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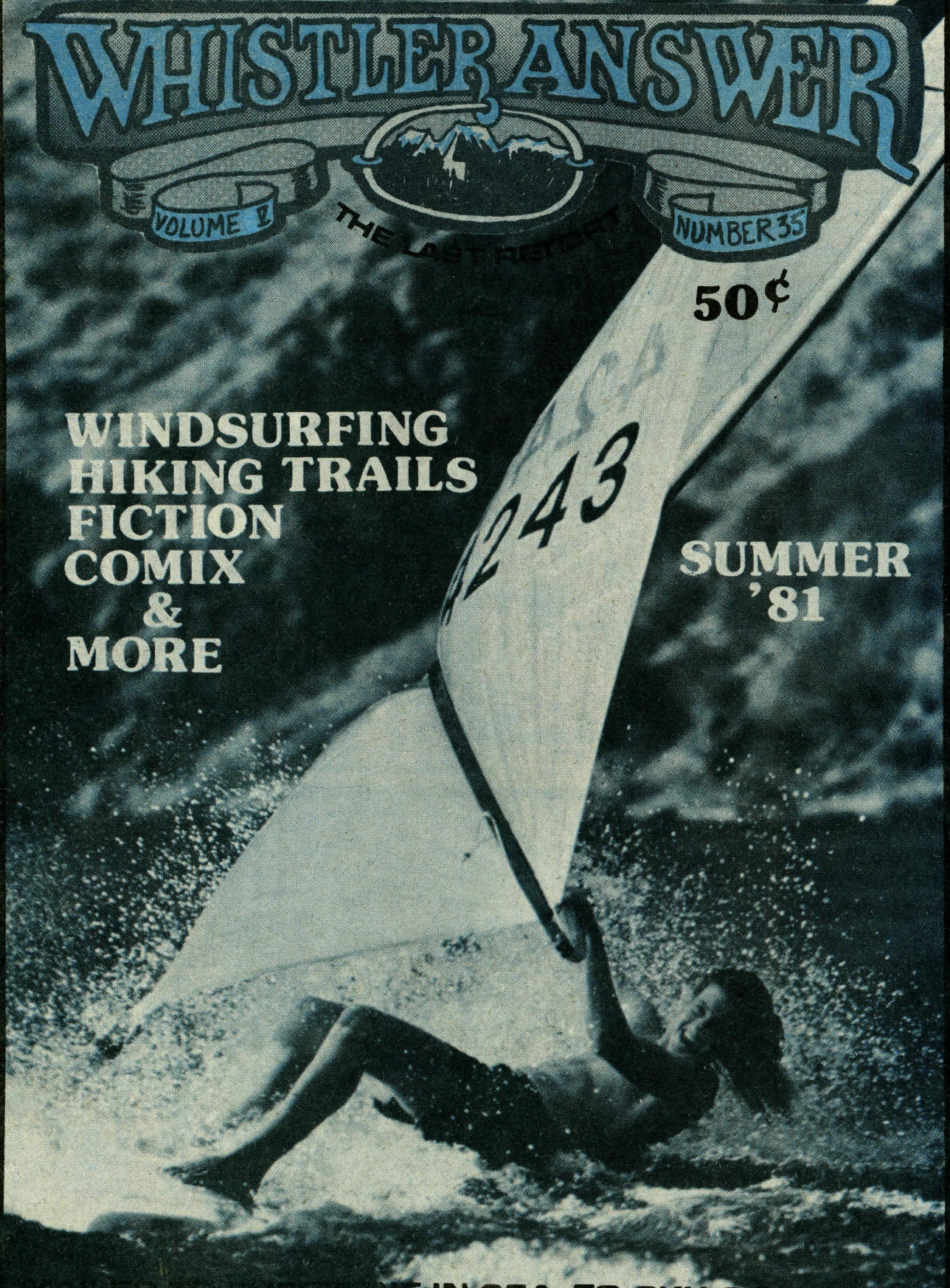
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As the more astute of our readers may have realized, the month of May slipped into history without the appearance of a Whistler Answer. Many of these same people ask if the Answer is folding. We may be slightly bent but we're not folded yet!

Admittedly it has not been a good winter. With Claude Hoodspith of the Citizen Shopper and Paul Burrows of the Question falling just short of coming to blows over advertising money, our soft sell approach has fallen a little short in acquiring the amount of dough necessary to keep this baby afloat. Add to this the sober realization that it costs a lot to live in "Fun City" and the conclusions arrived at was to publish a summer edition and then retreat and regroup.

As to the future, who can tell? The response from contributors and readers has been positive. We'd hate to see such a noble tradition go the route of the carrier pigeon but we finally are realizing we can't afford to carry this turkey in its present form. What form it will take is still up in the air so if anyone knows of any rich unemployed publishing wiz kids send them our way!

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The worst kept secret of the year has to be the fact that the Whistler Downhill course is going to be switched from it's present location (finishing at the Gondola Base) to finish in Whistler Village. Gone will be the Weasel, Fall-a-way corner, The Sewer, Coaches Corner, and Double Trouble. In fact gone will be one of the three most exciting and difficult downhill courses in the World Cup circuit and in it's place a cakewalk that will include the top of the Orange, the Tokum Run through little Olympic territory to Whistler Village. If there's a north wind some of the lighter racers may have to veer left down Carbanzo Basin, and hitchhike to Whistler Village.

Although the cost for safety and upgrading of the two courses is estimated to be approximately the same, race organizers quote several reasons for the move. First and foremost is to promote and utilize our "spanking new Resort", which I begrudgingly admit makes sense. Second is to avoid the mid-station fog which is a bag of shit because it usually extends around to cover the Toilet Bowl as well. There is also a tendency, when bringing new courses into the World Cup circuit to favour the easy, less dangerous courses. But Whistler is an established course (even though there hasn't been a successful race held to date) and has become respected by racers, coaches and enthusiasts as one of the more technically demanding, exciting and fastest courses in the world. Steve Podborski said "It's a hell of a course and will be really difficult to replace. A lot of racers will be disappointed"

So will a lot of fans!

