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YTG will pay for sewer repairs

by Dan Davidson

Amidst much mutual congratulation and good will the Government of the Yukon and the City of Dawson have reached an agreement about how to solve the most expensive part of the community's continuing sewer and water woes. The announcement was made at a public forum on May 6, called by the chamber of commerce and featuring the combined vocal talents of David Millar (MLA-Klondike), Mickey Fisher (Minister of Community and Transportation Services) and Peter Jenkins (Mayor of Dawson). The resulting harmony came as almost a surprise to anyone not privy to council's discussions with the Yukon Party government since last fall's election, but were completely in line with the letters that have documented the six month long debate.

Given the spate of stories making the rounds of the town, tales that stated with the authority of most rumours that council had already decided to double the existing rates to well over \$1200.00 for this year, the chamber was expecting a contentious session and chairman Gerry Couture laid out the ground rules well in advance of the opening remarks. All this caution was for naught, however, since the announcement of a \$5.525 million project, which will be carried out over the next two years and paid for over three, left little to be argued about.

Mickey Fisher laid out the main terms of the agreement, which has yet to be ratified by the territorial legislature. The government will take over the remainder of the \$1 million debenture it has with Dawson as a result of last year's major repairs. This amounts to something like \$830,000.00, which will be rolled into the rest of the government's contribution to make up the total of its commitment to the project. This is about 88% of the total bill, the rest of which will have to come from Dawson's capital budget. The total contribution will be spread over 3 years and any additional repairs to the system will continue to be cost shared on a declining scale until the year

2000 as had been negotiated by the previous NDP administration.

As a result of the government taking over the debenture, Dawson is able to drop the debt servicing for that borrowing from its total operations and maintenance for the water system, and can pass that on to rate-payers with a slight reduction in rates over last year. Fisher anticipated that this would be about \$600.00 for a residential class building, about the same as the rate in Whitehorse.

His announcement prompted some consternation from Dawson councillors Tim Gerberding and Glenn Everitt, who were plainly surprised to have the minister proclaiming rates that council has yet to adopt. Mayor Jenkins

attempted to smooth this over by noting that none of this was set in stone as of yet. The actual details of the billing will be more complex than simple payment of a bill. He speculated that a flat rate of \$1,000.00 would be charged to all residential consumers and that it would be reduced by means of a rate-payers' grant of \$400.00, similar in kind to the homeowners' grant that reduces Dawson's taxes.

This, he said in response to questions from former councillor Lambert Curzon and former MLA Art Webster, would happen in spite of the City's intention to have the water system pay for itself though the rates. There

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First Nation pleads for understanding

by Dan Davidson

The Dawson First Nation was the only party to make a formal presentation to the community at last week's sewer and water forum. The presentation, made by councillor Debbie Nagano, was prompted by a need, she said, the set the record straight.

"Over the past year a lot of conflicting information has been circulating through the community about the money that the Dawson First Nation pays for water and sewer. There have been suspicions that we are cheating....that we are unwilling

to pay for the services we receive - and that the City has been forced to subsidize us."

None of these things are true, Nagano said. The "Dawson Indian Band", the legal entity created by the Canadian government, is provided with funds for a number of purposes, including administration, housing, welfare and social programs, but is not provided with the funds to pay utility bills.

"The Municipal government must access that money directly from the Government of Canada

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KVA sets year's priorities

by Dan Davidson and Kathy Jones-Gates

A new manager, increased performance by last year's slot machines, renewed attention to outstanding building projects, a new board of directors and a balanced budget are the main features of the annual general meeting of the K.V.A., held in Gerties on April 29.

Chuck Holloway isn't exactly a new face in town, but he is the new K.V.A. manager for the summer, stepping back into the shoes he vacated just about two years ago, and replacing Bob McConkey, whose contract was not renewed, for reasons which have not been specified.

The slot machines were a new item at Gertie's last year. Though they were not installed until part way through the season, they nonetheless outperformed expectations, bringing in a profit of \$236,159.00 from total revenues of \$460,302.98. The territorial government benefitted to the tune of \$112,871.00 from the licenses and fees attached.

This year they are expected to generate a profit of \$456,850.00 for the KVA, helping to contribute to an overall projected surplus of \$111,550.00. The slots are expected to bring in more than the take

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Muscle Mann

Klondike Valley Fire Fighter Chief Howard Mann shows why he's head and shoulders above the rest. See stories and photos on the the fire hall's opening, pages 6 & 23

Photo by: Mike Gates

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Mrs. Cook's birdhouse before someone flocked off with it.

Please bring it back

by Sue Ward

You must be new to this town. We pray you will read this story. The birdhouse you stole was more than just that. It was a family treasure.

Many of us remember when it adorned Mrs. Cook's yard, across the street from the school yard, right next to the Post Office driveway. Although no longer too agile, Mrs. Cook would plant her nasturtiums in all of her flower containers as an invitation to the precious birds to come set up housekeeping in that delightful birdhouse. We're getting short of birds up here because folks are not replacing the bushes, shrubs, and trees that gave them protection. It wasn't a new bird condominium. It was 40 years old.

When Mrs. Cook moved to quieter quarters and the little house was set up for restoration, the family bird house was moved to her daughter's new home at Church and 6th. This is how it looked on a very cold winter's day.

There must be more than one of you involved as the precious keepsake had been bolted to its stand. You will never have pleasure from your stolen treasure, because there is no love left in that unique structure. You destroyed that when you stole it.

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"Outside" this theft might be no big deal. But you will soon learn a different sense of values if you stay "Inside" and become one of us. We can only hope that the thieves have not already hidden their ill-gotten gain under a tarp and sped away. We believe in miracles up here, and for our readers out there, we'll be sure to give you an update in our next issue.

If you know or saw anything of this foul deed, (no pun intended) call Donna Close collect at (403) 993-5404.

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from the other games and the bar combined, which is good for KVA because Gerties is an expensive facility to run and revenue in both of those traditional areas has been dropping off in recent years.

The Palace Grand Theatre is the area where KVA collects its next largest chunk of cash, and the expenses there are nowhere near as high as the overall expenses at Gerties and so the association expects to clear \$110,849.00 on the Gaslight Follies show, which will be new this year and produced by former Follies alumnus, Conrad Boyce.

Aside from expenses related to the use of Gerties and the theatre, the association's next major expenditures are in administration (\$297,255.00) and marketing & promotion (\$142,210.00).

The KVA has two building projects that need some attention after last year's lean budget. Berton House, intended to be set up as a joint museum and "writer-in-residence" program in conjunction with the Yukon Arts Council, will receive \$22,395.00 worth of expenditures, mostly in the rebuilding of the foundation. Meanwhile the Odd Fellows Building, intended to be the eventual home of the KVA, will receive just \$6,023.00. The association would like to put a lot more money into that building, and one of its fond hopes is to see it house the Yukon Anniversaries Commission which will, it was announced by Tourism Minister Doug Phillips at last weekend's meeting of the Tourism Association of the Yukon, be moved to Dawson City in the foreseeable future.

KVA members would like to see the government hand back to it the more than \$200,000.00 it pays in licenses and fees so that it could use the money complete the building's restoration and redesign in time for it to be useful for the 1996-98 Gold Rush anniversaries.

The new board, elected from among the membership (any Dawson resident who pays the membership fee of \$1.00 can be a

member of KVA) includes continuing directors Giovanni Castellarin, Gail Hendley, John Hendley, Trish Malfair and David ("Buffalo") Taylor, who are completing the second year of their two year terms. New members to the board, just starting their terms, are Peggy Amendola, Bill Bowie, Marlene Braga, Pat Cayen, Lenore Jenkins and Larry

Vesina. Peter Jenkins also joined the board for a 1 year term.

At their first directors' meeting, the following were elected to the executive of the KVA board: Chair - Joe Castellarin; 1st Vice - John Hendley; 2nd Vice - L. Vesina; Secretary - Trish Malfair; Treasurer - Lenore Jenkins. Past president Peggy Amendola is also on the executive.

Understanding

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through the Municipal Grants Act," said Nagano. "The point here is that Dawson First Nation is not provided money, nor are we responsible for paying sewer and water charges. The Government of Canada has a fiduciary responsibility to pay those charges on our behalf."

The wrinkle in all this is that Canada does not pay taxes on any Indian properties classified "commercial", which includes 10 lots along Front Street. The Dawson First Nation doesn't feel it is fair that the City should not be paid for services to these lots, but the City has not, Nagano told her audience, taken the steps which would enable it to get money from the feds.

What is needed is a Municipal Services Agreement between the First Nation and the City. Such an agreement could cover utilities, and be expanded to "include such things as fire protection, recreation and garbage pick-up, which would enable the City to recover costs that are otherwise covered by taxes." Nagano says that her council does not understand why the city's council has not taken this step.

Last year, when city council restructured its sewer and water by-law, just about doubling rates in the process, it created a new "commercial" classification, and the Dawson First Nation was one of the groups in town hit by this new tariff, which was 50% higher than even the new residential rates. The bill was passed on to the First Nation.

"Naturally, we refused to pay

the bill, whereupon the City issued an ultimatum to the Dawson First Nation to the effect that unless we paid our...bill within 48 hours, the taps would be turned off."

This did not happen, of course. There was much discussion with the First Nation and with the Department of Indian Affairs, which, like the YTG, balked at having residential units under its control assessed at 150% of a regular residential assessment. Just exactly what arrangements were made is not a matter of public record, but Mayor Jenkins, in response to later questions from Dawson First Nation manager Margaret Kormendy, indicated that these bills had been paid by Public Works Canada.

Insiders at the First Nation indicate that they realize it had not been the City's original intention to catch them in the same net they set for the senior levels of government, but it did happen anyway, and it has clearly left a bad taste in the First Nation council's mouth.

Nagano ended her presentation with the declaration: "It's time to begin working together to develop a system that's fair and provides maximum benefits for all Dawson citizens."

YTG will pay

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were, however, no guarantees that outside factors, such as the proposed hike in power rates, would not have an impact on this plan. Dawson's system normally costs close to \$750,000.00 a year to operate, and the electric bill is a whopping \$220,000.00 of that total.

The sad state of Dawson's existing system means that no extensions can be made to it until 1995 at the earliest, since all funds available for this purpose will be tied up in the repair program.

Jenkins emphasized to the audience of 30 or so that this issue has absorbed an inordinate amount of council's energies since the full extent of the damage first became evident just under two years ago. Congratulations were due, he said, to David Millar, for his splendid job of dogging the minister until he got the message, and to such individuals as Chris Sorg (a key member of Millar's campaign team) and Denny Kobayashi (president of the chamber) for their research and support.

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Dawson budget plans to use reserves

by Dan Davidson
Dawson's City Council has passed its 1993 budget, but not without some argument among the members of council and not without dissension by two of the members. The budget was passed at a special council meeting held on Tuesday, April 27, along with the bylaw setting out the mil rates for the coming year.

The budget came in at \$7,333,309, of which the largest segment, almost half, was set aside for this year's work on the ailing sewer and water system. It was this portion of the budget, \$3.5 million which caused councillors Tim Gerberding and Glenn Everitt to withdraw their support of the bill they had assisted in guiding along thus far. The bill was passed by the majority of Mayor Peter Jenkins and councillors Shirley Pennell and Henry Procyk.

Gerberding expressed concerns about the manner in which the spending on the sewer and water system would be financed. The plan, which had evolved in a bit of a hurry after council received a proposed financing letter from the YTG, is to finance the actual project in advance of receiving money from the YTG by using virtually all of the city's \$1.7 million in reserve funds.

In the discussion, Jenkins pointed out that these funds are being used all the time anyway, and exist for the purpose of preserving the city's cashflow while it is waiting for bills to be paid or block funding to arrive. As an example he cited the fact that the City was still waiting for almost \$400,000 from the territorial government from work on the system that was completed last fall. By the time the bills come due, the money is in place, he said.

The territorial government has offered to assist the city in repairs to the improperly constructed system to the tune of up to \$5.5 million, but the catch is that this money will be spread over a three year period while the reconstruction plan itself is a two year venture. This would see the city spending money in advance of the YTG's share over the next three fiscal years, and financing this through the use of the reserves, which would then be replaced by the territory's contribution to the project.

Jenkins believes that the city's cash flow is such that it can weather the 4 to 5 month financial gaps that this might cause. He is further convinced

that the total cost of the project (already \$5.26 million) could increase by 12 to 20 per cent if it is spread over three years instead of two.

He further indicated that he was anxious to get the deal that had been offered nailed down tight before the government found itself in some crisis that it could not weather.

"This is just a budget," Jenkins stressed. "We are not spending the money; we are anticipating an expenditure in that area. Full approval over whether we spend it or not still rests with council. I am not even considering spending this money until we have a locked in agreement with the Government of the Yukon."

