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His hands touched cherished trophies

Silversmith Michael Surman has made or repaired some of Canada's most cherished sports trophies including the Stanley Cup, Grey Cup, and the Queen's Plate. But the 31 year-old English native gets his most enjoyment from doing "one offs".

By IAN NOBLE
Driftwood Staff Writer

Not that the Ontario Jockey Club asked him to, but Surman is currently redesigning the trophy for the Triple Crown which goes to a horse that wins three of Canada's most prestigious races.

"The design is outdated and I'm not going to get any recognition for it," he said Thursday from his island studio, which is cluttered with the tools of his trade: an old growth log, a section of a railway line he uses as an anvil, deerskins from road kill to be used to make a drum, and his Labrador retriever Bowser.

"More important than money is to set up a continuum, a following of your own work. Instead of saying I won't do it, I'll do a design and send it to them. If they reject it, I'll do another.

"I like working on pieces that are one offs, where I can break new ground."

Surman is quick to point out there is a difference between a silversmith and a jeweller. "A silversmith is somebody that makes, produces, and repairs silverware." As well, he does "hollowware goldsmithing."

And in Canada, they are rare. "Not more than you could count on one hand."

Surman received his training at the School of Jewellery and Silversmithing in Birmingham, England, one of two such schools left in Europe, but his education goes on. "There is always something to know and it teaches you as you go along. You have to constantly hone yourself and be in the right frame of mind."

Ten years ago Surman left England because he felt there was limited opportunity in Britain and like many adventurous 20-year-olds, he wanted to see the world "and everything else."

He ended up in a King Street West studio in Toronto, where he started his own business seven years ago. After two or three years business started to boom and Surman was swept up in the Toronto epidemic — over work.

Business was so good, he had to hire four employees. "I found out I wasn't the easiest person to work with. I was spending more time in the showroom and managing employees than in the shop. I had to go so fast it was going to ruin me."

It was the price of success. While in Toronto, he worked on commissions for the Queen Mother, insurance companies, churches, synagogues, and made pieces "for the sort of higher society Toronto set."

He also did repair work on Canada's Holy Grail — the Stanley Cup ("it has been so bloody abused that thing") and football's

treasure — the Grey Cup ("I rebuilt that after the Edmonton Eskimos smashed the s__ out of it"). Working on such sporting prizes was not a big deal for the Cheltenham-born lad. "I didn't grow up with it," he said of Lord Stanley's mug.

With success came recognition in the form of newspaper, television and magazine coverage. One of these articles, in the September 1988 copy of *City and Country Home*, led to his commission to make eight Queen's Plate trophies in 14 carat gold, which at that time was his biggest commission.

"My estimate to produce in gold was less than what Birks was going to charge them in silver." Still, the contract was worth \$200,000, although expenses had to be deducted out of that.

"I must say I was a nervous little boy doing these things," he said of the eight identical trophies. One of his expenses was

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TOOLS OF TRADE: Silversmith Michael Surman stands among a shop full of tools which include an anvil fashioned from a railroad track. The silver object he is working on is a win cooler with ivory handles that was featured in *City and Country Home* magazine.

Driftwood photo by Ian Noble

Forest series begins in this week's paper

One of the new government's greatest challenges will undoubtedly be to bring some semblance of peace to the war over British Columbia's forest resources.

Premier Mike Harcourt said repeatedly during the election campaign that it's time to end the "valley by valley" skirmishes between the industry and the environmental movement. It won't be easy, even though the environmentalists have, for the moment, called off their protests.

In the ongoing confrontation, we've heard the environmentalists' side, and we've heard the industry's side of the story. But what of the people whose livelihood depends on the forest industry?

What of the men who actually work in the bush, who won't be able to pay their mortgages and feed their families if some of the more strident environmentalists have it their way?

To find out more about what's actually going on in our forests, *Driftwood's* political columnist Hubert Beyer recently spent a week in the Cariboo. He visited logging sites and toured reforested areas in various stages of new growth.

He talked to native Indians involved in numerous silviculture projects, met a family which earns a respectable living by horse logging. He found examples of how the forest can be shared by various interest groups.

During the trip, he slept in logging camps and talked to a lot of loggers, whose voice has been all but ignored in the past.

In a series of articles, Beyer reports on his findings. Read the first parts on Page B8 and 9 today.



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Potluck lunch ends garden club season

Sixty people gathered at North Hall on Wednesday, November 13, for the Garden Club's annual meeting, awards and a potluck luncheon. Master-of-ceremonies for the occasion was retiring president Al Chambers. Bea Robson and Jane Edwards organized the potluck with the help of other club stalwarts.

By ALISTAIR ROSS
Driftwood Correspondent

A regular feature of all Garden Club meetings throughout the year is the show bench. Members are encouraged to bring their best flowers and vegetables to the meetings so they can be seen by other members and judged on their perfection. Judge of the flower section since the club was first organized 10 years ago has been diminutive Aini Haksi. Barbara Scoones judged the vegetable section this year. Both ladies were thanked for their services by Chambers and presented with a basket of homemade chocolates.