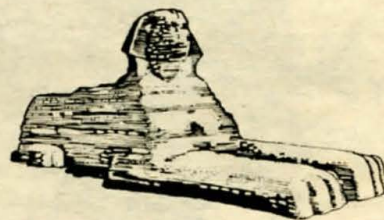
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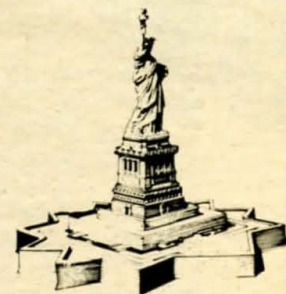
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A handy little item was introduced to the Answer staff the other day. The Pocket Rocket Pinch Hitter is a self contained, pocket sized, wooden stash and brass toker. Now as you all know, the Answer would have no use for one of these gadgets nor could we advocate the use of one but all reports seem to indicate that its a hit. (Ha ha) With the cost of primo herb these days this efficient little unit pays for itself with your first stash purchase and also prevents your friends from rolling thumb size joints of your precious Maui Wowie. Those little units, originally from Hawaii are excellent for short chairlift rides and for similar situations encountered by people on the go.

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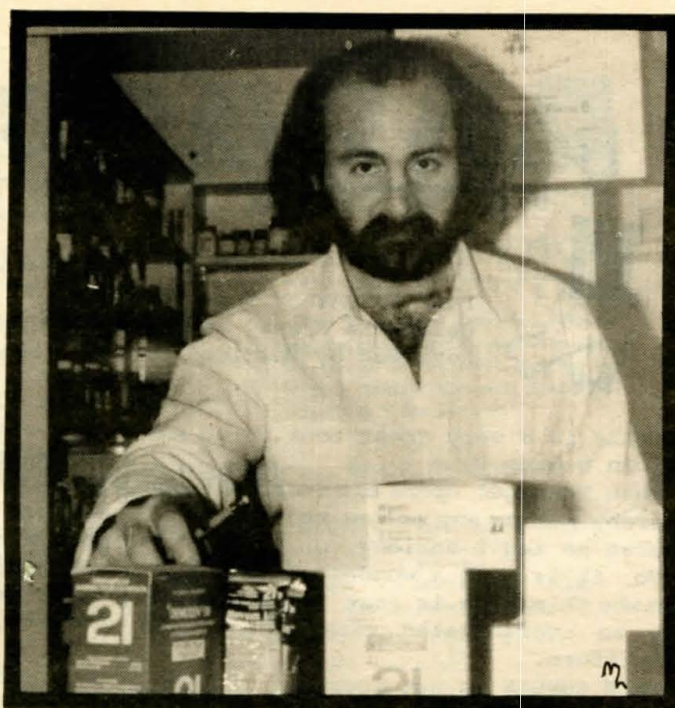
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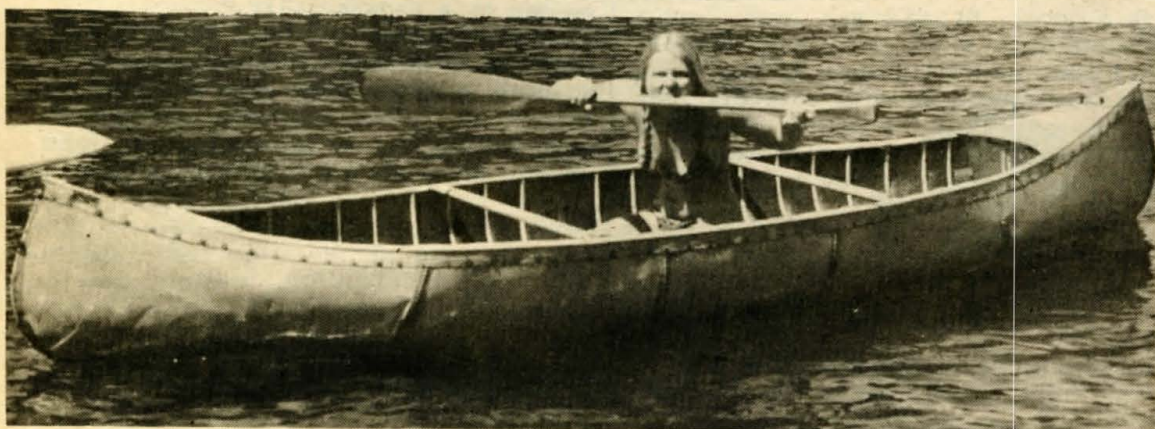


Which vitamin is the one for you, natural, synthetic or organic? The fact is the human body cannot distinguish between the natural or synthetic however there is one minor exception that breaks the rule, vitamin E. Natural vitamin E is about 20-32% more active than the synthetic product. The recommended daily allowance for this vitamin is 15 to 40 units. Since most tablets or capsules of vitamin E contain 100 to 400 units the difference is insignificant. Before you pop your next vitamin consider its origin. Have you ever seen a vitamin tree? Most people haven't! So let's assume vitamins are manufactured. But before manufacturing them we had to get them from somewhere, that is plant or animal sources. When plants are grown for the commercial preparation of its vitamins they are generally sprayed with insecticides, fertilized with chemicals or have used animal wastes which usually have been feed or treated with chemicals. Even if natural fertilizers are used there is still phase two of the manufacturing process. Phase II of the process is the manufacturing stage in which vitamins extracted from the sources are characterized. Chemical solvents are invariably used in this fast process in which vitamins are packaged and put into a suitable form for ingestion. In the final step preservatives are often added to maintain shelf life (remember not all preservatives are bad for you, i. e. BHA) Canadian studies have shown 20% of all vitamins are bought four to six months after the date of manufacture. It is highly unlikely that any vitamin you buy has not gone through some chemical process, from one manufacturing stage to another. But if you have managed to find the real thing, check the label.

Rose hip vitamin C (ascorbic acid) can contain natural rose hips but a chemical ascorbic acid or a synthetic B complex but the word natural is kept because of the small amount of rose hips within the package. Natural or synthetic B complex vitamins which contain vitamin B12 with more than 500-600mg of Vitamin C should be avoided if you want your moneys worth. Amounts of vitamin C greater than this can destroy the absorption of vitamin B12 from the stomach, when the two are taken together. If you do need both get a B complex with 500mg. or less of Vitamin C or take them separately. If you really want the most natural vitamins you can get, your best bet is to grow your produce in your own back yard and make balanced meals.

