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"The most beautiful finish line in the world"

by Joanie Veitch

It's a gruelling run that climbs 1,852 feet in just over seven kilometres. It's amazing that anybody even considers it, but they do - and in growing numbers every year.

One hundred and ninety-six people registered at Diamond Tooth Gerties to participate in the 15th annual Midnight Dome race. Twenty-four of those were walkers, another record number.

It's a long, hard push to the top beginning at the Palace Grand Theatre and continuing up behind Dawson to the Midnight Dome that overlooks the town on the old road that used to be called the A.C. road as it was built by the Alaska Commercial Company.

That company probably didn't expect the road would become such a beacon to runners such as Brian Bell of Whitehorse who almost set a course record with his first place win finishing in

32:16.

"I was four seconds off the course record," he said sounding a bit disappointed. "It was a personal best though, and you always have to be pleased with a personal best time."

Dave Brook, also from Whitehorse, took second place with a time of 33:53.

He was followed by Brent Langbakk who came in at 34:09.

In the women's category Dawson's Jane Vincent once again proved her endurance making it to the top in great shape at 40:25. She placed 33rd overall. Vincent was followed closely by Tamara Goepfel with a time of 41:00 and Michelle Toews who took third place at 45:38.

In the Masters Men's Division (39 years of age and over) Don White of Whitehorse captured first with 35:43. Hajo Brumond, also of Whitehorse, came in be-

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Discovery Days' focus shifts

by Dan Davidson

The many changes in the organization of Discovery Days Weekend this year are aimed at improving the quality, duration and atmosphere of the event, says committee member Peter Menzies, Dawson's Recreation Director.

Beginning this year, and continuing up until the centennial celebrations, the organizing committee wants the celebration to

take on the reputation of being a quality family event, as free as possible of the problems that have plagued some years, and sustained throughout the weekend.

One major shift is a change in the Saturday parade route. This year it will begin at the Fire Hall and end at the Visitor's Reception Centre on Front Street. This moves the event away from

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Photo by Michael Gates

"So tell me again, why are all these people following us?"

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Minto Park. The children's games and other events that usually have taken place in the park will also be relocated to the downtown area, using green space near the YOOP Hall and by the Gazebo.

A second shift is an innovation: a Treasure Hunt in a format similar to that used in a Yukon wide promotion a few years ago. At stake will be a \$1,000.00 gold nugget necklace.

Menzies explained: "There will be selected places in town where you can pick up clues, and you can spend the weekend trying to figure out where the voucher for the necklace is. We want to get a real Gold Rush fever going for the course of the weekend."

The hunt is being financed by

corporate sponsorships, and the committee hopes that the funds raised in this manner will make up enough money to offset the loss which will be caused by the next change in procedure.

There will not be an alcohol sanctioned dance on Saturday this year, a break with tradition, but a move in line with the Dawson City Music Festival's tightening of liquor controls over the last two years.

"The 'drunken days' image of Discovery days has to be eliminated," says Menzies, who had the dubious pleasure of having his name on last year's liquor license when the dance got out of hand and was shut down by the R.C.M.P. 45 minutes before it was scheduled to end. The com-

mittee has decided it doesn't want what he terms the "stress and baloney" of taking care of hundreds of people who want to get drunk.

There will be a Family Dance, and the ball tournament will have a beer concession, but that's all.

Billy Carmacks, the relative of gold discoverer George Carmacks will be in Dawson for Discovery Days, and will be made an honorary citizen of the town if Commissioner Ken McKinnon can swing a Ministerial Permit.

Carmacks, who was to have attended celebrations in the town named for his famous relative in July, was turned back by Immigration authorities in Vancouver. Menzies says the man is a nuclear power plant worker who has an FBI security clearance, so he believes the Canadian government should be able to look past an old impaired driving charge.

Also on the schedule is the official opening of San Cho Park. In June the park was dedicated as a National Peace Park by the Governor General, but it will now receive its full Han Indian name.

Menzies says the ceremony will feature a ribbon cutting by

Eliza Farr, the widow of "Windy" Farr, who once owned part of the land the park is on. There will also be a concert by the Winnie Tatoes, a local kid's entertainment group who recently did a fine job at the Dawson City Music Festival. The park will also be the scene for a water slide event.

Mud Bogging is a new event which will take place on a nearby municipal lot. There are actually advance entries in this year's demolition derby, so the event will not fizzle as it did last year.

The Sourdough Sam group from Whitehorse is planning a bathtub race down the Yukon River, timed to arrive in Dawson on the Sunday night before Discovery Days. Other water events will be canoe and raft races.

Featured entertainment on the big day itself will be "Experience Canada", a Canada 125 sponsored event which features 32 performers between the ages of 17 and 25. Local singer Ecka Janus in part of this group, which is trumpeting the joys of living in Canada.

Regular events will include a salmon BBQ, mini-golf tournament, parade, street sale, claim

staking, a Much Music Video Dance and about 20 other items, all of which are listed in a 4 page insert in the middle of this issue of the Sun.

There will be charity along with the fun, as a troupe of local can-can dancers headed by Dale Cooper kick up their heels and pass the hat to help raise over \$6,000.00 for a special electric wheelchair for Sabrina Frangetti, a young Dawsonite stricken with a crippling brittlebone disease.

All in all, the attempt is being made to transform the annual celebration into a high quality family and community extravaganza well worth staying home or travelling to Dawson for.



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Dome race (continued from front page)

hind him followed by Hein De Vries from Calgary.

In the Masters Women Division Judy Kelly from Whitehorse placed first at 42:31. Elizabeth Ruddick of Ottawa took second spot and Donna Dunn of Faro placed third.

The first Junior Male (16 and under) to cross the line was Iain MacKenzie of Whitehorse with a time of 37:42. Second and third place went to Edward Jansen, also of Whitehorse, and Ken Mehaffey of Mayo respectively.

In the Junior Female Division Nicole Densmore of Whitehorse

was first over the line. She was followed by Hannah Jickling, also from Whitehorse and Christine Gouthro of Dawson.

Every year it seems more and more people want to take the hard way up to what someone at the top described as "the most beautiful finish line in the world". Some of the tired runners who stood at the top of the Dome looked around them to take in the spectacular view, but most of them were still a bit dazed for that. And with the wind at the top picking up considerably, most took the first opportunity

they could to get back down and hit the showers.

In the afternoon the participants met again at the Trans North Hanger to eat lots of salmon and other goodies. Dome Run T-shirts were also given out at the barbecue. The run was sponsored by Canadian Airlines and the Klondike Visitors Association with the top male and female winners winning tickets to Vancouver.

Later that night many of the runners were ready to kick up their heels again, this time on the dance floor at the Music Festival concert.



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Dawsonites dig deep for Sabrina

by Joanie Veitch

Sabrina Frangetti is only nine years old but is more accepting of life's harsher realities than many people five times her age.

Sabrina was born with brittle bone disease which means she lacks collagen in her bones and they break very easily.

She explains that with the cold winter temperatures in the Yukon the problem is more severe.

