supervisor; and Don Smith, Transportation Planning Engineer from Nanaimo.

Terry Stanford summed up the impressions of Graeme and Murray: Businesses in general want a 'fixed' access. The majority of households in East Bamfield want a road to West Bamfield. Questionnaires returned from West Bamfield were divided, with a third wanting no change, a third wanting some type of road and a third wanting some type of bridge. The majority of non-resident land owners want no connector.

The consultants recommended the ferry option as having the least potential for disrupting the Bamfield environment. They calculated a peak summer season movement of 80 persons and their vehicles per hour [per day?] into West Bamfield, with a potential growth of 200 to 500 vehicles per day.

The Transportation Committee consists of local municipally elected people from northern Vancouver Island areas as far north as Bella Coola, Port Hardy and Powell River and south as far as Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet and Bamfield. Trumper informed us

that the Task Force spent more time on the Bamfield issues than on anything else up and down the island. Originally, they recommended the road, naively believing that it would be cheap, as it went through Indian Reserve #9, and that a road was desired by all. "Needless to say, all hell broke loose after the recommendation came out," Trumper stated. The committee, which governs road-making decisions for all of north Vancouver Island, spend an inordinate amount of time on the 'Bamfield issue'.

She concluded by stating that the Committee does not want to get involved in problems with community consensus. In the end, the committee's concern was for cost, not lifestyles. They estimated that the barge option would be able to support all types of vehicles, with parking on the East Side, for a cost of less than one million dollars. The barge would be public, for the use of anyone. Rick Casper added that the option still exists for access to the west coast. The Committee members did not decide lightly, and the option should be viewed as a short term solution.

The handout from Graeme & Murray is reproduced on Pages 14-15 for those unable to attend the meeting.



BAMFIELD CONNECTOR

Comparison of Options

COMPARISONS: CONNECTOR OPTIONS		SERVICE	CONSTRUCTION		Potential Community Impact
			Link	Potential Infrastructure Needs	
	Do Nothing	* no regular service * no emergency service	none	none	no change
	Road Options				
1	Option 1 South end of Bamfield Inlet through I.P. #9	24 hr. availability for all needs including emergency. Least direct of road links.	3.5 km long road link	Dependent on access level selected. Road, Water, sewer, parking upgrade to varying degrees could be required.	Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given
2	Option 2 South end of Bamfield Inlet but avoids I.P. by crossing head of inlet	24 hr. availability for all needs including emergency. Least direct of road links.	3.3 km long road link with causeway at head of inlet	Dependent on access level selected. Road, Water, sewer, parking upgrade to varying degrees could be required.	Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given
	Bridge Option				
3	Option 3 (For Vehicles) West end of Imperial Eagle Drive	24hr. availability for all needs including emergency. Not direct.	2.6 km long road link with long bridge crossing	Dependent on access level selected. Road, Water, sewer, parking upgrade to varying degrees could be required.	Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given
4	Option 4 (For Vehicles) Binnacle Road, Rancee Island, Burle Island & W. parallel to Hydro Limits	24hr. availability for all needs including emergency. Direct.	2.4 km long road link with bridge crossing	Dependent on access level selected. Road, Water, sewer, parking upgrade to varying degrees could be required.	Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given
5	Option 5 (For Vehicles) As per Option '4', but turning N. on Burle Island & connects to Wild Duck Road	24 hr. availability for all needs including emergency. Most direct.	1.3 km long road link with major bridge crossing	Dependent on access level selected. Road, Water, sewer, parking upgrade to varying degrees could be required.	Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given
6	Location 4 & 5 (Pedestrians Only)	24 hr. availability for pedestrians & limited emergency. Direct.	High footbridge and footpath	Parking areas at ends of bridge plus access route at West end.	Some potential to change for present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given
	Ferry Options				
7	Single vessel Vehicle ferry with fixed adjustable ramps. Crossing locations: A1, A, B1, C & D, as shown on plans. Private operator.	Regular all weather vehicular & passenger service & emergency capability during daylight hours. Direct.	Ramps by MOTH. Vessel supplied & operated by private operator.	Fixed wharfedocks & ramp. Roads, water, sewer & parking upgrade to varying degrees could be required.	Potential for change to present lifestyle
8	New barge & tug With concrete shore ramps. Hydraulic self contained ramps on barge. Private operator.	Regular vehicular & passenger service & emergency capability during daylight hours. Possibly some weather limitations. Direct.	Ramps by MOTH. Vessel supplied & operated by private operator.	Concrete ramps on shore. Roads, water, sewer & parking upgrade to varying degrees could be required.	Potential for change to present lifestyle
9	Used barge & tug With concrete shore ramps. Hydraulic self contained ramps on barge. Private operator.	Regular vehicular & passenger service & emergency capability during daylight hours. Possibly some weather limitations. Direct.	Ramps by MOTH. Vessel supplied & operated by private operator.	Concrete ramps on shore. Roads, water, sewer & parking upgrade to varying degrees could be required.	Potential for change to present lifestyle
10	Passenger only Locations A1, A, B1, B, C & D. Private operator.	Regular passenger only service during daylight hours with limited emergency capability. Possibly some weather limitations. Direct.	Ramps by MOTH. Vessel supplied & operated by private operator.	Parking provided @ either end of bridge & some road upgrade and construction needed.	Little potential for change to present lifestyle