Most of all be honest with yourself and accept the best of both worlds. Butter is natural, which causes or is involved with athlerosclerosis, real licorice can cause salt retention and hypertension (high blood pressure) in susceptible individuals, and certain natural mushrooms can kill you. So let's not be to intellectual, but try to be logical.

If you chose to take vitamins buy them from a reputable store, avoid food colorings, a minimal amount of preservatives, and there should be at least a year to go before the printed expiratory date.



WHISTLER CREEK SKI SHOP



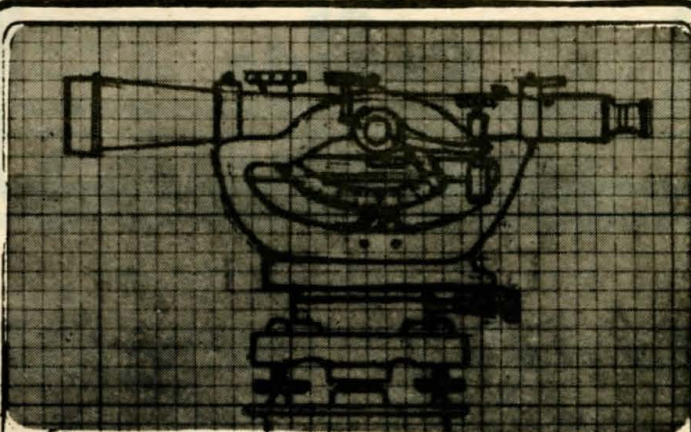
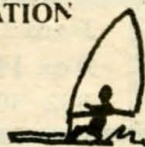
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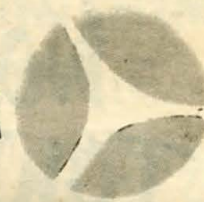


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Review



PALM SUNDAY by Kurt Vonnegut
Delacorte Press, New York, 330 pp.
Reviewed by Morrison Cruise O'Banshee

"This is a very great book by an American genius."

Thus Vonnegut opens his introduction, thereby making any review redundant. Of course he isn't serious, or is he?

No, it is just a wonderful joke by a man who thinks he is Mark Twain and who has an overinflated view of American literature.

PALM SUNDAY is not a work of fiction. It is a collection of essays, reviews, speeches and other trivia merged into what Vonnegut calls a collage. It could as easily be called a dog's breakfast like his previous attempt in the "genre", WAMPETERS, FOMA and GRANFALLOONS.

There is a claim, weakly made in the introduction, that this is essentially an autobiographical work. True, one does learn that one of K's ancestors hurt his knee in the Civil War; that his favourite dog was named Sandy; that he is addicted to Pall Malls and that he has quit drinking; but this hardly gives one a revelatory view of a writer and cult figure who has produced some excellent fiction over the years.

And, as if to convince himself and his readers that he is really a major literary character, he lists, for over three pages, the names of all the literati that he has had the privilege to call friends. This is more interesting than it sounds, and a short list of the more interesting (to me) would read: Richard Adams, Edward Albee, Russell Baker, Saul Bellow, Art Buchwald, William F. Buckley Jr., William Burroughs, Truman Capote, John Cheever, Arthur C. Clarke, Monica Dickens, J.P. Donleavy, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Erich Fromm, John Kenneth Galbraith, Allen Ginsberg, Joseph Heller, Clifford Irving, John Irving, Jerzy Kosinski, Marshal McLuhan, Norman Mailer, Anais Nin, S.J. Perelman, Mike Royko, William Safire, Susan Sontag, William Styron, Gay Talese, Gore Vidal, E.B. White, Tennessee Williams, and Herman Wouk. The more astute readers will realize that he didn't bother to separate the living from the dead. Mr. Vonnegut is also pleased to announce that he is now a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and that he is extensively published in the Soviet Union.

Vonnegut is concerned, and rightly so, with the resurgence of bookburners in the U.S. His SLAUGHTERHOUSE-FIVE has been thrown out of many school libraries. He describes the Fascists:

"Such lunks are often the backbone of volunteer fire departments and the United States Infantry and cake sales and so on, and they have been thanked often enough for that. But they have no business supervising the educations of children in a free society. They are just too bloody stupid."

"Here is how I propose to end book-banning in this country once and for all: Every candidate for school committee should be hooked up to a lie-detector and asked this question: "Have you read a book from start to finish since high school? Or did you even read a book from start to finish in high school?"

"If the truthful answer is "no," the candidate should be told politely that he cannot get on the school committee and blow off his big bazoo about how books make children crazy."

He also proposes that the collective mentality of the country could be improved by making it mandatory that welfare recipients submit book reviews when picking up their cheques. It would seem that this idea should also include other members of our TV-labotomized society.

"...I was going to talk about reference points...fixtures in a simpler and more stable civilization than what we have today. Examples: Shakespeare's HAMLET, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, Leonardo's MONA LISA, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Mark Twain's HUCKLEBERRY FINN - the Great Wall of China, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Sphinx...but nowadays, (one) has to be prepared to discuss in depth BEACH BLANKET BINGO or THE TEXAS CHAINSAW MURDERS or HOWDY DOODY or ROMPER ROOM or Walter Cronkite and just on and on and on."

What Vonnegut is saying, of course, is that culturally, the Twentieth Century is a bag of shit.

I am sure that anyone who has given more than a passing thought to these matters has come to the same conclusion independently, and Vonnegut just states the obvious. I would implore him to devote his energies to writing novels, an area where he excels as much as any contemporary, and leave his editorializing on the vacuous to his convocation speeches.

Vonnegut seems to be caught between pretending to be Mark Twain and pretending to be Nietzsche. It would be far better for him to aspire to Twain's status - the world can always use a first rate humourist - and Nietzsche has yet to be understood by most people, Vonnegut included.

I am slightly pessimistic about his future literary output, however, for during a recent speech commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the completion of Mark Twain's residence in Hartford, he noted that the best of Twain's output was before the age of 56, an age that he has already passed. That and the fact that he has sat back and graded his output to date, as if to say that his work is finished.