Winners of prizes in the various sections for 1991 were as follows. Grand Aggregate, George Stephen; Cut Flowers, Alistair Ross; Vegetables, John Sibbald; Herbs, Geoff Bonser; Potted Plants, Edith Weshart; Novice, Mary Hope Lovell and Senior Decorative, Margaret Edgar. Audrey Cook received a bag of spring bulbs for his achievement of four "magic fives".

With ex-president Bill Sashaw in charge, elections were held for the 1992 executive. The prepared slate was elected unanimously leaving only two vacancies to be filled, that of program chair and vegetable judge.

Those elected were as follows: president, John Sibbald; vice president, Ed Yeomans; secretary, Val Clark; treasurer, Bea Robson; membership, Trish Cowperthwaite; field trips, Shirley Chambers, library, Jan Edwards; show bench, Alistair Ross; show bench recorder, Barbara Scoones; sunshine, Joan Paterson; social convener, Bev Yeomans; flower judge, Aini Haksi; publicity, Kathlyn Bengier.

Plants and seeds donated by Bill Dale of Saanich were taken home by Sara Salai, Barbara Scoones, Bill Sashaw, Edith Wishart and Jackie Grist whose names were drawn.

The first meeting of the Garden Club for the 1992 season will be held on February 12, the second Wednesday of the month, as is customary.

South Hall construction

The first stage of new construction at South Galiano Hall began on November 11. New washrooms are to be built in preparation for larger construction and renovations which will take place at a later date.

Construction is planned so the building

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for eight sheets of 14-carat gold which is different from 24-carat alloy because if it is pushed past a certain point, it can get brittle and crack. And one did.

"I thought that sheet is worth \$8,000 and I have \$420 in the bank, what am I going to do," he said. What he did do was lock himself in his Toronto studio for five weeks in a concentrated effort to complete the project.

"I just wasn't approachable at that time."

That contract provided Surman with enough money to buy equipment he otherwise would not have been able to get, simply because it is not often a silversmith receives a cheque for \$120,000, which is approximately the amount of that first cheque.

"I'm now quite asset rich in regard to

GALIANO ISLAND *Scene*

will remain available for rentals during the extended construction period. Volunteer labour is to be used wherever available.

Ambulance relocated

The island's ambulance has recently been moved from South Galiano Fire Hall to the Health Care Centre. This new location will mean the vehicle is now more readily available to the helicopter pad.

Response time in outlying areas of the island should not be affected noticeably.

Weaving show

Galiano Weavers and Spinners Show at South Hall on Saturday, November 9 was a happy and successful event as usual. A "Galiano" quilt was taken home by a Danish friend of Ingerlise Lilholt of Cain Drive. Fern Stewart's giant fuzzy dog was taken home by Dale Emery, son of weaver Mary Emery.

Household garbage

Galiano citizens, unsure how to dispose of their household waste now that the island's solid waste and recycling centre is closed, may wish to get information about alternate solutions. Bill Lucey of the Galiano Ratepayers' Association would be glad to provide this information. You can reach him at 539-5874.

Artists' Christmas show

Galiano Artist Guilds' Annual Christmas Show is scheduled for South Hall from Friday evening, November 29, beginning at 5 p.m. and closing at 9 p.m. and Saturday, November 30, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Paintings and a variety of crafts will be shown.

Under Milkwood

Continuing at South Hall on Saturdays November 23 and 30 at 8 p.m. is a production of *Under Milkwood* a one-act play by Dylan Thomas. A large and enthusiastic cast is involved in the production.

Garden club plans

Looking ahead, the Garden Club is planning a Galiano Garden Tour next year as a fund raiser for the Bodega Ridge Purchase Fund. The tour, which will take place in June 1992 will be advertised in garden journals over the coming months. Tour tickets, which will enable a purchaser to tour a total of 12 to 15 gardens over a two-day period, will be sold on and off island. Other Galiano groups will be asked to participate in the weekend event, through offering food services and possibly accommodation. Island hotels, motels and bed and breakfast establishments will

Not only did the Queen's Plate job provide new equipment, it also provided funds for Surman and his family to move out west. "It was a hard move economically but I was burning out. I just vegged out here for one and a half years."

Already, Surman is making contacts, has a fax machine, and prefers west coast buyers. "In Toronto I always found I was sort of being beat down in price. Here, if someone wants it, they will buy it."

And if they do want to bargain, "they do it in a nice way."

Some advantages of his newly-built Salt Spring studio attached to the back of his house include lower overhead than his old King Street studio and "I've got thinking space."

After finishing the Triple Crown trophies, he is planning to put together a body of his work for exhibition. "This time,

doubtless back the event.

A name speaker is being approached for a proposed Saturday evening meeting which would be held in one of the island's larger halls. Manufacturers of garden equipment, seed companies and garden supply companies are being invited to come to the island to show their wares. Still

in it's earliest planning stages. Garden tour enthusiasts Emily Switzer and Shirley Chambers will doubtless have more to say on tour organization in the near future.

GIFT certificates

Gift certificates are now available for Christmas giving and can be obtained at GIFT headquarters at the Daystar Market. The certificates are in the form of folded cards with a drawing of the view from the ridge on the front. All funds raised through the sale of the cards go to Save the Ridge Fund and, as donations, are tax deductible.



