

Noveau Station Wagon, cruising through their set under the big tent.



Harmonica George blowing out the blues.

Rusty May; from Kentucky, to Tagish, to Dawson. Just to fiddle around at the Music Festival.



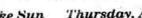
Art Napoleon thrilled the audience with his powerful music.



Hard Rock Miners' Pierre Davis and Michael Turner digging deep.



The Bare Naked Ladies kept the Music Festival audience howling for more





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Art Napoleon & the Wolf



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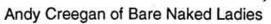
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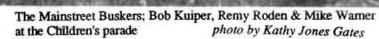
Calvin Cairns in his debut with Nouveau Station Wagon photo by Mike Gates

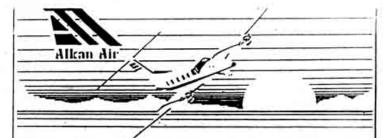


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## Music festival wrap

by Pat Henman

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'The Party's over, It's time to call it a day"

Yes, the 14th Annual Dawson City Music Festival has ended for another year, Board up the concession, lock the hospitality doors, tear down the tents, send home all the musicians from coast to coast but keep the memories!

This years Festival has lots of memories for lots of people, audience and musicians alike. There is so much to say, I'm not sure where to start, but I'll try.

After the work put into Blue Rodeo in May, I feared there would be very little spirit left in our volunteer Board of Directors and volunteer workers. How wrong I was and how happy I was to see it all pull together with enthusiasm and professionalism. Sure there were lots of questions but there was always someone there with an answer -Thank goodness!

those of you are not aware, the Festival is relatively made up of seven volunteer Board Members, and one paid Office Manager. You wonder how a weekend so powerful can be pulled together and run as smoothly as it did and create a heck of a lot of fun and bring music and entertainment from all over Canada to our Northern community.

The answer is 'community' we have a small, but dedicated group of people who want to see

this event happen and they volunteer their very valuable time and talents to produce a hospitality table that makes your mouth water; theme meals that tantalize the buds, beds for our visitors, house for the closing party, organizational skills, and more! I guess the words I'm looking for are volunteers and friends - without you it would not happen. To all of you who were there - our deepest Thanks. We hope it was a wonderful experience and that you'll consider it again next year.

I have to mention the talent of Yukon artists. We have so many great musicians, singers and technicians living in our back yard - and lots live in Dawson.

If you took in any workshops more than half of the childrens' talent were locals from Dawson, the back up musicians were 90% from Whitehorse and check out the eighteen piece swing band from Whitehorse. Makes me very proud.

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And to all those volunteers whose names are not listed, THANK YOU!!

Karen DuBois, Pat Henman, Carmen DuBois, Robert Keaton, Kimberly Tuson, Glenn Mullen, Warren Ford, Avalene Fraser

The musicians who come from all over Canada, and sometimes other places like Russia for example, are in awe of the hospitality extended to them. So many told me they have never had it so good and many spend their entire summer going from festival to festival so they have a lot of experience! Besides the hospitality, they wanted us to know how creative they feel the weekend is - the workshops all over town, well organized and wide-ranged for different styles and types of music.

We, as Music Festival Board Members, are very happy with the results. We feel it was a successful artistic venture, and the books say we can start to work on next years festival without fear.

There's more music in the air for Dawsonites! One of last years favourites is coming back for a dance/party - Bourne & MacLeod will be back here to entertain us Sunday night (9:00 p.m.), September 20th at Diamond Tooth Gerties. Cosponsored by the DCMF and the Curling Club. So make sure you don't book your ticket out of town until after the great evening. They have just finished a new album so it should be exciting. The tickets are \$16.00 (GST incl.) so watch for more news on how to get yours.

To end this article let me say once again, from all of us to all of you volunteers, local musicians, and technicians; Merci! Merci! Merci! and until we meet again.



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### FAVRON-BURNS WEDDING

by Wendy Burns

On June 27, we celebrated with joy, the marriage of our daughter Heather Deon Burns to Mark Favron. They exchanged vows in St. Paul's Anglican Church at 4pm.

Heather's maid of honour was her sister Leslie McLeod of Whitehorse; her bridesmaids were her twin sisters Kelly and Kyla Burns.

The Flower Girls were Victoria and Patricia Mc Leod, Heather's nieces.

Mark's Best Man and best friend, was Buddy Gaw from

The Groomsmen were Mark's brother Guy Favron and his friend Roger Stuart. Altogether, this made for a very beautiful and handsome wedding party.

The reception and dance followed on our property at Henderson Corner, and a wonderful time was had by all.

The out of town guests were Heather's maternal grandmother, Phyllis Phillips from Calmar, Alberta; her paternal grandmother Edith Burns and friend Tony Pasiuk from Camrose, Alberta; her aunt Bev Giles and daughter Nicole from Devon, Alberta; Uncle Ralph Burns, cousins Billy-Joe, Jason, Dusty and Travis from Wildwood, Alberta; Uncle Robert Burns, who was the M.C., from Fort McMurray, Alberta.

On Mark's side of the family,

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guests included his two aunts, Olive Lynch and Hazel Duey from Ontario.

Thank You to everyone who came to help us celebrate this joyous occasion; also to my friends who did the cooking for us, or man hours setting up the tent, plus take it down; thanks to

Tracy, Bob McBride for helping us move the dance floor. Thanks also to the Eldorado Hotel for the use of the van, and Mark Kearn for driving the taxi service to

Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

### KLONDIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITES

PALACE GRAND THEATRE SCHEDULED TOURS June 1 - June 6 - 4:30 p.m. June 7 - June 14 - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 p.m. CONTINUOUS TOURS June 15 - August 23 - 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. SCHEDULED TOURS

August 24 - September 6 - 1:00, 3:00, 5:00 p.m. September 7 - September 15 - 3:00 p.m.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

June 22 - August 23 - 1:30 p.m., except Mondays - Public Presentations/Silde Shows/ Movies/ Walks

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June 29 - August 17 - 2:30 p.m. Mondays Movie - "City of Gold" June 1 - June 6 - 4:00 p.m. June 7 - September 15 - 3:00 p.m. Gaslight Follies - Variety Show or Melodrama

May 29 - September 13 - 8:00 p.m. except Tuesdays

ROBERT SERVICE CABIN INFORMATION - June 1 - September 15 - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Closed 12:00 - 1:00

POETRY RECITALS June 1 - September 15 - 10:00 a.m., 3:00

VISITOR RECEPTION CENTRE Information/Exhibits/AV Presentations/Movies May 15 - September 20 - 9:00 a.m. to 9:00

PECIAL EVENTS June 13 - Commissioner's Tea- Sit down tea with live entertainment . 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Commissioner's Residence June 13 - Commissioner's Ball - Dinner and Dance - 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. - Palace Grand Theatre \*\* Theatre will be closed for regularly scheduled programs July 1 - Canada Day - 11:00 a.m. to 5:30

p.m. -Theatre Celebrations at Palace Grand July 19 - Parks' Day - Fashion Show and

Slide Presentation - TBA August 17 - Bank of Commerce Plaque Commemoration - Plaque Unveiling - 11:00 a.m. . Old Bank of Commerce Building

BEAR CREEK SPECIAL PROGRAM - June 15-August 15 10:30 a.m. Every Sunday, Wednesday, Friday WALKING TOUR - June 8-August 25. - 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 a.m., 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 p.m. Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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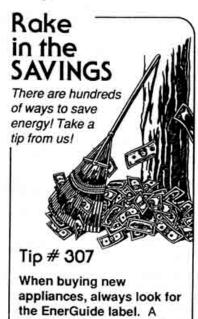
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Tony Berger at the Fashion Show



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#### **Dawson City's Volunteer Ambulance Association**

by Joanie Veitch

'Hello, my name is Phil. I'm with the volunteer ambulance association. I'm here to help you"

This time those words are spoken in a practice drill, but often it is for real.