"In the winter I break almost all the time," she says and rolls her eyes in mock exasperation.

Sabrina has been in a wheelchair since she was three and a half years old and she says she probably always will be.

"My spine is getting worse," she says. "I may never be able to walk."

But there is some hope for Sabrina, and it seems many people in the community want to make that hope a reality.

Ian Skinner, a friend of Sabrina's mother, Micheline, has organized a community campaign to raise enough funds to buy Sabrina an electric wheelchair. In every store there are donation cans asking for people to give a little to "a brave little girl."

Right now Sabrina's arms are too fragile for her to push her own chair. Her mother usually takes her wherever she has to go.

While at school her aunt makes sure she gets around.

For Sabrina an electric wheelchair would mean she could drive herself around and gain some independence.

During a visit to Vancouver Sabrina had a chance to try out the electric model.

"I loved it," she says smiling.

The electric wheelchair costs \$6,400. That's money the Frangetti's just didn't have. However, only one week after the campaign had begun \$4,000 had been raised.

A lot of the money raised came from a benefit held recently at the Westminster Lounge. Local musicians pitched in and it was quite a busy night with 15% of all sales going to the cause. That turned out to be about \$2,400.

The Klondike Carriage Company's Don Wilson also raised \$300 through his recent special offer of a free ride around town for those who donated ten dollars.

By July 14 the chair had been ordered, with local businessman Harry Campbell advancing the additional \$2400.00 needed to make the order and also to buy a special toilet for the bathroom.

Sabrina had been selling lemonade at the corner by Kinsey Manor, and it was here that she



Photo by Joanie Veitch

Sabrina and her mother, Micheline, are hoping Sabrina will have her electric wheelchair soon.

first met Campbell, who paid \$100.00 for his glass.

"I never thought we would get that much so fast," Micheline says quietly. "Here everyone is so nice."

Micheline and Sabrina are from Quebec and settled here permanently last year. They are both amazed at the generosity of Dawsonites.

When Sabrina first moved to Dawson she had more than just her disability to challenge her,

she didn't speak any English. Now her bright chatter doesn't miss a beat.

During the summer she can often be found near her home selling her own brightly coloured earrings on the street. Made from plastercine and baked in the oven to harden these earrings are quite impressive.

Sabrina says she makes them during the long winter months.

"I can't go out in the winter-time much so I make these."

So far her sales have been good.

"But so many people stop and look and say they'll come back - and they don't," she says shaking her head and adds, "They shouldn't say something if they don't mean it."

Sabrina is looking forward to using her new wheelchair in school but expresses some concern about how it will work out.

"I'll have to learn how to drive!"

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An Historic Sites and Monuments Board commemorative plaque will be unveiled. The ceremony takes place in the open area next to the old bank building at the corner of Front and Queen Streets.

Canadian Parks Service Assistant Deputy Minister, Aimee Lefebvre-Anglin and dignitaries

from the Yukon government, the City of Dawson and the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce will take part. Daniel Tlen, Yukon member on the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada, will officiate.

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OUR YUKON
A TRIBUTE TO YUKON LIFE

Car burns at Triple J Hotel

by Dan Davidson

The Dawson fire department was called out to deal with a second burning vehicle on July 22 at 9:40 in the morning. The 1978 Ford Mercury Montego caught fire in the parking lot of the Triple J Motel. Fire Chief Pat Cayen says that the owner was trying to get the car started by pouring gasoline into the carburettor when the engine caught fire.

The owner, Christine Cramp-Rider, a Triple J employee, put the car into neutral and pushed it away from the building to keep it from catching fire, a brave gesture, but one Cayen termed too

dangerous to her own life. The fire department is practically across the street from the hotel.

The car, valued at about \$1100.00, suffered about \$500.00 in damage and seems likely to be a write-off. Cramp-Rider suffered a mild asthma attack as a result of the experience but there were no other personal injuries.

She agrees that it would be pretty difficult to salvage much from the car. She is a new arrival to Dawson City, just moved here from Ontario and planning to stay.

It had been a fairly quiet summer for the Dawson City Volunteer Fire Department, but the last

week seemed determined to change the pattern. A fire alarm at the Robert Service School had the volunteers searching the attic in full gear for over two hours trying to find a fire that didn't exist on Friday, July 17, and a van burned in a propane fire at the Gas Shack the next day.

The night of the car fire, at the volunteers' regular practice, Cayen told the group they were going to practice using fire extinguishers.

"I said 'We're going to burn something', and they all said, 'What, again?'"

Cayen chuckled as he recalled his response: "Yes, but this time we're going to do it on purpose."

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Editorial: There's Much to Discover in Dawson

by Dan Davidson

There's nothing like absence to emphasize changes. If I hadn't known that already it was made clear to me by a gentleman in Fort Nelson who was just wrapping up a tour of the Alaska Highway (Yes, he did take the Dawson side trip.) which he had last driven in 1968. He was both pleasantly surprised and slightly disappointed. The drive was great, but it was a little too easy.

Dawson changed a bit in 3 weeks, as well. They got a little further along on the Red Feather Project. The Victory Garden was blooming beside the museum.

Unchanged at that point was the wait to catch the ferry. Coming back from the Top of the World direction meant an hour's delay in a line-up of a dozen vehicles, which remained pretty constant in length as we moved through it. This was only slightly less than the delay caused when a tanker truck full of road emulsion over-turned just north of Swift River, backing up about 60 vehicles and providing quite a spectacle.

That truck had been bound for Dawson, so I guess the work on Front Street means that its replacement has arrived and its contents been used.

Ferry Solution Still Needed

The ferry situation cries out for improvement, and the partial solution being pioneered by the Chamber of Commerce just isn't enough. It does nothing for residents who aren't in a business which qualifies for the passes. If this summer is a harbinger of things to come over the next decade, a more efficient solution to river crossings has to be found before too long. The feds have been seeking bridge reserve land down by the ferry landing against the day when a bridge might be needed. Maybe that timetable needs to be moved up.

Publishing Changes

You will have noticed that we're a week early with this edition of the paper, and that it's a "shade smaller than our average over the last few months." (Well, it was when I first wrote that sentence on Saturday. Who knows where it will end.) That's because we're experimenting with our schedule, coming out twice in August, a little bit late in September, and then phasing back to our regular schedule for the October issue. Appearing more often means being a little smaller and having a higher ratio of advertising to stories and photographs, but the thing most people still ask about us is "When are you going to come out more often?" so we thought we'd give it a try this summer and see if we can stand the strain.

Special Events

Once again we are including a supplement in our pages, this one provided by the City and detailing all the many things that will be happening during the Discovery Day weekend. It's a busy schedule and Peter Menzies was kind enough to take the time to talk to us about it. That story is somewhere in here.

The Music Festival is well represented in these pages as well, and those who took it is know what a success it was. So far, it's been a banner summer for events, and it looks like it's not over yet.

Enjoy Discovery Days!

