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Photo by Brent Morrison

A Dawson City firefighter hoses down the north end of the Monte Carlo building to keep the fire from spreading to next door Arctic Drugs building.

## Historic Monte Carlo burns

by Dan Davidson

Despite difficulties with water pressure and the speed with which the fire grew, firefighters managed to keep the flames from spreading to adjacent buildings when the Monte Carlo burned down on September 11.

A crowd of on-lookers, attracted by the billowing smoke, gathered from all over town as the historic, turn of the century structure flared and crumbled in the late morning, facade work and timbers falling to the ground, trailing sparks as they collapsed.

The tourist and souvenir shop had opened for its last weekend of this business season at 10 that morning. According to Karen MacIntyre, the clerk on duty, there was a darkening of the lights a while later. She called Ken Herrmann, the owner's nephew, to take a look at things, but while he was on the way, the man she was waiting on alerted her to the fire.

She telephoned the fire department and Herrmann, and left the building as it began to fill with smoke. The alarm was registered at 10:50.

By 10:53 some members of the fire department were on the site, trying to battle the advancing smoke and fire. They were hampered by the fact that the Dawson water system is undergoing repair work and was partially shut down. It was hard to maintain pressure in the hoses and they had to resort to something Mayor Peter Jenkins called "back-feeding".

They ran hose lines to the Yukon River to pump more water on the building. They also tackled the fire from the alley in the rear, protecting a couple of fuel tanks and the buildings on either side of the Monte Carlo. Both buildings, the 98 Drive In and Arctic Drugs, survived the fire.

Chief Pat Cayen says they knew the Monte Carlo was gone within

five minutes of their arrival, and it then became a matter of containing any related damage.

The Monte Carlo had a varied history going back to just after the gold rush. In 1905 the original two story building became a one story building when the first story was burned out. The upper floor was lowered to the ground to become the main floor and the distinctive ornate front facade design was added.

It was variously a private club, restaurant, saloon, barber shop and grocery store over the years, often with multiple uses overlapping, like a kind of mini-mall. Since the building resembled three shops fastened together with the inner dividing walls removed, that comes as no surprise.

It passed through a succession of owners until it was acquired by Steve Herrmann in the late 1960s. Although Herrmann was first registered as a part owner in 1973, he was already operating a restaurant there

in 1969, when the building suffered an earlier fire, one he says was attributed to electrical causes.

In 1979 the Monte Carlo served a brief stint as a grocery store after the DCW Trading Post burned down. Finally it became a seasonal enterprise, selling books, clothing, shoes and knick knacks. Herrmann also owns and operates the Dawson Hardware Store and the Flora Dora, just across the back lane on Second Avenue.

Herrmann says the building was

insured, "but it's never enough of course." A storage shed at the back was also saved from the fire, even though much of the material stored inside was removed just in case neighbouring businesses pitched in to lend a hand at this.

Buildings like the Monte Carlo are extremely difficult to save in a fire. They are old and often constructed of several buildings joined together over the years. Interior

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Photo by Brent Morrison

Audrey McLaughlin addresses the Dawson Chamber of Commerce meeting while Denny Koyabashi looks on

## Audrey's pre-election visit

by Brent Morrison

Yukon MP Audrey McLaughlin was in Dawson City August 24 and 25, the last time Yukon constituents will see her until after the federal election.

While in town McLaughlin met with various individuals and groups, attended a barbecue, and conducted an interview with the Klondike Sun.

She dismissed a report in the Globe and Mail showing Prime Minister Kim Campbell had been mentioned in on CBC and CTV news more than 70 times. "I think it should concern the media more," was McLaughlin's retort.

McLaughlin was mentioned eight times on CBC and nine times on CTV in the same time span.

Don Branigan (Liberal), Al Kapty (P.C.) and Arthur "Short" Tompkins (Reform) will run against McLaughlin for the Yukon riding.

"I never take anything for granted," she states. "I think that's what elections are about, right? I'm sure all the parties will be running good candidates... You take everyone seriously."

McLaughlin admits, "No national leader is able to spend a lot of time in their riding. I mean that's just the reality."

But, she adds, "I really think that politicians shouldn't just show up at election time. I think it's what you do between elections that count."

"But the reality is that during the election I will not be able to go to all the communities and I will not be able to be in the riding. And so that's an extra pressure, I guess, on me, an extra pressure on my campaign team."

The Yukon's lone seat in the House of Commons is sometimes forgotten McLaughlin admits. "People do forget we're here sometimes. You have to keep yelling and

shouting, 'Wait, wait we're here!' As leader it gives me a slightly larger forum to do that in."

And she has seen changes. "People now say 'From sea to sea to sea.' They now have acknowledged that we have three seas. But also I find that northern issues are coming, because we keep putting these forward. And, of course, Erik Nielsen was there for a number of years. We may not have shared political ideology, but he was certainly a good advocate for the north."

The Yukon is also part of inter-provincial/territorial committees. "In that sense Yukon officials and Yukon elected people do have, in some ways, an equal say. If they go to a meeting of health ministers there's one from the Yukon and one from Ontario. In that sense we do have some parity."

She also discussed Yukon issues. "Certainly mining exploration is way down, and we have proposed the reinstatement of Flow Through Shares which really had a pretty direct connection to the reduction of mining in the territory."

"Infrastructure, and that's things like roads obviously, municipal services, the big one in Whitehorse sewage. But it's big here too... it's a major issue across Canada... I mean a third of Canada's communities, cities, now dump raw sewage directly into lakes and rivers and oceans."

"I don't find a lot of people talking about debt and deficit. It's there, people are concerned about it, but I think most people recognize that it's impossible to address it with increasing unemployment."

McLaughlin addressed a noon hour meeting of the Dawson Chamber of Commerce meeting, then returned to Whitehorse before heading to the south and an election call.

## Monte Carlo fire (continued from page 1)

spaces between the buildings and in the layered roof lines provide their own air drafts and places for a fire to hide from efforts to combat it.

In the case of the Monte Carlo, the fire was what Cayen calls "well seeded" by the time the crew arrived. There was no hope of getting in the front doors or major windows, and water directed from the roof of an adjacent shed built into the building did no apparent good.

Facades in Dawson provide another puzzle. The fire crew spent minutes sawing through a door at the south end of the building only to discover that it was a false door with a window behind it.

A false door was also broken open at Arctic Drugs during the effort to keep that building free of fire. All they found behind it was a four inch deep recess in the front facade.

The Monte Carlo went up in a great blaze of smoke and flame. The heat from the fire could be felt from across the street, which was often totally obscured by great billows of acrid black smoke. The sounds of windows exploding and tin roofing cracking in the heat were clear to the onlookers.

The heat near the fire was extreme, so much so that a telephone pole next to the building burst into flame at one point without ever having been touched by the fire.

The wind was tricky as well, blowing great clouds of smoke into the

street and blocking out all sight of the task in front of the firefighters. Cayen recalls bending low to run down the street at one point and then having the wind shift and blow the smoke away.

"It must have looked weird to anyone who saw me hunched over like that."

Cayen noted that local businesses were supportive of the effort, singling out the General Store for its provision of bottled water and snacks. Three members of the fledgling Rock Creek Fire Dept. made the trip to town to assist in fighting the fire.

There was little trouble with the crowd, which was basically well behaved and stayed out of the way, but some motorists persisted in driving over the water supply hoses even at the most hectic period of the struggle and with water pressure already a problem.

"Fortunately," Cayen said, "no lives were involved or they could have been endangered."

There was no loss of life in the fire and no injuries, but the building is a total loss. The Yukon's fire marshal will view the site on Monday, September 13, and make a report, but Cayen suspects the cause was in the electrical wiring at the back end of the building. Since that extension from the main structure has survived, it may be possible to determine this for certain.

## Stay-in-School program returns

by Angie Senft, Coordinator

It's great to be back in Dawson City! Everyone has given us such a warm welcome, it's like coming home.

During the 1993-1994 School Year, I have the opportunity to work as the Stay-In-School coordinator.

Over the past two years, there has been a focus to provide students in Dawson City with the tools to know the value of staying in school to complete their education.

An education that supports and promotes their involvement in the community with their culture, and beyond; one that also assists in setting goals for the future and creating an avenue for success.

Students learn teamwork skills, personal management skills and how to build academic skills.

The Robert Service School drop out rate has decreased from 45% (Report from Donna Connelly, 1985-1990) to less than 1% (.71%) in the 1992-1993 School Year.

These results have been achieved because those involved had the same common goal. The efforts of everyone - Students, Parents, the Community, School Personnel, Businesses and the Stay-In-School Initiative - are to be commended.

We can continue to build on the expertise of our community with your support. The key to our success is passing our knowledge and skills on to those who will soon be

walking in our footsteps. We can have the means to employ skilled Dawsonites for local opportunities.

The 1992-1993 Stay-In-School Coordinator, Pam Lawrie, and Jim Johnston, Stay-In-School Counselor, have been instrumental in developing a solid base on which to build future accomplishments within the Initiative.

I appreciate Pam's valuable contribution to this program during last year's school term, and I am looking forward to working with Jim and Edith Fraser, C.E.L.C., this year.

I've enjoyed participating in this program so far this year. I hope to share in providing the opportunity for creative learning, in school and out.

### Learning can be fun!!

#### Planned Activities:

Every Monday: Han Language - begins October 11.

Every Tuesday and Thursday: Homework Room - begins September 21.

Every Wednesday: Beadwork - begins September 15.

All activities take place in the Han Language Room at the School from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Permission slips will be sent home and rides are available for out of town residents.

#### Special Events:

September 16, 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Tr'ondik Heritage Centre. Youth

## Local miner appointed to Water Board

by Jacki Johnson

Mr. Ron W. Johnson, past executive Klondike Placer Miners Association Vice President and KPMA IRC executive representative has been appointed to serve on the Yukon Territory Water Board.

The appointment is recommended by the Yukon Government to the Federal Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs - the Honourable Pauline Browes.

Ron mines with his wife Jacki, daughter Tassna in the Dawson area.



Theatre Project - "Kids Off The Wall." A group of young people from Whitehorse have been working to voice their issues through theatre.

Through personal celebration pieces, theatre sports, and short fact providing skits, they examine topics in our lives like: racism, gender, AIDS, sexual abuse, drug abuse, the future and young women's issues. Show starts at 7:30 to 8:15 pm. Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided.

**Admission is free and everyone is welcome.**

September 20: Information Meeting for Mentoring and Volunteers

**For youth—** 3:30 to 4:30 in Han Language Room

**For adults—** 7:00 to 8:30 pm. at Tr'ondik Conference Room.

I am looking for individuals and businesses who have a few extra hours a month to be Mentors or Volunteers with the Stay-In-School Initiative.

I welcome and encourage the suggestions and ideas from students, parents, businesses and School Personnel.

I am working in the School (993-5435), as well as at Dawson First Nation (993-5385), Monday to Friday.

Give me a call. With your feedback, interest and exploration, no problem is without a solution.



# Council Briefs

by Dan Davidson

## Going Fishing

The YTG has placed several of its lots in the Callison Industrial Sub-division on the market, leading council to speculate that the long-promised relocation of the Highway Department's 5th Avenue compound will be even further in the future than anyone is admitting.

The Yukon Party government has already backed out of the NDP's promise to begin the move in 1994.

Now that it is moving to sell the lots where the compound was to have been placed, Mayor Jenkins and council are seeking more definite answers from Community and Transportation Services Minister L. M. Fisher.

"Let's write them a friendly letter," said Councillor Tim Gerberding, "noting this maneuver and asking what it means."

"Yes," said Jenkins, instructing city treasurer Richard Harding to prepare a "letter to the fish, asking when and where."

