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## Anna Maria covers the waterfront

by Dan Davidson

Like a mariner pursued by a never-ending curse, the MV Anna Maria now sits quite literally at the center of yet another controversy.

The consistently ill fated cruise ship is currently perched on top of an enormous new gravel pad just over the dyke at the foot of Duke Street, in a location which detractors say effectively blocks the Yukon River from easy access by the fishing, recreational and tourist communities of small boat users.

Gerry Couture, president of the Fishermen's Association, is most distressed at the way in which the platform appeared. The association hasn't taken an official position yet, but the small boat owners Couture has talked to are angry.

The YTG's resident land use planner, Anne MacDonald, isn't any happier than Couture about the affair, and she doesn't know any more than he does about how the pad actually got approved.

She was not consulted when the arrangements were made or she would have advised against it.

As it stands now the pad interferes with most of the area which has been used by local boat owners as a launching, docking and pull-out area since the installation of the dyke in the late 1980s.

Couture calls it the only area with enough firm ground and a gentle enough slope to allow reasonable assurance to a boat owner that he or she could get in and out without getting a vehicle stuck.

MacDonald agrees that the Anna Maria's pad basically destroys the use of the area by local residents.

It takes up the pull-out area in the spring and summer when its needed and would block any other use by small boats during the summer, when the cruise ship doesn't even need the pad.

Prior to the construction of the dyke, small boat users docked anywhere along the riverfront, but since then there have basically been two areas in use.

The shoreline in front of the Keno has become the normal spot for commercial users such as the Yukon Lou and they have docks there for that purpose.

Others, who simply beach their boats, have used the shore between Duke Street and the ferry slipway, about three blocks in width.

The new pad sits on the best part of this shoreline. The contractor has excavated an old concrete pad that

used to be there to allow easy launching, but Couture says this isn't much help, as it will soon silt over. He calls it a band-aid solution.

"What this is, is an admission by whoever put that (gravel) pad there that they've taken up the only area that was available and have attempted to rehabilitate, in a very perfunctory way, the existing concrete pad had become silted in and was unapproachable.

"This particular incident highlights the lack of any rational planning for the use of the waterfront area.

"We have a growing number of small boat users and a growing number of larger commercial users."

Couture continues, "The Dawson First Nation has landed its boats there since the dyke was built and that was their marshalling area.

"(There are) small freighters and miners who carry their equipment by river, people who live down river, tourists who come down river from Whitehorse and haul out right there.

"This incident should be used as a starting point to develop...and use a

plan for the use of the waterfront area, including a maintenance and expansion element in the plan. This should take place with proper consultation.

"The thing that concerns us immediately is this pad.

"It's in the way. It will impede development. It needs to be moved.

"It was done without consultation or proper planning, and that may be the fault of the bureaucracy which allowed it to happen.

"We have a land use officer stationed here in Dawson who was not consulted. This is a big concern."

The pad went in quickly.

Couture, whose rural base is up river from Dawson, says he saw the beginning of the project and that it was complete four days later when he returned.

Anne MacDonald says that she began receiving complaints about the pad early the week after it was completed.

Between her office and that of the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans they very quickly amassed 15 complaints.

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## 1993 Museum Auction A Big Success

### Submitted

This year's annual museum auction went off without a hitch.

Due in large part to the organizing efforts of Daintry and Selena, this annual social event and fund raiser attracted over 70 people from all over town.

Businesses and individuals from both Dawson and Whitehorse gave generously to support the effort of the museum society to continue preserving and presenting Klondike regional history.

In all, over 110 items were put on the auction block, ranging from original works of art, to jewelry, travel vouchers, helicopter rides, gold nuggets, and the finest cheese-cakes were served north of '60.

In total, over \$6,400 was raised, thanks to you, the residents of Dawson City.

Special mention must be given to the golden throated John Steins whose dry wit raised many a chuckle from those in attendance, and the talented Marion (did I say Vanna White?) Dejean, through whose efforts, the bidding reached a fever pitch over some of the hotter items.

Special mention must be made of Barbara Hanulik, whose contributions to the auction list were numerous, and whose baking efforts, and generosity earn her a special thank-you from all of us at the museum!

With the funds which were raised through the auction, the multi-faceted programs of the museum have been fostered.

The museum continues to collect artifacts, photographs and papers which relate to the regional history; new exhibits are being generated, including the block - buster gold-rush travelling exhibit which is currently being prepared by Sally Robinson.

As well, the able staff have continued to gather a detailed record of the vanishing heritage features found scattered all over the region.

Last but not least, the museum continues to open its doors to the visiting public (the back door is always open in the winter if you care to come down for a visit) and responds to hundreds of requests for information every year.

Thanks again to everyone who helped. Your support is appreciated!



Photo by: Madeleine Gould

**"I'm melting! I'm melting!"**

A simple snowman demonstrates the mixed weather Dawsonites have been experiencing as winter approaches

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photo by: Dan Davidson

The MV Anna Maria rests on her new "home" on the bank of the Yukon River.

## MV Anna Maria (continued from page 1)

There are other problems. There was no general warning given to small boat users. Those parked in the area where the pad now is were moved out of the way, according to Couture.

Some owners with larger boats were, "forced to pull them out early without proper preparation, in areas that were unsuitable to pull them."

"Some people are even considering suing for damages because either boats or vehicles were damaged because they were forced out of there."

MacDonald has heard the same stories and complaints. The pad, which apparently cost the owner about \$12,000.00, has raised a lot of hackles among the regular users of the waterfront.

MacDonald says the pad went through the Land Application Review Committee process in Whitehorse, and was approved there after some revision and discussion.

She does not believe the committee ever saw a site plan which would have indicated exactly what was to be built.

The City of Dawson commented on the same vague plan to the extent that it did not want the structure to block traffic.

"I think what LARC thought they were approving was just storage for the winter," MacDonald said.

At no point in any of their discussions was MacDonald consulted.

MacDonald says the situation

appears to have arisen from what she can only call a communications gap, "with the owner (Jonathon Wolman of Fairbanks) believing he was complying and YTG believing they were approving something else."

Now that the Planning Unit of Municipal Services Branch is aware of the problem, MacDonald says it is the unit's plan to have the pad relocated.

"We recognize that it's not the best use of that area. I am quite certain that had this proposed structure been explained and detailed that it would by no means have been approved. So what we're looking at is a use that wasn't really approved."

MacDonald sees a boat launching and hauling site being the most reasonable use of the area, one that should be developed somewhat and then designated as such so that future confusion will not arise.

"It's obvious that this use is going to continue and in fact expand."

"It's an integral part of the community...there's always a demand. (The pad) doesn't make sense there. It's not the kind of development that represents logical use of such an optimum area."

"It's also not considerate of existing users. It doesn't fit the profile of a reasonable and comprehensive planning process."

In the meantime a miniature zig-zag sits beside the dyke waiting for winter.

It's official  
Press Release

## Northwestel plans to provide cable television service in the North

Bill Dunbar, Northwestel President, announced on September 28, 1993 the details of the company's plans to provide cable television service in the Northwest Territories and Yukon. "Our plan," notes Mr. Dunbar, "is to ultimately provide a

basic universal northern distribution system that will include new convergence communications technologies."

The plan, submitted to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC),

proposes the creation of Northwestel Cable Inc. which will initially include the acquisition of Mackenzie Media Ltd. of Yellowknife, N.W.T. The plan proposes the application for new licences to operate cable distribution undertakings in Hay River, Coppermine, Tuktoyaktuk and Lutsel K'e in the Northwest Territories and Haines Junction and Dawson in Yukon.

Northwestel developed its plan with the objectives of: providing cable-TV service to all unserved northern communities wherever the combined economics are feasible; acquiring existing northern cable TV systems wherever possible, to develop the economics of scale and

scope necessary to further cable implementation across the north; integrating all northern distribution systems over time, both with each other and with the telecommunication operations of Northwestel; and bringing all cable distribution systems acquired or developed to uniform and standard quality across the north.

Northwestel estimates it will expend 5 million dollars to bring cable-TV service into the six initial communities. The plan calls for a further 5 million dollars to be spent in future years to serve an additional 23 communities.

Basic service will consist of 12 channels, including CBC North and

Television Northern Canada. Basic service rates will be \$21.95 per month for Hay River, Dawson City, Coppermine, and Tuktoyaktuk; \$28.95 for Haines Junction and \$35.95 for Lutsel K'e.

Northwestel is hoping for a decision from the CRTC by May 1, 1994 to enable it to construct the new systems in July and August with service to the customer in September, 1994.

*Ed. Note: The City of Dawson and the Chamber of Commerce have already expressed opposition to this scheme, and WHTV was warming up its opposition pitch as the Sun began to go to press. This one will be in the news for some time yet, but Dawsonites should be prepared to make their wishes known.*

Two businessmen met for lunch, and during the course of conversation the subject of money came up.

"My credit is really improving," commented the first man. "When I went to the bank this morning to borrow fifteen-hundred dollars, the loan officer received me politely."

"Then he lent you the money?"

"No, not quite, but he hesitated a moment before refusing me."

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## Candidates Support Bridge and Oppose Park's Restructuring

compiled by Dan Davidson

With the exception of the Reform Party, all the candidates in the federal election support the construction of a bridge across the Yukon River.

Three of them - Al Kapty (P.C.), Don Branigan (Lib.) and Arthur Tompkins (Reform) - were in Dawson to make their views known at the Chamber of Commerce's annual general meeting on October 1.

Incumbent MP Audrey McLaughlin was unable to attend due to her commitment to appear in the French language television debate in Ottawa 2 days later. Her campaign manager read her speech. Christian Heritage Party candidate Geoffrey B. Capp faxed the Sun a copy of the speech he was unable to find anyone to read for him.

According to reports in the Whitehorse Star and the Yukon News, the candidates supported the need for a bridge to solve the summer traffic problem, extend the shoulder tour-

ism seasons, open the way to greater commerce with Alaska, help Dawson to grow and provide access to alternate sites for a new airport. Only Tompkins disagreed, saying the federal deficit had to be the priority issue. Capp indicated a qualified support for the project, saying that it should be a toll bridge and that it should happen only if some other northern community didn't have a greater need.

According to Star interview subject Denny Kobayashi the parties at the AGM were unanimous in opposing centralization of Parks Canada jobs from Dawson and Haines Junction to Whitehorse. Capp's letter agrees with this. Kobayashi reaffirmed the Chamber's position that the notion of running 37 Dawson historical sites and all of Kluane National Park from a central office in the capital city just doesn't make sense, especially when Parks has hardly any staff there now.

## Manager Hired

KVA Press Release

Mr. G. Castellarin, Chairman of the Klondike Visitors Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Bob Stevens as General Manager effective November 1, 1993.

Mr. Stevens comes to the K.V.A. from the Pacific National Exhibition, where he was Manager of Fair Planning. Prior to that Mr. Stevens was Director of Marketing for the Lloyd Centre in Portland, Oregon. In addition to these important positions he has also been General Manager of the Whistler Resort Association and Commissioner for the Oregon Pavilion at Expo '86.

Mr. Castellarin said the Association was pleased to be able to appoint someone as highly qualified as Bob Stevens, and his background with major world class events will be a great asset to the community in planning for the upcoming Centennials.

For further information contact C. Holloway at 993-5575.

## Chamber elects new executive

by Brent Morrison

A new executive was elected to the Dawson City Chamber of Commerce at their Annual General Meeting on October 1.

Art Webster and Brenda Caley were the co-chairs of the nominating committee and presented the names that other chamber members had suggested.

Allanah Fuhre and Bob McConkey were nominated for President of the Chamber.

Fuhre was elected, filling the space left by Denny Kobayashi who stepped down after two years as President.

Jon Magnusson declined his nomination as First Vice President (the position he currently held), and Fuhre nominated McConkey for the position.

McConkey's nomination was seconded by Glenn Mullen. McConkey was elected by acclamation.

Lambert Curzon nominated Mimi Elliot as Second Vice President (a position which had been vacant) and this was seconded by Gail Hendley.

The nomination was accepted, and

Elliot was elected by acclamation.

Bob Laking was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. He accepted the nomination and was elected by acclamation, it is his second year in the position.

Fred Bailey, Earl MacKenzie, Boyd Gillis, Denise Frasz, Paul Henderson and Lambert Curzon were nominated to fill the five Directors positions. Curzon declined nomination and the others were elected by acclamation.

Fuhre has indicated that the Chamber will continue with its current projects, such as publishing the Yukon Miner's Directory in association with the Klondike Placer Miners Association.

The Chamber also runs the Gold Show, an Administrative Services Program, a Fair Exchange policy and is hoping to have a Trades/Technical Program under way in the Spring.

The only real change Fuhre has implemented is a restructuring of the books to combine all the Chamber's various elements under one umbrella.

## Uffish Thoughts: Rantings from a rural riding

by Dan Davidson

So the election campaign is no place to discuss the future of our social safety net, eh? When, pray tell, would be the time, Prime Minister, when?

We can at least be thankful that the Blarney Meister himself is not still active. Having dropped the pretence that our social programs are a "sacred trust", we can now begin to battle to preserve them in earnest. Otherwise we can expect the entire apparatus to be privatized and handed out of the local branch of some "appropriate" retail business.

Seriously though, any time any one in a political party is planning major changes to the social fabric of our country it should be an election issue.

We all thought that our last prime minister believed that free trade was an accident looking for a place to happen when he ran the first time, but the treaty with the USA was nearly a done deal by the time we got a chance to vote on it.

The same thing happened with the GST, and would have happened with either of the two constitutional packages if the government could have managed to handle the whole thing in the House of Commons without talking to other people.

Those are only part of the legacy

of the last eight years. We can readily fill in the rest by noting the existence of the Bloc Quebecois, the Reform Party and the National Party, none of which would exist save for the ham handed public relations of the PC's under Brian.

So, in a way, such candour as "we're not going to tell you what we're going to do until after the election" is almost refreshing. It beats Mr. Charest's assurances last summer when he told demonstrating workers at Klondike National Historic Sites that there were no drastic plans in mind to cut the work force here.

Well, he was telling the truth. There was no plan on paper, really, not at that time. The germ of the idea was there, of course, and was to be developed in "consultation" with the workers at the sites during this fall.

It's a wonderful concept in "restructuring" really. Like handing an able-bodied person a sharp scalpel and asking "Now which appendages do you think you can do without? Just keep what you really need

and hack off the rest, there's a good fellow."