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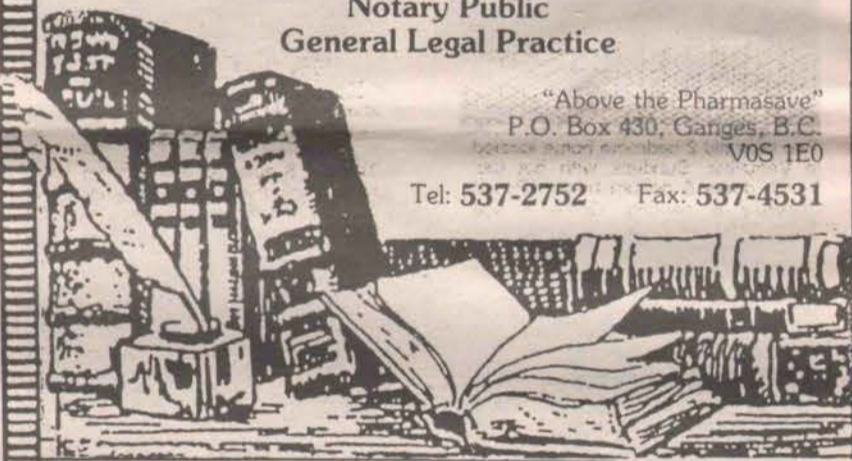


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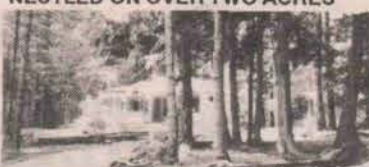
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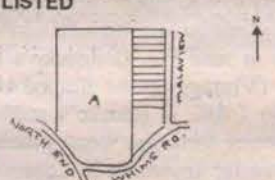
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Cook reviews books for Christmas

"It would be a good thing to buy books if we could also buy the time to read them," complained Schopenhauer, gloomily, after a tough day in philosophy 101.

Frankly, I prefer Shakespeare's approach. My working library can fit into a Chevy pickup but it's still "dukedom large enough", especially when a Tempest blows across the Island. Anyway, it is the season of winter mists and publisher's lists, time for the Country Gourmet's Christmas Pick of the Pages. To get reviewed in this column I have passionately to like, or to dislike, your book.

The rating system is based upon the well-know dictum of Francis Bacon: some books are to be tasted (one rasher of Bacon), others to be swallowed (two Bacons), and some few to be chewed and digested (three Bacons, which is the ultimate accolade). This year we add a fourth category: books full of rotten eggs hatched by the word processors of charlatans. This stuff conveys only indigestion and should be used to light the woodstove (0 Bacons and an alka-seltzer).

Dan Jason's *Greening of the Garden* (New Society Publishers) is the kind of a book which I hope readers will feel they should have written themselves. The style is natural and familiar; the words come from the author's own experiences as an innovative and responsible gardener at Mansell Farm on Salt Spring Island. In addition to advice for the cultivation of familiar edible plants, virtues, for example, of the sunroot and comfrey and mullein. The chapter devoted to the "sacred crops of the Incas and Aztecs," quinoa and amaranth, was fascinating.

But *Greening the Garden* is about survival as much as gardening. Dan Jason

Country Gourmet

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seeks to regain individual control over the food he eats. This should be common sense, but in our bizarre world places Jason (and me) squarely against what he calls "The Big Players", huge corporations who control most of the world's commercial seed supplies. Against the spectre of ecological Armageddon through global "seed politics" he reminds us of simple, traditional gardening methods which celebrate the diversity and goodness of plants and their culture through diversity and goodness of plants and their culture through natural, organic methods of composting and seed collection.

Like Margaret Visser's *Much Depends on Dinner* his book carries a heavy message; but, unlike her, Jason gives us a plan of action, a reason for hope. This is a book literally full of food for thought, and I sat up late digesting it. Three Bacons and a pot of coffee.

Some people say a big book is a big mistake. *The Whole Chile Pepper Book* (Little, Brown and Co.) told me everything I ever wanted to know about chiles. I'll let you finish that line yourself. One feels the authors, DeWitt and Gerlach, must have attended graduate school at North American University. They are enthusiastic, helpful and, oh, so exhausting. If you want to know how many Scoville units of heat are in a Serrano pepper (which I did) this book

will have it, with drawings, photos and recipes. On the other hand, I had to learn the rivetting fact that a German explorer, G. Schweifurth, thought he'd discovered a tribe in West Africa which had cooked a magic potion from wild chiles and so ensured themselves eternal youth. The question is, of course, how did he know the recipe worked? Did they speak in an archaic dialect? The Latin poetry inscribed in their cooking vessels perhaps?

The Whole Chile Pepper Book has lots of splendid recipes; the Tamales Negros were great; and it is without doubt the last word on the subject. I'd have preferred a little more style, a little less substance. Two Bacons and a red pencil.