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Letters

The Honorable Piers
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Dear Editor:

I am writing to you in regard to your Department's initiative to offer, for the first time, a scholarship worth \$1000 including two years of guaranteed summer employment with the Government to Graduates of 1992. Not a bad idea, however, the program is not offered to all; "a woman, or First Nations person or a person with a disability", need only apply.

I am a woman of 24 years, have resided in the Yukon for all of my life and have recently completed my degree. Generous thanks to the Yukon Student Grant, student loans and government summer employment, I completed my education and have now taken up permanent residency in the Yukon.

I like to think that I succeeded, as have many other individuals, as a result of hard work and effort and not because I am a woman, a First person or am disabled.

Education is a public good and the role of the Government is to ensure that those public goods are accessible to all. Not only is this program discriminatory against white, able-bodied males, but also discriminates against those students who reside in the city of Whitehorse, unless the Government is willing to compensate full

costs for moving and living expenses which are incurred when one relocates to Whitehorse to be employed with Government Services for the following two summers. Chances are, these benefits are not part of the package.

For a Government that encourages further education and holds an interest in the future of the Yukon (Youth), it fails to recognize that all youth hold a stake, and not just a select group based on sex, race or color.

I fully support the use of employment equity and affirmative action to encourage the employment of less represented groups and I also believe that the Government should be involved in the promotion of these groups. Equal access to education, however, is a right and should not be subject to such conditions.

In future developments, I urge the Department of Education and the Government of the Yukon to consider these concerns and take effective action, not affirmative action.

Yours Sincerely,
Elaine Raketti
Whitehorse, Yukon



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Dome Race cont'd from page 2 Twenty-four walkers strode to the top of the Midnight Dome, the highest number of entrants yet! Photo by Michael Gates



Photo by Michael Gates

Winner Brian Bell from Whitehorse makes a personal best time

DOME RESULTS FOR DAWSON'S OWN

RANK	CATEGORY	NAME	TIME
13	OM	Lou Oud	37:41
15	OM	Ross Sailer	37:55
17	OM	Dirk Millar	38:12
20	OM	Lucas Fennell	38:49
21	MM	Roger Handberg	38:56
23	OM	George Gatenby	39:09
29	OM	Kevin Anderson	39:49
33	OF	Jane Vincent	40:25
39	OM	John Flynn	41:06
40	OM	Jason Barber	41:15
41	OM	David Millar	41:22
46	OM	Brian Phelan	42:28
47	OM	Lee Worden	42:30
55	OM	Steelie Cash	43:37
57	OM	Mark Pierson	43:40
58	OM	Gerard Parsons	43:46
65	OM	Lisle Gatenby	45:01
69	OM	Steve Chizen	45:37
80	OM	Michael Mason	48:44
83	MM	Art Webster	48:58
86	OM	Bruce Peever	49:22
90	OF	Maureen Gillen	49:36
93	OF	Deborah Menzies	50:37
98	MM	Lindsay Beck	51:03
110	OF	Meredith O'Connor	53:14
113	OF	Jane Davies	53:37
133	OM	John Sherman	57:06
136	JF	Christine Gouthro	58:43
138	MF	Janet Johnson	59:04
139	OFW	Laurea Stinson	59:26
140	OFW	Joanie Veitch	59:26
142	OF	Karen Olito	60:56
146	JM	Jay J Flynn	64:03
149	OF	Lorraine Millar	66:00
164	OF	Elena Bosque	72:37
171	JMW	Robert Reeves	75:43
172	OF	Cynthia Cook	76:44
173	OF	Paula Pawlovich	76:46
175	OFW	Shelley Hakonson	77:31
176	OFW	Shirley Reeves	77:31
177	OFW	Jennifer Flynn	77:31
178	OFW	Cathy Wood	77:36
179	OFW	Janet Kozak	77:38
181	OFW	Holly Reeves	78:22

(Note: W in category denotes walker)



Photo by Michael Gates

Lou Oud is the first Dawson runner to make it to the top, coming in 13th overall with at time 37:41



KLONDIKE VISITORS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE RE: COMMISSIONER BALL TICKETS FOR 1993

The Board of Directors of the Klondike Visitors Association would like to announce that the tickets for the 1993 Commissioner's

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The burnt remains of a van that caught fire at the Gas Shack while filling with propane.

Why Hurry When You're in Dawson?

by Dan Davidson

The license plate read "Y HURREE", but a glance at the ruin of the 1989 Dodge Van was enough to tell onlookers that William Dawson and his wife wouldn't be hurrying anywhere in the near future, at least not in that vehicle.

The van exploded into flames while filling up on propane at the Gas Shack on 5th Avenue about 5 P.M. on Saturday afternoon (July 18). Seventeen members of the Dawson Volunteer Fire Dept. were on duty and fighting the fire within 3 minutes, according to Fire Chief Pat Cayen.

Crucial work in fighting the blaze, which was right next to the new ICG propane tanks at the Gas Shack, was provided by employees Myk Kurth and Joe Magee. Magee was manning the pumps when the gas ignited, and Kurth was there with a fire extinguisher within seconds. The pair actually succeeded in putting out the fire once, but then it re-ignited.

When the fire had been brought under some control by the firefighters, Gas Shack owner Gene Gritner hooked the van with a tow chain and pulled it clear of the tanks.

By that time the RCMP had closed off the block to prevent people from crowding in on the event, which drew quite a crowd in spite of the Dawson City Music Festival. Sgt. Gordon Crowe was shaking his head over the tendency people have to run into a dangerous situation, but was full of praise for the fire department.

Chief Cayen said the greatest danger was that the extreme heat would set off the large tank at the station, though he felt that the safeguards on the modern facility would cut down on the danger of a fireball explosion.

The cause of the fire was a propane operated refrigerator in the camper van, which was still in operation while the van was

being filled with automotive propane. Several volunteers noted that the pilot light on the fridge was still lit while they were fighting the fire.

Cayen noted that propane training was just beginning to be part of fire safety training when he first took courses, but that he had never before experienced a propane fire emergency of this type. While it was a dangerous situation, as all fires can be, he says his crew worked very well and gained some valuable experience. The lessons also apply to those service station operators who are selling automotive propane.

No one was injured at the fire, though Magee was shaken up by the experience.

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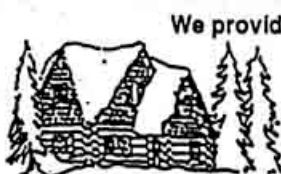
Weather Report for Dawson City for July 1992 prepared by Art Vickers, your friendly Flight Service Specialist, from the Transport Canada Flight Service Station at the Dawson City Airport.

Well, July is history. I don't know about the rest of the people in Dawson, but I expected July to be better than it was. The statistics don't back me up though. I guess the warmer it gets, the more we want it. (Does that make sense to anyone?) However, on studying the weather for the month, I noticed it was not a bad month after all. There were only two days we didn't get into the 20's (70's) and although there was more than the average rainfall, most occurred as thunderstorms in the evenings, leaving the days to be enjoyed by all that didn't have to work.