Currently there are 12 active ambulance volunteers serving Dawson City and the area from Moose Creek to the Alaska border and up to Eagle Plains.

"If the volunteer ambulance wasn't here a lot of people that we have saved and helped wouldn't be here," says Phil Combs, supervisor.

Combs has been with the ambulance association since 1989.

"I really get a sense of accomplishment out of helping people," he says. "The only reason any of us are here is because we want to be here."

Until four years ago the ambulance was part of the fire department. They still get a lot of support from the fire department and participate in occasional cotraining.

The ambulance association is funded through the Yukon Territorial Government. Drivers receive standard first aid and CPR training. Along with learning first aid volunteers can take a St. John Ambulance course, Emergency Medical Assistant training and Basic Trauma Life Support. Volunteers must stay with the association for at least a month before they can begin courses but once they are in they are encouraged to learn as much as they

Every Monday night the crew gets together for practice drills. This gives them a chance to reenact some emergency situations and familiarize themselves with procedure and the equipment.

In practice the volunteers work through different scenarios each week. In the summertime they often do their drills outdoors. One week they go through the procedure for treating someone who has just had a bad fall and could suffer a spinal injury. Other weeks will be respiratory failure, CPR skills, or splinting and bandaging.

Everyone takes practice quite seriously. There is some joking around but everything is done as it should be, with no steps missed.

"Obviously a real situation is different from the controlled environment (of a practice)," says Combs. "But in order to have the experience to deal with situations we try to create as much realism as possible."

The reality is that the volunteers often find themselves in crisis situations, and in an isolated area this can be quite a responsibility.

Emergency rescue treatment is not always successful and Combs remembers that dealing with death was one of the most difficult lessons he had to learn when he first got involved with the volunteer ambulance service.

"The first couple of times were really hard," he says. "But then you realize that you've done everything you possibly can do."

The summer months are busy for the ambulance volunteers as there are a lot of older tourists in the area, many with special medical concerns.

Five of the volunteers carry radios at all times. As most volunteers also hold down a fulltime job they can sometimes find themselves doing a bit of a juggling act with their time.

Most of the local employers are good about giving time off to the volunteers, according to Combs.

It's not everyone's idea of how they want to spend much of their spare time, but the personal satisfaction and sense of public service is a great reward.

They are often told, by both superiors in Whitehorse and people in the community who they have helped, how much they are appreciated.

"We've been told numerous times that we're number one,"



Susan Campbell & Frank Power are pleased to announce the arrival of Angelica Marie Dawn Campbell-Power on July 5th, 1992. Many thanks to Whitehorse nursing staff, Dr. Waterman and to the nurses and doctors of Dawson City.

# The Discovery Revisited: The Story Told From the Oral Tradition

by Michael Gates

The discovery of the Klondike has long been the centre of the story of the Klondike Gold Rush. The events surrounding the discovery have been detailed in a number of early accounts published at the turn of the century, which have, in turn, been retold in subsequent accounts by such writers as Pierre Berton. These accounts make up the foundation upon which we currently perceive the the event which caused the great stampede of 1898, and they have been read by thousands of people of all ages over the years.

A new perspective on the discovery was offered to a sizable audience at a recent lecture held at the Dawson Museum as part of its on-going lecture series on July 20th.

Julie Cruikshank, associate professor of anthropology at the University of British Columbia, and curator of ethnology at the UBC Museum of Anthropology, presented the story of the gold discovery from the perspective of native oral tradition.

Cruikshank has spent many years collecting the life histories of Yukon native women. Although her knowledge has been gained from work with elders in the southern Yukon, this has proven worthwhile as both Skookum Jim and Dawson Charlie came from the Tagish area, and the oral histories were gathered from elders who were related to, or knew either men.

The stories passed along by these elders present a different view of Skookum Jim, whose real name was Keish. Cruikshank elaborated on Keish's family background. An older member of a family of eight children, he was thrust into a position of prominence both due to circumstances, and the social obligations which these circumstances placed upon him.

Within a very short period of time, Keish lost his brother and three sisters to various causes. Of the surviving sisters, two had married white men and had gone down river, while the last one remained at home.

One of the two women who had "gone down river" was Shaaw Tlaa or Kate, who was married to George Carmack. Carmack had been married to another of Keish's sisters, and

when she died, Kate replaced her. Partnerships between brother-inlaw were very important, and marry Carmack, so as to maintain the alliance with Keish.

It was out of a sense of family responsibility that Keish decided to travel down the Yukon river to check up on his sisters, and ended up camped at the mouth of the Klondike in the summer of 1986.

Thus, through oral tradition, it was not that Keish saw himself as part white man, obsessed with the search for gold, but rather as a man with family responsibilities, keeping track of his sisters.

The lives of both Keish and his nephew, Dawson Charlie, were changed dramatically and irreversibly by the discovery of the Klondike. Because of the effects of the gold rush, Carmack abandoned his wife Kate, and his brother-in-law. They were caught in a nether world in which they were neither white men nor native.

Thus it was that one woman, who was being considered for marriage with Keish, was eventually denied that choice because his life had been changed too dramatically by the gold rush.

In Cruikshank's view, written accounts present Keish in a one-dimentional perspective, who could have been a hero in one of Horatio Alger's popular turn of the century rags-to-riches novels. Oral tradition presents him as a man strongly influenced by the native traditions of his community. In either case, Keish comes out of the story as a hero.

In the final analysis, oral tradition seems to offer us more insights into the differences in cultural values, attitudes and perceptions, than it does about the hard facts that make up such an important part of the written framework.

In fact, the lecture left me, at least, with a greater sense of and respect for the richness and diversity of our Yukon tradition.

Cruikshank's book, "Reading Voices", which describes this same story in detail, is published by Douglas and McIntyre, and is available in Yukon bookstores, and in major bookstores across





#### Morrison-Piett Wedding

Brent Morrison and Susan Piett were married on Dawson's Midnight Dome on Saturday June 20 at 2:00. Vi Campbell conducted the ceremony which took place in strong winds and under threatening skies. The rain held off and the sun even broke through at the end of the service.

Terry Taylor was the Best Man, and Lana Langevin was the Maid of Honour. A reception was held later out at the Langevin's, which despite the on and off rain was a lot of fun.

The newly-weds will be taking a belated honeymoon in either Toronto, Vancouver, or Montreal later in the summer, then continue to reside in Dawson.

