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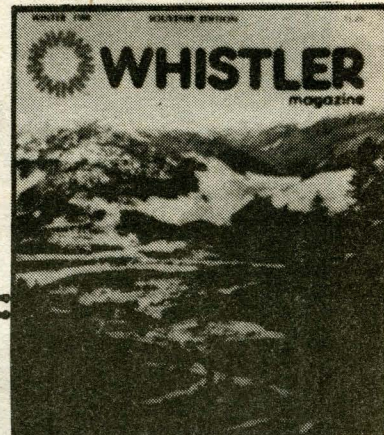
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## EDITORIAL PAGE

Although Sea to Sky Country doesn't rank with New York or Toronto as publishing centres we have come across a few items worthy of note in 1980. These run the gamut from interesting to kindling.

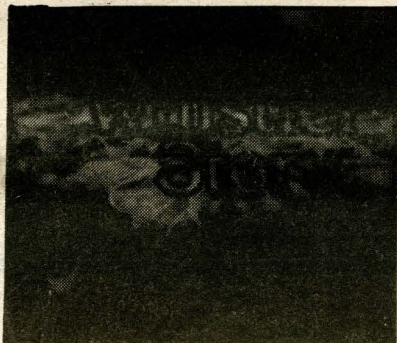
In no particular order we will have a look at three very different publications.



Whistler Magazine, the area's first and only glossy periodical made its debut before Christmas and is published quarterly by the same folks that bring us the Whistler Question. Now in my mind glossy does not a magazine make. In fact, by definition a magazine contains "stories, articles etc." While this item does contain six glossy colour photos (five of which appear in advertisements) no ground is broken journalistically. In fact, there is nothing to read other than ads and the usual "Whistler facts and how to get there" copy.

Cover graphics are borrowed directly from the Whistler Village Land Co. (Frankfurtur Medium) in an attempt to appear 'official' and the opening message is from Land Co. president Terry Minger who fantasizes, "the first two phases of the development will be complete by the 1980-81 ski season." A statement that had absolutely no chance of being true at press time.

I thought and hoped at this point it may be a humour magazine, but no such luck. It remains an advertising directory of no interest to people familiar with Whistler.



The Whistler Story, written and published by Anne McMahon is the first full length book (106 pages) to deal with Whistler's short

history. It takes us from the first settlement through to the present in five logical chapters: The Early Years, The Loggers, The Skiers, Whistler: The Municipality and Blackcomb.

The early years provide, for me, the most enjoyment. Characters such as John Miller, Myrtle and Alex Philip, Phil Tapley (Myrtle's brother), the Fairhursts, and the Mansels, Franz Wilhelmsen and Stephan Ples combine to give the area a sense of history and appreciation that is lost for the most part in the bustle of present development.

A wealth of photos keeps the text from plodding and there's lots of trivia for those so inclined.

Did you know (for example) that the Whistler ski school bell was originally installed in a church in New Westminster by the original missionaries and in 1904 was given to the Mount Currie Indian Band for their loyalty? They dragged and floated the bell from New Westminster to Mount Currie where they installed it in their church only to have the church burn in 1948. Jim McConkey and Jack Bright rescued it from the weeds and convinced Chief Ritchie to lend it to the ski school where it has remained since.

The book works except for a few points. The cover art, binding quality and overall artistic direction prevent it from becoming a classy item. I suspect it was rushed through printing for the Christmas market. The little envelope with the Whistler or Blackcomb brochure stuck in the back cover and the absolute lack of anything negative would lead me to believe that this is more hip-hip-hurrah promotion than real history.

By far the most entertaining (and probably least read) bit of literary flotsam to be found in this area is the quarterly news letter published by the Alta Lake Sports Club, and penned by Les MacDonald, secretary, and it seems the official bard of the club. Although the range of coverage is limited to club activities the influences can be historic, ethnic, often literary and always humorous. The catch is you've got to join the club to get the newsletter. P.S. It's worth it!

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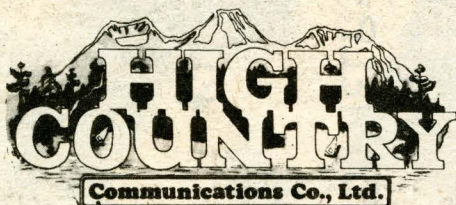
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# 1980

## •• in Sea to Sky Country and around the World...

For those readers who spent the last year in a coma or were otherwise disposed, we present a few highlights from around here and around the world.



Canadian of the Year- Terry Fox. His Marathon of Hope raised \$20.6 million for cancer research.



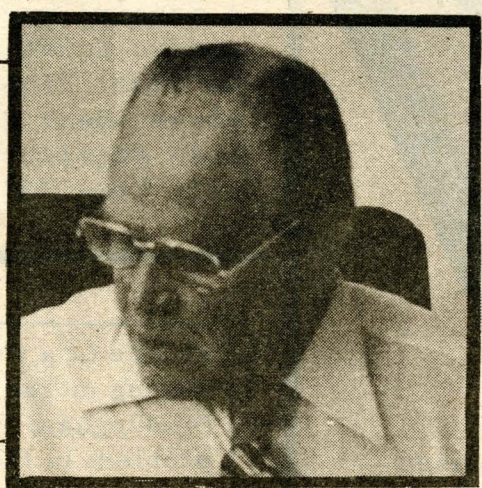
Second Place- Ken Taylor for smuggling the six American CIA agents out of Iran.

Resurrection of the Year-"Welcome to the eighties," said himself after being returned to his rightful abode at 24 Sussex Drive. Joe Clarke remembers his brief episode as Prime Minister like it was a dream, the Canadian people remember it as if it were a nightmare.

What's He Smoking? - B.C. Science Minister Patrick McGeer announces that a study will be undertaken to establish the best method of constructing a tunnel from the mainland to Vancouver Island. Local media in hysterics.

The Whistler Council was forced to take a closer listen to their electorate when both the insecticide program and Mayor Carlton's showplace Municipal Hall were decisively turned down by the public.

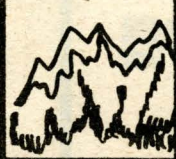

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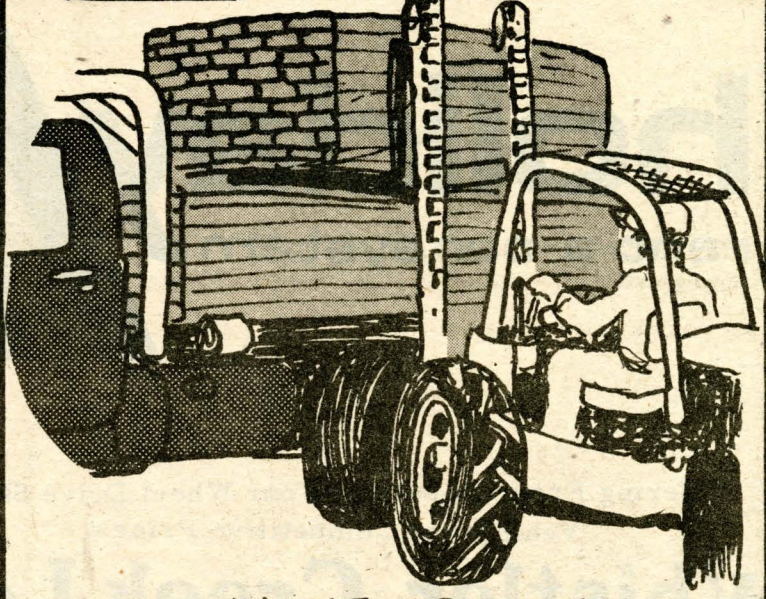


Separatism Torch Passed - The fires of separatism being extinguished in Quebec after the referendum, they appeared in Western Canada and are currently being fanned mainly in Alberta.

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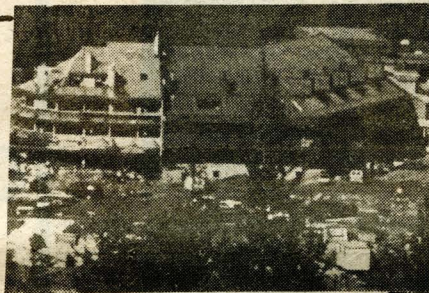
**OBITUARIES-** John Lennon, Lowell George, (pictured) John Paul Sartre, Mae West, Peter Sellers, Steve McQueen, Jimmy Durante, Henry Miller, Alfred Hitchcock, Marshal Tito, Marshall McLuhan, John Bonham, the Shah of Iran, Dorothy Stratten, Zeppo Marx, Douglas Kenny (co-founder of Nat. Lampoon) Tim Harden, 3,000 Italian quake victims, 31 St. Helens volcano victims, The Winnipeg Tribune and The Ottawa Journal.



**Born To Cheat-** Rosie Ruiz tried to pull a sandy by claiming to win the famous Boston Marathon. It turned out that the only thing she could run was a good scam.

**Soviets Aid Afghanistan -** The U.S.S.R. gallantly sent a limited military contingent to Afghanistan to help repel outside aggression. America, forgetting Vietnam, condemns the action and boldly decides not to send a team to the Olympic games.

**Whistler's Destination Construction site** was closed down for two weeks in the fall due to a walk off. This was a blessing in disguise as it enabled several projects to legitimize being two years behind schedule.

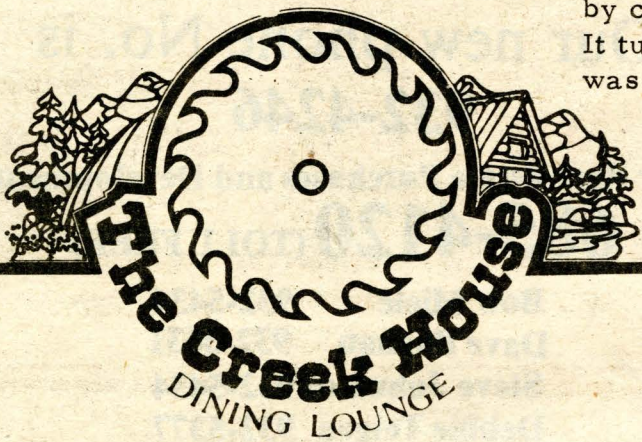


**Ex-movie Hack New Caretaker of Missiles -** U.S.A. exhibited its collective mentality by electing Ronald Reagan, star of Bedtime For Bonzo, to the White House. One of Reagan's campaign promises was to resign if he becomes senile in office.

Reagan was supported by neo-conservatives, the born-again Moral Majority and inmates of lunatic asylums. Platform includes:

- No abortion (thou shall not kill etc. etc.)
- Capital punishment (an eye for an eye etc. etc.)
- A massive nuclear buildup (to ensure that Armageddon takes place during his term in office.)
- No Equal Rights Amendment (Eve was created to serve Adam; dishes, laundry etc. etc.)
- Less regulation of big business (Mammon is the only true God.)

**Prince of a Guy -** English press spent the year speculating on the potential bride for Prince Charles. A Buckingham Palace spokesman articulated the big problem in finding a mate for the future king, "she's got to be squeaky clean, mate, we can't have blokes running around saying they've had the Queen of England." Stiff upper lip Charlie.

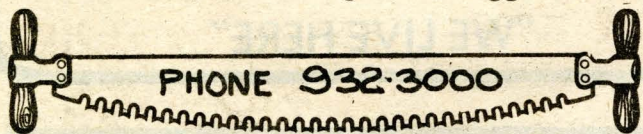


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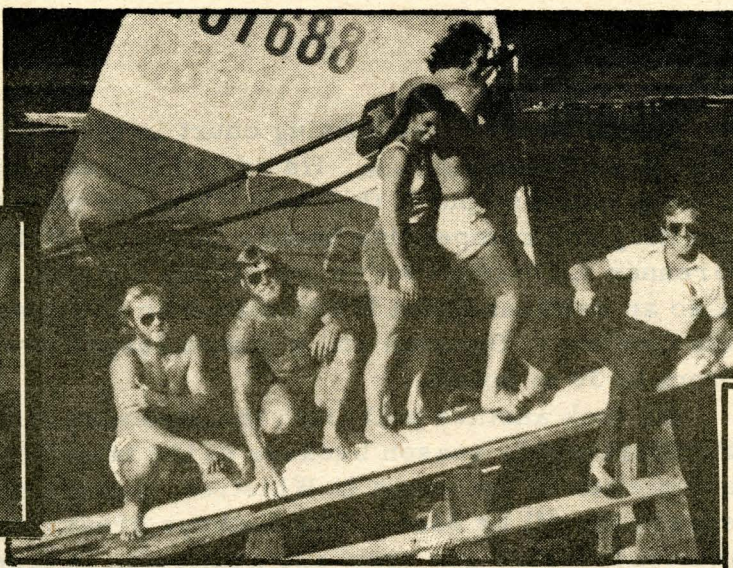
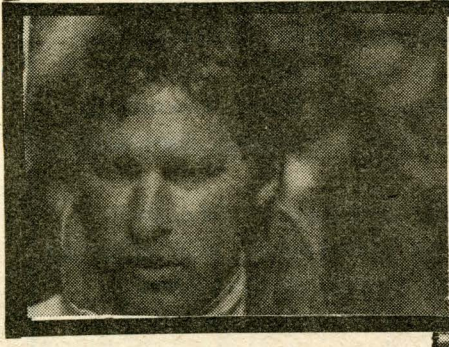
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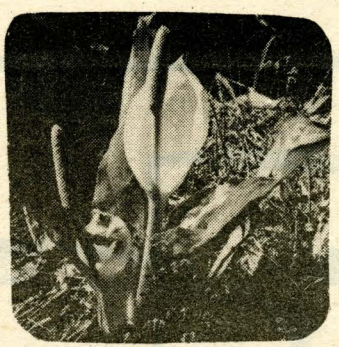
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Team Whistler Windsurfers, Andy Munster, Andrew Stoner, Jinny Ladner, Chris Janeway, and Mike Gadd made a big splash in the International circles.