"We have to lock it in firmly," he said, "because the government might be gone in a week or two."

Passing the budget was a necessity, though, Jenkins said. The city faced a deadline at the end of April. The city was already late sending out its sewer and water billings for the year (usually done in February) due to negotiations over the S&W repairs. YTG is insisting that the City not increase its S&W rates again this year if it wants the financial assistance it has been offered. All that being so, Jenkins is anxious for the to have the legal authority to collect its annual taxes and the the \$600,000 in utilities that it would normally have already collected by now. He reminded the dissenting councillors that this, too, was having an impact on the City's cash flow.

The budget having been passed, council went on to pass the mil rates for the coming year. They remained the same: 1.56 for residential and 1.7 for commercial. Gerberding and Everitt also voted against this, indicating that they would prefer to have seen the commercial mil rate increased to help reduce the amount of reliance on the use of the reserves.

In the end Pennell and Procyk voted for both resolutions because, they said, the bills were going to have to be passed in order to get on with the City's business, and that further meetings didn't seem likely to produce any major changes.

Yukon River breakup was disappointing

by Dan Davidson

The Yukon River moved in front of Dawson City just enough to dislodge the tripod and trip the clock at 5:02 on the afternoon of Thursday, April 29. Local photographer Michael Gates described it as an "uneventful" event.

For 8-year-old Craig Gagnon of Mayo, it must have been filled with wonder, even if it was after the fact. The ticket his mother had bought him had exactly the right time on it and he was suddenly over \$3,000 richer.

"He didn't really know what was going on," said his father, Philip. "I guess his mother didn't tell him she bought him a ticket. Then there was this lady on the phone and he was going 'Ice Pool?'"

After the initial movement (sources here refuse to call this a surge) the ice sat quiet until the

next afternoon when it finally began to move off down the river, ocean bound.

"I don't mind when it isn't spectacular," said IODE volunteer Lenore Jenkins. "The last time



we had a really spectacular breakup we also had a 60 below winter." She noted that the timing was a bit of a surprise in that it

occurred only about a day after the Klondike River finally flushed itself. There's usually a four or five day gap between these events, and she had thought the Yukon might wait until May 2.

Jenkins said that sales of the 5,000 Ice Pool tickets went very well this year, and that only 18 remained by the end of the sales push. She says the IODE has been asked why it doesn't raise the price of the tickets to \$2 in the future, and she said the organization would be interested in feedback on that idea. It might cut back on the number of tickets sold, but it might also raise the

size of the pot, which is modest by the standards of some places.

In the meantime young Craig would like to head off to Whitehorse to spend some of his wind-fall on a new bicycle.

Dawson was a guinea pig

by Dan Davidson

One of the primary reasons why Dawson is getting a sewer and water bail-out package has to do with the accepted proposition that the city was the test case for an underground system that is now widely used all over the North.

In 1979 a \$9.7 million dollar investment went into the the streets under Dawson, and most of it, to listen to Mayor Peter Jenkins, was money poured down the drain. He's been saying this for years, but these days he doesn't get any contradictions from government circles, where his arguments and the continuing studies of the Shiltech engineering firm seem to have won the day.

Briefly, the pipe that was laid down into ground that YTG engineer John Cormie described as either too warm or too cold, but never just right, was too thin a grade to do the job properly, and began to collapse within months of the final installation.

This was hastened by several factors. The work had been done in the summer, when maximum damage to the permafrost would occur, and branch connections for service to buildings and to such things as fire hydrants were made through the tops of the main lines rather than through specially made connectors. The pipe sagged, the permafrost didn't freeze back, and the top connections were punched down into the main pipes causing leaks and blockages.

The system needed repairs almost immediately, and Dawson's streets have been a mess of replacement projects ever since, with 1985 being the first of the major artery replacements along 5th Avenue. When the city assumed control of the system in 1987 things seemed to have stabilized, but that was just a lull.

Since then the original sewer installation has collapsed in many segments all over town.

The replacement sections have been laid in a new trench beside the original schedule 45 pipe, and have been made of much more expensive schedule 100 pipe surrounded by insulation and a steel culvert shielding. None of these new sections have collapsed, although water lines adjacent to them and running on top of the old line, have experienced breakages (such as the one outside the Downtown Hotel in the winter) when the old pipe continued to settle. All the replacement work has been done in the fall to minimize permafrost damage. So far it seems to be working, and that is the standard which the YTG financed repairs will meet.

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Editorial: Come What May

by Dan Davidson

How do I begin? Let's see. Did you enjoy Break-up? Nope. Nobody I've talked to did, and I missed it, so what can I say about it? Not a good place to begin.

Maybe: Welcome to summer! Of course, I'm writing my editorial in Whitehorse on a Saturday night and by today when you read this it could be snowing again for all I know. I'll leave the season's greetings to Art Vickers and just hope he's back this month to pick up the slack.

Maybe I should commemorate the departure of the largest attraction the Dawson Community Library has had since the gift tree from Parks got cut back. On the other hand, John Bilton is saying his own farewells later in these pages, so I could probably skip that.

I should say hello to our new paid summer staff, but most of you already know Brent Morrison from his years of volunteer work on the paper. Liza Sardi, on the other hand, comes to us from Ryerson, where she is studying journalism. There were 32 other Ryerson students who gave us a dingle on the telephone, but Liza decided to make the trek up here and camp out on our doorsteps without any assurances at all. We talked it over and decided that this was far too much in the Klondike spirit to ignore.

It's been one of those weeks for me, and I haven't actually met Liza yet, but we've reviewed some of the same books and I agree with her judgement on those, so I'm sure we'll get along. Meantime, Brent tells me I should hurry up and file some copy before she fills up the paper.

I've been working on that. The sweet harmonies at the sewer and water public forum last Thursday night were enough to generate a hat trick worth of material. It was surprising how relatively few people turned up at that meeting considering how hot the rumors were which preceded it. Just goes to show how reliable the local grapevine can be or, as the kids these days put it: NOT!

You can take the stories we've heard about who we hired for the summer and how we went about it with the same barge-load of salt. Our eager beavers are planning for 40 pages and they've only been on the job since May 4. Scary.

Arthur Black noted last month that there weren't any Dawson jokes, not even a lightbulb joke. (How many Dawsonites does it take to change a lightbulb in the summer? None -- we don't use them then.) I thought maybe we should see if we can generate a few (printable) items and send them off to him just to prove that we can do it. We don't promise any prizes, but we'll print anything that doesn't require too many dingbats (&@^\$#) and won't get us sued.*

See you in June.

OOOOPS!

Our "Klondike Kids" section has been home to two consecutive bloopers. Firstly, our March issue listed Luke Everitt as Lucas, and last month, Randy Taylor's mnam fell of the page sometime between layout and printing. Our apologies.

Thundering children should stay at home

Dear Editor:

How often can it be that the citizens of Dawson City are entertained by someone as renowned as the St. Michael's Boy's Choir. It is such a shame that for many the concert was ruined by the lack of supervision of some of the children who were in attendance.

St. Michael's Choir travelled a long way from home to bring us this type of entertainment and I know that most everyone appreciated their effort; I know I certainly did. Isn't it somewhat disheartening to hear all those beautiful voices competing with the thundering footsteps of children running in and out of the gymnasium, children who are fidgeting and fussing, children who are insistent on making a noise loud enough to disrupt the listening enjoyment of the audience.

Where are the parents of these children? Why do they attend these functions but at the same time allow their children to attend unsupervised? What do the children learn from this; only that they can do anything they want to disrupt the performance and get away with it. Who is going to ask them to leave or to please stop making such a disturbance? Through the entire performance I did not see an effort made by any parent to control or reprimand these unruly children.

Maybe next time Dawson City makes such an effort to have any great talent perform here, they will also make an effort to ensure that we will be able to enjoy the performance without having to be continually disrupted by unruly children.

Name withheld by request

Parents should have hired sitters

Dear Editor:

It was to be an evening of pure bliss listening to St. Michael's Choir but it really wasn't. It seems there is always the same problem with young children. At the back could be heard children running up and down and really stomping their feet.

Others were continually walking or running down the middle aisle and throwing themselves down in front of the choir. Smaller children were restless and parents were shushing them.

Usually when parents want a night out they get a baby sitter but not this time. Other parents completely seem to forget they have children and let them do as they please.

There was a concert held at the school the next day so there was no need to take them in the evening unless they could keep them quiet.

This is an ongoing problem at most of the functions and I sincerely hope that the next time there is a concert that stricter rules will be enforced.

Name withheld by request

Attention Motorists

Yes it's bicycle season again and the highway is dry and busy with not only cyclists, but joggers, runners and walkers too. Have you ever been scared to take that route because of speeding and not so courteous motorists? I know I have!

But it's the only pavement in and around Dawson you say! That's right so you motorists, please slow down when passing by us *Participation Pleasers!*

Just a friendly reminder: the speed limit signs are there for us to read and obey!!

Lorie Sprokkreeff
(Walker, biker and mother)

Point of View

by Jon Calon

This month I am going to write about a more sobering thought. Theft. True some people have had the experience of having something stolen from them, and some haven't. Before April 19, I thought that theft happened to someone else. I thought wrong. I admit that I did have trust in the community to leave other peoples' stuff alone, but sadly enough this trust has been broken.

I mistakenly left my locker at school open for about 45 minutes and someone in that period went into my coat and

stole my wallet. Of course I realize that the money is probably stuffed into a cash register in town, but the cards in it have left me without ID.

It will be a hassle until I have gotten my learner's license, health care card, SIN card (\$10 for a replacement card), bank card, and, well the list goes on. I admit that leaving the locker open is an experience to say the least, no doubt it is one to learn from.

I feel betrayed. I thought that theft only happened in major centres, but in the scheme of things, this is a major centre. I know even the teachers don't bring money or other personal effects to the school because of the few proverbial "Bad Apples". Of course, since the locker was open when everyone was in the hall, I have no suspects. Anyone could have taken it.

I had money in it, which I would have spent in the community, and support local businesses. After all, money is meant to be spent, now or in the future. After all, money powers an economy, large or small. Of course, the money is gone and I guess the community loses also. The chocolate bar that comes from a local store, a roast beef sandwich at a local restaurant, and a pop out of the vending machine. All would have been bought with the money in the wallet, but now that it is gone, I can't spend it. I lose the money, so the community loses also. Pretty sad isn't it?

I had trust, but now that trust is gone. Oh well, life goes on.

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Photo by Liza Sardi

A crowd of about 20 people gathered to watch Mayor Peter Jenkins and CIBC regional manager Dave Waterman officially open the new bank machine. Waterman said he expects the machine will stop eating bank cards once it has settled into town.

Dawson's first bank machine opens for service

by Liza Sardi

In keeping with tradition the CIBC has once again brought new technology to the North -- Dawson's first bank machine is now open for business.

The Bank of Commerce has been on the leading edge since it raced the Bank of British North America to the Yukon during the gold rush almost 100 years ago.

While the BNA might have arrived first, the Commerce came equipped with the tools to measure the true fine gold content. Back then the basic equipment was a furnace to melt the gold dust and a scale to measure the weight.

And on Monday, May 3, Mayor Peter Jenkins and CIBC Regional Manager Dave Waterman carried on that tradition when they cut a ribbon of \$5

bills to officially open the latest in technology, the bank new machine.

The scissors they used to cut the ribbon for the new machine were also used to open the new bank office in 1988.

The \$100 ribbon was donated to the Women's Shelter -- the charity chosen by bank employees.

"We've been lobbying for some time with the bank to get the machine," said Mayor Jenkins.

"The new machine will better service the tourism industry and local business," said Waterman. "It will provide the citizens of Dawson with 24 hour service."

Branch Manager Paul Henderson said that tourists will be the big winners. "They often arrive after we're closed and they don't carry cash."

Unfortunately, Dawsonites won't likely be seeing a reduction in the line-ups, according to Henderson, because the volume of people who use the bank will remain the same.

The machine will cost \$40,000 plus installation costs. The KVA donated \$5,000 and the City donated \$15,000 towards the costs. But the cost doesn't faze many business people.

"Definitely from a business standpoint it's a must," said Romy Jansen, the owner of the Wild and Woolly Unique Boutique. "I've lost a lot of sales because people don't know the bank isn't always open."

Today, the bank that once cashed a cheque for \$3 written on a six-inch-square piece of spruce, is letting customers take out their money with little more than thin a piece of plastic.

Tourism North conference fills up Dawson

by Liza Sardi

The tourism season may not have officially started but the Tourism North conference has attracted delegates from Yukon, Alaska and British Columbia to help fill Dawson's hotels.

"It's a good way to kick start the season," said volunteer co-ordinator Brenda Caley.

The goal of the May 3 to 5 conference was to train visitor reception staff from the three areas.