BAMFIELD CONNECTOR

Comparison of Options

Potential Community Impact	SOCIAL / BUSINESS		ENVIRONMENT	COSTS
	Travel Costs	Potential For Business Expansion	Potential for Impacts	
no change	unchanged	unchanged	no change	none
Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given	Significant reduction	High	High	Road \$3.7m (MOTH) Infrastructure (others) Internal roads, parking, toilets etc. \$1.05m - \$1.52m Total \$ 4.75 - 5.22m
Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given	Significant reduction	High	High	Road \$6.6m (MOTH) Infrastructure (others) Internal roads, parking, toilets etc. \$1.05m - \$1.52m Total \$ 7.65 - 8.12m
Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given	Significant reduction	High	Significant	Road & Bridge \$8.0m (MOTH) Infrastructure (others) Internal roads, parking, toilets etc. \$1.05m - \$1.52m Total \$ 7.05 - 7.57m
Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given	Significant reduction	High	Moderate	Road & Bridge \$6.5m (MOTH) Infrastructure (others) Internal roads, parking, toilets etc. \$1.05m - \$1.52m Total \$ 7.55 - 8.02m
Greatest potential for change to present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given	Significant reduction	High	Moderate	Road & Bridge \$5.0m (MOTH) Infrastructure (others) Internal roads, parking, toilets etc. \$1.05m - \$1.52m Total \$ 6.05 - 6.52m
Some potential to change for present lifestyle, dependent on degree of access given	Greatest reduction (shortest travel distance)	Improved, but low	Low	Bridge footpath & parking \$0.7m Total \$ 0.7m
Potential for change to present lifestyle	Some reduction	Significant	Low	All weather ferry \$3.0m (contractor) Terminals \$1.8m MOTH annual operating cost \$0.8m Infrastructure \$1.05-1.52m (other) Total Cap Cost \$ 5.85 - 6.32m
Potential for change to present lifestyle	Some reduction	Significant	Low	Barge & tug \$ 0.9m (contractor) Ramps \$ 0.5m (MOTH) Annual operating cost \$0.4m Infrastructure \$1.05 - 2.92m (other) Total Cap Cost \$ 2.45 - 2.92m
Potential for change to present lifestyle	Some reduction	Significant	Low	Used barge & tug \$ 0.4m (contractor) Ramps \$ 0.6m (MOTH) Annual operating cost \$0.4m Infrastructure \$1.05 - 2.92m (other) Total Cap Cost \$ 1.05 - 2.42m
Little potential for change to present lifestyle	Some reduction	Improved, but low	Least	Passenger ferry \$ 0.55m (contractor) Terminal \$0.15m (MOTH) Operating costs \$0.2m (other) Total Cap Cost \$ 0.7 m

Curmudgeon's Corner

by
Al Benton

It appears that I was a little premature in bestowing "ataboy's" on our Regional Director, Mike Hicks. He has now taken a three month "leave of absence" from the Regional Board. If his intention was to be a part time representative for this community, as would seem to be the case, he seriously misrepresented himself during the election last Fall. As I know from experience, an Alternate Director finds himself in an almost untenable position when he is called upon to fill in for the elected Director for a prolonged period. Keith Wyton, for whom I have the greatest respect, now finds himself with the responsibility of representing Bamfield without the authority of the electorate. Come on, Mike! Either do the job you were elected to do, or resign and let someone take over who takes their responsibilities seriously!

The 1991 Bamfield Salmon Rodeo is in full swing again. Every day you can see the fearless Salmonboys riding their bucking steeds down the Inlet, fearlessly

ignoring mounting fuel prices and their neighbours' boats bashing against the docks. Why does our beloved Ministry of Transport bother passing laws on harbour speeds when they have no intention of enforcing them. I guess we should be grateful for the two five hundred dollar bilingual signs at the entrance to the harbour.