A friend who spent a weekend at my running camp last summer on Cortez Island told me to read P.J. O'Rourke's *Holidays in Hell* (Vintage) as he limped off to the ferry. So I did. O'Rourke's method is to write stories from the worst places he can find on earth: anywhere in Lebanon, Seoul during a student demonstration, a visit to Harvard during its 350th Anniversary Celebration, Panama under Noriega, etc. He goes "to see insurrections, stupidities, political crises, civil disturbances and other

human folly because...because its fun." O'Rourke is actually an annoyed, flinty, hung-over, twentieth-century Mark Twain, and his syntax shows it. This sentence is typical: "The nonsense you hear about bargaining in the Orient is, like most nonsense about the Orient, perfectly true." If nothing else *Holidays in Hell* is an effective antidote to those travel books which, like glossy Venus fly-traps, are thinly disguised excuses for the attraction of tourists. But I wouldn't want to go on a trip with O'Rourke. He has nasty friends: "Hussein ordered a gunman to bring us cigarettes and coffee." Anyway, I don't smoke. One Bacon and a shot glass.

Quick Picks. For a hilarious travelling companion, read anything by Eric Newby. My favourite is *Slowly down the Ganges* (Not the one on Salt Spring). Paul Theroux's railway books are good, if quixotic, and Gavin Young's *Slow Boats to China* represents the Nostalgic Odyssey Genre better than most.

If you are a jock who is disgusted by sports books which are mostly copies of bank statements of the rich and pectoralous (sic) mixed with staccato eulogies to perspiration, try *Runners and Dreamers* by John L. Parker, Jr. It's about honest, hardcore athletics without Nike ads and steroids.

For the children, Robert Munsch almost Goes Too Far Again, and is as embarrassingly funny as usual with *Show and Tell*.

All these writers can bring home the Bacon.

October permit values top million dollar mark

Building permit values issued for the month of October are more than a million dollars above October 1990 totals.

According to information released by the Capital Regional District building inspection division, Salt Spring and Saturna Islands has the greatest increases.

Greatest actual dollar value increase was recorded for Salt Spring — a total building permit value of \$1,851,448 compared with only \$945,966 last year. The increase appears to be spread fairly evenly across the board: an increase in single family dwellings to 11 from nine last year, six multiple family dwellings up from two, five commercial/industry from two in 1990. The number of renovation, plumbing and other small job permits are also up markedly from the previous year.

Saturna Island, on the other hand, had the greatest percentage increase of the islands. There were 10 permits issued, all but one for plumbing, chimney and other renovation jobs. The remaining permit was for a single family dwelling, which was worth \$101,670. This is up from \$9,360 for the month last year when only two small renovation job permits were issued.

Mayne Island more than doubled the value of permits issued from one year to the next, with \$186,359 in permit values this October, compared with \$77,013 last year. The difference is in single family dwelling permits, two as opposed to one in 1990.

List reveals ten most popular names for kids

What's in a name? Quite a bit, according to the ministry of health's division of vital statistics.

Every year the ministry compiles a list containing the names of all the boys and girls born in the province for the year. It then lists the frequency with which each one is used. In order to keep the list within reasonable lengths, a name must be used at least five times to make the list. The reason the ministry gives for undertaking this task is to help parents assess the current trends in names and assist them in choosing or not choosing a certain name.

The most common name for both boys

game. In 1990, the most recent complete year's compilation of birth records, 23,342 boys were born compared with 22,575 the previous year. In the girls' category, 22,276 babies were born, compared with 21,518 for 1989.

The 10 most common names for both sexes, including the frequency of their use are:

Boys: Michael 567, Matthew 474, Christopher 439, Daniel 391, Kyle 388, Ryan 375, Jordan 363, David 345, Andrew 337, and Joshua 336.

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Lessons from the FUTURE

Our ancestors enjoyed the first jungle village as we entered the Agricultural Age. Later forbearers lived in a country village and the first town. Our great grandparents probably lived in the first small cities.

By FRANK OGDEN
Dr. Tomorrow

The past century especially, has seen the emergence of the big city as the mother lode. The Industrial Age required, recycled and rewarded people who contributed the city growth. But the days of the big city are numbered. Technology today is by-passing, with the speed of light, the previous advantages of metropolitan living. Violence, crime, pollution, high taxes, vacating high-tech creative operations with their job-creating entrepreneurs, overpriced and crumbling housing, collapsing infrastructure, disintegrating social and economic services designed for another time, are contributing to the diminishing appeal of big cities.

During recent years there has been an observed trend for some big city residents to move back to less dense areas. Technology today which allows many workers, especially in the communications segment, to operate from almost anywhere, is accelerating the migration. Those moving maybe the elite of tomorrow.

"Community" is taking on a new connotation. We used to think of that word as meaning "people living in a particular district" or "a social unit within a larger one and having interests, work etc. in common." Now members of a social unit may be scattered around the globe.

Geographic proximity is no longer required. As electronic nomad Steven K. Roberts, head honcho and cutting edge advocate of Nomadic Research Labs of California, says "As long as your head is in cyberspace it doesn't matter where your body is". Roberts, usually "on the road" with his bike, is in touch with the world via satellite, radio, computer modem, cellular phone and three computers. He even types as he rides. An example of one of the new lifestyles.

Roberts is also an example of how centrifugal forces which once bound societies together in another time and place, are now tearing them apart. But he has found how to create a lifestyle both rewarding and profitable by doing what was, until recently impossible.