We had one record temperature in July - The temperature fell to 0.4 (32.7) on July 31. There was definitely some frost in the area. Some people at Henderson Corner reported ICE on water in outside buckets and the "white" foliage all over the place. Hopefully the gardens will survive. This is far too early for Jack Frost to arrive in this area!!! So, here are the stats for July. (Fahrenheit in brackets, as usual)

	1992	1991	30 Yr Average
Max. Temp.	29.0(84.2)	26.4(79.5)	-----
Min. Temp.	0.4(32.7)	2.7(36.9)	-----
Mean Max.	23.4(74.1)	22.1(71.8)	22.2(71.9)
Mean Min.	8.8(47.8)	7.3(45.1)	8.8(47.9)
Mean Temp.	16.1(61.0)	14.7(58.5)	15.5(59.9)
Rainfall	55.4mm(2.2in)	56.8mm(2.3in)	53.1mm(2.1in)
Snowfall	JUST KIDDING!!!!		
Days with precipitation	17	19	13

Although it is expected for some Frost to happen in August, I hope we will have a mild month and one with less rain than we have been getting. I don't think everyone has been wishing hard enough for record warm temperatures up to now, so let's keep working on it and enjoy another month of summer.



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Business Traffic to Get Green Light at Dawson Ferry Crossing

by Dan Davidson

In response to numerous complaints from the business sector in Dawson, the Yukon government has approved a pilot project to help local businesses deal with the long line-ups which have become a permanent feature of using the George Black Ferry to cross the Yukon River this summer.

Line-ups of several dozen vehicles, stretching more than half a kilometre in length and lasting for hours, have become standard fare on Front Street this summer. A special ferry lane has already been marked off along Front Street between the Waterfront Building and the ferry landing.

The Dawson City Chamber of Commerce has developed the pilot project for implementation. A general mailing to Dawson residents received on July 29 says that "The Chamber will sell Commercial Passage Permits for licensed motor coaches carrying passengers and vehicles bearing commercial license plates. Holders of a permit would be entitled to priority passage on the ferry in a dual line-up system which would alternate permit holders with regular vehicle traffic, during peak periods as required."

The aim of this project is to reduce the waiting time for commercial and service vehicles during peak business hours. The project will be managed by the Chamber with the cooperation of the local ferry crew.

The new system will go into effect on August 3 and will continue until the end of August, when it will be evaluated.

Unfortunately, this project does nothing to assist West Dawson residents who live and work on different sides of the Yukon River. They'll still be in the regular traffic line-up unless they happen to be using a vehicle with commercial plates.

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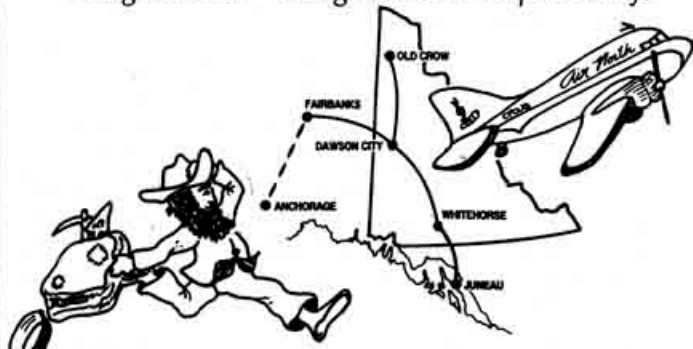
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Mr. Daycare takes to the roads

by Joanie Veitch

Balloons and many kids with smiling painted faces greeted the man known as Mr. Daycare as he arrived in Dawson on a bicycle not much bigger than the kids' around him.

Mr. Daycare, or Howard Clifford as he is more formally known, has worked for the federal government as the consultant on daycare for 20 years. Clifford is working even harder as he makes his way around the country via bicycle and kayak to carry a message that is extremely important to him.

His trip is called On The Road For Child Care and Clifford hopes to raise awareness of daycare issues.

"Daycare workers gives so much of themselves to our children," he said. "And too often they get so little in return."

Clifford has been collecting stories and listening to the experiences of the daycare workers and parents in the places he visits.

As a civil servant, Clifford is very aware how removed policy makers can be from the real issues that affect people. He hopes that this trip will give him the opportunity to see first-hand the problems that exist in child care.

"When policies are being made we often forget about how different life can be in more remote ar-

reas of the country," he said as he explained that he wants to try to collect this information and hear from as many people as he can.

Clifford believes people in more urban areas need to hear the frustrations child care workers face in more rural parts of the country. These are precisely the concerns, he said, that we all must listen to and share as our children are our future.

Clifford, along with some friends, began their trip on May 1 in Victoria cycling to Fort Simpson and then kayaking to Inuvik.

The reception in Dawson was one of the best yet, according to those in the group. Kids and parents waited on the south dyke and then paraded into town with Mr. Daycare and friends when he arrived. The event was co-sponsored by the Trinke Zoo Daycare, Dawson Daycare and Kelly's Day Home.

The happy party finished the parade at San 'Cho Park where there was lots of food and entertainment for the kids to enjoy.

Overall, Clifford said he has

been encouraged by a lot of what he has heard and he has been receiving lots of encouragement along the way. He recalls the mayor of Victoria as having one of the best comments yet.

"He told me to view my trip through the eyes of a child," Clifford said smiling.

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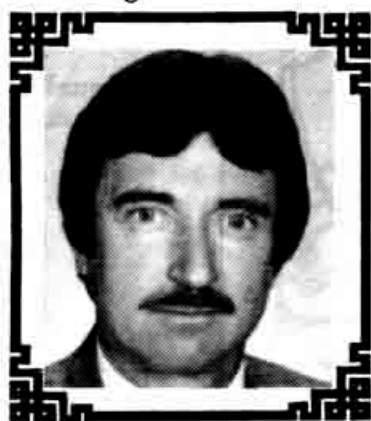
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The 96th anniversary of the Klondike Gold Rush is one of many other historic events to take place in the Yukon over the next decade.

Let's join in the fun and celebrate together.

ART WEBSTER
Minister of Tourism
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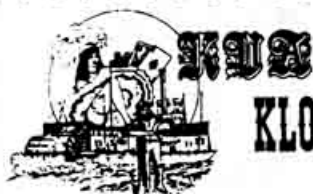
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Discovery Days are also a time to have fun. I encourage you and your family to participate in the many events scheduled throughout the weekend and be a part of the spirit which helps maintain our Gold Rush Traditions.

Enjoy your stay in Dawson City.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Klondike Visitors Association, I would like to welcome you to Dawson City and wish you a "poke" full of life-time memories as you discover Dawsons' past, present and future.

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The Sacred Runners are a multi-cultural, international group of runners which hopes to foster greater understanding of Native American traditions. Pictured here are the runners on the morning of their departure joined by local members of Run Dawson and some local children as they run out of town and continue their journey to Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Sacred runners visit Dawson

by Joanie Veitch

On July 13 forty-three runners ran into Dawson City, many of them wearing Native American ceremonial dress and carrying tomahawks, or Sacred Staffs.

They were on their way to Inuvik to take part in the International Inuit Circumpolar Conference. With them they hope to bring a message of world harmony and enhance awareness of the sacredness of all things.

