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Bank to return city's money

by Liza Sardi
and Dan Davidson

The City of Dawson will be getting its money back from the CIBC.

The city had originally agreed to advance \$15,000 in seed money to the CIBC in order to encourage the bank to put in a banking machine, something the city has been arguing in favour of for many years.

Having decided two weeks ago that the City should take "another kick" at trying to get its seed money for the banking machine back from the CIBC, city councillors were pleased to hear, on June 3, that this would probably be the case. This

was reported by a happy Mayor Peter Jenkins, who expanded on his statement in a later interview.

"The bank is all happy and there's a letter forthcoming from them agreeing to all the terms and conditions," Jenkins said.

The Klondike Visitors Association invested \$5,000, leaving the bank to come up with the rest of the bill, estimated at \$40,000 plus installation costs. The machine officially opened on May 3, and has done well, according to CIBC District Manager Dave Waterman.

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Class of 1993 convocates

by Liza Sardi

There wasn't a dry eye among the Robert Service School class of 1993 when they finally left the stage after their graduation ceremonies on Saturday, May 29.

Principal Carol McCauley probably summed it up the best when she talked about the mixture of emotions the graduates must have — nostalgia, accomplishment, expectation and curiosity.

"This graduation has been along time in coming," admitted valedictorian Carrie Docken in her eloquent and heartfelt valediction. But she admitted what probably

most of her class must be feeling, "To hold your future in your hands for the first time is scary."

Docken encouraged the class to embrace the challenge and achieve their aspirations through hard work and determination. She will be attending university this fall in Ontario.

Advice for the graduating class came from all sides.

"The community will look at you differently now," McCauley told the 10 students who lined the stage.

"You are graduates now."

Mayor Peter Jenkins encouraged

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Photo by Brent Morrison

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"Congraduations!"

Hats off to the class of 1993 as they let loose on the front steps of Robert Service School after their graduation on May 29. No wonder after 13 (or so) years of school. The 10 graduates are

Meaghan Berriman, Jenny Bowers, Donna Bullen, Kelly Burns, Kyla Burns, Laurence Crayford, Carrie Docken, Cindy O'Rourke, Ryan Peterson and Amy Semotiuk.



Photo by Liza Sardi

Minister Tom Siddon, Government leader John Ostashek and Minister John Devries do the honors.

Northern Accord signed in Dawson

by Liza Sardi

The first major transfer of resources between the federal government and the Yukon was signed in Dawson City on May 28.

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Tom Siddon and Yukon Government Leader John Ostashek signed the agreement in a quiet ceremony at the Dawson City Museum.

The accord involves on-shore control of oil and gas resources. The deal gives the Yukon control over both the regulations and revenue of the land. They become both landlord and owner under the accord.

It also sets the stage for an off-shore agreement within three years. The off-shore agreement will involve sharing management and revenues in the Beaufort Sea with the Northwest Territories.

By signing the accord, Siddon said the Yukon is drawing closer to self reliance. He said the accord would empower residents of the Yukon to use their resources to make themselves more independent.

Siddon said he had granted the territory "province like" responsibility to manage their own resources.

"It will ensure Yukoners are on their way to responsible government and responsible development," said Siddon. He hoped the Yukon would one day be able to take control of their own natural resources, exploration and development.

"It's an important step in policy development," said Siddon.

Ostashek said he was encouraged by the pace of developments. He was also pleased by the governments announcement to give money

towards the renovations of the Alaska Highway. "Yukon is ready to broaden its tax base."

Both the Inuvialuit Regional Corporation and the Council for Yukon Indians protested the signing. They say their interests were not taken into consideration.

The federal government will donate \$1.1 million to support administration costs for the 1993 and 1994 fiscal year.

They will also give the Yukon government \$375,000 for two years to compensate for any transition costs in setting up administration to manage the resources.

Most of the negotiations were carried on by the previous administration, but some final decisions were added by Ostashek before it was initialled in March 1993.

Graduation

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the students to develop skills that would help them in today's changing world.

"If I can urge you to do anything," said Jenkins, "I urge you to continue your education."

"This isn't the end of the path, this is the beginning," said Debbie Nagano who filled in for Dawson First Nation Chief Steve Taylor. She told students that they were finally free to make their own decisions.

"The bond you now make to your family, friends and community will be of your own making."

School council chairperson Fletcher Hunston hoped that the grads would provide inspiration for future grades. MLA Dave Millar was also on hand to congratulate the students.

The guest speaker for the graduation was Councillor Shirley Pennell, who talked about each individual student and their positive qualities. She probably stirred some fond memories among the graduating class, most of whom she had taught in grade 7.

"You're only 18 or 19 years of age, you haven't learned everything. Listen, stand back and watch. Ask questions," she encouraged the

students. "You're dreams have just begun."

The year the Audrey McLaughlin Bursary for \$100 went to Kyla Burns for her commitment to learning. Carrie Docken was also presented with a \$250 cheque from the Ministry of Education from Dr. Smith, the superintendent of schools in Area 3. Dr. Smith also handed out pens to all the graduates.

"You can use them to write home for money," he said while most of the audience of parents, other relatives and friends laughed.

Each student was also given a copy of a poster, handsigns with personal notes from their teachers.

A theme song called Our Dreams Have Just Begun, was composed for the graduating class. The music was composed by Adam McConnell and the words written by Ursula Kurth. The vocals were sung by Patricia Henman.

The students have built a close attachment with each other, according to McCauley. Though some of the students will be leaving Dawson in the fall to attend college or university, Docken said they would be "friends till the end."

Reward offered in poisoning case

Four organizations have pooled their resources to offer a reward of up to \$3,500 for information leading to charges being laid in the Kusawa-Dezadash wildlife poisoning case.

Reward money is being made available by the Yukon Fish and Game Association, The Yukon Outfitters' Association, the Yukon Trappers' Association and the Yukon Conservation Society.

The outfitter's association is providing \$1,000, the trappers' association \$500 and the conservation society \$250. The remainder is coming from the fish and game association and the TIP fund.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the TIP confidential hotline at 1-800-661-0525.

Field Service's Conservation Officers have found several dead animals in the area that died from eating lard balls containing a highly toxic pesticide, thimet. The region is used extensively by First Nations people and trappers and is popular with hikers, campers, boaters and canoeists.

The department knows of 15 animals that have died as a result of thimet poisoning.

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CIBC returns

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main reason the bank needed a capital injection to proceed with this installation is because Dawson City is not the sort of place that would normally get a banking machine.

Its regular, year round population wouldn't normally be seen as big enough, even though the summer traffic qualifies. The bank doesn't usually think of these machines in terms of seasonal operations. The need has to be justified on an annual basis.

"There are 100 other places I could have put that machine this year," he said, "so I had to justify Dawson over locations in, say, Kelowna or Delta. Personally, I am very optimistic that this machine will produce. The (per capita) support during the first month of operation is far above the support in any other community where we've installed one."

That being so, Waterman is prepared to say that he believes the city's seed money will be returned before the three year clause that Council originally wanted to write into the agreement, enough though he was opposed to the terms Council wished at the time of the negotiations.

According to Jenkins, the city cut a deal based on three conditions: the machine would open by the start of the tourist season, it would be a permanent fixture of Dawson for as long as the bank existed here, and, if the machine achieved a certain number of transactions to ensure its profitability, the city would have its money returned, without interest, in three years.

When Jenkins asked the bank to confirm his perceptions of the original agreement in writing, the response was a letter dated May 7 assuring council that the machine was open and that the machine would remain on site for the life of the branch operation in Dawson City.

The third clause was mysteriously absent.

Jenkins reported, "We've basically been told there's no way we'll get the money."

Councillor Henry Procyk said the bank had reneged on its promise by completely ignoring the last clause.

"The bank never reneges on a deal," said Branch Manager Paul Henderson.

But he was not sure what the deal was because Jenkins and Chamber President Denny Kobayashi negotiated it with CIBC Regional Manager Dave Waterman.

"In the negotiations that I was involved in there was never a commitment by the bank to provide any refund of any description," said

Kobayashi.

"We proposed that if the machine did over 4,500 transactions a month the bank should consider refunding the contribution to the city. The Commerce flatly refused to consider that. Plain and simple."

It seems the KVA, who donated only \$5,000, cut a sweeter deal. The CIBC is reviewing their accounts and the KVA hopes that they will receive a discount on their service charges. These charges have run as high as \$7,600 in the summer months, according to KVA Finance and Administration Manager Val Anderson. The KVA runs Diamond Tooth Gerties and often has large quantities of American money to exchange.

"We went to the bank and said 'we need a machine, the community needs one.' They came back and told us they could do it but this is what it would cost," said Kobayashi.

The installation is considered a boon for the town, particularly for local businesses. Some merchants have gone as far as to say that they have lost business because tourists arriving on weekends did not have access to their money. Dawson's only bank is currently open from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Fridays.

"I am very uncomfortable with the bank expecting \$20,000 to put a bank machine in the community," said Kobayashi, but he said outside contributions were necessary to cut the deal.

Kobayashi is delighted that the bank has come around.

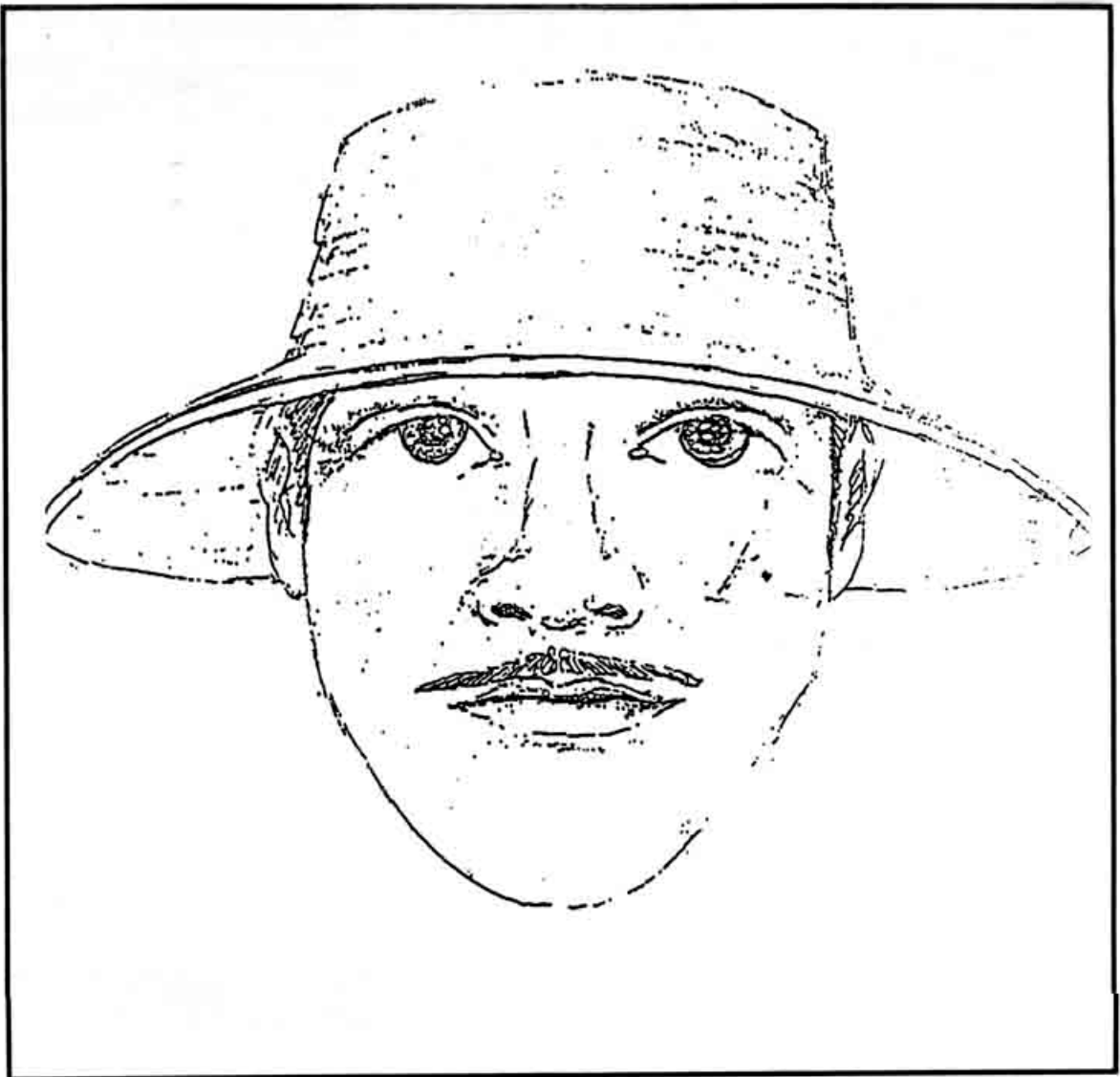
"I expect it's the political pressure that did the trick, that and the fact the local manager has been getting a lot of complaints about this. It finally sank in."