I find it terribly ironic that Al Kapty would go to bat for the party that wants to shut down flight service stations all over the north and reduce the status of the Whitehorse Airport. Oh, I know the reply: "There are no plans...." Yet!

I wouldn't want to be nasty to only the Conservatives, though.

It's crystal clear that the NDP aren't going to do any more than hold on to their share of the electorate, if that. The ruckus in Ontario was loud and bitter during the two weeks I spent there in July.

That was before the "social contract" came into force and the situation hasn't improved any since then.

Despite the fact that it will be the perceived records of the existing provincial NDP governments that will kill the federal party's chances, Audrey McLaughlin will be savaged by the pundits and probably by the power brokers in her own party when it's all over.

Jean Chretien was my own fa-

vourite for Liberal leader once, but that was in 1984. Time marches on and entropy sets in.

While it can be said that Chretien is the only politician who visibly speaks from only one side of his mouth, probably that's all that can be said now. While we may be looking for a political New Age, somehow I don't think Dr. Brannigan is what the electorate have in mind.

As for Reform, I expect the voters will give Short shrift to a parachute candidate. After all, we're intimately acquainted with rump conservatives already.

As for the Bloc...they may not be

running here, but I really doubt the political sanity of a country that would sanction the existence of a federal party which has as its sole objective the dismantling of confederation. The appropriate place for such a party is at the provincial level.

Well darn, I went and gave in. I had promised myself to ignore the entire election this time, and I just couldn't do it.

I'll try to restrain myself for the remaining time.

## You can help develop an Arts Policy for the Yukon

The Yukon Government wants your views on an Arts Policy which will help shape the development of the arts in the Yukon for many years to come.

Deadline for your comments is November 30, 1993.

You can respond in writing to the Arts Branch, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 2C6, or attend a

### PUBLIC MEETING

Dawson City

7:30 p.m., Wed., Nov. 3  
School Library

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## Editorial: From Behind the Lines

by Dan Davidson

Sun staffers struggled valiantly to prepare this issue for your appraisal. Oh, we regularly battle against deadline pressures and volunteer burnout, but this issue was unique. This issue one of our major difficulties was just getting into the building.

Like most people in Dawson this last week or so, we have been having trouble getting around. All of us tend to have certain established patterns of movement, and none of them seem to work lately.

Take a right turn here? No there's a shovel at work.

How about this street? Whoops! Watch out for the trench!

How about...nah, let's just forget it and stay home.

Well, that sort of defeatist attitude never got a paper out on time, so we slogged ahead anyway, but it was getting really tricky by Saturday afternoon. Our prime layout days this month just happened to coincide with the big push to dig up Front Street, and the trench work around our headquarters posed a daunting prospect to all but the most nimble of foot.

On top of that, the noise generated by the doings out in the street was most awesome, and the building itself just didn't seem to be soundproof enough to handle it. Some of the mistakes in this issue will be due to that fact that we couldn't hear each other half the time. At least, that's our story.

The vibrations have been such that our equipment keeps on unplugging itself and we have had to waste a lot of time finding out which plugs are loose before we can do simple things like print our files. We still haven't figured out whether we need a maintenance check on our computers or just a quake proof building.

Those of us behind the lines (newspaper pun) at this operation still maintain that it's a lot of fun when we approach it with the right attitude. Just check your egos at the door. (Easier said than done, eh?)

We invite all our contributors, detractors and interested civilians to come on out to the second annual general meeting (see our ad for time and place) of our parent organization, the Literary Society of the Klondike, and get involved. We might even tell you how we've managed to have only two of these events in four years, and how we manage to keep them 18 months apart. It's quite an art, I assure you.

## LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

### Johnson corrects us again.

Dear Editor:

There seems to be a lot of the family "Johnson" contributions lately to the Klondike Sun. Here is another:

In the September 16, 1993 edition, Volume 5, # 5, the falling into autumn issue a news article I submitted entitled Local miner appointed to water board had one small mistake we'd like corrected.

Our daughter's name was misspelled, the correct spelling is Tassha.

Dad and mom, Tassha and the rest of the family that collect articles and news items (the family are mentioned in) thank you for the correction!

Sincerely

Jacki Johnson

Dawson City

P.S. Her second (middle) name could pose a future correction too—it's Auroralyn

### Another happy customer!

Dear Editor:

Enclosed cheque for my renewal to your wonderful paper, gets better and better, and I would like to say what beautiful children and babies

you have growing up in the Yukon. I always enjoy seeing their pictures in your paper.

Sincerely

Margaret Batten

Richmond B.C.

### Free Trade(ing) water concerns reader

Dear Editor:

The precious fresh water resources of northern North America are in jeopardy because large water transfer schemes have been planned and advanced.

Simply stated, it is possible that huge volumes of water could be pumped southward to the dry places of the continent.

Increasing demand for water in dry areas creates pressure for supplying massive quantities of water to these destinations; diverting natural runoff by means of dams, reservoirs, canals, large diameter pipelines and large pumps, for the purpose of water moisture deficient regions.

There is an impending diversion plan for the North Thompson Valley of British Columbia. A definite proposal has been made to divert river waters from there to the Co-

lumbia River drainage basin for movement to the "sun belt."

The project could be completed in six or seven years. This could be the beginning of a series of large scale diversions which would cause a colossal disruption and derangement of extensive northern areas—an assault on the goodness and integrity of nature.

People knowledgeable regarding the Canada/U.S. Trade Agreement, have indicated that large volume water export from Canada to the south is provided for in the agreement, and that once the export begins it could not be stopped (the present government disagrees).

To end doubts as to whether or not water export is provided for (and to eliminate other provisions of the agreement which are unfavourable to Canada) there is a need for complete abrogation of the agreement.

It is obvious that it is necessary to forestall water transfer before it happens. It is almost certain that once export begins it could not be stopped. The choice of where to place one's vote in the upcoming federal election is extremely important for the future.

R. Tennant

Richmond B.C.

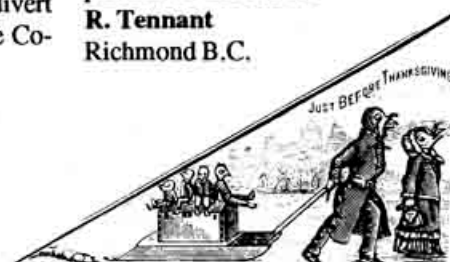
### Summary Thoughts by Dan Davidson

The snow came to Dawson last weekend,  
It came and it settled to stay.  
We'd hoped to recall  
a much cosier fall  
But it's here and it won't go away.

The summer was brilliant and busy;  
it passed in a sun enriched haze.  
Oh, we had mud and dust,  
but nobody cussed  
at those fine 24 hour days.

There was hustling alongside the Yukon,  
and hustling at campgrounds and sports.  
There was hustling in shops  
and in stores and on buses,  
and hustling at Gerties, of course.

We remember the summer with fondness  
and will cheer when it comes round again.  
But we Klondikers bold  
celebrate our "dry cold",  
while we sneer at the South's winter rain.



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# From the Nurses: Time for your annual shots

submitted

Fall is upon us and winter is not far behind. With the winter season comes sniffles, sneezes, colds and FLU.

It is that time again. Time for a "flu shot". Flu immunization clinics will be held on Wednesday, October 13, Monday, October 18, and Wednesday, October 20, 1993 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Waterfront Building.

Everyone over the age of 65, anyone with health problems and service workers are encouraged to be immunized.

Have a healthy winter and we'll see you at the Flu Clinic.

## YUKON TERRITORY IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE

#1 DPT/Act Hib & TOPV

- 2 months

#2 DPT/Act Hib & TOPV

- 4 months

#3 DPT/Act Hib

- 6 months

MMR

- 12 to 15 months

#4 DPT/Act Hib & TOPV

- 1 year after #3 DPT/Act Hib (usually around 18-19 months)

DPT - Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus

TOPV - Trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine

MMR - Measles, mumps, rubella

Act Hib - Meningitis (H. influenza type B)

Td - Tetanus, diphtheria

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Td & TOPV

- 14 to 16 years of age

Td

- every 10 years throughout adulthood

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Please phone the Health Centre for appointments. If you are unable to keep your appointment, please call to cancel, thank you! 993-4444.

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## Immunization



(NC)—Immunization is like a suit of armour. It protects you from infectious diseases as long as it is kept up to date. If you are making travel plans to some exotic far away land this year, plan to see your doctor or community health nurse before you go. You may need some extra protection against disease that is country specific. Remember that immunization is just as important in adulthood as it is in childhood.



St. John Ambulance

# Hallowe'en - Treats Not Tears



## FIRST AID AND SAFETY TIPS

- Bring a flashlight if you're planning to spook on an unlit street.
- Finally, bring all of your goodies home. Don't eat anything until an adult has made sure it's okay to eat.

When your kids come home, go through their goody bag. Throw out all prepared food and candies with suspicious-looking holes or cuts in the wrappers. Slice apples open and check for pins, razor blades and other sharp objects.

## For everybody

Nobody escapes Hallowe'en. If you're out in your car, watch for little goblins and witches that dart out from between parked cars. If you welcome a visit from the neighbourhood ghosts, make sure that your yard, walkway and house are well-lit and free from hazards.

A pumpkin in the window will beckon the spirits, but be careful not to place the candle too close to the curtains.

## A monster bash

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# In Search of the Mother Lode

by John Gould

It has been 95 years since the first quartz claims were staked in an effort to find the mother lode of the Klondike gold fields. In 1900 the government had set up a small stamp mill in Dawson to process any samples from those early prospectors looking for the mother lode, all they had to do was to bring in a two ton sample. This was an initiative to encourage the prospector. Now 985 years later it looks like there is going to be a quartz mine near Dawson, possibly two.

Loki Gold Corporation have outlined a low grade bulk tonnage deposit on Brewery Creek a small tributary of the south Fork of the Klondike approximately 57 kilometres east of Dawson. There is a calculated near surface oxide reserve of over 10 million tons averaging 0.058 ounces per ton, 637,700 ounces of gold. This deposit is on the eastern edge of the Tentina trench, a mineralized zone running south easterly through the Yukon. There are several sulphide deposits in an area of approximately 10 to 12 kilometers long.

This gold will be mined by a weak cyanide leaching process. The gold ore is piled on a pad and a weak cyanide solution sprinkled over the ore. The solution dissolves the gold

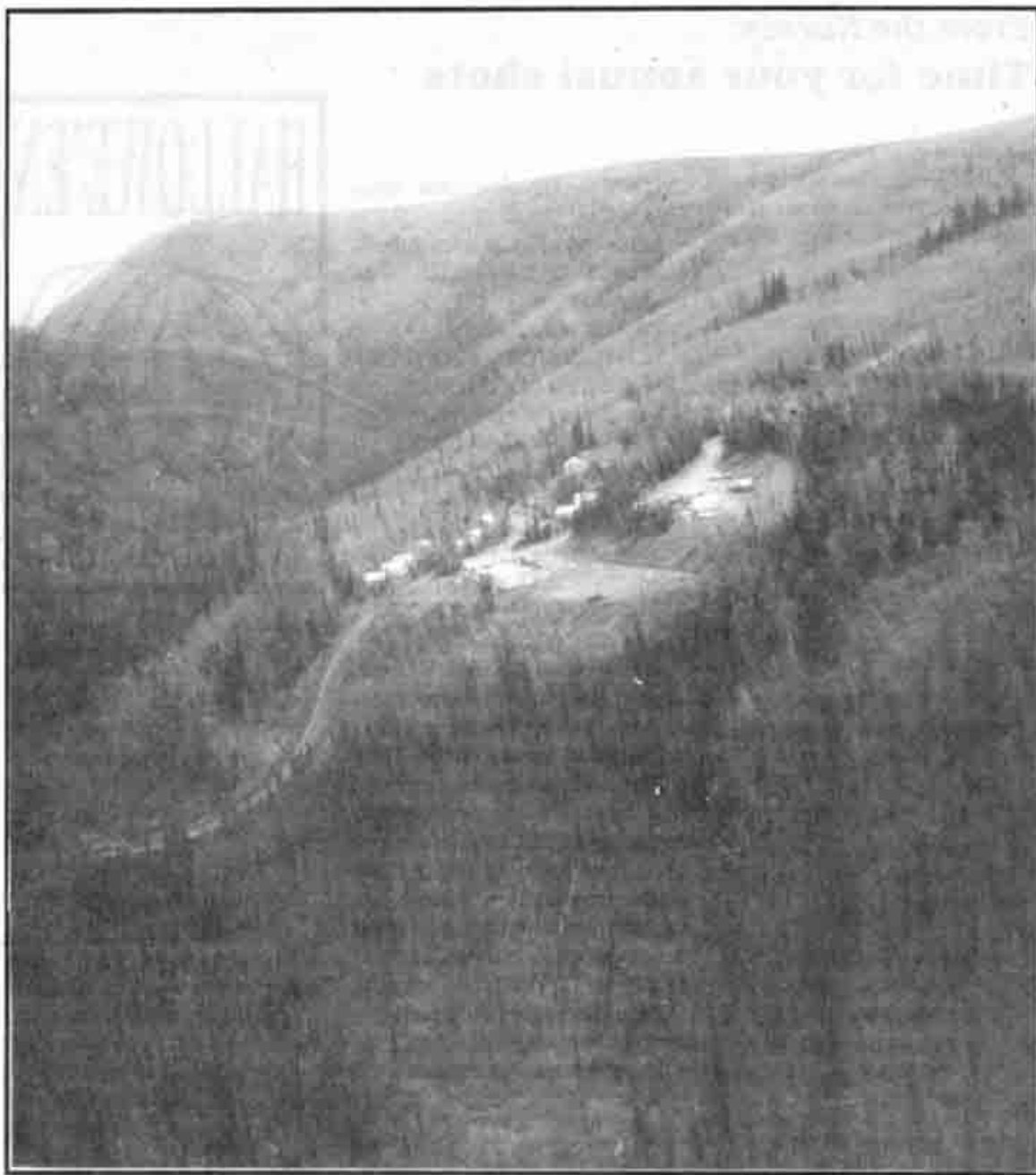
which is carried to what is called a dam, from here it is pumped through charcoal filters and then pumped back to the pile, the gold is then extracted from the charcoal filters.