The Sacred Run is a multicultural, international run now in

its fourteenth year. This year's run began on June 15 in Kaltag, Alaska. The group canoed to Fairbanks, Alaska and are now headed south to Santa Fe, Mexico.

Dennis Banks organized the first spiritual run in 1978 in California. Since then the Sacred Runners have covered thousands of kilometres across Canada, the United States, Japan and Europe. The team of runners often cover up to 240 kilometres a day, many of them running what Banks de-

scribes as "ultra marathons".

The runners are mostly Native American from all over the United States, with some from Canada. They have also been joined by some runners from Finland, Poland, France and Japan.

According to Banks the run is to create greater understanding of Native American traditions and culture. The group stops at towns along the way and presents a cultural exchange program with drumming, dancing and singing.

Going from village to village is the traditional native way of spreading a message.

While in Dawson the runners stayed at the Tr'o-ndik Indian Heritage Centre. A number of people came out to greet the runners and join in the cultural exchange program. A community potluck supper was organized by Edgar Russell of Dawson First Nation and Peter Menzies of the Recreation Department.

The following day the runners were escorted out by some mem-

bers of Run Dawson. Then ten local runners, including three children, ran approximately 16 kilometres out of town in relay to save the Sacred Runners some time on their way up to Inuvik.

The runners returned to Dawson before continuing their long journey southward.



Discovery Days. Dawson City. 1996.



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Just as this year's 50th anniversary of the Alaska Highway continues to attract thousands of new visitors from around the world, the 100th anniversary of the discovery of gold in the Klondike holds the promise of even greater celebrations.

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Children from the Trinke Zho Daycare search for strawberries on their trip to Moosehide village.

Moosehide daycamp

by Joanie Veitch

Every Wednesday during the summer months the children at Trinke Zho Daycare put on tiny lifejackets and go on a trip to the ancient Indian village of Moosehide.

It's an exciting time for them, they get to play outdoors all day and go exploring in and around the buildings.

The kids are taken out in groups of three or four with a daycare worker always looking on to make sure everyone is in the boat and safe.

The excitement is infectious as the children get out and begin to run up the hill to the village.

Some play in the sand piles, some on the swings and some of the others become whatever their imagination can think of as they walk around exploring in the tall grass. Somehow all of them manage to cover themselves head to toe in dirt.

They still follow their regular snack and meal times, and most even manage an afternoon nap in the old school.

After lunch there is a special treat in the garden - gigantic wild strawberries and lots of them. A couple of industrious pickers get a container and plan to get some unsuspecting daycare worker to bake them a pie. As the afternoon

moves along, however, it gets increasingly difficult to resist the juicy berries.

Up in the old cemetery two of the boys are interested in the old spirit houses. Cautiously they look in the window and seem a little let down not to find anything exciting or scary.

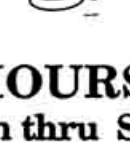
By the end of the day everyone is a bit weary and ready to make the trip back to Dawson. On go the life jackets and down the hill to where the small boat is waiting for them.

As the boat pulls away they all yell and wave good bye for another week.

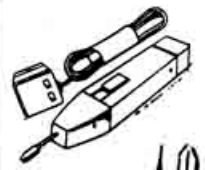
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Clean up or move

YTG says seasonal camping will soon have to end

by Joanie Veitch

There are a lot of tents scattered on the side of the hill across the Yukon River at West Dawson, some speculate that this year there are twice as many squatters as in previous years.

Over the past few seasons there has been a growing concern about how to manage the situation. Opinions range from disallowing it altogether to building basic facilities to accommodate the campers.

Many of the squatters believe that because they provide workers during the busy tourist season and can't find accommodation in Dawson City they should be allowed to stay.

However, a recent move by the Yukon Territorial Government seems to indicate they want to put an end to camping on their land.

"We are trying to establish this area as off limits for camping," said Perry Savoie of Community and Transportation Services in a recent telephone interview.

Days before the Music Festival, when camping space was a little more dense than usual, government officials visited campers and told them they had 24 hours to clear out.

"It was about ten in the morning when this guy, supposedly, from YTG, but he didn't show any credentials to prove it, came to our tents and woke us," said Chris Hamilton, one of the campers in West Dawson. "He told

us we were ordered off these lands and we had until tonight to leave."

Hamilton said he and many of the other campers were "really thrown" by this.

"A lot of us came up here for forest fire work - and there isn't any. We have no work and no money to go to the hostel or the campground," he said.

Savoie said he empathizes with their concerns but that is not really his problem.

"Unfortunately I don't have any options, it's not part of the business we're in."

Savoie's business is the use of the land and he believes that is a big problem area.

"There are upwards of 150 individuals camped in the area without washroom and toilet facilities. It's pretty clear what the problem is," he said.

A health official had been in the area and recommended that some drastic changes be made to clean up the area.

Hamilton doesn't think sanitation is as big a problem as they are claiming but he did see the need for a clean up of the area.

Over the following weekend campers were busy tidying up any garbage lying around. Empty cans, bottles and excess litter were quickly packed off the hill.

That, of course, won't do anything to repair the damage to the hillside near the ferry landing where some "thoughtful

campers" have been running their four wheel drive truck up and down the bank so as to have a drive-way right up to their tent.

Hamilton also took some initiative to find out what was going to happen.

"I went to Outreach and they told me to go to City Hall," he said adding that he wasn't very encouraged by his visit there.

"The woman at City Hall told

me that if YTG said we had to get off the land we would have to move or the R.C.M.P. would charge us with trespassing."

Hamilton joked that if he was thrown in jail he would get three meals a day and a bed but that until that happened he was determined to stay.

The YTG officials did not return or contact the campers again.

According to Savoie the weekend clean up will be enough for now to allow continued camping but there will be changes in the future.

"This season it's a bit late to really make an impact," he said. "We are planning to keep checking the area and will monitor the situation. We want compliance with keeping the area clean."



Keno City Mining Museum

Yukon Government photo

Yukon communities balance economic goals and environmental values.

Yukon communities are balancing economic goals and environmental values with help from the Yukon government.

Volunteers with the Silver Trail Tourism Association are working to attract more tourists to their communities. In the Mayo/Keno area, five new hiking trails with interpretive signs have been developed on Keno Hill and Sourdough Hill.

A three-day hospitality course in Mayo, sponsored by Yukon College, helped people prepare for this summer's tourist season.

The Keno City Mining Museum is being renovated. Joyce Ronaghan, chair of the Silver Trail Tourism Association, believes the Tourism Passport Program has helped boost attendance at the Museum. Last year,

an average of four people visited the mining exhibits each day. This year, 30 to 40 people are finding their way to the Museum daily!

The Yukon Department of Tourism prepares tourism development plans working with regional associations, First Nations, businesses and communities. The Silver Trail Tourism Development Plan, for example, was completed in 1989.

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Conservation News: Dump to be "electrified"

In an effort to deter more wild bears from becoming habituated to garbage at the city dump, the Department of Renewable Resources, in conjunction with the city of Dawson, will be installing an electric fence around the dump on an experimental basis.