Waterman said he simply couldn't justify the project to his superiors without the seed money to get it started, but that the final installation is something he's been looking forward to for some time.

Even three years ago, the costs of the the machine, the electronics involved, the operating costs, were still too high to consider Dawson, Waterman said, but the drop in costs in all of these areas put it just within reach, with a little initial assistance.

Waterman said that a letter is on the way to Dawson council explaining the bank's current position and assuring them that they will see their money again sooner or later.

Waterman thinks it will probably be sooner, but he can't make an absolute commitment on that. Time and business volume will tell the tale.



Whitehorse RCMP have released this composite drawing of the suspect.

RCMP warning to parents

The hunt is still on of a man who attempted to abduct a ten-year-old Dawson girl on June 2.

At approximately 3:15 p.m. the little girl was cycling on Queen Street and Third Avenue. At the intersection a truck/camper unit pulled up to her. The male driver of the vehicle said to her, "Your mom is sick, I will take you to her, get in the truck."

The young girl then immediately drove away on her bicycle and reported the incident to her mother and the police.

Her quick and smart response prevented anything from happening. Police checked the town and local campgrounds but have been unable to locate the vehicle.

The vehicle is described as:

Full size crew cab pickup truck; dark blue in colour; 3 to 4 years old; tinted glass windows on the rear of the cab; front of camper protrudes out over cab of the truck; has full size slide in camper white/beige in color with two black stripes; has tear drop style lights on the hood.

The male suspect is described as: 30 to 40 years old, Caucasian with a dark tan; thin black moustache protruding just past the corner of his mouth; deep gravelly voice; wearing a brown shirt and a brown wide brimmed hat.

Police have an alert out for the vehicle/suspect throughout the Territory and at the border crossings.

If anybody has any information or has seen this vehicle/suspect, they are asked to call the R.C.M.P. in Dawson City at 993-5555.

Menzies appointed to Yukon Arts Board

by Liza Sardi

Dawson City recreation director Peter Menzies has been appointed as a director to the Yukon Arts Centre Corporation.

Tourism Minister Doug Phillips announced the appointment of Menzies, and nine others on May 12.

Menzies was appointed because of his unique combination of talent — he is a musician active in many arts and recreation organizations in Dawson including the Music Festival and the community radio station, said Arts director Rick Lemaire.

The YACC board is responsible for the operation of the Yukon Arts Centre, which houses a 430 seat theatre and the Yukon's only public art gallery.

While on the committee, Menzies will be involved in providing policy and direction for the management of the Arts Centre.

"The centre serves a community larger than Whitehorse, so it's important that Dawson is represented," said Lemaire.

Menzies says he is pleased with the appointment but will know more about his exact position after the board's first meeting in early June.

EDITORIAL:

Just How Warm Was It?

The weather is a funny thing, and forecasting is sometimes even funnier. Our local weather scribe, Art Vickers, does the only sort of weather column that you can do with absolute accuracy when he records for us the weather that we already had, and clears up everyone's misremembered versions of how cold it actually got or how many records we broke. Art deals in history.

Meteorology, after all, is the field of study that eventually brought us Chaos Theory, the notion that nothing is ever going to work out exactly the way we think it will, not even when you program all the variables into a computer. Basically, they discovered that extrapolations based on current patterns on the program run were not verified when the program was allowed to run its full length. The variables appeared to mutate and go off at weird tangents after a while. That tended to make any predictions longer than two or three days very "iffy".

Maybe that explains why the Yukon has the best long range forecast in the country for this summer. "Those who know" are predicting rain and generally cooler than normal temperatures everywhere - except here. After last fall's early winter, who would have guessed it?

On the other hand, this spring is nothing like last year, either. Last year we suddenly got cold in late April and May wasn't all that wonderful. June, of course, brought flooding all along the highway from here to Whitehorse.

This year it's happening on the Dempster, in the most under-rated highway washout I've ever seen. There was finally a small item in last Thursday's Star, quite low key — no byline — noting that the highway was closed from km 104 and 196 in the Blackstone River Valley between Northfork Pass and the Ogilvie River. The press release prose revealed that one large culvert and eight to 10 smaller ones had been washed out, while a 12 to 15 km stretch of the highway was half-gone, eight km had severe shoulder erosion and 3.5 km were flooded. Obviously the newspeople in the capital haven't seen the helicopter video that was running here at ALIVE video recently.

Be all that as it may Morningside contacted one of our local radio personalities for some commentary. Something about why the Yukon weather is so wonderful. (It must be our sunny dispositions.) It's a good thing Kathy Jones-Gates is taking the summer off from active involvement with the Sun or she'd never have been able to get up to be interviewed at 5:30 a.m. on a production Monday. Aw, who am I kidding? Kathy probably wouldn't have been to bed at that time if she had been working on the paper.

Speaking of chaos, we're experiencing once again that annoying tendency for newsworthy events to tend to bunch up close to our production dates. Folks, you've just got to plan your events with more attention to our deadlines. Remember this for next month. It's just fine if you have all sorts of things happening from June 10th to the 30th, but after that, no events should take place during our next production period, say from July 1st to 5th. I realize this will be a real inconvenience for those planning Canada Day and the Goldpanning Championships, but they'll just have to adjust.

See you next month.

Dan Davidson

Dog locked in trunk is a serious matter

Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to inform people of what could happen to their dog, after an incident that happened last week.

Gwen had gone to play ball and after the game went home but couldn't find her dog, Merlin.

After repeatedly calling the dog she went to the neighbors and asked if they had seen her, but no one had.

She searched that night and all the next day and even the neighborhood children went around looking. But no Merlin.

Finally at five in the afternoon Gwen went to the Dome thinking that maybe the dog had followed someone. She wasn't there.

Gwen also checked the pound but no luck.

You must remember that this is a very friendly dog who thinks everyone is a friend. Needless to say, Gwen was very

depressed.

Then a stray dog went by and there was a bark in the vicinity of her car. Now this is the terrible part. When Gwen opened the trunk, there was Merlin. Needless to say, there was a happy reunion.

Now I ask you what kind of a person would lock a dog in the trunk of a car.

I would think a sick one.

Madeleine Gould

(P.S. she had left her keys in her car.)

Tourist donates cup to contest

Dear Editor:

In 1987, I visited Dawson City for the first time with eight friends. While we were here we participated in the Yukon Goldpanning Championship

and I won third prize in the Cheechako competition. Since then I have come back to Dawson every year with different friends to participate in the Goldpanning Championships.

Every year we have been successful in the Cheechako competition.

In 1990 we came back to Dawson for the World Gold Panning Championship. We won the third, second and first prize.

Because the trip to Dawson City is very interesting and participating in the championship is great fun I will be back this year with a party of 10. We will be staying at the Triple J Hotel.

This year I want to donate a cup for the oldest and a small cup for the youngest participants. I hope it is possible.

I want to give the cups together with the mayor and a committee member to the winners.

If you need more information about the donation please write or fax me.

Dieter Burghardt
Germany

Point of View

By Jon Calon

Here in Dawson the town is turned upside down by the service industry which caters to terrorists, er, tourists.

They come by the ship-load, plane-load and bus-load with fat pockets, ready to experience the land of the Midnight Sun.

On their tours, which brings them through northern British Columbia, Yukon on through to Alaska, they buy souvenirs, food for the trips, which are far from short.

They taste local delicacies such as salmon and panning for gold from salted pans. They come into the stores, purchase an apple, some grapes or a chocolate bar. They complain, "Those grapes cost how much?!" and "Could I get American change?"

I'm sorry but when you come up thousands of miles from the lower 48 and expect that we can compete with cities with larger markets, and lower freight costs, you are sorely mistaken.

We make the same kind of profits from those items as stores in the rest of the territory. As for the bought-with-American money items, sorry against, but it's against store policy to give out American change.

Suggestion. If any American business people read these lines, why don't you change your policy to accept our Canuck bucks? We put up with your bland one-color currency, and give you a decent exchange rate, and say thank you for it.

To date, Skagway and Haines are the only places in Alaska that accept our money. Anywhere else in Alaska they look on our legal Canadian dollars like it was counterfeit.

"I'm sorry but we can't accept this. do you have an American Express

card?"

Hmmm. Something just isn't right here. We go to your country, enter your stores, try to buy something -- which supports the store and the local economy-- because of money that is exchanged all around the world, but not accepted at American

stores.

We do you a favor, but you turn us down because of our colorful money.

We accept your goods, your currency and your television programming -- but you give us a frigid shoulder.

Something better change and real quick. Before I graduate.

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In my opinion

by Larry Vezina

The City of Dawson is operating an extremely inhumane dog compound and in doing so is guilty of cruelty to animals. That fact first came to my attention in 1991 when my newly acquired pup ended up in this disgusting facility.

When I realized my pup was missing I went to the city office to check if it had been picked up, they assured me they had no dogs in the pound at that time. I spent several hours searching for my pup and could not find it. However, later in the day while in a line-up for the ferry I heard cries from the pound that I knew were from my dog. I went back to the city office and again was told they did not have my dog.

That's how well the system worked back then.

For those who are unfamiliar with the city's dog pound I wish to describe the building as it was back then. A 16 ft by 16 ft room with no windows, ventilation or caretaker.

The floor was covered deep in a sand or sawdust that absorbs urine and was never cleaned out. On entering the room the smell of urine burned the nostrils. The animal was left tied on a short chain in 24 hour darkness.

The building and the manner in which the dogs are treated has changed little despite my pleas to improve the facility in a council meeting in 1991. It remains the same today except for two small ventilation slats that let in minimal light.

My dog Jake ended up back in this pen about a week after I paid for his release. It was a Friday evening and my dog was picked up in the field across from my home. I was told he could not be freed until Monday when the city office reopened. I was sickened and outraged that any animal would be placed in such a condition for any length of time but to have my four month old pup subjected to total darkness for more than 60 hours was absolutely unthinkable. Fortunately an individual with a soft heart for an animal who could no longer stand the cries of that puppy jumped the fence of the city compound with a chain saw in hand and set my dog free.

I have remained disgusted since then with the policies affecting dogs and their owners in this town and now this must stop.

Our town council and mayor must stop the blatant disrespect they evidently have for animal life. I don't believe dogs should be allowed to run free but my argument is simple. Until such time that we can deal

with the dogs in a humane manner we have a problem we are unable to deal with. The problem is with the dog owners; the dogs themselves must not be treated with cruelty.

Dawson City's dog pound does not meet the most basic requirements of the Canadian Humane Society or the guidelines set by various animal protection agencies. It therefore is being operated illegally.

This matter is back in my mind because on May 8 and May 10 my dog Jake was picked up while loose. I have a bill for \$267.50 for pound fees. I have told council at a meeting that I will not pay these fines. I will respect the fines only when the city operates a legal humane facility until such time they have no rights to impound my dog.

The circumstances on how my dog was impounded on May 8 and May 10 are pertinent. I do my best to keep my dog close to home.

On May 8, I was out walking with my daughter and my dog. My daughter fell on the steps in front of the Downtown Hotel and split her lip. I went into the washroom and was back out in 10 minutes and was informed my dog had been picked up.