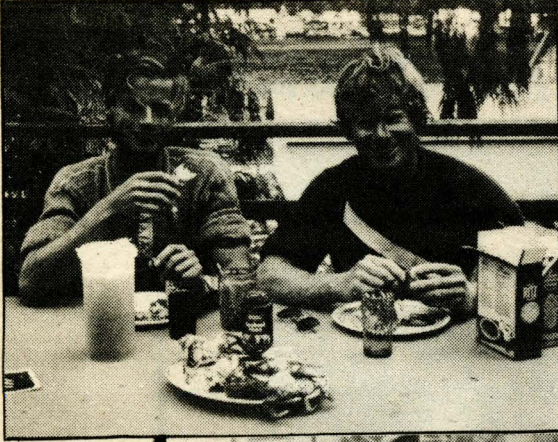


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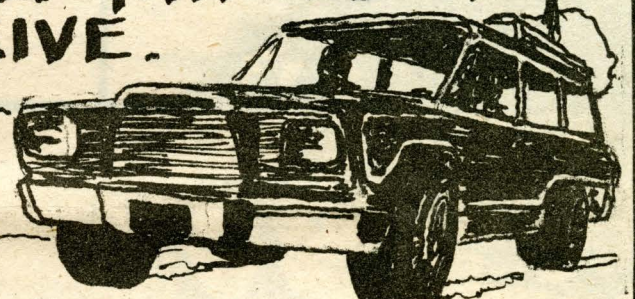


Nigel Protter and Pete Lazier rough it en route to Alaska by Kayak.

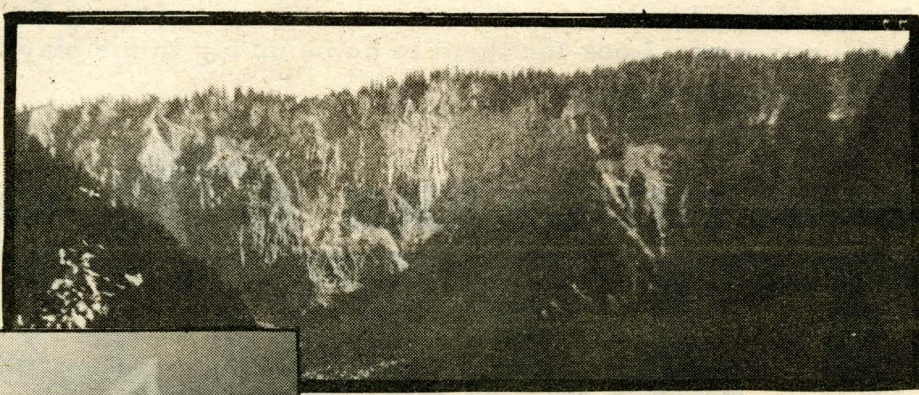


People's Downhills became the rage last winter. This is where anyone can go as fast as they want. Needless to say Whistlerites figured heavy in the top ten.

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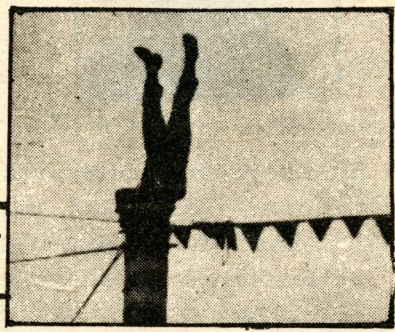
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Whistler got itself a spanking new Tri Service Building, home to the RCMP, the volunteer fire dept., and the ambulance! Who's there gardener?



The 23rd Annual Logger Sports Day drew competitors and fans from around the world.

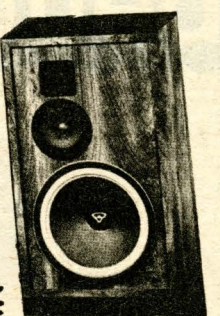
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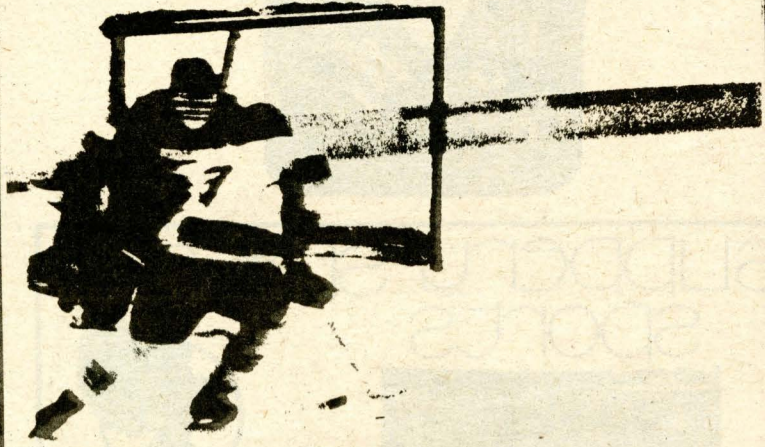
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Last years champions the Canadians are once again a powerhouse. A rugged, hard hitting team they are very strong along the boards and in the corners. Look for them to come up big in the playoffs.

## TRUCKERS



Coach Barry Galley

Captain Al Knight

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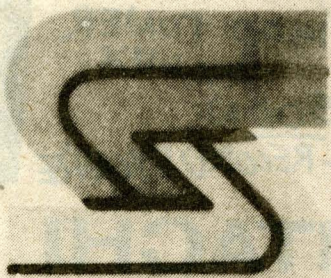
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After obtaining shifty Tom Hanson in an off season trade the SV's were expected to be serious contenders. Still having trouble moving the puck out of their own end. Look for a marked improvement in the second half of the schedule.

**WINTERHAWKS**



Coach: Danny Paul

Asst. Coach Keith Dally

Sponsor: Rich Miller's Muffin Grannie Shop, Husky Service, Highland Lodge, and Rocky Mountain Electric.

Colors: White, Red and Black

The high flying Winterhawks are current leaders in the HSMHL. With an all star goaltending duo and fine playmaking abilities they play an exciting style of hockey and should be in the thick of things come March.

**B Division**

Here's a great collection of characters right out of Paul Newman's Slap Shot. The Raiders no doubt got their handle from raiding all the sponsors in the valley. (I thought the Hawk's had a few but count'em: L & A Contracting, Chieftian Hotel, Jim Hunter Plumbing, Perma Truss, and Coastal Interiors) Way to go Raiders. There's a club from Britania, there's Triple C Logging, There's A & A Radiators and there's Snap on Tools. (No chief, I didn't make that one up)

These guys are well worth an evening if you have a chance to get out to a game. For all you hospital patients and shutins that can't well, figure it this way. Last years Snap On Tools won only six games all season. Never mind, when the playoffs came round they were well rested. In the final game the horn sounded and they were all tied up with Triple C Logging. Well, it was late in the Spring and it was late at night and they couldn't get any more ice time. So, shades of the NASL soccer league, they had a shoot out. The winners: aw, you guessed already, Snap On Tools.

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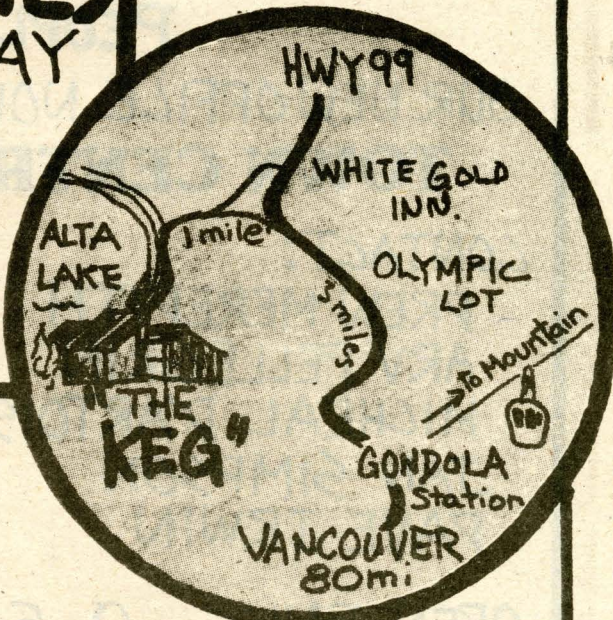
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A BOOK REVIEW

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By Cleo Birdwell

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Howie Morenz, Eddie Shore, Maurice Richard, Gordie Howe, Jean Beliveau, Bobby Orr...Cleo Birdwell?

Cleo Birdwell, sweater number 14 of the New York Rangers, centre ice, the first female in the National Hockey League. Tsk, tsk, what would Harold Ballard say?

fic-tion n. 2. A consciously invented explanation or a deliberate falsehood.

nov-el adj. New, strange or unusual.

Needless to say, this is one of the less serious books of the season. If it wasn't a sacrilegious concept dealing with our national institution, professional hockey, it could be a mildly humorous fantasy.

A sample of the prose, dealing with the lady's first encounter at dropping the gloves:

"We are in the Garden - why do they call it the Garden? - and some toothless, crooked-faced Penguin is trying to maul hell out of me in the corners. My wings, Fergie and Gord, show no interest in helping out this particular snowy eve.

Near the end of the second period, I butt-ended the son of a bitch and then dropped my stick and gloves and started punching. He hit back, hard, and melees developed, and the benches emptied.

When it was nearly over, I stood in a corner and saw the ice strewn with goves and sticks, and all the players on both teams paired off, just clutching now, and I felt good. I felt a white hot elation. I'd started it, throwing my first NHL punch, and they'd come to my aid, my teammates, my mates, come swarming off the bench like legionnaires.

What could they do, avert their eyes and pretend it was tennis?"

Tweet! A five minute major for triteness. And a five minute major for melee-ing.

Put plainly, this book is strictly doorstep material - it certainly doesn't deserve to share a bookshelf with anything more substantial than Mad magazine.

In fact, the premise is so absurd, the plot so thin, and the writing so sophomoric, that there will be nothing to stop this literary doughnut from becoming a best seller once it comes out in paperback.

The reader is spared endless sports descriptions, with most of the 'playing' in An Intimate Memoir by the First Woman Ever to Play in the National Hockey League taking place in hotel rooms, where Miss Birdwell seems more in her element. All-star material, in fact.

We must give Cleo some credit though, for she leaves her teammates alone, preferring congress with coaches, managers and sports writers presumably after the inside story. As well with various other minor characters that inexplicably find their way into the narrative. What can one expect from a self-confessed rink rat?

The anonymous author also has a mania for weather. He or she is obsessed with the climate to a point of hysteria. Indeed, one of Cleo's best nights in the sack takes place as a result of a game being cancelled at Maple Leaf Gardens

due to a storm that verges on a new ice age manifest in one night. "How can we have dinner if we can't even make it to the curb without a team of huskies?" she asks.

And weather follows her around endlessly, to Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Montreal, Boston, in fact, it would've been more sensible to bring all the weather in the book together into a separate chapter or appendix.

One has to admire Mark Twain for prefacing an anthology with, "No weather will be found in this book. Nothing breaks up an author's progress like having to stop every few pages to fuss-up the weather."

The biggest insult to local hockey fans is that the Vancouver Canucks, due to poor attendance, play their home games alternately in Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver. The Van-Sea-Tac Canucks! This warrants no further comment.

Naturally, Hughes Tool owns the Rangers and the general manager is a Yale graduate. Half way through the book the author has him fired and replaced by an Arab, who insists that Cleo wear a veil when playing. To this she responds:

"I've been meaning to ask Jeep to let me kill penalties. The full-length veil might be a big help there. I could envelop people in it. Neutralize the other team's power play. Of course, this could lead to an additional penalty. Two minutes for veiling. Birdwell goes off for veiling LaFleur. She veiled him viciously from behind. You saw it folks. Another gutless attack by the Veiled Marauder."

To call this book garbage would be to pay it an unwarranted compliment. This reviewer has not read anything so simple since Dick and Jane.

**FROM PAGE 7.**

Goal dust: .... salute to league President, John Johnson, and sponsors...and whose H.R. Source? Get ready for a groaner, pal, it's a highly reliable sou-aaaah! Just like Gump Worsley, Super Value net minder, Michelle Hawley when asked which club in the HSMHL gave him the most trouble answered: "Super Value." And last but not least Luciene Duchiene, goaltender for the New Westminster Royals of the old WHL, who endeared himself to brewery representatives everywhere, when he said: "Bah, twenty t'irty beers never hurt anybody."