The theory is that bears which are denied access to garbage will seek out other natural food sources and hopefully disperse from the area instead of concentrating on the Dome as is the case now.

In June there was an estimated 16-20 black bears frequenting the

Dome area. Since that time 8 bears have been relocated and one injured bear has been destroyed.

Once the electric fence is operating, Conservation Officers will monitor the situation and remaining spoiled bears will be relocated or destroyed if necessary.

The low amperage CSA approved electric fence, powered by solar battery, will be suspended from the existing chain link fencing and signs will be erected indicating that the electric fence is in operation.

Similar fences have been proven effective bear deterrents in Norman Wells, NWT, Jasper, Alberta, and Denali Park, Alaska.

Closer to home, Teck Mining has utilized this technology to keep their placer camp bear-free, and recently, the town of Haines Junction has electrified its dump.

Work on the Dawson dump is expected to begin August 7 and city residents are asked to show their cooperation by not leaving garbage or other bear attractants outside their residences.

In addition, dump users may be asked at some point to open and close the entrance gates should other experimental systems prove ineffective.

Residents are asked to report bears observed feeding in the dump after August 7, to Renewable Resources at 993-5492.

Yukon Saga P.4

Gold is where someone else finds it

by Phil Eccles

The Bank of Commerce was built on the shores of the Yukon River on Dawson's Front Street. Some years the break-up of the winter ice on the river caused considerable flooding to the Bank's premises due to ice jams forming downstream, so it was decided to raise the floor approximately four feet.

A contract was let to two enterprising carpenters to do the job. They were smart operators! They knew that over the years many pokes of gold had been dumped on the counters for weighing and that a certain amount of gold dust inevitably ended up on the floor from each transaction, so they took out mining rights on the premises and proceeded to lift the floor boards one by one. The accumulated dust and dirt was scraped from these boards into wash tubs and then carefully washed and sluiced by gold pans to retrieve a value in gold dust far exceeding the profits of their structural contract.

This little item was picked up by author, Pierre Berton and entered into his book 'Klondike' some years later. That is not the story. Read on.

This is the story: By the summer of 1937 I had established myself in Dawson as a painter, plumber, electrician and general handy-man about town with

survival being uppermost in my mind. I contracted to do the painting in the bank at the same time these two carpenters were doing their thing with the floor.

The ceiling was composed of heavily embossed metal tiles that had been kalsomined many times over the years and required re-doing. That involved water soaking, scraping with wire brushes and scrubbing ad infinitum to the point of exhaustion to my arm, shoulder and neck muscles, to say nothing of the gooey mess down my neck and into my eyes.

Hard work and yours truly have never been strangers so that this aspect of the job did not unduly upset me. What did give me a pain in the extreme lower regions of my torso was observing from my lofty scaffold the activities on the floor below me as the two 'miners' gleefully filled tobacco cans with the golden gleanings from their floor scrapings.

The colour in the tins was a beautiful dull golden yellow, which was at the then rate of \$35.00 an ounce, I knew to be a small fortune. (Remember, those were depression days).

The colour in my eyes was an envious green as I contemplated my sweaty, aching muscles and my \$235.00 painting contract yet to be completed.

Yes, the 'Spell of the Yukon' took on many varied and tantalizing forms! This story merely confirms a few paragraphs in Pierre's book. It also confirms that gold is where someone else finds it and that hard manual labour may merely give one a bird's eye view of some other person's glittering fortune.

About this same time the proprietor of the local movie theatre decided to do some renovations to the theatre floor. For the princely sum of \$4.00 per hour I was hired to lift the floor boards. The proprietor then scraped, brushed, washed and retrieved several jars of gold dust that had been deposited over the past forty odd years. He also, for those days, garnered a small fortune for his, and my efforts.

I believe it was about then that I began to realize that I would never be a man of substance or great riches. Little did I realize the wealth of experience I was to accumulate in this wonderful land of the north and how it would provide me with a foundation for some of my actions and eventual destiny.



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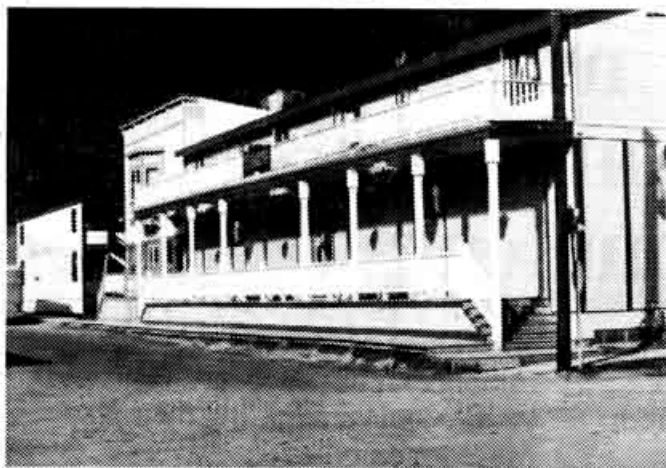
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To produce greater positive relationships during these extremely difficult and challenging social, political, economic and constitutional times, the town of the city of Dawson and St. Andrews by the Sea, New Brunswick, are participating in the Community Leaders Exchange Program. "Celebrating Communities Together", sponsored by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and funded by the Secretary of State, Government of Canada.

The program provides for the exchange of community leaders of municipalities from different Provinces and Territories with the hope of forging stronger bonds of understanding, goodwill and common interest among communities across the nation.

St. Andrews by the Sea is located in Charlotte County at the southwest corner of New Brunswick. It is bounded by the Bay of Fundy to the south and the St. Croix River to the west.

This river forms the frontier line with the state of Maine, USA. The town is strategically located 100 kilometres west of the City of St. John.

From July 30 to August 4, the Dawson City delegation consisting of Mayor Peter Jenkins, Councillor Henry Procyk, Denny Kobayashi (Dawson City Chamber of Commerce), Sue Ward (Long time Dawson resident), and Stuart Schmidt (Miner and member of the Klondike Placer Miners Association), will be hosted by St. Andrews by the Sea.

During their visit, Dawson's delegation will participate in working sessions organised specifically for their visit; addressing various aspects of life in New Brunswick, such as the region's key areas of economic activity, including tourism. Included in the delegation's itinerary is a cook-out at Katy's Cove as well as tours of the area museums and churches.

Dawson City will have the honour of reciprocating their hospitality when a delegation of community leaders from St. Andrews by the Sea - including Mayor Margaret Ray Peterson, Councillor Mary Dowling, Councillor Walter Kozak, Mr.