Here is his chronological report card:

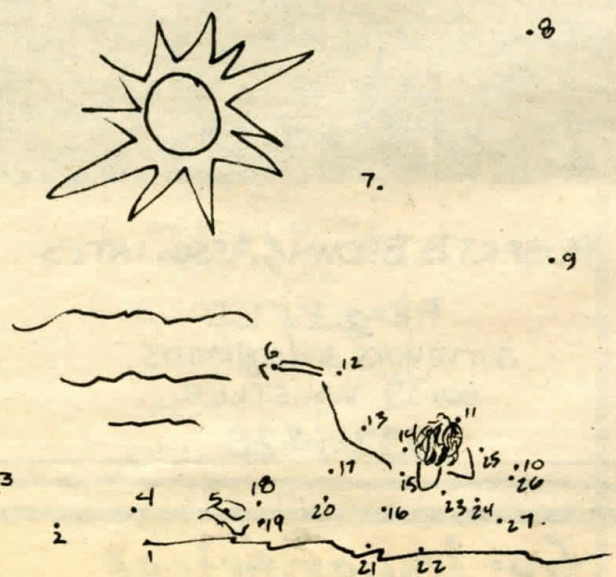
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- SLAPSTICK D
- JAILBIRD A
- PALM SUNDAY C

And who can judge his works better than K himself, for he says, "As for literary criticism in general: I have long felt that any reviewer who expresses rage and loathing for a novel or a play or a poem is preposterous. He or she is like a person who has put on full armour and attacked a hot fudge sundae or a banana split."

In the context of PALM SUNDAY, this quote is very appropriate. I have asked this book to step outside only to find that it is a five-year-old girl with a balloon. I agree with K, PALM SUNDAY rates a C; a \$17.95 banana split.

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secret weapon SHALL WE GDANSK?

The USSR, in trying to keep alive the spirit of detente, has been vigilantly pursuing the renegotiation of the SALT 2 Treaty. While the Kremlin is aware that the capitalist economy of the USA is based on the production of cruise missiles, neutron bombs, Trident submarines and other instruments of paranoia, we have learned, through the KGB, that the USA failed to mention during bargaining its "secret weapon."

This deception eliminates any credibility the capitalist swine might of had.

Yes, comrades, the USA can hardly be taken seriously in arms limitations talks when that nation has failed to mention the existence of an estimated sixty million handguns, distributed strategically to an armed militia under the guise of private citizens. We know that no sane government, even in the USA, could allow so many people of questionable intention to run around armed to the teeth, therefore, it must be a military plot.

Pravda hereby condemns this deceit while observing that Izvestia, in an editorial comment yesterday, observed that "it is conceivable that sometime in the future one-half of the American population will end up murdered, while the remaining one-half will end up doing life sentences."

Here in the Soviet Union we know that it is far better for the leaders to assassinate the madmen than vice-versa, as is the practise in the Unified Stations of America.

Letter from Cuba



from Our Own Correspondent

Dear Comrades and Benefactors: Havana Daydreaming once again. Venceremos! The toadie press of "Great" Britain have uncharacteristically given me a mixed review. I quote, "It is disastrous that Murphy's Law should have decreed in November that a lunatic should enter the White House, thus allowing Castro to continue to pose as the only man capable of defending the long-suffering Cubans from a return to old times and rule by the Mafia, Frank Sinatra and other choice hoodlum consultants of the US administration."

You will be pleased to know that we have successfully solved our crime problem in this most wonderful socialist state by shipping all the riff-raff to America, specifically Miami.

Brezhnev re-elected shock

by Our Man in Moscow KIM FRISBEE

THE SOVIET Union was rocked to its foundations yesterday by the shock revelation in Pravda that President Brezhnev, 86, had been swept back to power in the recent Politburo elections, with what observers describe as "a landslide majority".

From the moment that Russian viewers were told to turn on their television sets, it became clear that the election

was going Mr Brezhnev's way. Viewers saw top Soviet psephologist Prof. Robert Mc-Menshevik pointing his swingometer horizontally towards the left side of the screen, and predicting a massive 106 per cent swing to the ageing Soviet leader.

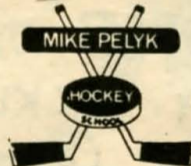
Cagey-B (geddit?)

But it was not until midnight that a tired but triumphant Mr Brezhnev, 103, conceded victory to himself. Mr Brezhnev is 126. So is everyone else.

Soon after it was known that a Communist Party had been formed, public meetings were held in all Tibetan centres in India, Bhutan and Nepal and resolutions were passed to the effect that Communist Party members should be hung, drowned and quartered, or at least beaten up good.

B. Norman (China Post)

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romance is unlikely to live up to your expectations this week, but you should have fun anyway. Although your workload may increase, you should not expect a larger paycheck for a while.



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The potential Canadian threat turned to nil, even though their team was bolstered by so-called superstars Guy LaFloor and Gary Robertson.

Soviet TV announcer Vladimir Meekerov, when asked how our Red Riders played, said, "golee gee, it was a real barnburner."

Coach Victor Rasputin said after the tourney that he knew he had the better team, but that "it is too bad we had to boycott the Olympics at Lake Placid last year. I am sure if we would've sent a team there those Yankee college and high school boys wouldn't have won the gold medal."

Written and Kompiled by Komrade Kolebrook, a true Russian spirit brooding in the labrynth of the metropolis. A rascal and a Raskalnikov.



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LOVE·A·WARE PARTY

Getting a little bored with our wonderful summer weather? Trying to think of some indoor fun? Perhaps something a little spicy? Well Sherry Wasserman sends us this idea. Why not have a Love-a-ware (*uck-a-ware) No thats not Tupperware. This is 1981 and the times have changed. All you need is 14 people (couples, men or women) and The Love Shop will send over a couple of congenial sales persons to display their assorted electrical gadgets, cremes and assorted toys.

Twenty seven women showed up at Sherry's, with wine and assorted goodies to listen to an informative talk on women's and men's sexuality and high geared sales spiel on their wide range of products.

The cremes, all being edible came in flavors ranging from strawberry to angel food. The dildo's ranged form a basic 12 inch model to panda bears with remote controls. There were bubble baths, body paints, magazines and of course lingerie with everything from crotchless panties to sleezy nighties.