These front line people from across the north were being trained together because most tourists visit all three spots when they come.

Delegates came from Panhandle to Prince George. Even the tourism department from Victoria was present for the three day conference.

"It was great because we could get information about all the parts we guide people to," said Linda Bierlmeier from Whitehorse.

The delegates learned marketing, staff and budget planning and humour in the work environment. They also sampled overnight accommodations and meals at a variety of hotels.

"It let's us all know what's

going on," said Wendy Wolf, deputy director of the tourism. "Visitors are given the same visitor information in all jurisdictions creating a network."

Delegates also had high praise for the organizers.

"Dawson's been great hosts, very hospitable," said Lisa Rallo for Tok, Alaska.

Mayor Peter Jenkins even opened his home up for the Alaskan delegates, who arrived a day early, for a big barbecue.

The conference took place at the Visitor Reception Centre and Diamond Tooth Gerties.

Though all three areas-- Yukon, Northern B.C. and Alaska, took part in the organization, Brenda Caley, Peggy Amandola and Marlene Braga co-ordinated events in Dawson.

This is the fourth Tourism North conference. The three regions originally entered into a

three year agreement to co-operate with each other, which has since been renewed for another year. This is also the first year the conference was also scheduled to overlap with the Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon conference.

Bears

Although bears are still relatively abundant in our part of the world, on a global scale all species of bear including the North American Black Bear are listed with the Convention for International trade in Endangered Species as being either threatened or endangered.

Unfortunately world-wide commercialization of body parts, destruction of habitat and conflict with humans has resulted in the decimation of many populations. Perhaps it is time we started to appreciate our bears while we still have an opportunity. The next time you see one of these interesting creatures in your travels, give it a second thought.



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So, that's what they use the oxygen for ...

Fire safety comes to the Klondike Valley

by Dan Davidson

As the bay doors of the new Klondike Valley Fire Department opened on April 18 and the volunteer crew emerged from the artificial smoke haze wearing full gear and bearing balloons for everyone, one could not help think how odd it was that it would be here that an official opening came off with such flair and so close to the announced time.

But the threat of fire, made real three years ago, has forced quite a few changes on the Rock Creek/Henderson's Corner community, as Fire Chief Howard Mann readily admits.

"It woke 'em up, opened their eyes, and I think that was the catalyst that started the loner type of people that live in the valley to start coming together and pulling together unto a common cause. It took something that's not nice, but it's sometimes necessary to get people to come together and pull together to pull something like this off."

Klondike Valley Community

If this means that the Klondike Valley is becoming a community, Mann accepts that: "It's becoming a community because people have to have someplace to go and to live and this is the natural way things happen."

"They may have been individualists when they came here, but when they get into a community situation like this (where) it just happens," said Mann. "They have to start thinking a little more community minded and giving of themselves and pooling their efforts to get some kind of safety and security feeling for themselves and their

families."

For the 25-30 households in Rock Creek and about the same number just up the road at Henderson's, working to organize the building of the firehall and the fire department has been that sort of an exercise.

Practice makes perfect

There hasn't been a major life threatening fire since then according to Mann, but the 8-10 volunteers who make up the group practice every two weeks just in case, and have made themselves ready to be the first line of defence against fire.

Dawson volunteers

The Dawson volunteers would help of course, and Mann was full of praise for Dawson's fire chief Pat Cayen, who has helped and advised since he moved here. "It's starting to come together and it's a happy sight for Pat and myself."

It took close to half a million dollars to construct and equip the two bay building. In addition to the work and training space, the department has a single pumper engine, a fair sized training room, an administrative office, store-room and washrooms. Located just south of the Dawson City Airport on the Klondike Highway, the station is poised to respond to alarms from either direction and has avoided being incapacitated by the flooding of parts of the Rock Creek road, a yearly occurrence which was already beginning to be evident that week-end.

Wanda Schmidt, the president of the Klondike Valley Firefight-

ers' Association, notes that the operations and maintenance of the building is still an unknown. Though the official opening was in April the department moved in last January, and it's still too soon to know what it costs to be there.

"I think the people who were involved up to this stage have done a tremendous amount of work and should just be totally congratulated," said Schmidt, who took office last November. "The hall's here and it's got a good community function (as well) for people who want to come out and use it."

Community event

The opening was a true community event, with several hundred people milling around. Children had a ball with "Sparky" the Fire dog and "Pluggy" the remote control, R2D2 style hydrant, as well as going through the mobile fire safety house which came up from Whitehorse for the occasion along with Deputy Chief Clive Sparks, firefighter Bob Jacobs and Fire Marshall Jack Holdsworth.

There was a short round of speeches surrounding the cutting of the ribbon. Mann said that this day was for fun and celebration and words weren't supposed to get in the way. So with cake and hotdogs, soft drinks and goodies, the crowd milled around, played tug-o-war with a firehose, used the high pressure rig to knock over targets from a distance, dunked the fire chief and generally had a fine Sunday afternoon.

How to win a big fat government contract

The Yukon government has published a 16 page booklet aimed at helping businesses win government contracts.

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Getting down to basics with Arthur Black

by Dan Davidson

Author's readings tend to pull the dedicated few, but that could not be said of Arthur Black's recent visit to Dawson City. The CBC radio host, commentator and humorist drew a crowd of over 65 to his National Book Festival reading on April 26. The ages of the audience ranged from elementary school to senior citizens, showing how well Black is known across the generations as a result of his "Basic Black" Saturday morning radio show.

Black was in Dawson for the third time, having twice before been an MC at the Dawson City Music Festival. He noted that, while it wasn't as summery or as light as his last two visits, he managed to miss both the snow and the mosquitoes, so he wasn't complaining.

Black's presentation took the form of an hour long monologue, skipping from subject to subject in what seemed to be a free form manner, even though he was working from a file in front of him at the lectern. This fooled a number of people into thinking he wasn't actually doing a reading, but a quick check of his three most recent books, *Back To Black*, *That Old Black Magic* and *Arthur*, reveals that he had pulled material from selections that went back to at least 1988 and had strung them together. Since each of his essays can usually be delivered in under four minutes, that means that quite a bit of material was packed into the hour.

Black's themes are familiar to any Saturday morning radio listener: the silliness of some current fads, the pretentiousness of Toronto, the strange way he makes his living, the way some

events seem to assault common sense, plays on words and ideas. These are served up with a dry delivery which pulls you into his thinking and says, "Hear, listen to this bit of nuttiness I've just heard. You're all intelligent people, so I know you'll understand this."

Listen to the nuttiness that he has heard

There were obviously a number of them in the audience. Tour operator Cathie Langtry thanked him for the many pleasant Saturday mornings he'd given her when she lived in the bush in British Columbia. Sourdough Sue Ward noted that he was her favourite way to spend a Saturday morning in bed.

In a mock resume, Black introduced himself as a child who was retained by his parents in 1943 primarily because he was a tax deduction. No other portents signaled his birth. Unspectacular at school (though he has an honorary doctorate from Lakehead

in Thunder Bay), he claims to have been even worse in the work force, holding "27 different kinds of jobs" before finding his niche in broadcasting. He says that his is an insane profession in which adults find themselves isolated in booths wearing hyperthyroid earmuffs while talking to what appears to be "an ice cream cone wearing body armour," but that his "unnatural lust for a regular paycheque" keeps him at it.

In addition to broadcasting, Black produces several regular columns, does speaking engagements (thereby disillusioning vast numbers of people who have already decided what he looks like based on his voice) and recycles his better material in book form. This is not a bad way for a "folically challenged" individual to make a living.

Dawson, Black noted, doesn't seem to have had a lot of jokes written about it -- it doesn't even seem to have its own lightbulb joke. He set out to correct that to a certain extent. Once past his evening reading, he and producer John Steichcomb set out to record interviews with a number of Dawson residents, including longtime miner and historian John Gould, as well as arranging

for some original Dawson music to put on the radio show in about two week's time.



Photo by Michael Gates

Infamous Arthur Black -- the man behind that voice on CBC every Saturday morning.



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Celebrating 35 nutty years

The Nuts, clockwise from the top: Sue Ward, Shirley Pennel, Lorraine Fisk, Kathy Jones-Gates, Palma Berger, Ann Shannon, Wilda Webster, Cassandra Crayford, Barb Hanulik, Brenda Caley, Uta Riley and Suzzane Saito.

Last hurrah for "The Nuts"

by Sue Ward

It helps if you've been one, or worked on any newsgathering publication, to understand the deep sense of finality, even when the final wrapup is in the form of a splendid repast at Marina's on 28 April 1993.

The Klondike Korner was born just as this sheet, through the need to keep the record straight on the comings and goings of folks in Dawson and surrounding mining creeks and settlements. Only by volunteers could such a goal be reached and there must be those who will put the deadline above all other commitments.

We have all given tremendous values in Klondike promotion as the KK travelled across the continent, even an ocean or two, and we proudly follow with The Klondike Sun.

"And where do all the Old Nuts Go" "Long time in passing"

On hand in Marina's gathered: Barb Hanulik, who made time to set the feast. She is now trying to keep the Gold's Gym Crowd,

the 8th Ave. Trappers, a Garden, and Mining on Glacier Creek, all in the air at one time. *Ann Shannon* - Counting money at Gertie's and drives a wild bus for Buffalo. *Brenda Caley* - Looking over Guggieville to see if everything's under control. *Uta Riley* - Besides all the gold nugget jewellery making--spends her time walking "Aurora" her dog. *Cassandra Crayford* - Same as ever--watch out world--here comes Cassandra! *Wild Webster* - Spending her time at the bank, and at Reno, or at Bingo! *Lorraine Fisk* - Trying to disappear into the woodwork down at the Nugget Shop and architecting her Retirement Home in N.B. *Shirley Pennell* - No rest for this gal, Vice Principal of School, City Councillor, and caretaking 50 deep fried flamin-

gos! *Kathy Jones-Gates* - Oils the gears at the Klondike Sun, enjoying Motherhood, looking forward to a summer of friends and family, at last! *Suzzane Saito* - Tried everything from hanging

drywall to baker and cook,

curatorial with Parks Canada, about to be certified in Admin. Services. Walla!

Sue Ward - Writing "The" book on a computer! *Palma Berger* - Has risen to great heights! From downstairs as Asst.Mgr. at the Grog Shop to Upstairs as Mgr. Dawson City Housing. Of course it may all be cut out from under if the building comes down.

Not present: *Amelia Grandy* - On 2nd Honeymoon, *Pia Blattler* - Spring Holiday in Whitehorse! *Marlene Braga* - Unloading furniture. *Lynne Bowie* - Counting money. *Lynne MacKenzie* - Counting Choir Boys (125 of them in town.) *Susan Russell* - Making mudpies with kids. *Val Brickner* - So glad most of her kids are out of school. *Marion Hadley* - Refuses to be interviewed by CBC or any tabloids. In Whitehorse, away from all the action of Dawson Town: *Yolanda Bukkhard*, *Mona Troberg*, *May*

ODE TO THE NUTS

Sourdough Sue Ward, August 1975

It's the yackety yak with the clickety clack, that sets the evenin' hummin',

When the Klondike Korner goes to press, you'll see the NUTS a-runnin'

But long before the presses roll
The news must all be gathered
And when your name comes, -- your ED.
The "sheet" is all that matters.

Who's gone OUT and who's come IN (An error is a mortal sin.)
What's to do and what's been done. And 'where' and 'why' and 'how's' the fun.

Thank heavens for the typists
Who set the items straight,
For the Joe who cuts the stencils,
Before we meet at eight.

"A picture's worth a thousand words" So says the age old story.
Our artists have their talents tried to tell of Dawson's glory.

You'd never know the Home Ec Room
At Robert Service School,
On every second Thursday night
When the "Korner" prints to rule.

Our ancient hand-cranked mimeograph attacks the well-inked stencils,
Then spews the copies, three hundred strong -- but we're far from the end still.

The staple guns are loaded tight
As couples meet at tables;
One gathers sheets from 'one' to 'six'
T'other 'thumps fast as she is able.

With address sheets and pens all poised, the Mailing Room's in motion
And thoughts traverse the spans of miles as friends "return" -- a strange emotion.

Her Majesty's Mail requires a stamp --
Now there's a phase that's sticky.
Yuk -- why don't they flavor 'em with mint?
That glue can make you sicky.

Fold in three -- staple twice more, and sort to TOWN or YONDER,
Clean up the press, and all the mess, then to the bar we wander.

There's one free drink from the Korner's purse,
To toast old friends while squinting,
But most of all, we'll share the news
That wasn't FIT FOR PRINTING.

Gudmundson, Deb Wortley, Irene Crayford, Ellen Moore, Elaine Hanulik.

goldpan when compared to the stories of the people who came and called this 'moose pasture' home.