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A sincere apology to all those whose names have been ommitted

#### 'aremcio **Obituary:** 21 Years on Miller Creek

On January 17, 1992, Mary Yaremcio suffered a massive stroke during heart surgery, and died on January 19 at the Vancouver General Hospital. She leaves to mourn her loving husband Walter Yaremcio of Miller Creek; her son Greg Randall of Edmonton, his wife Sandy and their two children, Jillian and Kara; her daughter Tracey Randall of Winnipeg, her husband Lionel Berthelette and their daughter Veronica and Walter's parents, Alex and Sophie Yaremcio of Vegreville. Her surviving sister Josephine Blefare of Port Moody, B.C., sister-in-law Ina Gutrath of Chase, B.C., and niece Dorie Potter of Surrey, B.C., her Austrian cousins Walter Hetzer and Hertha Kostler of Vienna, and her friends in the North, on Vancouver Island, and in Palm Desert, California mourn her death as well. We miss her flamboyance and zest for life.

Mary was born on June 28, 1924 in Gleichen, Alberta, a small village east of Calgary, where her parents lived after emigrating from Austria in 1913. They sailed on the C.P.R. steamship Ruthenia from Trieste to Montreal, and travelled by train to Alberta. Speaking only German and arriving in Canada only a year before World War I made adjusting to their new life in this vast and often inhospitable country very difficult. They were enemy aliens, and middle-class professionals when they should have been farmers.

In 1928 when Mary was only four years old, her father died of a heart attack after chopping wood. His wife and family were left destitute in a time when social programs in Canada were virtually non-existent. In a letter to her sister-in-law, dated a week after her husband's death, Mary's mother wrote: "Ich bin mit Kindern verlassen"(I am with my children completely deserted.) Mary's life began in great hardship, and only when she met and married Walter did it get easier.

Like her mother before her, Mary raised her own children in the often desperate circumstances



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of a single mother. In spite of their poverty, she taught her children to be proud and to work as hard as they could for whatever they wanted. She left a good legacy to remember her. Mary and her children lived throughout western Canada, before she eventually settled in the Yukon. She met her husband Walter, and together they mined gold for the last 21 years on Miller Creek. Mary's life was a hard one, and

that she had to face on her own.

her life with Walter in the Yukon. They struggled together to make a good life for themselves. They were friends who encouraged one another in the difficult times. And, they were companions. Mary was rightfully proud of their home in California, and loved nothing more than sitting in the pool enjoying the sun. While Walter golfed, she shopped,and enjoyed having

Her happiest memories were of enough to travel.

lunch with her friends. She also loved Austria, and would often talk of her trips there in the early 1980's when she was well

On January 21st, following the cremation, a Memorial Service was held in Port Moody to honour her in her death. Another service was held on April 4th in St. Victor's Catholic Church in

Gleichen, and her ashes, at her request, were interred with her parents. The world is a sadder place without Mary, and all of us who knew her miss her.



Obituary Bill Olson

Bill was born in Denmark. He lived there until his early 20's. He arrived in Dawson City in 1956. Since being in Dawson he worked for Yukon Consolidated Gold Corporation, Sikonni Mobile Oil, R.D. Gillespie and then he Placer mined on his

Bill married Eileen October 4, 1963. They raised two children, Jackie and Willie. He is remembered for his friendliness, generosity, humor and willingness to help others.

He is sadly missed and will be always remembered by:

Wife: Eileen Children: Jackie and Willie Three brothers and three sisters Mother-in-law and Father-in-law: Joe & Annie Henry Numerous nieces and nephews Numerous sisters and brother-in-laws He was pre-deceased by his parents and one sister.



Mary

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#### Sluicebox Riffle

submitted by the KPMA by Colin Mayes

The Klondike Placer Miner's Association was founded on June 11, 1974 to deal with government on its administrative practice in applying the then new Northern Inland Waters Act. The founding directors were Mike Stutter, Art Sailor, Peter Erikson, Murray Crockett, Robin Archibald, Klaus Djukastein and Art Fry. The membership of the KPMA is made up of placer miners, corporate suppliers, prospectors and support people. Through memberships and donations the KPMA is able to have a Manager and office in the Chamber of Mines office in Whitehorse.

In 1977 amendments to the Fisheries Act threatened the viability of placer mining. At issue were two fundamental questions; What effluent standards should apply to placer mining and how should these be enforced? In the past 15 years since, we have had committees, task forces and studies to deal with these questions. Regulations have been implemented and then reviewed. Added to this are the new land use regulations being formulated dealing with land use regulations and land reclamation in mined areas.

As a director of the KPMA I have found that I now know more about fish habitat, fish spawning, fish rearing, water quality and revegitation than mining. The data is overwhelming. Regulations will never satisfy the miner who thinks he can do what he wants, how he wants, nor will they satisfy the green person who wants zero environmental disturbance. There is middle ground being negotiated by the KPMA executive and the government representatives and the result will be regulations that protect the environment and the placer mining in-



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I read an article by a couple who sailed Montreal to Antwerp.

They were told that crossing time was 10-12 days, depending on cargo - but that it might take longer. Actual travelling time was 19 days. As you can see, for obvious reasons, freighter travel appeals to the retired because they have unlimited travel time. Accommodations on board are surprisingly spartan and spacious as a general rule.

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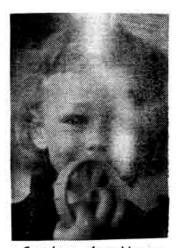
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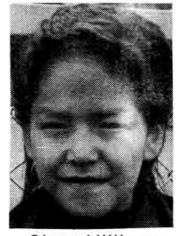
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#### **DESTINATION DAWSON!**

by Robert McConkey

There are many points I would like to touch on in this edition of Destination Dawson!

June was perhaps one of the busiest times around K.V.A. in recent history. We were very fortunate to pull off quite a memorable Commissioner's Ball on June13 with with nearly 260 guests in attendance. It was a special honour to have their Excellencies Governor-General and Mrs. Hnatyshun and the Lieut. Governors from Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

It is always a pleasure to have Commissioner Ken and Judy McKinnen with us, as so many local Dawson residents there to enjoy the wonderful music provided by the R.C.M.P. Bison Band

Special thanks must go out to the many volunteers, especially Run Dawson, for all the work they did before and after the Ball. We would also be remiss if we did not site the incredible feat pulled off by our very own K.V.A. staff at Diamond Tooth Gerties who completely reassembled the hall from a banquet setting to a casino setting in less than one hour! Special events coordinator Janice Rose more than showed she had what it takes to make history. Sleep was only something Janice heard about throughout the month of

The next day K.V.A.'s Irwin and McConkey families had the opportunity to stage a Canada 125 National Block Party at the McConkey residence. Nearly 90 people, mostly neighbours as well as some of the dignitaries who came to the Commissioners Ball were with us. It provided us with one of those rare moments in Canada when we could stand proudly and raise a toast to our neighbours, to all Canadians and to Canada.

On June 18, we were again given a rare opportunity to host some very distinguished guests when we had the National Board of Directors of the Canada 125 Celebrations at our house for a barbecue sponsored by K.V.A.