From what I hear, everyone involved in the Sport Fishing business is crying poverty. It seems to me that it is high time that we recognized the fact that sports fishermen cannot finance the whole economy of Bamfield. Other than during the month of August, our fishing is not sufficiently better than more accessible (and therefore cheaper) places in the province to attract a large number of sport fishermen (especially the ones that have the \$200 plus dollars per day to spend that our lodges charge). Bamfield needs tourism to survive, but we need to develop other areas such as hiking and nature tours in order to prolong the tourist season to the point where investment in facilities and the attendant creation of jobs becomes feasible. Right now, if the cedar salvage business were to shut down in the winter at least half of our fishing guides would be bankrupt.

I think it is time that we start to look at our options for the future of Bamfield. Perhaps the Community Pride program that fell afoul of the road controversy a few years ago should be resurrected now. If we don't start to plan for the future, Bamfield will likely become more and more of a short-season tourist town, owned and controlled by outsiders, and subject to the whims of one of the most fickle tourist groups--the sports fishermen.



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STRAWBERRY TEA

It is time once again for the outdoor event of the season: the **Red Cross Outpost Strawberry Tea.**

The tea will be held on the outpost lawn on Wednesday, June 19 from 2 to 4..

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The dino

I once knew a dino,
 no bigger than a mouse,
 I knew him very well,
 for he lived in my house



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CHURCH NEWS

by
Ebba Jennings

Church services continue each Sunday at 10 am. We thank Father Ludo for taking the Mother's Day service and wish him well on his travels in his small sailboat.

The Potluck supper in May was successful. Thank you for coming and sharing and for buying the bedding plants for summer bloom that John and Bev McInerney brought in from a nursery. Also thanks to the Hutchinsons at Bamfield Marine Station for their interesting slides of Antarctica of and the penguin colonies they observed.

Our thoughts and prayers have been with the families who have lost loved ones, particularly the Tennants, and those who are hospitalized. Prayers and thoughts have been with the Tennant family in their loss of their son in Alberta due to an untimely accident. We are glad to hear that Grandma Garcia has been moved to the Port Alberni Hospital from a long session in the Abbotsford Hospital

where she underwent surgery for appendix and complications despite her mid-seventy years. It is hoped her recovery will be rapid.

We have missed Mrs. Patrick at church each Sunday. We were glad she was home briefly from treatment in Victoria and hope she will be back again from Port Alberni to enjoy the vegetables her family planted under her supervision. Meanwhile her flowers bloom brightly for those passing on the road. We have also missed Lorraine Hegstrom, who is with her father while he recovers from sudden surgery despite his mid-eighties years. Hopefully it won't be too long before they will both be home.

It is expected that some workers from "Lamp" will again visit Bamfield and hold a Vacation Bible School for the young folk this summer. Notices will be posted.

Clean up of the overgrown shrubbery around the church has been done by Bev McInerney and Agnes Caravati—a surprise for us the next Sunday. Thank you for making and taking time during your busy days!

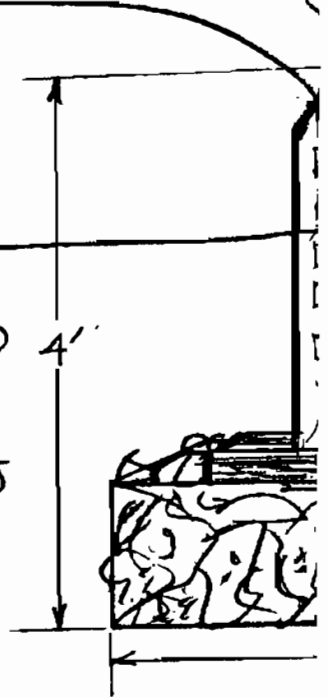


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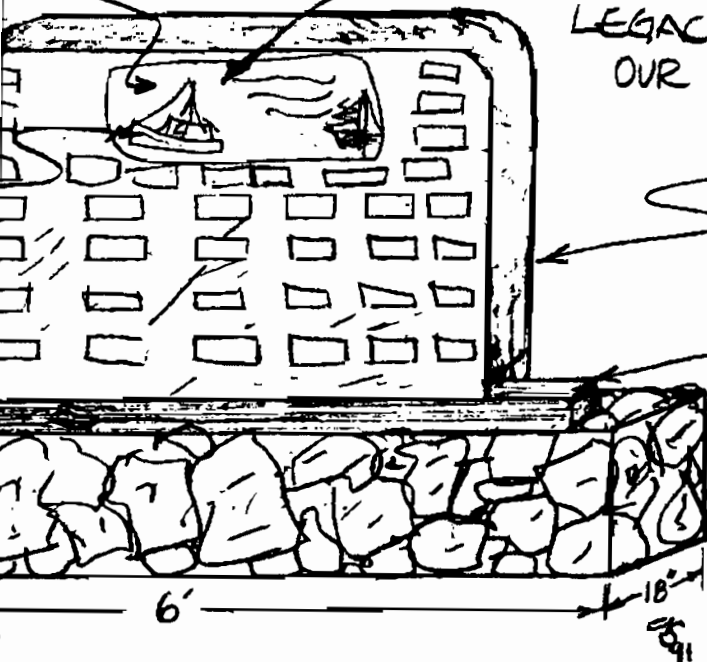


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We decided to try and face up to what alcohol had done to us. Here are some of the questions we tried to answer *honestly*. If we answered YES to four or more questions, we were in deep trouble with our drinking. See how you do. Remember, there is no disgrace in facing up to the fact that you have a problem.