## Called for Icing

Council expressed strong concerns about the lack of movement toward getting new boards installed in the arena over the summer.

Now that the hockey season is approaching, it is imperative that the work, which was budgeted for this year, be done quickly, and yet a report from Rec. Director Peter Menzies appeared to indicate that the engineering report on the upgrading project wouldn't be ready until mid to late September.

"We've got to start moving pretty quick before the ground starts to freeze," Jenkins said.

"We've probably got a window of maybe three weeks in which to act."

"We certainly don't want to delay the freezing of the ground," said Councillor Tim Gerberding.

"It's a perpetual complaint that we're living at the 64th parallel and kids in Vancouver are playing hockey before our kids."

Councillor Henry Procyk, himself an avid hockey player, agreed whole heartedly with the need to move with haste.

"The hockey rink boards were identified as defective last season," said Gerberding, "and we knew this months ago."

"We set aside \$100,000.00 for this and it's bloody ridiculous that we still haven't got an engineer up here to look at this."

Jenkins indicated that he would be having an immediate meeting with the recreation department staff to get this cleared up.

## Flushed With Success

Dawson will have a water licence for the next three years. The Yukon

Territorial Water Board has decided in the community's favour.

The public works department will continue to administer coliform tests on a regular basis during the period, and the town will have to conduct an outfall study of its discharge before the licence comes due again.

## It's a Dirty Job

In spite of notices to the contrary, people continue to light fires at the town dump, resulting in excess smoke and situations where the volunteer fire department actually has to go out and fight 30 metre blazes to keep the situation under control.

"People go out there and in spite of notices not to set it on fire, they set it on fire," the Mayor said.

Councillor Shirley Pennell, whose new house on the Dome is well under way, expressed her concerns that the fire and the location of the dump itself are not safe.

She wondered how long it would continue to be there, given that it has a finite life span.

Jenkins indicated that the dump could last a "couple more years", which is essentially the same answer he's been giving since the Dome sub-division first opened.

One of the problems is that, despite a flurry of activity costing the YTG and the city nearly \$100,000 about 3 years ago, nothing concrete has been done to establish the location of a new dump.

One of the problems is that a dump cannot be within 8 km of an airport, and the future of a new airport for Dawson is still in limbo.

Another major difficulty is that every time a potential dump site is identified everyone in the area creates lists of pressing reasons why it should not be anywhere near them.

"It's a real NIMBY issue," Jenkins said, referring to the so-called "Not In My Back Yard" syndrome.

Some inclusive studies were undertaken during the NDP's tenure but all the possible sites selected then have been ruled out.

Mayor Jenkins indicated that nothing has been done since last fall's territorial election.

Since it will take at least two years to find a replacement site, council will have to begin looking at the issue in more depth very soon.

# T.V. or not T.V.? Cable is the question

by Brent Morrison

Although NorthwesTel has yet to make its press release, their plans to provide cable services to 20 northern communities has Dawson City abuzz.

The topic was discussed at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on August 25 which Audrey McLaughlin attended.

Chamber president Denny Kobayashi outlined the progress to date.

"Bill Dunbar met with Jon Magnusson and I last Thursday (Aug. 19) to announce to us that NorthwesTel has submitted an application into CRTC to provide cable service to Dawson City.

"The application includes 20 northern communities. They have purchased the cable company in Yellowknife, they are in the process of negotiating the purchase of WHTV in Whitehorse with the Hougou group.

Dawson residents currently receive eight channels at an estimated cost of \$25,000 per year in taxes.

While the legality of some of the channels are questioned, the city has made official applications to rebroadcast some of the channels they are already providing.

Kobayashi explained NorthwesTel's plans.

"They will cable the entire city including the Dome subdivision.

"Their plan is to provide free rebroadcast of five channels: the local ad channel CBC and TVNC which are currently re-broadcast, one Canadian channel which will likely be BCTV, and a choice of the residents of one American network ABC or NBC or whatever. So their plan is to come in and re-broadcast. Basically if you don't have cable you will still be able to get five channels free.

NorthwesTel has estimated their cost at \$21.95 per month, but that would not include movie or sports channels. The cost of adding those stations would cost approximately \$40 a month, which Kobayashi described as, "Within 10 percent of what Whitehorse is paying for WHTV."

Kobayashi went on to say that,

"There was approximately \$100,000 spent on our cabling system out of our municipal tax dollars in the last two years.

"So, do we pay \$100,000 out of our tax revenue or do we pay a user fee? These are the sorts of things that I think at some point in time, as a Chamber, we're going have to look at this.

"I indicated to Mr. Dunbar that the jury's out, but we will wait and see what he comes up with exactly in writing. And we'll wait and see where the city proceeds."

At the September 1 Chamber meeting, City Council attended and Jenkins outlined the city's plans. He indicated that along with their intervention, "virtually all cable companies are opposed" to the NorthwesTel plan.

He confirmed that the city had applied to rebroadcast some of the stations now being shown. He dis-

counted NorthwesTel's offer to buy out the city's equipment, saying the only piece of use to them would be the satellite dish and it's the least expensive unit.

Jenkins stated that since the 1978-79 the only increases in cost have been in electricity costs and signal prices.

The cost still runs about \$25,000 a year with one of the biggest costs being the rebroadcasting of BCTV which costs about \$600 per month.

Jenkins also stated that cabelling Dawson is, "Much easier to talk about than it is to do."

He pointed out that cabelling requires coaxial cable to run from the electrical/phone poles into the houses, and that the poles in Dawson are too short for another feed.

Jenkins also indicated that eventually the residents would be the ones making the real decision in the matter.

## Council delays billing

At two special noon hour meetings of Dawson City Council passed a bylaw was passed which extended the date for payment of sewer and water rates bills.

The Friday August 27 meeting was requested by councillor Glen Everitt after. He said he had received numerous complaints that Dawsonites received bills for their services on August 12 and had only until Sept. 1 to pay the \$1,000 bill.

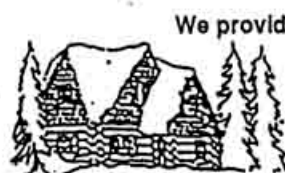
The billing had been approved at a July 22 meeting but the councillors who attended say they were under the impression that bills were being sent out then, and residents would have at least the typical 30 days to pay their bills.

Mayor Peter Jenkins was reluctant to make the necessary changes, which involved creating a new bylaw, describing them as, "A hodge podge of paper work."

After some debate the bylaw was created, giving residents until September 15 to pay the bill. The bylaw was given its first two readings the.

Another noon hour meeting was held on August 30 where the bylaw was given its third reading.

Jenkins and councillor Shirley Pennell were absent from the meeting but councillors Everitt, Gerberding and Procyk gave the bylaw its third reading which passed it into law.



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**Editorial:****A Burning Question**

by Dan Davidson

The day after the Monte Carlo burned to the ground I find myself pondering all sorts of questions about the dangers of fire. Oddly enough what came to mind immediately was the image of three elementary age boys I saw on the day of the Outhouse Race. They were messing about along the boardwalk beside the Museum, and I wondered what they were doing, in an idle sort of way.

The sudden bang of firecrackers going off cleared that one up for me. I'd been expecting firecrackers to hit town ever since I'd overheard a certain high school youngster deal making in the school halls between classes just before a family trip to Alaska. There are times when I hate to be right.

Elsewhere in this issue the fire chief has a few words to say about these firecrackers, but he was brief and I wondered if there was more to be said. So I raised the subject at the end of my interview about the fire and sure enough, there was.

It seems that the possession, sale and discharge of fire crackers are all illegal activities, and that the layers of law involved are federal, territorial and municipal. That's not all. Bringing them into the country is also smuggling, if the case should be pursued in court.

None of that, however, is the chief's highest concern. The hundreds of crackers and other stuff he's confiscated so far are of incredibly cheap manufacture, with poor fuses and overloaded casings to contribute to the problem. He's tested them at the station. By the time you've lit the fuse, the thing is nearly ready to go off.

Kids have been found setting them off by the boardwalks, underneath propane tanks and in some other really nice places. More to the point, most of the kids found with them have also been in possession of cheap butane lighters, the type that now appear on the market in a mini-size just right for a small hand, two in a package.

The kids tend to leave the flame on too long and too high, which can lead to a melting of the control nozzles on the lighters. In at least one case a boy was found shooting the flame at his chums in a mock attack. But even more to the point, they're carrying a small butane torch in one hand and a bunch of questionable fire crackers in the other. What a wonderful combination that could turn out to be!

If the kids really don't know any better (or even if they do and don't care), then it's probably up to their parents and other adults to take some steps to resolve the problem before it takes a bad turn. Things that go bang in the night could turn out to be more than just a nuisance, after all.

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The Klondike Sun reserves the right to edit letters for length (maximum 300 words), libel, good taste, and style.

# Letters from our readers

**Thanks from Germany**

Dear Editor:

Many thanks for the promotion you make for me and my party to my sponsoring the trophies to Goldpanning Championship this year.

It was great fun and I hope, the trophy for the youngest participant is given to the little girl.

Yours sincerely  
Dieter Burghardt  
Frankfurt, Germany

**Feeling at home in Amarillo**

Dear Editor:

I love getting this paper! It make me feel like I am home again, even though the many names are unfamiliar. The flavour of Dawson is in it.

Thanks,  
Bobbie Speer  
Amarillo, Texas

**Sun not the place for MLA's Message**

Dear Editor:

In the last issue of the Klondike Sun, Dan Davidson asked the readers, should we hear from our MLA, David Millar, in the Klondike Sun or in the MLA newsletter? My opinion is the MLA's newsletter should continue for the following reasons:

1. All constituents should be informed of the activities of the MLA, without having to buy the *Klondike Sun*. (Many in the community do not buy or subscribe to the *Klondike Sun*).
2. The MLA's newsletters often have questionnaires for the constituents to fill out and return.
3. The *Klondike Sun* does not generally seem to welcome comments from our present MLA. I say this because I felt the last issue of the *Klondike Sun* was derogatory towards David Millar. For example, Millar's Message was positioned around a photograph of a disgusting sign by an immigrant squatter who allegedly does a bit of mining near Bear Creek. The sign states "Staye the Facke Out - Priwate". Yet however, misspelt the sign is, the meaning is unattractive, and no MLA would be encouraged to submit another message to this paper when this sort of photograph was placed within his last one. Therefore, I do not think the *Klondike Sun* is the best place for the MLA's message.

Sincerely,  
Janet Johnson

Editor's Note:

The juxtaposition of photo and column was unfortunate, but we didn't twig to the possible implications until too late. As for the sales of the Sun,

we know that our monthly summer run of 2,000 did not end up in the garbage at the Post Office, and Max kept running out of them. Our winter run is more modest, but the point holds.

Our treatment of David Millar's articles cannot be judged on the basis of two items (only one actually submitted to us) over a span of nine months. We have printed criticisms made by others, but don't shoot the messengers, please.

**Run results wrong**

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Run Dawson, I would like to make a couple of corrections regarding the article on the Midnight Dome Race by Liza Sardi. Former Dawsonite Chester Kelly was third in the Men's Masters Category, (age 40 and older), with a time of 39:29. In doing so, Chester Kelly added to his collection of medals, over the years, from this race. Sardi reported that Robert Walsh placed third, in this category, with a time of 40:33. However, Walsh was actually fourth.

Also, while Janis Campbell did very well to place first in the Womens Master Category, (age 40 and older), with a time of 46:12, this is not a new record as is stated in the article. The Masters women record is 40:27, and it belongs to Duchane Richard of Whitehorse. She set the record in 1989.

Sincerely,  
Janet Johnson

Editor's Note: Whoops! Thanks for the corrections.