Perhaps the event commanding the most attention in June was K.V.A.'s reintroduction of Slot Machines to Dawson at Diamond Tooth Gerties.

Nothing short of a Herculean effort by K.V.A. Directors Giovanni Castellarin and John Wierda as well as the Consumer Services Branch of Y.T.G.'s Justice Department, and our newly appointed Slots Manager Gary Parker and his staff was required in order to bring about this historic milestone in the Dawson City story.

The "Bandits" were an instant hit with locals and visitors alike. They injected a new energy into an attraction which had waned in recent years. Special thanks must go to the City of Dawson who helped K.V.A. arrange favourable lending rates to finance the deal. Perhaps we will soon be able to reward the City and the residents of Dawson by being able to move forward with the restoration of Pierre Berton's boyhood home as well as the Odd Fellows Hall.

We have now turned our attention to the Yukon Anniversaries Commission to help them guide their strategic planning process in a way that will reflect all aspects of Dawsons needs which include cultural and lifestyle enhancements, infrastructure and economic develop stimulation. We want the Y.A.C. to understand that we do not want them to focus on marketing only without due thought given to the impacts of exceeding a communities capacities to house, feed and entertain non-residents. With some intelligent forethought now, we could reap many benefits in the future as Dawson continues to develop as a world class travel destination. In the meantime, keep that



#### Another Little Piece of the Past

by Dan Davidson

Martin Dennis Victor III, a Dawson landowner from Anchorage, Alaska, was recently instructed by City to Council to clean up the 4 lots he owns at the corner of 2nd Avenue and King Street. The lots contained 2 buildings, as well as the only remaining frog pond in the downtown area, and were generally overgrown and scruffy looking.

Victor came to Dawson himself to get the work done, though he said he felt that it wasn't really necessary. He believed that his buildings should have been protected by some sort of historical grandfather clause, and thought it was a shame that all of the old ghost-town ambience of the place should be consigned to oblivion for the sake of civic improvements. This is a continuing discussion in Dawson, as readers of the boundary expansion debates will recall.

City manager Carol Murray noted that the lots had become an eyesore, and that a visiting tourist had fallen off the boardwalk into the mess on Victor's property earlier in the season. The pooling water bred mosquitoes as well as tadpoles and was generally unsanitary,

while the buildings were possible fire and safety hazards.

Victor seemed philosophically resigned to the need to do the work, and Bylaw Enforcement Officer Pat Cayen.reported that he carried it out "quite satisfactorily" within the required time. The largest and worst of the buildings was torn down and removed from the site and the debris on the lots was used as landfill to level and fill the remaining area.

Victor is an absentee landowner who first acquired real estate here during the tax sales of the early 1960s, but he hasn't done anything with his many lots in that time other than pay the taxes.

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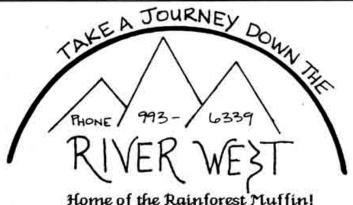
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\*\*\* To all persons who sold tickets, set up, clean up crews, my family and crew, SPECIAL THANKS

\*\*\* My thanks to Ruth Ann Risby, Marion Schmidt and Myrna Butterworth who helped stamp hands, and gave out plates. To bartender Brandi Maude and all her volunteers. To Monna Sprokkreeff for looking after coffee.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to DAWSON CITY GENERAL STORE who did the baked potatoes and the buns, for preparing and serving the salad and fixin's supplied by Kelly Douglas, and then to also donate the serving time. My thanks to Dagmar Christie and all who set up the food and sweet tables. Everyone looks forward to seeing and tasting all that's on the sweet table, thanks ladies for all your hard work.

\*\*\*Our steaks were supplied by the Dawson City General Store and were very well looked after by the Finning Staff, Murray Crockett, Leo Twordik and Volunteers. THANKS to everyone on the B.B.Q. it was enjoyed by all.

\*\*\* Thank you to the
Klondike Valley Volunteer Fire
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\*\*\* Thanks again to the
Dawson City General Store,
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Norma and staff for all their

\*\*\*The City of Dawson for setting up the tables, dance floor. and band stand and benches and helping in every way.

And to Vi Campbell who was kind enough to remind us to remember Canada

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## A Circle of Wolves

by Bush Thoughts

It happened during spring beaver hunting. We were staying at one of our trapline cabins, which is a few days walk off the Dempster Highway. It was the time of year when gear we had lost all winter began to poke out of the melting snow. We slept to the songs of returning birds and the sweep of a newly opened river channel.

We were running out of supplies but didn't feel like heading for town yet. We ate beaver meat and rice. We had garlic salt for flavour and enough sugar for morning coffee and evening tea. But we were having fun and the only sign of the hours passing was the sunshine moving across the mountain faces.

Early evenings we'd head down to one of the beaver ponds. We'd place spruce boughs under us for warmth and sit very quietly hoping for a beaver to appear. Once three moose waded into the pond. Another time, going home, we surprised a half dozen pregnant caribou, they watched us, forelegs splayed, heads lowered, amid a patch of black spruce trees until we were out of sight.

One night, we decided to scout the beaver ponds upriver. I stuck tea-bags and dried meat and a billy can in a pack and R. whistled for our two huskies. It was only getting dusky at night then. The sky was clear and the snow frozen so hard we could walk on its crust. We followed a game trail that appeared and disappeared along the river brush. After sunrise, we sat on the bank awhile deciding if we should keep going or head home. The dogs crashed through the woods barking wildly.

"I hope they're not chasing a porcupine," R.said.

Abruptly, the dogs quieted. They tore back through the trees and hurled themselves against us. Like scared children against their mother, they leaned against our backs.

"What's going on?" R. asked. Then we saw them. About a dozen wolves were spread out

amongst the willows. They stood very still.

"It looks like dogs," I said, without thinking. We'd be as likely to see elephants as lone dogs in that part of the bush.

"Wolves," said R.

The wolves stared at us. We stared back. None of us moved. The wolves must have heard the dogs and chased them off whatever they had been chasing, I realised.

They turned away and padded to the bank of a slough about thirty feet ahead of us. They milled about, noses to each other. I can't remember if they made any sounds. We were standing by then to see better, the dogs still pressed against us.

Then a strange thing happened. The wolves came back. They fanned out and stepped silently towards us. They covered us from both sides and ahead of us.

"Go on, " I shouted. "Go."

They stepped forward, very slowly. R. raised his rifle to his shoulder.

"Don't," I said. I needed to know what would happen, what the wolves would do. It is easy to be brave in the bush when you're not the one with the gun, particularily when you're not responsible for someone else. I understood that years later when we'd had children and travelled with them in the mountains. I

fear being inadequate much more than being eaten!

R. shot. He shot over the head of a black wolf directly ahead of us. At once, the wolves turned, bolted across the slough and were swallowed by the spruce trees.

Behind us, a single howl rose to the sky, long and low. We had been completely surrounded.