**"A" DIVISION STATISTICS (as of Jan. 6, '81)**

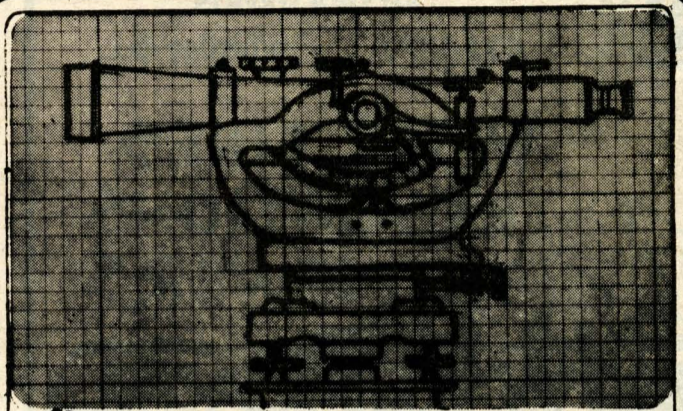
STANDINGS	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS	P/M
Whistler Winterhawks	20	13	3	4	120	64	30	319
Squamish Truckers	20	14	4	2	131	61	30	392
Highlander Canadians	20	7	10	3	92	102	17	572
Super Valu	20	2	15	3	50	151	7	231

TOP SCORERS	G	A	PTS	P/M
Mike Ryan (Whistler)	25	17	42	15
Jim McPherson (Truckers)	21	20	41	12
Al Knight (Truckers)	20	21	41	56
Bob Whissell (Highlander)	19	20	39	56
Dan Brandreth (Highlander)	16	23	39	52
John Acorn (Truckers)	17	21	38	8
Al Dumas (Highlanders)	17	15	32	36
Ray Lacoursiere (Highlander)	9	18	27	78
Pete Harrison (Whistler)	15	11	26	9
Mike Kaspersack (Trucker)	9	17	26	22
Cam Caldwell (Truckers)	5	21	26	87

**SCHEDULE for JANUARY**

DATE	DATE	TIME	HOME VS VISITOR
Jan. 14	Wed.	9:15	Highlander vs Truckers
Jan. 17	Sat.	8:15	Super Value Highlander
Jan. 17	Sat.	10:00	Truckers vs Whistler
Jan. 19	Mon.	10:00	Practice Highlander
Jan. 22	Wed.	9:15	Whistler vs Super Valu
Jan. 24	Sat.	8:15	Whistler vs Truckers
Jan. 26	Mon.	10:00	Super Valu vs Truckers
Jan. 28	Wed.	9:15	Highlander vs Whistler
Jan. 31	Sat.	8:15	Truckers vs Highlander
Jan. 31	Sat.	10:00	Super Valu vs Whistler

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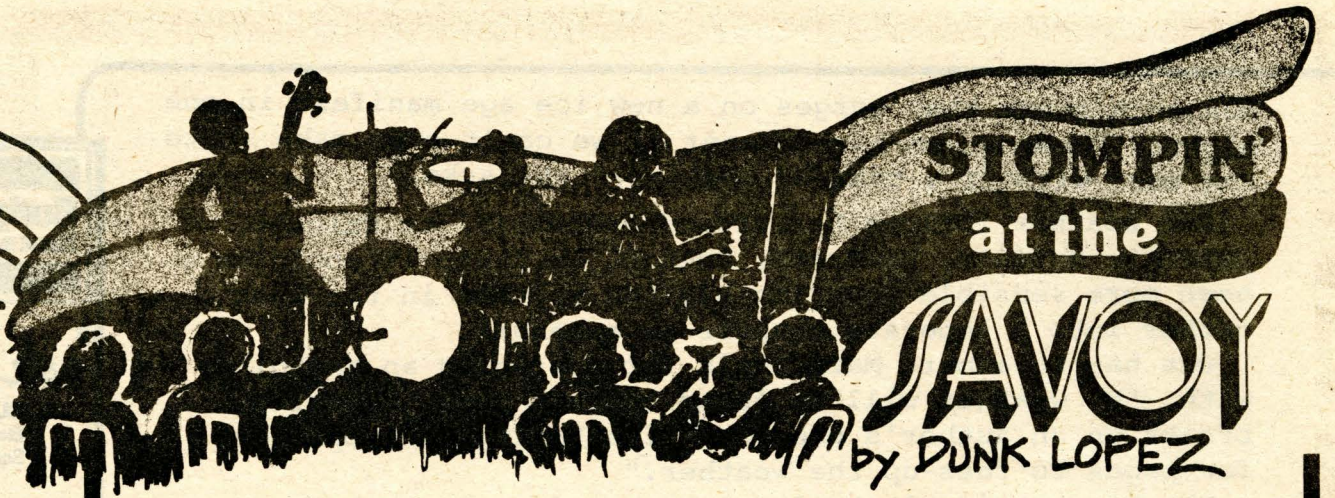


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When Gus Morburg went on a toot it was my job to sort of tag along and make sure he didn't get into any serious trouble. The way the chief spelled it out was, if Morburg ended up in the slammer, then I was out of a job. Somehow that didn't seem quite democratic to me but then I didn't exactly have a vote in the matter.

"I have been drinking stars," he said.

"What'd you say, Gus?" I questioned.

"I didn't say it. A blind Benedictine monk said that in the 17th century."

"You're spoofin the Dunk," I says.

"No I'm not," he said shaking his head, "it was champagne of course and his name was Dom Perignon. He discovered that wine became naturally carbonated when it was bottled and stoppered with a cork after the first fermentation. Cool winter weather stopped the first fermentation before it was finished and spring weather made the wine warmer, restarting the fermentation. Because the bottles were stoppered, pressure forced carbon dioxide - a fermentation byproduct - to dissolve in the liquid. Opening the bottle reduced the pressure, allowing the carbon dioxide to form bubbles."

"Two more Molsons," I hollered at a passing waiter.

"I have been drinking stars," he said.

Gus Morburg knew, though he seemed to know a lot more about things of a musical bend. It was the Brandenburg Concerto or Verdi's String Quartet. So lets get pretentious I figured, and followed the music critic from the old Montreal Gazette, down to a club in the city's east end.

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Must have been Duke Ellington said: "If you don't have a good left hand then you don't have it." Gus told me that. Oh, and Willie "The Lion" Smith, a legendary New York player quoted as saying: "I'd rather be a fly on a lamp post in Harlem, than the King of Siam." But when we got Big Miller cornered, all he could say was: "Well, you either got it or you don't, and I got it... HA HA HA!"

Gus was scribbling something in a notebook he always carried in the breast pocket of his jacket. Big was really big like one of those immense persons you call Tiny. He pushed his chair back and mended his way to the bandstand with a trio of piano, base and drums. They began in the middle of an old standard.

known this before you start  
 my souls been torn apart  
 lost my mind in a wild romance...

The ivories rolled over smooth as summer rain, the base player stopping for a moment, as if to fall behind, then rushing ahead enough to make you want to holler, hey wait a second, but never a miss at the end of a bar, and the brushes so light across the snare and cymbals. So now I know, though certainly at the time, I did not.

"Great sounds," I says to Gus.

"Deadline, gotta make the deadline," he said.

He penciled some more news in his notebook and ordered another quick round of celestial libations. There were low lights, smoke and booze and broads. Big went into up tempo blues number.

said flip flop and fly, don't care if I die, flip flop and fly,  
 don't care if I die say don't ever leave me don't ever say  
 good-bye ah like a mississippi bullfrog sitting on a lollow  
 stump, like a mississippi bullfrog sittin on a hollow stump,  
 got so many women I don't know which way to jump,  
 said flip flop and fly....

"Come on lets get outa here," said Gus coughing up his half of the tab.

"One more tune," s'about all I could say. *cont. next page*

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The Squamish Valley is the home to the largest population of bald eagles in North America. From October until February a maximum of 5,000 eagles fish the Squamish River.

Conservation officer Bob Reynolds estimates there to be between 2,500 and 3,000 eagles, nesting primarily on the west bank of the Squamish River.

The Bald eagle is the national bird of the United States and has become rare throughout most of the world, (as far as I know not for that reason) but are apparently making a comeback.



M. Leierer



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They tore the joint apart, I mean the customers literally did, but not until I'd heard enough to bring me back a second night. I was at a table with a belle from the steno pool when in between sets, Big sat down a row over, to jaw with a couple of his cronies. Someone handed him a review from the Gazette and I felt like an uninvited guest because Gus had come on from mean street.

"... no question a prime example of misguided ambition, self-indulgence and over-inflated sense of self."

Big arched one eyebrow, then the other, then both at once, and looked over at the copy boy and his date.

"Some folks just never get the message." he said.

I was giving the gal the animation with the hands and the glasses and the sleeve burning in the candle. Big just pushed the table and chair away in a smooth easy motion. He ambled up to the bandstand and the trio sat down.

if you would be so kind  
to help me find my mind  
I want to thank you in advance  
know this before you start... HA HA HA!

And he laughed again, only the music didn't stop, but went right on through the changes, and it wasn't a belly laugh, or a knee slapper, or a rib tickler. No, it was much more than that. The back straightened up and the head tossed back, and it was like someone splashing out a bucket of cold water, from a deep sweet well.

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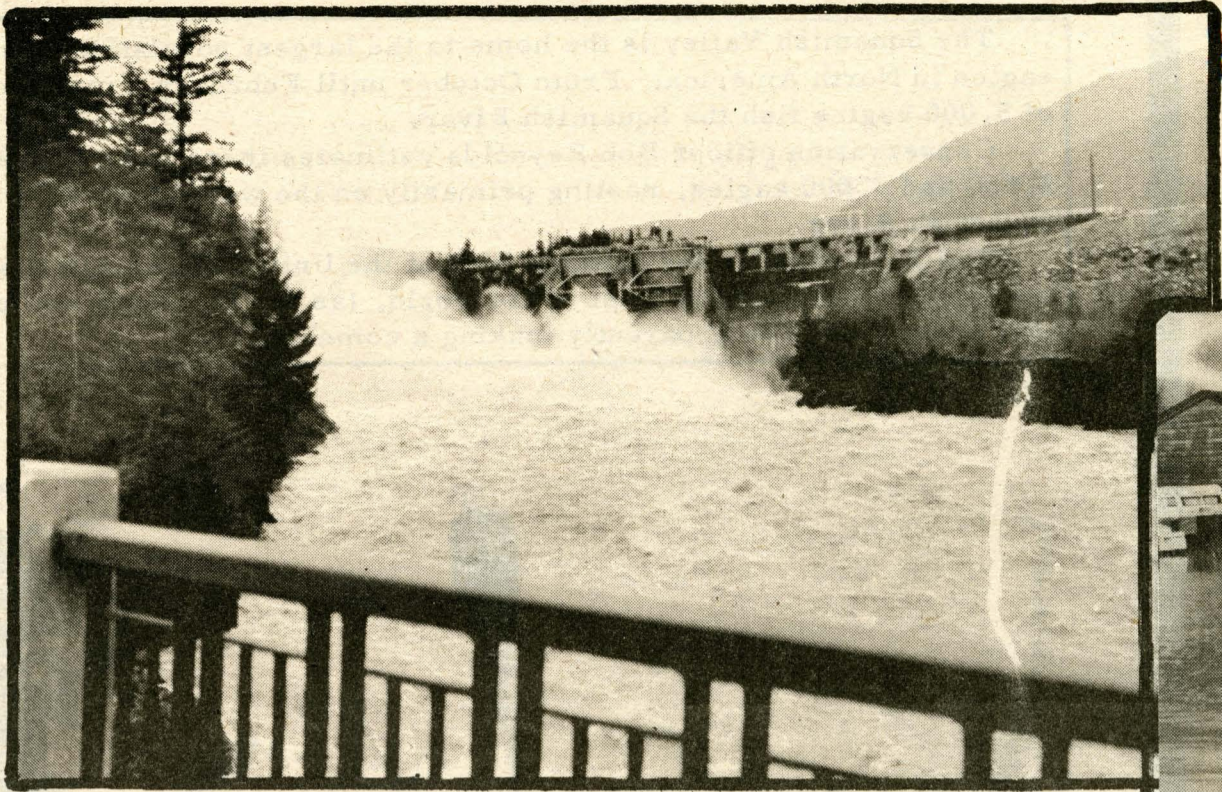
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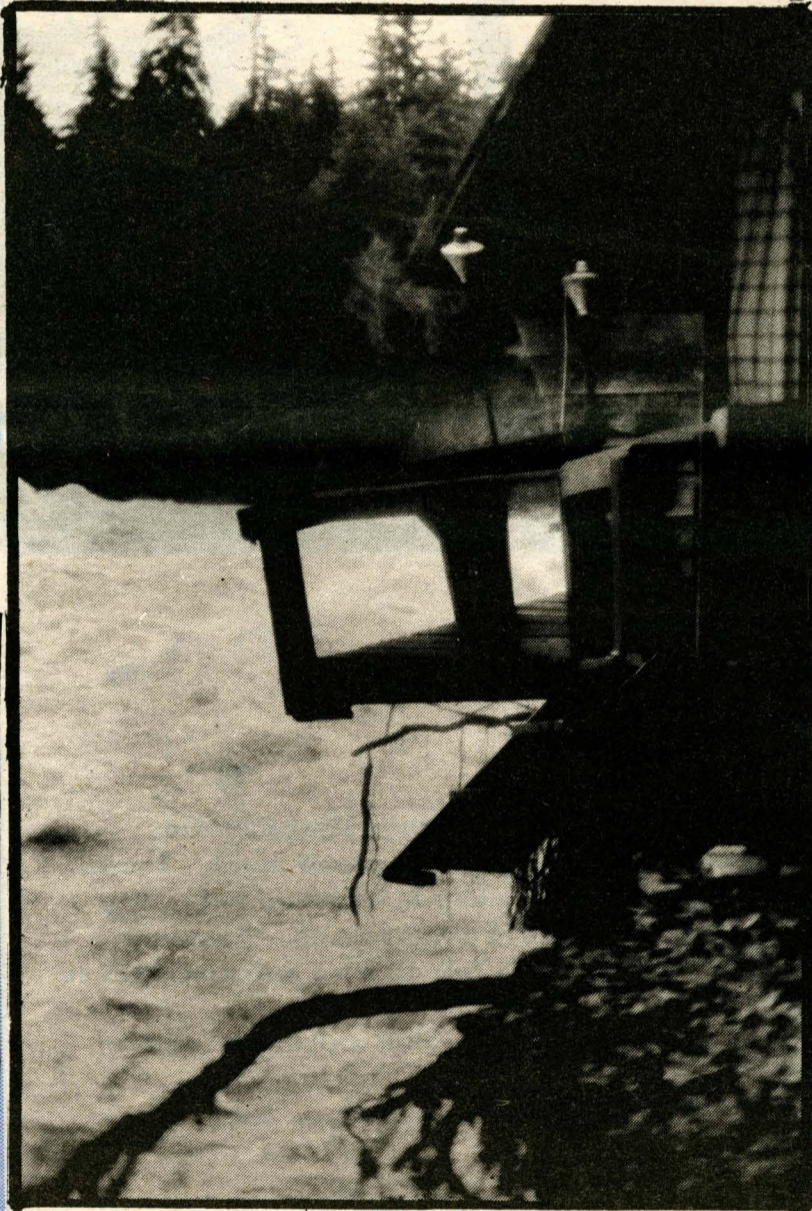
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Highway 99 is closed due to certain sections being washed away; notably the 300 foot section at Tisdale, the highway adjacent to the Alpine Meadows entrance and Culliden Creek. The 60 foot head built up at Culliden Creek was tearing the road away and threatening Squamish with a wall of water.