Even further afield: *Kay Holloway* and *Karen Johnston* And two long-gone Nuts: *Lil Munroe* and *Pretoria Butterworth*. Deceased: *Emma Mellor* and *Margretta Goundreau*.

The remaining funds of The Klondike Korner, about \$800. has been donated to the Robert Service School to enhance the Choir, Band, Year Book, or other such activity.

It is good to honour each of these women and any others we may have overlooked.

For 35 years, when it was no longer profitable to publish the news, our story has been recorded. The Klondike Gold Rush was truly a flash in the

In August 1975, Sourdough Sue Ward composed "Ode to the Nuts" Herewith in its entirety as we all give The Last Hurrah to "The Nuts" (The gals called themselves "The Nutty Club")

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Career day at Robert Service School

by Pam Lawrie

On April 28, the grade nine to twelve students from Robert Service School and five Yukon College students participated in a day long event designed to be an experimental, hands on look at today's world of work.

The day began with a video entitled "Modern Workplace Realities" featuring a dynamic presentation by employment counsellor Dave Street from Kelowna, B.C. He asks students, "What two things make it harder to find a job in the 1990's as opposed to the 1960's?"

The reason is that there are more qualified people applying for fewer jobs. By the year 2000, 60 to 80 per cent of jobs available will require at least a high school education. There will also be fewer full-time jobs, and more part-time, contract, and term positions.

For these reasons, and our concern that students be fully aware of the modern workplace realities facing them, a Career Day organizing committee came together consisting of Robert Service School Principal Carol McCauley; School counsellor, Clair Dragoman; Social Skills workshop instructor, Don Armitage; Dawson First nation Stay-in-School coordinator, Pam Lawrie; Klondike Outreach staff, Penny Soderlund and Jim Toner; Pat Russell, instructor from Yukon College; Marjorie Stephenson, Klondike National Historic Sites Chief Finance and Admin.; Fletcher Hunston, Klondike Visitors Assn.; and Denny Kobayashi, President of Dawson City Chamber of Commerce.

The day was full of information, beginning with the movie, and followed by three twenty-minute mini-workshops. The students either chose between either "Training and Employment" by Lori Lacey from Y.T.G.; "Yukon College" by Pat Russel; "Land Surveyor" by Joe Isles;

"Job Interviews" by Don Armitage; "Entrepreneur" by Denise Frasier; and "Job Applications" by Marjie Stephenson and Penny Soderlund.

The video and workshops gave a foundation for the site visits that followed. The students were able to choose three different work settings/speakers, one in the morning, and two in the afternoon.

They spent approximately an hour per visit, were able to ask questions directly to the employer, and in many sites had the opportunity to get some hands-on experience.

The committee would like to express their appreciation to all the people listed below who took time out of their day to show the students a slice of their work-life.

Work-Sites /Facilitators

Accounting/Computer/Secretary: Mimi Elliot, Trinke Zho Day-care: Lori Bergland, Dawson First Nation Housing Dept.: Jill Jeffrey, Dawson First Nation Drug and Alcohol Worker: Freda Roberts, Dawson First Nation Land Claims: Tim Gerberding, Hospitality/Bartending: Cathy Laking & Charlotte Burian, Parks Carpentry Shop: Ben Johnson, Dawson First Nation: Chief and Council, Computer Analyst, Y.T.G.: Cheryl West, Cook, Downtown Hotel: Ernie Ryter, Doctor: Dr. Suzanne Crocker, Electrician: Terry Crain, Engineer: Joe Isles, Expediting: Wanda Schmidt, Finning: Shirley Reeve, Fire Dept.: Pat Cayen, Fixed Wing: Richard McMaster (M.O.T.) and Marco Giovanni (Bonanza Aviation), Forestry: Kelvin Leary, Freight (Trucking): Earl MacKenzie, Hairdressing: Maria and Corine (Hair Cabaret); Celeste (Lifestyles), Helicopter, Trans North: Adam Morrison, Land Surveyor: Joe Isles, Law: Joanne Smith, J.P., Mining: Grizzly Mines, Torfinn Djukastein, Museum: Heather Smith,

Music/Theatre: Pat Henman, Northern Kat: John Schmidt, Nurse: Glenna Miller, R.C.M.P.: Sgt. Gordon Crowe, Renewable Resources: John Russel, Teacher: Sheri Cooper, Visual Art: Melissa McConnell, Welder: Hank Barandse, Y.T.G. Maintenance: Ralph Nordling

Drivers (As you can imagine, transporting the students was a big job in itself, and we would like to thank the following for their driving time): Cathie Langtry, Don Armitage, Pam Lawrie, Clair Dragoman, and Marjie Stephenson

As you can see, an incredible contribution was made by the community to the future of our youth, and I am sure that I have probably forgotten people who gave their time and energy. My apologies to those not mentioned.

Any comments or suggestions are welcome towards making career day as successful next year as it was this year. Please phone the school (993-5435), or the Yukon College (993-5231). Thanks again from the Career Day Steering Committee

From the Yukon Sun Feb. 1, 1903

That Typewriter

I Have a new Typ-eWriter,
Annd it is my de;ight
to Patter on it gaiLY,
And write, and write) and writes\$
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Hank Berense shows Don Tutin Jr. how to weld at career day.

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Quality is the key to tourism

by Liza Sardi

The Yukon tourism industry should be aiming for the baby boomer market and improving their quality of service according to David Richardson, key note speaker for the Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon's annual conference.

The dynamic speaker held his audiences attention for over four hours while he lectured on topics such as quality of service, motivating employees, identifying markets and harvesting tourists.

"He could have talked for another hour," said Ruth Koenig Festel of Nature Tours of the Yukon.

"It was a good mixture of education, information and entertainment at the same time," said her husband and partner Ed Festel.

"I've been to his seminars before and I've seen people laughing and crying in the aisles," said Dawson's Mayor

Peter Jenkins.

Richardson's market analysis ties into the results of segmentation study done on behalf of the Department of Tourism and the Tourism Marketing Council. The study identified the outdoor adventure market, or more specifically a group they call "style conscious" as the future of tourism. This older groups has the money and the time to spend on "quality" vacations.

According to their research, about 10 million people in North America fit this profile.

"I'm a baby boomer," said Minister of Tourism Doug Phillips, who agreed with Richardson's analysis. "We're in our midlife, we have established careers, disposable income, leisure time and the ability to travel."

"I think the boomer will be the future of tourism for the next 10 to 15 years."

This is the first year the

Department of Tourism has targetted this market and according to Marketing Director Klaus Roth, they have responded "extremely well; higher and better than anticipated."

"We don't have the resources to concentrate on a large market," said Klaus Roth. "Alaska has the money for broad awareness but we have to focus strategically on the market that has the highest potential."

Many of the existing tourists who visit the Yukon are Alaska bound according to Roth and this is the first attempt to concentrate on another group.

"The largest motivator to travel is word of mouth," said Akio Saito, development officer for Yukon Tourism. "Quality of service is a must. It's the little

things that tip the balance."

Richardson stressed that providing quality service would pay off because tourists would talk about their positive experiences.

He said the best marketing was not as good as word of mouth.

David Hett of Dawson Peaks Northern Resort agreed. "When people have bad experiences they never say, I had a crummy meal at so-and-so's restaurant, but of the awful time they had in Teslin. It makes us all look bad."

"Why do tourists come?" asked Richardson. "But more conference overlapped with the conference of Tourism North, a organization made up of tourism offices from the Yukon, Alaska and Northern British Columbia. The two groups -- private and

public sector -- spent an evening networking.

In conclusion Richardson announced that Yukoners were more friendly than Alaskans and called Dawson the "best kept secret of the Yukon." importantly, what do they say when they leave?"

For the first time, the TIAY

Riverwatcher's Lament by Dan Davidson

*Near the river, on the dyke
watchers come and go,
out upon an evening's hike,
moving to and fro*

*Watching ice upon the river,
hoping day and night.
Clutching tickets, hearts
a- quiver;
"Did we get it right?"*

*Tripod sits out on the ice,
cabled to a clock;
a moment's shift and in a
trice
time's moving hands are
stopped.*

*In some years ice blocks
crack and shiver
making quite a show.
We watch the Yukon rise
and
wonder
when the jams will go.*

*There have been floods, there
has been mud,
there has been quite a panic.
So when the ice floes grind
and
thud
we Dawsonites grow manic.*

*We like the sight of bergs all
flowing.
It gives us quite a rush.
But this year's Break-up
wasn't
glowing,
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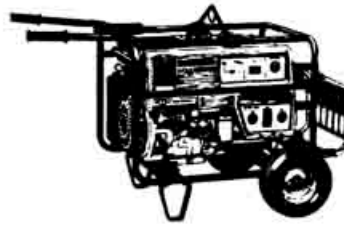
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World class snowboarders to experience Kluane

Press Release

Whitehorse - Three renowned snowboarders, an accomplished snowboard filmmaker, and a well-published photographer are in the Yukon this week to test their skills and stamina in Kluane National Park.

Canadians Alex Warburton, a freerider, and Kevin Young, a freestyler, along with American freerider Matt Goodwill have been joined by Arthur Krehbiel of Fall Line Films. Group leader is photographer Eric Berger of Whistler, B.C.

"We're happy to have these world-class athletes testing their skills on our terrain," said Tourism Minister Doug Phillips. "For Yukon, the value of the exposure on an international scale through film, video, and magazines will be considerable."

Snowboarder Magazine recently rated Warburton second in the world in freeriding. He

appears in Fall Line Films' "Riders on the Storm" and in Real Action Production's "Tales from the Snow Zone". Warburton will write the story about the teams' Yukon Adventure.

Young, a strong Canadian freestyler, is on his first trip of this nature. He is the first Canadian rider to be signed to the team sponsored by K2, a snowboard manufacturer, and has recently been featured in Powder Magazine and Powder TV.

Goodwill's freeriding talents recently won him the World Extreme Snowboard Championship in Valdez, Alaska competing against 20 of the top riders in the world.

Fall Line Films has produced such snowboard videos as "Riders on the storm", "Critical Condition", and "Snowboarders in Exile". Berger's photos have been

published in the TransWorld Snowboarding, Snowboard Canada, and Concrete Powder, as well as publications in France and Japan.

"Two program initiatives of the department, the public relations/publicity program and the film site promotion program have combined to encourage this dual-purpose activity in the Yukon," said the Tourism Minister.

Morrow Snowboards, Quiksilver, and Bonfire Clothing sponsor Warburton and Goodwill, while K2, Canadian Clothier Westbeach, and Airwalk sponsor Young.



Anniversaries office to be located in Dawson

by Liza Sardi

Minister of Tourism Doug Phillips announcement to locate the Anniversaries Commission main office in Dawson was met with loud applause and hooting at the May 6 to 8 Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon conference.

"It is appropriate and fitting that as the major beneficiaries and key hosts of the Gold Rush Anniversaries, that the office be located here," said the minister at TIAY's three day conference in Dawson.

"We're pleased," said Society President Jon Magnusson. "Now we've got our work cut out for us."

"Now it's our turn."

The office issue is near and dear to Dawson. According to David Russell of ARA Consulting the choice of the office location was important to consider because of the perception for the outside.

The Yukon Anniversaries Commission held their third and final workshop on May 6 discuss planning for the Yukon Anniversaries. The Society hoped to set the direction for the new.

One of the concerns the Society expressed within their Goals for Gold strategic plan was "the lack of Yukon Anniversaries Commission organizational and strategic planning currently being carried out and/or contemplated for the up-coming Centennial celebrations."

The Society also hopes to lobby for the maximum number of members appointed from Dawson City.

The Society will be moving their office out of the Mme. Tremblays into the B.N.A. Bank as an interim location, before it hopefully relocates into the Waterfront building.

And while the Yukon Anniversaries Commission may

have been dawdling, planning for the Anniversaries has been full steam ahead for the Society.

At their May 5 meeting the Society said they were considering a gondola from the Palace Grand to the Dome and a potential railroad to Goldface

from Skagway.

Society member John Gould is also looking into buying lots along Ridge Road for possible bike, walking or buggy trails and campsites.

And for children the Society is holding an essay contest.

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*For when you have imagination
There is no barrier, no wall
Oh, with imagination
I can do anything at all*

*They say I am of fancies woven
And dream too many dreams
The world prefers the doers
Or so it often seems*

*For doers make the world go 'round.
And that, of course, is true,
But oh, for songs and fantasies
The world needs dreamers, too.
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We want to hear from you if you have an idea or research proposal which could enhance the environmental sustainability of Yukon farming

The Canada / Yukon Agreement on the Agri-Food component of the Green Plan has research funds available for individuals or organizations who can develop strategies that will lead to improvements in the Yukon industry.