**Off to New Brunswick**

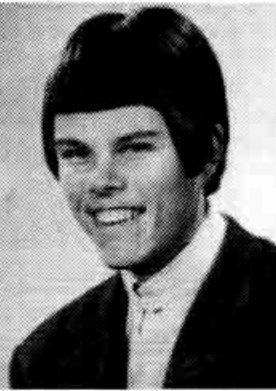
The Dawson City delegation: Denny Kobayashi, Sue Ward, Peter Jenkins and Henry Procyk

James Frise (General Manager of the Algonquin, Canada's No. 1 resort in Canada for 1991), Mr. Gerald Ingersoll (Principal of the St. Andrews Campus, New Brunswick Community College),

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Left to right: Murray & Donna Crockett and Alex and Mary Seeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Miner for 1992

by Colin Mayes

Murray and Donna Crockett have been named Mr. and Mrs. Miner for 1992. The announcement was made at the 13th annual Klondike Placer Miners' BBQ on July 24. Noreen Sailor presented the Crocketts were presented with an inscribed gold pan on behalf of the K.P.M.A. while Alec and Mary Seeley presented them with a framed picture donated by Johnson-Mathey.

Murray and Donna are very fitting recipients of this recognition. Murray came to the Yukon as a young man in 1959. He worked in the Dawson gold fields for Harold Schmidt and Glen Franklin for nine season. Murray went back home to Saskatchewan and married Donna and the two of them started their life together mucking for gold on their own ground on Gold Bottom Creek. Murray and Donna later move to Dawson in 1970 and were active community members until they moved to Vernon, B.C. for the winters in 1976.

While in Dawson, Murray worked for N.C.P.C. and later Y.T.G. as a mechanic to support his gold mining habit and Donna was a substitute teacher and

homemaker. I always remember when I worked with Murray at N.C.P.C. and how he would go out to the claim at 5 in the morning to sluice, then return for his shift at the plant. After work at 5, he would go back out to the claim to sluice again.

He told me then that if the price of gold didn't go up the cost of fuel and parts would put him out of business. (gold was \$35 an ounce) The price did go up and in the last 25 years they have mined on Gold Bottom Creek, Sulphur Creek and now on Last Chance Creek.

Murray and Donna have three lovely daughters, two of whom are helping Mom and Dad at the mine this summer.

I asked Donna what the biggest difference is today in mining compared to when they started. She said, "Mining now is bigger business and more demanding. Operating costs and the costs of newer, more modern equipment makes it compulsory to work longer hours, leaving little time for the socializing the miners used to enjoy when things were a little simpler."

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A couple from Alaska tie the knot at the Jack London cabin.

The call of the north

by Joanie Veitch

Ken Hall and Gail Cosby knew they wanted to get married on July 31st but they weren't quite sure where. When they pulled into Dawson City and visited the Jack London cabin they found the place they were looking for.

Ken's grandfather had told him about his experiences working in the north, it was those stories that brought Ken up to this part of the world when the mine he had been working at in Idaho shut down and he lost his job. Ken now says it was one of the best things he ever did, and when he and Gail talked of marriage he wanted to make it special by having it on his grandfather's birthday.

On a beautiful summer evening in front of the small log

cabin Ken and Gail were married by Justice of the Peace Joanne Smith. They stood holding hands with Gail's twelve-year-old daughter Courtney beside them as they exchanged rings and vows.

They met two years ago - through what some may consider a rather unusual set of circumstances.

Some friends of Ken's had persuaded him to put an ad in the *Alaska Men's Magazine*. At the time it was seen as a bit of a joke but it turned into romance when Gail responded to that ad from Atlanta. The two began writing letters to each other and pretty soon Gail was heading north to Alaska.

Ken and Gail didn't want to make too many preparations for

their wedding preferring to just let things happen naturally.

"We just played it by ear when we came up here," said Ken. "If you plan it it will ruin it."

Ken is a big fan of Jack London, who wrote a lot about life in the north, and has read all his books. When he and Gail visited the Jack London cabin they told Dick North they wanted to get married there the next day.

"They're the first North American couple to get married here," said North. Three years ago a couple from Switzerland were the first to pledge their love at the site.

Ken and Gail didn't really expect to have any guests and were quite surprised by the charming reception held afterwards.

North had asked Ed and Star Jones, both from Santa Fe up here visiting for the summer, to attend the wedding as witnesses. Star is a professional wedding consultant and quickly began getting some decorations together. She picked a gorgeous bouquet of wild flowers and with the help of Carol Boyle, a friend from Santa Fe, she baked a cake and decorated it with purple pansies.

Champagne was provided by Bob McConkey of the Klondike Visitors Association. McConkey also gave the newlyweds passes to Gerties for the night.

The couple were happy they chose Dawson for their special day and said they will definitely return soon.

"The people are so friendly here," said Gail. Ken agreed and then made a comment so often heard in this town.

"There's something special about this place."

SUTHERLAND "ACES" HENDERSON'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

contributed

Playing in only his second Henderson Corner annual Golf Tournament, Bob Sutherland shot a 2-over par 60 to win the 1992 event, held on the July 4 weekend.

Coming in second with a 63 was Bud Docken who had won every year since the tournaments' inception in 1986.

Taking 3rd place was Murray Matchett who scored a 69. Ladies winner was Joanne Byblow of Faro who shot an 83.

Sutherland wowed everyone with a hole-in-one on the par 4 fourth hole, which is the longest on the nine-hole course. He was the only golfer in a field of 40 to score an Ace.

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Important New Information for Yukon Hunters Changes to the 1992 Hunting Regulations

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Until the new publication arrives, hunters should use last year's synopsis for general reference and should note these important changes to the 1992 - 93 hunting regulations:

Grizzly Bear

Grizzly bear hunters should pay special attention to the later fall opening in zones 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10. These zones open on August 15 and not August 1 as in previous years. The season in these zones ends on November 30.

The grizzly bear fall hunt in all open subzones in zones 1, 2, 3, 4 and 11 now runs from August 1 to November 30.

The grizzly bear bag limit for all subzones in zones 7 and 9 has been set at one bear each year.

Moose

Subzone 5 - 25 is now open to antlered moose hunting from August 1 to October 31.

Wolf and Coyote

Hunters are now permitted to sell their wolf and coyote pelts to any buyer.

In the past, hunters were allowed to sell wolf and coyote pelts only to licenced fur dealers who were required to report their purchases to the Fish and Wildlife Branch.

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Photo by Michael Gates

Music Festival Magic

by Joanie Veitch

Anyone who had thought the Barenaked Ladies were a novelty act and not to be taken seriously was certainly in for a surprise when they performed in the mainstage tent on the last two nights of the Dawson City Music Festival.

Performers in the true sense of the word, these guys not only have an abundance of musical talent, they are a pretty amazing stage show to watch too.

The two lead singers, Steve Page and Ed Robertson, hardly ever stop bouncing around as they sing their unique blend of comical and original music. Occasionally everyone except for the drummer is out doing synchronized rap moves across the stage.

And the crowd goes wild.

That would be an understatement in describing the reaction of the audience to this band. The dancing area was packed on both nights and calls for an encore at the end were almost deafening.

On Saturday night they did what Robertson described as the "dance set" with a lot of high energy original songs and some hilarious versions of others. Madonna might not recognize their twist on her hit "Material Girl" but the dancers did and loved it.

At the end of the final concert Page said he was amazed at the response the band received in Dawson.

"I'm feeling pretty good about myself right now, and it's all

Dawson's fault."