All reports indicate a good time was had by all. The wine and goodies helped to loosen the pocket books and the ladies all went home with wild fantasies of what and with whom to experience their new toys.



The Willknots and the Answer Team caught tasting the sweet flavour of victory at May Day Madness.

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Summer means fun at Whistler and things are hopping. The Mountain House is offering consistantly high quality bands at a cheap two buck cover with the best drink prices in town. Betty Chaba is musician in residence at JB's and is hosting amature nights and conducting the infamous Whistler symphony on Friday nights. The Brass Rail has the finest entertainment of any pool hall I've ever seen. Movies are shown at the Mountain House, the Alta Lake Inn and the Highland Lodge. There's lots to do so we'll see you out there.



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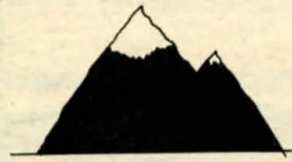
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Hiking trails for day trippers abound in the Whistler area. These hikes take from two hours to a day, in beautiful mountain scenery. The mountain weather can change rapidly so be prepared. A small pack will usually hold an extra sweater, rain jacket, insect repellant, camera, and a little snack. The water all over is good to drink so leave the Perrier at home. Wildlife you could possibly see includes: blue herons, coyote, black bear, squirrel, deer, rabbit, marmot, Canada geese, crows, hummingbird, grouse, woodpecker, and possibly an eagle soaring high above.

Blueberry Trail: Time 45 min. one way
 This trail traverses the Hobbit Hill (the prominent hill rising above Alta Lake) It is also a link between the Alta Vista and Whistler Cay subdivision.

Alta Vista access: turn off Hwy. 99 at the Alta Lake sign onto St. Antons Way, turn right onto a paved drive and 100 yds down, the trail starts uphill on the right.

Whistler Cay access: turn off Hwy 99 at Lorimer Rd. at Adventures West the road becomes gravel, keep left to complete a half circle and drive down a dead end road. The trail starts on the right just before the 90° turn. During the fall you will see why its called the Blueberry Trail.

Bridle Path: Time 45-60 min. one way
 The trail meanders through the low, moist, north end of Alta Lake crossing an old wooden bridge across the River of Golden Dreams, and along the railroad tracks.

Whistler Cay access: at the bottom of the hill on Lorimer Rd. the road turns left, at the turn a dirt road veers off right. If you are driving, park. Walk straight down this road and keep right around the newly planted grass.

Rainbow Lodge access: Walk left down railroad tracks in about 300-400 yards a trail starts on the right.

Rainbow Falls: Time 2 hrs. elevation gain 1000-1500ft
 These falls are on the first mile and a half of the Rainbow Lake trail. The falls are down to the right of the trail before you reach the logging slash. Access is on the south side of 21 mile creek on the West Side Road. There is a prominent sign.

Beaver Lake: Time 2-2 1/2 hours elevation gain 1000ft
 This trail follows a four wheel drive road up Sproatt Mtn. underneath the hydro lines and up to beaver ponds. If you're quiet you might even see a beaver if not, a whack of a beaver tail on the water will warn of your presence. Access is about half way between the Youth Hostel and the road to Chaplanville, the road heads west up hill.

Cheakamus Lake: 3-4 hours from trail head elevation gain -200ft
 The easy trail skirts the Cheakamus River to its source, Cheakamus Lake. For a longer hike a trail traverses around the lake for a mile or so. Access is off Hwy. 99 at the 'Welcome to Whistler' sign. Follow road toward the Sanitary land fill and turn left at the Cheakamus Lake sign, and follow road to trail head about 6 miles.

Lost Lake: 2 hours

The trail system around Lost Lake is more extensive than I will go into here. There are maps available and the trail is well marked. Lost Lake is a popular swimming hole, getting bathtub warm near the end of summer. Access is from Whistler Village, left where road tees and around the retaining wall behind town hall. Follow road and signs from there

A complete circuit of Alta Lake can be done by combining the Blueberry Trail, Bridle Path, a walk down the west side road to Chaplanville, follow tracks to sewer main and follow the lakeside road through the Wayside Park to Alta Vista.

Trailheads for longer hikes into the mountains are marked on highway markers and are dealt with in several available guide books.



A look at the calendar, and sometimes only a look at the calendar, tells us that summer is here. Windsurfers and their craft are emerging from every corner of Alta Lake for what promises to be the biggest sailboard season yet!

Whistler Windsurfing is once again operating from the Alta Lake Inn, offering retail sales, lessons and rentals while Blackcombe Sports operates a similar service from Alta Lake.

There are two large regattas scheduled for Whistler this summer, regular Thursday afternoon races from the Alta Lake Inn and possibly a second Instructors Clinic. The Whistler Regatta will be held on the 27th and 25th of June and the B.C. Windsurfing Championships on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of August.

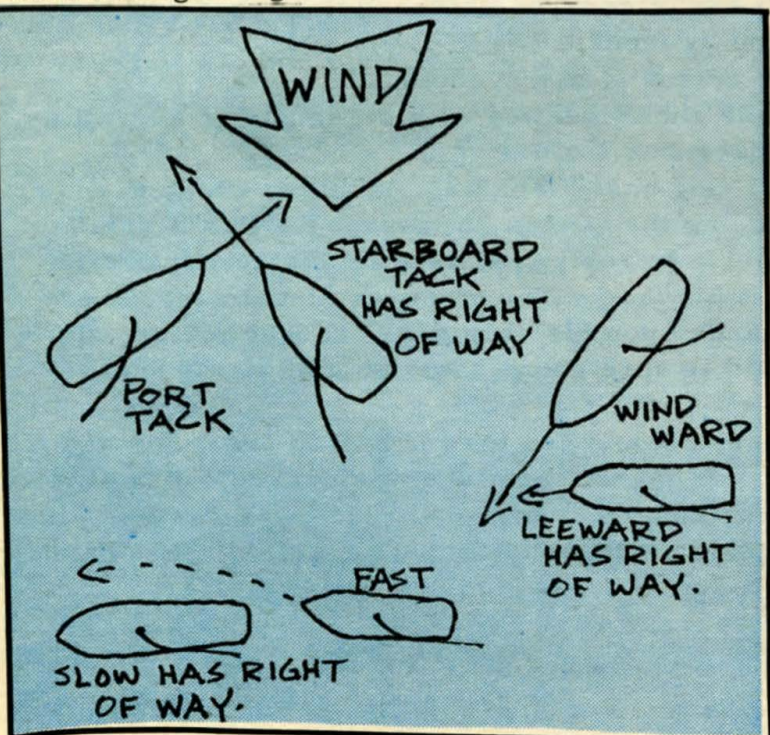
The idea behind all the races is fun! Although some people take it very seriously, there is room for everyone regardless of ability. Racing needn't be entirely hustle bustle and if you know the basic rules you won't hurt another competitors chances. The course is usually a triangle around 3 markers with the first leg directly into the wind. Once you begin racing you'll find that the start is of critical importance. It will often determine the finishing order of a race, especially in light winds or on a short course. In order to get a good start you must stay near the line and have good speed when the gun goes. To get your speed up you should be in position 30 seconds before the gun sounds and at 5 seconds sheet in and go for it but use your judgement....Don't cross the line too soon.