Once the environmental review is complete, construction will start on a small camp and the processing plant, 1994 is the target for construction, about 100 to 150 people will be employed during this period. Once the mine is in operation it is estimated there will be 100 employees. It will be a seasonal operation of 215 days.

At the present time access to the site is along the North Fork and South Fork ditch roads, these roads will either have to be improved or a new road built. There will be no town site, the employees will live in the Dawson area and be bussed out every day, about an hours ride.

With the reserves that are blocked out there is an estimated life of 7 years. An exploration program is in place to block out enough reserves to increase the life of the mine to 10 years. 80,000 ounces of gold is to be produced starting in the summer of 1995.

There is a rumour around that a quartz mine may be eminent on the old Lone Star property on upper Bonanza, this was one of the first quartz claims staked.



Above: The site of Loki Gold Corporation, 57 kilometres east of Dawson City at Brewery Creek, as seen from the air.

Right: Up close at Brewery Creek. Workers plan their next moves at the Loki site.

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# A Gold Rush Yarn: Hard Times Afloat

by John Gould

This is the tale of Dr. Harry C. Bowers and Judge Hiram Robbins and their trip to the gold fields in the far north by way of St. Michael and the Yukon River.

The following story was gleaned from clippings of the Little Rock Gazette. Letters from Dr. Bowers and Judge Robbins were published in the Gazette. These letters told this tale of the trip to the gold fields.

Dr. Harry Bowers of Louisville, Kentucky and Judge Hiram Robbins of Little Rock Arkansas, were two of a group who boarded the Steamship *Eliza Anderson* in Seattle in August of 1897. Little did they know the adventures that were to befall them during their voyage.

They spent 39 days at sea, reaching St. Michael on September 18, 1897. During the sea voyage they ran into storms, ran out of coal and the captain was drunk a good part of the time. A stop was made at Kodiak Island for coal, the coal received was of an inferior quality and burned very quickly and the crew was hard pressed to maintain steam. The steamer lost headway and eventually ended up on a reef. More coal was needed. A passing fishing boat took some of the party to a nearby abandoned cannery where there was 50 ton of coal. It was necessary to sack the coal and transport it to the

*Eliza Anderson* in small boats in a rough sea.

With this coal they were able to reach Unalaska. During this part of the voyage a dense fog came up while they were crossing the Bering Strait, the Steamer was nearly swamped in a collision with a sealer on its way home. Dutch Harbour was finally reached. Dr. Bowers said in his letter home about their trip so far, "Just imagine being on a Steamer 1,000 miles from land without enough coal to get anywhere, it is almost a miracle we were not all lost at sea." At Dutch Harbour it was learned that the U. S. Revenue cutter was going out to look for them, fearing they were lost at sea. The U. S. Authorities also refused to allow the Steamer *Eliza Anderson* to proceed any further. During the trip the passengers had been compelled to work, there were not enough crew, some of the steamer had to be cut up and burned in the boilers during the shortage of coal.

At Unalaska with the Anderson not being allowed to leave port the passengers raised \$1,000.00 and chartered the Baranoff, a small schooner to take them the rest of the way to St. Michael. The Baranoff left Dutch Harbour on September 7, 1897 and fought head winds

all the way. During part of this trip the schooner struck a whale which gave the ship a slap of its tail shaking the schooner from stem to stern.

There were 160 people in the hold of the ship during the 12 day trip. During that time there was no room to sit down, so half stood while the other half sat down. Part of the time they were standing in 6 inches of salt water as every hatch could not be secured for fear of suffocating. The few who were not sick ate their beans and bacon standing on deck holding on to a rope to keep from being tossed over board in the rough seas. Waves broke over the deck every minute. There was no room on the Baranoff to take on a full crew, so those passengers who had some experience had to work with the crew.

Dr. Bowers said, "I have not had my clothes and boots off twice in 20 days." If he wasn't reefing sails he was carrying coal, taking his turn at the pumps or looking after the sick.

Judge Robbins said in a letter home; "The infernal Yukon Transportation Company has fixed us good, we have lost a full season, half of our provisions are spoilt by salt water during a storm at sea. He advised those back home to stay away from the Yukon Transporta-

tion Co."

St. Michael was finally reached on September 18th. Here a flat bottom boat was built to take them up the Yukon River to the gold fields. When the scow was finished they had to wait for the sea to go down so that it could be towed the 60 miles to the mouth of the Yukon.

It wasn't expected that they would get more than half way up the river before they would be frozen in until the following June when the ice would go out and they could carry on. The party was finally frozen in at Nunavut on the Yukon. Provisions were short but adequate, no sugar, milk, molasses or butter. The fare was monotonous, beans, bread, bacon and coffee, occasionally a whitefish was caught with nets under the ice.

Dr. Bowers made a trip on snowshoes to Andrassky to visit some sick folk, it was a 220 mile round trip in temperatures minus 10 to minus 40.

When spring finally came and the ice left the river they could proceed on to the gold fields. Judge Robbins and a group went on to the gold field on the Minook River. Dr. Bowers carried on to the Klondike where he acquired claims on the Gold Run Creek.

## Lecture series beginning

Press Release

The Yukon Science Institute is opening its 1993/93 Major Lecture Series on October 17, 1993.

Yukon Science Institute, with the support of Science and Culture Canada presents *Belugas in the St. Lawrence: White Whales in murky water.*

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The lecture is presented by Dr. Pierre Béland, St. Lawrence National Institute of Ecotoxicology at the Gold Rush Inn's Town Hall, in Whitehorse, at 7:30 p.m., Sunday October 17.

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## Musical Ride to Come:

## R.C.M.P. Harnessed and Ready for 1995 Centennial

by Dan Davidson

The Klondike Centennials Society may be feeling nervous about the YTG's preparedness with regard to 1996-98, but it doesn't have to worry about the RCMP. The Force was in Dawson on October 6, ready and willing to outline a two year schedule of events, including everything from balls to dogsled treks and the Musical Ride. And they're going to have it all ready for 1995-96.

Inspector Russ Juby, the 1995 Centennial Coordinator, was ready to answer questions and allay concerns with a fully computerized overhead projector display of the Force's plans, including an overview of the plan and a breakdown of its individual parts.

As far as Dawson City is concerned, the major events are likely to be the Regimental Ball in March 1995, followed immediately by the Centennial Patrol to Fort McPherson and back; the touring historical display in July of that same year; and the Musical Ride in the summer of 1996.

Juby, a former instructor with the Ride, feels the organizing committee has scored a real coup in getting the 36 horse show to the territory. It hasn't been here before, and he feels it is unlikely to get here again "in our time."

The RCMP have been strapped for funds, like every other federal agency. Things have gotten so bad that the renowned RCMP Band, which played here at the Commissioner's Ball in 1992, has been scrapped. The Ride, however, is safe according to Juby, considering that it is a world famous act with lots of goodwill potential.

The shortage of cash has meant that the 17 events planned to mark the Force's centennial in the Yukon have had to be funded by corporate sponsorships. At a projected price tag of \$600,000.00, that's not a

small proposition. One example of such cooperation is the decision by Polaris to provide the 9 snow machines and some other equipment for the Centennial Patrol. Juby told his audience that the RCMP has generally avoided commercial exploitation of its image in the past, but that he believes it can be done tastefully in a way that will benefit the territory and keep special events going.

In selling the notion of corporate sponsorships to potential backers Juby is quick to stress the tourism potential of the territory.

"The mines come and go," he said, "but tourism is the thing that keeps on growing steadily." He noted that a number of major promoters seem now to be switching their attention to the relative safety of the North after the recent rash of tourist related killings in Florida.

"I can't stress too much the importance of these centennials to Dawson," said KCS president Jon Magnusson. "They are our opportunity to get on the world map. We don't have to sell the word Klondike... We can go anywhere in the world and say 'Klondike' and people know what it means. They might think it's in Alaska, but they know what it means. We have that one advantage and we have to make use of it. We need the support of all the people who involved in these centennials that are coming up."

Juby noted that Canada Post had initially been less than enthusiastic about putting out a stamp for the RCMP's anniversary. Their attitude, he said, seemed to be that that the Yukon was scarcely more important than Flin Flon (population about 1,000) and the event just didn't rate.

Juby went back to them with the reminder that the corporation had been a sponsor of the Musical Ride

and that one of the events here - the Centennial Patrol - was partly a mail run with all sorts of potential for photo opportunities and high profile public relations. Canada Post will now be coming through in 1995.

That patrol will probably be filmed by a British director who has financial backing from the BBC's channel 4, France's TV1, National German t.v, the CBC in Canada and CBS in the US. He will be here to look over the route later on this month.

There are also nibbles of interest from National Geographic, perhaps for their Explorer program. Another centennial venture, the climbing of Mount Steele in Kluane Park, will be covered in depth by Canadian Geographic.

Juby sees the RCMP's history as being integral to that of the Yukon. Arriving before the Klondike strike in response to the rush at Forty Mile, the Force was in place to moderate the impact of the massive influx of miners, largely coming in from the USA.

Without the Northwest Mounted Police the territory might have experienced the chaos the American southwest and the gang-style corruption of Skagway.



## Police Notes

submitted by Dawson RCMP

Canada has new firearm regulations that came into effect on January 1, 1993. These new regulations cover all firearms including hunting rifles and shotguns.

Hunting season is upon us and the safe storage, handling and transportation is a must to have a safe season.

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**Handling**

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and separate from ammunition except when actually in use. In other words, you may have a loaded firearm only in a place where it is lawful to discharge it.

**Transportation**

Non-restricted firearms must always be transported unloaded. If they are left in an unattended vehicle, they must be locked in the trunk, if there is one, or kept out of sight and the vehicle locked.

If the vehicle cannot be locked (eg. snowmobiles, ATV's), the firearm must be attended.

Members of the local RCMP detachment will be willing to answer any of your questions regarding these new regulations and how they apply.

Please call at 993-5555 or stop by the office on Front Street.

**Inside/Outside**

We are happy to report that *John Bilton* is enjoying life on Vancouver Island.

He has requested a copy of the picture 'taken with the Quilting Ladies at his Farewell Gathering'. H'mmmm. Now what's he up to?

*Diane and Tom Kerr* arrived in Dawson City September 11 all the way from *Murwillumbah, Australia* (town of 8,000) to visit *Peggy and Vinny Amendola*.

Diane and Peggy had not seen each other in 20 years! They used to work at Lake Louise together!! It pays to keep in touch.

Diane and Tom are travelling with 48 other people in a group called the Friendship Force.

The group stays in people's houses. It is a five week tour through Alaska, New Hampshire and California. Staying in houses gives it the personal touch.

Dawson was the highlight for Diane and Tom. They saw and did it all. Tom even ended up on stage with Gertie and the Cancan girls.

Hopefully Peg and Diane will get together before another 20 years fly by.

Visiting *Joe and Karen McIntyre* were her parents *Helen and Shorty Krake* from Houston, B.C.

*Lynn MacKenzie* took *Leanne* to Vancouver where she is working in a Data Centre.

They stayed with *Lorne and Paula Ross*.

They also had dinner with *George Shaw* whom Lynn says is doing fine and recounted stories of the old days.

*Joyce Caley* and her sister *Maureen* went to Whitehorse so Maureen could fly back to Coquitlam.

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# B Company prepares to go north of the 60th

submitted

"Rucksacks will weigh a minimum of 60 pounds for physical training periods," commands Major Shane Fisher, Officer Commanding the 120 men of Bravo Company, 3rd Battalion PPCLI. In preparation for Exercise RELIANT NORDIC, a northern exercise to be held in the Dawson City area from 8 - 25 November, soldiers from B Company will concentrate on marching with heavy loads. This, combined with a balanced programme of running, weight training, and combat oriented fitness training will ready the company for the rigours of winter operations and training with the Canadian Rangers.

While Major Fisher is concentrating on the planning aspects of the exercise, the remainder of the company is continuing with the regular schedule of training and maintenance.

This includes the preparation of equipment to be taken to Dawson and the readying of the tent groups. Each tent group consists of a 10 man tent and the other gear required by an infantry section to live and fight in winter conditions.

A tent group is packed on a single toboggan designed to be pulled by the soldiers or by a snowmobile if such a luxury is available. Though the Canadian Forces uses a snowmobile referred to as a LOSV (Light Over Snow Vehicle), nine of which will be brought north by B Company, soldiers must rely on their feet for mobility at all times.

Exercise RELIANT NORDIC promises to be a challenging operation for all members of the company and the Northern Rangers who will participate in the training and teach the soldiers northern survival techniques. Members of three PPCLI have not done any winter training for over a year due to a UN deployment to the former Yugoslavia on peacekeeping operations from September 1992 to April 1993.

## Swan Song

by Gary Geddes

Ten years ago, standing on a rock on Texada, watching two drunks set out in a gillnet for Westview, beer in one hand, helm in the other, snatches of Annie Laurie caught in the wind.

A mile out the mast a crazy metronome cutting the air, they turned over and were gone the barnacled hull glistening for a moment like a blackfish in sunlight, I must have stood there an hour feeling myself too small an audience.

Word came just days ago that Bravo Company will return to Croatia in March 1994 with the 1st Battalion PPCLI.

As such, the exercise in Dawson will be a chance for all ranks to reaffirm their skills while serving as a vehicle for unit preparation for any operation.

The training will be broken into three phases, all conducted within tactical scenarios.

The first phase will include survival and basic winter operation instruction under the tutelage of the Rangers. Extensive small arms range work will encompass the second phase. Soldiers and Rangers will fire by day as well as night with the aid of artificial illumination and night vision equipment.

The final portion of Exercise RELIANT NORDIC will centre around a field training exercise designed to test the level of soldiering and command within the company.

The local Rangers will participate in all phases of training in order to learn valuable lessons in tactics and procedures while simultaneously imparting their knowledge of the north to the soldiers of Bravo Company. Exercising cooperation between the Rangers and the company is paramount to the exercise aim as the Canadian Forces depends a great deal upon the expertise and knowledge of the Rangers to assist its soldiers in successfully carrying out their duties in the north.