The six categories for funding consideration call for strategies to:

- address water quality
- sustain soil and land resources
- protect wildlife habitat
- address pollution and waste management
- enhance public awareness, and
- for on farm demonstration and applied research.

Preference will be given to small scale projects because of the limited funds available this year.

The deadline for written proposals for this year's funding is Wednesday May 26. Proposals will also be accepted for projects which could be carried out in 1994.

Background information on the program is available from the Agriculture Branch office in the Tutshi Building at Second and Wood in downtown Whitehorse and the front desk of the Yukon government administration building on Second Avenue and the Yukon Agricultural Association offices.

Residents outside Whitehorse should telephone the Agriculture Branch at 667-3417 to arrange for an information package to be sent to them. Call 1-800-0408, toll free and ask for local 3417.

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Dawson's Ranger Patrol have volunteered to help with any flooding this spring.

Photo by Madeleine Gould

Gold Show spikes Dawson May 28 and 29

by Liza Sardi

If some Dawsonites thought they'd skip the Gold Show this year maybe they should think again.

It seems the show's reputation has impressed some outsiders -- delegates from Nigeria and Ghana are expected to attend.

Tom Sidon, minister of Indian and Northern and Indian Affairs and John Ostashek, government leader will both be giving speeches at the opening breakfast.

"It's important that they attend because it's the once chance the miners have to talk to the minister," said Co-ordinator Paula Pawlovich.

John DeVries, minister of Economic Development and M.L.A. David Millar will also be attending the eight annual show.

The timing of the show will coincide with the annual general meeting of the Klondike Placer Miners Association.

Some of the highlights include the Legion barbecue and beer garden, a fashion show at Diamond Tooth Gerties and a gold panning competition.

The difference between this year's show and last year's according to Pawlovich is that the committee is trying to pull in businesses that the general public would be interested in -- such as the Cyclery from Whitehorse.

And their won't be as much entertainment to draw away from the exhibitors.

At the request of the miners the seminars are back, organized by Randy Clarkson of New Era Engineering. They will take place in Gerties following the opening ceremonies breakfast.

They are: An evaluation of the gold recovery of placer drills using radiotracers; Preliminary results of the ground penetrating radar test program; Understanding the environmental movement (a brief history and a look at their current goals); Alaskan recycle systems; and the New Zealand mining and sluicing method.

The Klondike Centennial Society is running a lottery for a Toyota T-100 truck with Kodiak ATV and a mountain bike. Tickets will be sold at local businesses starting at the show until the Outhouse Races in September.

Attendance at the show has been down in the past few years because of the economic climate. This year many companies are sending delegates but not exhibitors because of the expense of putting up a booth, said Pawlovich.

The show is starting a week later than last year because of the conflicts with Victoria Day weekend and clearing the ice from the arena.

The organizers are Denny Kobayashi and Bob Laking from the Chamber of Commerce and Gold Show co-ordinator Paula Pawlovich, Chair Lambert Curzon, and committee members Lynne MacKenzie and Peter Menzies.

Rangers learn marksmanship and safety

by John Mitchell

The annual training exercise of the Dawson Patrol of the Canadian Rangers took place the last two weekends of April.

The training consisted of two weekends field practices and four evenings of classroom work.

Though attendance was down due to the scheduling, approximately 20 patrol members participated. Five new rangers were also welcomed on board: Joann Bell, Dan Coza, Wayne Fraughton, Jeremy Roht and Jackie Semple.

The first weekend was spent in Bivouac at Swede Creek. Training concentrated on marksmanship and familiarizing the cadets with weapons.

Roy Johnson was top shot with the 9 mm pistol and Brian

MacDonald took top honors in the rifle shoot. Jackie Semple showed everyone how it's done in a tea boil contest.

The weekday classroom work covered a variety of topics. Capt. Dale Dryden, the commanding officer of rangers (Yukon) covered general service knowledge (including how to recognize a general), map and compass theory, search and rescue and rifle drill.

An excellent first aid training program was taught by Susan Ross, Debbie Menzies, Mike Kirth, Kerry Haffey and Phil Combs. Instruction was given in AR, CPR, casualty evacuation and wilderness first aid.

For the final weekend field exercise the patrol travelled to Flat Creek. Again bush skills

were demonstrated. Bruce Taylor and Jackie Semple got together on a moose nose dinner; Dan Cozac and Steven Kormendy distributed a lake trout/salmon meal. Master Cpl. Alan Anderson contributed grilled beaver hors-d'oeuvre starting at "take one beaver ..!" Although rations were supplied most were bypassed in favour of bush dishes.

A field exercise in map and compass work was conducted and everyone arrived at the desired location despite difficult snow and water conditions in the bush.

Elizabeth and Mary Bell along with Joanne Hunston volunteered to be the lost people in a search and rescue exercise at Rock Creek. They were located safely along with "Herman" the weasel, and evacuated using techniques learned in the

classroom.

Capt. Dryden commended the patrol on its performance which has made it the number one ranger patrol in the Yukon. A little know fact is that Dawson City was home of the first Ranger Patrol in Canada. Some of the original rangers still reside in Dawson. As a tribute to our past the current patrol has selected for it's unit crest a gold Number One.

Dawson Rangers will be on call to work with RCMP in the event of flooding this spring. A select team of marksman will be sent to Haines Junction in June to participate in the first annual Ranger Marksman Competition. Additional scheduled training will commence this fall and will include train breaking for the 1994 Yukon Quest Sled Race.

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Protecting against calling card fraud

News release submitted by Northwestel

Whitehorse -- Northwestel has announced the introduction of Personal Identification Numbers (PIN) to help combat calling card fraud.

Effective immediately, the last four digits on all new calling cards will not be printed on the calling card. The PIN will be personally chosen by the customer when the calling card is ordered.

"We've taken this step to protect our customers from calling card fraud," said Bill Dunbar, president of Northwestel. "The new system will prevent calling cards from being used without the customer's permission. It will be a system very similar to bank cards."

Calling card fraud costs customers in the Northwestel operating area over \$50,000 per year. It is estimated that calling card fraud totals approximately \$100 million across Canada.

Calling cards are easy and convenient -- the customer simply touches "0" and the number they are calling. A voice asks for the calling card number, and the customer enters the number imprinted on the card, plus the four digit PIN. For most locations, calling card calls are less expensive than calling collect or third number billing.

Calling card fraud could occur if a person is not careful to protect their card from unlawful use.

Northwestel offers the following safety tips:

- always keep the card in a safe place, and never give the number to anyone except a telephone operator, or a Northwestel customer service representative.

- avoid using the card in public, either use a private phone or ensure that no one is listening or watching. Many thieves can identify a card number by movement of a person's fingers on the keypad, or by sounds made by a touch-tone phone.

- report lost or stolen cards immediately -- call your local Northwestel customer service office during business hours from anywhere in North America.

Current calling cards will not be replaced with the new system at this time. Customers wishing to switch to a new card will be required to cancel their old one and reorder.



NOTICE TO NORTHWESTEL CUSTOMERS

Northwestel Inc. has filed an application with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for an increase in its local rates, a decrease to long distance rates, and the introduction of two new long distance discount plans. If approved, this will be the first general increase in local rates in over 6 years. Northwestel is proposing an initial interim increase that will commence on 1 July 1993. A second increase, along with the long distance rate decreases and the introduction of two new long distance discount services is proposed to come into effect on 1 January 1994.

Q. Briefly, what is the application all about?

- A. Northwestel is proposing:
- i) an interim increase of certain local service rates effective 1 July 1993;
 - ii) a subsequent increase in local and private line rates effective 1 January 1994; and
 - iii) a decrease in long distance rates and the introduction of two new long distance discount services effective 1 January 1994.

If all the rate changes as outlined below are approved this will generate additional revenues of about \$2.76M in 1993 representing a 2.8% increase over the forecasted amount. In 1994 it will mean additional revenues of \$6.0M or a 5.9% increase over the forecasted revenue.

INTERIM INCREASE - The interim increase in local rates proposed for 1 July 1993 is required to avoid a continuing deterioration in Northwestel's financial position pending resolution of the General Rate Application. Residential network access would increase between \$0.29 for a multiparty customer in rate group 3 and \$5.55 for an individual line customer in rate group 1. Business network access would increase between \$8.45 for a multiparty customer in rate group 2 and \$18.65 for an individual line customer in rate group 4. Multiline and PBX trunk access would increase between \$6.40 and \$20.70 depending on their rate group.

FINAL LOCAL INCREASE AND INCREASE TO PRIVATE LINE RATES - Northwestel proposes making Touch-Tone™ the standard level of service and will bundle the Touch-Tone rate in with basic network access. PBX and multiline customers would be charged separately for Touch-Tone service. Bundled residential network access would be increased, from the interim rate, between \$3.50 for a multiparty customer in rate group 1 and \$4.10 for an individual line customer in rate group 4. Bundled business network access would increase, from the interim rate, between \$5.90 for a multiparty customer in rate group 1 and \$7.35 for an individual line customer in rate group 4. Multiline and PBX trunk access would increase, from the interim rate, between \$6.90 and \$11.50 depending on their rate group.

In addition, Northwestel proposes to make single line service the standard level of service where available rather than two-party or multiparty service. Northwestel proposes a substantial increase in the rates charged for exchange line mileage and locality areas. Exchange line mileage and locality rates are charged to customers that have telephone service outside the telephone service boundaries of each community. Basic Touch-Tone telephone set rates would be increased by \$1.30 for business and \$1.35 for residence.

Northwestel is proposing to restructure the rates for installing basic telephone service. The Line Connection and Premise Visit components would be decreased while the Order Processing and Premise Work components would be increased. These changes are being proposed so that the rates charged better reflect the cost to provide that service.

Generally, Northwestel is seeking approval of a 15% increase in most other local service rates.

In addition, Northwestel is proposing a \$60 Link Charge on Private Line circuits that originate and terminate in its operating area. Rates for some circuits to Alberta (depending on rate band) will also be increased.

LONG DISTANCE RATE DECREASES AND NEW LONG DISTANCE DISCOUNT SERVICES - The Company proposes to reduce the rates charged for most long distance calls. For calls placed from Northwestel's western operations to Alberta and B.C. (outside our B.C. operating area) the rates will be reduced by an average of 11%. Calls from the Company's western operations to the rest of Canada will cost approximately 14% less and calls placed to communities in Northwestel's operating area will cost on average 4% more.

No changes are being proposed to the rates for long distance calls that originate in the Eastern Northwest Territories and terminate in southern Canada. The structure of the rating table for calls that originate and terminate in the Eastern Northwest Territories has changed; however, the rate impact is negligible. Calls from the Eastern Northwest Territories to Northwestel's western operations will be subject to the same 4% increase as was mentioned above.

In addition, Northwestel proposes to introduce two new long distance discount services designed to give customers further rate decreases for their long distance calls.

Q. How would my rates be affected by the application?

- A. Some examples of how rates would be affected by the proposed changes are set out below. A detailed schedule of the proposed changes, which indicates specifically how rates would be affected in your community, is provided in the application itself.

Q. Why is Northwestel asking for a rate increase now?

- A. The full details of the Company's justification for the increases are set out in its application. By way of summary, the Company has made the following statements:

The recessionary times experienced in the north have considerably reduced the Company's revenues from traditional business and residential services. Northwestel's toll revenue has not grown as it has in the past and this undermines the Company's financial ability to sustain the level of subsidization required to help pay for the high cost of local service.

To respond to the changing economic environment as well as to customer demand Northwestel has taken many steps to maintain a financially sound operation. In order to ensure efficient use of its resources, the Company continues to perform system reviews and has invested in productivity enhancing computer systems. In addition, Northwestel has introduced many new services such as Cellular 800, Small Business Centre, Call Management Services, and Voice Messaging to generate additional revenue. Cost cutting and new sources of revenue will not be enough to make up the revenue shortfalls expected in 1993 and 1994. Revenues will have to increase if the Company is to respond to continuing customer demand for high quality service. Northwestel must maintain the financial integrity necessary to attract new investment into the Company so that it can upgrade and expand services.

All of the assertions above, and the application itself, will be subject to questioning and examination at a CRTC public hearing in which any Northwestel customer may participate.

Q. Where can I see a copy of the application?

- A. Part A of the application, consisting of the Request for Increase in Rates, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at every major Northwestel business office (listed below) and at the following offices of the CRTC:

Room 201 Suite 1380
Central Building 800 Burrard Street
Las Terrasses Vancouver, B.C.
de la Chaudière
1 Promenade du Portage
Hull, Quebec

Part A only will be sent to anyone who requests a copy of the application. Part B of the application, consisting of Memoranda of Support, and Part C of the application, consisting of responses to the initial set of CRTC interrogatories are also available for inspection at the CRTC and at Northwestel business offices in: Iqaluit, Inuvik, Yellowknife, Hay River, Whitehorse and Fort Nelson. They will be sent to anyone filing a notice of intention to participate.