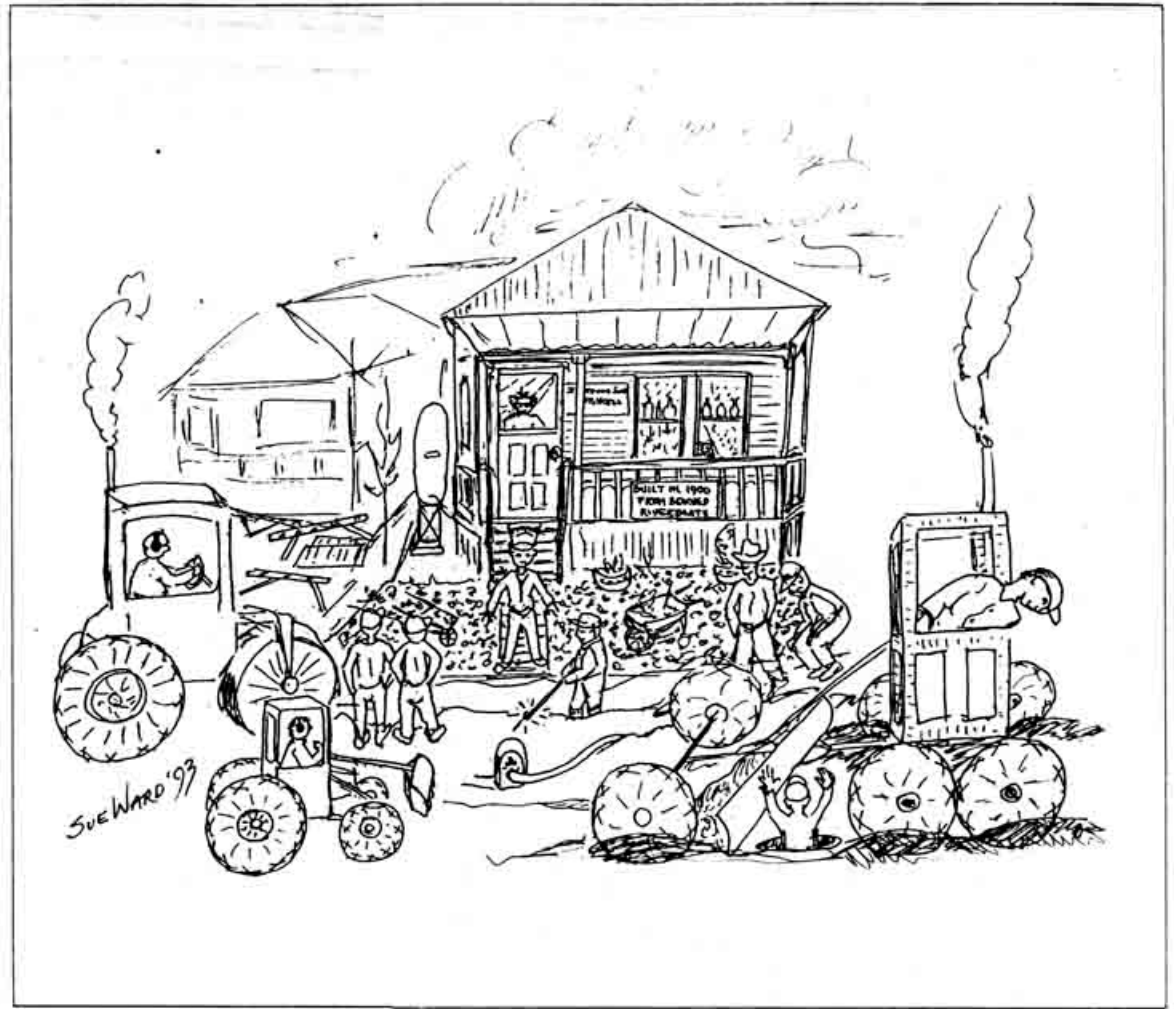
Two days later some school kids let him off his leash to play with him and he ran off. Because of these two events I have been told in no uncertain terms by Mayor Jenkins that the third offence automatically means my dog will be destroyed. I find that very hard to except—in fact impossible to accept so I must change the system.

I request all animal loving citizens of Dawson to call the city office and insist that the present dog pound be closed because it does not meet basic requirements. If your dog is impounded do not pay the fine, demand your animals release, as it is being held illegally.

I have been told, although I find it hard to believe, that dogs have been shot by a person paid from the city office. I am not speaking of dogs being put down after being impounded but of licensed dogs being shot on the street. If anyone has information of this happening I would appreciate the information (993-5941).

This will happen no longer; I will personally pay for legal expenses if necessary to stop this horrendous barbaric behaviour by our city council.

P.S. My sincere thanks to the person who broke into the pound on May 10 and set my dog free; I would like to know who you are.



Sourdough Sue Ward drew this picture of herself trapped in her house by city workers.

No access -- just taxes

by Sue Ward

How glad we were to see the end of winter, with streets graded, even calcium chloride applied to the business area to take care of dust. But not on Princess Street where the old lady lives in the little old house! She has yet to be able to park in front of the little old house, even to pack her little old bags of groceries up to her front door. How come? You may well ask.

In this period of national restraint, you may well wonder. The way I see it, the job wasn't analysed. The superintendent of works didn't know there was a culvert traversing Princess St. at 7th Avenue. Its ends were sticking out in the ditches, and it even had a thaw job to make sure it was open for business. But no one checked to see if enough water was coming through, in fact, some city crew members could only exclaim, "What's that doing there?"

"Well hell, the one end's been plugged by the grader. So we'll plug the other end. It's not needed anymore. There's a right-angle culvert above it." It was plugged.

None listened to the little old lady who said, "I think it got crushed in the middle when they put in the new sewer last October. The run-off is seeping down under the road."

Two huge earth-mover loads of road-topping gravel were spewed onto the soft area. That called for the grader to spread it around.

"It's got to dry out for a few days," decided the superintendent. "Bring some street barriers."

This called for two person city crew with the flatbed truck, who set up the road barriers. Days pass. The little old lady asks for help.

"How would you like a couple of sections of city board walks?" asks the superintendent.

"I'll go for that," agrees the little old lady. "My Meals on Wheels drivers are dropping in to their ankles in the muck."

Two city workers bring flatdeck with two sections of sidewalks and we are in neutral for another ten days, "waiting for the moisture to dry out."

Little old lady phones city workshop asking for further action. She would like to be able to park in front of her home to unload groceries.

Superintendent sends street grader with operator, who heaves sidewalks and barriers onto grass areas. Operator takes downhill run at stacked road-fill. Right in front of little old lady's house, watching from behind lace curtains, she sees the grader drop all four wheels right up to the axles. Grader operator jumps out and soon returns with operator in huge loader. They attach tow-chain to grader and big bucket pulls grader onto solid roadbed at crossing. Grader operator sets up road barriers, but heaves only one section of sidewalk back into precarious position for little old lady, and Meals on Wheels deliverer.

Little old lady asks superintendent, "What's to do?"

Superintendent assigns city backhoe and crew of two to dig out manhole. Pump must arrive on pickup to pump out water before manhole can be opened. When it is opened, the huge truck which siphons out septic tanks must be brought with driver and assistant to suck up the gravel which has found its way into sewer opening.

"What's to do?" repeats exasperated little old taxpayer.

Little old lady phones mayor and carps. "What the hell, Peter, I haven't been able to get into my front access since breakup! I only have 25

feet!"

At end of shift, superintendent arrives with man to plan further strategy. At 8 p.m. the man arrives with a Bobcat. He heaves barriers onto grassy areas, and disperses the big pile of road-topping which was pushed up by city backhoe crew.

Little old lady takes Banjo, her little dog, for a visit to the beaver pond, as she can't abide the horrendous racket of Bobcats on which drivers use earplugs.

Upon return she discovers road-topping has been pushed about, completely eliminating ditch which all streets have to help seepage get to the Yukon River. The barriers are replaced. But not the sidewalk. Not even one section.

Friday comes, before the long weekend. Early afternoon much rumbling announces the arrival of the huge diesel road-roller. The operator alights to haul street barriers once more onto grassy areas. He sits ready for action and takes a downhill path over offending road, which should squash the bejeebers out of the moist-ridden roadbed. Alas, his wheel drops fifteen inches into the messy conglomerate and he hastily retreats, deciding to come at it sideways for several squeegees. He rumbles away having forgotten to replace barriers or any sidewalks. Who knows what will transpire by next Tuesday?

What the little old lady knows is that a minimum of 11 operators and as many pieces of equipment have been assigned over a period of five weeks to repair 50 feet of city gravel street, and the little old lady taxpayer still has no access to her front door.

"RESTRAINT!" You may scream. Of what? Expenses? Or of the little old lady taxpayer?

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Red Feather Whiskey takes flight



Vicki Hancock accepts bottle #3 from Bill Brewster.

by Brent Morrison

With the purchase of lucky bottle number 13 June Doolittle became the first person to own the Yukon's newest brand of whiskey, Red Feather Saloon.

Doolittle was one of more than 40 people who arrived early at the Dawson liquor store for the May 28 launching of Gilbey Canada's newest product.

One thousand special edition 750 mL bottles were brought to Dawson for the occasion.

Assorted Yukon government ministers, representatives of the Yukon Liquor Corporation and Gilbeys, and reporters from all over the Territory were also present for the 3:30 p.m. ceremony.

Reg Therrien, a Whitehorse representative of Gilbeys, poured samples of the ten year old whiskey while customers and officials alike jockeyed for position, trying to find that "special" bottle.

An optimistic Brewster introduced the product over the din of the crowd, "We're hoping to sell it all over the world with good advertising and good liquor," He told them.

The first bottle was given to Yukon Archives Brewster indicated, then presented Yukon Liquor Corpora-

tion President Vicki Hancock with the third bottle. The second bottle was presented to the Vice President of Gilbey's Canada, Stephen Moss.

In a brief speech Moss indicated that nearly 100 years ago people from all around the world came to Dawson seeking adventure and fortune, "And it's the spirit of that search that we wanted to commemorate."

He went on to add that, "The Red Feather Saloon was here during the

We're hoping to sell it all over the world with good advertising and good liquor

Gold Rush, and now on the eve of the centennial of Dawson City and the Red Feather Saloon it's quite appropriate that Gilbey Canada dedicate to Dawson City and to the Yukon our new brand."

While a strange stir seemed to go through the room after those comments, no one informed Moss that the Red Feather wasn't built until 1903, and the Rush had pretty much died out by then.

He then presented Brewster with a plaque from Gilbey Canada marking the occasion. "That will remain in Dawson in the Red Feather Saloon. I guarantee it," Brewster stated proudly.

The choice of whiskey for the Red Feather product was made partly because of tradition and partly because it sounded good Hancock indicated.

She also indicated that the special edition bottles, which features a history telling label on the back, would only be moved out of Dawson, "If for some reason they don't sell."

According to Hancock at least half a dozen Canadian distilleries were approached with the idea of making the whiskey, but it was Gilbey President John Dur who was most enthusiastic about the product. "We said that we wanted a premium product, at least a ten year old whiskey. They came through and we said go for it."

With more than 40 samples served and hundreds of bottles purchased already, the restocking of this whiskey is almost as certain as a cold winter in Dawson.

Dawson agrees to fair exchange

by Dan Davidson

Dawson City Council is supporting a Whitehorse Chamber of Commerce initiative to encourage retail stores in the territory to support a "fair exchange" program with regard to the U.S. dollar.

Mayor Peter Jenkins introduced the idea to council as something that had been tried here a few years ago, but was unsuccessful due to a couple of major businesses refusing to participate.

"I know it's a heck of a good idea and I'd like to ask for your support by way of a resolution," he said.

Council members were quick to provide that, agreeing, in the words of Tim Gerberding, "that it's a real frustration to the tourists when they get gouged after bank hours."

According to Marion Dillon, secretary to the Whitehorse Chamber, the present version of the idea came

from North Bay, Ontario, and is a strictly voluntary program involving the daily posting of the US dollar's exchange value in public places and in participating stores.

The chamber would like to see the value posted on a sign at the entrance to each participating community, and changed each day according to the actual daily value, keeping within 2% of the rate to allow for decimal fluctuations too inconvenient to administer.

Participating outlets would also have a sign on display with the same exchange value posted on it. In addition, the rate would be announced over the radio and in local newspapers.

Dillon said the chamber hopes to get the cooperation of the major communities in the territory this year, especially the points of entry, and would try to expand to smaller

centers next year. At this time the chamber's plan has received support from Dawson, Whitehorse and Watson Lake.

KPMA honors locals

by Jacklyn Johnson

Frank Taylor, past president of the Klondike Placer Miners Association, and Ron W. Johnson, past vice-president and IRC representative, were given recognition at the KPMA's spring meeting on May 28.

To a standing ovation, from the large mining community members and visiting federal and territorial government dignitaries, Taylor and Johnson accepted matching inscribed gold pans.

The inscription recognized the dedicated support of both Taylor and Johnson of the placer mining industry from the KPMA.

Frank mines with his wife Bonnie and family in the Mayo district. Ron mines with his wife Jacki and family in the Dawson district.



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Mayor doubts arrival of Anniversaries office

by Dan Davidson

When will the headquarters of the Yukon Anniversaries Commission finally be moved to Dawson City? Mayor Peter Jenkins shared his concerns about this with council on June 3. While he is sure the government will keep its commitment in the long run, he doesn't want it to be too long.

Although the Yukon Party endorsed the relocation of the Yukon Anniversaries Commission to Dawson City at its convention here in April, and the government announced its intention to follow through with this move later on when the legislature opened, nothing has been done to make the commission visible in Dawson City yet.

"There are a number of things that have come to light that I find quite amazing," he said in a later interview. "The office space in Whitehorse is still under lease. The executive director is reporting directly to Doug Phillips and John Spicer (deputy minister of tourism)."

This last item he finds odd because a May 12 letter from Phillips says that executive director Ron Pond reports to Commissioner Ken McKinnon, who is still the chair of the YAC until the new board is appointed.