1 Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but only lasted for a couple of days?

Most of us in A.A. made all kinds of promises to ourselves and to our families. We could not keep them. Then we came to A.A. A.A. said: "*Just try not to drink today.*" (If you do not drink today, you cannot get drunk today.)

2 Do you wish people would mind their own business about your drinking – stop telling you what to do?

In A.A. we do not *tell* anyone to do anything. We just talk about our own drinking, the trouble we got into, and how we stopped. We will be glad to help you, if you want us to.

3 Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another in the hope that this would keep you from getting drunk?

We tried all kinds of ways. We made our drinks weak. Or just drank beer. Or we did not drink cocktails. Or only drank on weekends. You name it, we tried it. But if we drank *anything* with alcohol in it, we usually got drunk eventually.

4 Have you had to have an eye-opener upon awakening during the past year?

Do you need a drink to get started, or to stop shaking? This is a pretty sure sign that you are not drinking "socially."

5 Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?

At one time or another, most of us have wondered why we were not like most people, who really can take it or leave it.

6 *Have you had problems connected with drinking during the past year?*

Be honest! Doctors say that if you have a problem with alcohol and keep on drinking, it will get worse - never better. Eventually, you will die, or end up in an institution for the rest of your life. The only hope is to stop drinking.

7 *Has your drinking caused trouble at home?*

Before we came into A.A., most of us said that it was the people or problems at home that made us drink. We could not see that our drinking just made everything worse. It never solved problems anywhere or anytime.

8 *Do you ever try to get "extra" drinks at a party because you do not get enough?*

Most of us used to have a "few" before we started out if we thought it was going to be that kind of party. And if drinks were not served fast enough, we would go some place else to get more.

9 *Do you tell yourself you can stop drinking any time you want to, even though you keep getting drunk when you don't mean to?*

Many of us kidded ourselves into thinking that we drank because we wanted to. After we came into A.A., we found out that once we started to drink, we couldn't stop.

10 *Have you missed days of work or school because of drinking?*

Many of us admit now that we "called in sick" lots of times when the truth was that we were hung-over or on a drunk.

11 *Do you have "blackouts"?*

A "blackout" is when we have been drinking hours or days which we cannot remember. When we came to A.A., we found out that this is a pretty sure sign of alcoholic drinking.

12 *Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you did not drink?*

Many of us started to drink because drinking made life seem better, at least for a while. By the time we got into A.A., we felt trapped. We were drinking to live and living to drink. We were sick and tired of being sick and tired.



Memories of those who have passed

by
Ebba Jennings

*It was their time
And our time to mourn
And to remember.*



We speak of the glory of Spring with the burst of bloom that follows the cold of winter, the bloom that heralds a renewal of life from its dormancy or rest, and we give thanks. Sometimes though as we look around we find a shrub or a tree that has been around as long as memory recalls, another just for seemingly a short span of time, and we realize its greenery will not be there for us any more, its lifespan is completed, its work is done, but it has left its mark upon us. We will remember how it once was, that we nurtured it, that it grew and struggled against all the elements of

nature and man until it finally came to rest.

The lives of people in a small community are much the same. It has become our spring of mourning and our spring to remember those who were once a part of us. Those born in this area or who chose to live in this area or served us in this area, walking our trails, passing us on the boardwalk or in the harbour or their boat or driving forth and back to work, each serving another in his or her own way. And if we pause to reflect, after our shock of loss, we will remember we are richer for their having been with and around us.



ED SWEETEN

A notice in the Port Alberni paper noted the passing of Ed Sweeten in his seventies. For many summers his boat the U & I was a familiar sight in the harbour as he fished. The boat was built by Henry Meyers who once lived on Rance Island, where he built small trollers that plied the coast for many years. The Sweetens owned

the little green house at the end of the boardwalk, or the beginning, depending on which way one is walking before entering or leaving "Cougar Trail."

Olive planted a piece of Mrs. Godson's rose that still blooms bright each year. For several years she and the children would come from Port Alberni while he fished. On his retirement in Port Alberni they moved to the East Coast. To Olive and her grown family we express our sympathy and remember the days you shared with us here.



Dr. R. W. Garner

Another notice in the Port paper marked the passing of an old friend to many who were once part of this community, and that was the passing of Dr. R.W. Garner in his nineties.