**Correcting the Creek**

Dear editor:

I so enjoy reading world renown columnist, Palma Berger. But, I must point out a discrepancy in the August installment of Bear Creek—Louise does retrieve sticks (when properly rewarded).

Drew Ball  
Whitehorse

**Thanks for the gift**

Dear editor:

Thanks for the subscription to the paper as our farewell gift. It will be a line to the community for us.

Keep up the good work. I know how challenging it can be to keep the volunteer spirit up.

Best to all of you

Joanne and Bob Smith  
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wanted

Dear editor:

I hope you can run my ad. I would love a penfriend from your won-

derful country. I live here, on a small island near the city of Brisbane.

From here at the bottom of the world I would love to write to someone so far away. Here in Australia, it is lovely and warm, and a friendly country.

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**Thanks from De Wolfe Committee**

Hello out there Dawson City!

Just a short note to thank all of those who helped in the salmon barbecue put on the the Percy DeWolfe Memorial Race Committee this past Discovery Days.

First, thanks to the Discovery Days Committee for giving us non-profit guys the opportunity to raise some money for our causes; and of course, to have some fun.

Thank you to Bob and the Downtown Hotel, for their continued support, to Ernie and his kitchen and ovens, and his continued patience. Much appreciated.

Thank you to Jeff and Han Fisheries for their understanding and of course the fish.

Thanks to Triple J, Mark, and kitchen staff.

Thanks to the Westmark kitchen and generosity.

Thanks to Music Festival folk and their tubs and stuff.

Thank you to the '98 Drive-In burger place, everything helps.

Thank you to Bonanza Shell, the Midnight Sun Hotel and Haine; KVA for the Follies tickets; Art, from the "Art Gallery" for the framed mini-print of "The Race". Thanks to John from River West and the phantom coffee. (Catch you next year, ok?)

General Store, Denny, always a pleasure.

Farmers Market and staff, always a pleasure.

Thank you Brian from Marina's; Cor for the salmon; Coleman & Harry, the coca-cola guys; Maximilian's for desert.

And last but not least, our volunteers; this year, Dawn Peters, Barry Fargey, Jeremy Voht, Brad Keenan,

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John Mitchell, Mitchell Strid, Shirley Moi, Elaine Behn, Liz Williams, Miken Bilina and myself, Carole Lagace; it's certainly been worth it.

And if, by golly, I happen to have missed anyone who has helped in any way, my deepest apologies.

Sincerely,

Carole Lagace, V.P.  
Percy DeWolfe Memorial Race Committee

### Charlotte & Ivan send thanks

Dear Friends,

I have decided I am going to have to live for the next 10 years just to be able to finish the thank you cards. A special Thank you to:

1. Peter Jenkins for flying Lynn and the kids down to Vancouver.
2. Bob Laking and the B.C. and Yukon Hotel Assoc. for helping find accommodation in Vancouver.
3. Lynn Bower for being such a good friend.
4. Gerard Parsons for being such an excellent doctor. Dawson is lucky to have you.
5. Joanne Crosbie for being such a little power house of a nurse.
6. The population of Dawson I can feel your thoughts and best wishes very strongly.

See you soon,

Ivan, Charlotte, Natasha and Jessica Burian

### Confused about the Bunkhouse

Dear K.V.A.:

In July of this year I called one of the bed & breakfasts in Dawson to make reservations. The popular bed & breakfast was full, and so was just about everything, because coincidentally my trip was planned during the music festival.

I asked the proprietor of the B&B about a hostel that I had heard of. She said, "oh yes, I forgot about the hostel—they might have room, I'll patch you through."

She patched me through to the "hostel" and I was able to make a reservation. I was very happy and pleased that the woman at the B&B was so willing to go out of her way to help me find a roof.

When I arrived in Dawson, however, I realized there is some confusion about the hostel and the new Dawson Bunkhouse.

After arriving in Dawson on the Yukon Queen, we walked, carrying all of our bags, down to the ferry and up the hill to the Hostel on the other side of the river, only to find out that the hostel doesn't accept reservations, and they don't even have a phone, and they had never heard of us.

We walked all the way back down to the ferry, and all the way back into town, hauling our bags, waiting for the ferry to be washed in between.

I found out I had actually made reservations at the Bunkhouse, but that people in Dawson commonly call it the hostel.

The hostel and the Bunkhouse are very different (as you know).

The hostel across the river is very typical of hostels around the world, and is what most people expect when they think of a hostel.

The Bunkhouse, on the other hand, was nicer, although more expensive. We were very happy that we were actually booked at the Bunkhouse—it was more comfortable and convenient.

However, we wasted about two hours going back and forth because of the confusion over terminology.

The man who runs the hostel told us we were not the first visitors who had been confused about the hostel/Bunkhouse situation.

I hope that the KVA and your members will make an effort to carefully differentiate between the hostel and the Bunkhouse to prevent future visitors from wasting time like we did.

We only had a short time in Dawson and wanted to spend it doing fun things!

By the way, we did have a lot of fun and hope to return to Dawson again someday.

Sincerely,  
Jolene Johnson  
Eagle, Ak 99738

## THE KLONDIKE SUN

Is holding it's  
Annual General Meeting on  
Wednesday October 20, 1993  
at the Downtown Hotel's  
Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.  
All past present and futur  
contributors are invited to attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the hardworking people who put on the horticultural show on Discovery Days every year.

This would especially be Jack Fraser and fellow Y.O.O.P.'s Peter Ericson, Jim Archibald and several more over the years.

Every year they thank the exhibitors for contributing and I would like to say, "Thank you!" It gives all of the gardeners, cooks, and crafts people a chance to show off their talents and vie for ribbons.

It also amazes visitors to the city that we are able to grow and produce so well.

Thanks again for all your efforts. We appreciate you a lot.

Lynn MacKenzie

## Point of View

by Jon Calon

Five years ago, then Prime Minister Brian Mulroney called an election and took his Tories to a second Conservative majority.

Since it's in the Constitution of Canada for an election to be called every five years, except in time of war.

Prime Minister Kim Campbell didn't have very much time to enact some of her policies before calling on Ray Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada, to get the election wheels in motion.

Canadians will be going to the polls on October 25.

For those nominees, I would like to offer some suggestions for your campaign.

In no particular order they are:

### 1. Be representative.

Politicians are voted in by the people for representing the people in his/her riding.

After all what's democracy for if the populace aren't represented?

### 2. Be financially responsible.

I can't stress this enough. Canada has a very large debt, and a good chunk of it is in foreign hands.

This is bad, and seeing our

credit run dry is a big no-no.

### 3. Be truthful.

The few baby-kissing liars tarnish the image of the hard-working politician.

### 4. Be true to your roots.

Ontario Premier Bob Rae



made this mistake with forcing through his Social Contract.

### 5. Be aware of what the people have to say.

Lots of people howled at the GST, but Brian Mulroney, and the rest of the "conservatives"

bullied the bill through the two houses.

6. For the leaders in this race, once elected, remember that you have your backbenchers for ideas and guidance.

They aren't just nameless faces sitting in the corners of the House of Commons.

7. Don't make campaign promises that you intend not to keep.

People vote you in based on what you say in your campaign speeches.

Doing this, in my mind, is grounds for impeachment.

There is my list for the perfect politician, and I do hope that the nominees follow this list.

I wrote this list with realism in mind. All of these can be reached.

Good luck to all the nominees in the race.

Let's put democracy back into politics.

Seventeen year old Jon Calon is a grade twelve student at Robert Service School and regular contributor to the Klondike Sun.

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Photo by Brent Morrison

Bob McCauley, Tom Mickey, Denny Kobayashi and Chris Sorg discuss Dawson's role in the upcoming federal election with Yukon Morning host Becky Striegler

## A Yukon Morning in Dawson City

by Brent Morrison

CBC's *Yukon Morning* program with Becky Striegler broadcasted live from Dawson's Visitor Reception Centre on Friday, September 10.

The show began at its usual time of 6:00 a.m.

The first hour featured the regular CBC line-up of news, weather and sports.

But there was also spotlights on Dawson's past and recorded interviews with Shirley Pennell, John Gould and Dawne Mitchell.

The last two hours of the program

featured live interviews. The first featured Ann MacDonald, Tim Gerberding and Bruno Meili discussing land use in the Klondike Valley. Squatters, miners, businesses and First Nation Land Claims were all topics of the three.

The federal election was also discussed from a Dawson perspective. Bob McCauley, Chris Sorg, Denny Kobayashi, and Tom Mickey discussed NDP, PC, Liberal, and Reform strategies respectively.

The show also featured a performance by the Robert Service School senior school concert band.

They performed numbers from *Beauty and the Beast*.

The show was the first live CBC broadcast in Dawson since the Yukon Quest check point program with Pam Buckway last winter.

The last item was a discussion on CBC's plans to switch to FM. CBC Yukon manager Doug Caldwell and Dawson Mayor Peter Jenkins debated the matter. Jenkins, and others, are concerned that the FM switch will cause people in remote areas to lose radio contact.

Caldwell replied that CBC plans to broadcast their AM signal in tandem with the new FM. Jenkins said he was "encouraged" to hear the AM would remain but still questioned the costs.

The debate had to be cut short so CBC could keep on-line with their schedule, but Jenkins and Caldwell continued to discuss the matter after the program had gone off the air.

In addition to Striegler, producer Judy McAlpine and technician Bob Unger were also at the VRC to help put the show out.

## Rangers and Army to train in Dawson area

by Brent Morrison

The Dawson detachment of the Canadian Rangers will spend a portion of the winter training with the Canadian Army.

The 120 men who make up the Third Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry at B.C.'s Esquimalt base will arrive in Dawson Nov. 7 and remain in the area until Nov. 26.

Major Shane Fisher and Chief Warrant Officer Ken Susi held a meeting in council chambers Aug. 26 to present the final details of the plan. Representatives of Dawson First Nation, the city, the Dawson Air Cadets, and the Rangers attended the meeting.

Fisher outlined plans to cross the Yukon River and set up camp in the Swede Creek drainage area.

Phase One of their deployment will be spent learning winter survival skills from the Rangers. "They'll teach us all those lessons we won't have to learn ourselves the hard way," Fisher says, "What better than to have a Canadian Ranger to show you how it's done?"

During Phase Two the army will train the Rangers in the tactics and use of modern weapons, which will include running live fire ranges along Swede Creek.

Live ammunition allows the battalion to accomplish their goal of training as close as possible to actual hostile situations. Fisher will submit articles to the *Klondike Sun* to outline when and where the live fire will be occurring.

While here, entire battalion will attend the Remembrance Day services at Robert Service School and march from the school to the cenotaph for a wreath laying ceremony.

There will also be another presentation at the school. Fisher explained that when 120 armed soldiers suddenly appear in a town there is usually a great deal of anxiety; people wonder if there is something wrong. Meeting the students will,

among other things, allow the battalion to alleviate any concerns.

On Nov. 20 the battalion will hold a Community Day where they will demonstrate their skills and display their equipment.

Dawson First Nation will also host a number of events on Community Day including stick gambling, Indian bingo, story-telling and a pot-latch.

While some supplies will be brought in, "We will be using the local community to extract the supplies necessary to survive," Fisher stated. This would be the case in a real situation he pointed out.

"How are you at building bridges?" Mayor Peter Jenkins inquired, getting a round of laughter.

"I know how to cross, defend and even blow up bridges," Fisher answered, "but you'd need the engineers to build you one."

If the Yukon has not frozen when they arrive, the battalion will be deployed in the Flat Creek area.

Angie Joseph-Rear was curious if the exercises would effect the 40 Mile caribou herd. John Mitchell indicated he thought the herd would be well out of the area by then.