"While on the surface everyone is supporting the move to Dawson, the minister (Phillips) and Rona Pond are saying it but they're not in total concurrence. I think what you'll see is that...if things don't come into focus pretty quick everybody in Dawson will just opt out of the Anniversaries Commission and we'll do our own thing. You know, that's the only way to go."

Jon Magnusson the chair of the Klondike Centennials Society, agrees with Jenkins that there is no time to waste and that planning for 1996-98 can't wait forever. He even agrees that the KCS, which is locally in charge of all centennial activity here, might have to go it alone.

"Correct. This has been discussed several times," Magnusson said on June 4, "especially back earlier when we couldn't even get them to recognize that the office should be here. Originally they wouldn't even consider it in Whitehorse and that's all there was to it. The only way we've changed their mind is the lobbying and the letters from us and from the city. If we hadn't done that it would still be in Whitehorse."

He does think the commission will be based here eventually: "I think that, politically, it would not be wise for them to change their mind at this point." But he is

frustrated by the pace of the change.

"Why isn't it just getting cracking? They've been messing around for so long. That's what troubles me, I guess. We don't know what their role is, so it's very difficult to define our role. So we've said we'll just keep moving and just do what we have to do."

Magnusson says he believes that Ron Pond would not stand in the way of moving the YAC main offices to Dawson, but it does appear to him that the Minister of Tourism, Doug Phillips, is less than enthusiastic, even though his party and his government have endorsed the move.

The YAC that ran the Alaska Highway Anniversary is the old group, which has not met, according to Phillips, since Jan. 27, 1993. The new board will be appointed soon and Magnusson has hopes for Klondike strength on that.

"We've been told that there's five seats for us, but we don't have that in writing. That's 5 out of 12 from Dawson. The chair is expected to be from here and the executive."

In spite of that reassurance, there was recently there was a call for nominations to the new version of the YAC, and the Klondike Centennials Society wasn't even officially notified of it. Magnusson got wind of the call and managed to coordinate the various interest groups in the town to put together a list of nominees, which was sanctioned by city council on June 3.

These problems aside, Magnusson is anxious to get his group on a working footing with the YAC, whatever form the new board takes.

"We may have differences but we have to put them aside and work together if we're going to succeed."



Photo by Liza Sardi

The clean up crew relaxes on their hard work. They are: Kevin Millsip, Dennis Goodall, Ken Evans, Pippa Lara Alexander and Nic Cote.

Campers do some good

by R. G. H. Quinby

A group of campers across the river organized a garbage clean-up of the hill where they plan to be living for the summer.

Throughout the month of May, many of the tenters began to feel concerned with any perception that the community of workers who arrive in Dawson for the summer were dirty or irresponsible litterbugs. With this in mind, on 21 May, 10 or 15 of the people living across the river decided to scour the hillside picking up the garbage left behind from previous years.

All in all, the garbage collected filled nearly two dozen plastic bags which the General Store had generously provided. Some of the items collected were downright interesting: old Coke bottles left

behind from campers in the 30's or 40's, as well as mounds of old fuel and soup cans from way back.

Other items were not nearly so interesting. A cache of buried garbage from 1991 contained empty beer bottles, half-full mayonnaise jars and even china plates, bowls and cups that could have easily been

re-used or disposed of in a more responsible manner.

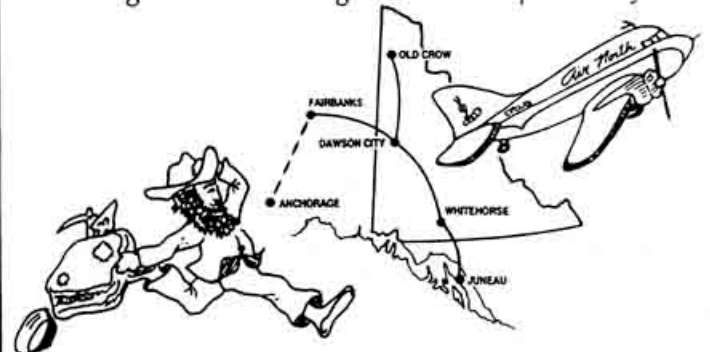
The collected garbage was hauled away without charge by the City, and the summer workers who live on the hill are planning another clean-up in late August before they return to their winter lives down south.

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Movie Reviews

by Fickle & Egghead

Summer has arrived, with the sun in full force, and suddenly there's little time for being entertained video-style. However, Fickle and Egghead here have managed to squeeze in some movie viewing and have, of course, some opinions to share with you on some of the latest film offerings in video form.

- ***** Excellent
- **** Almost Excellent
- *** Worth seeing, but has obvious weaknesses
- ** Has its moments
- * Has a moment
- Hasn't a hope

PRELUDE TO A KISS ***

First of all, Alec Baldwin is great in this Norman Rene film. For the first 15 minutes, I kept thinking, 'this is going to be a great movie', but unfortunately, as soon as the plot is established, the movie falls flat. So many movies lately, it seems, start with interesting plots and then go nowhere. I guess my main disappointment in this movie is that if you're going to have two characters exchange bodies, as is the case in this film, you need to use some 'body language' as a visual device that if not exaggerates, at least displays that a transition has occurred. Placing Meg Ryan in an old man's body provides much to work with. It seems that the makers of this movie ran out of energy for it, as did I. I yawned through the last

half of their effort.

SINGLE WHITE FEMALE **1/2

This movie, based on the novel 'SWF Seeks Same' by John Lutz, is produced and directed by Barbet Schroeder. The acting is good; Bridget Fonda and Jennifer Jason Leigh portray strong starring roles. Unfortunately, once again we have a movie that begins with an interesting plot, and then dies an agonizing death as far as entertainment value goes.

UNLAWFUL ENTRY ***1/2

Produced by Charles Gordon, and directed by Jonathan Kaplan, this is an all-around good movie. It begins and finishes with no loose ends and nothing extraneous to the plot is thrown in simply for effect. The plot itself runs true, and is interesting and well-done. Kurt Russell, Ray Liotta, and Madeleine Stowe are excellent in their roles.

A MIDNIGHT CLEAR ****

Siskel and Ebert (sound familiar?) gave this movie "Two Thumbs Up", and Richard Schnickel, from Time Magazine called it, "A movie to seek out and treasure". Fickle and Egghead agree wholeheartedly and highly recommend that you see this film.

This movie breaks magnificently away from formula plots. It is the story of boys, not quite men, at war, and the psychological breakdown that occurs when fear is as great an

enemy as an adversary that has a gun.

BASIC INSTINCT

Produced by Alan Marshall, directed by Paul Verhoeven, and stars Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone.

When it came down to Basic Instinct, Fickle and Egghead could not agree; we couldn't even compromise. So we are providing two reviews, and ratings, as follows. Egghead: ****1/2

This moving is an excellent mystery that is well handled from beginning to end. It's startling finish, not necessarily a conclusion, leaves much room for speculation and discussion. The sex scenes, which are prevalent and often violent, are consistent with the plot, as is everything in this movie. It is a story about human manipulation, and is a solid all around murder mystery.

Fickle: **1/2

Okay, I got it. Seeing as how Fatal Attraction was so successful, let's make another movie where Michael Douglas gets to engage in wild sexual antics. We'll just build a story around that! Well, I say: Michael Douglas, for entertainment's sake, put your pants back on! Here's a movie that's not sure what it is. Is it a mystery? Almost...Is it pornography? It borders on it quite comfortably. Is it a journey into the psyche of its two main characters? Well, that explains the title... This movie invented the phrase 'gratuitous sex scenes'. The portrayal of the women in the story is insulting to feminine members of our race. As for Sharon Stone; the one who goes panti-less throughout the entire film thus creating the strongest impression that this movie hopes to accomplish, don't be tricked into thinking she can act: she plays almost exactly the same character in 'Where Sleeping Dogs Lie'.



Photos by Brent Morrison

Caron and Charlotte belting them out at the Downtown.

Singing in the City

by Brent Morrison

Caron Giddings and Charlotte Cox are going to Whitehorse for a song.

Quite a few songs actually.

The Dawson women placed first and second respectively in the Great Canadian Karaoke Challenge at the Downtown Hotel and won a free trip to Whitehorse to compete in the Yukon finals June 12.

Locals and visitors have been singing along with the teleprompted tunes for seven weeks as part of the competition.

According to the rules, anyone who made money singing during the last year was unable to compete, as they

were considered professional. Although they were allowed to perform.

Giddings and Cox were up against four other challengers who had also placed first during one of the weeks leading up to the finals.

While a certain degree of inebriation seemed a prime requisite for many of those who got up to strut their stuff, sobriety seemed the key to winning.

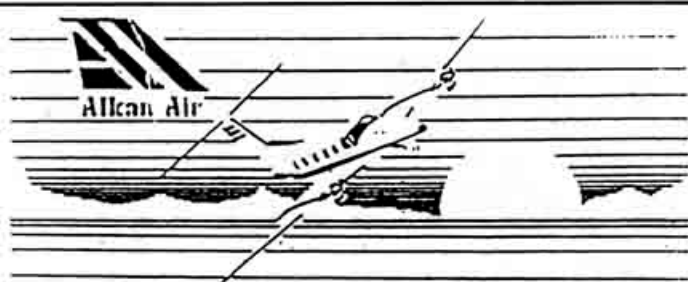
Giddings performed Patsy Kline and Richard Marx numbers, while Cox's most memorable numbers were Chain of Fools and When Will I Be Loved.

Paul Nadon placed third performing Led Zeppelin's Whole Lotta Love and Black Dog.

Fourth place went to Peter Kusznir, fifth to Dan Gange, while Don "Juan" MacKenzie finished sixth.

Henry Reinink received a special M.V.P. award for performing every week. For an encore he sang Hey Jude with most of the bar crowd singing along.

The winner of the Whitehorse competition will compete in the Canadian finals held in Toronto later in the summer.



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Bob McConkey : Life after KVA

by Liza Sardi

On April 13 the Klondike Visitors Association voted not to renew the contract of general manager Bob McConkey. He had been with the KVA for two years, since May 1991.

There has been much curiosity around town about what happened, but neither the KVA directors or McConkey are willing to discuss the issue. McConkey was willing to give us his impressions of his time with the KVA and his own plans for the future.

What's the hardest part about leaving KVA?

The hardest part about leaving KVA was my disappointment with not being able to carry on with the initiatives I had developed, especially the marketing. I have been taken out of the tourism network temporarily, cut adrift. It didn't last long once I got my own business started.

I feel badly for the awkwardness of other people in town. It's been like a death in the family. People don't know how to talk to you. But I haven't been fatally wounded. I've gotten some nice feedback from people that we're not leaving town. *Were you surprised that KVA didn't renew your contract?*

Yeah, I was. I think its very important to have good employee-employer relations and formal evaluations and regular feedback so people are aware of concerns, officially. The Board of Directors has 12 members and you learn to have quite a thick skin. As general manager you're a hero one day and a bum the next. I got used to editing feedback. The nature of the job is that it draws feedback. I hadn't had a performance evaluation, formally. It did come as a surprise when my contract wasn't renewed.

Life goes on, KVA goes on and Bob McConkey goes on. As I said before I'm disappointed because of the initiatives I started but never got to finish. The period of mourning was quite short. You come to grips with reality and refocus.

Did KVA lose out because your contract wasn't renewed?

Only time will tell. I think strategic long range planning is important. It's critical to organizations the size and complexity of the KVA. KVA continues to enjoy a growth curve, but it needs long term planning. Everybody has to agree with the goals of the organization and how it gets there. It's easy to get unfocused and hard to set priorities without a strategic plan endorsed by the board and members.

If you have 12 different perspectives to give to staff, it's difficult to place your resources.



photo by Brent Morrison

Bob McConkey enjoying setting his own schedule.

KVA needs to take the time to go through a strategic plan and get the right resources and staff. The KVA will continue to be successful. No organization can function forever in an unstructured environment.

How did you think you did as KVA general manager?

I hit the deck running in May of 1991. In my first week I was on a plane to Alaska with Gertie and the dancers and then headed straight into the season. Financially, KVA was pressed and had to cut down on marketing because resources weren't there. The first year was tough.

KVA got involved in Rendezvous Canada and the National Tour Association (a travel and trade promotion organization). That network helped package tours to the north. These were important initiatives. We were also involved with the Tourism Marketing Council, T.I.A.Y. board of directors and Tourism North. We were also involved in the Road Show, a co-operative promotion targeting the RV market in Northern British Columbia, Yukon and Alaska.

I worked with the directors to get the slot machines in Gerties.

KVA helped with the Alaska Highway promotion.