There were not too many doctors when he set up practice in Port Alberni. He brought numerous young people into the world at the old West Coast General Hospi-

tal, besides treating their parents and grandparents before them. He always managed to work you in at short notice if you were up for the day and wanted to leave around 4 o'clock for the small boat trip home on the **Nolda** or in the families' troller, so that if it was blowing or nasty, you could get past the driftwood in Hell's Gate or Nahmint and have a safe journey down the canal.

Sometimes it was a call down the canal for him on one of the pilot's speedboats, that of **Reece Riley** or **Dorothy Blackmore**, to meet an expectant mother en route on another boat, much slower, and hopefully transfer her in time. A kind and friendly man he gave of himself to his fellow man and the city that was his home until his passing.

With gratefulness I remember how he made it back from the mainland, where there was flooding and concern of a rising river that was about to stop further travel, to deliver my firstborn. His young partner said to me, "He is piling sandbags; he might make it, he might not." But he did!

Mabel Nookemis

May 23, 1991 saw the passing of Mabel Nookemis of Pachena Bay at the West Coast Hospital in Port Alberni. Mabel, the oldest daughter of George and Louisa Johnson, was 73. She had lost her husband and companion of some 50 years, Edward, last October.

She was born in Sarita and raised in this area, married Edward, then lived in Grappler Creek for awhile where some of the children attended school here. Then they moved to Port Alberni where Edward worked for the city. Upon retirement they moved to Anacla village. During her later years she suffered from asthma and was hospitalized quite frequently. This last time her hospital stay was very brief and she did not return.

I remember her as a young girl and then later as mother of a large family. She left the impression of being a very quiet soul. In her free time she did very nice basketry and once when she came to visit saw a round mat and said, "Oh, I made that when I was young."

She leaves to mourn her loss her sons: Ben and family of Port Alberni, Oscar, Clifford, Richard,

Bruce and George and families at Pachena Bay, as well as her daughters: Linda and Nora and families at Pachena, Violet and family at Nitnat, Rose and family at Bamfield and Eddy and family at Nanaimo. Not many have the privilege of knowing and seeing 44 grandchildren and 27 great grandchildren around from time to time.

She also leaves her brothers: Ralph of Pachena, Kenny at Grappler, Robert of Port Alberni, and sister Shirley of Victoria and their families. Services were held in Port Alberni with Rev. Earle Johnson and Rev. Simon Dennis officiating. Committal was in the Alberni Valley Memorial Gardens.

Although surrounded by a large family, she missed her husband Edward, who up until close to his passing was her constant companion. One seldom saw him without her in the car as they drove in and out from Pachena to Bamfield or Port Alberni.

Hers was a long and fulfilling life, her pain and difficulty of breathing is now eased, and though she was very blessed with a large family who will miss Mom's and Granny's presence, she is at Peace in that other place.

With sympathy.



Florence Peel

May 5, 1991 brought the passing of Florence Peel in the Victoria General Hospital where she had been since August of 1990 following surgery and its complications as she also battled her arthritic condition.

Many will remember Florence as the charming hostess with a twinkle in her blue eyes at Aguilar House, until the time came when due to health it was necessary for her to move to Victoria and a treatment centre. Florence enjoyed

the outdoors, the West Coast Trail, the beaches and the planting of bulbs on the 'Fort' where the gold of daffodils popped up through the green grass looking seaward and then on into the sunset as they heralded the approach of spring. When she lost much of her mobility she did not complain and for awhile could get her breath of air and the scents of the outdoors as she made her way along the path and boardwalk in her electric cart.

Over the years Florence held a keen interest in the work of the Girl Guide movement. Come "Thinking Day" each February there will be girls who will look back and remember their leader, though now they are scattered far and wide.

Florence was still young, about 64, and she really put forth a tremendous battle in her fight against arthritis. Throughout it all her large blue eyes never lost their lustre or twinkle. She is now at peace with her Maker. To those who cared for her through those long days and nights and faithfully visited her, thanks must be given, in particular her brother, Hugh. To the family our sympathy in your loss of a courageous mother and grandmother.

Her ashes will be committed to a patch of this earth she loved ◆

and when spring rolls around again and the blossoms bloom bright in the green grass, she will be remembered. Donations to the Arthritis Society are her wish.



Frank Steuart

Frank Steuart was in his 91st year when illness suddenly struck. Following a brief time in the Victoria General Hospital he passed away on April 29, 1991.