Once underway, the first windward leg is the vital part of the race. To make the first bouy in good time you must beat to windward sailing close hauled or as close to the wind as possible in a series of tacks. Here it is very important to watch the wind on the water to take advantage of subtle wind changes. The rest of the course is off the wind sailing and is both faster and much easier than sailing upwind.

In any conditions it is good to know the rules of the road. Alta Lake maybe quite crowded at times and a little consideration of others can't go too far. As yet Alta Lake has no life guard or rescue craft so safety on the lake is up to all who use it.

In finishing I should mention that five positions (4 men and 1 woman) are up for grabs on the Whistler Windsurfing team so come out for the regular Thursday afternoon races at the Alta Lake Inn, at about 4 p.m. and show your stuff.

Here are three of the more important rules one should know for both racing and general sailing.



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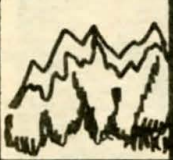
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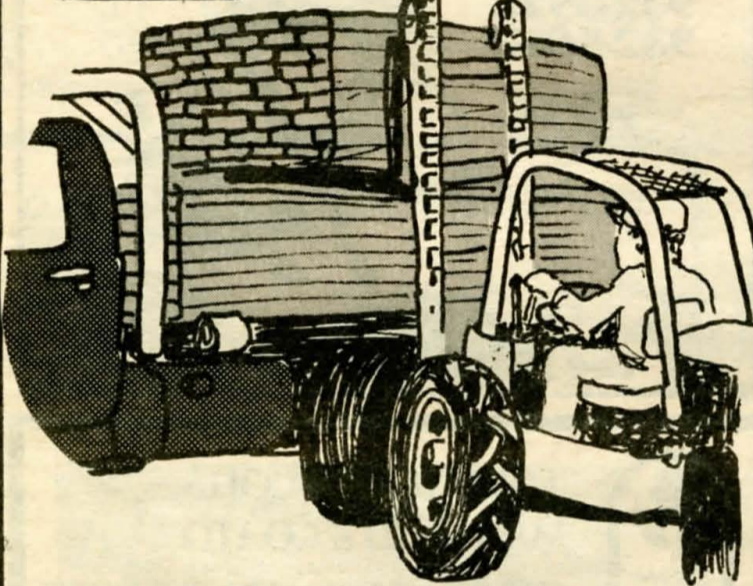


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BOG GAS



Fiction by John Russel.

A stirring beside him. Unexpected. Slowly rising toward wakefulness he became aware of a glowing, familiar warmth. Dawn approaching, but the grey promise revealed little to his blinking eyes. A cloud, clothing perhaps, wreathed the back of the chair. The sliding door was ajar, the curtains gestured as if curious too. A slight hint of her aroma borne on the draught and he knew. He kissed her shoulder and fell back to sleep.

By the time he got back from town she was gone again. Yes, she had left her signature on the room. A collar of bone, beads and shells hung on the chair. Earrings fashioned of feathers, like fishing flies, were thrown on the table near a glass half-full of juice, some scraps of bread, a dirty knife. She must have brought the bread. It was from the mainland, a coarse grainy sort that was popular in health-food stores. He cleared off the table.

In the light beginning to penetrate the mist, the colours of the earrings fascinated him. As he turned them in his fingers, the kettle hissed to a desultory boil. How could she move so quietly, he thought, sensing her presence now, the desert freshness of her in the damp air of the room. Without a word he replaced the earrings where he had found them, made tea and brought it to the table. He had already set out breakfast for two. Perhaps she would stay longer this time.

"Bribery!" Her appraisal of the meal. She straddled the bench, as he did, facing him. "You're damn lucky I'm so hungry. I just can't stomach that catered crap on the shuttle flight."

"It's been a couple of months," he observed. Her movements were quick and spry, muscles taut, her face well tanned with pale circles around the eyes. Skiing. He poured tea, buttered a piece of bread and decorated it with cheese and meat.

"You know I prefer snow. The clarity, the contrast. The rain here is so vague, so.....so colourless."

"There's colour here."

"Oh you and your bloody iridescent bogs, Bog gas! Farts of Satan as that old Christian calls it. Something to trot out for the road trash down at the pub. And of course, she'll stick around half the night to check it out, and by then..."

"Just because your curiosity betrayed you."

"Betrayed! You take such liberties with the language as well as..."

"Pretensions of innocence?"

"Bog gas! Bog gas! Gog bas!" Shaking, laughing exultantly, her hair a tempest, she became the woman he loved. He spat a mouthful of half chewed food at her. In reply, her tea, fortunately lukewarm by now, splashed across his face. The truce was instantaneous as well. She threw her hands upon his shoulders, caught her breath, and whispered, "This kid is sure gonna have fun with us!"

"This kid..." Her back had been toward him in bed. She had always worn a jump-suit or jeans. Now she was decked out in a flowing full length dress gathered under her breasts. The hem was wet with dew. His smile faltered, then broadened. "This kid..." His hands found a new roundness to her flat, swimmer's belly.

"This kid. How do you..."