Miners, who dig into the earth, and farmers who till the soil, now make up a mere five percent of the North American work force, down from 98 percent 200 years ago. Workers who still make things, conducting repetitive movements for high-volume manufacturers compose about 25 percent of the current labour force. Those highly-skilled blue-collar workers from the Industrial Age, due to down-sizing and advancing technology, have not been able to retain their previously high-paying occupations. Their future is uncertain.

Such service personnel as maids, waitresses, janitors, taxi operators, store clerks, again performing repetitive tasks, but generally on a one-to-one basis, now form 30 percent of the workforce. Eventually, almost everyone who manufactures a product or performs a service that can be replaced by a machine will be replaced by a machine. About a third of these people, with inflation, already are slowly falling behind in their standard of living. That still leaves 40 percent.

The rising, and in many cases rapidly-rising segment, is the top 20 percent of the workforce who perform analytic/symbolic communications age creative services, that can be sold world-wide and consist of problem solving or problem identifying or brokering of strategic activities. This field favours writers, video producers, scientists, engineers, free or abstract thinkers, people willing to risk, experiment or collaborate and legal or banking executives and eclectic consultants. Such skills are portable and in demand everywhere.

Those who learn to operate in a vastly changed and still-changing global environment; those who can walk on quicksand and dance with electrons; those who amass an array of varied experiences; those who see connections where others see chaos, will flourish and find opportunity in every disturbance. These people are usually from families with parents interested in their development and progress. They closely safeguard their health, travel widely for both work and learning, read a lot and comprehend the benefits of computer-literacy can in the new fluid, global and photonic workplace. These people have nowhere to go but up.

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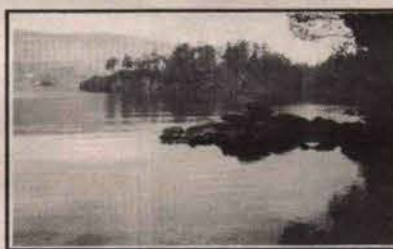


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After a hard day's play, you're pampered with the finest food and drink in the comfortable lodge, complete with billiard room, huge fireplace and cosy lounge.

Unspoiled wilderness? Yes and no. Standing at the shore of the lake, surrounded by forested hills, you'd swear that your only neighbours are the silent trees that march down right to the water's edge.

But less than half a mile away, at the other side of the lake, is an active forestry operation. Here West Fraser dumps trees it logs inland and tows them to its beach port reloading facility, 35 kilometres southwest, from where they are taken by logging truck to the company's mill.

If you're looking for an example of how the forest industry and tourism can share the same resource and not only stay out of each other's way, but benefit from one another, take a trip to Silvertip Lodge.

The peaceful coexistence didn't come out overnight. It took some work and a lot of compromise on both parts.

Manfred Zilliken bought the lodge in 1977. He had stayed as a guest at the lodge the year before and fell in love with the place.

That same year, Manfred decided to pull up stakes in his native Germany, sold his flourishing optician business, and moved to B.C. to take over as the new owner of Silvertip Lodge.

At that time, it was a wilderness camp by any definition. The nearest vestige of

civilization, the town of Horsefly, was more than 100 kilometres away, but in this rugged country, it might as well have been 1,000 thousand kilometres.

Manfred's clientele, mostly Europeans, paid good money to experience what they could only dream of at home — genuine wilderness. And then, three years ago, the dream suddenly threatened to come crashing down around his ears. West Fraser announced that it would commence logging in the area. The first stage was to build a road on one side of the lake.

"I am a businessman, but I'm an environmentalist, too. I was caught in the middle," Manfred says today. "Everything I had worked for, everything I owned was tied up in this lodge, and I could see it all destroyed."

Then he met with West Fraser officials and was told that they were willing to work with him to minimize the impact on his operations. The company assured Manfred there would be no visible logging around the camp and the foreshore. And whatever it did, Manfred would have a veto.

"The company kept its word. It never did anything without consulting me extensively. Quite often it would change plans after I objected," Manfred says.

And after three years, both parties have developed a very cooperative and mutually beneficial relationship.

Rather than setting up a full-fledged logging camp, the company worked out an agreement with Manfred that its loggers can bunk at the lodge.

"I was nervous at first. I had visions of a bunch of wild loggers taking over my lodge and scaring the regular guest away," says Manfred. It didn't happen.

"They never came to dinner without changing first. They are polite and blend in with the ambience of the lodge. The guests like it, too. They can go home and tell their friends they met and talked to some

genuine Canadian loggers."

Accommodating the loggers has effectively increased Manfred's season from four months a year to a year-round operation, and after the initial three-year trial period, he's launching a new promotion campaign next year in Switzerland, Austria and Germany.

The fishing is as good as ever at Silvertip Lodge. The scenery hasn't lost any of

its awesome beauty, the bear and the moose are still around, but equally important, so is Manfred's business and West Fraser's logging operation.

In the war between environmentalists and the forest industry, Manfred Zilliken and West Fraser are a good example of how things could be if both sides are willing to give a little.

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ISLAND LIVING

Loggers need new skills

Dealing with various groups to achieve forest peace

McLEESE LAKE — Austin and Paul Smith are independent logging contractors. Austin is 34. Paul is 32. They are used to working 16 hour days in the bush.