Frank and his wife Betty and wee Francis arrived in Bamfield in the early fifties when he came to work at the Kyuquot Trollers Coop Store, which was in later years destroyed by fire. They lived in one of the cabins, owned by the Scotts, at Aguilar Point. When Gordon and Margaret Cronk left the Bamfield post office for Kitimat, Frank took the Postmaster's job and Betty the telephone operator's and they made their home in the building now known as the Bamfield Inn. With the closure of the Post Office and Customs Building they purchased their own home (now owned

by Wade Gaylard) and the post office became a smaller place next to Bamfield General Store, where it still remains. When direct dialling came into Bamfield Betty was no longer needed as a switchboard operator but on Frank's retirement became post mistress.

In 1979 they decided to move to Victoria, choosing an apartment overlooking the Gorge. There Frank could look out on the peaceful water and feed the ducks and not worry about his float when the winds blew. No doubt he missed the playful otters and raccoons from Bamfield but they were now close to their two daughters, Sheila and Francis, and granddaughter Kristen, and also free to enjoy some travel.

During their stay in Bamfield Frank was very active in the community. He served for many years as secretary of the local school board. It was the era when Bamfield elected its own three person board to administer the funding received from Victoria. The complexities of local problems were probably better understood at the local level than they are now. He was also a local magistrate which was useful if papers needed a notarized signature. He served as secretary for the Chamber of Com-

merce with all its activities and early concepts of regional board planning.

He was a man of great integrity, well respected, who had served in the army and had a host of friends. He enjoyed catching a salmon as well as trout fishing in the Pachena or Sarita or portaging with his friend Johnny through the Bowren Lake chain. He once remarked when we visited him in Victoria, "You know, I think we have seen the best of years in Bamfield."

The community gathered for a farewell surprise when Frank and Betty left Bamfield in July of 1979. One of his last visits here was with a few friends for the committal of ashes of another fishing partner, Bill Whaley, to the waters of the Pachena. We stood in silence on the bridge as Johnny Wallace fulfilled Bill's wishes. Our thoughts will be with Johnny as he commits Frank's ashes to another river.

His life spanned 90 years, he experienced the changing times, living in other areas before Bamfield, enjoyed life to the fullest almost to the end. When he faced the rapids of life's final stream he fought a good fight to reach that peaceful stream on the other shore. Frank had a great and deep ap-

preciation for the services of the nurse and the local Outpost Hospital and it was his wish, because he was helped, that in lieu of flowers donations be given to our Outpost. At the time of writing it has not been fully decided how these monies will be used.

To the family in their loss of a husband, father and grandfather our sympathy. We, too, well remember our friend who had a young spirit.



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Sharon Peters

The sudden passing of Sharon Peters came as a shock to all. She was taken out by ambulance with what was thought perhaps to be a stroke to Port Alberni and then on to Victoria General where it was hoped she would recover. However, this was not to be and she suddenly passed away.

Sharon, the oldest daughter of Arthur and Agnes Peters, was predeceased by a son, Patrick, who was among those of the crew of the **Ramsy Isle** that was lost at sea during a herring fishery.

Raised in this area and Port Alberni, Sharon worked at the Bamfield Trails Motel. A young woman in her mid-forties, her loss will be felt by her family and by those who knew and worked with her. She leaves her parents, brothers and sisters, children and grandchildren to mourn her loss.

A host of friends and relatives attended the service held in Port Alberni. They came not only from Bamfield but other areas to express comfort to the family. That her illness was brief, her suffering short, one must be thankful for and, as time passes, understanding will come to those who mourn. She rests in peace in the Alberni Valley Memorial Gardens.



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The Country Doctor Breast Cancer

by
Paul Wertsch, M.D.

Breast cancer had been the leading cause of death among cancers in women until this year when lung cancer took the honours. It is still the cancer that causes the most anxiety in women. Unfortunately current statistics indicate that in North America the chances for developing breast cancer have increased from one out of 12 women to one out of 10. We are uncertain whether this means that the rate of breast cancer is increasing or that we are just getting better at detecting it. The good news is that when we find breast cancer early the chance of success curing it is very good, and there are new techniques to find it early. Breast cancer found at its earliest stage has a 91% cure rate. Another good thing is that when it is found early we now know that we can get by with less extensive surgery than previously thought. The bad news is that if we don't find it early our success rate for curing it is not much better now than it was 50 years ago. Another bad thing is

that not enough women are availing themselves of the methods to find breast cancer.