We doubled the size of the

Commissioners Ball. Last year the governor general, three lieutenant governors, the top brass from the RCMP, Audrey McLaughlin and half the Yukon cabinet came. We took an historic group photo recreating a photo from 1901. That will go down in the history books.

There was big percentage increase in business. I don't want to take direct credit. There was the Alaska Highway anniversary, but our marketing helped.

This past winter we negotiated new contracts at the Gaslight Follies, Gerties, with Parks for the use of the Palace Grand and for the food services snack bar at Gerties. Now at the Jack London Centre they're retailing books. KVA has a new logo, and they've established a new creative look for their advertising. Our marketing budget doubled between 1992/93 and 1993/94.

KVA is now positioned to be much more aggressive, which is good for Dawson and the Yukon.

How about your dealings with the press?

We generated a lot of media coverage. We were on CBC's National, Midday, Morningside with Peter Gzowski, and CTV's W5. We were also on German national television twice. There's the regional coverage, also. I chronicled about

120 or 125 different media stories in the past two years.

What were you disappointed with? What would you do differently?

I would push stronger for a strategic plan. I proposed it but I didn't sell it effectively. I wished I spent more time on that. I wish I was more capable of identifying the resources, staff and volunteers. I was new to the community and I needed to know all the players, all the alliances. Dawson has so many focused groups in the community. I made a few blunders because I didn't know about the connections between individuals, all the relationship challenges. I found myself trying to bridge, create linkages between these different groups.

For example?

There was some misinformation between the KVA and the music festival. We didn't understand what the other side wanted. If we'd communicated then the conflict would have gone away. Common ground is found. I did sense that when I left that the problem had been cleared up. I wish I had been more attuned to the political environment so I could have reacted faster. I carried on naively like I felt like I was swimming upstream.

I'm disappointed that I didn't meet the expectations of the directors. If we had better staff and employee relations, performance evaluations it wouldn't result in disappointment

on both sides.

I do have reasons to believe that KVA will implement performance evaluations. I think lessons have been learned on both sides. There were also some potential personality differences that made things difficult.

Why do you think KVA isn't talking to you or the media about the fact that your contract wasn't renewed?

I can't speak to that issue. Maybe they just feel it's better to simply carry on.

How's life after KVA?

I have every good reason to get up in the morning and get at it. In past summers I have worked 90 to 110 hours a week. Now it's encouraging to know that if I put in long hours it will be of a direct benefit to me. Before my salary and my paycheck didn't change. Now the change will vary due to my success and how hard I work.

How's your new business — McConkey and Associates, tourism marketing?

Financially I have to make it successful. I can't survive without it. I have a new spirit of entrepreneurialism. It's a really exciting evolution and I think that probably it was waiting for its time to emerge.

I have a sense of freedom. Previously I saw business opportunities and now I have a chance to take them.

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Y'all come back, Big John

by Sue Ward

Nigh on 22 years ago, John and Joan Bilton arrived with their three kids, Shelley, Mark and Wendy, to make Dawson City their home. John was retiring from the Canadian Army, after 20 years of service, serving Wainwright Training Base and several years on Germany.

It could have been quite a culture shock, as Dawson had just stopped going downhill and gears were slowly grinding in far away places to change its economy from gold to tourism.

Hank and Evelyn Dubois were raising their youngsters, Karen, Carmen and Marvin, while operating the original Downtown Hotel. Evie and Joan were sisters, so John joined the team when they ventured into the General Store known as D.C.W. Trading Company. (Dubois, Carr and Warnsby, though the latter two soon moved on to other pursuits).

From the very beginning, the Biltens began making the community a better place to live, especially for children, though John became a member of the Royal Canadian Legion to show concerns for veter-

ans. He, being a paper man, soon found himself handling minute books and financial statements.

Yet he made time to serve for 10 years, as a Justice of the Peace, as he and Joan and daughter Wendy owned and operated the J. & J. Emporium, when Pretoria Butterworth sold in September 1977.

*But he plans
to return for
Centennial
Celebrations
in 1995*

His beloved Joan became terminally ill and with her passing it was again time to gather new strengths. John turned his talents to becoming full-time librarian for three years for the new Dawson community library delightful enterprise. He retired in mid-May.

John's great personal hobby was stamp collecting which in summer

time, vied with gardening and his love of flowers.

As his decision to leave Dawson only became firm in mid-winter, John will be taking his bulb order to his new home in Campbell River, on Vancouver Island, where his daughter Shelley has been managing his kitchen shop, The Peppermill.

Many of John's friends joined him on May 24 to present him with one of Dawson's now famous wall quilts at the home of Kathy and Matthew Webster on Eighth Avenue.

Upon his arrival he was invited to view the special creation, he looked at one or two blocks and thought he recognized an event or two, not twiggling for several minutes, that the masterpiece was his parting gift from his talented everyday friends!

John states emphatically that he has plans to return for Centennial Celebrations in 1995 and again in 1998.

Daughter Wendy, who works at the new liquor store, will be remaining to keep the Bilton listing in the phone directory, so we'll count on her to tell us of Big John's next adventure.



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The Nation needs numbers

by Kevin Millsip

The Dawson First Nation is taking stock.

The Nation's housing committee, in co-operation with the Yukon Housing Corporation, has undertaken a housing needs assessment survey that will be implemented July 16 to 31 in the form of a house to house interview questionnaire.

The questionnaire, now being designed, will be given to all First Nation households in Dawson City, and to Han First Nation members living in the Yukon outside of Dawson City.

The purpose of the survey is to chronicle the present housing situation of Dawson First Nation members to project what the Nations housing needs will be for the next five years.

The survey results will allow the Nation to formulate housing strategies from a more informed standpoint, and to present the government with a fact based research document pinpointing the Nations actual, urgent housing needs.

The Dawson First Nation is the first Yukon native community to undertake an independent housing survey.

It will be used as a model to other Yukon First Nation communities to use for their own research projects.

The federal government's recent substantial cuts to federal housing programs only underlines the importance for First Nation communities to undertake their own housing and research programs.

If you have suggestions on what questions could go on the survey, or if you want more information, contact project co-ordinator Kevin Millsip at 993-5385.

Or come by the First Nation offices in the Chief Isaac Memorial Centre Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

New name and home for the Anna Maria

by Liza Sardi

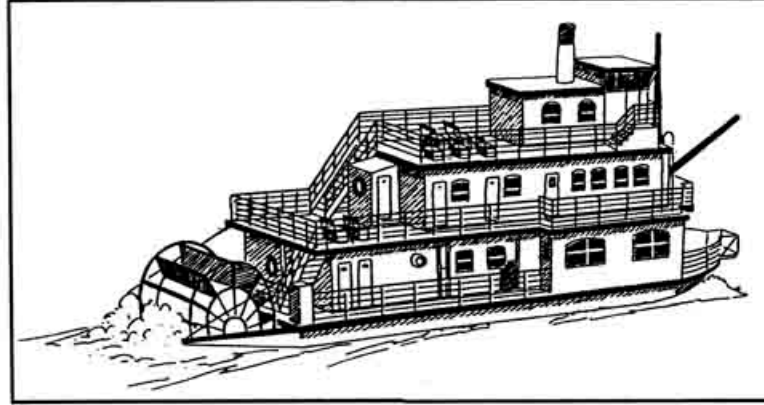
The M.V. Anna Maria will be in Dawson City in mid-August for some structural changes and to be rechristened with a new name.

Her new owner, the Alaska Yukon Sternwheeler Co., is shipping the boat to Dawson for work over the winter. She broke a prop outside Whitehorse in 1989 and has been damaged by poor weather and shallow rivers.

President Jonathan Wolman estimates the journey from Whitehorse to Dawson will take about five to 10 days.

Once here, the boat will be dry docked near the ferry landing. Her first tour won't be until May 1994. When she does sail, Wolman said it will be the first sternwheeler passenger service on the Yukon River in 39 years.

Wolman has chosen three potential names to rename the Anna Maria. He's keeping all three secret while the Coastguard is looking over them to check for copyrights. Though he won't reveal what they are he said "it will leave no doubt as



Artists rendering of the new M.V. Anna Maria sternwheeler.

to the area or history the boat is travelling in."

The new version of the boat will have a third deck, where the pilothouse will be relocated from the second deck. A sternwheel will also be added, bringing the boat's total length to 85 feet.

Both the Coastguard and the original builders agree that the addition of the sternwheel will help to stabilize the boat and give the pilot more control over the boat.

Though the sternwheel will be added over the winter, Wolman said

that "it could be another year before the boat is actually propelled by it" because of some fine tuning with the hydraulic systems.

The Anna Maria was built in the late 1980s to cruise between Dawson City and Whitehorse. But it was too big to travel on the highway and the water between Skagway and Whitehorse was too shallow to ship.

The original owners went bankrupt because of poor weather and shallow water. A second consortium of owners also failed because of low water levels.

But Wolman said that he can make the boat a success by marketing it heavily in Canada, the United States and Europe.

Wolman is so optimistic he's already talking about buying the boat from its previous owners when his lease expires, in five years.

He believes he can be successful where other businesses have failed because he won't be relying on word of mouth or passing tourists to seek him out.

The boat will be making trips from Dawson to Eagle and Dawson to Circle, Alaska. Sailors will have the option of renting a berth in one of the 10 cabins or leaving the boat to camp at night.

The trip will include stops at a Yukon homestead, a working fishing camp and the ghost town of Forty Mile.

There will be five crew members running the boat: a pilot, first mate/engineer, cook and two assistants. Wolman said that he would be hiring Yukoners for all positions except the pilot, who must be an experienced navigator familiar with American waterways.

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BOMBAY PEGGY'S CLOSE TO DEMOLITION

by Liza Sardi

If someone doesn't come up with \$75,000 by October to buy Bombay Peggy's it's going to end up as a barn in Whitehorse.

"I don't want to destroy the building," said owner Wilson Frank (Kip) Callahan. But the building is rotting away on the corner of Albert and Front streets, and if he can't find anyone to buy it he's going to put the wood that built this 93 year old building to "better use."

"I'm open for ventures or offers but I can't wait much longer."

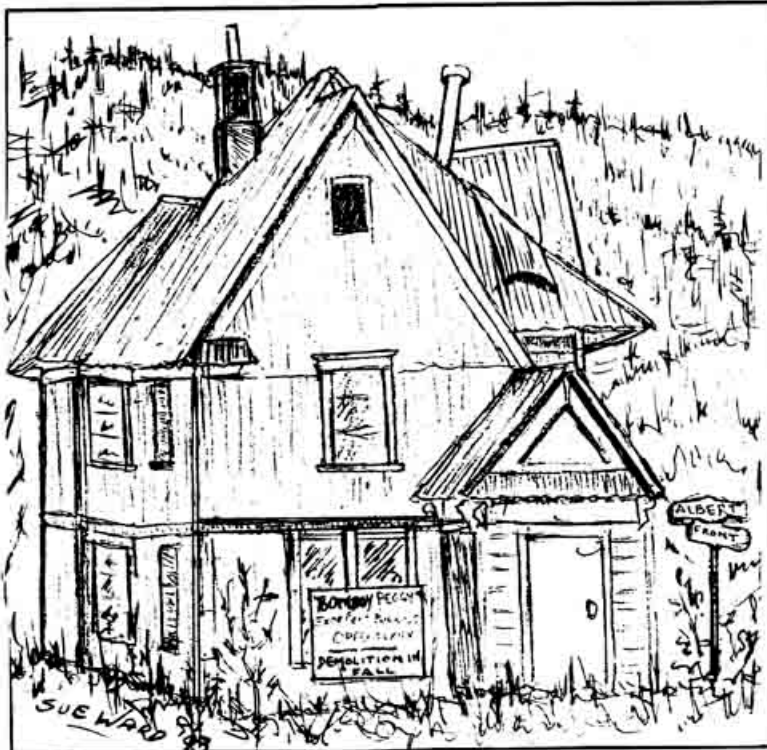
Callahan bought the property in 1988 for \$48,000. He originally had plans to turn Peggy's or Vera M. Dorval's brothel into a 55 seat restaurant, but he ran into financial problems. Callahan said that he's already spent \$12,000 in developing exact architectural plans.

He's willing to sell the building and the property it is on, four lots that total 200 ft by 60 feet. Or if he can get a second backer, he's willing to put a second mortgage on his home in Whitehorse to repair and renovate the building.

The problem is that the venture will be an expensive one. Water needs to be drained from the area and fill brought in. The building will also need a new foundation before it can be renovated.

Currently there are neither water nor sewer lines to the building.

"Demolition to begin in the fall if doesn't sell..." reads the sign in front of the brothel. Local residents have



Bombay Peggy's, is beauty in the eye of the beholder?

called Parks and the museum to express their concern over almost blackmail-like tactics.

"I put that I would have the building demolished to see what kind of a response I could get," said Callahan. Obviously it worked.