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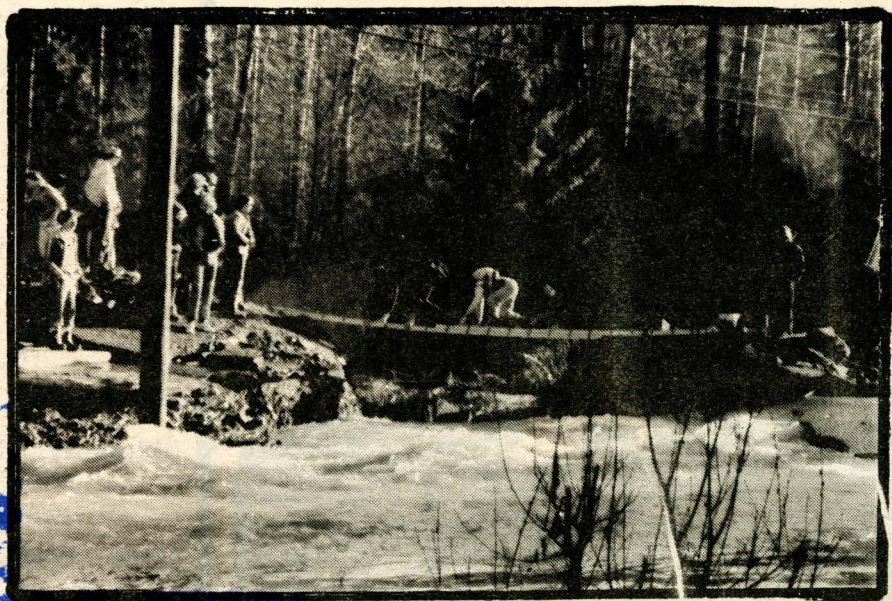
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Culliden Creek

Cutting through highway 99 at Alpine Meadows relieved pressure and eased further destruction. The rescue operation throughout the Squamish area saw success; no lives were lost. The communities affected by flooding seemed to have worked together and remained fairly calm leaving drama seeking journalists disappointed. Good luck to all who are cleaning and repairing.



Highway 99 north



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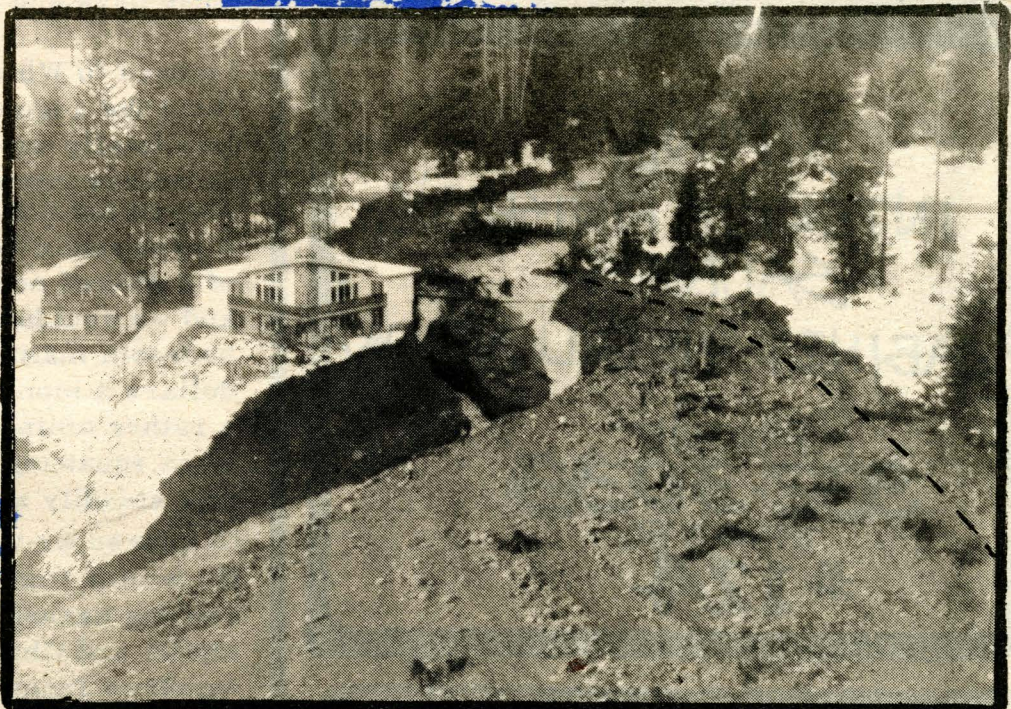


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# Flood

Tony Dudas' minus a yard (dotted line shows original course)

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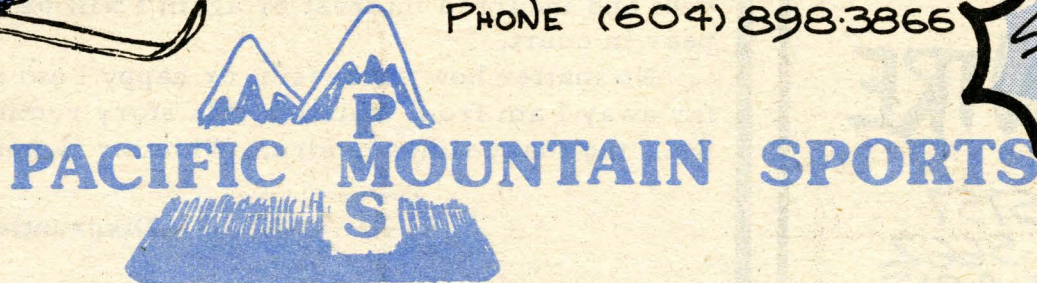
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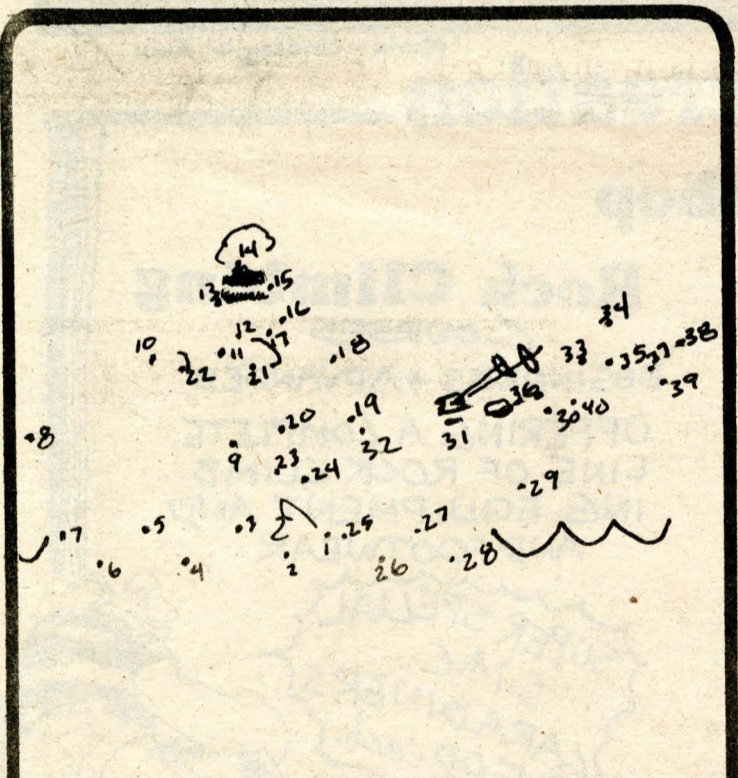




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*E associated trivia*

Monday, October 27, 1980.

Dear Whistler Answer:

Hope this finds you all well. I recall my initial move to Alta Lake, B.C. It varies little from most peoples initial move to Whistler these days and I know, only too well, that you have heard it all before.

I moved to Whistler, an idealistic youngster, part of a couple, vague about the augmented cost of living in the B.C. mountains and therefore totally unprepared to move there at all. Once there we found ourselves immediate statistics in a housing crisis. As a couple our search for a home was limited to a one bedroom house or suite with a reasonable rent but soon the options were to include any possibility of a shared accommodation. Strangely enough, this was September and we couldn't accommodate ourselves with anything less than a two bedroom main floor of a rather run-down house, for four hundred dollars a month, utilities, a security deposit, neighbours above and a rather ominous and binding lease for seven months. This was 1976 when squatting was becoming less conceivable and Whistler's profile was steadily and rapidly on its way up.

Of course we were bound to stay, we had fought for security, gathered the winter wood, waxed the skis and were not going to let a little settling hardships deter us from this mountain dream. So life was idyllic and Christmas dinner showed signs of prosperity. Few people withdrew from the festivities despite a curious lack of real snow on the ground. But hard fact soon hit home after the holiday when lay-offs of the mountain staff began. Our house was hit rather hard with three occupants unemployed and disgruntled. I was maintaining a meager income as a waitress one or maybe two nights a week. Now the bottle will drain ones resources very quickly and at Whistler this January the bars were filled with apathetic and grieving ski bums wasting away their last dollars and praying for snow.

Our household dwindled to the two original tenants faced with a now burdening lease and an inconceivable rent. There was no way of sucking blood from a stone and we sent off a letter to our landlord with a months notice of intent to vacate the premises. Because of unreliable skiing our landlord, like many, took his holidays abroad and when returned we were on our way out the door much to his vexation.

They never said life, was simple and our landlord decided that he was fed up with our out of court settlement and he was going to proceed with court action. In 1978 I received the summons to appear in court as I was responsible for the remainder of my payments and those of the other signee (now in London, England)

I made one final offer to clear up my half of the debt which he refused and found myself in a chalk white courtroom, knees shaking. The landlord, the plaintiff, failed to show and the case was dismissed in no-ones favour which means it would always be possible for the plaintiff to recommence the proceedings. Such welcome relief. I assumed that it would have cost the landlord more to leave his plush corporate law office than he was bound to receive in small Claims Court.

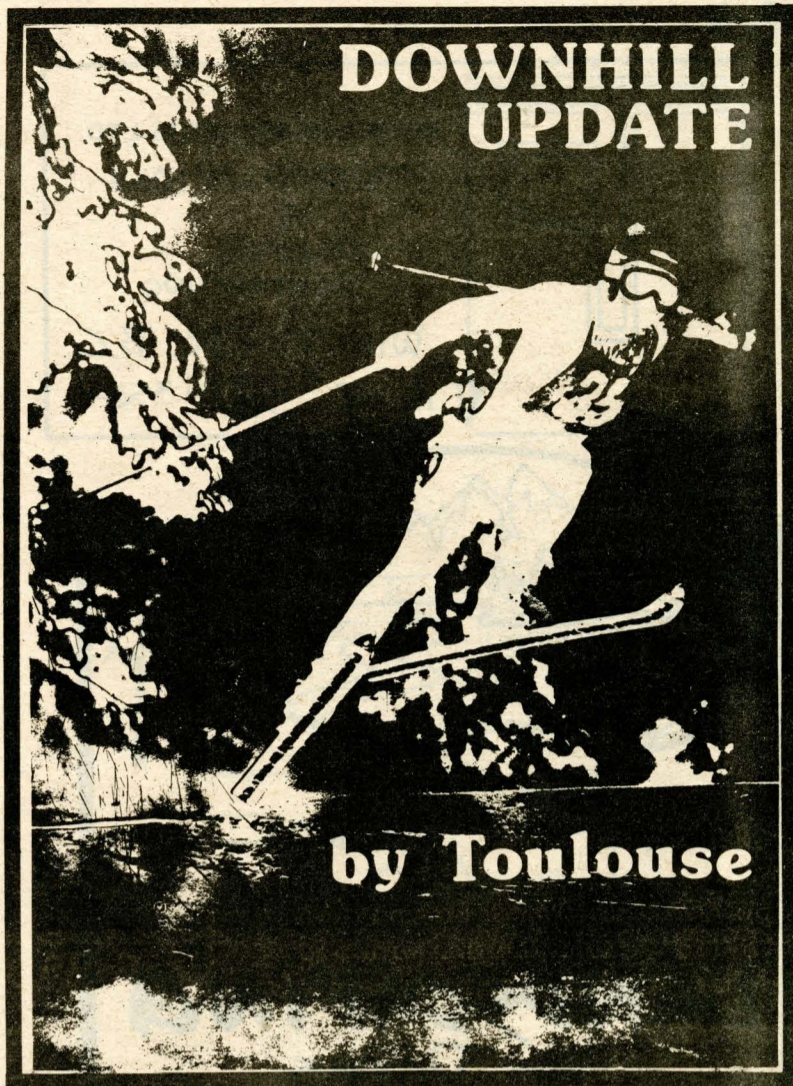
Not so. Here we are four years later and I received a telephone call from a collection agency demanding so many hundreds of dollars of debt and incurred interest or again I will be issued a summons to appear in court.

No matter how successful or happy I am now or how secure and far away I am from Whistler this story reminds me that I have heard it all too many times before. Whistler is not ready for people.

Disgruntled Ex - Whistlerite

New Years' has past and we are now into the 2nd half of this year's World Cup Downhill Ski Race schedule. The following is a schedule of races and addresses where the National Downhill Ski Team can be reached by mail or telegram. Allow 10 days for delivery: Cheerful messages are always appreciated. C.B.C. will televise the next 5 races from Europe via 'live delay' with Al Raine doing the color commentary.

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| Jan. 17  | Kitzbuhel  | Kitzbuhder Ski Club<br>Hinterstadt 32<br>6370 Kitzbuhel<br>Austria                    |
| Jan. 24. | Wengen     | Rennbuero Wengen<br>Sportpavillin<br>3823 Wengen<br>Switzerland                       |
| Jan. 31  | St. Anton  | Ski Club Arlberg<br>Postfach 69<br>6580 St. Anton am Arlberg                          |
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**STEVE PODBORSKI**



As you can see, Austria has 3 races this year and Canada has zilch. The efforts of this group of men we have on our DH Team are going to make them turn their heads enough, to award us more races. We have two very good courses that rate well by international standards - Whistler and Lake Louise. (Sorry Don Valley Ski Club will have to wait!)

For this month, world renowned international photographer, bon vivant and raconteur - Chris Speedie - will be travelling with the ski team to provide top quality photographic coverage of all races. I believe he's a sometimes local at Whistler. This is it, my ski bag is on the plane - see you in Feb.