Q. How can I comment on the application?

- A. You may express your comments in one of two ways:

1) By sending a letter to the CRTC

If you have a comment or matter that you feel the CRTC should take into account in reviewing the application, including such matters as quality of service, availability of service, billing practices, or any other matter relating to the Company's operations, you can write directly to the CRTC. Your letter should clearly state your views and should include any relevant information that may be useful in explaining or supporting those views. Send your letter so it will be received by 28 June 1993 to:

Mr. Alan J. Darling
Secretary General
Canadian Radio-
television and
Telecommunications
Commission
Ottawa, Ontario
K1A 0N2
Fax: 819-953-0795

A copy of your letter should also be sent to:

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Regulatory Affairs
Northwestel Inc.
P.O. Bag 2727
Whitehorse, Yukon
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Fax: (403) 668-5552

In the case of delivery by hand, you may use any of the locations listed above for public inspection of Part B of the application.

2) By appearing at a hearing

The CRTC will be holding a public hearing into the application that is tentatively scheduled to take place at the Gold Rush Inn in Whitehorse, Yukon commencing 30 August 1993, provided the application file has been completed to the satisfaction of the CRTC. The first part of the hearing will be devoted to hearing representations from customers. If you would like an opportunity to appear and expand on your letter, or make further submissions, you should follow the procedure described above for sending comments to the CRTC, making sure to include a statement of your desire to appear.

Following these representations, the second part of the hearing will be devoted to a detailed review of Northwestel's evidence. Participation in this part of the hearing, which generally requires being present on a daily basis, involves presentations of evidence by both the applicant and intervenors, often through expert witnesses, and includes cross-examination. If you wish to participate you must file a notice of intention to participate together with a statement of your position, with the CRTC on or before 28 June 1993, with a copy to the Company. This will entitle you to receive a complete copy of the application. The deadline for the submission of interrogatories to the Company, with a copy to the CRTC, is also 28 June 1993. Persons submitting interrogatories should carefully examine the CRTC's initial interrogatories and should avoid duplicating them.

It is not necessary to appear with legal counsel to either make a representation during the first part of the hearing, or to participate in the second part of the hearing.

Q. Whom May I Contact for Further Information?

- A. For additional information on the application or the procedure to be followed, please contact your local Northwestel business office, or the CRTC offices in Hull, Quebec at (819) 997-1027, and Vancouver, British Columbia at (604) 666-2111. To find out the rights and obligations of parties to a proceeding, please read the CRTC Telecommunications Rules of Procedure, SOR/79-554 as amended by SOR/86-832. Copies of the Rules can be purchased from Canada Communication Group Publishing, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0S9 (Catalogue #SOR/79-554, amended by SOR/86-832) (Phone (819) 956-4800).

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TOUCH-TONE SERVICE PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES

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Touch-Tone Dialing - Res	\$ 1.60	Incl. in network access charge
Touch-Tone Dialing - Bus	\$ 3.80	Incl. in network access charge
Touch-Tone Dialing - Multiline	\$ 3.80	\$ 4.95
Touch-Tone Dialing - PBX	\$ 4.90	\$ 4.95

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TELEPHONE SET	PRESENT MONTHLY RATES	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1994
Basic Telephone Rotary - Res	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00
Basic Telephone Rotary - Bus	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
Basic Telephone Touch-Tone - Res	\$ 2.65	\$ 4.00
Basic Telephone Touch-Tone - Bus	\$ 3.65	\$ 4.95
Solo Touch-Tone - Res	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.75
Solo Touch-Tone - Bus	\$ 5.90	\$ 6.80
Unity I	\$ 3.65	\$ 4.95
Unity II	\$ 4.50	\$ 5.80
Handset for Hearing Impaired	\$ 2.00	\$ 4.00

SERVICE CHARGES FOR INSTALLATION OF BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICES

SERVICE ORDER TYPE	PRESENT ONE TIME SERVICE CHARGES	PROPOSED ONE TIME SERVICE CHARGE EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1994
Order Processing	Res \$ 14.00	\$ 32.40
	Bus \$ 25.75	\$ 34.10
	Multiline \$ 25.75	\$ 34.10
Line Connection	Res \$ 14.50	\$ 10.75
	Bus \$ 22.25	\$ 12.65
	Multiline \$ 22.25	\$ 12.65
Premise Visit	Res \$ 10.40	\$ 8.45
	Bus \$ 14.90	\$ 9.90
	Multiline \$ 14.90	\$ 9.90
Premise Work	Res \$ 10.40	\$ 48.70
	Bus \$ 31.25	\$ 51.25
	Multiline \$ 75.00	\$ 86.25

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RATE GROUP	TYPE OF SERVICE	PRESENT MONTHLY RATES	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1993	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1994**	EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITIES IN RATE GROUP
1	Res Individual	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.55	\$ 14.50	Aklavik
	Bus Individual	\$ 10.80	\$ 24.90	\$ 32.10	Dease Lake
	Multiline	\$ 10.80	\$ 25.35	\$ 34.40†	Carcross
	PBX Trunk	\$ 20.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 34.40	
2	Res Individual	\$ 5.78	\$ 10.55	\$ 14.50	Dawson City
	Bus Individual	\$ 12.50	\$ 24.90	\$ 32.10	Fort Smith
	Multiline	\$ 12.50	\$ 25.35	\$ 34.40†	Rankin Inlet
	PBX Trunk	\$ 21.10	\$ 27.50	\$ 34.40	
3	Res Individual	\$ 6.68	\$ 11.60	\$ 15.65	Inuvik
	Bus Individual	\$ 14.55	\$ 29.60	\$ 36.70	Fort Nelson
	Multiline	\$ 14.55	\$ 29.90	\$ 40.95†	Iqaluit
	PBX Trunk	\$ 25.65	\$ 33.60	\$ 40.95	
4	Res Individual	\$ 7.63	\$ 12.70	\$ 16.80	Whitehorse
	Bus Individual	\$ 15.30	\$ 33.95	\$ 41.30	Yellowknife
	Multiline	\$ 15.30	\$ 36.00	\$ 47.50†	
	PBX Trunk	\$ 27.05	\$ 39.75	\$ 47.50	

LONG DISTANCE TOLL EXAMPLES

Rates for a 5 minute Customer Dialed Call

City Pair	Distance	DAY PERIOD			EVENING PERIOD			NIGHT PERIOD		
		MON - SAT 8 AM - 6 PM			MON - SAT 6 PM - 11 PM SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS			11 PM - 8 AM DAILY		
		Existing	Proposed	% Change	Existing	Proposed	% Change	Existing	Proposed	% Change
Whitehorse/Dawson	268	2.75	2.70	-1.82%	1.84	1.94	5.43%	1.19	1.43	20.17%
Yellowknife/Inuvik	697	3.30	3.20	-3.03%	2.20	2.29	4.06%	1.41	1.68	19.15%
Fort Nelson/Watson Lake	230	2.65	2.60	-1.89%	1.78	1.87	5.06%	1.15	1.38	20.00%
Iqaluit/Yellowknife	1411	4.15	3.60	-15.66%	2.75	2.50	-9.09%	1.75	1.83	4.57%
Whitehorse/Old Crow	513	3.25	3.15	-3.08%	2.17	2.25	3.69%	1.39	1.65	18.71%
Telegraph Creek/Fort Nelson	322	2.75	2.70	-1.82%	1.84	1.94	5.43%	1.19	1.43	20.17%
Fort Nelson/Vancouver*	666	5.10	4.35	-14.71%	3.39	3.11	-8.26%	2.16	2.28	5.56%
Yellowknife/Calgary*	790	5.10	4.35	-14.71%	3.39	3.11	-8.26%	2.16	2.28	5.56%
Whitehorse/Edmonton*	941	5.40	4.35	-19.44%	3.58	3.11	-13.13%	2.28	2.28	0.00%
Inuvik/Edmonton*	1215	5.95	4.35	-26.89%	3.94	3.11	-21.07%	2.50	2.28	-8.80%
Carcross/Vancouver*	884	5.40	4.35	-19.44%	3.58	3.11	-13.13%	2.28	2.28	0.00%
Iskut/Victoria*	714	5.10	4.35	-14.71%	3.39	3.11	-8.26%	2.16	2.28	5.56%
Yellowknife/Ottawa*	1976	5.80	4.80	-17.24%	4.35	3.42	-21.38%	2.90	2.50	-13.79%
Whitehorse/Halifax*	3075	5.80	4.80	-17.24%	4.35	3.42	-21.38%	2.90	2.50	-13.79%
Dawson/Toronto*	2724	5.80	4.80	-17.24%	4.35	3.42	-21.38%	2.90	2.50	-13.79%
Inuvik/Winnipeg*	1753	5.55	4.80	-13.51%	4.16	3.42	-17.79%	2.78	2.50	-10.07%
Hay River/Regina*	834	4.35	4.55	4.60%	3.26	3.25	-0.31%	2.18	2.38	9.17%
Fort Nelson/Regina*	906	4.80	4.80	4.35%	3.45	3.42	-0.87%	2.30	2.50	8.70%

Rates for various 5 minute Calls

City Pair	Distance	COLLECT CALL DAY PERIOD			AUTOMATED CALLING CARD™ CALL EVENING PERIOD			PERSON TO PERSON CALL NIGHT PERIOD		
		MON - SAT 8 AM - 6 PM			MON - SAT 6 PM - 11 PM SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS			11 PM - 8 AM DAILY		
		Existing	Proposed	% Change	Existing	Proposed	% Change	Existing	Proposed	% Change
Iqaluit/Yellowknife	1411	5.65	5.50	-2.65%	3.75	3.25	-13.33%	5.50	6.05	10.55%
Whitehorse/Edmonton*	941	6.90	6.35	-7.97%	4.58	3.88	-15.72%	5.28	6.53	23.67%
Yellowknife/Toronto*	1944	5.93	6.80	14.67%	5.38	4.17	-22.49%	8.20	6.75	-17.68%

DIRECTORY PRESENT AND PROPOSED RATES

	PRESENT MONTHLY RATES	PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1994
Directory - Bus Extra Listing	\$ 2.10	\$ 3.05
Directory - Res Extra Listing	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.55
Directory - Non Pub. Non List	\$ 4.05	\$ 5.45
Directory Assistance - Local	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.00

Weather Report

by Art Vickers

Weather Report for Dawson City, Yukon for March and April, 1993.

This Report was compiled and is presented for your reading enjoyment (or whatever) by Art Vickers, your friendly flight service specialist, who you will find most days slaving away at the Transport Canada Flight Service Station at the ever-busy Dawson City Airport.

It seems like only two short months ago that I was writing my last column for the paper. (Time sure does 'fly', when you work at an airport!) Yes, My attempted humour has not improved, so you might as well ignore it and I'll continue with my ramblings.

First of all, I'd like to say, for the record, that I prefer Hawaii's weather to Dawson's. (Is anyone really surprised??) but, I don't live there year round so, I find reasons to say good things about the weather around good old Dawson City.

Actually, since we got back from a great holiday, the general conditions have been very good. Spring is most definitely here!

The snow has all gone - except for the higher elevations. The Spring-time road conditions are back.

You know, the frost heaves, pot holes and mud bogs that have been patiently waiting under the cover of snow and ice to come back in the warming temperatures to try once and again to destroy whatever method of transport you are trying to get from Point A to Point B in.

The streets in town were somewhat of a challenge for a time because of all the water and sewer repair done during the winter but have miraculously now turned into their usual summer dusty selves.

It never ceases to amaze me how our streets can so quickly be transformed from glare ice to mud bog to desert dust in a matter of days! Ah, the wonders of the Klondike!

Generally, March was slightly above average for temperatures with an average amount of precipitation.

It wasn't nearly as warm as last year, but still was quite passable. March gave us no new minimum temperatures (thank goodness) but did see the demise of one maximum temperature. A high

of 7.3 (45.1) on March 22 slipped past the old record of 7.0 (44.6) set in 1987.

We tried hard to break the record of 9.0 (48.2) on March 29 that was set way back in 1906, but fell short. We only managed to get to 8.8 (47.8). It was a nice day, however, and enjoyed by all.

April, on the other hand, was simply great! The average temperature was well above normal and the ice and snow of winter rapidly disappeared.

The Yukon River "officially" broke on April 29 - only the fifth or sixth time since 1896 that the river has gone out in April. That shows how super April weather was this year. The crocuses are out in full force and perennials are showing through in flower beds all over town.

Two maximum temperatures bit the dust (literally in April). The old records of 14.0 (57.2) and 14.0 (57.2) on April 16 and 17, set in 1941 and 1953 respectively were replaced by new

highs of 15.3 (59.5) on April 16 and 15.6 (60.1) on April 17.