Since he has put up the controversial sign Callahan said he has had about six or eight calls. Some are concerned Dawsonites, but others are interested in investing or buying the property and house.

No one has made an offer to purchase.

"It's a terrible thing," said Museum Director Heather Smith. She believes that old buildings, even derelict buildings, help make up the historic fabric of Dawson.

According to historical records the building had a number of previous owners before Peggy Dorval bought it. The first owners were two managers of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. In 1901 some

miners lived and operated their mining business out of the house. The Gold Run-Klondike Mining Company continued to operate from this location until 1908 with at least one of the company's associates living in it. In 1911 the building was purchased by Daniel Guggenheim, and probably used as an office for the Guggenheim mining operations. It was bought and sold several times, and has a rich history, even before it was purchased by Peggy.

Smith is perturbed by the number of buildings Dawson has lost of the past few years. "It's a shame to lose them especially when we're only leaving gravel lots."

"Philosophically I have a real concern with the trends in Dawson," agreed Al Fisk, superintendent of the Klondike National Historical Sites, about the number of buildings that have been torn down in the past few years. But Fisk said there's nothing he can do.

In the past three decades many historic buildings in Dawson have been saved from demolition by Historic Sites. Properties have been donated or purchased. According to Fisk, the acquisitions have helped to preserve historical aspects of Dawson.

But it's been almost 10 years since they acquired a building; since Historic Sites and Monuments, a department of the Heritage Branch in Whitehorse, recommended that they had enough buildings to preserve Dawson.

"It was their view that the properties we had communicated the themes and we didn't need any additional properties," said Fisk. "Something should be done. But you can't rely on the government for every fix."

Fisk hopes that he can rely on others to save Peggy's.

The property could be declared a historic site, which therefore could not be torn down. But Dawson already has one brothel, Ruby's Place, and Fisk isn't sure that any government department would be interested in preserving a second one.

There are two options that the city can take, according to Ed Krahn, Historic Sites Co-ordinator for the Yukon government. The municipal government can declare the building historic and preserve it, or the federal government will have to be approached and they can make recommendations to the minister of tourism. Currently there is no territorial program to preserve buildings.

Callahan is also looking into government grants that would allow him to do some work on the building's foundation before it receives any more damage.

"I don't want to tear it down," said Callahan. But he said he's talked to his lawyer in Vancouver and if he doesn't get an offer, legally he can do what he wants with the building, including making a barn.

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Good News!

The new doctor isn't leaving town

by Liza Sardi

Suzanne Crocker is planting a garden. She's growing beans, peas, carrots and potatoes.

While this may not be important news for some, her patients are happy. The rumor in town has been that she might be moving.

"At this point I have no intentions of leaving," says Dr. Crocker quietly as she sits relaxing on her front porch with her dog Sam.

She and her partner Dr. MacDougal have promised to stay in Dawson till at least December. After that she's not sure but she says she loves Dawson.

Dr. Crocker has been practising in town since January. She comes to Dawson via Whitehorse, Ontario and Newfoundland.

Since then she's been making a quiet impression on the town.

Crocker was born in Toronto but raised in Parry Sound, Ontario. It's a town of about 6,000 people on Georgian Bay.

After high school she first went to the University of Toronto to study engineering because she was interested in problem solving. But she was torn because she also liked to work with people.

So she combined her interests in science and people by pursuing a medical degree at Queen's University, Ont.

She loves her profession because it allows her to move around and see different places across Canada.

The only woman doctor in town attracts both men and women as patients.

"Some women like the option (of having a woman doctor)," says Crocker.

"Most just want a doctor they can relate to."

In Dawson she has delivered babies, fought the common cold, set broken bones, counselled the young and cared for the elderly.

"It's certainly never boring, says Crocker. "I don't think small communities are immune to big city diseases."

She also likes working in a smaller community where she can do almost

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everything.

"A small practice is so much better because you can feel like you're making a contribution," says Crocker.

She also likes the interaction with people and a variety of problems. "It's not the same thing, day in, day out."

Crocker says she has fallen in love with Dawson because she likes its residents and the outdoors.

She spends her free time back packing, canoeing and in the winter, cross country skiing.

Here in Dawson she can canoe and hike anytime during the day or night with almost 24 hour sunshine.

"I don't think there's anything I miss," Crocker says about the big city. "You can even get a cappuccino here in Dawson."



photo by Liza Sardi

Dr. Suzanne Crocker relaxes in her free time with her dog Sam.

Halin paints again

Dawson City artist and trapper Halin de Repentigny has received a \$3,500 grant to record the contemporary state of historic mining areas and prospector's cabins of Hunker/Bonanza loop.

He will be painting the scene in acrylic on canvas.

The grant is from the Advanced Artists Awards funding program.

In announcing the awards, Doug Phillips, minister responsible for the arts branch, said choosing was difficult because of the high quality and diverse artistic media represented in the applications.

Repentigny is one of 11 artists sharing a total of \$33,855 in spring arts funding.

A jury of Yukon artists judged 33 requests for a total of \$121,911. The rest of the money will be granted in the fall.

The program is funded by Lotteries Yukon and administered by the tourism department's arts branch.

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Hard work in school pays off

by Dan Davidson

Another school year came to an early end on May 28 at the Robert Service School, the second early end since the switch to the new school calendar took place. The school and a good selection of parents and interested on-lookers turned out for the afternoon's awards ceremony.

The RSS Band opened the ceremony with O Canada, followed by the Choir's rendition of Touch the Child, Touch the Future.

The IODE sponsored attendance awards were the first item on the agenda, presented by Kathy Webster.

Individual Recognition Certificates were given by classroom teachers in Grades 1 to 3.

Citizenship Awards at the elementary and senior levels went to Carlene Hajash (gr. 6) and Frances Kormendy (gr. 8).

Hard Worker Awards in grades 4-6 were given to Emmelia Warren-McConkey, Natasha Fris and Alex Kormendy.

The Band provided a break in the proceedings with Spitfire Overture and Island Empire before Principal Carol McCauley announced the Honour Roll. The Top Academic Awards in grades 4, 5 and 6 went to Jenny Russell, Alex Bowie and



Nathan Dewell accepting his award from Kelly Dewald.

Tammy Taylor. In grades 7 to 12, this recognition goes with a place on the Jaemar Trophy, which was crowded this year by Kevin McCauley, David Campbell, Tara McCauley, Daniel Kerklywich and Jon Calon. In grade 12 this achievement is recognized by the Mary Gartside Award, which was

won this year by Kyla Burns

After Ms. Kreitzer gave out the Kindergarten Certificates, Mrs. Angie Joseph-Rear presented the Native Language Awards for achievement in the Han language. Best Effort awards went to Andre Amirault, Daniel Fraser and Danielle Mayes in grade 1, and Miranda

Adam, Isla Jordan, Rona McBride and Emily Kerwin in grade 2. Best Speaker awards were given to Amanda Taylor, Heather Mayes, Emily Lindley, Daniel Nichol, Dawn Coles and Whitney Hunston in grade 1, and Lynette Peterson, Alex Hakonson, David Fraser, Randy Dube, Mary Russell, Jonathan Noakes and Dini Smoler in grade 2. Best Achievement awards went to Amanda Taylor, Katlyn Reynolds, Whitney Hunston and Daniel Nichol in grade and Mary Russell, Jonathan Noakes and Stacey Owen in grade 2.

The annual King Solomon Mines Award for non-academic achievement were presented by vice-principal Ms. Pennell to Randy Taylor, Leanne Mason and Clayton Berriman.

Kelly Dewald, representing the local branch of the Canadian Legion, presented a cheque to Nathan Dewell for his winning poster in the Remembrance Day contest last fall. Nathan's local first place effort went on to win second place in the national competition, the second year in a row that this has happened to a student from RSS.

Sgt. Crowe presented the RCMP Appreciation Award to Tiel Ryant, and Mrs. Sue Dragoman recognized Chris Cleland and Andrew Taylor for their long hours of darkroom

work on the Yearbook.

Ms. Pennell presented the 1992-93 Students' Council: President - Mitchell Strid (gr. 10), Treasurer - Jared Brickner (gr. 10), Representatives - Patrick Sack (gr. 9), Tara McCauley (gr. 9), Tina Grenon (gr. 8), Clint Brickner (gr. 8), Kevin McCauley (gr. 7) and Harmony Hunter (gr. 7).

After the Band provided a break with a Beauty and the Beast Medley, the awards continued. Service Club Recognition letters to students in grades 4 & 5 were presented by Mrs. Webster. Mr. Sutherland presented the Top Male and female Athlete Awards to Lawrence Crayford and Kyla Burns. Mrs. Davidson gave her Choir Award to Rebecca McKim, while Ms. Pam Laurie gave certificates to the members of the Peer Support group and Miss Liz Woods and Mrs. Helen Dewell gave out prizes to those who worked in the Science Fair and the Math Contest.

Following the High School Academic Awards the Choir sang Child of the Universe, and the ceremony came to an end. Then it was off to classrooms to pick up report cards, find out who got to move up and who didn't, and glory in the thought of two and a half months without having to listen to school bells.

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The G.A. Jeckell Junior High School band performed at RSS a few weeks before school ended.

Attendance Awards

The following students won IOBE attendance awards for the 1992/93 school year:

Kindergarten - Justin McCully, Troy Gordon, Amy Ball, Kyla Kobayashi and Stephen Winton;

Gr. 1 - Heather Mayes, Mark McDowall, Daniel Nichol;

Gr. 2 - Nicky Ball, David Fraser, Clancy Hunter, Douglas Johnson, Isla Jordan, Lynette Peterson, Carmen Roberts, Dini Smoler, Cameron Sprockreeff, Randy Dube, Krystle Roberts and Dorian Smoler;

Gr. 3 - Adam Roberts, Boyd Nichol, Louis Gerberding, Phillip Johnson;

Gr. 4 - Georgia Fraser, Matthieu Robertson, Samantha Smith;

Gr. 5 - Theresa Christiansen, Spruce Gerberding, Carl Henning, Tyler Hunter, Jason Johnson, Tish Lindgren, Craig McCauley (perfect), Cass McCollum, Chris Roberts, Rosalee Smarch and Allie Winton;

Gr. 6 - Lisa Anderson, Darren Bullen, Robert Campbell, Kris Magnusson, Ceira Purington, Curtis Smoler and Tammy Taylor;

Gr. 7 - Melissa Flynn, Harmony Hunter, Kevin McCauley (perfect), Jesse Nichol, Cougan Purington and Sara Winton;

Gr. 8 - Jeff McLeod and Joe Fraser;

Gr. 9 - Tara McCauley and Don Tutin;

Gr. 10 - Daniel Kerklywich

In the senior grades, such awards hardly ever happen.

Honour Roll

The RSS Honour Roll for Grades 4-12 in 1992/93:

Gr. 4 - Emmelia Warren-McConkey, Sabrina Frangetti, Austen Gaven, Heather Campbell, Jenny Russell, Georgia Fraser, Russell Gouthro, Meghan Hajash and Matthew Webster;

Gr. 5 - Alex Bowie, Nathan Dewell, Jay J Flynn, Sylvia Frisch Spruce Gerberding, Natasha Kulych, Craig McCauley and Trevor Rudniski;

Gr. 6 - Lisa Anderson, Cheryl Buyck, Robert Campbell, Jo-Anna Davidson, Christine Gouthro, Carlene Hajash, Vanessa Kerwin, Alex Kormendy, Bethany Peat, Ceira Purington, Curtis Smoler, Andrea Spencer and Tammy Taylor;

Gr. 7 - Melissa Flynn, Harmony Hunter, Marlisa Mann, Kevin McCauley, Sara Winton, Sean Spencer;

Gr. 8 - David Campbell, Joe Fraser, Clint Brickner, Kim Jenkins, Tiel Ryant, Frances Kormendy;

Gr. 9 - Tara McCauley, Patrick Sack;

Gr. 10 - Daniel Kerklywich, Jared Brickner;

Gr. 11 - Trevor VanRumpt, Jon Calon, Clayton Berriman;

Gr. 12 - Carrie Docken, Kelly Burns, Kyla Burns, Lawrence Crayford, Meagan Berriman, Cyndi O'Rourke.

Academic Awards for Excellence

in individual high school subjects went to the following students:

Subject	Grade 7-10	Grade 11/12
English	David Campbell	Carrie Docken
French	Patrick Sack / Tara McCauley	Jon Calon
Socials	Patrick Sack/Kevin McCauley	Lawrence Crayford
P.E.	Patrick Sack	Clayton Berriman
Science	David Campbell	Jon Calon
Math	David Campbell	
Art	Sam Jenkins	Kory Mayes
Home Ec.	Melissa Flynn	
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History comes alive, at the museum

by Liza Sardi

The tale is an old one, but then again they say that history repeats itself.