*Toulouse.*



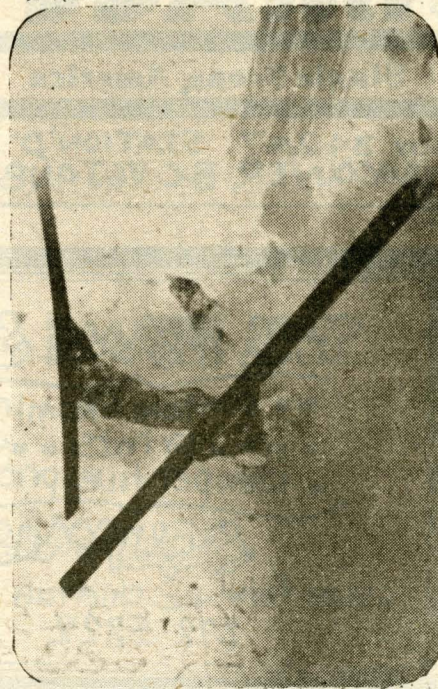
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Steve Podborski placed first at Garmisch W. Germany to give him a solid lead in FIS Downhill points. This was Pod's second consecutive victory in the Downhill circuit and he finds himself third in overall standings even though he only races in one discipline. Not bad for someone who told me in the fall that he planned to remain static in the 80-81 season (because of his knee injury) and step on the gas next year.

Ken Reid injured his knee in a fall at Garmish and it is believed he may be out for the season.

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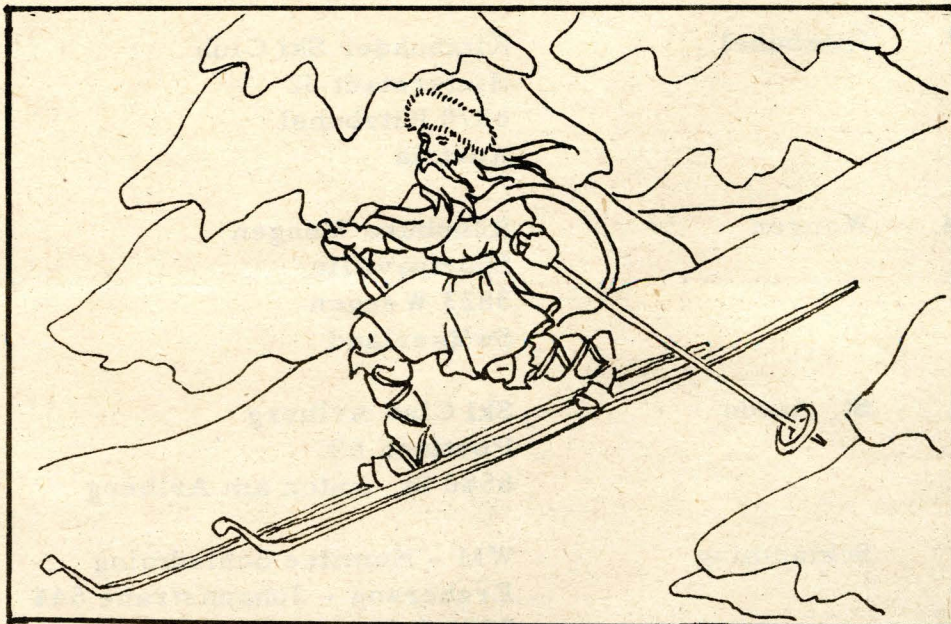
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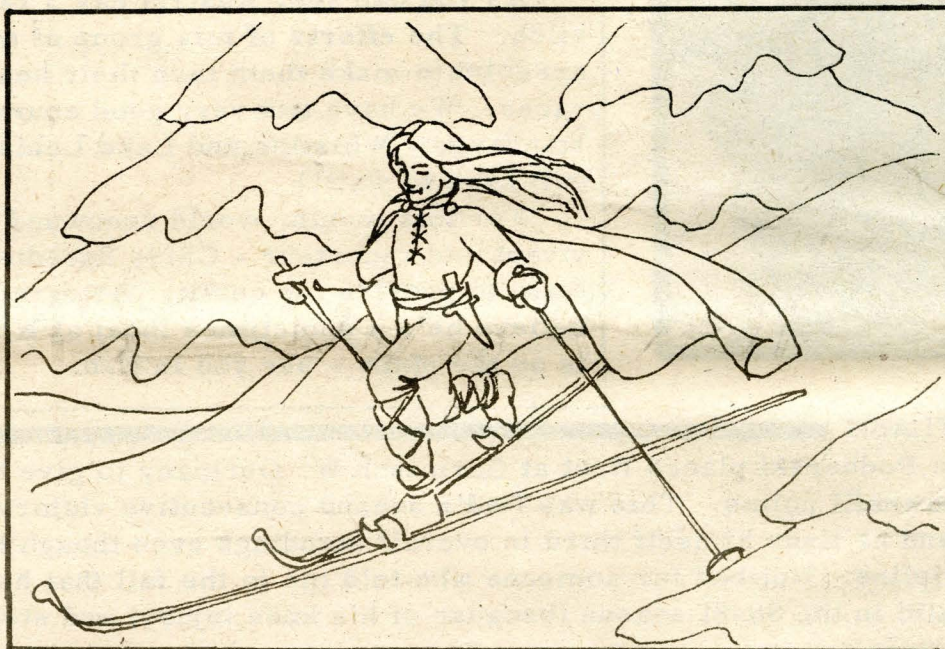
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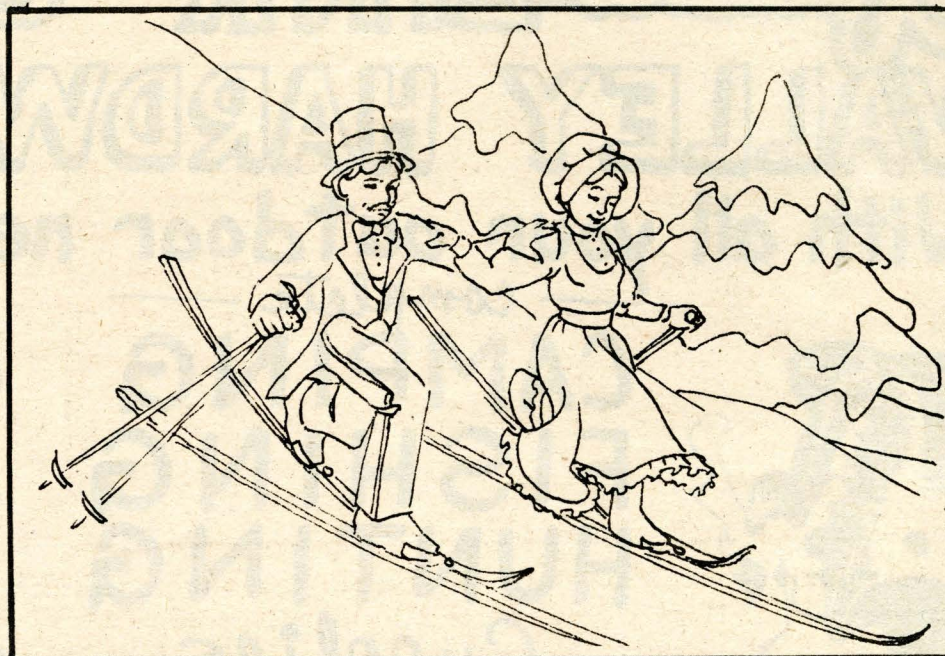
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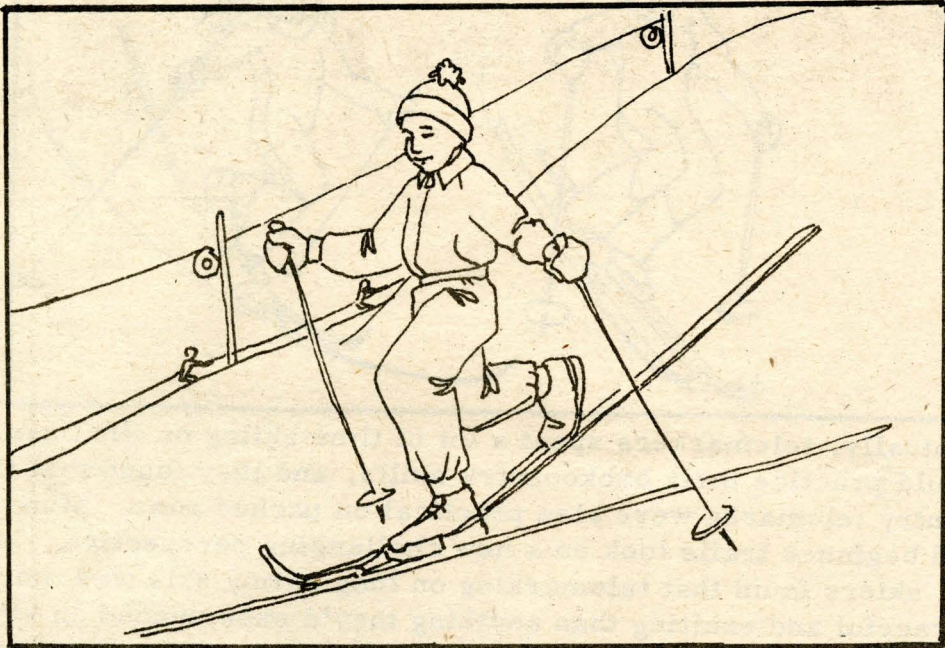
Centuries ago, in parts of Norway, mountain men were travelling on skis up to 300 cm. long. Rarely did they worry about skiing down hills, for they merely avoided them or skied straight down. By pushing one ski out ahead, and letting the other one trail, they found that they could ski with much more composure in this stable stance.



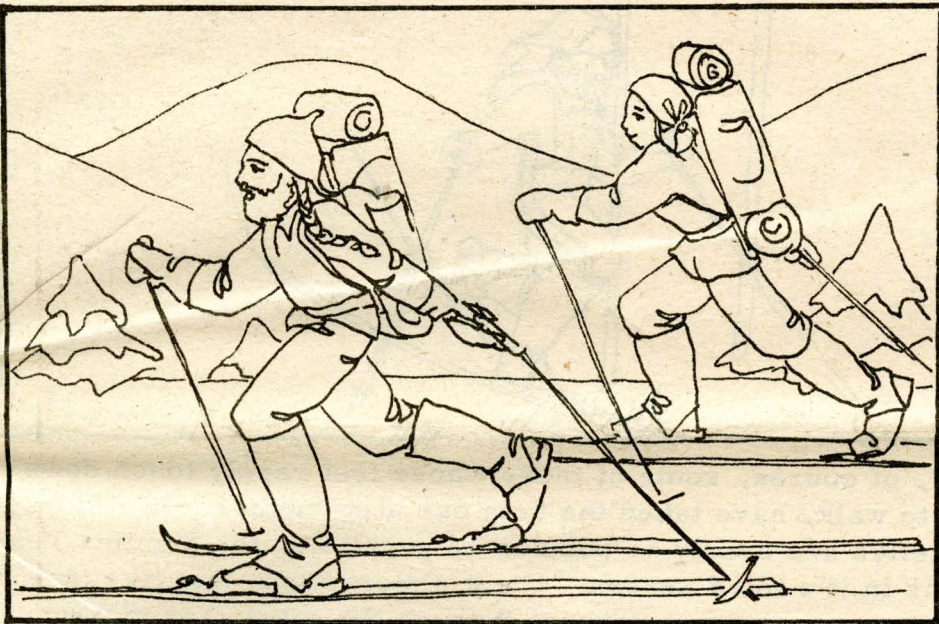
Later when ski turning developed, two or three centuries ago, a pure carved turn developed. With no mogul fields existing, quick sharp turns were not necessary. The skiers developed a turn with one ski far ahead of the other. This gave them a very low stable position with which to traverse even the most challenging terrain. These folks were from a little town called Telemark in Norway.



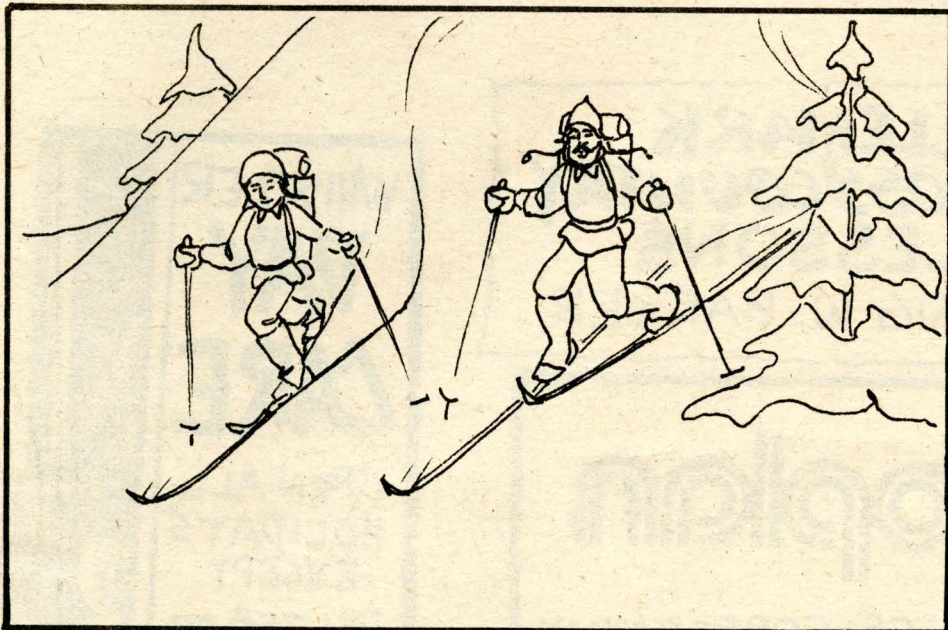
As skiers migrated from Scandinavia to the U. S. and Canada, the telemark turn became a common sight on the slopes in Quebec, Vermont, Colorado and B.C. It was the only turn that worked in all snow conditions, was elegant and graceful, and gave good stability at high speed.