"Know? That its yours? I chose you. And it happened! This Leopard is trying on some brand-new spots." Her eyes darted to the earrings. "But then, you've already noticed, I guess." Her tastes in jewellery before had been bare metal, simple stone.

The passions of her last visit welled up in him like the gases dancing their subtle nuances of colour above the bogs, those times when conditions were right. They moved apart, slightly. His hands rested on her thighs, hers threw back the dark mass of hair. Too early for silence, but time to change the subject. Somehow she always read his moods perfectly. When to swoop in and strike, when to draw back.

"You're working. The clock's running and the place looks orderly, in a way. Well as close to it as you ever...."

"The tracking station, again. Quite a bit of activity lately so they called me back. There was a meteor shower up island the other night. The gases have had a purplish cast ever since, dammit. Strange. It's a voluptuous shade actually, but it doesn't fit what I'm doing right now. I have to go up to Burns Point, check out if any of the shower chanced on land, tomorrow, anyway.....so I won't have time...." His voice trailed off as her eyes probed into his. The cat was out of the bag. He too had a surprise to spring on her.

"Purple...." she mused. "Doesn't fit...Hey! That new shed over in the trees there, did you...?" She examined the mischief becoming evident on his face. He turned away to pour tea again. "What's up? New bait for your fly-by-nighters? Skip that ghastly tramp down to the bogs?" The guess dissolved in steam rising from the cup he passed to her. She took a sip and gazed out through the window. He was going to be difficult, as usual. What's going on in that shed? She glanced back at him, eyebrows knitted, trying to look fierce, then melting.

"Tomorrow, hey? Can I come with you? I've never been up that end of the island. Sparsley inhabited if at all right? Wow! A meteor shower. Purple on the bogs!" The playful chatter froze on her lips. "Or, hey, purple, could it be.....?"

"Radioactivity in the meteors? Yes. Or possibly...." Now he was toying with her. "...possibly some alien element. I hope. Could be just an element that's none too common around here. This purple is so unusual, unusually dominant, too. Not often, even a darker colour like that, not often will it be so prevalent, so suddenly. The colours usually change more, flow into each other."

Those eyes. Like the scanners at the station piercing the fog, reaching out into space, she was cutting through his smoke screen. From the first moment she had never allowed him his customary disguises, barriers and escape routes. A slow, careful sip of tea punctuated her relentless inquest. As her tongue swept over her lips, the eyes never let up in intensity.

He bolted.

"In the shed? I finally got that hologram projector from old McCann. Been tinkering with it, collecting the gases and using them with it. Some nice effects. Found a way to hold the colours, play with shapes. It's well sort of functional. Sort of a sculpture, son et lumiere, almost the way I want it...."

"Of?"

"You. Impressions of you. How you were last time."

"Purple for passion!" She already regretted the suggestion.

"Trite." He paused, looked out the window toward the shed.

"And now....."

"And now I've changed, Enormously!" She laughed and leaned back showing off her belly. "Well here I am. Here we are!" Proudly rubbing the roundness. "O come on, now. Maybe these purple gases, the meteor shower and all, maybe its one of those....ah syncho.... syncho.... one of those magical coincidences you're always chasing! Could have been the same time that I decided to come here!" She was retreating now. She picked up the earrings from the table, shook them in her open hand, lightly. "I have changed, you know. In some ways,

"Plus ca change..." he muttered, embarrassed. She was being too coy.

"Bog gas!" She announced, taking the offensive again. "So what's the ticket? Down to the pub tonight, get drunk, tell one and all your bloody wife is back in town to wreak havoc with your love life? And up the stump to boot!"

"Plus ca reste la meme chase."