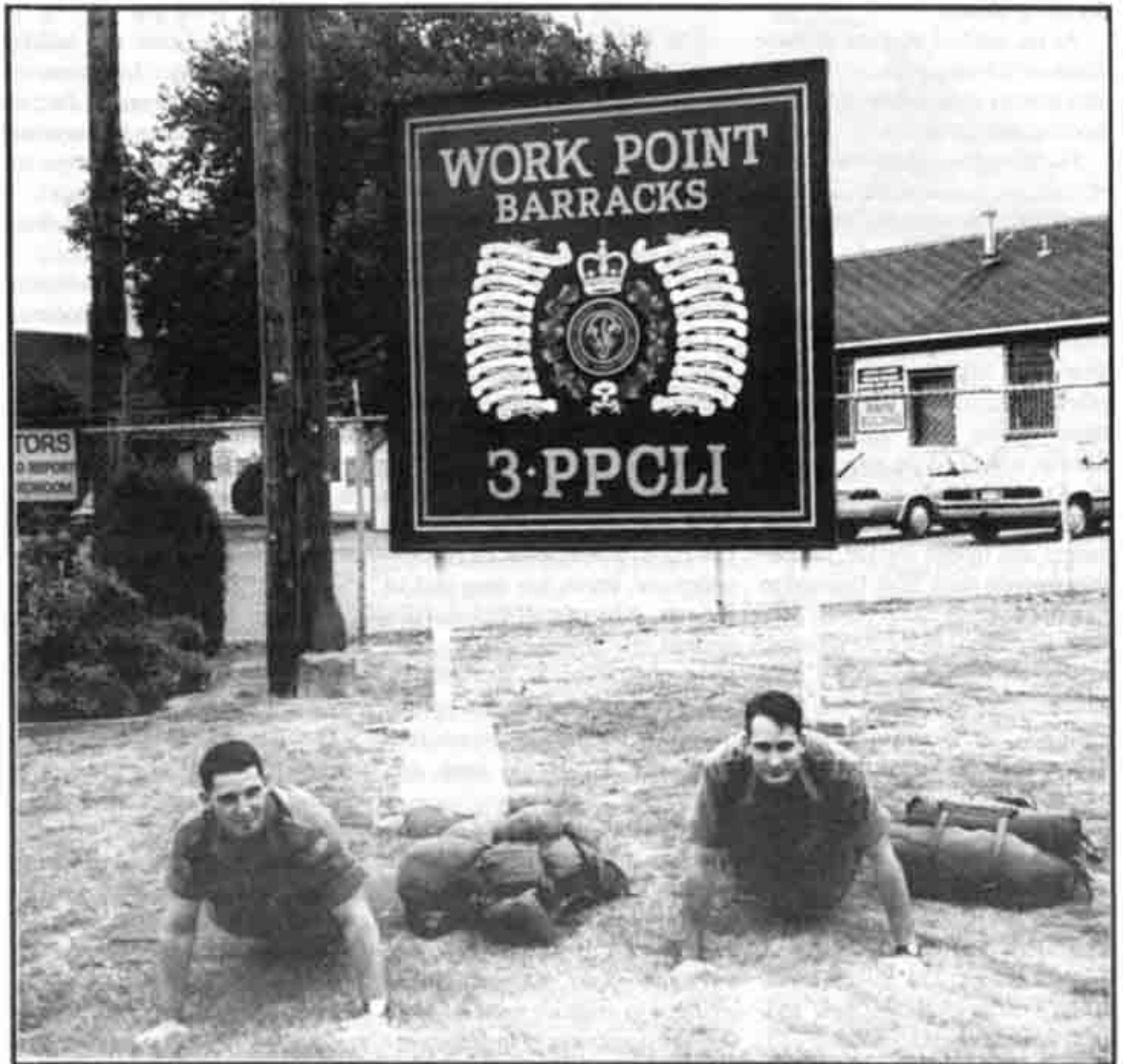


Photo submitted by Major Shane Fisher

Platoon commanders stretch prior to conducting rucksack march endurance training with their troops

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# A History of the Klondike Mines Railway Conclusion

by Greg Skuce

As far fetched as some of these ideas seem today, at the early part of this century establishing a rail connection was quite logical.

The Klondike region was as well developed, economically, as many other places in western Canada and Dawson was considered a modern city.

Although there were several other similar schemes over the next few years, and talk of connecting with other Alaskan railroads nothing ever came of the ideas and Sulphur Springs remained the terminus for the Klondike Mines Railway.

The railway offered regular passenger and freight service, operating one train daily from Dawson to Sulphur Springs and return. There were 12 stations along the railroad, mostly on lower Bonanza Creek where the mining activity was concentrated. Several of the station sites coincided with locations of dredge construction where sidings and spur lines were built to deliver freight from the docks in Dawson to the construction sites.

Another station was located where the "Yukon Ditch" crossed Bonanza Creek. The Yukon Ditch was a system of flume, pipe and ditch that conveyed water some 115 kilometres (70 miles) from the mountains to the hydraulic mines.

The freight trains hauled pipe, lumber, and machinery for the building of this aqueduct. All of the stops were connected by telegraph line and the main stations by telephone. The wee at the lower end of the line was located a mile from Klondike City at the Old Inn, beside the confluence of Bonanza Creek and the Klondike River.

Coal was shipped to Klondike City by steamer, either from the Tantalus Mines at Carmacks, or from Coal Creek Mines via the Steamer Lightning.

An inventory of equipment in 1908 listed three locomotives, one first class passenger car, one combination car, seven box cars, and 14 flat cars. A list of staff included two general officers, one office clerk, two section foremen, 10 trackmen, one watchman, two station agents, one porter, one engineman, one fireman, one conductor, and one brakeman.

The passenger business was not as successful as anticipated at the outset of the railway, primarily because of the decline in population. There was a daily passenger service, however, with scheduling arranged to coincide with the arrivals and departures of the commercial stage coaches. Another popular feature of the Klondike

Mines Railway was the holiday excursion trains. Locomotives pulled specially decorated flatcars and passenger cars on Sundays and holidays, making extra stops for picnics and photo opportunities.

A reporter described the route from Grand Forks:

"The elevated course affords a splendid birdseye view of the Bonanza valley and the Carmack's Forks. The long winding course of the railway can be seen straight ahead across the valleys miles away.

"No doubt many Dawsonites will be taking the run over the road before long to take in the scenic beauty of the route. "Tourists and other visitors will find this a great ride in the summer. It will take one right to the Dome, and permit of an ocular survey of the liveliest part of the camp in a few hours."

The Klondike Mines Railway operated its own stage lines with transfer points from several of the stations to the outlying mining creeks. This simplified shipping methods with all handling done by one company, thereby reducing freight costs considerably.

Stables and warehouses were maintained at Sulphur Springs where the "Ridge Road", a government funded road to Dawson along the ridge above Bonanza Creek, inter-

sected with many roads from the creeks.

By 1912 the biggest customers for the Klondike Mines Railway were the gold dredging companies.

Joe Boyle's Canadian Klondike Mining Company built the two largest dredges in the Yukon (numbers 3 and 4) at the mouth of Bonanza Creek with the help of the freight trains.

The Yukon Gold Company, with Treadgold as the manager, built and operated six dredges along the path of the railroad up Bonanza Creek.

Each of the dredges had steam thawing plants and steampoint grids in order to thaw the permafrost that lay in their paths. The boilers in these plants consumed thousands of cords of wood each season. The freight trains hauled wood from the Dawson waterfront, where rafts of firewood were floated from further upstream, to the thawing plants along the route of the railway.

By 1913, with the dredges all in place, the main occupation of the trains was hauling wood.

In the fall of 1913 the rail line along Front Street was temporarily pulled up and re-located as a spur line to assist in moving a Yukon Gold dredge that had finished working at claim #65 Below Discovery

on Bonanza Creek.

The dredge was dismantled and moved to Sulphur Springs by rail, then freighted by horse and wagon to its destination on Gold Run Creek. This was the third dredge that had ceased operation on the route of the railroad, which meant much less firewood for the freight train to haul. Income from passenger fares was practically nil. The individual miners on the creeks had become fewer, their claims acquired by the mining corporations. Finally, in July of 1914, the Klondike Mines Railway stopped operating.

In many ways the railroad had hastened its own end by putting the machinery of the modern mining companies into place. Adding to the efficiency of the mechanized mining methods by supplying fast and economical freight service, Bonanza Creek was quickly mined out.

The hopes for continuing the railroad to link with a southern line had disappeared with the decreasing population.

By 1911 the population of the territory had dropped to 8,512 from 27,219 in 1901. The decline continued leaving only 800 people in Dawson City, itself, by 1920.

The advent of the first world war affected the economy of the Yukon adversely by depleting the available manpower to such an extent that the dredging companies were forced to cut back operations severely. Gold production figures for 1918 show an 80 percent decline from 1912. The closing of the railroad was inevitable.

During the next few years, after the railroad had been abandoned, there were several requests to use sections of the rail bed for a roadway because it could provide an excellent base for a road.

In 1928, A.N.C. Treadgold was now president of Yukon Consolidated Gold Company, and had gained the ownership of the Klondike Mines Railroad.

He gave permission to the territorial government to use part of the line for a road and salvaged the rails for use as steel in his dredging and power developments. The rails can still be seen supporting many of the power poles in the Klondike area.

The rolling stock of the Klondike Mines Railway sat in Klondike City virtually undisturbed until 1942 when an engine and several flat cars were sold to the White Pass Railroad. The Alaska Highway was hurriedly being built at the time and the locomotive and cars were pressed into service hauling supplies for the war effort.

The same locomotive eventually ended up on the Petticoat Junction Railroad, made famous by a television program in the 1960's.

The other three Klondike Mines

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## PEOPLE SEARCH

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Sherry Lynn Caditz who resided in the  
Dawson area in the early 1980's please  
contact Randall Garbe at (613) 224-9536 or  
write to Box 38008, Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3Y7  
regarding an estate matter.

## Klondike Mines RR Saga - continued

Railway locomotives were moved across the frozen Klondike River by R.D. (Dick) Gillespie in 1961 and positioned on rails beside the Dawson City Museum.

At the present time there remains some evidence of the railway in Klondike City; rusted wheels and odd parts clustered around the dug-out service pit are all that is left of the roundhouse. A grass fire burned the passenger car and combination car that were sited here, leaving only the metal frames. The steel bridge across the Klondike was washed out by river ice in the 1920's, and the steel salvaged.

Workers digging on Front Street in Dawson have encountered ties and spikes under the road surface, but little else is found in town.

Placer mining activity on lower Bonanza Creek has altered many of the station sites, but stretches of intact railbed, often supported by stonework, can still be seen along the banks of the creek.

Where the railroad leaves Bonanza and starts to climb, the bed is obvious, although very tangled with 70 years of willow growth.

There is the odd spike or rail and the stream crossings are strewn with fallen timbers from the trestles. At Sulphur Springs the original excavation of the wye can be discerned in the gravel, and a few "clinkers" from the locomotive fireboxes are underfoot.

There are few reminders of the railway of the Klondike gold fields.

The Dawson City Museum is home to a variety of photographs, archival material and artifacts concerning the Klondike Mines Railway.

In an effort to increase the knowledge of the route of the railroad before nature and mankind eradicated all the remaining evidence, the Museum, with funding from Community Development, Northern Research Institute, Yukon Foundation, and Yukon Lotteries, embarked on a research and field-recording of the K.M.R. in 1992.

Some of the results of this project are an inventory of findings at the station sites, a compilation of historical research and a travelling photographic exhibit.

The information gathered will assist the museum in further interpretation, and help to preserve the history of the Klondike Mines Railway.



## Library Pages: Houskeeping

by Vicki McCollum

September has been a quiet month, a time to plan for the Fall and catch up on some housekeeping in the Library. On occasions you may have caught Jenny or I running around with a bucket of water and a cloth cleaning dust off the shelves and ensuring that the books are shelved properly. In the process, we've discovered that libraries are no different then our homes - the dust comes back.

The Library Board bids farewell to another of its members as Joni Vickers departs further south to Dawson Creek. We have a number of vacancies on the Board, so if you are interested, please let us know. The Board meets once a month, usually the last Monday of the month.

STORY TIME will begin Wednesday, October 20th at 2:00 p.m. and is for children between the ages of 3 and 5. Story time will be approximately 1/2 hour in length and we would like people to register in advance. This year Story Time will be divided into six week blocks with breaks between the sessions.

On November 6th the library will be hosting a Reading by Don Reddick from his book *Dawson City Seven*. This is a novel based on the Dawson City Nugget's attempt to win the 1905 Stanley Cup. Be sure to mark that date on your calendar - it promises to be an exciting event and is based on part of the history of our community. See the press release on this page for details.

### Library Hours:

Tues., Wed. & Friday: noon-7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Until next month, Happy Reading!



## Getting your little ones started reading

\* Start reading to your children when they are just babies and like the quiet time and the sound of your voice. Soon they will start to recognize shapes and colours and identify pictures.

\* Set aside a quiet time every day for reading together in some comfortable spot.

\* The length of time need not be long. It will depend on your child's age and attention span.

\* Choose from the wealth of materials available: picture books, poems, fairy tales, real life stories, funny stories, animal stories. You'll probably wear out a book or two when your child decides what his favourites are. Then he will "read" the memorized stories to you.

\* Set up a special place for your child's books which she can organize as she wishes, with the big books all in one place, the comics in another, the fairy tales together and so on.

Teach her to take good care of her books, to treasure them, and handle them carefully.

\* Set up a personal reading space for your young person with a good light and a comfortable chair or a cushion that can go on the floor.

\* Take your child to the public library for story time or just to browse. When he's ready, teach him where to find books he wants and how to sign them out.

\* If you have decided on a French immersion program for your child, introduce him to picture books with French words, and take him to story hour in French if there is one in your neighborhood. If not, you can introduce him to the new language through songs and stories on tape and video.

Canadian Parents for French (CPF) is a national network of primarily English-speaking parents with a deep interest in excellence in education and in the literacy of their children. CPF believes that a good Canadian education includes opportunities for students to acquire communication skills in both English and French.

For more information, call Jane at (613) 235-1481.

## A Tale Out of History

### press release

*Editor's Note: Generally we do our own book reviews, but the author of this one will be visiting our community on November 7, and we thought you'd like to know what he is about. What follows is from his publisher's press release.*

"The match of the century!" Joe Boyle yelled amidst the crowd. "Dawson's here for the grandest Stanley Cup match of them all!"

On December 19, 1904, the Dawson City Nuggets began their 4,000-mile trek to wrest the Stanley Cup from the Ottawa Silver Seven.