As skiers spent more time on steep hills, equipment and technique changed. Turns like the christies and stems developed. Equipment that limited heel lift became popular in lift serviced areas. Those who wanted more mobility and who enjoyed the grace of telemarking stayed with it.



With the backcountry boom of the last 15 years, thousands who lived in the mountains or sought refuge from the bafflegab of urban life took up nordic skiing, so they could explore the backcountry in the snow without the mechanization of alpine skiing, or the heavy and restricting gear of the ski mountaineer.



Backcountry skiers found that telemark turning gave them freedom to be in the mountains all year long, on foot in the fall, and on skis in winter, spring and summer. They weren't afraid of the steep or the deep, and they even got their alpine friends to join them. Their downhill companions quite enjoyed skiing in the backcountry. No lift lines or noise and much more challenging than an often skied run under a lift.

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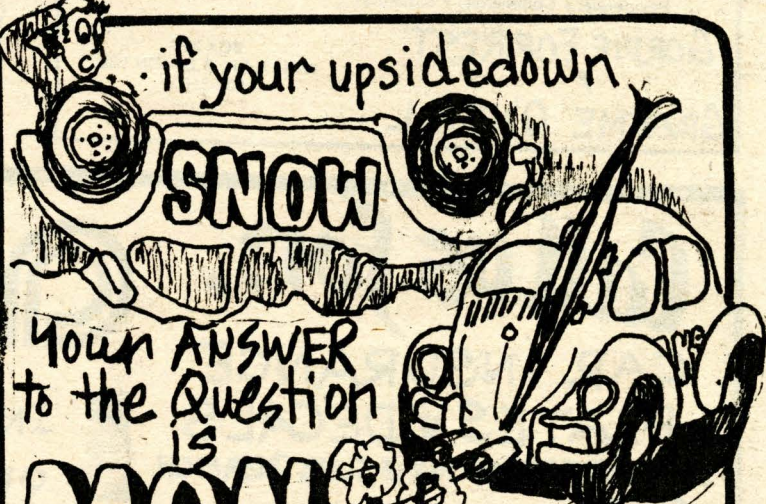
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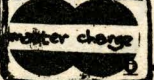

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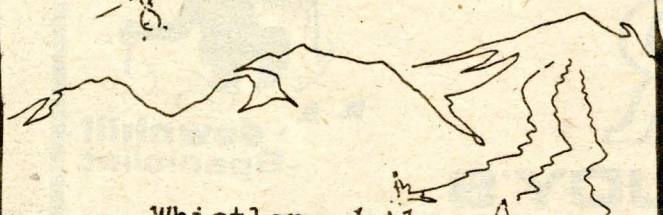
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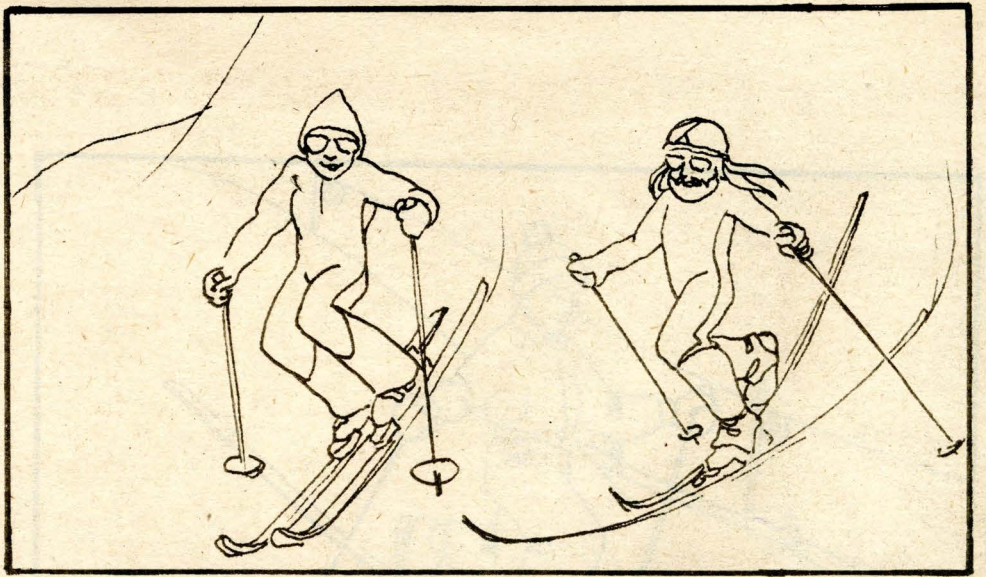
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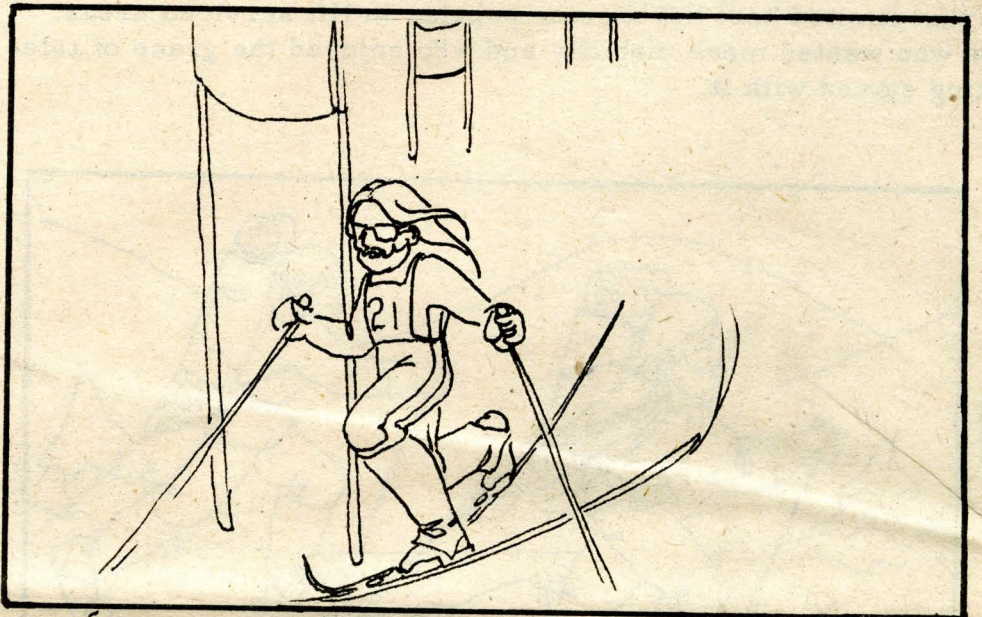
Eventually, telemarkers spent a lot of time skiing on lift lines. They could practice their backcountry skills, and they found that their backcountry telemarks were also practical on packed runs. Mundane runs and beginner trails took on a new challenging perspective. Many downhill skiers found that telemarking on long skinny skis was more fluid, graceful and exciting than anything they'd experienced on skis before. This was the new way of skiing. The same equipment could handle any terrain! From nordic trails in the valley, and lift-serviced runs, to the secrets of the Sphinx and Fitzsimmons Glaciers.

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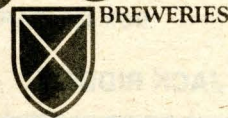
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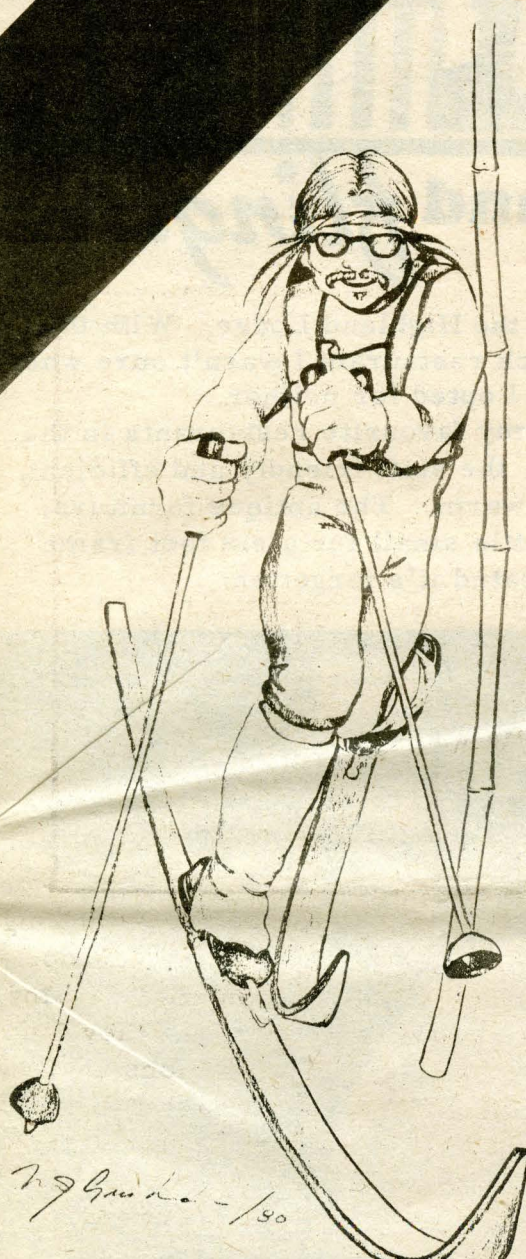
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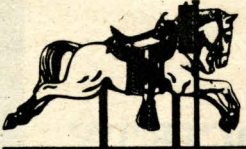


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**DINNER**  
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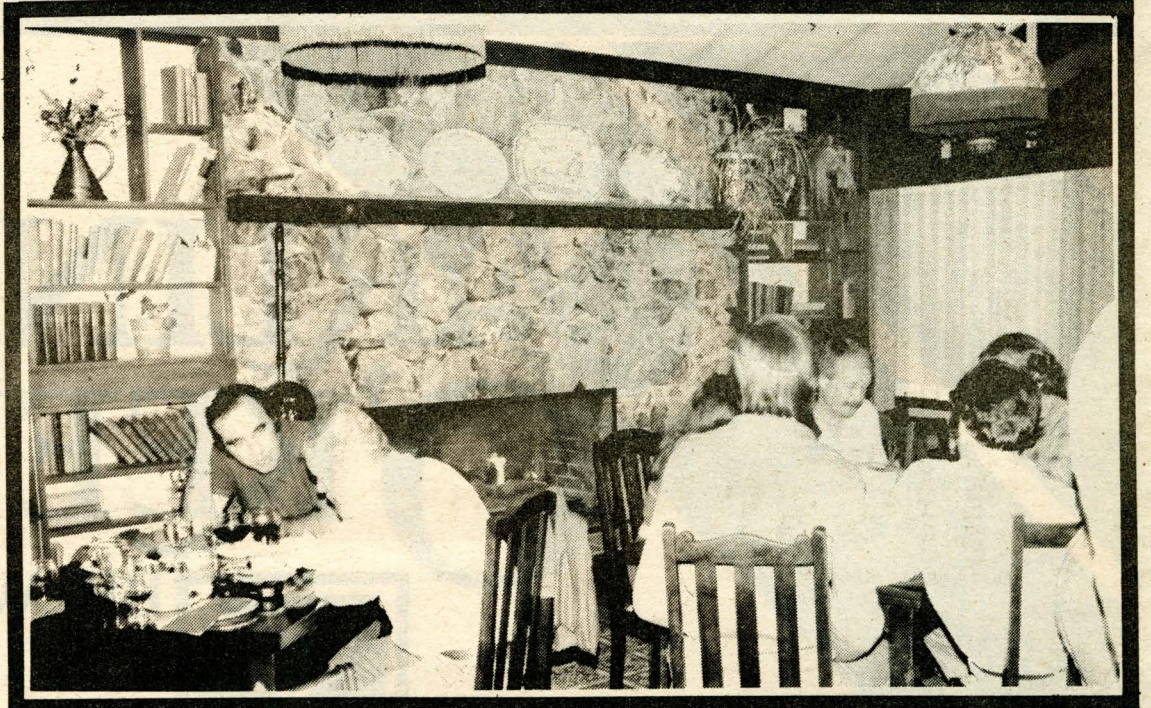
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MONDAY-SATURDAY  
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**THE RANCH**

MONDAY-SATURDAY  
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11 AM - 11 PM



## — Try a Highland *fling.* —

It was finally decided, dinner at the Highland Lodge. With the Ranch nestled next door to the French restaurant I wasn't sure whether to wear a cowboy hat or a tam. I opted for neither.

The highland has become one of my favourite restaurants in the Valley. The fireplace is always lit, the staff friendly and efficient, without fawning and the atmosphere warm. The antique furniture, like old English armour, seems a little small for a six foot frame and size ten hiking boots but once seated it's forgotten.



Phillip & Denis

As we all know it's ultimately the cooks that make a restaurant and in this case your in good hands at the Highland. Philippe and Denis, from southern France work as a team and their seventeen years of combined experience become obvious when the plates are set down. The French are masters of the sauces and these two are no exception. Almost all entrees are served with a different sauce and the daily specials are always worth considering. I had a version of Beef Stroganoff that was one of my lifetime best.

Debbie, the new dining room manager has an enthusiasm that's infectious. "There's big plans for the Highland!" Special events such as a Medieval feast (complete with wenches) and St. Patrick's Day bash are planned, so keep in touch.

Debbie



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# WEIRD NEWS of the WORLD

## The Mark of Zerbo In Ouagadougou

Upper Volta, one of Africa's poorest countries, no longer boasts one of the continent's few multiparty democracies. Col. Saye Zerbo, commander of the armed forces in Ouagadougou, last week placed President Sangoule Lamizana under house arrest in the presidential palace. Mr. Lamizana, who also came to power in a coup, in 1966, was elected in 1978 when he permitted one of Africa's rare contested presidential elections.

In another African coup this month, President Luis de Almeida Cabral of Guinea-Bissau was ousted by a group led by João Bernardo Vieira. Authorities said the new, predominantly black rulers planned to put Mr. Cabral and other mixed-blood members of his Marxist party on trial on charges of torture and murder of opponents.