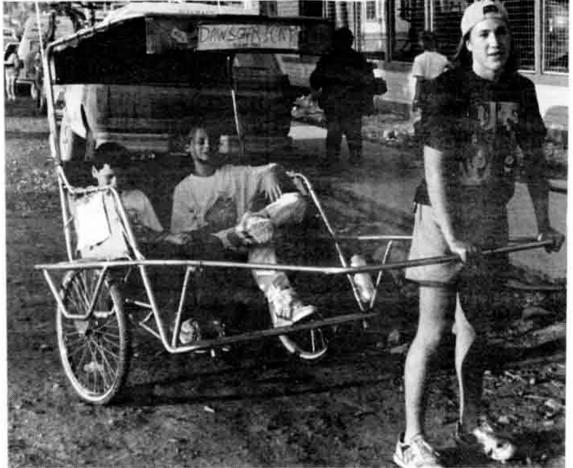
The wolves were hunting our dogs. That must be true. But us? It is extremely hard to believe that they wanted us. Still, there were only seconds left before they would have been at us. Would they have turned aside? Were they bluffing, assuming we would run? Were they hoping the dogs would panic, separate from us? What would they have done if the dogs hadn't broken away? I will always want to know.

It is not uncommon for wolves to surround our cabin, perhaps because our dogs are staked about the clearing. They have never harmed us, only provided a night's concert.

Our children were, as babies, terrified by the calls of wolves. Now, when wolves are about, they howl in hopes that the pack will answer back. We have told them that wolves will not hurt them. I think- at least, I assume that is true.

#### Editor's Note:

We're happy to include part one of a series about life in the bush - as seen through the eyes of "Bush Thoughts" whose family has been trapping off the Dempster Highway for a number of



Darrel Eng and his novel rickshaw rides at the Music Festival

Photo by Mike Gate

#### FINDING THE BESTOF Dawson...

by Darcia Dahl

It can be draining to tend bar, for it is too rare that the positives outweigh the negatives. Before, I worked in cities like Vancouver, Edmonton and Toronto, and what I used to consider a good night of fun I now see as a sickness. In the city people don't look out for one another. Here everything is different.

In less than a week I've seen young people give an elderly man much needed attention and the beer he has unfortunately come to need more than you and I need food.

I've seen a disturbed man share his stories with an interested stranger. And, I've seen a stranger buy another man a couple of sandwiches and a bag of chips. I have witnessed a generous spirit in people.

Something about Dawson City and the people it attracts encourages the best in us. Here people who would be passed by in the city are looked after. Few people are keeping track of the little things. Perhaps there are people who have been denied, but that does not alter the overall feeling of camaraderie. Alcoholism will never disappear nor will it cease to concern me, yet I now remember why I used to think a night in the bar could be well spent. I'd like to thank the people who awakened a dormant warmth within me. It seems I had to see the best in the worst of places

I wrote that in early June just after my arrival. Since then I've had the chance to see some of Dawson's finer places: the Dome, King Solomon's Dome and the Five Finger Rapids. My feeling has only increased. I couldn't leave without leaving my appreciation in print.

Darcia Dahl is originally from North Vancouver.

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## Yukon Youth Conservation Corps

by Joanie Veitch

It's certainly not an office job, and even though the battle with mosquitos is often fierce those involved seem to think the experience is certainly valuable in today's environmentally conscious world.

The Yukon Youth Conservation Corps (Y2C2) is a pilot project for the Department of Renewable Resources. It aims to train youths aged 16-22 in outdoor conservation work, with an emphasis on safety and community involvement.

Bruce Marshall is the crew leader for the Dawson team. He will be going into his fourth year of Environmental Studies at the University of British Columbia in September. For him this is a good opportunity to have an environmentally related job.

Marshall believes this type of project is essential and he hopes it continues in future years.

"There is a valuable wilderness to be protected here," he says, adding that the project works in encouraging young people to think in conservation terms.

There are four crews working throughout the Yukon on various projects in areas such as Haines Junction and Whitehorse. Some of the projects include the cleanup and rehabilitation of Wolf Creek, in Whitehorse, to allow passage of adult chinook salmon; renovations to the recycling building depot in Haines Junction to accommodate collection and



Y2C2 workers digging up some stubborn tree roots as they clean up the Moosehide trail

storage of recyclable material and brushing, clearing, collecting and removing garbage for the cleanup of San Cho Park here in Dawson.

There are five people plus the crew leader working in Dawson City. So far they've worked on the clean-up of the park, treatment of contaminated soil at an oil spill site near the Dempster Corner and the improvement and expansion of the trail to Moosehide.

The crew always works under supervision. With the Moosehide trail members of Dawson First Nation are providing assistance to the crew, most of whom are unfamiliar with the area. Marshall says the Band has been extremely supportive and helpful, for instance they have also organized a historical walking tour of the ancient village to give the workers a fuller sense of the area they are working in.

The crews have also received

training in camp guidelines, bear awareness, standard first aid and chainsaw safety. For many of the projects they have to set up camp at the work site.

"This is so much more than just working in the environment," says Marshall. "We are learning to be aware of nature."

Talking with the crew out on the Moosehide trail, they say the work is hard, the bugs are bad but this is the best summer job yet.

#### Some statistics about our world

- · Four million tons of rice remained in storage during the 1974 Bangladesh flood disaster because local people could not afford to buy it.
- · In some parts of Ethiopia, women often spend 3 to 4 hours daily fetching
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by Reporter/Chef, Brent Morrison: Actor Leslie Nielson as he passed through the Westmark Inn's restaurant recently. Unfortunately, Brent was still flipping pancakes, so couldn't take time out of a definitive story.

Lil Munroe was a welcome visitor as always. Staying at Marion Hadley's "Room for One More" retirement villa at McDonald Lodge for a week, Lil checked out how the town was doing, visited with good friends, and made sure that daughter Heather's new venture in the Fast Food restaurant line (the '98 Drive-In) passes the "Taster's Choice Test".

Our "Nose to the Grindstone" reporter/graphics person. Palma Berger heard the CBC radio program "Arts Report" announce the opening of former Miss Diamond Tooth Gertie. Kathy Elliot's new play "Fireweed" in Toronto. They apparently described the play and mentioned Kathy's summer as Miss D.T.G.. Way to go!



Photo by Namiko Saito

Tamarack was the feature act at the Historic Fashion Show held at the Palace Grand Theatre. The event was sponsored by the Candian Parks Service in Honour of Parks Day. 1992 is the 75th anniversary of the Canadian National Historic Sites.

Talk about name dropping! What a wonderful bonus Dawson gets from the Dawson Music Festival bringing up CBC Radio 's 'Summerside" host, Ralph

BenMergui as M.C. at the recent Music Fest. Upon his return to his radio job, Ralph was still singing the praises of Dawson and the incredible Festival weekend.

Familiar faces are cropping up all over town these days; missed by our "Inside-Outside intrepid reporters":

Caley is a Visitor Dan Reception Centre Host this summer; sounds like old times Dan! Mom Brenda was a longtime employee of the YTG Dept of tourism at the local VRC and Dan assumes his roll like a pro.