Twenty-five days later, the rubber-legged, travel worn players staggered into Ottawa's Union Station - they had trudged 350 miles behind their dog teams, jolted over the narrow gauge White Pass Railway, lurched and rolled aboard the SS Romano, and whiled away endless days on the CPR.

The very next evening, the Stanley Cup series began. The feisty Nuggets lost their first game 9-2, but they believed they could win the second game and then the third, and take the Cup home to Dawson City forever. In victory they would rechristen themselves

the "Dawson City Seven."

The bare outline of this amazing story is well known, but its wondrous details have never before been told. Now, in *Dawson City Seven*, Don Reddick brings to life the saga of the most adventurous hockey team that ever took to the ice.

*Dawson City Seven* is the ideal historical novel: faithful to fact and human nature at the same time. Reddick weaves into the historical facts the fictional story of Boston Mason, the son of a Confederate soldier who travels from his Massachusetts farm to seek his fortune in the Klondike.

Mason's skating prowess earns him a berth as a spare on the Nuggets, a berth to which, Reddick feels, Mason has as much right as anyone - at least as one of the spares on the team that went to Ottawa was a ringer.

Don Reddick is a devoted hockey fan and a field service engineer. He will be visiting Dawson City to do a public reading from his book on November 6th at 7:30 P.M. His book, *Dawson City Seven* (320 pages, \$16.95 in paperback) is being released this month by Goose Lane Editions of Fredericton, N.B.



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# RECREATION NEWS

## Recreation Briefs

### Christmas Bazaar

The Trinke Zho Daycare has announced that the 1994 Xmas Bazaar will take place on November 27 at the School. Book tables by calling 993-6900.

**Safe Sliding Notice Parent!!** The snow has arrived and now it is time to bring out the sleds and toboggans. Please teach your children about safe sliding. Already there have been problems with children sliding onto streets and into traffic. Remember -- safety first.

### Terry Fox Thank-You

Special thanks to Karen Olito and John Gillan who raised over \$3400 for this year's Terry Fox Run. After all the pledges were counted up, Dawson City raised over \$5600 -- the best in all the Yukon and probably half of northern BC. The Committee (Debbie Menzies, Karen Olito and Lawrie Stewart) would like to thank all the contributors, participants and volunteers for making the Terry Fox event so successful.



### Recreation Board Wants You!

The Recreation Board is recruiting new members to fill vacancies. Meetings are held twice per month on the first and third Tuesday. Duties include facility planning, grant awards and attending territorial conferences. Those interested should contact the City Office for more information or any Recreation Board Member (Monna Sprokkreeff, Paula Pawlovich, Karen McCann or Don Arimtge.)

## 1994 Arctic Winter Games

Plans are under way for the 1994 Arctic Winter Games (AWG) scheduled for the middle of March, 1994 in Slave Lake, Alberta. Once again, Dawson athletes, coaches and volunteers will have an opportunity to participate in Team Yukon.

### Sport Trials in Dawson

Dawson will host the team trials for three sports -- adult volleyball (women and men), snowshoe (all four categories) and snowshoe biathlon (all four categories). The trials will take place over the first three weekends in January.

### Other Sports

There are 14 other sports in the AWG ranging from Arctic Sports, Hockey, Speed Skating and Soccer. Trials for these sports take place in other Yukon communities.

Registration takes place in December and the fee includes transportation, billets and meals.

### Team Dawson Sport Pin

The Recreation Board is sponsoring a Team Dawson Sport Pin. An art competition for the pin design has begun. The winning entry will be used for the pin and a \$100 prize will be awarded. Entries should be delivered to the City Office and the deadline is October 31. The pins will be sold locally with proceeds going towards the costs of running the trials.

**Volunteers Needed** Volunteers will be required to help with the trials. Recruitment will take place in late November. Help is needed for billeting, hospitality as well as officials and youth chaperons. If you can help, call the AWG Help Line at 993-5434.



John Flynn on the Ulu Award Stand at the 1992 AWG in Whitehorse.

## School Evening Schedule

**Gym Schedule**

**Mondays**  
Aerobics  
6:00 - 7:15 pm  
Kid's 7 - 9 Soccer  
7:15 - 8:30 pm  
Adult Soccer  
8:30 - 10:00 pm

**Tuesdays**  
Kid's 4 - 6 Soccer  
6:00 - 7:00 pm  
Air Cadets  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
Arctic Sports  
9:00 - 10:00 pm

**Wednesdays**  
Aerobics  
6:00 - 7:15 pm  
Kid's 10 - 14 Soccer  
7:15 - 8:30 pm  
Adult Soccer  
8:30 - 10:00 pm

**Thursdays**  
Kid's Gymnastics  
6:00 - 8:30 pm  
Adult Badminton  
8:30 - 10:00 pm

**Fridays**  
Aerobics  
6:00 - 7:15 pm  
Youth Time  
7:30 - 9:00 pm  
Adult Basketball  
9:00 - 10:00 pm

### Ancillary Room

**Mondays**  
Brownies  
6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Kick Boxing  
8:30 - 10:00

**Tuesdays**  
Kid's Gymnastics  
6:00 - 8:30 pm

**Wednesdays**  
Girl Guides  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Fridays**  
Kick Boxing  
8:30 - 10:00

Scheduling subject to change at any time. For information on booking time call Lawrie Stewart at 993-5434 or Shirley Pennel at 993-5435.

## Lorne Elliot Too Funny

Over 90 people attended an 80 minute concert by Canada's Funniest Man, Lorne Elliot. The concert was co-sponsored by the Dawson City Recreation Board and the Yukon Arts Centre. Dawson was the second of a three community tour along with Whitehorse and Faro.

## Even More Programmes

Registrations are still being accepted for the following courses or programmes.

**Introductory Pottery and Sculpting**  
Starts Oct. 12  
Instructors  
Jenny Docken  
Elaine Henderson

**Basic Dog Obedience**  
Mid-October  
Instructors  
Lawrie Stewart  
Lynn Stewart

## Adult Beginners Cross Country Ski

Sunday, November 28  
Instructor  
Lawrie Stewart

**NCCP Coaching Level I Theory**  
November 6&7

**NCCP Coaching Level II Theory**  
November 12 - 14

## Family Pumpkin Carving Afternoon

Saturday, October 30  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

## New Look At Bonanza Centre

Skaters and hockey players will have to adjust to a new look at the skating rink this winter. New and improved arena boards.

City Council approved an arena boards improvement project. The project involved making the boards straight and level. All the posts were dug out and cast in new concrete blocks. Damaged puck board was also replaced. The project was completed on September 30, 1993.

Flooding preparation has started for this winter's ice season. Weather permitting, the Bonanza Centre will open for skating on December 1, 1993.

## Conservation Klondike Society The Green Indoor Pollution Eaters

by Char Farr

With winter literally on our doorsteps many of us, especially small children and elders, will be spending more time indoors.

Did you know that indoor air has between 10 to 40 times higher concentration of hazardous air pollutants than outside air?

Approximately 20 to 100 hazardous chemical compounds are found in a typical North American home, often reaching levels that would be illegal if found outdoors!

Symptoms of indoor air pollution include: chronic respiratory problems, headache, dizziness, nausea, skin rash, lethargy and other flu-like symptoms.

In extreme cases it can be fatal.

Especially susceptible are: the very young, cardiac patients, pregnant women and their fetuses, those who suffer from respiratory ailments and/or allergies, the chemically sensitive, the elderly and the injured.

Pollutants such as formaldehyde, carbon monoxide, naphthalene and benzene are released into your home from sources such as: household cleaners, building products, furnishings and carpets, heat sources and tobacco smoke.

How can you minimize the effect on your family?

- install electronic air cleaners
- be sure stoves and furnaces are properly installed, vented and maintained

- air out building materials before installation

- do work or crafts involving solvents, glues, paints and other toxic materials in well ventilated areas

- confine tobacco smoking to one, well ventilated, area

- avoid buying moth balls, solid air fresheners, solid toilet bowl cleaners and other highly toxic

household products. Try soap, baking soda, vinegar or another "green" cleaner

- get some *Green Pollution Eaters*.

NASA has done studies suggesting that House Plants can reduce the levels of at least three common air pollutants and suspected carcinogens; formaldehyde, benzene and trichloroethylene.

Only a few plants and pollutants have been tested as yet. In a 24 hour period one Elephant Leaf Philodendron cleaned almost 87 percent of the formaldehyde out of a closed chamber.

NASA suggests that one plant, 10 to 12 inches in diameter, is sufficient to cleanse an area of 100 square feet.

The following plants were tested and found effective in removing the three chemicals tested: Spider Plant, Snake Plant, Chrysanthemum, Aloe, Bamboo or Reed Palm, Heart Leaf Philodendron, Lacy Tree Philodendron, Elephant Ear Philodendron, Dracaena (Janet Craig and Warneckei), Dragon Tree, Gerbera Daisy, English Ivy, Golden Pothos (Devil's Ivy), Banana Tree, Chinese Evergreen and Peace Lily (Spath Flower).

For more information on this or other green issues - call the Depot at 993-6666



by Ella Patay

Along with gambling centres, Las Vegas, Reno and Laughlin, now in the works on the California/Nevada Border, in an area called Stateline, is an \$85 million, western-style resort slated to open in summer 1994.

Officials for the unnamed project, which is being built by Las Vegas-based Primadonna Resorts Inc., said that upon completion, the property will include the world's tallest roller coaster, a 618 room hotel tower and a 46,000 square foot casino.

Maybe the developers are taking lessons from Branson, Missouri. The western style there has exploded in popularity.

Honolulu—Drive-in facilities have proven popular in establishments from fast food to banking, but travellers in Hawaii have just begun to experience a brand-new drive-through experience: drive-in airport check-in.

Aloha Airlines, one of Hawaii's

two inter-island flights, is letting travellers check in for their inter-island flights and have their baggage accepted without even leaving their cars.

This is the one and only facility of its type in the world.

British Airways is offering a new set of around the world fares from Canada called Global Explorer, effective Oct. 1.

The fares, priced as low as \$3,700.00, are available on flights of British Airways, Qantas, US Air, Australian Airlines and Australia Asia Airlines.

There is a maximum permitted mileage of 28,500 and six free stopovers are allowed.

If you are considering travelling at Christmas, it is strongly recommended that you book ASAP as space is already exceedingly limited.

If you are thinking of going away at spring break, it is definitely not too early to be booking that space

either!

It appears Canadian Airlines International will be keeping their two flights daily all winter, with the exception of Saturday—effective November 1.

There will only be one flight on Saturday, departing Vancouver Northbound at 11:30 a.m., with a subsequent departure out of Whitehorse Southbound at 3:45 p.m.

These times mean that unfortunately, there will be no connection to or from Dawson on Saturdays for the winter.

### \*\*\*Hot Tips\*\*\*

Whitehorse-Vancouver return \$379.00

Whitehorse-Toronto return \$768.00

News Flash!!! Children 2-5 years are free across Canada until December 17. One child per adult fare.

Whitehorse-San Jose, Costa Rica return from \$1,033.00

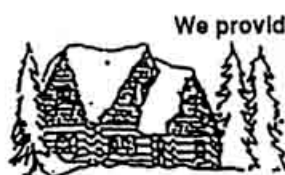
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We would also like to thank Barb Hanulik, who whipped us up some muffins at the last minute.

AND A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY WHO CAME OUT ON SUNDAY TO SUPPORT THEIR MUSEUM - WE DEPEND ON YOU!

### The Literary Society of the Klondike is holding its

Annual General Meeting on  
Wednesday October 20, 1993

at the Downtown Hotel's  
Conference Room at 7:30 p.m.

All past present and future  
contributors to the *Klondike Sun*  
are invited to attend.

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# Klondike Nugget



Photo by: Madeleine Gould

Nancy and Torrie Hunter are pleased to announce the birth of Luke Norman Hunter, who was born September 8, in Dawson City and weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. A brother for Teddy.

## Michael and Jennifer leading the pack

YTG News Release

If you're thinking of naming your newborn son Michael, you're in good company.

Over the past 15 years, 107 baby boys born in the Yukon have been named Michael, making it the most popular name of the time.

For little girls in the Yukon, the number one name is Jennifer, with 73 bearing the name.

The list of the most popular Yukon baby names over the last 15 years was released in September by the Vital Statistics Branch of Health and Social Services.

It was compiled by the Bureau of Statistics during an administrative clean-up of Vital Statistics birth records between 1978 and 1992.

During that 15-year period, there were 3,963 boys and 3,748 girls born in the Yukon. A total of 859 different names were given to boys, of which 500 were only used once. There were 1,283 different names given to girls and 845 of those were used only once.

"Michael" remained in the top four during that 15 year period, moving into first spot during the last five years. The next most popular names for boys are David, Christopher, and Daniel.

"Jennifer" has been among the top eight consistently for the past 15 years. The next most popular names for girls are Jessica, Sara, and Amanda.

## Arts Centre has three new exhibitions

Press Release

The Yukon Arts Centre Gallery is pleased to invite the public to the opening of three exhibitions on October 7, 1993 at 8:30 p.m.

*Faye Heavyshield: Heart, Hoof and Horn*

October 7-November 28

Faye Heavyshield was born on the Blood Reserve in Southern Alberta. She studied at the Alberta College of Art.

Her work draws on residential school experiences and a later discovery of her people's tradition and takes the form of minimalist sculpture/installation.

Her work was included in Land, Spirit, Power at the National Gallery. The exhibition *Heart, Hoof and Horn* originated at the Glenbow Museum in early 1993.

"In her work, one shape might metamorphose into another and another, all being different yet related in form and meaning. Her sculptures have both fierce and tender strength, like the white high heeled shoes with cloven toes in a piece she calls *Sister (1993)*" - *Calgary Herald*

Faye Heavyshield installed her exhibition at the Yukon Arts Centre Gallery on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5 and 6 and gave a talk in the gallery prior to the opening on Thursday, October 7 at 7:30 p.m.

She travelled to Dawson City on Saturday October 9 where she gave a talk at Tron'dik Hall at 7:30 p.m.

*Memory and Desire: The Voices of 11 Women of Culture*

October 7-December 19

*Memory and Desire* is a collaborative exhibition which resulted from

a workshop at the Vancouver Art Gallery led by British artist Sutapa Biswas.

The 11 women who participated in the workshop and who produced the pieces which will be shown at the Yukon Arts Centre Gallery are: Sutapa Biswas, Ana Chang, Sherida Levy, Alexis MacDonald-Seto, Shani Mootoo, Marianne Nicholson, Linda Ohama, Haruko Okano, Sandra Semchuk, Alfrieda Steindl and Kiki Yee.