Melvin McCormick is crossing the Chilkoot Trail to search for gold. He stands before Inspector R. Belcher with all the supplies necessary for a year in the Yukon. Gold pan, axe, whip saw, 150 lbs. of split peas. He hopes to strike it rich so he can send for his darling, Belinda.

The only difference is that today the story has come alive — twice daily at the Dawson Museum. McCormick, played by a summer student, loses his bison coat with matching hat and mitts as a bribe to the NWMP.

"People think museums are quiet, austere — like a library. The performances give another layer," says Kevin Kerr, another summer student and the co-ordinator who orchestrated the skits.

"We're getting information across in an amusing way," says Belcher, alias Anne Shenker.

The skit has brought the north gallery of the museum to life. The room is lined with artifacts which

are interesting by themselves, but now as a backdrop — the results are dynamic. Tourists stop and pay

attention. Museum Director Heather Smith says she's seen tourists stop the actors after a performance.

"The tourists are interested in the actors, they start asking questions on why would anyone want to come here to work," says Smith.

Last year the museum offered tours on request. The only problem was, according to Kerr, tourists didn't want to bother staff by asking for one. This year, Kerr and museum director Heather Smith decided to organize performances around events, characters and artifacts already in the museum. They are not historical dramas but experiments in storytelling.

Kerr is currently an acting student in Studio 58 in Vancouver. He already has a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre history from the University of British Columbia. Last summer

The museum's performances breathe new life into the quiet halls of the old territorial administration building

he was museums special events co-ordinator.

Kerr and Smith were both inspired by a lecture on oral history and storytelling organized last summer. Smith called Kerr up this spring and asked him back for a second summer to organize performances instead of tours. She gave him an open ended mandate.

Four more students were hired when they auditioned for roles. Together Kerr, Anne Shenker, Jennifer Edwards, Catherine Lipscombe and Elizabeth Logue did improvisational work to create the basic structure for the skits. Then separately they researched a particular topic — mining, the Klondike railway and the discovery of gold. The group came back together to write three plays. They hope to add more to their repertoire

during the summer.

The first skit involves Melvin McCormick, Inspector Belcher and a third character, Dawson miner Sam Ford. "A

light and frivolous comedy," says Lipscombe, who did the research for it.

The second skit, about the Klondike railway, is the furthest away from traditional theatre. It will be more of a performance art piece, with music and poetry. Anne Shenker will eventually play the part of Louisa, a crazy woman who lives in the train shelter beside the museum.

The third skit involves George and Kate Carmack and Skookum Jim. Each tells their own "official" version of the discovery of gold. It's a story about stories. This piece is also interesting because it shows that history is not as static as we think.

"History has so many avenues," says Kerr. "The truth doesn't lie in a

path behind us, like the wake of a boat. It's flexible, and variable, depending on where you look."

Kerr credits the success of the skits to Smith for seeing the potential for new ways to look at museums and history.

"The most interesting part of history is what is tangible and alive," says Kerr. "That's why Dawson is so popular. We don't have to go to a site that is removed. You can feel the immediacy and imagine yourself there. Theatre brings it all one step closer."

It was Smith who also decided, after seeing the Museum of Civilization in Quebec City, that the students should also act as greeters and hand out schedules of performances to all the tourists.

"She was really inspirational. She has a great approach to history and story telling," says Kerr.

When the actors are not performing skits or greeting tourists they assist in site tours, slide shows and helping out in the gift shop.

There are usually two shows daily. The performances will run until the first week of September.

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"SHOWCASE FOR YUKON AND NORTHERN PRODUCTS"

Shelter holds AGM

by Liza Sardi

The number of women who used the women's shelter this winter is up from last year, and president Dawne Mitchell predicts the numbers will keep rising.

"Unfortunately there continues to be many women and children in crisis in our community, as the shelter is often full," said Mitchell at the shelter's annual general meeting on May 19.

In 1992, 31 women in crisis used the shelter, compared to 30 women the year before. The length of stay of women has also increased.

More women are coming and more are staying, according to the shelter's public education worker, Wendy Cairns.

The shelter has been operating in Dawson for six years. It offers a variety of programs such as: a weekly childcare program to give mothers a break, craft nights, education workshops and lectures, drop-ins for women campers, a third annual community garden and a drop-in for women campers.

Women who are camping can shower, use the laundry facilities and participate in a potluck dinner with other women.

Some special activities through the last winter included an anger management workshop; seminars on women in poverty, wellness and self esteem; and an AIDS workshop.

According to Cairns, part of the increase in women using the shelter can be attributed to this programming.

The shelter recently compiled a resource library of books and videos. Members of the community are welcome to browse in the new library to borrow books and videos. Some of the issues include: family violence, addiction, grief, self-esteem, menopause and feminism.

Though most funding does come from the department of Health and Social Services, the shelter does rely on community support for part of their funding.

"The support of the community certainly does make my job easier," said co-ordinator Marjie Hills.

This summer the shelter is planning a women's retreat at Moosehide, the annual walk-a-thon, and some seminars on date rape and body image for younger women in the community.

The next meeting will be held on June 8.

Local girls move up guiding ranks

by Liza Sardi

When astronaut Roberta Bondar went into space she was allowed to bring only eight personal items — one of the things she chose were her brownie wings.

"When brownies fly into girl guides it's a very special ceremony," said Pat Duncan, provincial commissioner for the Girl Guides. Duncan flew in from Whitehorse to attend the May 12 ceremony in the Robert Service School auditorium.

Samantha Cayen, Kristen Cook, Kelly Vitrekwa and Leah Adams all flew from brownies to guides. Some of them wore wings specially designed by other guides for the journey. They walked along a path and were welcomed into guides by other older guides.

Kristen Cook, 9, is looking forward to camping, while Sam Cayen, 8, is hoping to do a lot of crafts with the guides.

Melissa Flynn, Harmony Hunter, Sara Winton, Joanna Davidson and Stacey McDiarmid graduated from guides to pathfinders in their own specially designed ceremony. Each girl had a candle representing the light of guiding that was lit once she had been accepted into pathfinders.

Joanna Davidson is looking forward to seeing more wildlife and enjoying more freedom with the pathfinders. Charissa Reeves is looking forward to longer camping

trips. The pathfinders have planned a five day camping trip to Chilkoot.

Monica Fras, Emily Lindley, Melinda Margeson and Miranda Adams all become brownies, leaving the tweenies. They received pins from the commissioner.

The girls were surrounded by family and friends as they moved up the girl guide ranks. Leaders Margie Mann, Chris Hunter, Tina Braga, Evie Webster, Cheryl West and newcomer Cathy Langtry all helped officiate the ceremonies.

According to Commissioner Duncan, Dawson City is the only branch of Girl Guides in which all the branches, tweenies, brownies, girl guides, pathfinders and rangers, are all active.

Guiding began in the Yukon in Dawson City. Rev. John Hawksley of St. Paul's Cathedral introduced guiding in March of 1914. The first troop consisted of 25 girls between 10 and 12 years old.

Martha Louise Black was their patron and Harriet Osborn was their leader.

They had fun camping at Rock Creek with tents borrowed from the Royal North West Mounted Police. But they also participated in serious stuff, such as helping in the war effort by making candy and cookies that they packed in old cracker tins, and knitting long blue socks for the troops.



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A brownie waits nervously to fly up to guides wearing wings made for her by experienced guides.

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Museum holds annual general meeting

by Liza Sardi

Last summer Ole Lunde called the museum and told them he had something for them. He sat in his room in MacDonald Lodge and reminisced about mining, the good old days, and then reached into his nightstand and, with old and crinkly fingers, pulled out an ounce of gold.

The gold, a handful of zipper bits from miners clothing and letters from Bombay Peggy (Dorval) are all recent donations to the museum.

These tangible bits of the past make history seem alive, said Museum Director Heather Smith, who presented the new artifacts at the museum's annual general meeting on May 13.

These new artifacts are just some of the ways that museum is bringing the past to life.

Travelling exhibit

The museum will also be bringing Klondike history to other com-

munities. In April, the museum received \$37,000 to research and design a travelling exhibit about the gold rush.

The exhibit is called The Mountains Are Nameless/The Streets Are Paved With Gold; Exploring the Myths of the Klondike Gold Rush. It's the first time a museum of this size has been awarded a grant. It is unusual for a mid-size museum to receive this type of grant because of stiff competition from larger museums such as the Royal British Columbia Museum, Royal Ontario Museum and Calgary's Glenbow Museum, said Smith.

Workshops

"We're playing with the big boys and girls in the museum field," said YTG Museum Adviser Ed Krahn.

The exhibit will travel across Canada and the United States from 1995-1997 and return to the Yukon in 1998.

During the fall and winter the museum offered two training workshops — photo conservation and oral history.

Revised board

The museum board has cut the number of members from nine to five to help make policy making and other decisions easier.

Other accomplishments

Some other 1992 accomplishments include visible storage for artifacts previously not on display; a workshop with students and teachers from the Robert Service School, from which a play evolved; a plan to design a course around part of the paleontological collection for grade 7, 8 and 9 students and a lecture series.

Future plans

A sprinkler system will be installed within the next year. The museum applied for funding last fall. The museum has been assured that the government recognizes the importance of a sprinkler system as a priority, according to YTG Museum Adviser Ed Krahn.

Summer program

This year's summer program has been designed to put "the people back into exhibits," said Smith.

Summer co-ordinator Kevin Kerr has been working with staff to put on small historical plays to bring the museum of life.

After all, said Smith, the backdrops at the museum are a little like stage sets.

All in all, Museum president Chris Sorg said the museum is looking forward to a busy year.



photo by Liza Sardi

Counsellor Jim Johnston leads the grade two class through a series of songs teaching them to care about each other.

Caring for one another

by Liza Sardi

The grade two classes of Mr. Noakes and Ms. McConnell learned to be nice at a puppet show on caring about each other.

The puppet show was put on by school counsellor Jim Johnston and his wife Arlene, stay in school co-ordinator Pam Lawrie and social skills instructor Don Armitage on May 18.

The class was visited by Barney Bear and Suzy and Andy Troll who acted out a skit where Andy refused to return Barney's hat, and lied saying that it really belonged to him.

Jim Johnston sat and talked to the students about what they learned after the skit.

"My favourite part was when Suzy went between them and stopped the fight," said nine-year-old Leanne Parsons.

"I learned to treat your friends how you want to be treated," said eight-year-old Adam Fras.

The grade two's also learned not to hit or trip each other or call each other names.

The school is littered with many signs about fighting fair. Johnston is trying to reinforce conflict resolution skills to the students.

"If you teach them young they will run their lives better," said Johnston.

The lesson wrapped up with some songs where the puppets and the students got to sing along and dance the Tennessee Wig Walk.

The puppet show was also shown to students from kindergarten to grade four.

But Don Armitage said there is another motive, "we just like to sing together."

"And play with the puppets," laughed Arlene Johnston.

Artists wanted for Canada Summer Games

Yukon performing artists are being invited to submit proposals to perform at the 1993 Canada Games/Jeux Games in Kamloops, B.C. in August.

Three performers will be selected to perform a variety of venues over three days during the games.

The Yukon cultural contingent to the summer games will be sponsored by the Yukon government, with some assistance from the host society.

Interested performers have until June 16 to submit proposals with budgets to the arts branch. The selection committee will announce the results by July 6.

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Water testing lab gets failing grade

by Dan Davidson

The City of Dawson is finding it impossible to support the establishment of a water testing laboratory proposed for Whitehorse under the Arctic Environmental Strategy unless Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) can make a commitment to open the facility for community use.

"The way it sits now," said Mayor Peter Jenkins, "we're not even going to opt in or support the lab as proposed."

Jenkins says that the initial discussion surrounding this project made it appear that it would be available for communities which needed to do water quality tests in order to comply with their water use licenses. At the present time communities must go through complicated and expensive procedures in order for their samples to get to labs Outside or in Alaska before the samples become useless. Any relief from that scenario was welcome.

As the project evolved it came to appear that the lab would be used only by agencies that were enforcing water quality standards.

Dawson council objects to spending a lot of public money on an expensive set up which will be used only to place a gun to the city's head every time water issues are raised.

"Plus, if you start looking at the numbers and crunching them it doesn't make any sense. The federal government of Canada spends about \$180,000 a year in Outside lab work. That includes the shipping and the lab costs. The lab in Whitehorse would be about a three to four million dollar expenditure plus it would cost a half million a year to run.

"Now, tell me what they're going to do to justify that, and the only way it can be justified is if everyone that has to test water can use that lab."