Self-examination

Detecting breast cancer requires a three-pronged approach. The most important thing is for women to do monthly breast self-examination and to do it correctly. Surveys have shown that many women have not been taught to examine their own breasts effectively. The breasts should be examined once per month in the week following the menstrual period, when the breasts are least lumpy and least tender. In women not having menstrual periods it is often best to do the exam on the first day of the month in order to develop a regular schedule. The breasts should first be visually examined in a mirror, looking for irregularities, lumps or new dimples. Changes in the colour or consistency of the skin should be noted. Next, the woman should lie on her back with a pillow under the shoulder of the breast to be examined first. She should firmly feel the entirety of the breast going around like the face of a clock. She will be searching for a firm (often rocky hard) pebble in the breast tissue. After the surface of each breast is explored the arm-

pits should be felt with the arm held down at the side in order to search for lymph nodes that might be enlarged. The nipple should be examined for lumps or discharge. Breast discharge may not be serious at all, especially in a woman who has nursed a baby within the past few years, but it should be mentioned especially if it is bloody. The most common mistakes made in examining the breasts are just not to bother to do it and secondly to not press hard enough when doing the exam. Good booklets are available to better teach breast self-examination.

Medical exam

The second prong in the detection of breast cancer is an annual examination by a doctor or other health professional especially trained in breast examination. Recent studies have shown that it is very important for women to have an annual exam by a professional. Semi-professional help from husbands should always be welcomed. It is surprising how many lumps are actually found by enthusiastic partners. It is often hard to get them to keep their mind on their work, however.

Mammogram

The third prong in the detection of breast cancer is X-ray. The mammogram has shown itself to be very useful in the detection of early breast cancers. It is often able to visualize cancers too small to feel. Cancers at this stage are often curable with more limited surgery (lumpectomy). They often are so small that they have to be localized with X-ray before the biopsy so they can be found. Sometimes radiation treatments are offered instead of surgery. At this time I recommend the first mammogram to women between the ages of 35 and 40. Between the ages of 40 and 50 mammograms are recommended every two years to low risk women and every year to high risk women. Over the age of 50 most authorities recommend mammograms every year. There is some argument as to whether they can be stopped when you reach a certain age, but this is not clear at this time. I define low risk women as those who do not have a family history of breast cancer, who examine their breasts each month and whose breasts are not real tough to examine (not real lumpy or extremely large).

If you are examining your breasts every month you need not

panic if you find a questionable lump. Especially if it is tender, it may just be a fibrocystic area. In these instances it is OK to wait a month and recheck the area. Fibrocystic areas will frequently go away, and then you can relax. Any lump that does not go away, however, must be biopsied. Unfortunately nothing can disprove that a lump is cancer without a biopsy. Even mammograms can miss a cancer.

What is the chief problem in beating breast cancer? Educating and motivating women to do good breast self examination. Women should have their breasts examined yearly by a professional and get a mammogram on a scheduled basis. We still have a long way to go.

[If you have a medical question that you would like to see addressed here, please direct it to the editor.

Dr. Wertsch and his tap-dancing wife are both family physicians in my home town of Madison, Wisconsin.
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Al Cloke
by
Graham Elliston

INVICTUS

*Out of the night that covers me,
Black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever gods may be
For my unconquerable soul.*

*In the fell clutch of circumstance,
I have not winced nor cried aloud:
Under the bludgeonings of chance
My head is bloody, but unbowed.*

Richard Alan (Al) Cloke died of pneumonia, in Courtenay, just before Christmas on December 4, 1990. I have quoted W.E. Henley's poem above because it reminds me of Al. Once, when I asked him how he had come to name his troller *INVICTUS* he said that he took it from this poem. I wish I had taken the time to dig deeper for his reasons, but, as with many things in life, I let the chance go by. Now all I can do is speculate and hope that after all these years I have gained enough understanding to figure it out on my own.

Al had a tough life. He worked hard ever since he first

went fishing with **PALLISTER** up around the Steamer Grounds when he was about seventeen years old. The **PAL II** was one of those boats which put in long seasons and never quit for rough weather. Al was challenged by this and took pride in his ability to hang in there when others were running for shelter. Later, when he had his own boats, he continued to drive himself hard, even when it was "tough scratching" out there and it would have been so much easier to stay in the harbour. In the off season he also kept busy. One winter he assisted Doug and Phil Barron when they built the **CONTESSA** for him in Sooke. I've lost track of how many houses he built or renovated over the years. The holiday trips he took in the camper or trailer with Daphne also tended to be epic adventures--to Mexico (he loved the Baja), or off the beaten track in northern BC.

Al worked hard and weathered many setbacks during his lifetime, but he never let things get him down. He was always cheerful and patient under conditions which would drive most of us to drink. He was also tolerant and considerate of others. I never heard an angry or complaining word during the time I worked with him, or in the years which followed.

I think "Invictus" (which means unconquered) was an excellent name for Al's boat, but an even better one for Al himself.

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NOTES & LETTERS

Dear Jeanne,

Greetings from a fellow west coaster. I still claim that connection although, as our new address indicated, we have moved from the Queen Charlottes to Smithers. (More on that later.)