I will leave you with the stats for March and April and I would like to add one observation. My sympathies go out to all you dog owners who have the "Spring Thing" to do after a winter's wanderings in the snow around the yard.

know how it is, thanks to our dog Samson. My yard work is done now and I am going to try to go for more walks with him next winter!

Statistics for March & April, 1993 (Farenheit in brackets)

	March 1993		30 Year Average
	1993	1992	
Maximum Temp	8.8 (47.8)	7.9 (46.2)	N/A
Minimum Temp	-33.7 (-28.7)	-41.1 (-42.0)	N/A
Mean Maximum	-0.8 (30.6)	-0.5 (31.1)	-7.1 (19.2)
Mean Minimum	-18.2 (-0.8)	-15.7 (3.7)	-21.1 (-6.0)
Mean Temp	-9.5 (14.9)	-8.1 (17.4)	-14.1 (6.7)
Total Rainfall	Trace	1.0 mm (.02 in)	Trace
Total Snowfall	19.2 cm (3.0 in)	12.2 cm (4.8 in)	13.2 cm (5.2 in)
Total Precip. 12.2 mm (0.5 in) (water equivalent)	7.0 mm (0.3 in)	12.7 mm (0.5 in)	
Days with precipitation	11	12	7
Days above freezing	9	24	N/A
All-time record maximum temperature:	11.0 (51.8)		
All-time record minimum temperature:	-48.0 (-54.4)		
Depth of snow on the ground	60 cm (23.6 in)	45 cm (21.3 in)	
	April 1993		30 Year Average
	1993	1992	
Maximum Temp	15.6 (60.1)	13.4 (56.1)	N/A
Minimum Temp	-13.6 (7.5)	-30.1 (-22.2)	N/A
Mean Maximum	10.6 (51.1)	5.3 (41.5)	5.2 (41.4)
Mean Minimum	-4.6 (23.7)	-9.2 (15.4)	-8.8 (16.2)
Mean Temp	3.0 (37.4)	-2.0 (28.4)	-1.8 (28.8)
Total Rainfall	0.6 mm (.02 in)	Trace	2.5 mm (.10 in)
Total Snowfall	0.6 cm (0.2 in)	23.0 cm (9.1 in)	6.9 cm (2.7 in)
Total Precip. (water equivalent)	1.2 mm (.05 in)	11.9 mm (.47 in)	9.1 mm (.36 in)
Days with precipitation	8	14	5
Days above freezing	30	21	N/A
All-time record maximum temperature:	21.7 (71.1)		
All-time record minimum temperature:	-40.0 (-40.0)		
Depth of snow on the ground	ZERO	ZERO	

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Report from Ottawa

by Audrey McLaughlin, Yukon M.P.

Jobs, A play called Whiskey and Martha Louise Black

by Audrey McLaughlin

Jobs. That's what people are looking for. Yes, there is general concern for the national deficit but everywhere I go, from Dawson to Newfoundland, the number one concern of Canadians these days is unemployment and the economy.

That's because everyday people know something the banks and the government haven't figured out yet -- that the best way to reduce the deficit is to get Canadians working again.

Unfortunately, last weeks federal budget says the only way to deal with a fiscal crisis is to create a human crisis. That human crisis is unemployment.

The government says it doesn't have any choices. Well, it does. It could have cancelled the helicopter purchase, a deal that will cost the public purse nearly \$6 billion for helicopters we don't need.

No, the government preferred to reduce unemployment insurance benefits, regional development grants, which will have direct impacts on communities like Dawson, the number of GST rebate cheques received each year by low-income Canadians and funding for advocacy groups that speak for the least powerful in our society.

The government could have closed tax loopholes to the very rich, and tax private family trusts that now cost us up to \$600 million a year in lost revenues. And the business entertainment deduction that costs \$1 billion each year.

What's happened is that those who have the least are asked to pay the most. We need a federal government that will be responsible to Canadians. We need a pro-active government that has a plan for getting people working again.

Federal New Democrats have proposed such a plan. Our Jobs Plan outlines the direction we think the economy should be heading.

Among other proposals the plan details how we can rebuild our

infrastructure such as new sewage systems, create a National Investment Fund, and build a future for resource communities like Dawson. We talk about childcare, more workforce training and integrating environmental policies with economic development.

We outline how we intend to eliminate the GST and bring in a fair tax system that will reduce our national debt.

We believe that more working people means more tax revenues and less strain on our social services. And less debt. It just makes sense.

 Many of you will already know about the play called "Whiskey" written by Gene Dubois and performed by members of Dawson First Nation. The play is about the very serious problem of alcohol abuse and it's message is a positive one. My office is presently assisting the organizers of Whiskey to obtain funding so that the play can travel throughout the Yukon. We will continue to do all we can to support this meaningful production.

Mark July 17 on your calendars. It's National Parks Day and it's also the date the ceremony to commemorate the first female Member of Parliament will take place in Dawson at the Commissioner's residence. I understand a beautiful plaque has been inscribed and will soon be reminding visitors and residents in the Klondike of Mrs. Black's important contribution to the history of our country.

I am particularly pleased that Flo Whyard and I played a key role in making this commemoration a reality. I remember back when I was first elected in 1987 writing letters to various federal government officials and keeping Flo informed of the progress. July 17 will be a great day in Yukon history.

 Have fun at the International Gold Show on May 28 and 29. I won't be able to be there this year, since I have been asked to attend graduation ceremonies at the Eliza Van Bibber school in Pelly Crossing on May 28, and the Watson Lake Secondary School on May 29.

Grammar in Rhyme

Three little words you often see,
 Are articles a, an, and the.

A noun the name of anything,
 As school, or garden, hoop or swing.

Adjectives tell the kind of noun,
 As great, small, pretty, white or brown...

Instead of nouns the pronouns stand,
 His head, her face, your arm, my hand.

Verbs tell something to be done,
 To read, count, laugh, jump or run.

How things are done the adverbs tell,
 As slowly, quick it or well.

Conjunctions join the words together,
 As men and women, wind or weather.

The preposition stands before,
 As in, or through the door.

The interjections show surprise,
 As oh how pretty! Ah, how wise!

The whole are called nine parts of
 speech,

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From the Dawson Daily News March 18, 1909. No author.

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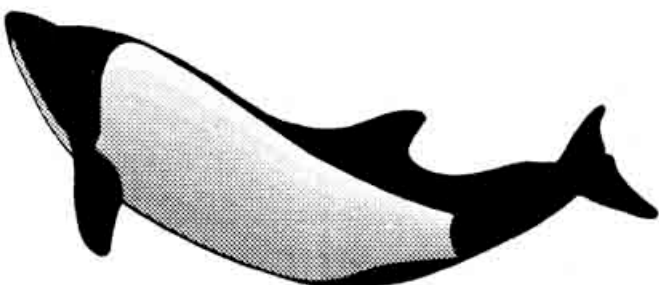
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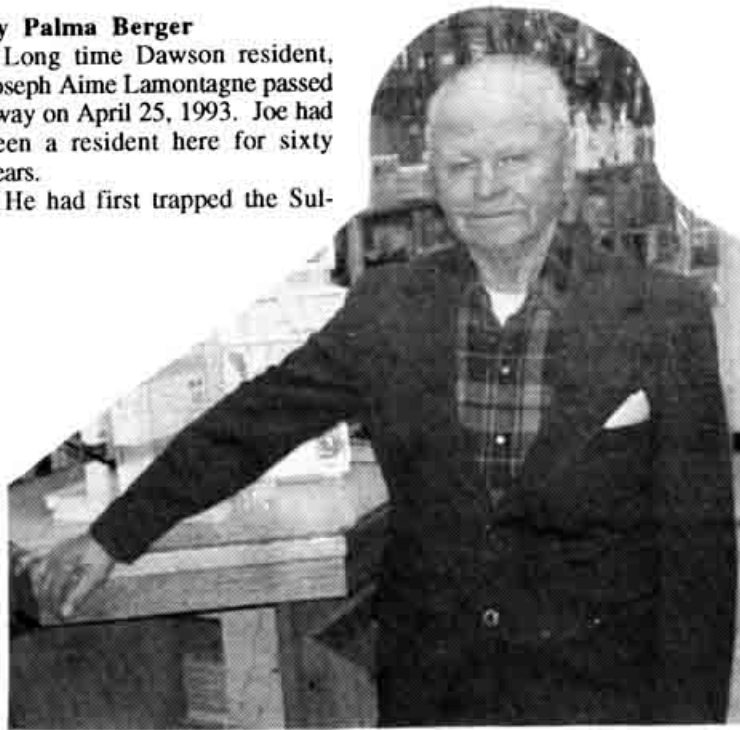
Obituary

Joe Lamontagne

by Palma Berger

Long time Dawson resident, Joseph Aime Lamontagne passed away on April 25, 1993. Joe had been a resident here for sixty years.

He had first trapped the Sul-



phur Creek, Indian River and Dominion Creek area, all the time prospecting on the side. He eventually went into mining for himself.

He mined Bedrock Creek, then Miller Creek with Ole Medby in the sixties, Gold Run Creek with Ernie Schenk (where Teck Corporation now mine) and finally on Eldorado Creek. When he sold the Eldorado claims in 1972, he retired from mining.

As Lorenzo Grimard, who worked for Joe said, "he was a great guy to work for, and he was dignity and integrity were appreciated by all who got to know him.

as honest as they come." Joe's

His years of active living kept him in good shape, and one of his proud moments this year was receiving, at the age of eighty-two, a certificate for safe driving from the local RCMP.

When Marie, his wife of thirty-six years passed away last year, Joe took it very hard. She had been wife, constant companion and business partner for all those years.

Joe was born on Nov. 15, 1910 in Ste. Marie De Beauce in Quebec and came to the Yukon at the age of twenty. In fact his certificate from the Yukon Order of

Pioneers, which he joined in 1959, states that he arrived in Dawson on Oct. 10, 1933.

But his connection with the Klondike was long before that. His father Thomas Lamontagne, came to the Klondike during the Gold Rush of 1898, made his fortune and returned to Quebec to marry Amanda Guay. Together they had ten children. Joe was the last surviving member of his family.

As a young lad of seventeen Joe, inspired by his father's tales, left home and worked his way across Canada until three years later he arrived in Dawson City by paddle wheeler.

In 1956, Joe married Marie, a nurse, and together they successfully managed their various mining operations.

Joe returned only once to Montreal. That was in 1965 to show off his new bride to the whole family, and revisit old friends.

Earlier this year he was thrilled to show Dawson off to his visiting nephew. Joe's nephew Gilles and wife Diane Lamontagne have returned on a sadder note this time - to finalise the estate. They say that Joe was quite a legend among the family members with his tales of trapping and prospecting and just being in the famous Klondike.

Although Joe and Marie led a very quiet life on retirement, he was much loved in the community for his gentlemanly ways, and for his vast knowledge of the country and acute awareness of current events by those who got to know him.

Because the family will be holding funeral services for Joe in Montreal later, a mass for his intention was dedicated to Joe on May 9.

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Of de snow drift and de storm.

Keep talkin' bout de smilin'
Of de April sky so clear,
And de sweetness so beguilin'
Floatin' troo de atmospher,
Though dar isn't no denyin'
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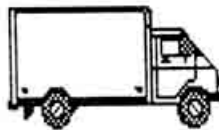
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Local artist makes ends meet

Painting to pay the bills

by Liza Sardi

A painting by local artist Halin de Repentigny is gracing the cover of the 1993 Northern British Columbia and Yukon telephone directory.

The painting, called "Paying the Bills" is an impressionistic look at traditional Dawson in the winter.

But what's interesting is not that Repentigny's art is once again reaching outside of Dawson, but that Repentigny himself is paying his own bills with the painting. Because Repentigny would rather be out trapping.

"I'm a physical person," he says as he continues to brush away at a window display at Xpressions.

"I'd rather be trapping anything that has four legs -- wolf, moose, beaver, fox..." He lists a few.

But instead he's making part of his living with an easel and some paint brushes.

Repentigny has also painted similar windows and walls for the Flora Dora, Mme. Zoom's, Arctic Cotton and the Eldorado, to name a few.

The window display he's currently working on will take about two hours. The cover of the telephone directory took eight.

"I got too much to paint to work two or three days on one painting," says Repentigny.

Repentigny's work on canvas currently hangs in two galleries in Edmonton and Calgary. And when Dawson's own Yukon Gallery opens, Repentigny's work will hang there also.

"I got too much to paint to work two or three days on one painting."

"He doesn't have to do an art exhibit in town," says Xpressions owner Denise Fras. "You just have to walk around."

But whenever he can, Repentigny slips out of town to take care of his trapline. It's about 100 square miles about 60 miles up the Yukon River.