Fisher stated that the Army was not there to disrupt the wildlife and would make changes accordingly if the herd was around.

The battalion has recently returned from the former Yugoslavia. Everyone in the battalion has served at least two and a half years and completed at least one U.N. tour of duty.

While not getting into specifics Fisher stated, "There are thousands of scenarios why you might need an infantry in the north, but the real aim is to work and train in the conditions."

Acclimatizing to the Yukon winter while living just outside of Victoria is challenging Fisher admits, but the battalion will be training hard. He believes good physical condition is the key to handling the change in climate.

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# Child Development Centre reaches out *Way to go Liza!*

submitted by Georgina Brown

During the past winter, the Child Development Centre has brought its Outreach communities in rural Yukon.

A team of professionals travels regularly to ten communities in the Yukon to work with children and their families. These communities include Carmacks, Pelly Crossing, Faro, Ross River, Dawson City, Haines Junction, Carcross, Watson Lake, and most recently Old Crow.

The Outreach program provides early intervention services for children from birth to 5 years of age. When concerns are identified, early intervention can help these children achieve their fullest potential.

Common concerns may be found in the areas of speech and language, motor skills, behaviour, and/or cognitive skills, also known as thinking skills.

When a concern is identified, parents and the Outreach team work together to understand the child's needs.

This process may include observing the child, formal and informal assessments, and discussion with the parents or other caregivers. If considered necessary, the parents and Outreach team develop a plan to meet the child's needs.

Regular follow-up meetings ensure the plan is working and is suited to the family's daily routine and

lifestyle. At all times, the family makes decisions about its involvement in the program.

The Outreach team is made up of professionals who specialize in the area of child development.

A Speech and Language Pathologist provides services to help overcome and prevent communication problems. Communication is a sharing of information through ways such as speech and gesturing, as well as the ability to understand information through watching and listening.

An Occupational Therapist assists in the area of the child's physical development. This can mean helping the child achieve developmental milestones such as crawling or walking, or perhaps suggesting toys or activities that may help the child develop more control and skill with his/her hands.

Consulting services of a Physiotherapist are also available in the area of physical development. The Early Childhood Consultant helps the family in understanding how their child thinks and behaves.

The Coordinator of the Outreach program ensures the delivery of services to children with special needs in the communities and acts as a liaison between the Outreach team and the community.

As well as working with families, the Outreach program provides

consultation to daycare and pre-school staff as a support for those children who have special needs. Workshops can be provided to the community in areas such as child development, play skills, speech and language development, and behaviour management.

Referrals to the Outreach program can be made by families, physicians, public health nurses or other professionals who have concerns about a child's development.

All referrals are confidential. Parental consent is obtained by the referral source before the Outreach team contacts the family. If you have any concerns about your child or want more information about the program please call Leona in Whitehorse at 668-4386 or leave a message at your community Health Centre.

*Editor's Note: As we go to press the Whitehorse media report that the CDC has just been hit with a whopping \$100,000 in building maintenance costs for the next fiscal year. This is a YTG decision, prompted by the report of the federal Auditor General.*

*Up to now the centre had paid \$1 a year for its building. What impact this increase will have on the programs described here remains to be seen.*

by Dan Davidson

When our last year's journalism student suggested to Liza Sardi that she might enjoy the Klondike Sun experience, Joanie Veitch did us all a favour.

Based on Liza's resume and samples, the Sun's directors decided she might be an asset, but informed her via telephone that she would have to get out here before any hiring began. She did that, without any definite promise of a job. (see May 13/93, Sun editorial)

When she arrived she did present her credentials as a graduate student from Ryerson in Toronto, one whose plan at that time was to return for a further year of political journalism. And the rest, as they say, is history.

The job creation funds were part of the Challenge '93 Program, covering 18 weeks of employment, allowing the Klondike Sun to top up the basic wage rate.

Our second summer staffer, Brent

Morrison, was paid strictly out of our own resources.

Not only did Liza give of her energy and considerable talents, but also shared her knowledge with us all. She was especially adept at the use of layout software, and the crisper look of the paper during the

summer was a largely due to her efforts, along with Sun regular Brent Morrison, whom she trained at the same time.

She also became the

Dawson Correspondent for the Yukon News, and gained some notoriety there as well.

By the end of the summer, Liza had taken up duties, with the Inuvik Drum, which is an affiliate of News/North in Yellowknife, where she is currently in training.

Political journalism will be put on hold for the season of darkness. We wish her every success.



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Photo by Sue Ward  
Jack Hutchison rummages around in the back of his truck

# Jack Hutchison returns

by Sue Ward

Was checking the Dome out one more time as the Klondike displays her golden magic. So soon., and for so short a time.

But there we were, Banjo Bandit, and me just taking our first look-see of the Tinker-toy Town lying below, nestled by the glorious golden mountainsides, when a friendly male voice emerging from a well-worn pick-up chimes, "What are you doing up here, Sue?"

I was over-joyed! There stood Jack Hutchison looking not a day older. Of course he is older, but he sure looks great for 87!

It was back in '72 when we first shared a pancake breakfast in Minto Park. Then there was Jack 'n Andy and they used to change gears and head for Mexico following the sun.

Andy is no longer up to the simple camping style of travel, catching a fish or two for dinner, and a few extra to be smoked in the collapsible smoke house and double length of old stove-pipe stowed under the canopy, along with all else, including special gifts for friends made over the years along the trail.

A batch of National Geo.'s and a tub of North Peace Honey for Jane, Joe, and the boys.

We laughed as I recalled a visit to the Honey Plant out of Ft. St. John, many moons ago. In the company of Dan Murray (Ma's son, who published the Alaska Highway News), and my ex-Army C.O. Renee Haweis of Lillooet, B.C.

Dan was extremely proud of the young company and we were immediately invited to tour the operation.

What we didn't know was that a new Queen Bee had flown in, bringing her workers, and they had swarmed up in the corner of the plant.

I learned little about honey making as the bees were zapping back and forth non-stop.

Jack tells us the folks now have 2,500 hives working and widespread markets for their high quality product of great purity. That swarming was the beginning of one of them.

Peering into Jack's pick-up revealed a set of golf clubs.

"You're a golfer?" I asked in amazement. At 87?

"Oh yes, I've been a member of the Coquitlam Golf Club when they had a special membership drive for \$25 they cost \$30,000 now."

Having expounded the beauty of our new course when we met on the Dome, I queried if he had made time to get over there yesterday.

"I'm amazed!" he exclaimed. "It is truly wonderful. And beautiful! And the marvellous flower display at the clubhouse!" (Grown and planted by Grant Dowdell from his up-river enterprise.)

"Glorious! I'm going to play it next year. This cool weather activates my arthritis in my wrists."

It had been passed to me that some young visiting golfers had believed the holes were not difficult enough, and what did Jack think about that.

"Forget that," he answered firmly. "Most folk who play golf just want to have a pleasant challenge, and a low score."

"As for tournaments, men spend

one day per 40 weeks to womens' one day per 30 weeks on the circuits, which leaves the balance for those who play for pleasure. Who is the person with all of this vision? I met Jan Elliott who had the land. But who has put up all that money?"

I told him of Bill Hakonson's remarkable dream and drive, as we both agreed it was the best thing that had happened to Dawson amid so many best things.

John Kostelnik, retired from Yukon Tourism took up the post of Manager and Greens Keeper on May 19.

He tells of little sleep with night-golfers in the constant daylight, and weight loss from hand-mowing the greens.

But also of the fun of making friends with a fox, who appears for food 15 minutes after the last car has left, and with five squirrels who appear as if by magic to sit on the entrance-way, awaiting their peanut butter ration the moment he puts the key in the lock each morning.

This reminded Jack of the time when he and Andy were resting over in the river camp-site. Jack used to use a tennis ball to exercise his hands by bouncing and catching it alternately. A fox came within six feet, watched the performance until Jack decided to bounce but not retrieve.

The ball dribbled to a stop, Mr. Fox pounced, and Andy remarked, as the fox disappeared, "He's taken it home for the kids."

Labour Day Weekend just wouldn't be complete without your visit, Jack Hutchison. See ya' more in '94!

## Advanced Artists Fall Awards

Whitehorse—Yukoners in the performing, visual and literary arts have until October 1 to apply for travel, education and project funding under the Advanced Artist Award program. This is the final of two granting sessions for 1993. The first was held in April.

Artists may qualify on one of two levels. Those involved in more advanced activity may be eligible for up to \$5,000 for an "A" level grant. Applicants qualifying for a "B" level grant may get up to \$2,500. Applications are adjudicated on the basis of artists' skill, talent, education, public exposure and their contribution to the community.

Awards totalling \$30,000 each for the two granting sessions are funded entirely by the Yukon Lotteries Commission. The program is administered by the Arts Branch of the Department of Tourism.

Application forms are available from municipal offices, regional libraries, community recreation boards, the Yukon Arts Council office, the Yukon Lottery Commission, or the Arts Branch.

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# Two Canadians in Finland

by Michael Gates

If the gold panners of the Klondike take their skill seriously, then those of Europe are fanatical.

Ralph Nordling and I recently returned from the World Goldpanning Championships in Tankavaara, Finland where we represented Dawson City.

Ralph as a competitor, I as a representative of the Klondike World Goldpanning Championship Committee and a contributor to an international symposium on gold prospecting in nations around the world.

For nearly a week, 2,500 people from all over Europe descended upon this small Lapland resort north of the Arctic Circle, for a broad range of gold related activities, not the least of which was the battle for tiny flakes of gold in the competitors' pans.

The festivities included the commemoration of miners' graves at nearby Inari, the celebration of the first gold strike in Lapland.

The unveiling of a new statue of a goldpanner, the opening of the Golden World museum exhibition, a gold and mineral market, gold auction, guided tours, symposium, and the gold panning competition were also included.

Beer drinking, dancing, and general conversation appeared to be the most popular social events at Tankavaara.

Tankavaara is adjacent to one of Finland's national parks. The climate is more temperate than Dawson's and there is no permafrost.

I was struck by the standard of living apparently enjoyed by the citizens civilization has encroached much farther to the north in Europe than I realized.

Evidence of extensive logging was visible everywhere in the vicinity which I visited giving me a much greater appreciation of the wilderness which we take so much for granted here in the Yukon.

The competition, lasted for three days and had nearly 600 competitors.

Events were divided into team competition, expert, beginner, senior and youth categories for both men and women, and some novelty events.

Twenty countries were represented in the colourful opening parade and ceremony, and the competition which followed.

Gold is difficult to find in Europe. It is for that reason that European competitors have developed their skills to razor sharpness.

Nordling was the lone Canadian competitor, and the official representative from Dawson, sponsored by the Klondike Visitors' Association.

Ralph has always been a tough

competitor and took the challenge seriously, testing the gravels and the equipment, and refining his technique for the heats, which started on Friday the Thirteenth.

After panning out his six flakes in a very respectable time of three minutes and 59 seconds, Nordling left one in his pan when transferring them to the vial, and was knocked out of competition.

Opportunities for further competition was not limited to this one event however.

After some intensive coaching of the members of the hastily assembled Canadian team, Ralph, in the role of anchor man, led the team to a respectable eighth place finish.

In a final burst of glory, Nordling also entered a specialty sudden-death competition for serious professionals with a cash prize of \$2500.

He placed fifth in a field of 30 of the toughest competitors in the world.

The large number of panners in the European circuit and the fierce competition they face produces some very tough contenders.

Three to four minutes were the times to beat in this contest.

Considering the quantity and type of material which was being panned, and similar times should be expected in Dawson City which should make the world championships, in Dawson in 1996, a very interesting event.

## NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE

### Yukon Women's Award

On October 21, 1993, the Women's Directorate will be honouring five Yukon women at a special awards banquet.  
There are five categories for nominations:

#### Category 1

A woman who makes a difference in community or public life. Someone who makes your community a better place. She may be someone who works behind the scenes or on the front line.

#### Category 2

A woman who is an "educator". Someone who shares her knowledge with others. She may have taught you something about yourself, about life in general, about your culture. She may "educate" by her own example.

#### Category 3

A woman "activist" working for change. A woman who believes in equality for women, and is actively pursuing that goal.

#### Category 4

A woman who has made a contribution to the world of sports, arts, or recreation. Someone who has made a difference for women in these areas.

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KNHS Superintendent Al Fisk presents Rose Margeson with a Jim Robb print and her Citation of Excellence award.



KNHS Superintendent Al Fisk presents Jim Reilly with a Dianne Peel print and his Citation of Excellence award.

## KNHS Awards

On Thursday, August 19, Al Fisk, Superintendent of Klondike National Historic Sites, had the honor of awarding **Jim Reilly** and **Rose Margeson** with *Citation of Excellence* awards in honour of their achievements.

Jim Reilly was honoured for his involvement in the stabilization of Dredge #4.

Several years ago when Jim worked as Chief, Finance and Administration at KNHS, he had the idea to ask the Canadian Armed Forces if they would be willing to tackle this overwhelming task.

Due to his foresight and initiative, Dredge #4 now sits proudly out of the silt and muck and rests on a platform built to hold her out of the water.

He was presented with a certificate signed by Mme. Monique Landry, Minister of Canadian Heritage, commending him for his ingenious idea.

A print of Dredge #4 by Dianne Peel was also presented to Jim.

Rose Margeson, Visitor Activities Supervisor, volunteered her time in 1992 to go for Service Excellence Facilitator training.

She returned to teach the course twice to Parks staff in Dawson City and once in Whitehorse.

As a result, the visitor services in the Yukon have benefited greatly.

Her expertise earned her the Citation of Excellence Award, also signed by Mme. Monique Landry.

The staff recognized her dedication and achievements with a framed Jim Robb print of Robert Service Cabin.

## Keno repairs begin

by Liza Sardi

A new foundation is under construction for the riverboat Keno at its resting place in Dawson City.

It is the first step in a seven-year plan to stabilize the 75-year-old vessel.

Steel piles were driven into the bedrock to create a level steel grid upon which the Keno will rest.

There will be nine main support beams, six port to starboard and three bow to stern.

Smaller beams will be added between the larger ones.

The Keno is currently lower in

her stern, or rear end, because of the grounds constant shifting each spring. Some points will be higher by only a few inches but the rear will be lifted over a foot. The new foundation will bring the Keno to a constant level.

The cost of the first step will be \$200,000, said Al Fisk, superintendent of Klondike National Historic Sites.

Fisk estimates the overall repair cost of the Keno will be between \$750,000 and \$1 million.

The paddle wheel has been removed and is resting behind the

Commissioner's residence.

Next year the Keno's exterior will be weatherproofed and then a sprinkler system will be installed on the interior.

The Keno was used to ferry silver ore, mined in and around Keno, from Mayo to Stewart Island.

She arrived in Dawson in 1962 for the Gold Rush Festival. Up until then National Historic Sites and Monuments Board lobbied the government to bring her to Dawson she had been dry docked in Whitehorse.

Technically the boat has nothing to do with Dawson though she sits on the banks of the Yukon River next to the old Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce.

The Keno first operated in 1918, and was retrofit in 1925 for a 30 foot

extension of her hull. She ran until 1952.

Between 1962 and 1965 the top floor of the boat was used as sleeping quarters. A piano player from the Palace Grand played music for guests on the main floor bar. The riverboat tied into the entertainment at the Palace Grand.

Stratford, Ontario Director Tom Patterson produced a show called "Foxy," remembered Klondike Visitors Association director Joe Castellarin.

From 1965 until 1967, K.V.A. used the Keno for fake gaming. Tourists could gamble away fake money. If they made \$5,000 they would win a vial of gold dust.

Up until four years ago, when the Keno became too unstable, K.V.A. still took tourists aboard for tours.



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# Adventurous ailing Alaskan

by Liza Sardi

Alaskan Richard Shaw is back in Dawson planning his next adventure.

At 62-years-old, with two heart attacks and back problems, the heavy smoking Shaw is looking for a partner to accompany him on a boat ride on the Mackenzie from Yellowknife to Inuvik.

Two years ago Shaw sailed the Yukon River from Dawson City to Little Diomed, an American island close to the Russian border in the Bering Sea.

This time he is planning to launch a small boat and mostly drift 1,000 miles down the Mackenzie.

He won't powerboat because there are very few places along the way to buy fuel. Shaw estimates the trek to the Dempster Highway will take him about 15 days. The whole trip from Yellowknife to Inuvik will take less than three weeks.

Shaw is no stranger to adventure. He has already kayaked, motorbiked and ATWed across a wide part of the United States.

This winter he went bungeejumping in Florida. And he used to water-ski and scuba dive. Shaw's itchy feet stem back from his army career.

He spent 15 years with the air force and five years with the army. He was stationed in Maine, New Hampshire, Virginia, Florida, Louisiana, California and Washington. He fought in the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

"I just couldn't settle down," says Shaw. "Civilian life and civilian jobs bored me."

He eventually did give up army life for a engineering job overseeing the utility systems, power and water, for Alaska's Fort Greely military base.

His health may have forced him to retire from work in 1989, but his active lifestyle continues.

In 1989, Shaw got the idea that he should float down the Yukon. He was recovering from his second heart attack.

He chose a 21-foot Aquarius sailboat over a powerboat because he thought it would be better on rough water and require less fuel.

He called her "Lost Colony," a bitter tribute to the Jimmy Carter administration.

An avid hunter, Shaw feels that Alaska has lost control over its own natural resources when Carter en-

acted legislation to preserve Alaskan wildlife.

His attempts to recruit another crew member/companion made him the butt of joke and innuendos. He did advertise for a female companion at a local college. CBC Whitehorse interviewed him and razzed him about bring along a woman to cook, or "keep him company."

Maggie Wegeberg, 22, from Denmark, was living with a woman who was supposed to accompany Shaw, when the woman backed out at the last minute Wegeberg jumped aboard. She met Shaw in Klondike Kates in the evening and they left the next morning on June 17, 1991.

Shaw spent two years planning the expedition because he had originally planned to sail to Big Diomed, a Russian island two and a half miles from the American Little Diomed. He completely outfitted the boat with tactical and survival gear, including a global positioning system which would transmit up to a satellite and tell him the time, his exact location and magnetic and true heading.

Wegeberg and Shaw finished their journey in 23 days. Though they did have some trouble leaving Dawson.

They had to be towed off a sandbar by the Yukon Queen. In total they travelled 2,200 miles. The pair parted soon afterwards, and now Wegeberg off on her own adventure attending college in Denmark.

Shaw will be away in New Zealand for part of the winter but he should be back in time to finalize the details of his trip next summer.

If you think you'd like to join Shaw in his next adventure, you can contact him at 1055 Dellwood St. Apt. 2 in Wasilla, Alaska, 99654. Or call him at (907) 373-6343.



Photo by Sue Ward

Len Webster and Beth Dempster are all smiles during their stop in Dawson.

## Dempster's granddaughter drops by

by Sue Ward

It was a glorious day when many folk drove to the Dempster cut-off to share the official opening of the highway to Inuvik in 1979.

Dr. Hugh Dempster and his sister were on hand to represent the family. Prime Minister Diefenbaker was denied his wish by death, only days before.

Opening up the North by road had long been his dream.

Beth Dempster and her partner, Len Webster, dropped into Dawson last month.

Beth is a student at U.B.C. where she will earn her doctorate by 1995.

She decided, with Len, to share their love of the great outdoors. First

escorting travellers over The West Coast Trail on Vancouver Island, to the Rockies, and ultimately to the Chilkoot Pass and the Dempster Highway to Inuvik and the short flight to Tuk.

Beth's first trip was to celebrate

the Solstice in Inuvik.

The second to catch the fall colours.

Her natural love for the Canadian North makes her wonder, "Why I don't live up here."

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The Commissioner's Residence in 1914 when George and Martha Black resided there. Klondike National Historic Sites hopes to have the building looking just as it did then.

## What's happening at the residence

by Michael Gates

People may have noticed considerable activity around the Commissioner's Residence this summer.

The project consists of four parts which are scheduled to be complete by the summer of 1996, just in time for the centennial of the discovery of the Klondike.

The first part, the installation of a fire suppression system, was completed in the fall of 1992. This summer, the second component, the re-instatement of the historic grounds at the front of the building commenced. The work this year includes the grading, sodding of the

ground, installation of flagpole, and the construction of board walks and access nodes. The decorative fences will be pre-fabricated this winter, and will be installed, along with the trellis, in the summer of 1994.

In the interior of the building, the electrical service has been installed. The third component of the project, interior restoration of the main floor area, has commenced, and will swing into full speed in 1994. This work includes the restoration of windows and doors, repairing the elegant main staircase, and restoring the lovely parquet floors. Much of the original furnishings, which are still in the

possession of National Historic Sites, have been restored. The remaining pieces which are required have been reproduced by the skilled craftsmen working for Parks Canada, or are being sought out by Parks Canada curators, to complete the fourth part of the project.

When all the work is complete, and the artifacts are installed in the residence, it will be accurately restored to the elegance which it once displayed, when George and Martha Black lived in the building between 1912 and 1916. We hope that the restored residence will serve as a proud centerpiece of the Parks Canada program in Dawson City during the centennial celebrations.



Photo by Sue Ward

Axel Lux and Jens Auer returned to Dawson by canoe

## Rafters return

by Sue Ward

Three years ago three lads were resting on their raft just below Front Street. Being envious of their freedom and youth, I ventured down the river bank to chat.

They were from Germany and while one lad had no English, the other two managed very well. When I learned they would leave Dawson without knowledge of the source of the settlement, Bonanza Creek and Dredge No. 4 and Discovery Claim, I offered a *Granny's Guided Tour* if they met me up on the road in 10. It was a stimulating drive as my

comments, well-learned as a bus-tour guide for several groups of German visitors, were concise and the third lad had instant translation. A great afternoon and gracious 'vielen danke' and 'auswidersehn'.

Imagine my delight when a hardy knock on my old door frame caused me to pause and greet two of those lads, Axel Lux and Jens Auer of Reichenbach, Germany.

No rafting from Whitehorse to Dawson this trip. The canoe adventure began on Quiet Lake, over Sandy Lake, Big Salmon Lake, Big Salmon River and down Yukon River to Dawson in 19 beautiful days.

I could tell how happy they were to be in Dawson again and asked what had changed in their eyes in three years.

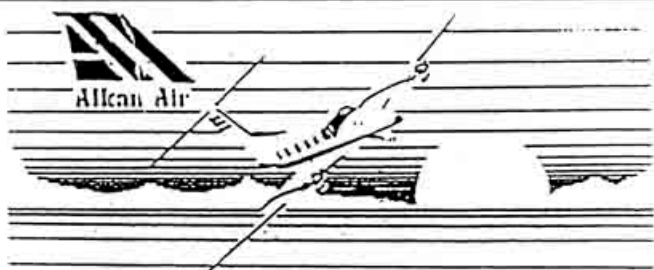
"It looks newer" Axel volunteered. "But we are looking forward to enjoying several days in its special atmosphere."

The travellers had rented their canoe in Whitehorse and felt they had found 'the best canoes at the best prices'.