## Water Profits

Perrier water? Mountain Valley water? In August 1979 three enterprising New Yorkers bottled pure New York City tap water. It went on sale at Macy's for \$2.50 for a 28-ounce bottle.

"This is a big spoof on the water industry," said Bert Monroy, an artist, who formed Water Ventures Inc. with Henry Galiano, a paleontologist, and John Phufas, a lawyer. "We felt that we wanted to bring attention to the fact that New Yorkers have the best water coming out of their taps."

The product, called Celebrated New York Water, is still on sale at Macy's. And the company, now called WVI and reorganized with Mr. Galiano as full-time president, has carbonated the water and expanded sales to 36 outlets — clubs, restaurants and gourmet shops — in the Los Angeles area.

"It's a lightly sparkling water," Mr. Phufas says, and plans are to sell it

also in "poor water areas" in the South.

Celebrated New York Water is being bottled at the Crown Beverage Corporation plant in Brooklyn, Mr. Phufas says, "because Brooklyn receives the best water, from the Delaware-Catskill reservoir system." A thousand cases a month are being shipped, he says, in two bottle sizes: 28 and 10 ounces.

"We think we have the best water in the business," Mr. Phufas says.

## In Reversal, Government to Allow Officials to Use Toilets in Offices

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP) — The 33 bureaucrats whose private bathrooms were locked up in June because they were not high enough on the Federal status list to be entitled to such perquisites have had their toilet privileges restored.

The Government's housekeeping agency has backed down and liberated the privies at the offices of the Department of Health and Human Services.



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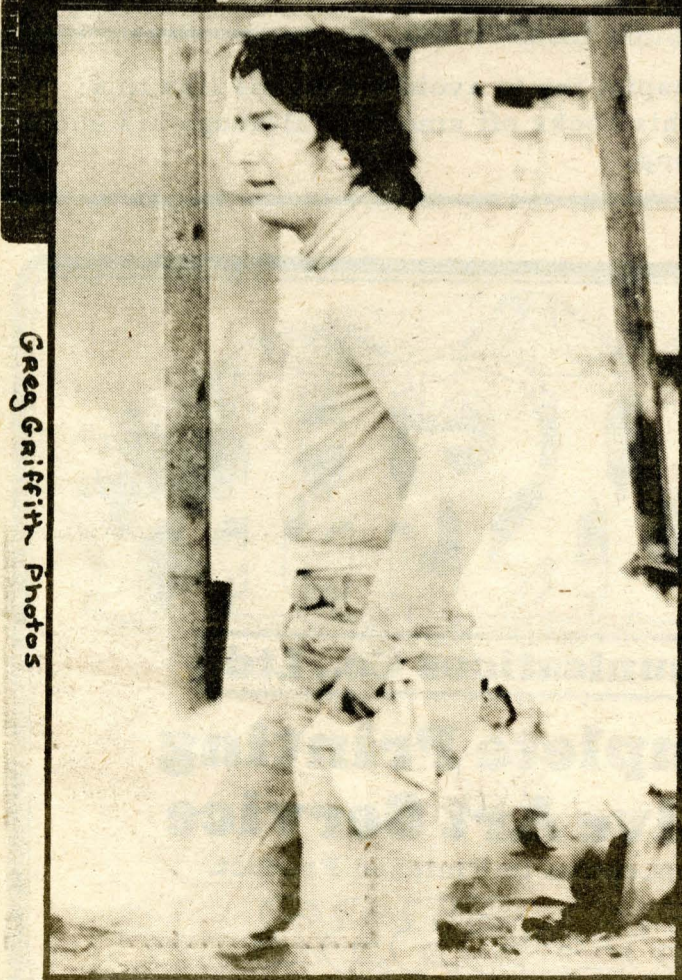
Donald Pomerleau, police commissioner of Baltimore, ventured a theological opinion last week when he said, testifying in a sex discrimination suit against the police department, that women were "little balls of fluff in the eyes of the Creator." Female police officers in the courtroom moaned aloud, and the following day a spokesman for the department said Mr. Pomerleau meant the expression as a term of endearment, not of disrespect. The spokesman said Mr. Pomerleau had a good record of working to bring women into the department, which now has 125 female officers and 2,093 males. Women's rights organizations in Baltimore said Mr. Pomerleau's language was, nevertheless, "obnoxious and frivolous."



Whistler: John Bentham a freelance stuntman from Whistler dove through a flaming wall in a demonstration of his art on Saturday.

Bentham who specializes in high falls and fire stunts came out of this one with only singed eye brows despite the fact that he wore no protective clothing.

There were several RCMP, ambulance attendants and firemen on the scene presumably to protect someone from something although their only task was to extinguish burning cardboard.



Greg Griffith Photos

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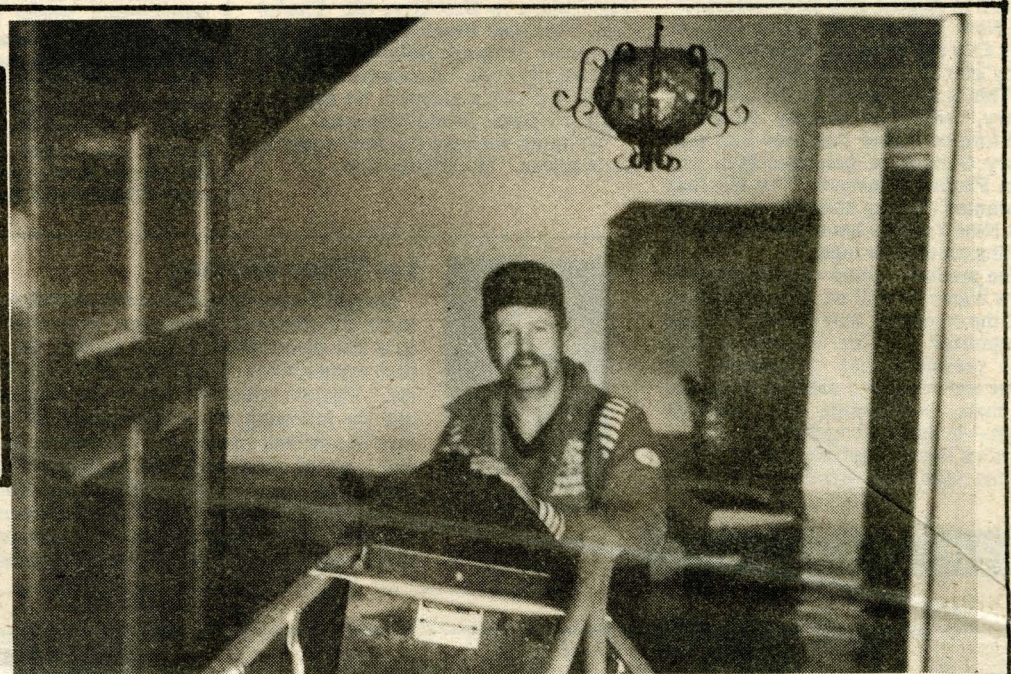
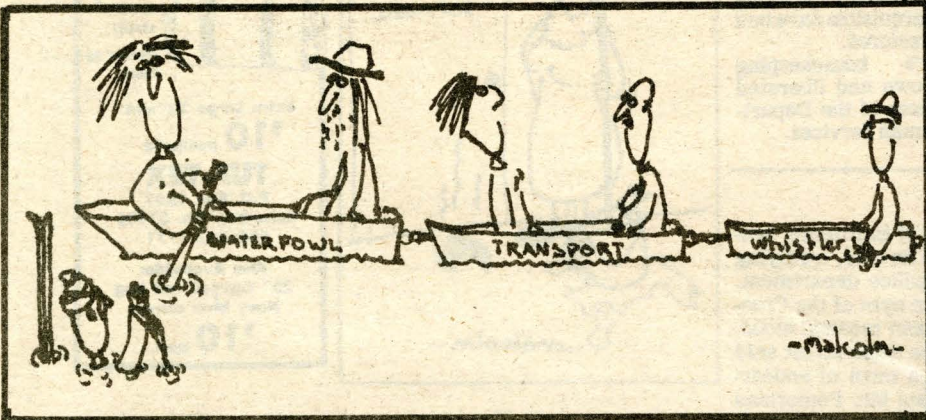
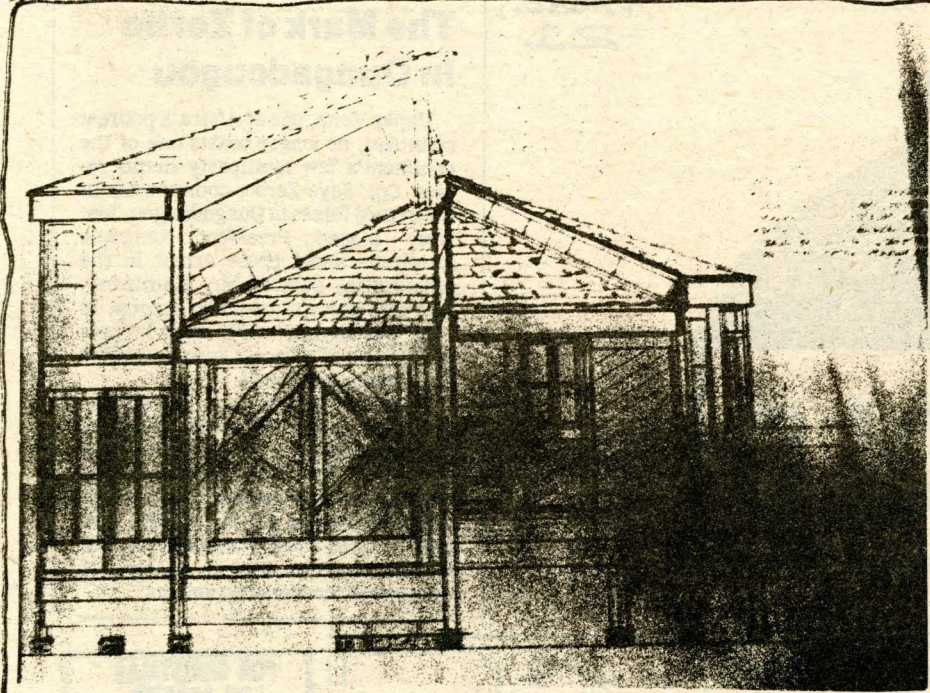
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# HAND-BUILT ISLANDS

MARCH, 1981.

Hand Built Islands is an exhibition of hand built houses of British Columbia. The show will include photos, drawings, blueprints, parts and models of innovative structures designed especially for their environment and inhabitants.

Pictured is a blueprint of a structure constructed around a central spine or pillar. This circular building rises as it makes it's way around it's central support. This habitat was built by David Ewert of Squamish and is typical of what will be featured at Hand Built Islands. For information contact the Brackendale Gallery at 898-3333.



Wayne Burt negotiates a difficult portage between the living room and the front lake of the McCartney residence. Although this route is not listed in the current BC Canoe Guide it is rated a strong grade three with grade five rapids down to the basement. Fishing was reported as mediocre.

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A minor regional author notorious for his alcohol intake, Dunk Lopez, invented a drink New Year's Eve that not only got him bombed, it was a hangover cure as well. It consisted of two parts vodka to one part milk of magnesia and he named it Phillips screw-driver.

### JOURNALISM LESSON NO. 34

When covering a curling Bonspiel try to avoid sentences like this: Fred Russel, the lead, got his rocks off smoothly although his shots never made it to the inner ring.

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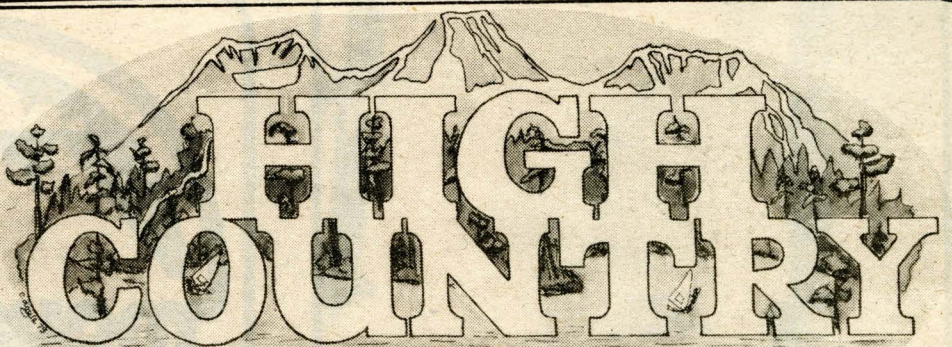
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One of a series by West Coast artist Christopher Blades.

The Whistler Answer is pleased to be able to publish two poems from a pair of up and coming poets recently discovered in Toronto. Both are recent graduates of the newly formed Mount Pleasant Academy of Intellectual Levity, and claim to receive their inspiration from draught beer and Carl Sagan.

Ethnocentricity and the Dilemma Inherent In Grocery Shopping In Canada's Major English Speaking City

I went to Kensington Market  
To get some vegetables and things  
I don't speak most of the languages  
And I wound up with chicken wings.

Ray Cyst (1980).