The two brothers have been working in the forest since they were 15 years old. They take pride in what they do, and they will tell anyone who listens that they care very much about what has become a buzz word — sustainable development.

They run a tight ship. They treat the forest with respect and they expect the same from their employees. They will not log, for instance, if bad weather would result in damage to the soil.

Their logging sites are cleaner than Stanley Park on a Sunday afternoon, and they've let people go who were unwilling or unable to live up to their standards.

The two brothers have 20 people working for them. Everything they own is invested in the business. And it takes more than a couple of chainsaws these days to run a logging operation.

By conservative estimates, their investment is somewhere around the \$2 million mark, a lot of it owned by the bank.

Logging is their life, but as of late, they've had to develop some other unrelated skills. More and more often, Austin and Paul find themselves dealing with threats to their livelihood that have nothing to do with bad weather, equipment downtime or a slump in lumber prices.

Austin is president of the local Share Group. There are 18 Share Groups in B.C., whose aim is to promote the sharing of the forest resource by a variety of interests, including tourism, wildlife management, hunting, fishing, ranching and forestry.

Many environmentalists claim that the real aim of Share Groups is to monopolize the resource for the benefit of the industry, but Austin would argue differently.

"Our Share Group has 400 members. They include bankers, farmers, housewives, ranchers and loggers. It's our belief that we can share the forest," Austin says.

The local Share Group holds three public meetings a year. It invites guest speakers, answers questions from the public and tries to deal with criticism of the forest industry, most of which emanates from the south — Vancouver and Victoria.

Dealing with criticism from environmental groups cuts into their time. Last year, Austin had to attend a number of meetings in the Lower Mainland to defend logging practices in the Cariboo against attacks from southern environmental groups.

Austin gets angry when he's told by people who have never seen a logging operation that he's pillaging the forests. Superior equipment, bet-

ter management techniques and improved silviculture practices, he says, all make for better forestry practices.

Anyone looking for bad forestry practices, ought to take a look not at the big companies, but at some of the privately-owned and logged land.

We're about 15 kilometres outside Quesnel, and Gord Lester of Weldwood's Quesnel operations, points out some pretty ugly examples of private logging.

"The standard of logging on private land in B.C. is pretty dismal," he says. "For the most part, they log it and blam it away. The public sees it and blames us for bad logging practices."

Later in the day, we meet Bob Stathers, who works as a consultant for some of the companies in the Cariboo, as well as the forest ministry. Bob is considered one of British Columbia's leading experts in silviculture research.

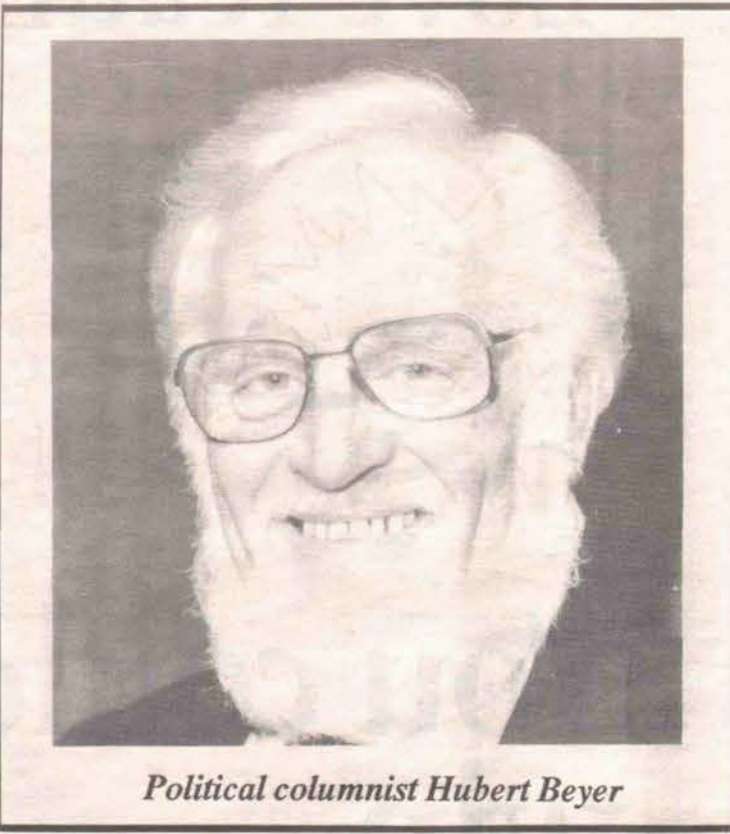
Today, Bob is checking up on the

health of seedlings to assess the impact of site preparation on newly-planted trees. A highly-sensitive computer tells him that the part that was slash-burned turned out to be a better environment for the seedlings. The burning warms the soil, fostering new growth. The seedlings in the untreated soil were considerably smaller.

"Five years ago, we didn't know that frost was such a big problem in this area. Had we known, we wouldn't have planted so much pine here," says Bob.

Latest knowledge in the field of silviculture and better seedling stock has resulted in an average survival rate of newly-planted trees of 89 per cent. Just a few years ago, it was 40 to 50 per cent.