The collaborative pieces in the exhibition use personal photographs and mementos gleaned from each of their cultural backgrounds and incorporated into the works which explore the relationship amongst cultures and family members.

*Video and Orality*

October 8-November 28

This exhibition, on tour from the National Gallery, examines "orality"—verbal expression and oral storytelling.

The exhibition highlights a wide-ranging selection of nine videotapes by Canadian and foreign artists that illustrate the importance of the living work, whether in the form of confession, confidence, monologue or dialogue.

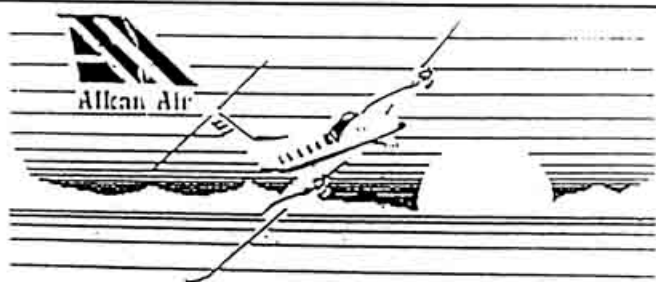
Featured in the exhibition are works by Maxi Cohen, Charles Guilbert and Serge Murphy, Mona Hatuom, Lynn Hershman, Richard Serra, Tom Sherman, and Lisa Steele.

The opening of these three exhibitions began at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 7, 1993.

For more information about these exhibitions and artists, please call the Yukon Arts Centre at 667-8575.

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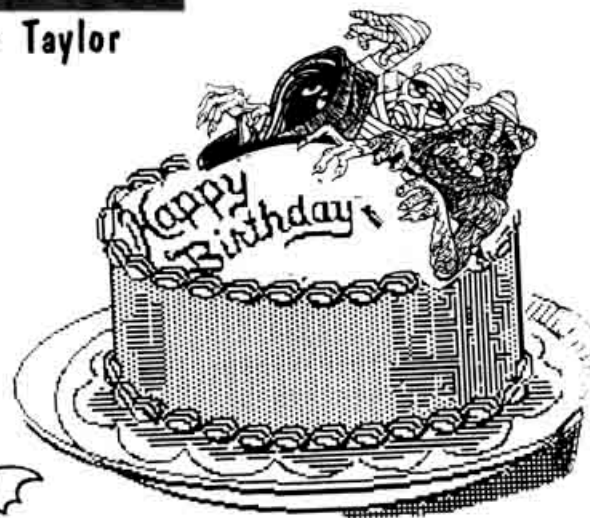
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*To  
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# Klondyke Centennials Society

## Gold Rush Raffle Winners

The Klondyke Centennial Society wishes to announce the winners of the "Gold Rush Raffle":

1st Prize: 1993 Toyota T-100 4x4 - James Greenland from Fort McPherson

2nd Prize: 1993 Yamaha Kodiak A.T.V. - F. Hawker from Dawson City

3rd Prize: Asama Mountain Bike - Dave Mierau from Dawson City

4th Prize: 1 oz Gold - Ricardo Colaci from Dawson City

Many thanks are given to all who

bought tickets and those who sold tickets for us, especially Peggy, and the staff of the V.R.C.

The prizes were supplied by Mic Mac Motors, STM Recreation, Wheels & Brakes Cyclery and a special thanks to the anonymous supplier of the 1 oz of gold.

The proceeds from the raffle will help to go towards the funding of projects for the Klondyke Centennial Society, Discovery Day Committee and the Gold Show.

## Klondike Corridor Communities Association Meets in Dawson

The Klondyke Centennial Society recently hosted a meeting of the newly formed Klondike Corridor Communities Association with representation from Mayo, Carmacks, Dawson and Skagway, Alaska.

This meeting is a continuation of the exchange initiated two years ago with Skagway, a commitment by the Klondyke Centennial Society to communicate with Skagway and other Yukon Communities regarding the upcoming Centennials.

Presentations were made by the Klondyke Centennial Society and the Skagway Centennial Committee. Mayo and Carmacks have not started their planning but look forward to doing so in the near future.

The Communities will be cooperating on activities/events such as:

- 1) a Skagway-Watson Lake-Dawson City snowmobile race
- 2) the re-enactment of the Klondike miners arrival in Seattle/San Francisco in July, 1897 with a ton of gold. This is the event that pre-

### YAC Welcomed to Dawson

The Klondyke Centennial Society welcomes the Board and staff of the Yukon Anniversaries Commission to Dawson City. We anticipate a cooperative effort to make this Centennial a success.

## Ostashek Supports Bridge

Ostashek's reply to the KCS letter (see last issue)

I am writing in response to your letter of August 10th concerning two major infrastructure projects in the Klondike region. We are supportive of both of these initiatives as they are in keeping with our Four Year Plan and are included in our position paper on the development of infrastructure in the territory to promote tourism, mining and other economic development that will lead to self-sufficiency for Yukon in the 21st century.

I have written to the Honourable Tom Siddon, the Minister of National Defence, to ascertain if his department might be interested in working with us to construct a bridge over the Yukon River at Dawson as a Centennial Project (copy of letter enclosed). We are hoping to receive a response to this initiative prior to examining what might be done with respect to the construction of a new airport facility.

The construction of a bridge, as your letter points out, will facilitate consideration of airport sites along the Top of the World Highway much closer to Dawson City. We will keep you apprised of any developments in this regard and appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

John Ostashek

Government Leader

Ostashek's Letter to Tom Siddon, Minister of Defence

Dear Tom,

Re: Canadian Army Participation in Klondike Gold Rush Centennial Celebrations

I first want to congratulate you on your appointment as the Minister of National Defence and to thank you for all your work that you did on our behalf in your previous portfolio of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. As you are aware, the Yukon will be celebrating the centennial of the world famous Klondike Gold Rush from 1996 to 1998 and it would be appropriate for the Canadian Army to participate in these celebrations in a meaningful and lasting way in view of its previous historical association with the territory.

Almost one hundred years ago on March 10, 1898, one of your predecessors, the Honourable F.W. Borden, Minister of Militia and Defence, announced that the Government of Canada had decided to send a detachment of over 200 officers and men to the newly created Yukon District. This force, known as the Yukon Field Force, was under the command of Lieutenant Colonel T.B.D. Evans and was comprised of officers and men from the Royal Canadian Rifles, the Royal Canadian Dragoons and the Royal Canadian Artillery. They were sent North to reinforce the Northwest Mounted Police who were responsible for maintaining law and order in the Yukon. Without this military presence in the territory, the federal government of that day feared that the influx of foreigners, primarily Americans, might lead to an insurrection that could wrench the North from Canada.

The Yukon Field Force arrived in

Yukon in September of 1898. During its sojourn, it guarded gold shipments and banks, patrolled streets and guarded the municipal and territorial offices. The soldiers fought fires and subdued crowds of rioting miners. The Yukon Field Force was finally withdrawn by Order in Council of May 5th, 1900 and replaced by a local volunteer militia company, known as the Dawson Rifle Company.

This event and subsequent events such as the contributions to Canada made by such famous Klondikers as George Black and Joe Boyle deserve commemoration. Captain George Black was Commissioner of the Yukon Territory and later Member of Parliament for the Yukon and the Speaker of the House of Commons. He formed the Yukon Infantry Company which served with distinction in France in the First World War.

Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Whiteside Boyle, known as the "King of the Klondike," at his own expense equipped a machine gun detachment known as Boyle's Yukon Detachment of the Second Regiment Canadian Mounted Rifles, C.E.F. His remarkable legendary exploits in Russia and Rumania during the First World War are on record with the Department of Defence.

Accordingly, I would recommend that the Government of Yukon and the Department of National Defence jointly undertake a special project to commemorate the Canadian Army's historical association with Yukon during these upcoming celebrations. This project should be of lasting benefit to the territory and to Canada. I would propose that we build a bridge across the Yukon River at Dawson City as a Centennial Project. This project would be in keeping with the National Investment in Infrastructure Initiative that was agreed to at the First Ministers' Conference on the Economy that was held in February of 1992. It would also further promote your own initiative regarding the development of infrastructure in the North to meet the needs of the mining industry. You will recall the two meetings that were held in January and April of this year in Yellowknife and Whitehorse respectively.

It is our understanding that the Canadian Army has participated in similar ventures in other jurisdictions such as in Quebec. It has also undertaken smaller bridge construction projects in Yukon in previous years, namely the Ogilvie River Bridge in the 1960's and the Eagle River Bridge in 1977 that are both on the Dempster Highway. The construction of a bridge across the Yukon River at Dawson City would be a major undertaking but it would leave a lasting legacy and be a fitting tribute to the soldiers who played such a key role in the history and evolution of the Yukon Territory within Canada.

Sincerely,  
John Ostashek  
Government Leader

## Goals for Gold

### The Ridge Road Hiking Trail

There is a lack of hiking trails in the Dawson area. This project would be useful to local residents and the more athletic tourists.

A route along the first road to the Klondike Gold Fields could become the main artery to a system of trails. The main trail would follow the ridge beside Bonanza Creek to the Upper Bonanza road, a round trip of twenty-five miles.

Decisions have to be made on where the rest stops would be, what sights along the way need interpretive signs and how to best fund the work that needs to be done. This is a worthwhile project that has been considered several times in the past. We could make it happen for the Centennial.

### Gold Rush Film Festival

Skagway, Mayo and Carmacks have all expressed interest in participating in a film festival for the Centennial years. The festival could be held in May or September when we all have time to sit down and enjoy the movies.

There are many Yukon and Alaska related films to choose from for this extended event. The festival could have a different theme every year so that, for example, 1995 could feature RCMP related films.

### Any Other Ideas?

Anyone interested in discussing these, or any other projects should contact the Centennial Society at 993-5649 (Jan Magnusson) or 993-5035 (Akio Saito) or come to a Society meeting, held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 in the City Council Chambers.

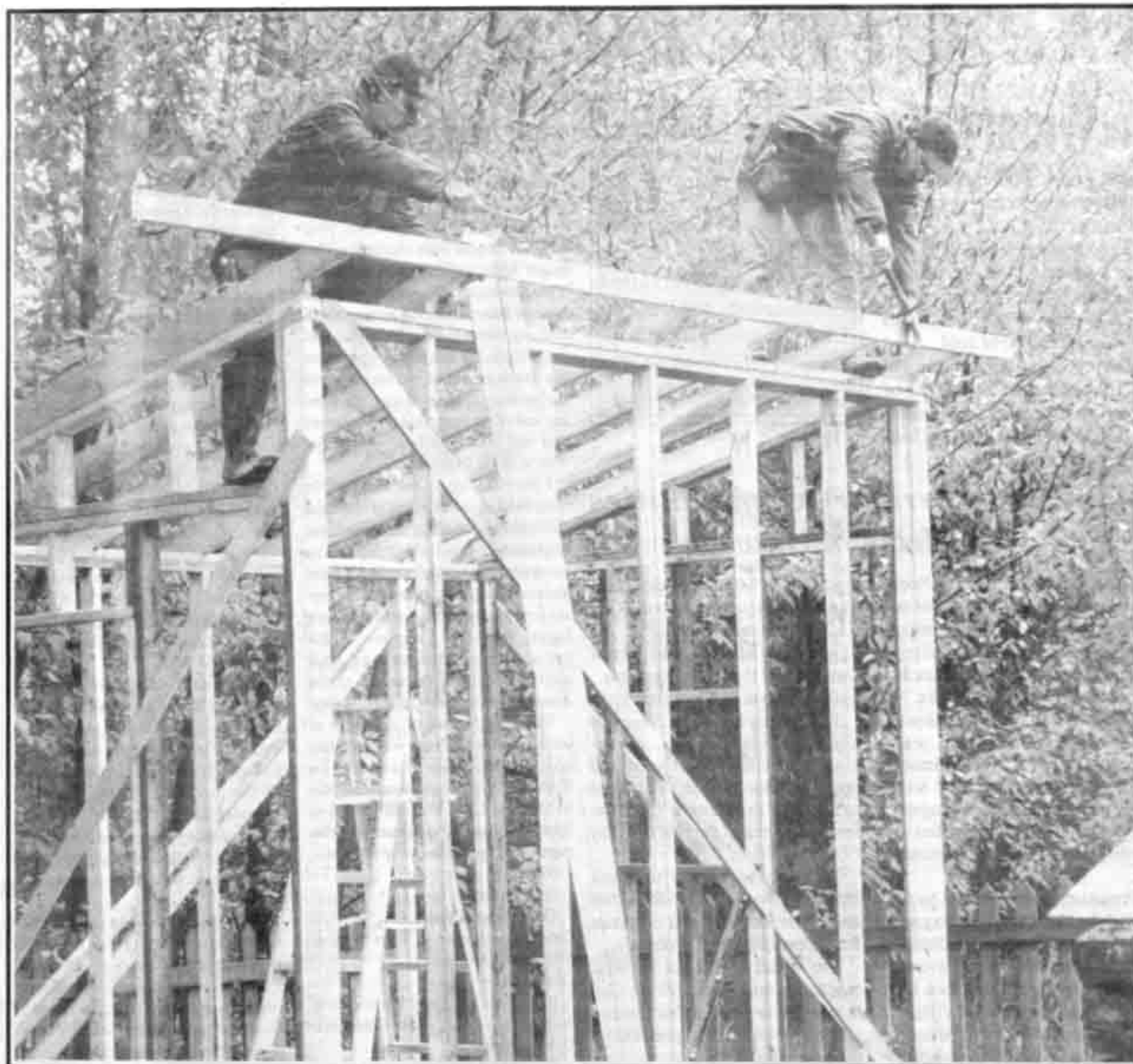
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Joe Fraughton and Ron Bramadat hard at work on the Daycare's new shed.

photo by Jane McArthur

# Shed Raising

submitted

Parents at Dawson City Day Care, and community contractors combined their efforts to build a much needed storage shed at the Dawson City Day Care.

Businesses and contractors generously purchased or dug through their supply piles to donate nails, screws, a door, a window, 2 x 4's, 2 x 6's, roofing tin, siding, beams, paint and plywood to build an eight foot by 12 foot storage shed.

Parents of the children who use the Day Care donated their precious time towards building on this project. No hammered thumbs or major Oowies were reported!