All of the musicians who performed during the festival seemed to share that sentiment. There was certainly something special in the way everyone mingled and got a chance to meet with the performers. They too seemed to enjoy the opportunity to jam together on stage.

Art Napoleon, a Woodland Cree from Northeastern B.C., invited many of the others musicians to come on to the stage and share his music. His songs are a blend of contemporary and traditional Cree.

At one point during his performance he told the audience to close their eyes and picture an old Indian man on a hill, then suddenly he raised his voice and

filled the big tent with such a powerful chant you could almost feel transported back through time to an ancient and spiritual place.

The members of Tamarack proved their songwriting abilities by writing a few over the weekend about the building of the Alaska Highway. Their songs are from the old folk tradition of storytelling as they sing about the hardships people had to face and the loneliness of travel.

James Gordon joked that their songs aren't quite on the up and up.

"We do fake traditional folksongs," he laughs. "Songs that sound like they've been written by old dead people."

At some point during the

weekend it was decided that fiddles definitely add a lot of fun to any event, and there were quite a few of them. The Yukon's own Rusty May (originally from Louisville, Kentucky), Tamarack, Nouveau Station Wagon and the Hard Rock Miners all had people up on the dance floor doing a jig or two.

With music derived from many different times and places there was a beautiful sense of harmony and happiness throughout the entire weekend. Maybe we should have invited the First Ministers to give them a better sense of the uniqueness of our country and people. They could probably do with a good jig.



Celtic Workshop featuring: James Gordon, Steve Philips, Jay Knutson, Dale & Chelsea, Steve Hare, Pat Henman, Peter Menzies, Dan Davidson, Marilyn MacDonald, Susan Fuelken, Paul Gould, Rob Thomson, Melanie Doane. photo by Namiko Saito



Blues, Dawson Style. L-R: Annie Avery, Bartha Stehlin, Matthew Lien, Bob Hamilton, Harmonica George McKonkey, obscured drummer, Lee Worden, the unknown trumpeter, Steve Philips, a resting musician, Bruce Bergman and Bill Costin. photo by Brent Morrison

Dawson City Blues

by Brent Morrison

In between the string and the percussion workshops that took place on the Sunday afternoon leading up to this year's Music Festival finale the "I Witness Blues" workshop was held.

It featured eleven musicians (give or take a few) and attracted approximately 200 people. Keyboardist Bill Costin introduced the set and the band started off

with *Born Under A Bad Sign* a song made famous by blues guitar legend (and the man Stevie Ray Vaughan called his number one influence) **Albert King**. From there the band went on to do *Messin' With The Kid* a song that was revived by **Dan Ackroyd** and **John Belushi** in the motion picture *The Blues Brothers*.

The band consisted of two gui-

tarists, two keyboardists, drummer, a harmonica player, an accordion, a trombone, a trumpet, a saxophonist, and a bass player, giving them a pseudo-Chicago Blues sound. There was also the occasional guest vocalist; such as **Bartha Stehlin** who did the band's third, and bluest song *Blue Moon*.

The band was constantly shifting musicians, and the number of people dancing seemed to increase with every song. At one point the people sitting in the front rows of benches were asked to

move to give the dancers more room. They obliged and the dance floor became packed.

Near the end of the workshop guitarist **Mike Jacobs** delivered the vocals on **John Lee Hooker's** classic *Boom Boom*, sending the crowd into a near-frenzy and performing perhaps the best song of the day.

The set ended with this summer's oft-repeated **Buddy Guy** classic *Mustang Sally* and the dancers ate it up.

While there was no doubt the people dancing enjoyed the show,

more than a few others (blues purists perhaps) seemed less thrilled. One remark kept coming up again and again, "Not bad for a bunch of white boys."

Blues has, and probably always will be dominated by the Black

Americans of the southern United States. Texan **Stevie Ray Vaughan** enjoyed more success than any other white artist in the blues industry, but his sound was that of the thick, dominating guitar.

Men like **Albert King**, **Elmore James**, **Muddy Waters**, and **Bo Diddley** perfected those styles decades ago, and their influence, although not always credited, has been phenomenal.

It was this sound that was missing in Dawson.

Some people noticed, a lot didn't, and in the end most didn't care. They had had a good time listening to a lot of talented musicians do their thing.

Still, if one were to ask "When are the Blues not the Blues?" this year's workshop would prove a fine example.



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Singin' on a Sunday afternoon

by Joanie Veitch

Picture a small wooden church on a Sunday afternoon. It is packed to capacity and every one is singing.

It's not a church service but afterwards everyone who had been in the ninety-year-old building feels spiritually uplifted.

It's the Music Festival's "Singers Unplugged" or a cappella workshop, and easily one of the best in this year's festival.

Festival in Whitehorse and decided to also take in Dawson's Music Festival. The couple, neither of whom spoke any English, demonstrated something known as throat singing - a deep, raspy, almost moaning sound. Their music and performance was a beautiful example of the universality of music in its ability to speak all languages.

This was definitely not a get-un-sing-your-song-and-sit-down-



Members from the Barenaked Ladies began the workshop with "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" and quickly had the entire audience involved. Brothers Jim and Andy Creegan amazed everyone with their vocal range and talent as Andy sang incredibly high notes countered by Jim's deep bass voice.

The group also shared their traditional warm-up song - a very rousing version of John Denver's "Country Roads".

Solange Campagne, Tamarack, Sonja Locks and Vanessa McNeil were just some of the musicians who raised their voices and filled the room with songs from all different places and eras.

Another special treat for the audience was provided by two visitors from Siberia. Alexey and Svetlana Tklich had come to the Yukon for the Storytelling

again kind of workshop. Every musician proved their ability to share the stage with each other and improvise as voices blended and merged.

The grand finale was led by the Naked guys singing "I Like To Sing A Lot". It was a one line song that lent itself to a unique gospel, rap, country, folk and bluesy-jazz rendition that shook the pews and probably echoed across the Yukon River.

Later that evening James Gordon of Tamarack was still speaking in glowing terms of the wonder and magic of the afternoon in the church. As he took the stage for the night concert he told the audience the afternoon workshop was the best he has ever attended.

St. Paul's church certainly was the perfect venue for a celebration of the human voice and spirit.



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photo by Mike Gates



Ingrid Percy of the Hard Rock Miners



Music Fest veteran, Daniel Janke

photo by Namiko Saito

Placer Mining Review

Information Sessions and Meetings to discuss proposed changes to the Yukon Fisheries Protection Authorization are taking place in August:

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Emcee Ralph Benmergui *photo by Mike Gates*



Dawson's '92 Music Festival, a view from the big tree. *photo by Mike Gates*



Peter Menzies and the rest of the tech crew, providing live television coverage and the Festival's sound. *photo by Mike Gates*



photo by Namiko Saito

Mike Warner of the MAINSTREET BUSKERS from Whitehorse strums up a number during the humorous workshop "Oh stop, my side" near McDonald Lodge



photo by Mike Gates

Oh yes they can Can-Can. Festival frolickers kick up their heels.