"People who criticize the forest industry, have no idea of how much progress has been made, and how much attention is paid to good forestry practices," he says.



Political columnist Hubert Beyer

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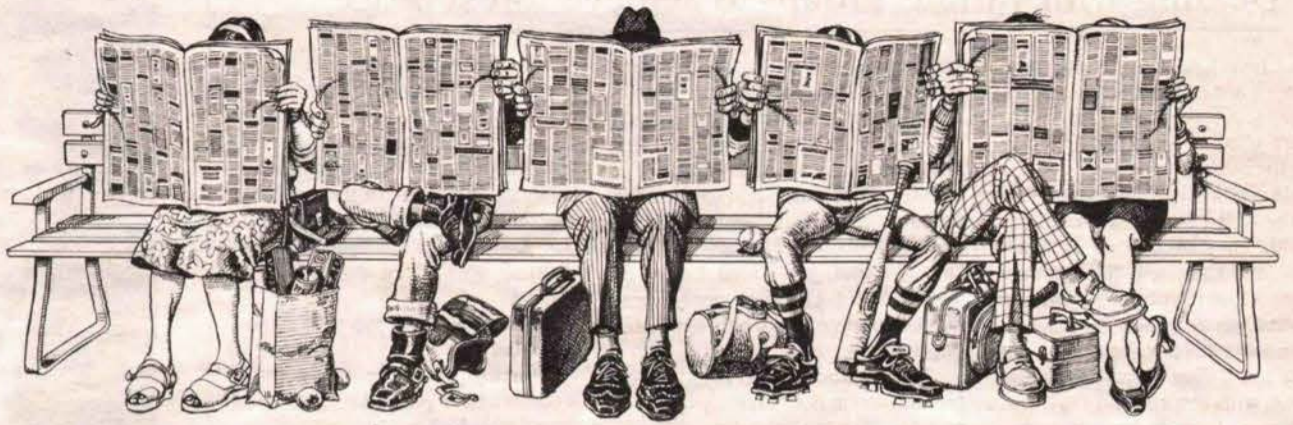
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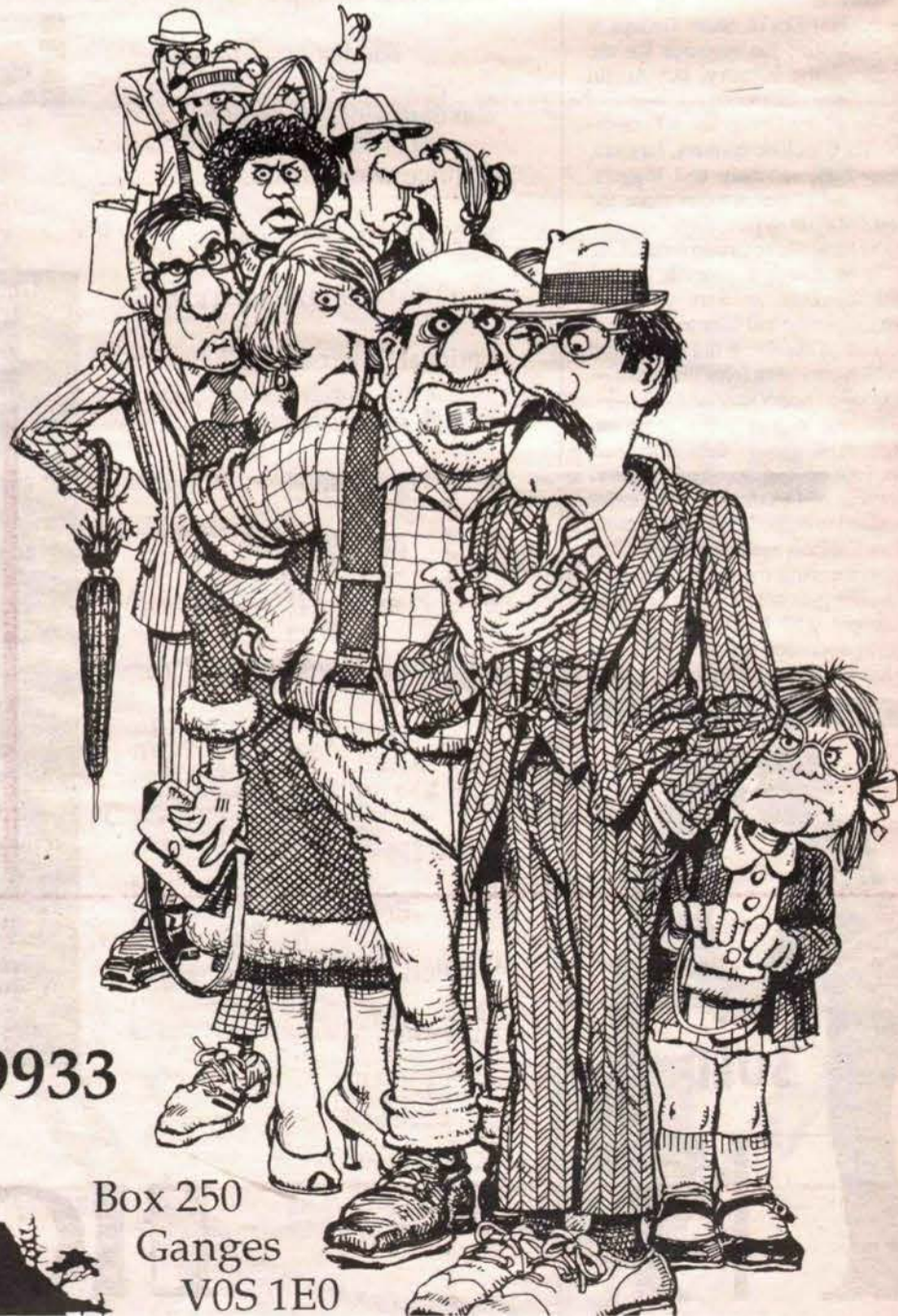
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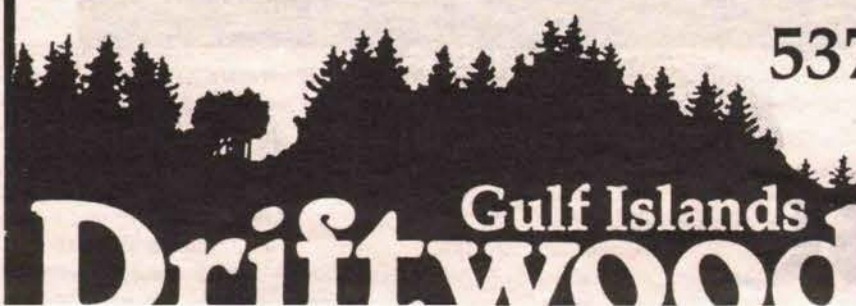
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PROVINCIAL ROUND-UP