It began taking shape on Sunday, September 12, when volunteers worked in the rain, taking a few breaks for hot homemade moose stew, chili, squares, cookies and coffee. The project was completed on September 26.

Over the years the Dawson City Day Care has had the good fortune to receive a great deal of support from the community. This, along with the hard work of staff, parents and volunteer board members, has enabled the Centre to operate.

The Centre presently employs excellent staff, trained in Early Childhood Development, who nurture and facilitate learning in a comfortable and appropriate setting for the children.

Along with the excellent care provided by trained staff at the centre, parental involvement and a hardworking board all combine to prove that strong communities enable children and families to grow within a healthy environment.

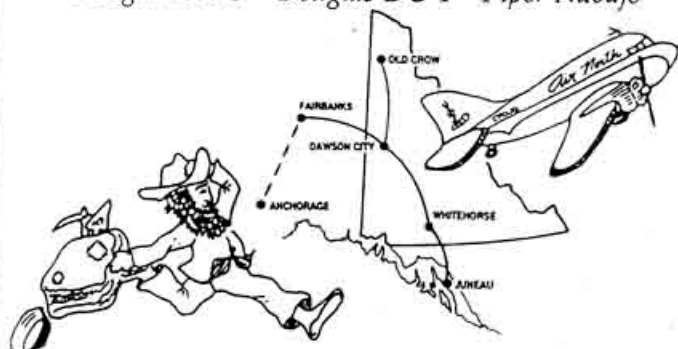
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# THE VERY LAST WEATHER REPORT

by Art Vickers

*Weather Report for Dawson City, Yukon for September 1993. This edition prepared and presented for your reading enjoyment by Art Vickers, your friendly Flight Service Specialist from the Transport Canada Flight Service Station, still located at the Dawson City International Airport.*

September has come and gone and, thank goodness, it was generally a fine northern September. We definitely did not have a repeat of the Disgusting September weather we had last year. As those ever-present statistics show, our mean maximum temperature was only two tenths of a degree lower than the 30 year average and our mean minimum temperature was only one degree lower than the long term average. We had slightly less rain and quite a bit more snow than the 30 year average, but, most folks around here thought it was a fine fine September. That mind-set came about because everyone still remembers last September which was so-o-o-ugly!!

By comparison, we were treated well by Ma Nature.

The leaves had full opportunity to strut their stuff and show everyone their fabulous colours of Fall in the Yukon. All the trees and bushes had plenty of time this year to slow their metabolism and get ready for "It."

Fall came gently this year and

most people had time to complete their necessary yard work before the first white stuff appeared. Aside from a few traces on Sept. 17 and 18, and 25, the first "real" snowfall was on Sept. 28.

It managed to create slippery driving conditions for a couple of days but by Sept. 30, the highway was generally bare and dry again.

Town streets (those you could drive on) were still quite slick. I refer to the continuing saga of water and sewer excavation that goes on and on and on and on. It was in progress (?) when I first visited Dawson in 1980 and from what I can gather, it has continued its non-stop summer and fall tradition right up to now, and for the foreseeable future.

One of the proprietors at River West thought it would be good for business to be able to offer tourists the opportunity to watch gold mining operations from the comfort of her business. Who's to know differently? Just maybe that's what "really" is going on.

The miners had time this year to gradually close down their operations and the vast majority of them had departed the gold fields by month end. The summer businesses are closed. The PG and Gerties are done for another hectic tourist season. The streets are quiet and parking places can be found with no difficulty.

Sadly, the usual abundance of

stray dogs is showing up again, left by summer people who turned them loose rather than taking their "pets" with them when they went "South." (There should be a law!!). Dawsonites are gearing "down" for winter. (There I said it!)

Before I give you the exciting stats for September, I must tell you this will be my final weather edition for the Klondike Sun.

My wife Joni and I are moving to Dawson Creek, B.C.

I've been transferred to the Flight Service Station there. I'd like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all my faithful readers both locally and out there in newspaper land. I have thoroughly enjoyed putting together this monthly weather column for you. I also know from people's comments that at least "some" have enjoyed my version of reporting weather.

After six years in Dawson, it's time to move a little closer to family in the south. We'd like to remind our friends (in print) to be sure to stop in and visit us when your travels take you near Dawson Creek. (I know it's a cruel trick to play on the Canada Postal Service to move from Dawson to Dawson, but, what the hay, a person can't be nice all the time.)

Good-bye and good luck.

Here are the statistics for September 1993.

(Fahrenheit and Imperial measurements in brackets).

	1993	1992	30 Year Average
Maximum Temperature	23.8 (74.8)	15.5 (59.9)	-----
Minimum Temperature	-12.4 (9.7)	-21.2 (-6.2)	-----
Mean Maximum	11.5 (52.7)	4.7 (40.5)	11.7 (53.0)
Mean Minimum	-0.2 (31.6)	-6.5 (20.3)	1.2 (34.1)
Mean Temperature	5.7 (42.3)	-0.9 (30.4)	6.4 (43.6)
Total Rainfall	23.4 mm (0.92 in)	3.2 mm (0.12 in)	26.4 mm (1.04 in)
Total Snowfall	13.2 cm (5.2 in)	32.4 cm (12.8 in)	2.0 cm (0.8 in)
Days with rain	8	4	9
Days with snow	5	14	1
Days with frost	14	27	11
Snow on Ground	6 cm (2.4 in)	11 cm (4.3 in)	-----

All time Max: 26.0 (78.8) in 1967

All time Min: -23.2 (-9.8) in 1983

We lost another three hours and 18 minutes of daylight in September.



## The Vickers Venture South

by Sue Ward

"It's time to move on," said Joanie, "We have loved Dawson, now we will hope to find the same quality of life in Dawson Creek, B.C."

"Did you and Art choose to come to Dawson City?"

"You bet we did! Of course I had lived here from '76 to '78 when I worked for the Canadian Bank of Commerce, down in the old building. K.V.A. was new to the world of gambling, the museum building was yet to be restored. There was so much fun and, we were all so young at heart!"

"And how are your sons, who were little guys, back then?"

"Just great. James is a Golf Pro in Victoria, and we plan to spend Thanksgiving there. Darren is attending Bible College in Saskatchewan. He spent some summer time here working with Gold City Tours, and White Ram Construction, and this summer with the Youth Group.

Derek, who worked in '77 at Gertie's is in Wetaskiwin, Alberta, is married, and the father of four daughters. Of course, Art and I will be able to see more of them when we are in the Peace River country."

"Do you go to Dawson Creek as strangers?"

"That's right, we don't know a soul. But they have good golfing so we'll soon make friends."

I remarked that we would miss "Our Weather Man" and did Art think he could find us a replacement.

"Yes, he has that matter in hand, and he has his September weather column ready for the new issue. He has truly enjoyed that challenge."

Art and Joanie Vickers will be sorely missed as they have both been such willing participants in many areas. The Klondike Sun and their many friends wish them every success in Art's new posting of Dawson Creek, B.C. Watch for their new address in our next issue.



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## ED LACEY HOME SAFELY

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## Yukon Home Based Business Conference and Trade Show to be held in Whitehorse

### Press Release

Yukon Community Futures Committee (YCFC) proposes to expand its Entrepreneurship Development and Home-Based Business (HBB) Initiatives On November 5-7 in Whitehorse to meet the needs of Yukon's HBB sector.

The Yukon Home-Based Business Conference will be a catalyst for timely research, training and networking.

The Conference is being organized by an experienced contract co-ordinator and will feature Doug Gray, local speakers and a mini trade show.

YCFC's Steering Committee will include representation from YTG Department of Economic Development and Dana Naye Ventures, and Yukon Chamber of Commerce.

The objective of this conference is to encourage and enhance the development of Home Based Business (HBB) through training and networking.

There has been significant interest demonstrated in the recent past by Yukon entrepreneurs to acquire the skills necessary to operate successful home based businesses.

Initiatives such as the Women Entrepreneurs Conference, YCFC's HBB seminars, and the Heritage Entrepreneur Workshops have been well received but have indicated the need for a more macro approach to the Home-based business sector.

A conference focused specifically to their needs will provide and opportunity for all HBBs and support agencies to come together and provide quantitative and qualitative input and feedback on issues and programs.

A national study commissioned by "The National Home Based Business Project Committee" (a group formed by federal, provincial, municipal and private sector representatives documented the following data:

- over 2 million Canadian households already operate a home based business (1 in 4 households)
- home based businesses create jobs, on average 2.28 positions, many of which are filled by non-family members where permitted.
- home based businesses are often incubators that result in future expansion and local employment opportunities.
- home based businesses stimulate local economics; they establish commercial links with local businesses as suppliers and customers
- home based businesses provide a growing commercial market; they become buyers of local business products and services - legal, accounting, printing, etc. - and form a growing new market for sales of personal computers, facsimile machines, telephone equipment, photocopiers and office supplies.
- home based work offers a new employment option; as traditional primary and secondary industries decline, home work in the service and manufacturing sectors becomes an alternative employment choice for many Canadians.

On a local level, it is essential that we look at ways to diversify the Yukon's fragile economy.

Many home based ventures are incubators for future expanded businesses. We must offer alternatives to declining and non-growth economic sectors if the Territory is to pursue diversification and self-sufficiency.

Speaking with a number of would-be and existing entrepreneurs, the same

concerns are raised time and again. Many of the individuals have specific skills for providing a service or producing products, but lack fundamental business insight.

Specific areas of concern include identifying markets, advertising, and financial matters.

As well as the basic business skills required are the additional questions related to operating a home based business.

These include municipal by-laws and licensing, impact on family, and personal considerations.

The conference hopes to attract 100 to 125 delegates from throughout the Territory. A travel rebate is available to delegates living outside Whitehorse. The event will take place at the Gold Rush Inn, Whitehorse.

The cost of the two and one half day conference and trade show in \$98.00 and features plenary sessions, workshops and panel discussions (draft agenda attached).

A 316 page copy of Doug Gray's book "Home Inc.: The Canadian Home-Based Business Guide" (retail value \$22.95), and a banquet dinner are also included.

Registration forms will be available after October 18 through Gail Hendley, White Ram (993-5772) or YTG Economic Development Office (993-5747).

For additional information on the conference and trade show, call Barbara Moyle, Conference Coordinator in Whitehorse at 667-2003 or 633-3812, or by fax at 668-7223.

## Putting your best F.O.O.P. Forward

by Jayne Fraser

The first meeting of the F.O.O.P.s was held last month at an undisclosed location.

The event was sweetened with a wide variety of refreshments and several interesting issues were discussed, including the future course of the new organization itself.

It was unanimously and enthusiastically decided that the group should meet often and reproduce the agenda of the first meeting.

Michele Caley was voted F.O.O.P. honorary "Pet of the Month" the Grand FOOPA as it were.

She donned the ceremonial garb: a red see-through bikini top, complete with the traditional, strategically placed, tassels.

Michele wore this with pride and dignity over her civilian clothes.

Future meetings will be announced through secret signs and messages known only to its members.

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# Creature Comforts

by Shelley Hakonson

Pasta is adaptable, cheap, quickly and easily prepared, has a high nutritional value and everybody loves it. Give these simple recipes a try—add your own ideas.

## Penne with Leeks, Spinach and Prawns

serves four

1 lg. clove garlic minced  
3 lg. leeks, washed  
2 tbsp. olive oil  
1 sm. onion, finely chopped  
12 oz. spinach  
freshly grated Parmesan  
salt & freshly ground black pepper  
1 dozen or so prawns  
1/2 to 3/4 lb. penne

Slice leeks thinly and put in a large pan with the olive oil, garlic, chopped up spinach leaves and onion.

Sauté gently for 5 minutes or so, then turn heat down and cook for 10 to 15 minutes, add salt and freshly ground pepper. Toss in the prawns, stir till done.

Cook penne in boiling salted water until "al dente", drain and transfer to a heated bowl.

Top with the vegetable/prawn mixture and a generous grating of Parmesan.

This could be served as a First Course, or a light luncheon.

## Spinach Pasta Frittata

This is a good way to use pre-cooked pasta, I always seem to make enough for four meals.

You can add ham, salami, chopped mushrooms or cheese to the basic egg and pasta mixture.

1/4 cup grated Parmesan  
5 eggs  
1/2 cup milk  
1/2 cup cream  
1 tbsp. olive oil  
1 tbsp. flour  
salt & freshly ground pepper  
1/2 lb. cooked spinach  
spaghetti or fettuccine  
2 tsp. chopped fresh herbs (parsley, oregano, chives)  
2 tbsp. pine nuts

Oven 350F—Thoroughly blend Parmesan, eggs, milk, cream, oil and flour and season well with salt and pepper. Stir through pasta and herbs.

Grease an eight inch round oven-proof pie dish and line it with two strips of foil, crossed.

Grease the foil.

Pour in the pasta custard and sprinkle pine nuts on top, bake for about 35 minutes or until set and golden.

Remove from oven and cool slightly before lifting out, using the foil strips as handles.

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## Caley-Burow Wedding

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Robert and Michele Caley were married Saturday, September 25, 1993 at St. Paul's Anglican Church by Andrew Wilson. Proud parents of the bride and groom are Joyce Caley and Rita and George Burow. The maid of honour was Christine Burow of Vancouver with bridesmaids Mary Dimeo of Toronto and Linda Heasley of Mayo.

The best man was Rick Cusik of Carmacks, with ushers Raymond Caley, Bruce Caley and Christopher Cleland of Dawson City. The ceremony was accented by the piano and vocal music of Betty Davidson.

The wedding was enjoyed by many out-of-territory guests; Aunt Maureen Acton of Vancouver, Uncle Donald Bailie of Vancouver, David Chappel, cousin, of Vancouver and friends: Pat and Dana Fautillo, Andrew Kite, Mike Marilyn and Emily Doehnel, Peter Waelti, Dean Tyner and Roly and Marion Brown, all of Victoria.

The bride and groom wish to thank everyone who joined in celebrating their wedding day and a special thank you to Gordon and Brenda Caley, Myrna Butterworth, Wendy Burns, Jannis Johnson and the many others who helped make the wedding day a success.