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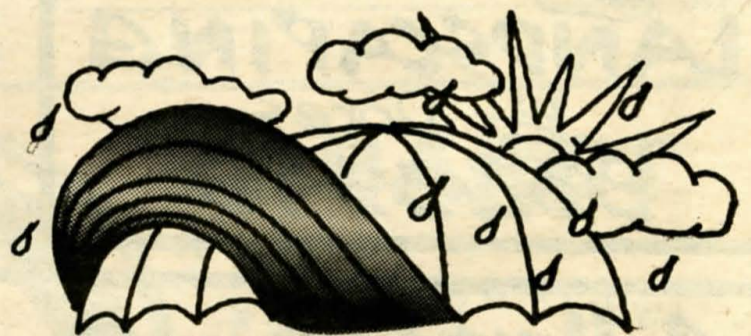
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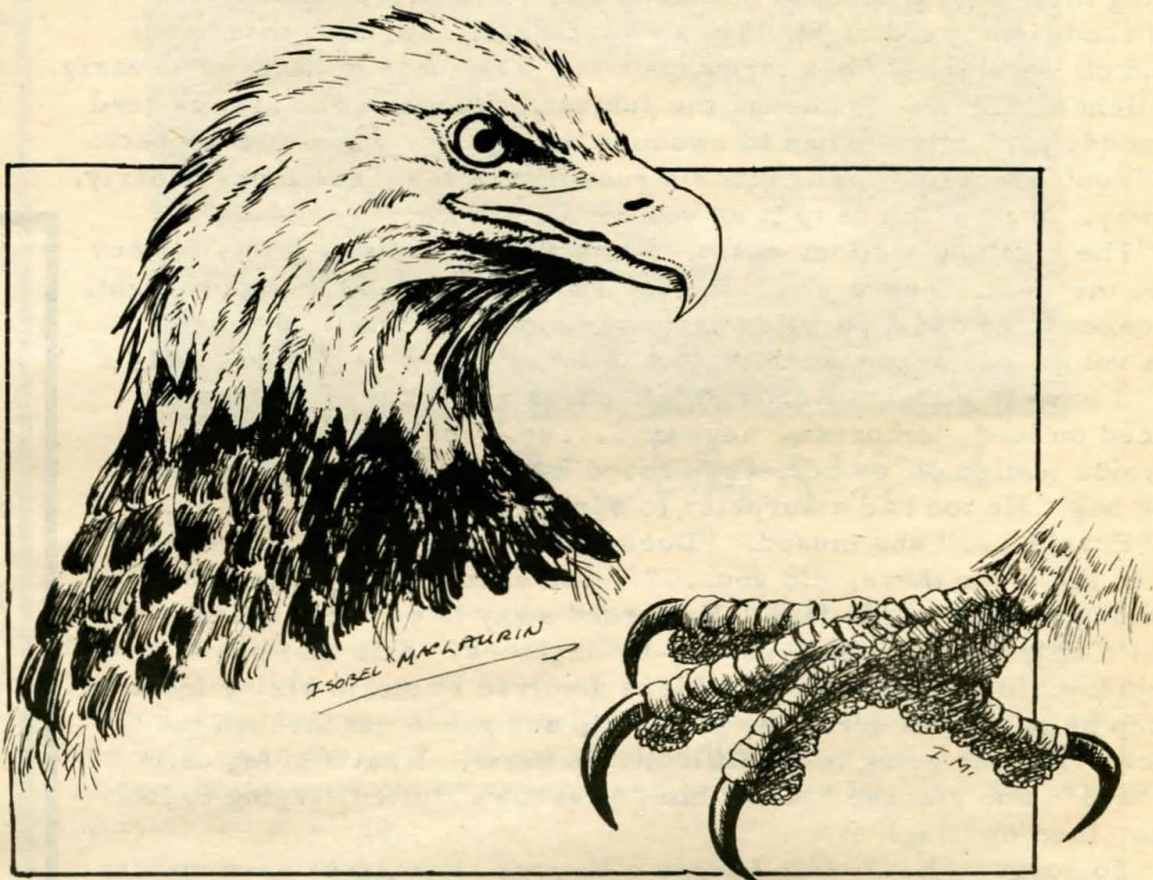
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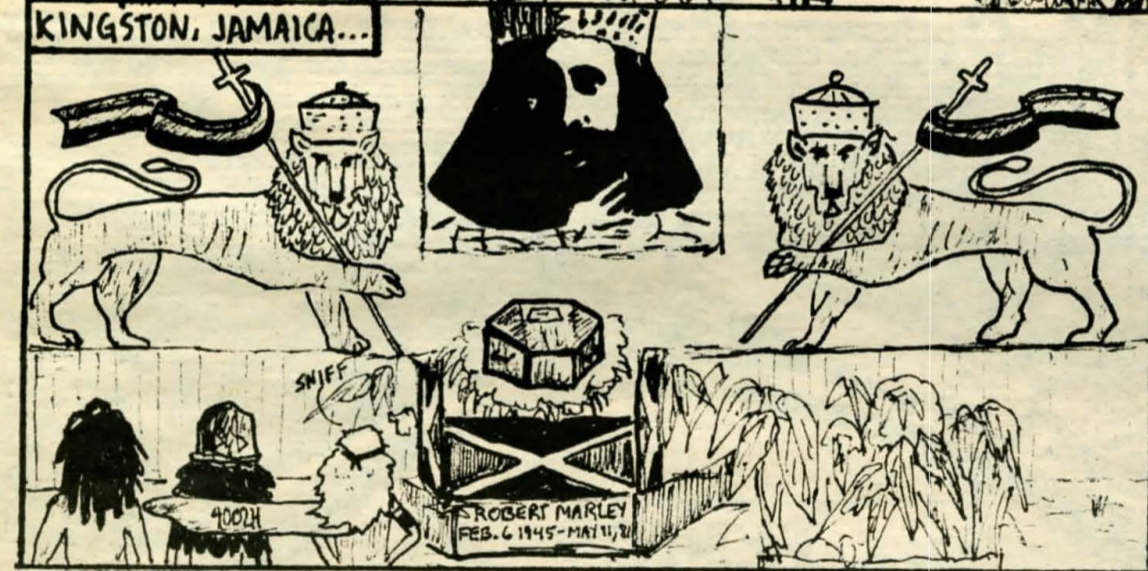
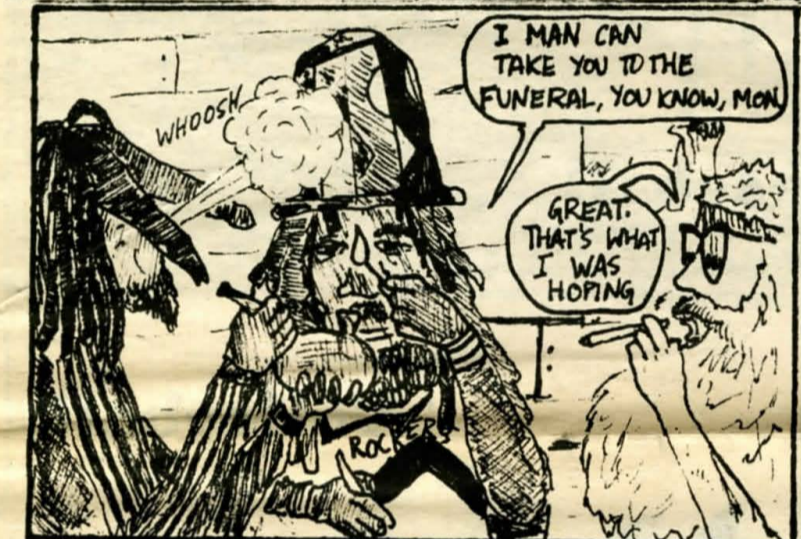
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Marley laid to rest

NINE MILES, Jamaica (UPI)- Jamaicans of all ages and classes bade farewell to dreadlocked Reggae star Bob Marley in Jamaica's most lavish state funeral ever, then laid him to rest in a quiet hillside mausoleum near the one-room shack where he was born 36 years ago.

Marley died May 11 of brain cancer. Mourners of all ages and types came — from young children to elderly men on crutches, from Prime Minister Edward Seaga to pot-smoking, barefoot Rastamen, their hair falling in the long dreadlocks used by Marley and other Rastafarians.

Seaga flew in by helicopter to see Marley's body entombed in an unfinished concrete mausoleum on a hillside just yards from the one-room shack where Marley was born Feb. 6, 1945.

"We share the grief at the loss of Bob Marley, Third World superstar, the Jamaican reggae king, humanist and brother whom we have lost," Seaga told a grieving crowd at Kingston's National Arena Thursday. -VANCOUVER SUN, MAY 23, 1981....



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