One wonders how they will reach us next trip.



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## White Lightning flashes to the finish

by Dan Davidson

White Lightning surged past the Downtown Hotel team again this year to make it 4 years in a row that the two teams have come in first and second in the 17th Great Klondike International Outhouse Race.

The September 5 event took place under sunny skies, with a good sized crowd in attendance. There were 11 teams this year, down from last year's twelve, the notable absence being the ever popular Klondike National Historic Sites, where humour seems to be at a premium these days.

Times were down slightly as well. The winning team of Brent Langback, Kevin Anderson, Dirk Millar, Sean Pond and Brian Bell took the course in 9 minutes and 13 seconds, one second off last year's terrific pace. The \$200 winners were sponsored by Northern Kat. The Downtown Hotel team, featuring Chester Kelly, Mike McCann, Mike Kelly, Del Zinck, and Don White, was twenty seconds slower and carried off only \$100.

The course this year was the same as last. A Le Mans style running start took the sitters out of the park to their mobile biffies where they took their seats and rolled off down Fifth Avenue, lugged by four able runners.

The course is about 3 kilometres long (1 1/2 miles) and takes the teams right off Fifth and up the long haul of Church and Mission Streets to Eighth Avenue. From there it's across to Queen Street and down a nerve jolting hill to the centre of town and Front Street.

A left turn brings them on to Front Street, running along beside the dyke to where it joins Fifth at the south end of town. Then it's up Fifth Avenue and back to the finish line, which is just in front of the Dawson City Museum.

With many of the teams in the race just for the fun of it, it's not that hard to pick out the serious runners. They were the ones picking up the prizes for best times after the 10:30 show at Gerties on Sunday night. The fastest mixed team, with a time of 12:13 and a prize of \$200, was

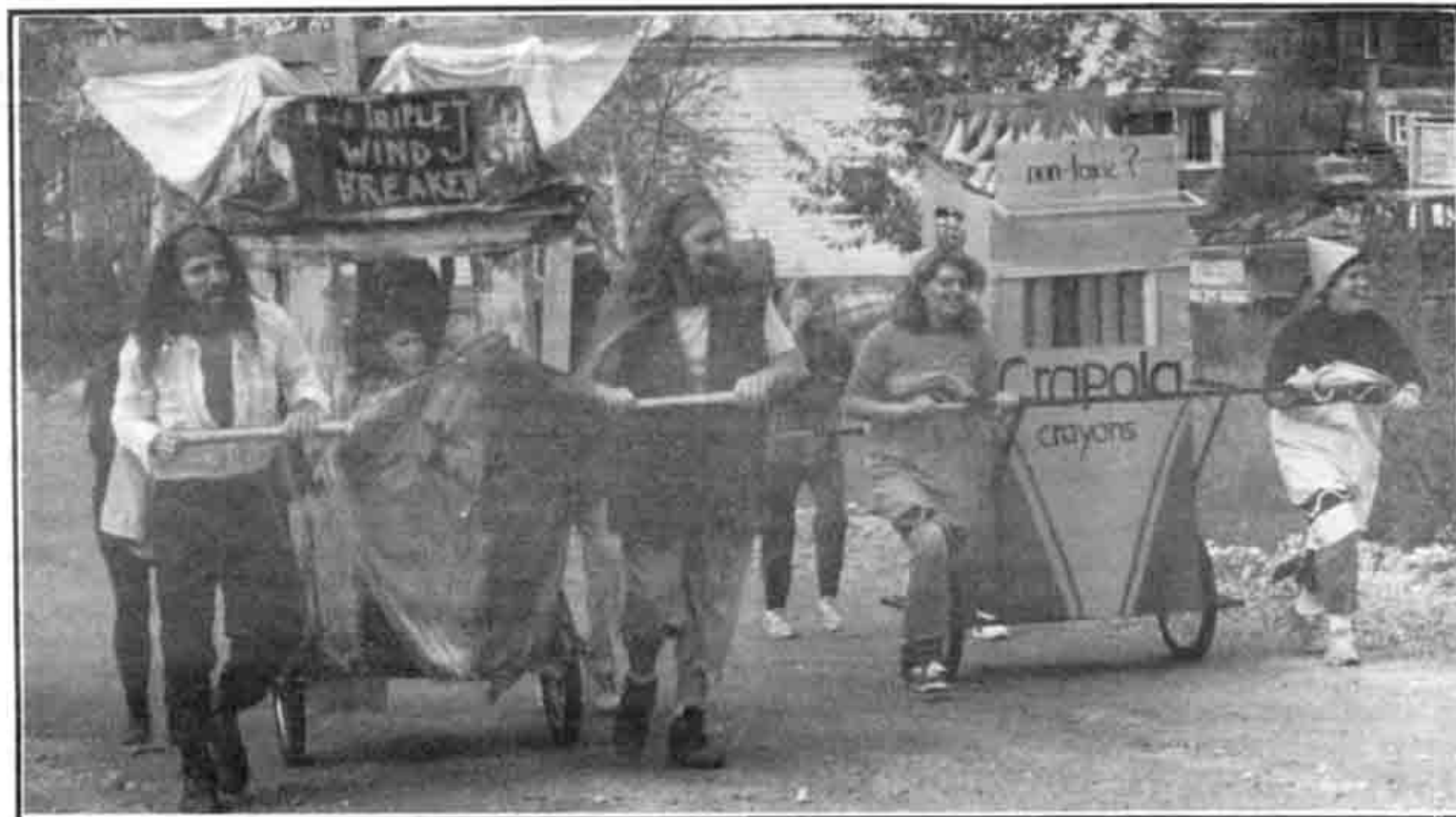


Photo by Dan Davidson

The S.H. Triple J Windbreakers step on the gas and manage to **pass** the Crapola Crayon team on an uphill run.

sponsored by Ross Mining. Norm Ross also sponsored the fastest women's team. They ran the course in 16:40 for a prize of \$200, in spite of the elaborate corsetted costumes that also won them the prize as best-dressed team.

Some of the other costumes did not lend themselves to speed, although they did win prizes. The Triple J's full masted pirate ship outhouse, The Windbreaker, might have done better if its cutlass waving crew hadn't stopped to take on provisions at every bar along the route. As it was it took them over half an hour to run the course.

The entry from Bedrock was a bit too heavy to roll into the prize money.

The Klondike Visitors Association entry, known as the KVEh, featured five Elvis-zombies and a soundtrack for the most humorous prize. The Crapola Crayons were melting in the sun by the time their entry rolled into the finish line. Though the lady in the blue crayon suit had turned a fine shade of purple, the team still took the \$75 prize for most original costume. The joint entry from the American and Canadian Automobile Associations received the judges special award for hard work.

## Downhill all the way

by Dan Davidson

To hear other people talk about it the height of Chester Kelly's race in the Downtown Hotel entry should have been the stretch from the top of Queen Street and Eighth Avenue to the corner of Queen and Fifth, a plunge which he took pretty much on his own.

As viewed from slightly behind (though not for long) by White Lightning runner Kevin Anderson, the incident looked like this:

"All the runners left their outhouse. They were in front of us... and we just about ran 'em over. We said 'Clear out!' and they moved to the side. Otherwise we'd a killed 'em."

Runnerless, Kelly went careening down the hill. He had steering control on his vehicle but no way to slow down or bail out if anything went wrong. Chester says it was a planned move and it didn't actually feel that fast to him, though he was surprised by how far behind his runners were when he came to a stop.

Those who saw him heading down the hill weren't so sure. The volun-

teer fire crew on security duty were still talking about it long after he'd been picked up by his runners again at the bottom of the hill and one Queen Street resident, Paula Pawlovich, said she thought he was going to lose control and end up in her kitchen.

The problem could be the hill itself.

"That Eighth Ave., that's a bad hill," said Anderson. "We gotta change that next year cause that's a very bad course...that big drop. We got strong runners so we could hold onto our outhouse, but other people with a heavy outhouse, they could easily lose it."

The change to the Eighth Avenue route was made last year during a period of intense sewer and water reconstruction on Dawson's streets. Eighth was one of the few streets where nothing was happening.

On this year's win Anderson indicated that the team's game plan had not changed.

"We didn't do anything different than we did last year but cleaned out our bearings and just got that puppy primed."

Asked about future races, Anderson said his team is still shooting at the old Downtown Hotel record of 6 wins: "We'll just do it. It doesn't matter if it's 6 or 10 times, we're gonna beat 'em. Our team is unbeatable."



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Photo by Brent Morrison

David Essig performs at Dawson's Y.O.O.P Hall

## David Essig in Dawson City

by Palma Berger

This stop in Dawson was the final performance in David Essig's seven week tour which included playing in eight Festivals.

But he still managed an absorbing, energetic and intimate performance. He remarked that being back in Dawson was, "Like being home again".

He was certainly enthusiastically received by his fans gathered in the Pioneer Hall to hear him.

His songs were varied from the slow and sad *Sisters of Desmond Grew* telling of the sisters attending the funeral of I.R.A. member, Desmond Grew, their brother, to *State of Origin* which expressed the thoughts and revulsion felt while watching the bloodied and muddled players in a Rugby League football match in Australia.

Others ranged from the sweet and passionate *Long Sweet Ride to Quiet Money*, the story of an international arms dealer in Zurich. This song ends with the words.

"But far off in some farmer's field another peasant's head is peeled by

the things that Quiet Money has arranged."

In Europe, David has quite a following, with the largest numbers being in Italy.

His self-effacing description of himself is that he really wanted to be a 6 ft. 2 in. cowboy dressed in black, saying "Aw Shit!" but later he realized he would do much better as a rabbi. At this, he turned his much shorter frame sideways to show off his distinctive nose, balding pate and flowing curly hair.

Part way through he was joined by local musician "Harmonica" George McConkey.

At the beginning of the show local performers Miriam Wilson, Sylvie Boudreau, Marjorie and Elizabeth Logue warmed up the crowd.

We thought the evening was ending when David sang *We'll Meet Again Someday*, but he was brought back and played a quieter introspective piece, then livened us up with some hand clapping gospel song until finally, with our spirits lifted, the show came to an end.

# Great talent at Gerties

by Sue Ward

Seana-Lee Wood and producer partner Jim Hodgkinson and Company are about to wrap up a second summer in the toughest house in the world, unless you count a three ring circus, not known for music, dance and sophistication.

They make a great team and give great energy to their collective creative talents.

Jim is a Yukoner whose ballad *Klondike Home* is well presented by Seana-Lee, demure in her off shoulder pure white, blue girdled gown.

They truly enjoy doing the number, even in an atmosphere of a moving-about audience, the cacophony of 'the slots', indifference of the dealers and gamblers, and for the final weekend, a Dart Tournament, bang in the middle of the house.

You just have to be a Pro to handle all of that!

I found it refreshing that the dancers could also sing, and bring fresh choreography to the demanded "Turn of the Century" material. It is hard for young performers to understand the K.V.A. mind-set of "Stop the Clock!", even though travellers have seen it all before in several stop-overs enroute.

"Great Can-Cans, gals, how can anyone kick that high and keep the beat, beats me, and smiling too!"

Donna Dunbar, Arleigh Wong, Onalee Hunter, Michelle Berting, and Jana Burge, you did us proud.

And let us not forget the hustle backstage in making of all those delightful costume changes to bathing costumes, corsetted unmentionables, and the delightful parasol

afternoon gowns, plus a variety of can-can splashes of colours.

One wonders if the unsuspecting male victims were exploited enough, no pantlegs rolled up to add a hairy leg or two. Nothing falls farther than a half-baked joke, and there was a hunger for humour. Cute is not laughable.