Moving down one store on Front Street, from former ownership of Peabody's Photo Emporium, to ably assist Uta and Jim Reilly at the Klondike Nugget and Ivory Shop, are daughter Sandy and husband Greg Kehoe.

Berthe McCusker and George Thompson, from Sarnia, Ontario visited with Berthe's sister Madeleine Gould recently.

They spent time at John and Madeleine's Gold mining operation on Nugget Hill, and Madeleine and John took time out to give them the Dawson tour.

Familiar faces! The lovely old red-painted log home on Harper street, between 7th and 8th avenues is once again home to former owners Ed and Star Jones. Currently living in New Mexico, but soon to relocate to Oklahoma, the Jones's are former residents from the 1960's. Ed taught at the Robert Service school during that time, and both Ed and Star were involved with the early Tourism activities here as well as owning Sisters Island, just down river from Dawson. They are in town until late August, so drop by to say 'Hello'.

Helen Davidson arrives in town from Nova Scotia today for her annual visit to the Davidson family and all her Dawson friends. Rumour has it there will actually be a spare room for her before she leaves this time.

Val Thorp and Bradley are visiting from Victoria, B.C. and also to attend the recent wedding of good friends Leslie Piercy and Gerard Cruchon. Val used to be Site Conservator in the Curatorial Dept. of Klondike National Historic Sites. She is currently the Chief Conservator at the British Columbia Provincial Museum.

Yet another former K.N.H.S. employee is visiting this area for a week. Beb Mitchell, who was an Extant Recorder here a year ago, now lives in Winnipeg.Prior to his Dawson arrival, Bob hiked the Chilkoot Trail and did some extant recording work.

This isn't travelling news, but anyone who's ever tried to get a hold of him will be thrilled to know that Peter Menzies has a new answering machine on his telephone. No, we don't mean Debbie. This is a real machine which takes messages and lets Peter know who to add to his daytimer. We are certain that this will be a boon to every organization that has any contact with our busy Rec. Director.

#### COMMERCIAL PASSAGE PERMITS FOR THE GEORGE BLACK FERRY

The Yukon government has agreed to permit the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce to undertake a pilot project to reduce the waiting time for commercial and service vehicles crossing the Yukon River.

The George Black ferry operates toll-free, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During the heavy tourist season congestion normally develops between 7:30 and 11:00 a.m. and again in the late afternoon and early evening. Commercial and service vehicles experience a great deal of costly waiting time during these periods.

In response to this, the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce has developed and submitted a proposal to the Yukon government for a pilot project calling for Commercial Passage Permits for commercial and service vehicles. Under this project, the Chamber will sell commercial passage permits for licensed motor coaches carrying passengers and vehicles bearing commercial licence 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 traffic

It is hoped that by achieving a mix of vehicles, the overall waiting time during business hours for commercial and service vehicles will be kept to a minimum.

The Chamber will be wholly responsible for managing the project while the Yukon government in turn will co-operate with the Chamber in accomodating the interspersing of traffic on the ferry.

This pilot project will start August 3rd and continue until the end of August when the chamber and the YTG will evaluate the permit system.

> For more information contact: Glen Mullen 993-5274 or Denny Kobayashi 993-5475





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CLIP AND SAVE

#### Inside/Outside cont'd from p. 36

Checked out the construction boom along Third ave. south of Princess lately? The seemingly enormous structure rapidly making its presence felt at the old Red Feather Saloon site, is the new YTG Liquor Store/Red Feather Saloon reconstruction. But, just one lot south of that new edifice is a neat, two-storey building rapidly heading toward completion. Owned by Lynne Bowie, we gather it will become a convenience store as well as a new'pad' for Lynne.

Speaking of construction activity: congratulations must go to Merlin Grade and her new business endeavour at the old Store Strachan's building.Transformed from an abandoned 'leaning tower' by husband Jim Williams, the restored main floor houses Merlin's Arctic Cotton clothing business, as well as the new Mdme Zoom's ...an Ice Cream parlour featuring delectable goodies.

On a sour note...how about all those buildings hitting the dirt this past few months. Dawson needs sprucing up in some areas, but those admittedly abandoned old structures are sure biting the dust. If this is kept up, Dawson will soon ressemble a Hollywood movie set. Can't anything be done to save some of the historic structures?

On a welcome note to conclude this session of Inside-Outside news: great to see the Davidson family home following a two week trip motoring down the Alaska Highway. We are still trying to figure out how they managed to avoid being around while their home underwent a major renovation job that added another storey to their 7th Ave home. However, Welcome Home everyone..

Did everyone out there notice Glenn Bowers' article "Electrical Evolution of the Klondike" in the June 1992 issue (#13) of The Yukon Reader?

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Last day before Spring Break	Mar. 12
School reopens	Mar. 22
School closes	May 28

The following statutory holidays will be observed: Labour Day (Sept. 7), Thanksgiving (Oct. 12), Remembrance Day (Nov. 11), Heritage Day (Feb. 26), Good Friday (Apr. 9), Easter Monday (Apr. 12), and Victoria Day (May 24).

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## POOL PARTY FOR THE REEVES FAMILY

by Bonnie Nordling and Co.

A happy and flamboyant pool party was a fitting celebration to say goodbye to the Reeves family, who are preparing to move to Alberta to allow Holly to get an Education degree at the University of Lethbridge.

The entire family have been stalwart members of the community for many years and contributions will be missed in many ways.

Brian was the first to make Dawson his home, arriving here on August 12 1975. He quickly became an independent entrepreneur with an uncanny ability to make a living with few resources and quickly became famous,(or is that infamous???) his first winter for his homemade yoghurt and caribou stew. The townsfolk and the great outdoors welcomed this transplanted Englishman, and his practical mind and easy laugh must have readily caught the eye of Holly Senior.

Holly was a happy camper with Katimavik when she arrived here in February 1979., but readily jumped ship and emigrated to her new life in Dawson far from Newfoundland's

Following marriage in October 1979, the Reeves couple expanded their gardening skills, and real estate empire. If Brian wasn't buying real estate, he was building it, and it was in their first home-made-home on Queen and that their first daughter Charissa made her welcome entry, borrowing her name from a daughter of the Rev. Meakes family.Charissa has begun a campaign of vibrant and free expression with life.

Brian joined the Volunteer Fire Department in 1976, and in exchange for a commitment to the department, a move was made to the former Fire Hall on Third Ave near Queen.

Jennifer followed, holding her own ground and giving off an aura of 'warm fuzzies' friends of all ages.

Then the surprise! After two girls, Robert! A new dimension to frog hunting and downhill skiing took hold! The family was united and there was no stopping

Brian was a Volunteer Firefighter for 12 years, retiring in 1988. In between his community involvement, he was employed by the Canadian Parks Service,. In fact, his last day of work for them will be August 12..the same date that he arrived in Dawson 17 years ago.

Holly was very active in § Brownies, as have been Charissa and Jenny; she began her own street vending business with "Holly's Ice Cream", is an ardent seamstress, both for her family ( the kids parkas were great works of art) and as a member of the Christmas Tree Ornament group.