The Nation State; the state of the nation

Our economy is in dire straights  
For being a pawn to the United States,

Inflation is on the rise  
No big surprise

The dollar is the shits  
About six bits

Unemployment is the sole occupation  
Of 10% of the nation

Alberta and Ottawa are great foes  
With protracted Punch and Judy shows

Ammending formulas are topic for debate  
By mad political scientists of third rate  
Why not just mend before it's too late  
And let the constitution be guided by fate

The country is no doubt a mess  
It is honest to confess  
A hard time everyone is feeling  
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Pamela Broadbent-Clark (1981)



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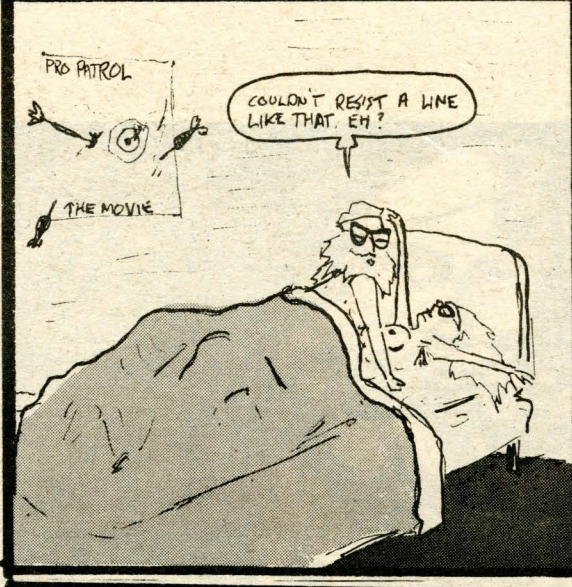
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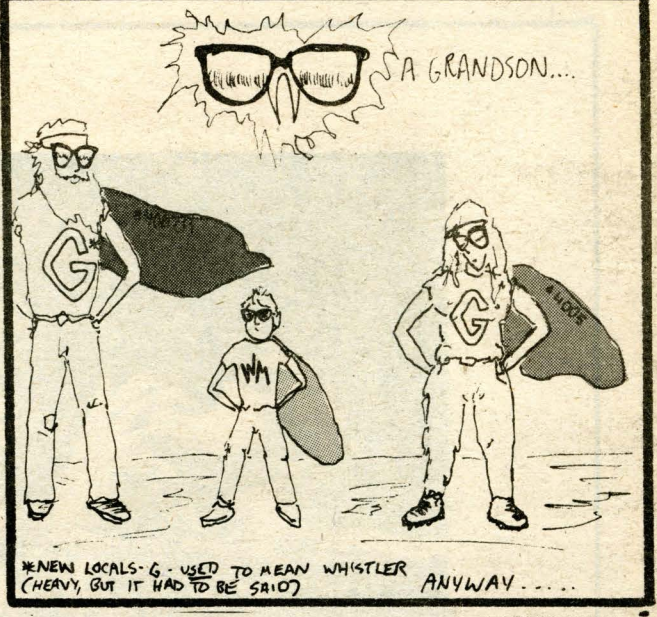
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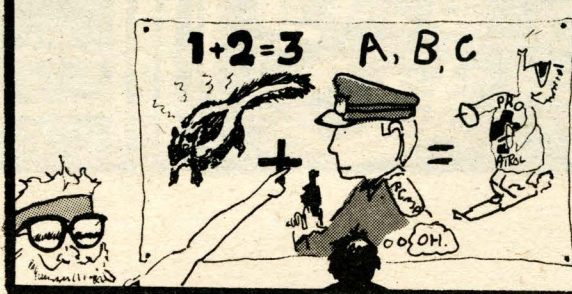
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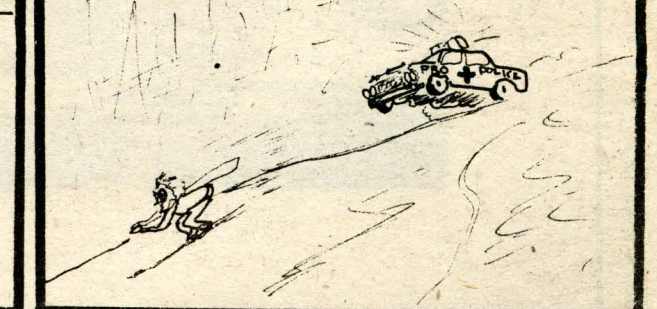
WHICH THIS UNION HAS NOW PRODUCED A MEANS OF SOLVING.... LOCALBOY!



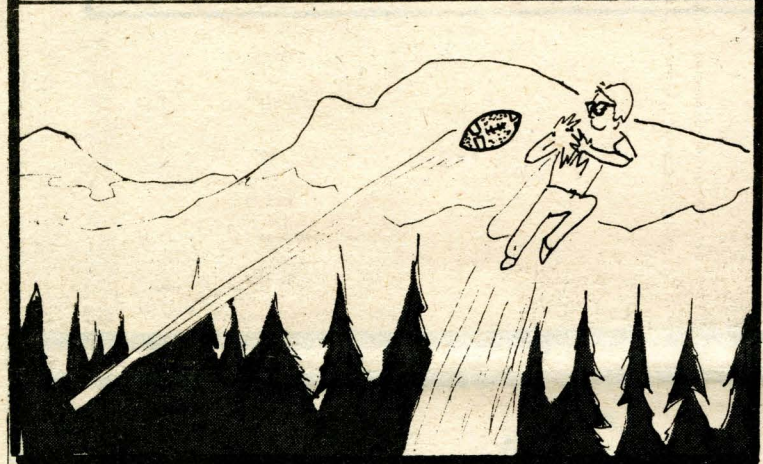
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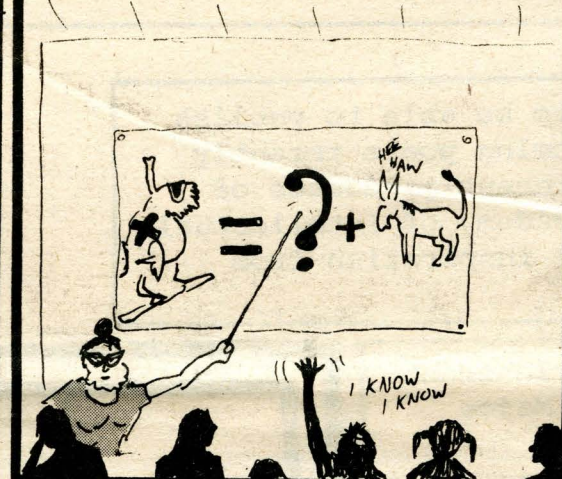
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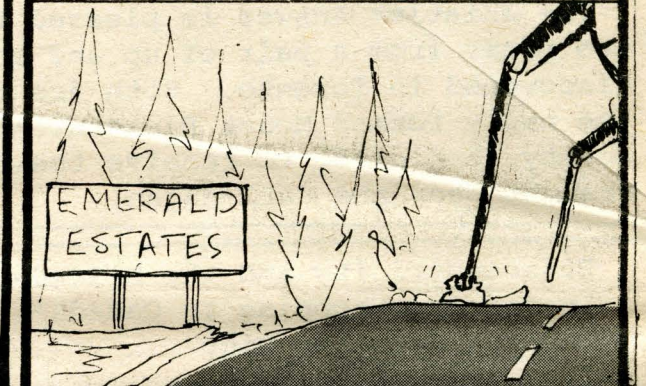
THE KIDS AT MYRTLE PHILLIP SOON LEARNED THAT LOCALBOY WAS A BIT DIFFERENT....



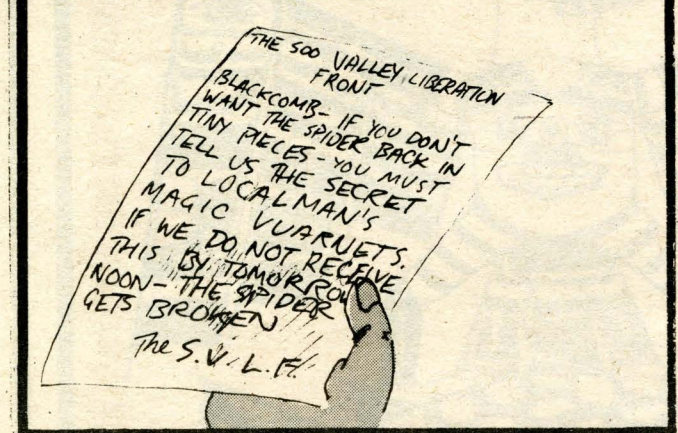
AND HIS SCHOOLWORK WAS OUTSTANDING....



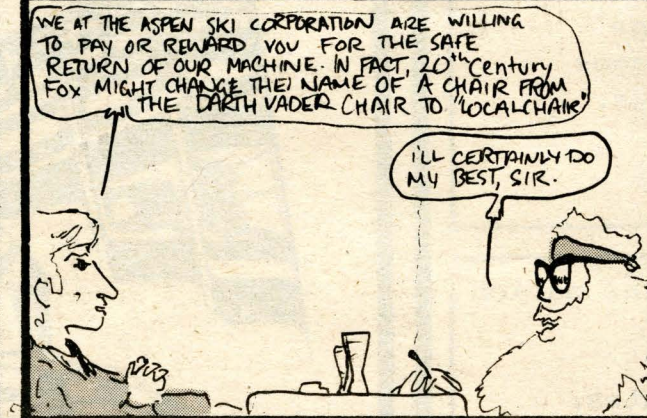
ANYWAY, BACK TO THE ORIGINAL STORY - AS WE LEFT IT, PAUL R. ROID, THE FASHION SUNGLASS DESIGNER, HAS CONTRACTED THE SOO VALLEY LIBERATION FRONT TO KIDNAP THE MAGNIFICENT BLACKCOMB'S CHAIR-LIFT MAKING SPIDER.



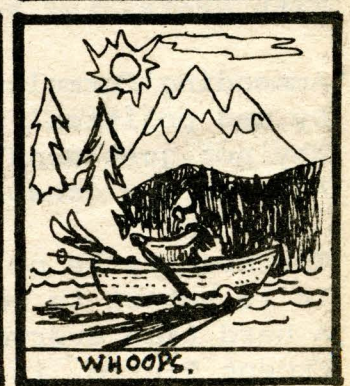
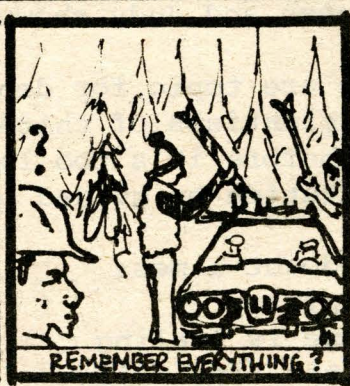
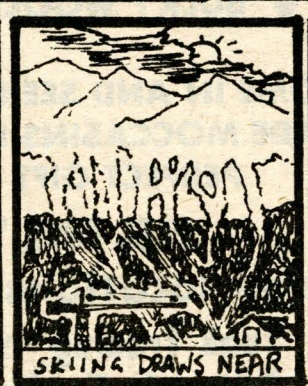
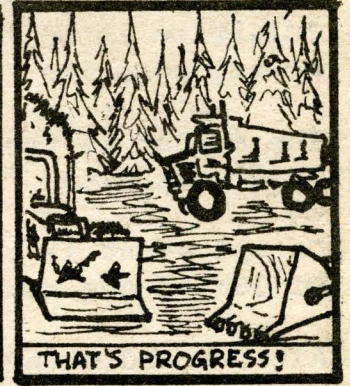
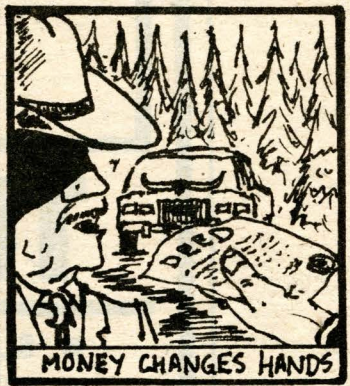
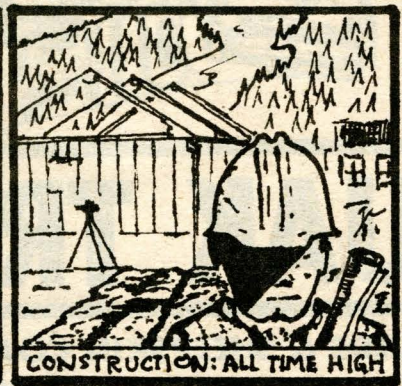
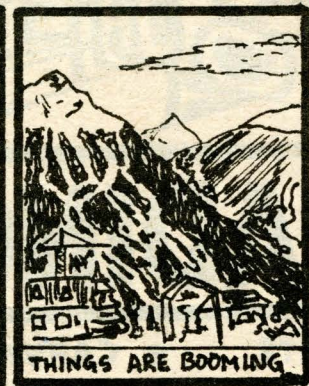
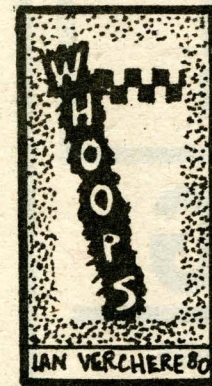
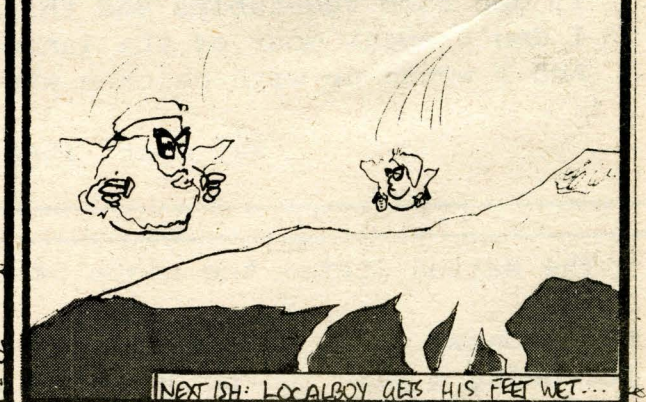
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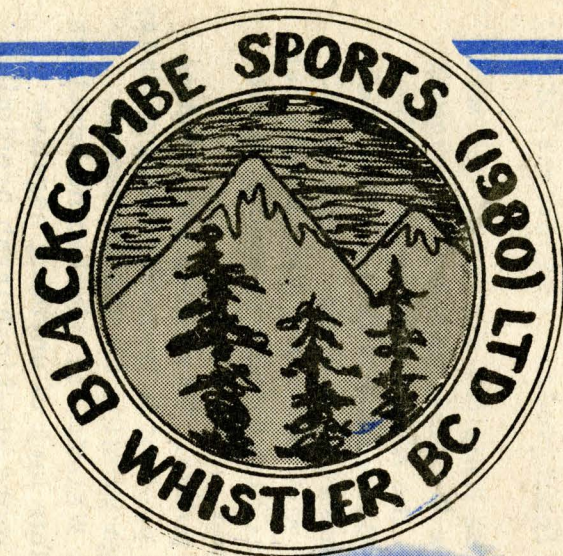


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