Horn and string man Eric Knight and Light and Percussion talent Don Armitage added depth and sharpness in great measure.

This year's show was produced in a Vancouver apartment. Could the true vein be tapped in the dark of a Klondike winter?

The folks of Dawson wish our worldly-wise talented performers every deserved success out in 'the real world' where Time Marches On and On!

## Arts Attack returns again

by Palma Berger

At the beginning of October there will be an exhibition of contemporary sculpture by Faye Heavyshild, at the Yukon Arts Centre.

Faye is of native ancestry and hails from Calgary. She will include in her Yukon trip a weekend in Dawson to give a talk, accompanied by a slide presentation, about her work.

There will be an announcement nearer the date of when and where it will be. But you may contact Jackie Worrell at 9935385 or 9935312 for more information.

Congratulations to Dawson born Ekka Janus who won the achievement award in the Country Western Music field for people of native ancestry in Edmonton recently.

I discovered that music was a large part of Ekka's being when she was in my Kindergarten class in Dawson. The first thing she did when she came into the room was go to the

records and, when she learnt how to do it herself, put on a record.

She could not settle until she had had her dose of music. Music to sing along with while she created things, instrumental music as background during story time, music to move by, musical games and even music to rest by was all Ekka asked for.

Coming up at the end of October is a workshop on the Business of Art and the Art of Business.

This was presented in Whitehorse this past spring by Era Rowles of Rowles and Parham Design Gallery in Edmonton.

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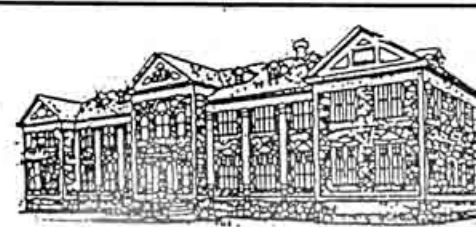
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# Slotting a night for talent

by Brent Morrison

Competing over the noise of the slot machines as much as against each other, 19 acts performed in the Klondike Visitors Association's Yukon Talent Night Sunday August 29.

Dawson bar band Dikdhu opened the show and were featured throughout the evening. With Wendy Perry and Barnacle Bob on pianos, Willie Gordon on fiddle and Frank Buck on guitar the group performed four songs.

Bill Holmes and Johnny (Caribou) Nunnan hosted the show, introducing acts, celebrating an assortment of bizzare anniversaries and taking shots at the audience and locals to get laughs.

After the first set Buck and Gordon left the and Bob and Wendy performed three duets. The band regrouped to provide back-up music for Paul Mahoney who sang three traditional numbers.

Perry then performed solo before the first non-musical act took to the stage.

Susan Miller performed a quick witted piece of poetry that had the people who could hear it in stitches.

Cathy Wood followed with two original songs, playing acoustic guitar.

Barnacle Bob then returned for a solo piece.

He was followed by Onalee Hunter and Caron Giddings whose

black outfits had the men in the audience cheering before they even performed their two numbers.

Dan Gange performed the last act before the intermission singing two Elvis tunes while Barnacle Bob played piano.

After the intermission the night seemed to shift focus.

Fiddler Willie Gordon and guitarist Jimmy Roberts started the second half off with instrumental numbers that had the crowd clapping and stomping along.

Susan Miller and Cathie Langtry followed with a skit demonstrating a Gerties dealer getting ready for a night's work.

Langtry sat on a chair beneath a mattress, and when Miller sat down Langtry's hands went about the job of preparing Miller for the evening. The skit had the audience howling in laughter.

A last minute entry to the night brought his acoustic guitar and performed two numbers, ending with Neil Young's *Unknown Legend*.

Charlene Dueling was the next performer, singing two love songs.

Nunnan introduced the next act as, "The strangest thing performed here since the time the guy cut up the salmon with a chain saw."

Kali's Dream began with a person covered in a white sheet, tied up and kneeling on what appeared to be a bed. As Peter Gabriel's musical score from *The Last Temptation of*



Photo by Brent Morrison

*The Klondike Kate's Special danced their way to first place at this year's Talent Night*

*Christ* began, the solitary figure began to loosen it's bonds, and two other figures emerged from the "bedding".

The performance featured poetry written by Celia Petter who performed with Julia Lamour and Gø Ljlsjenskjold. Dance, Tibetan chanting, and music from Mother Tongue were also part of the performance. The audience responded with stunned applause.

Bruce Campbell and Jim Johnson followed. Campbell playing piano while Johnson sung.

Sandy Pilon and Arnie Brown played acoustic guitars and sang two numbers.

Klondike Kate's Special was the

next act. Josee Savard, Michel Dupont and Sylvain Rapatel danced up a storm to Carlos Santana's *Se A Cabo* whose Latin rhythm had the dancers all over the stage and Savard in the air a few times. The audience responded with wild applause.

Elizabeth and Marjorie Logue, Sylvie Boudreau and Miriam Wilson performed two numbers, one by the Rankin family and another in french.

The final act of the night featured Super Johnny Caribou.

His talent consisted of climbing a ladder into the Gerties' lighting system until only his knees were seen, and then simulating (hopefully) urinating into a bucket.

Judges Karen Dubois, Bonnie

Nordling, Jim Hodgkinson and Seana-Lee Wood rated the acts out of 50 points.

Third place went to Kali's Dream, second to Susan Miller and Cathie Langtry and first place to Klondike Kate's Special.

This year there was no distinguishing professional and amateur acts. The Klondike Kate's dancers have performed together for 10 years and have toured Florida, Quebec, Japan and Aruba.

This was the second KVA Talent Night held in Gerties since the slot machines were installed and several people complained that either the slot machines should be given a night off, or the venue be changed.

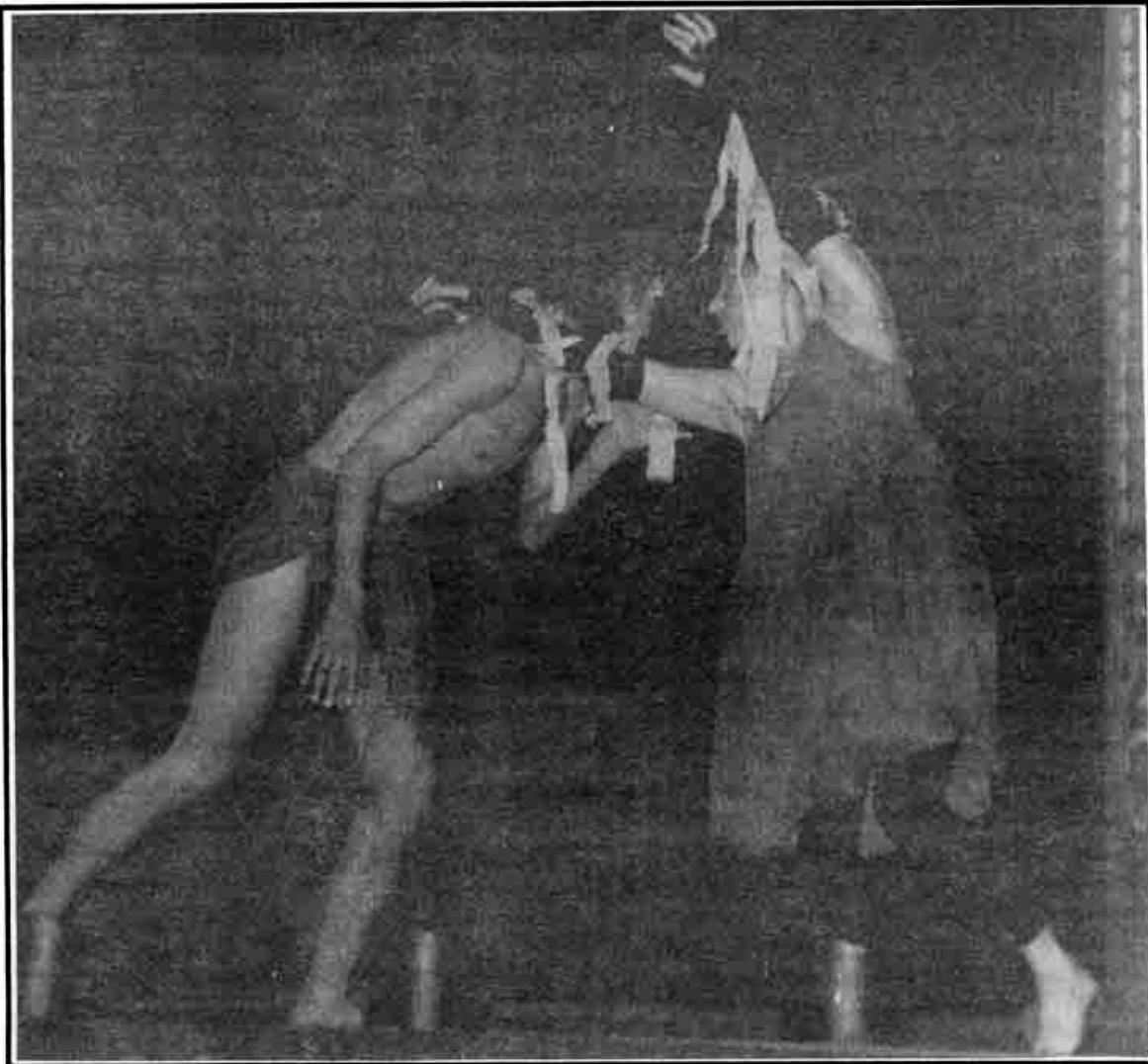


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*Julia Lamour and Gø Ljlsjenskjold come face to face in Kali's Dream*

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# Farewell to Lyle and Rita Anderson

by Palma Berger

Farewell to Lyle and Rita Anderson was the purpose of a gathering of friends at the Dawson Community Gospel Chapel August 21, 1993.

Lyle had been the pastor for the Gospel Chapel for the past five years.

In his goodbye speech, Lyle assured them not to worry about a replacement, as look at his case. He came to Dawson as a summer fill-in five years ago, and look how long he stayed, so there will surely be a replacement turning up soon.

Lyle and Rita were presented with one of Dawson's famous quilts made by friends of the recipient. Always a beautiful gift to receive.

They were also presented with a Tiffany lamp shade from Cabin and Gifts shop.

For this Lyle was particularly grateful. Rita had so wanted this lamp shade that she was doing some of her crafts to sell to enable her to purchase it, including painting some bottles she had saved.

Lyle cheered, because now he could throw out nuisance bottles and get them out of the way.

Rita said that she had missed her mission work at their previous posting and found it hard to adjust to being a pastor's wife, and for that reason she really did not want to come to Dawson, but now the tears began as she had to say good-bye to Dawson.

As for Lyle, he will be sorely missed by many home owners in the community. As a pastor on a part-

time salary he supported his family by working in the many trades areas in which he was trained and capable.

It was amazing how the language would moderate on a site where he was in charge, and how odd it was to hear a plumber sing out a blessing instead of a curse when a stubborn joint refused to cooperate.

Lyle and Rita will be moving to Stewart, B.C. where Lyle will be pastor there. We wish them all the best in their new posting.

## Police Notes

Now that the students have returned to school for another year, it is imperative that all motorists make a concerted effort while driving to ensure that the streets remain safe for the children.

Motorists are reminded that in the areas bounded by "School Zone" signs, that the speed limit remains 30 km/h between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Contravention of these sections will result in fines of \$40.00.

Apart from the potential monetary losses one could face, motorists should be aware of the grave consequences that could result from a traffic mishap where anyone, especially a child, is not properly secured within the vehicle.

Members of the local R.C.M.P. detachment will be stepping up patrols in the area of Robert Service School, and traffic infractions noted will result in prosecutions.