Holly's spiritual insight and foundation in her Anglican faith became instrumental in nurturing St. Paul's growth. And now they have decided to leave us. Holly is looking forward to acquiring her Education degree, so that she can take up where she left off,

THE REEVES FAMILY; Jenny, Holly, Brian, Charissa, Robert

working part-time at the Robert Service school.

Brian, Charissa, Jenny and Robert are joining Holly in Lethbridge where new schools and new challenges await. But have we really seen the last of the Reeves family? We all hope

At the pool party on July 26. the family "as presented with a beautiful Tea-set made by local potter Jenny Docken, by the Rev. Andrew Wilson, on behalf of the St.Paul's Anglican Church family and the Reeves many friends.



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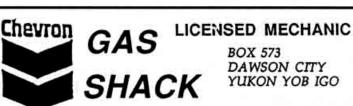
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## McLaughlin speaks on being a woman in politics

by Joanie Veitch

Being a woman in politics can often get "downright silly" says Audrey McLaughlin, Yukon MP and leader of the federal New Democratic Party.

"You never hear of the Prime Minister giving a speech wearing a white shirt and blue and white tie," she jokes saying that the attire of female politicians is almost always noted and sometimes even on the front page of the newspaper.

"The headlines should scream Two hundred and fifty-five men turn up to the House of Commons in grey suits' - all the same," she laughs, adding that she has been criticized for caring more about politics than fashion. In her position at the head of a national party, one would hope that it stays that way.

McLaughlin is speaking in a small lecture hall in the Dawson City Museum. Many of those present are tourists from the United States so she takes the time to explain the differences in our systems of government.

However, the discussion is to be of a more personal nature than a lecture on politics. McLaughlin wants to share her thoughts on her experience and her vision of Canada in the future.

McLaughlin believes many important changes are taking place in our society, changes that

will not only be good for women but for all those who have been left out of the decision-making process in the past.

"We need to make politics more reflective of our society," she says. "The question is -

"Thirteen per cent of the members of the House of Commons are women; one is black and there are three of aboriginal origin," she says.

McLaughlin says she is tired of hearing about special interest groups as something outside of the political process.

"When you look at special interest groups you realize they are everybody," she says.

The biggest change needed, according to McLaughlin, is the way we question the process. We need to shake up old ideas and constantly ask new questions instead of relying on tradition.

When McLaughlin Toronto and moved to the Yukon she had no idea that she would end up getting involved in politics. In fact she's a little embarrassed at how she used to describe herself.

"I used to say 'I don't do anything, I'm just at home' - That was dumb.

When McLaughlin first moved onto the political scene many people commented that she didn't have the proper experience.

At first, she says this con-

cerned her but that soon changed as she looked back at the wide range of things she has accomplished in her life. She was involved in the women's' movement, the peace movement, she was a social worker, she has owned two small businesses, she has taught school in Ghana, lived for a period in the Caribbean and even was once a mink rancher in

"The current Prime Minister had never been elected, he was a corporate lawyer and had just shut down a town. That's experience," she exclaimed adding, "We need to begin to see women's experience as valuable."

McLaughlin says her experience in the north is some of the most valuable of all. It was here she found herself and began to get more involved in issues.

Canadians want to see changes made in the country and are tired of the old ways of doing business, McLaughlin says. She sees herself as part of those changes and expects there are many more to come.

Although she admits that being such a high profile politician is not always easy she enjoys what she does and sees it as worthwhile.

"I am proud to be a Canadian and even proud to be a politician How's that?"

#### OOPS!

Commissioner's Tea article Three of the performers were unintentionally omitted. They are Dale Cooper, Grant Hartwick and Gordon Menzjes

Dredge #4 Project Personnel We incorrectly spelled Cpl JH Guntner's name and his military job title should have been CE Tecnician.

Our Apologies To All!



Audrey McLaughlin on a recent visit to the Dawson Museum

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FROM THE ROCK Correspondent - Marjie Mann



Where does the time go? Only together who know about life and a month ago, summer seemed fresh and new - but signs of old age are now showing. The rose blossoms of last month have transformed into rose hips this

All those baby swallows from last month have grown up and left the nest this month. Mornings have that you-knowfall-is-around-the-corner chill in the air which is often accompanied by a low mist in the valley. The sale flyers and catalogues are exhibiting back-toschool clothes - and yet, the magic continues. Afternoons are still warm and sunny (for the most part), sandals and bare legs are still acceptable attire for the weather, and the days are still now comes the harvesting of gardens, salmon and wild berries and the mosquitos don't seem to be nearly as bad.

Bench-mark activities for July. Well besides my uncle coming (a definite high point for me thanks for your help, John!), we celebrated the marriage of Leslie Piercy and Gerard Cruchon. Another high point to the summer. There is something very special when two people choose to spend their lives

love and the rose-coloured glasses of their youth have been discarded. Congratulations to you both - long live romance!

Other July happenings - the highway to Rock Creek has been resurfaced. Now - don't get me wrong! Bench-mark activity yes. High point - definitely not. The line-ups and slow moving traffic I could deal with. The multiple stone chips and cracks in the windshield - okay, a price to be paid for living in the boonies and I can live with that too. But the final product, the 'new and improved" highway is an absolute disaster!! Be very careful going around some of those blind corners, because terrifically long and brilliant. maxi-ruts that will overturn any there are mini-mountains and And in addition to all of that, vehicle if the driver isn't paying close attention!! God forbid a moose or some other obstruction compounds the dangerous road conditions. Hopefully there will be some major repairs before ice and snow set in....Dwight - you left just in time!

> So - we have the final few weeks of summer to look forward to - and Discovery Days - and school days... Hope you all enjoy this last brief sweetness before that chill sets in to stay!!



### Creature Comforts

by Shelley Hakonson

I just finished our last bag of blueberries in some pancakes last week (a much hoarded bag of blueberries) and here we are at blueberry season again! I'll have to pick more this year - better yet, I'll pay someone to pick for me.

Blueberry-Lemon Muffins - from the Iroquois Hotel on the island of Mackinac, these are fairly wonderful.

2 2/3 cup flour

I tbsp baking powder

1 1/2 tsp salt

1/2 cup sugar

2 eggs

I cup milk

2/3 cup oil

1 1/2 cups blueberries 1/2 tbsp grated lemon peel (finely)

Glaze: 4 tbsp butter, melted 1/2 cup sugar

- This recipe makes about 18 muffins, so butter a few muffin tins or use paper liners.

Oven 400F

- Into a mixing bowl sift the flour and add the other dry ingredients.
- In a small bowl beat the eggs with a whisk for about 15 seconds add the milk and oil to the eggs and blend together.
- Make a well in the flour and pour in the egg-milk mixture stir as little as possible to just moisten the flour - set the batter aside for a moment.
- Combine the blueberries with the lemon zest and fold into the muffin mix - again stir gently and as little as possible. Spoon the batter into the tins 3/4 full.
- Bake at 400F for 20 minutes it may take an additional 5 minutes or so to get golden brown. Check at 15 minutes and if they are browning too quickly, set on the bottom shelf of the oven.
- When the muffins are baked, cool for 5 minutes and gently lift muffins from tins.
- Dip the top of each lightly in the melted butter and them lightly in
- These can be frozen but are at their best when eaten fresh.