He cuts a trail using a snowmobile, snowshoes or his dogs. And whatever goes through that trail, hopefully, gets caught.

Every year he leaves different lines so he doesn't over trap.

"It's a lot of work," says Repentigny about skinning his catch out in the bush.

Trapping provides food so he can feed his family. They eat beaver and muskrat, even lynx, which he says tastes "delicious, just like turkey."

At one time the entire family would go with him on the trapline. Repentigny moved to the Yukon about 11 years ago. He lives with his nine-year-old daughter Madeline, 16-year-old son Quinn and wife Suzanne on the Sixty Mile River.

"I used to be out all year (trapping), but it's too hard on the kids." Now he's decided they should be in school to see other children.

Repentigny's ties with art started when he was young.

"My family used to sell my paintings for 60 or 65 bucks. I was only nine or ten but I provided for my family that way."

Ideally Repentigny would like to trap full time.

"I kind of would like it, but there is not enough time," says Repentigny. "I am always running after money."

For paying the bills, of course.



Photo by Liza Sardi

Repentigny paints commercially for local businesses. He painted this window in Xpressions to advertise tickets for the Palace Grand Theatre.



Klondike

VISITOR'S ASSOCIATION

1993 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Dawson International Gold Show	May 28 & 29
Trade show on everything you ever wanted to know about placer mining.	
Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall	May 14 - Sept. 18
Frolicking entertainment reminiscent of the Klondike Gold Rush. Gertie and her cancan dancers perform while gamblers enjoy real slot machines, blackjack, roulette and Texas Hold'em Poker.	
Gaslight Follies	May 22 - Sept. 12
Enjoy a turn of the century show in a reconstructed Palace Grand Theatre just as it was when built in 1899 by Arizona Charlie Meadows.	
Jack London Cabin & Interpretation	May 22 - Sept. 11
Readings of his work and a photo exhibit are at the site of Jack London's cabin	
Commissioner's Ball	June 11
A gala ball held in commemoration of the Yukon becoming a territory in June 1898. Turn-of-the-century fashion is worn.	
Yukon Gold Panning Championship	July 1
Yukon residents and visitors compete for various awards.	
Dawson City Music Festival	July 23, 24, 25
Entertainers and artists from Canada and US featuring workshops, concerts, dances and dinners.	
International Midnight Dome Race	July 24
Yukoners and visiting racers run from downtown Dawson City to the top of the Midnight Dome.	
Klondike Placer Miners BBQ and Dance	July 30
Discovery Days	August 13 - 16
Gold was discovered in the Klondike August 16, 1896 so each year Dawson commemorates the event with a festival including parade, ball tournament and many family events.	
Yukon Talent Night	August 29
Dawsonites and visitors perform talent acts on the stage at Diamond Tooth Gerties.	
Great Klondike International Outhouse Race	Sept. 5
Decorated outhouses on wheels with costumed runners race through the streets of Dawson.	
Klondike Mixed Slo-pitch Tournament	Sept. 3, 4, 5
Mixed teams from Alaska, NWT, and Yukon compete for trophies.	
Klondike Dart Tournament	Sept. 10 - 12
Held at Diamond Tooth Gerties, singles, doubles, and mixed events.	
International Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament	Sept. 12
Northernmost Hold'em tournament. Hosted by White Ram. For info call (403) 993-5772	
Gold Rush Bonspiel	Sept. 16 - 19
Open Bonspiel - mens, ladies, and true mixed events. Prizes include 4 oz. gold. Contact John Worries (403) 993-5720	
1st Annual Ladies Bonspiel	Oct. 21, 22, 23
Hillbilly theme. For info call Chris Rusnak (403) 993-6636	

New Emergency calling numbers

Telephone numbers for fire and medical emergencies throughout most of the Yukon have been standardized, effective May 1.

But Klondike Valley/Rock Creek and Dawson City are the two exceptions to complete standardization.

The emergency fire number for Klondike Valley/Rock Creek is 993-2221 because the area shares the same telephone exchange with Dawson City, whose fire number is already 993-2222.

Residents are asked to check the new edition of the telephone directory for the response number in their area.

Community and Transportation Services Minister Mickey Fisher said, "With standardized numbers, it is easier to remember the numbers, and the quicker a number is remembered, the quicker it is to report a life-threatening situation."

"Standardized numbers will simplify emergency calling for all Yukoners."

A public awareness campaign for the new numbers will take place throughout the month of May.



Photo by Michael Gates

St. Michael's junior choir sings "Teddy Bears Picnic" to the delight of the audience during their April visit to Dawson.

Swelling the full chorus

by Dan Davidson and Liza Sardi

To most of Dawson St. Michael's Choir was serious young men in maroon jackets, grey slacks and ties with beautiful voices. But after their concert last Wednesday 11-year-old J.J. Flynn found out they

could play Gameboy, darts and guns just like him.

"They just let their hair down," said J.J.'s mother Jennifer, who had trouble calming them down for bed on their last night in Dawson.

"I felt sorry for them, they don't have much time to play."

The group of 133 boys spent two days in Dawson with 41 local families as part of their annual spring tour.

Each spring the boys from the Toronto Roman Catholic private school travel to different places around the world to perform their famous choir singing.

The boys were originally scheduled to visit Dawson two

years ago, but the tour was cancelled in the flurry of airport travel concerns during the Gulf War.

The visit to the Yukon was also significant because it now means they have performed in every province and territory in Canada.

The tour was a logistical feat. The choir and 15 support staff flew to Calgary from their Toronto base and proceeded north in three buses, making stops at several places in northern British Columbia.

Their three major ports of call in the Yukon were Watson Lake, Dawson City and Whitehorse, where they did community concerts as well as school shows.

There were overnight stays with special events planned to show the choir the communities' hospitality in each case.

While in Dawson the choir, led by conductor Brian Rae, also performed at McDonald Lodge and for the 17 volunteer cooks who prepared two communal meals for them.

The group also stopped and did school performances in Teslin, Pelly Crossing, Carmacks and Haines Junction.

Last month Laurie Stewart, Nora Paton and Peter Menzies and the town's recreation department organized the Dawson trip.

"I just asked people (to billet the boys), it didn't even take two hours," said Peter Menzies. "In the end getting the community to help was the easiest project I ever worked on."

Most families took four students, but Lynne Mackenzie took eight into her home.

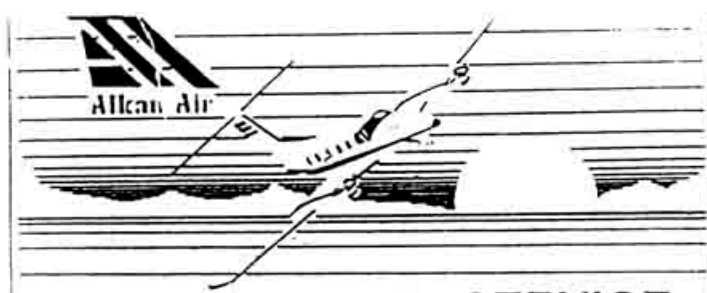
The concerts and the trip to Dawson was absolutely free for the town. The boy's families paid for half their costs, while the school paid the rest.

Over 400 people attended last Wednesday's concert at the school.

The trip was marred only by what Menzies calls a lack of protocol during a concert.

"Parents don't control their kids," said Menzies. "It's just not acceptable."

The boys all said they had a great time. Every home received a tape of the choir for billeting the boys. One boy even remarked that he thought Dawson looked like a movie set.



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City of Dawson Recreation Department

Summer Is Here and There's Lots To Do



CrownLife Participation Challenge

Wednesday, June 2

Dawson City has been challenged by St. Andrews, New Brunswick!

On June 2, the Margaret Peterson, Mayor of St. Andrews, thinks that a greater percentage of her residents will be more active than Dawson Folks! Well, a few local people think different. The challenge was accepted as now it's time to get as many people as possible involved.

The idea is to get as many Dawson residents (year round and seasonal) to do at least 15 minutes of physical exercise AND register at CFYT (993-5152). Any activity will do such as walking, riding a bike or playing ball. And, don't be shy -- over 8 million people took part in the event last year making it the largest fitness pr event in the world!

Here are some ideas:

Fitness Class: 6:00 pm at the school

5 Km Race: 7:30 pm at CFYT You can walk, ride, run or crawl!

Baseball and Swimming: Minto Park
And the List goes on and on. So get active.

**Register by calling
CFYT-FM 993-5152**



Clean - Sweep '93 May 17 - 23, 1993 Help Tidy Up the Town

What's It All About?

Each Spring, residents, volunteer clubs, agencies and businesses are requested to participate in a community wide clean-up effort. The goal is to get rid of all the litter left over from the winter and keep the town clean.

What Can I Do?

Find the time to clean up your own areas and the public space adjacent to your property. Pick up garbage when out for a walk. If everyone picked up one piece of garbage daily, imagine how much would be collected.

Can the City Help?

You bet. If you need help transporting large loads of refuse or metal (ie. old cars, oil drums, etc.), a City crew and truck are available. Refuse must be moved to the road or access and piled in one spot (if possible).

To set up a time for pick-up, call 993-JUNK (993-5434).

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Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone #: _____ (h) _____ (w)
 Child's Name _____ Age _____
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____

Week #1 May 31 - June 4 Week #2 June 7
 Week #3 June 14 - 18 Week #4 June 21 - 25
 Week #5 June 28 - July 2 Week #6 July 5 - 9
 Week #7 July 12 - 16 Week #8 July 26 - 30
 Week #9 Aug. 2 - 9 Week #10 Aug. 9 - 13

\$20/day or \$11/half day
 Register at the City Office or Daycare
 (YTG Subsidy Programme Applies)



Summer Special Events

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| <p>Oldtime Fiddle Dance
May 22 and 23
Band Hall</p> <p>Dawson City International Gold Show
May 27 - 29
Bonanza Centre</p> <p>Commissioner's Ball
June 12
Palace Grand Theatre</p> <p>Umpire Clinic
June 5-6
Minto Park</p> <p>Bike Safety Day
June 13 (tentative)
Minto Park</p> <p>Solstice Race
June 21 11:30 pm
New Time!!
Ft. Street Gazebo</p> <p>Canada Day
Minto Park/Around Town
July 1</p> <p>Yukon Gold Panning Championships
July 1
Minto Park</p> <p>Kid's Baseball Tournament
July 1
Minto Park</p> <p>Tri-athlon
July 11
Swimming Pool</p> <p>International Midnight Dome Race
July 24
Palace Grand Theatre
(Note: Dome Road will be closed to traffic for duration of the Race. Spectators must be on the Dome before race starts.)</p> <p>Dawson City Music Festival
July 23 - 25
Minto Park/Around Town</p> <p>Yukon Horseshoe Tournament
Dates: TBA
Minto Park</p> | <p>Klondyke Placer Miner's BBQ and Dance
July 30
Bonanza Centre</p> <p>Mountain Bike Relay
Date: TBA
Minto Park</p> <p>Discovery Days
August 13 - 16
All over town</p> <p>Yukon Talent Night
August 29
Diamond Tooth Gertie's</p> <p>Klondike Mixes Slo-pitch Tournament
September 3 - 5
Minto Park</p> <p>Great Klondike International Outhouse Race
September 5
Minto Park</p> <p>Klondike Dart Tournament
September 10 - 12
Diamond Tooth Gertie's</p> |
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Minto Park Schedule

Minto Park is going to be a busy place this summer. Between the special events, baseball, soccer and the Club "Y", the park will be a happening place. Here some info.....

- Minor Baseball**
5:00 -- 7:45 pm
Monday and Wednesday
- 5:00 -- 6:45 pm
Tuesdays and Thursdays
- 2:00 -- 5:30 pm
Saturdays
(Note: Kids Baseball Ends July 1 at the Tournament)
- Adult Co-Ed Slo Pitch**
7:00 -- 10:00 pm
Tuesdays, Thursdays,
Fridays and Sundays
- Adult Soccer**
8:00 -- 10:30 pm
Mondays and Fridays

Watch the newspaper of Channel 11 for updates on special events and other activities at the park. Please, if you want to use Minto Park, check times with the City before hand. Scheduled activities take priority over drop-in. Drop-in happens on a first come, first serve basis.



Minor Soccer Summer Registration

\$15/person
 \$35/family
 Drop off names and fees at the Recreation Office. Cheques made payable to:
 Dawson City Minor Soccer
 993-6610 or 993-5938



Keep Minto Park Clean -- Please!

Volunteers!
 None of these events could take place without the incredible support given by volunteers. If you want to get involved, give the sponsors a call.
 City of Dawson 993-5434
 KVA 993-5575
 Music Festival 993-5584
 Gold Show 993-6720
 First Nation Social Committee 993-5485
 Run Dawson 993-5726
 Your help will be appreciated. Summer residents welcome, too! Its a great way to get to know the community.