Jenkins assumes that the feds don't want to have the same lab doing both testing and enforcement work, because they would have to consult an Outside lab to avoid conflict during a court case.

But he assumes they would have to do that anyway just to get more than one opinion.

He also figures that if all the water were being tested by the same facility it would be an inducement to communities to keep their outflow as clean as possible. Until INAC can see the situation the same way, Dawson's Council just isn't interested.

Museum director leaving Dawson for new job

by Liza Sardi

Heather Smith is usually smiling. She's only sad today because she's talking about leaving town in August to start her new job as curator at the Yukon Art Gallery.

But otherwise, Heather Smith usually smiles.

"She was wonderful to work with. She had great ideas and a positive approach to the museum, town and territory," said Sally Robinson, the museum's exhibit co-ordinator.

Robinson is sad, like everyone else who has worked with Smith. But she said the Yukon will not really be losing Smith because she's only moving to Whitehorse.

Together Robinson and Smith have worked to get grants for the museum, including beating out some larger galleries to win funding for a travelling exhibit that will soon cross Canada and possible the United States.

Smith has been museum director since April 1992. She came at a time when the previous permanent director had left, and an acting director was filling in. She was firmly took control and gave the museum direction, said Robinson.

"She put the museum on a good heading."

"I feel really bad and sad about leaving Dawson. I really like this job," said Smith. "I had to pick between a good think and good thing."

The decision to go was not an easy one for her.

"It was hard to decide to apply. It was hard to actually go to the interview. I kept thinking I should back out because there is a chance I could get it and have to leave Dawson," said Smith.

Smith's experiences are more art gallery related, so her new position suits her better. She is interested in contemporary art, particularly in women and native artist who she said have been historically excluded

from museums. She's also interested in political art and art that challenges the status quo.

"I told them all that in the interview and they still hired me," said Smith.

While the total budget of the art

he and museum, were sorry to lose.

Members of the museum's board are happy that Smith was able to make links between the museum and the community. In the past year the museum has offered workshops,

she could not afford to in Dawson.

But Sorg said that even though the same government department sets the wages for both the Dawson Museum and Whitehorse gallery, the Whitehorse job pays more.

"They fully funded the other position," said Sorg. "Taking our director away from us."

If the museum did decide to supplement the government contribution to the directors wages the might find themselves in a deficit position if they had a bad year. And Sorg said they aren't willing to do that.

The museum is already advertising for another director. Smith will also try to recruit someone during a museum conference she will be attending. The closing date is June 18. The position would start in July. If someone isn't found, an interim director will be hired, and Smith would return for a week to train them.

The museum will also be increasing the salary of the next director, hoping they next time they will attract someone who will stay.



"She has so much energy, creativity and enthusiasm."

gallery will be larger than the museum, Smith's portion is smaller, as is the new staff she will supervise.

Smith is proud of her work at the museum, particularly the travelling exhibit she worked on with Robinson, and the summer theatre performances she helped design with summer student Kevin Kerr.

"She's the reason I came back a second summer," said Kerr, who was last year's special events co-ordinator.

"She has so much energy, creativity and enthusiasm."

"She gave us (summer students) free reign," said Kerr. He appreciated the trust she placed in the summer staff to let them follow their own direction.

Smith also invited the summer staff out to her house for dinner one night. Then ended up staying until almost 1:00 a.m. talking and listening to Smith tell stories.

"I'm happy for her, but I'm sorry she won't be here for the whole summer," said Kerr.

Museum President Chris Sorg said that Smith was a "strong asset" that

shown movies and invited guest speakers in for the community.

But Sorg said he appreciates the reasons why she is moving.

"It's a career move she can't afford to pass up."

Smith will make almost \$15,000 more at her new job in Whitehorse. She'll be able to buy a house, which

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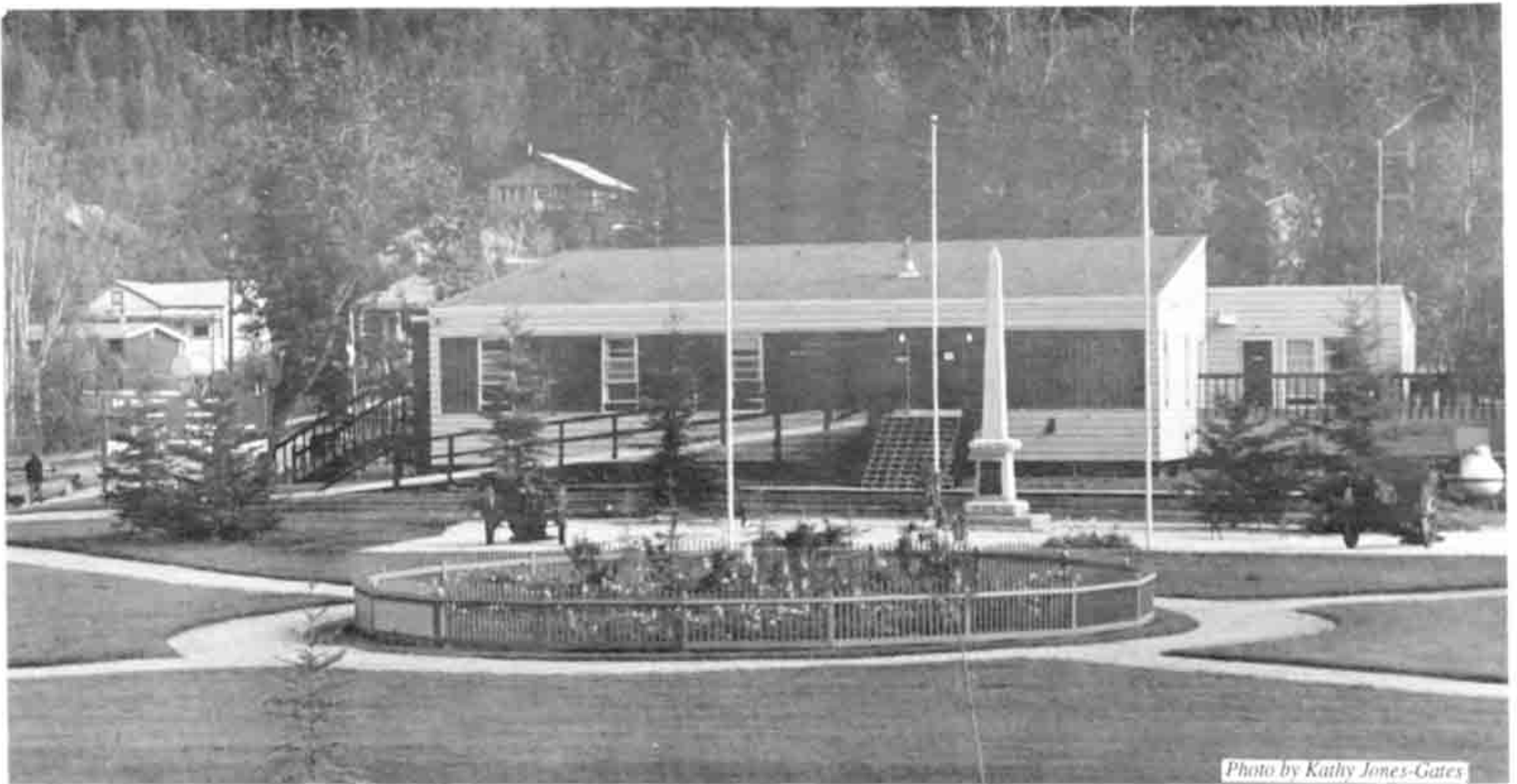


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The main event of Canada Day will take place at the above Victory Gardens at 11:00 am.

Canada Day Celebrations Thursday, July 1, 1993

July 1, 1993 marks Canada's 126th Birthday. This year the local celebration will be community wide and include a variety of activities for everyone. A list of events is printed on page 4 of this Canada Day supplement.

The Royal Canadian Legion and City of Dawson have co-ordinated a local organizing committee.

One priority for the committee is to raise the public profile Canada Day has in Dawson. The goal is to see Canadian flags all over Dawson. We want to see them flying, hanging in windows and displayed. Hand flags for children will be available along with lapel pins for give-a-way.

A limited number of Canadian flags will be on sale for only \$25.00. Watch for a committee volunteer at your door!

The main event takes place at the Victory Gardens (5th and Church) starting at 11:00. There will be a flag raising ceremony, singing of "Oh Canada", birthday cake and goodies.

There will also be a dedication of the Victory Gardens sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion (Br. #1).

Look to the sky on Canada Day. Weather permitting, a fly-by of helicopters is planned. Even Dawson's lone para-sailor is expected to fly by with a Canadian flag on display.

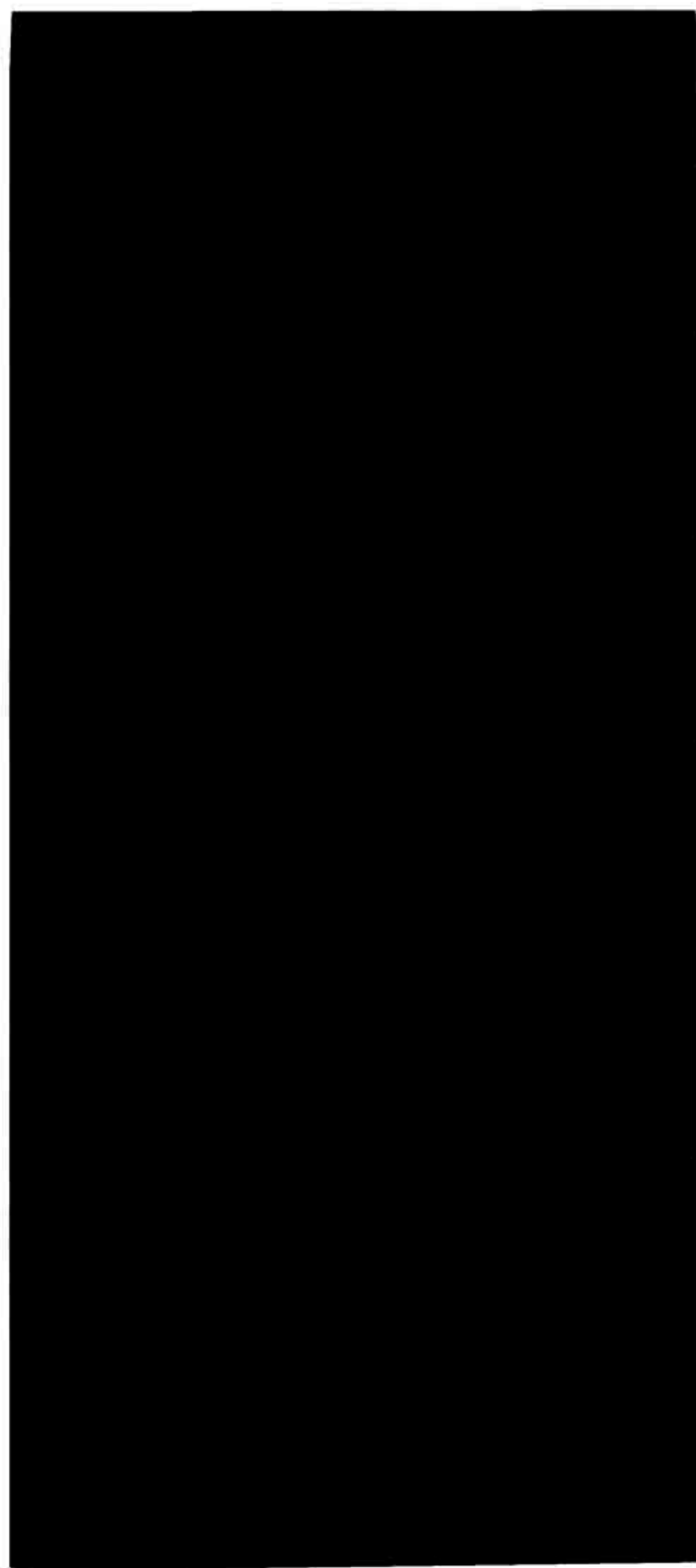
A number of events around town are also being planned by different sponsors. The City will co-ordinate the minor league baseball tournament and a Pool Party. The Museum has created some special interpretive skits for the day.

Canada Day is also a big day for gold panners. The Yukon Championships take place at Minto Park. The main prize is a trip to Europe to represent Canada at the World Championships. There are also categories for the novice, tourists and kids. Registration begins at Noon Hour and competition starts at 1:00 pm. Be sure to get there on time -- seating fills up fast.

Another important event is the Re-Opening of Dredge #4. The Canadian Parks Service will re-open North America's largest, wooden hull dredge to the public on Canada Day starting at 2:00 pm. The dredge is on dry dock at Km. 11 along the Bonanza Creek Road. Refreshments will be served.

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