Blueberry Yogurt Pound Cake - great with coffee

- I cup butter
- 1 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 eggs 3 cups flour
- 1 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 cups blueberries
- I cup yogurt
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- I thsp grated orange peel
- icing sugar

- In a large bowl, cream the butter till fluffy, then beat in sugar till mixture is light and fluffy, 5-8 minutes.
- Beat in eggs, one at a time.
- Stir together flour, baking soda and salt, mix in berries.
- In separate bowl, stir in another 1/3 of the dry ingredients, then remaining yogurt mixture and dry ingredients.
- Pour batter into well-greased and floured deep 9" or 10" tube or bundt pan, smooth top and tap pan lightly on table to remove bubbles. Bake in 350F for 60-70 minutes. Let cool 15 minutes in pan and turn out on wire rack. Sieve icing sugar over the top.

Buttermilk Blueberry Pancakes - Sunday morning dining at its

- 1 3/4 cup unsifted cake flour
- 1 2/3 cup all purpose flour
- 4 tsp baking powder

1/2 tsp salt

- 4 large eggs, separated
- 2 cups buttermilk
- 1/2 tsp cream of tartar
- 2 cups blueberries
- 4 tbsp melted butter
- dash of sugar
- Whisk together the flour, baking powder, salt and sugar until
- In a small bowl beat the yolks and buttermilk.
- In another bowl, beat the whites until foamy, add the cream of tartar and beat till soft peaks form.
- Add the yolk mixture to the flour mixture and mix lightly until moistened.
- Stir in the butter but leave the batter lumpy.
- Add the egg whites and fold in with a large spatula.

Lightly oil griddle and pour on the batter - add the blueberries to each pancake, when golden on bottom, flip over and cook tops, keep warm in oven until all are cooked, serve with maple syrup.



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#### REPORT FROM OTTAWA

by Audrey McLaughlin, Yukon M.P.

In all tough negotiations, the side which has access to the most information always has the upper hand.

I don't want that to happen with the Yukon River Salmon Treaty negotiations. But it will and Yukoners will be on the losing end - if the federal Department of Fisheries doesn't fund Canadian participation in a new sonar monitoring system the Alaskans are setting up near Eagle.

I first heard about this state-ofthe-art monitoring system when I was in Dawson for the music festival (by the way, my congratulations to each and everyone who helped organize this wonderful event - I had a great time and enjoyed every minute of it!).

Using this new system, fisheries technicians will be able to more accurately count the numbers of salmon in the Yukon River. Those numbers will then be used to determine the annual allowable catch by our two countries.

But the fisheries workers in Dawson I spoke with were very concerned that the federal government had not found the money to send a Canadian observer to help interpret the results of the program - despite invitations by the Alaskans to participate in the monitoring project.

Without a Canadian technician trained in the new technology and able to fully participate in this program, Canada will be unable to verify the numbers of salmon used by the Americans in treaty negotiations - we'd simply have to take their word.

This is too important a treaty to Yukoners for the federal government to simply leave up to the goodwill of our neighbours across the border. may have very good relations

with the Alaskans, but it's the responsibility of our federal government to look out for our best interests. So far, the federal government

hasn't done much to win our confidence. I have therefore written to Fisheries Minister John Crosbie urging him to fully fund Canada's participation in this very important project.

After all, in negotiations as tough and as important as these, we can't afford to play the fool.

On another note, I see Dawson just got its slot machines - and already people are lined up out the door to play the numbers!

Now the tederal government is prepared to gamble as well with its own negotiations at the constitutional table. And we thought the Prime Minister had learned his lesson after his disastrous "roll of the dice" during the Meech Lake talks!

But let's hope when the first ministers sit down to lunch with Mr. Mulroney next week in Ottawa, they can finally agree to something all Canadians can take pride in.

Thursday, August 6, 1992



Photo by Garry Santa

Back Row L-R: George Stad (RF), Linda Brieman (General Mascot and cheerleader), Colette Pilon (P), Nicole Langevin (cheerleader), Nadine Swan (2nd B), Byron Swan (Assistant Captian/Centre field), Melvin Stad (RF), Bob Moquin (1st B), Rhonda Lane (Statistician), Mike Watters (RF), Glen Stinson (RF).

Middle Row L-R: Tammy Wierda (C), Bill Warmen (Coach/General Manager), Stephanie Delacretaz (C), David Blake (LF), Lee Halvorson (SS), Karen Froess (Captain/Rover), Pam Carr (3rd B).

Front Row: Alexandra French (Future Draft Choice).

## Westmark has winning Spirits

by Brent Morrison

On Sunday July 26 the Westmark Spirits defeated Mac-Kenzie Petroleum 8-7 to win Dawson's season ending Mixed Slow-Pitch tournament.

The night before, the Spirits clobbered MacKenzie 17-6 to win the "A" side division. It was MacKenzie's first loss of the tournament, and only their second of the season. MacKenzie then moved to the "B" side where they defeated Dawson's Gospel Hall team, and earned themselves a re-match against the Westmark.

Under the double knock-out rules MacKenzie would have to win two games to win the championship, while the undefeated Spirits needed only one victory.

MacKenzie quickly built up a 7-2 lead, but the Spirits turned on their defence and started piling up the runs.

In the bottom of the seventh (the last inning under slow pitch rules) with the game tied at seven Pam Carr stepped to the plate. With two out and runners on first and third she cracked a hit over third base and Lee Halvorson ran home, scoring the game and tournament winning run.

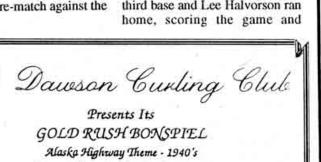
Last year MacKenzie won the tournament, while the Westmark team finished near the league's cellar.

Both teams will now advance

to the Slow-Pitch tournament re-match between MacKenzie and held during the Labour Day Weekend. That tournament features teams from Whitehorse, Inuvik, and other communities, but the game to watch for will be a

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The park's new name is a Han word meaning "safe place where children play". The park will be dedicated to the children that have used the area in past, present and future.

The ceremony will take place on Sunday, August 16, 1992 at 3:00 p.m. Watch the Discovery Days Supplement for details.

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#### Thanks, Greg!

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# Last at the Pool Monday Aug.

Following the Discovery Days Pool activities, the pool will be drained for the season. Children are invited to have one last swim and make the world's largest bubble bath!

#### Unwelcome Visitors at the Pool

The Pool has a lot of unwelcome visitors at the present time. For some crazy reason, these people have been breaking in late at night for a quick dip. One "customer" even broke in the fence while another left behind valuables. Alcohol was involved in every case. Fortunately, no damage was done.

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Anne Bilina



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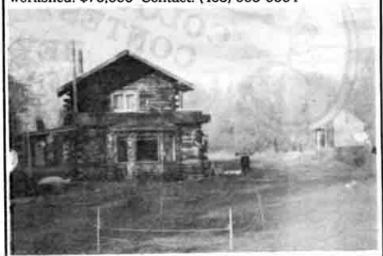
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