by Hubert Beyer

More studies

Health Minister Elizabeth Cull said last week the government would conduct a "full review and analysis" of the Royal Commission report on Health Care and Costs before implementing any of its 359 recommendations.

A committee with representation from both health-care workers and professionals, as well as the public, will be asked for advice on how to proceed with implementation of the report's recommendations.

The government also plans to launch an intensive public information program to involve all British Columbians in the decisions that will affect health-care.

The report, completed after nearly two years of hearings throughout the province, contains recommendations for sweeping changes in health-care system, including legalized euthanasia, the scrapping of health-care premiums, and decentralization of health-care delivery.

Paddling to success

A Fraser Valley company, True North Paddle and Neck Kayak Ltd., last week received a \$237,000 repayable loan last week from the Western Economic Diversification Fund to aid in the development of a new line of plastic boats for export to a growing recreational paddling market.

The new line will include a solo sea kayak, two models of tandems, and two models of play boats. Company president Mike Necker started building boats 10 years ago as a backyard hobby, and has turned it into a flourishing business with export markets in North America and the Pacific Rim.

In defence of a tabloid

A lot of newspaper readers get hot under the collar when they come across what they perceive to be a sensationalizing of a story. Such was the case with a recent front-page story in the Vancouver tabloid, The Province.

The story quoted NDP MLA Tom Perry

a medical doctor, as saying that he prescribed pain-killing morphine injections for his dying father. The last injection, he said, could well have aided in his father's death.

Next day, Perry strongly objected to the story, saying it was sensationalized, and an invasion of his family's privacy. He seemed to have a good point, but all was not as it appeared.

Perry had volunteered the information during an interview on euthanasia he said he wanted the issue fully debated in British Columbia.

The editors who handled the story were extremely nervous about it. They phoned Perry and read him the passages over the phone, pointing out the sensitivity of the information. They also urged him to consider the impact the story might have on his possible appointment to the cabinet.

Perry appeared to have no problem with the story at the time. It was only the next day, when the headline glared at him, that he developed second thoughts.

Privatization review

Highways Minister Art Charbonneau said last week that the government will conduct a comprehensive review of the privatization of road and bridge construction.

"Questions have been raised regarding the future of road and bridge maintenance private sector contracts. All remaining agreements in the renegotiation process will be completed," the minister said.

But he added that the government expects the private firms to deliver top-notch service. He also said he expects contractors to treat their employees fairly and live up to the ministry's requirements to offer employment to all unionized staff under the same terms and conditions they currently enjoy.

No golf on farm land

The government last week put on hold requests for the construction of 181 golf courses on agricultural land. Responsibility

for land-use decisions concerning golf courses with the Agricultural Land Reserve was returned to the Agricultural Land Commission.

"If all of these applications were approved, approximately 20,600 acres of agricultural land would be permanently

taken out of production," said Agriculture Minister Bill Barlee.

The minister said the government recognized the economic and recreational importance of golf courses, but they shouldn't be built at the expense of the province's agricultural land base.

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BRIDGE Talk

Gulf Islands Bridge Club winners on November 12 were:

North/South: Isabelle Richardson and Helen Shandro; Donna Taylor and Dawny Scarfe; Conhor Hunt and Ian Thomas.

East/West: Jean Herring and Norm McConnell tied for first place with Fred Struve and Peter Jacquest, Sue Bradford and Joan Conlan.

Winners of the Canadian Anniversary Game on November 13 were:

North/South: Blanche Poborsa and Bill Buckler; Dawny Scarfe and Noel Fowles.

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