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**Rita and Lyle Anderson display the quilt they were given as a going away present**

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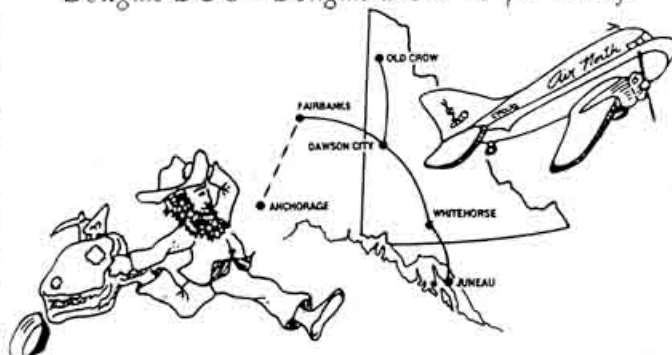
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## New Awareness Program Promotes Care of Game Meat

Whitehorse—The Yukon Fish and Game Association and the Department of Renewable Resources have started a new campaign to remind hunters about the importance of properly planning their fall hunt of big game animals and to educate them about the proper care of game meat.

The goal of the program is to help hunters plan their trips so that they will select the right animal in the field and to help them learn more about the proper field dressing techniques for the care of game meat so that they can fully utilize the animal.

The new campaign is in response to concerns raised by the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board and the Porcupine Caribou Management Board.

Both boards expressed concerns that meat was not being fully utilized due to the strong taste of some animals taken during the rut.

"The majority of experienced hunters know when not to go after some game species, but some others may not be fully aware of potential problems," said Renewable Resources Minister Bill Brewster. "At the same time, we saw this as an opportunity to help hunters so that they would recover more of their harvest in the field and utilize more of it in the kitchen."

As part of the education program, a new video - *The Care and Handling of Wild Game Meat* - was produced and distributed to Renewable Resources offices around the territory so that it can be loaned to hunters.

A 1982 video - *Moose Field Dressing* - was also edited and updated to reflect the game regulations of the 1990s.

At the same time, the department changed its 1993-94 hunting summary to add a new section which guides hunters through the proper techniques to field dress game animals.

Fridge magnets will also be distributed to remind the hunters about the meat in their freezers.

By viewing the video and reading the hunting summary, hunters should be better prepared before they head out on their hunt.

Television and radio reminders have also been produced for airing during the moose and caribou hunting seasons, and a modest print advertising and poster campaign will be used to remind hunters about the value of taking only what they need and using all they take.

## LIFE AT MCDONALD LODGE

by Sue Ward

The big news at the Lodge is the arrival of the new Roland Piano which Bruce Campbell, of Dawson Music Co., has installed.

It not only doubles as harpsichord or organ, it has a memory and transposes, which means if the song is pitched too high you push a button, and 'Voila', even the oldest gravelly voice can chime in.

No more excuses you menfolk!

The Staff invites all to 'tinkle the ivories' when time permits.

Approximately \$2,000 of the purchase was funded by the successful Porch Sale held earlier this summer.

And there is still an attractive stock of dolls available at the Lodge to consider for Christmas Gifts.

Chuck McKenzie is back from holidays, and Jimmy Lynch should be home shortly from knee surgery.

Wally Caseman harvested his vegetable garden which was enjoyed, and Stan Rivers has moved into the Lodge.

Ellie Berglund, long-time resident will be settling into the new Thomson Care Centre in Whitehorse.

Mrs. Joan Posno has become the jigsaw puzzle champ, making quick

work of the most difficult while inviting all to 'pick a piece'.

McDonald Lodge has ten residential rooms plus a suite which Marion Hadley called home sometime after the '79 flood swamped her 5th Ave. residence.

Former Supervisor, Joanne Smith stated the Lodge had an annual budget of \$600,000, which does not include the *Home Support Program*.

There are eight permanent positions, two of which are part-time, and the *Home Care Team* involves Darcy Braga, John Kolida, and Elaine Grandy.

Although the Outreach Program does much to keep the elderly in their homes, the Lodge does offer room and board, housekeeping care, laundry services and even supervision of medications, with an ample helping of T.L.C. and sincere concern when one is 'under the weather'.

*Meals on Wheels* may be arranged for those Seniors who find meal preparation too burdensome, the present charge being \$2.50 on weekdays, delivered cheerfully by Elaine Grandy.

Although no new supervisor has been named Amelia Grandy is keeping the operation running smoothly.



Photo by Palma Berger



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Palma Berger found more examples than this paper has room for of how well some northern gardens did.

## Southern Gardener Blues

by Jacki Delleman

It's just another bluesy day in the south, and for a gardener, that means trouble. In fact, a southern grower has a lot more to worry about than blue days.

I can't imagine why I ever thought it was easier to garden in the south than the north. Here, there are pestilences of every sort waiting to attack at all times.

Yesterday I mourned the death of my tomato plants. A fatal fungal virus, known as blight, in our lovely air, landed on my plants. Then the rain fell and activated the fungus. The result was sick plants. They were so beautiful too, all in fruit and flower. They were plants any gardener would be proud of.

Today I noticed that the potatoes are affected. I'll have to do what I can to try and save them now. It's the price of living here.

Last year it was aphids and whiteflies and no rain. This year it's slugs, fungal blight, and rain. And to think I thought the early frosts were a huge problem when I gardened in the North!!!! Ridiculous.

Flowers are my real problem though. I have been truly devoted to them this year. I began in September with the planting of the bulbs. It's easy to grow bulbs. You just plant them in the fall and in the spring they pop up. In the north it's just too cold for that. All my bulbs did really well. March and April were a blaze of red, yellow, pink, orange and white tulips, and daffodils. It was

really great.

My other flowers didn't do so good though. Half of my two or three hundred plant crop died because it was too cold and rainy and the other half is still deciding if it will live through more wet abuse or not. Not to mention the slugs and snails that are devouring them. My guess is most of them will live until fall.

Of my eight flower beds all but one looks pretty decent. That one, is so barren of bloom (unless closely examined) that I can't bear to look at it anymore. The only really good news, on this very noticeable bed, is that the roses just might make it. I have the black spot fungus somewhat under control, but the aphids have moved in too and are out of control. Now if these roses would just bloom, who knows how wonderful they may look.

It's really ironic how a climate so congenial to growth has so many other problems. At least up north all you ever have to worry about is cold, and that's something a person can deal with. Feel good you northern growers. While we southerners are busy spreading fungicide, herbicides, pesticides, and slug bait around, you only have to build a greenhouse.

*Editor's Note: Jacki ran the Sewing Centre next to Lifestyles for a few years not so long ago. With this came a note that she as feeling a little homesick and felt like telling someone who would understand.*

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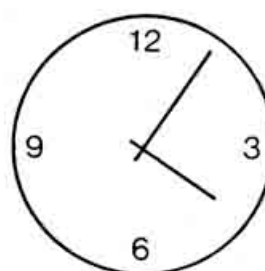
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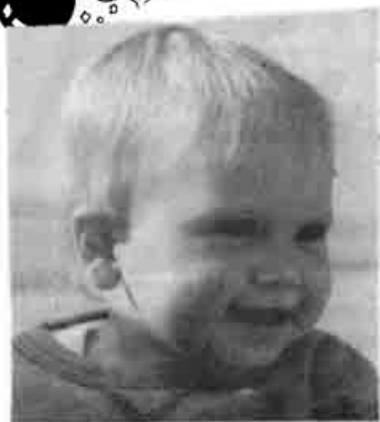
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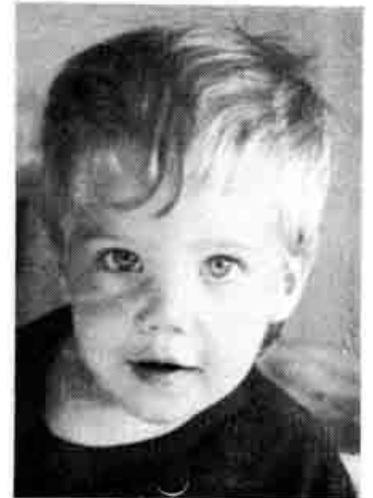
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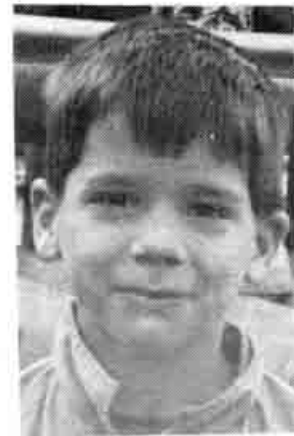
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## Rock's take second tub title

by Liza Sardi

For the second year in a row Al Rock and the Totem River Warrior have championed the longest, hardest, bathtub race in the world.

"This year was more exciting," said Rock who alternated driving with his son Jason. They averaged 30 m.p.h. during the 460 mile race. Their total time was 15 hours, 15 minutes and 32 seconds. Last year Rock won with an overall time of 16:10:42.

The race is run in two legs. Racers left from Rotary Park in Whitehorse at 8 a.m. Saturday and travelled 200 miles to Carmacks.

They travelled the 260 miles from Carmacks to Dawson on Sunday, leaving at 7 a.m.

"We almost lost it three times," said Rock. Their bathtub filled with water in Lake Labarge and had to be towed ashore and drained.

Only Mary Fenton, whose tub was swamped with water and had to be abandoned, did not pass them.

The tubs are actual bathtubs enclosed in wood and fibreglass hulls with a maximum eight horsepower engine.

Rock's craft is a little longer and little flatter than the others. It skims along the surface of the river, but in Lake Labarge the tub is unstable.

The risky strategy seems to have paid off. By Carmacks the Rock's had caught up to everyone except the Blumenschein team.

Just outside Carmacks, the motor quit and they were passed again.

And then again, while in the home stretch two miles outside of Dawson, the Rock's tub had a fuel problem and the motor quit.

They thought they might have to paddle the last bit. Rock said he could have cut an hour off his time had it not been for this last fuel problem.

The Rock's credit their success to team-work. Each team has a support boat and a crew that delivers gas to various check-points along the Yukon River and makes arrangements at Carmacks and Dawson.

The Rock's recently finished fifth in the Nanaimo, B.C. bathtub race.

No British Columbians were entered in the Yukon race. "They haven't got the guts," challenged Rock.

The first and second annual competitions had nine contenders. This year two women competed and seven tubs finished the race. Last year only five did.

First prize was 4 ounces of gold provided by Deanne Rae Mining, the MolSam Cup and a new trophy from both the City of Dawson and Klondike Visitors Association.

Second prize was 2 ounces of gold won by the Blumenschein team with a time of 15:50:57. The Brun-eau family was third with 17:12:38. They won one ounce of gold.

"This is the most ridiculous way I've come down the Yukon River," said fourth place winner Gus Karpes of Red Hot Max.

Many of the competitors spoke not of winning but of the camaraderie of the race.

Obstacles for the racers include seasickness induced by Friday night's barbecue, sand-bars, shallow water, glare from the sun and bugs. For the organizers, organizational time is always a challenge.

What organizers such as Norm Beebe, Doris "D-9 Dorie" Wurfbaum, Dutch Van Sandik, Robin Wheeler and Bob Cousins see as positive is the communities within the Yukon coming together for this Yukon-wide event. They are encouraging people to buy their T-shirts and sweatshirts to raise money for next year's event. They lost \$1,000 in the first year, and if they don't break even this time next year's race may be cancelled.

Next year Clive Swindell, from Yorkshire, England, is thinking of bringing over a team from England to compete. Swindell attended this year's race after reading about it in a Yukon visitors guide. It's rumoured that some Australians are also interested.

This year close to 200 cheering people gathered at the rivers edge finish line.

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