Ebba's sensitive column on Walter Hegstrom illuminated many aspects of his life that I never learned about in my three seasons on the West Coast Trail. Images of him and his work form an important page of those memories, part of the tapestry of coast, trail, lighthouses, hikers and Camp Ross. The loss of both Walter and Jim underline the truth of John Donne's philosophy that "...every man's death diminishes me." I will miss them.

Bamfield carries on. To road or not to road, that is the question. To access, perchance to park. Aye, there's the rub, for in that park, what hordes of RV's may litter. (Apologies

to Shakespeare.) For me, the essence of West Bamfield has been its humanized scale of pedestrian interconnections as well as its roadlessness (perhaps vehiclelessness is more descriptive, but harder to say.) The absence of a road has been an effective tourist filter which separated people from their vehicles. However, I don't live there, so I only ask that if "the road" comes please don't abandon the boardwalk.

Sharon and I moved to Smithers in February when I accepted a new job with the Ministry of Environment. As the Integrated Resource Management Specialist (Habitat Section) in the Fish and Wildlife Branch I may need to order special business cards with a centre fold-out to accommodate my long-winded title. Ah, bureaucracy!

In spite of the title the job is great in many ways. Responsibility includes trying to ensure that forestry and mining developments within the NW quarter of BC don't cause avoid-

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able impacts to wildlife and critical habitats. Lots of helicopter time, mostly flying out to check mine development sites and mine exploration/development roads (eg. Iskut Road). There is a down side though. After a 10 hour helicopter trip I felt like the mouse who took a spin in the blender.

We like Smithers.

Unlike the Charlottes, that old ribbon of highway doesn't just stop at a ferry terminal when we want to go somewhere. On the other hand, although the view of Hudson Bay Mountain is

spectacular, (my spotting scope sucks skiers off the mogul run right into our living room), Smithers doesn't have any ocean. No beaches, no glass balls, no howling Southeaster's. Pity.

Best regards to you, and all friends in Bamfield.

Lorne McIntosh



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A puff of white, miles high
like a white dream in a blue sky,
slowly drifting, like a song--
dimly stirring in the long
corridors of remembering,
or a year's Septembling.

How would it be, to be a cloud?
I could say it, but not out loud.
What is tenuous, lonely, slow
What drifts past where others go--
mystic, seen not really known,
but all we men, and all we own!

Where we come from no one knows.
Like the cloud our small life blows
into sight on unknown winds--
below horizons dimly limned
in minds of evanescent birth
from the hidden wells of earth.

Could we see the purple crocus
from such far and eyeless focus
in the moss below the tree
where I lie, from where I see
the cloud, slowly drifting, miles high
like a white dream in a blue sky?

---Pat Grace

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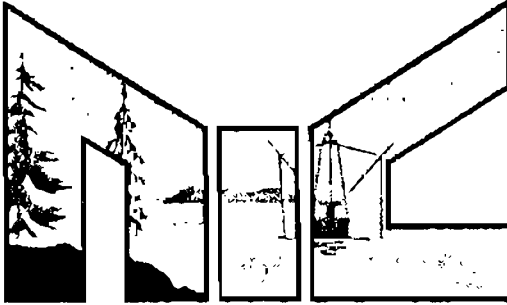
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**NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE
NEWS**

by
Jeanne Ferris, Tutor/advisor

Two more students have successfully completed computer courses at the Bamfield North Island College Centre.

Congratulations to Bev Evans for completing the course work and final exam in the NIC computer word processing course **Introduction to WordPerfect**. Finding the time to do course work when you are also raising a daughter and helping at the school and working on your house and garden is highly commendable indeed. Good work, Bev!

Congratulations to Julie Ollis for completing the course work and final exam in the **Introduction to MS-DOS** course. This is not an easy course, and Julie did an outstanding job. The course was immediately useful because Julie's computer at home was acting up--a DOS-related problem, we decided.

Thank you also to Hedy and Roger Demontigny for their help as volunteer (volunteered?) tutors in the mysterious realm of DOS.

Joan Frohn-Nielsen retired as the Director of the Port Alberni Centre this June. Without her willingness and constant support, there would be no Bamfield Centre. We will miss her enthusiastic guidance. Her replacement will be John Levin, starting July 8. Mr. Levin comes from Qwantlen College, which has campuses in the greater Vancouver area.

There will be a North Island College **Aquaculture Technician** programme starting this fall in Port Alberni and Bamfield. Some of the field and lab work will be conducted at the Bamfield Marine Station. If you are interested in this programme, get in touch with me. The Bamfield Centre is officially closed for July and August, but courses will be running again come September. Get in touch with me at the Marine Station or at home if you are interested in coursework.

There are five people interested in a Spanish course this fall. With a few more people, we might be able to lure the tutor out here for long Spanish weekends. Sound interesting? Let me know if you would like to join the class.

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