The reception was held at the Tro' Ndik Hall, Dawson City, Yukon.



photo by Madeleine Gould

## KLONDIKE VALLEY FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

by Pat Peirson

Hi! I'm back - didya miss me? No? Don't want any more boring lectures on fire safety? Tough and too bad, because you're going to get one anyway - and this month the fire safety subject is (cringe) chimney fires. Now, a chimney fire is something you read about in newspapers (such as now), shake your head and

say "tsk, tsk. But it couldn't happen to me, because I am very careful." And that's exactly what was going through my mind as I sat outside my house, head in hands, watching the Klondike Valley Fire Department roll into my yard to put out MY CHIMNEY FIRE. The wood stove had not turned red, wasn't hopping around the basement, and there were no flames shooting out of the chimney 6 feet into the air. But I wish I could describe the incredible 'roar' that was going on inside the chimney and the thick smoke coming out of it. That 'roar' scared the @\*\*! out of me, and it started (the fire, not the \*@!) when I had re-stoked the stove, and had left the draft open a bit for the fire to catch. It caught. Now, don't let this happen to you, unless of course you enjoy a good rush of adrenalin.

My special thanks to the Klondike Valley Fire Department for their quick response, and thoroughness, and an extra big thank you to Robert Keaton for his quick response and efficiency, especially after receiving a phone call from a hysterical female (me). (How do these guys stay so calm? Must be part of the training.)

Anyway, our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 20, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. at the fire hall. It's also time to renew your membership with the Association, so the A. G. M. is a good time and place to do so. That's all for now - got to bake some cookies for the fire department as penance for not having a clean chimney. Hopefully I won't burn them.

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## EILEEN SALOIS PASSES AWAY

Submitted affectionately  
by Diane Marengere

Dawson City offers condolences to Fabien Salois, whose beloved wife, Eileen (Bushnell) passed away on September 25, having suffered heart failure, in hospital in Sherwood, Quebec, at the age of 70.

Although Eileen was predeceased by three brothers, she is survived by one, Maurice Bushnell, of Rock Island, her home town, and one sister, Beatrice Bushnell, of Sherbrook, Quebec.

She leaves many nieces and nephews, one of whom is Sylvie Gammie of Dawson, as well as a great many friends all over the world.

Eileen Bushnell Salois had graduated as a nurse and worked in several Montreal hospitals, before moving to the Yukon in 1956 to join her husband. Fabien had acquired the Westminster Hotel and the team operated the popular gathering place for 37 years.

Being there was always a joy to Eileen. They invested heavily in adding a beautiful Cabaret Lounge and Restaurant. It was 'the' place to enjoy fine meals, with linen and candlelight. And on Saturdays, there would be special entertainment and dancing. Eileen and Fabien were there to ensure their guests had a great time.

Eileen was a person with a generous heart, who loved people, whether guests or employees, and quickly aided those in need. The



Westminster became known as the most popular hotel in Dawson City, and some believe it still is, because of her traditions. Her nickname of "Mum" was well earned.

One of her proudest periods was in 1969-70, when her husband Fabien was elected Mayor of Dawson City, and she inspired him to run as a Liberal candidate during a 70's Territorial Campaign.

Eileen loved a good debate and was well informed on life 'Outside'. She was never too busy with new customers to forget the value of old friends.

Always ready to lend an ear, or to borrow one, Eileen made it her business to know what was happening in her favourite town.

For nearly 20 years, she was organist at St. Mary's Catholic Church, as well as sharing her true melodious voice as vocalist, there and elsewhere.

In failing health over the last few years, Mrs. Salois found the loss of her sight a difficult challenge to accept.

In November 1989, on leaving Dawson, she retired to Sherbrook, where medical facilities were close by, and though she was restricted from spending some winter months in Florida, she retained her incredible memory and superior intellect until her passing.

Eileen (Bushnell) Salois is buried in Brompton, Quebec, Fabien's home town.

## Bookends: A little Bit of Yukon History

by Dan Davidson

*Madmen and Dreamers* compiled, edited and published by the Pelly Historical Society, 108 pages

My first reaction to this book was to wonder how I had missed out on getting anything into it.

Having written extensively about Faro in the Star and in the Raven from 1979-85, I can't imagine that I wouldn't have been able to make a contribution. I'm sure that I was notified, and simply found myself too wrapped up in activities here to put it on my "must do" list. Now I can only be profoundly sorry.

In form this book sort of resembles a high school yearbook. It's a lot nicer than that, but it has the same loose feeling. It's a collection of stories, memories and photographs spanning nearly 24 years of Yukon history. As its subtitle, "History Repeats Itself," suggests, Faro has been through a series of cycles that represent a miniature of Yukon history. The booms and busts of a single industry town are a lot like the same patterns in the larger territory. Other towns - Elsa comes to mind - could record this same type of story.

Faroites, both those from my period and the crew who arrived later, have been conscious of living in an anomaly, a southern suburb transplanted whole into the wilderness, perched on the side of a mountain, so tied to its economic base that the various levels of the town are known as "benches". First there were Lower Bench and Upper Bench. Then came the new

housing of the early 1980s, which the kids at school, with impeccable logic, called "the Higher".

A sketch of the town's history is in here: some tales from the beginning; memories through the years; row houses and trailers; my wife's choir; me and my grade 5 class; raft races on the river and the "lake" behind the school. What it would all mean to someone who had not been involved at all, I can't say, but for thousands (don't forget that high turnover) of former Faroites, it's a book full of dreams.

There's just one thing I have to object to. That's the often repeated historical summary on page 104. True it is that Cyprus Anvil locked out its workers in

the fall of 1984 and that the population steadily declined over the next 10 months. There were a lot of us still there the next spring, though, and we didn't leave until they arrived with the boards for the windows and shut off the water in June 1985, after the school year ended. I do wish people could get that straight.

This is far from a complete history of Faro. The back files of the Raven and the many other official documents that exist have yet to be mined to put that tale together. One can only hope that the place will survive long enough to do itself justice and that the YTG departments who loaned the Pelly Historical Society the money to do this book will help them again in that future.

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## The Reel Thing

by Jayne Fraser

Now that summer's over and the evenings are longer, it's time to dust off the old VCR and enjoy some home entertainment video-style.

Unfortunately, the best movie I saw last month (\*\*\*\* 1/2) is no longer available in town for rental. It is called *Hero* with Dustin Hoffman and Andy Garcia. If you ever come across this film, I'm sure you'll enjoy it. I know for me it renewed some of my lost faith in the American/Hollywood movie industry.

As for a few of the movies available in town now, I will rate them as follows:

\*\*\*\*\* Excellent

\*\*\*\* Almost Excellent

\*\*\* Worth seeing

\*\* Has its moments

\* Has a moment

— Hasn't a hope

*The Last of the Mohicans* \*\*\*\*

This Michael Mann film (co-produced with Hunt Lowry), based on the novel of the same name by James Fenimore Cooper, is as riveting as it is raw. While I can't vouch for the historical authenticity of the contents of this film, as for pure entertainment value, it has it all.

As well as being an adventure film of grandiose ranking, it also supports a moving love story that serves to effectively soften the harshness of the action and setting.

It is the cohesiveness of these two elements that propels the story forward, and leaves you feeling stirred long after the movie is over.

*Highway 61* \*\*\*\* 1/2

A Bruce McDonald film, produced with the participation of Telefilm Canada and the Ontario Film Development Corporation in association with Film Four International - whew - this film is low-budget and all-Canadiana.

It's amazing what can be done with an interesting story, and this film is a wonderful example.

Following a traditional plot (the Bildungsroman for you literary buffs), it's the tale of one young innocent Canadian male (played by Don McKellar who also co-wrote the screenplay and directed it) and his adventures "on the road" with his not-so-innocent companion (Valerie Buhagiar).

The road trip begins in an obscure northern Ontario town, and ends in New Orleans, with much happening on Highway 61 en route.

This is a most refreshing movie; unfestooned with lavish extras, it's a bare bones tale that flirts with the wilder side of reality.

*Forever Young* \*\*\*

Mel Gibson stars in this movie produced by Bruce Davey and directed by Edward Feldman.

While there are many aspects of the story itself that lack credibility, it is a somewhat fantastical tale that the whole family can watch.

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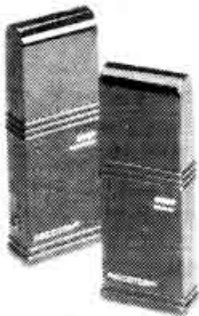
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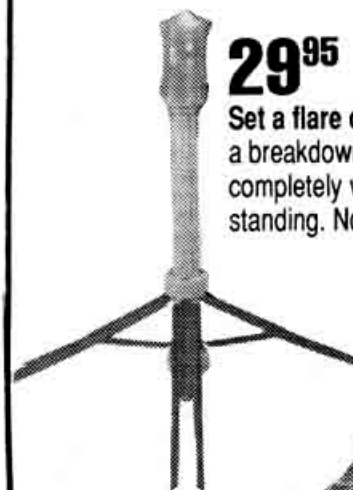
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# Projects assist in preserving aboriginal languages

## YTG News Release

Whitehorse—A television series and a gathering of native elders are the latest projects to be funded under the Yukon Aboriginal Languages Community Initiatives Programs (ALCIP).

"These are excellent examples of the type of projects the program is designed for," said Government Leader John Ostashek, the Minister responsible for the Yukon government's Aboriginal Language Services.

Northern Native Broadcasting Yukon received \$44,475.00 to produce 26 television programs featuring interviews in their own languages with native elders from around the Yukon. The half-hour shows will have English sub-titles.

Elders Gathering '92 received \$15,010.00 to assist with another gathering of Yukon elders to be held in Whitehorse October 25 to 29.

The money will be used to promote the conference, provide sound and recording equipment, and to publish the proceedings of last year's gathering. Funding is approved on a project by project basis and the program has a budget of \$280,000. ALCIP was specifically designed to fund community-based projects to help develop, enhance and preserve Yukon aboriginal languages.

Funding is provided through the Canada-Yukon Cooperation and Funding Agreement on the Development and Enhancement of Aboriginal Languages.

### Major ALCIP projects funded in the last year:

- \$9,567.80 to Cracker Creek Productions, supported by the Dawson First Nation, to conduct oral history recording of Han-Hwich'in elder Percy Henry. (note: the "H" in Hwich'in is correct)
- \$8,187 to the Dawson First Nation to support an elder and language specialist to provide one-time assistance to the school based Han Language program.
- \$19,740 to the Ross River Dena Council to develop a music and story collection, conduct a Mountain Slavey literacy session, gather Kaska place names, sponsor a story telling evening and basic Kaska lessons.
- \$70,000 to Dr. Dominique Legros, supported by the Selkirk First Nation, to conduct research and transcribe Northern Tutchone language and oral traditions.
- \$37,125 to the Kluane Tribal Council to produce a video on the potlach system of the Southern Tutchone language groups.



Photo submitted by Marion Roberts

## Moosehide Gathering was well attended

by Palma Berger

The gathering at Moosehide in July was attended by First Nation people from Alaska, the Northwest Territories as well as the Yukon. A chief from Edmonton also attended.

Some ex-Dawsonites who returned were: Mary Marcelin (Henry) from Calgary, Molly Rodgers (Barber) from Vancouver, and Martha Kates (Roberts) and her son Dale from Edmonton.



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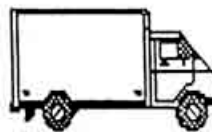
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The Dawson Curling Club is back in action at the Bonanza Centre four nights a week.

## Dawson City Curling Club News John Worries strikes gold

submitted

The Dawson City Curling has completed another successful bonspiel.

Though entries were down from 1992, the *Gold Rush Bonspiel* was a success with teams from Pelly Crossing and Whitehorse competing with local teams.

**Winners were:**

A event: John Worries, Geo, Ron Pond, Les Brown.

B event: Lonnie Kofoed, Bob Atkinson, Chester Kelly, Edith Henry.

C event: Doug Hannah, Margret Lawrence, Don Branigan, Don McLennan.

D event: Peter Gould, Candice Holloway, Wayne Braga, David Peat.

Once again, the curlers were treated to a great banquet.

Thanks to all contributors and helpers, particularly Suzanne Saito, Andrea Magee, Robyn Peat, Rhonda McConkey and Bea Felker.

The Dawson City Curling Club wishes to thank Torfin Djukastein, Gypple Mining and MacKenzie

Petroleum for their donation of gold.

Thanks also to the Klondike Nugget and Ivory Shop and Xpressions for their contribution towards the gold jewellery prizes.

Thanks to our novice ice makers, Earl MacKenzie and Cheryl West. The curlers were treated to great ice to curl on. A great start to the 1993-94 season. From the interest to date it should be a good season.

The club is happy to welcome all new members, particularly the Felkers and the Djukasteins who are already proving to be hard working additions whom the club needed more of.

Club Curling has started with Curling Clinics October 5 to 7.

Regular league curling will start October 12. Mixed curling is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Ladies curling is scheduled for Monday evenings.

If you wish to curl but have not signed up yet, call Chris Rusnak at 993-6636 or Aiko Saito at 993-5398.

## From the slopes

by Dina Cayen

Well it's that time of year again to put the bikes and bats away and to get the skis and skates out.

The Dawson Ski Association held its Annual General Meeting on September 29 at the Downtown Hotel and a Board has been chosen.

The President is Dan Cozak, Vice is Glenda Miller, Secretary/Treasurer Dina Cayen and Directors Trevor Williams and Lorie Sprokkreeff.

There will have been two work parties by the time this hits the stands, but for those of you wanting to lend a hand, watch the rolling ads and bulletin boards for when more will be.

Glenda and Dan were able to go to Whitehorse and participate in a presentation planning meeting for all the ski hills in the Yukon.

There were very encouraging discussions held with regards to ski hill operations, Yukon races and freestyle skiing.

tyl skiing.

Tom Sparrow and Trevor Williams will be running the Nancy Greene Ski League again this year, so if you have experience racing, or would like to help out, give one of them a call.

The club will be doing some fundraising this Fall so watch for notices.

Here is a list:

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**Willing to babysit** children on week-ends and evenings. Call Andrew at 993-5125. Age 12, Certified in Red Cross baby sitting course. /11

## Autos

**For Sale:** 1975 Chev 3/4 ton truck, 6 cylinder, power steering/brakes, steel flat deck. \$1,500. Call 993-5760. /7

**For Sale:** 1989 Ford F-150 Truck. 1/2 ton, 6 cyl, new tires, new stereo. For more info call 993-6123. /7

**For Sale:** 1992 Nissan Path-finder. Fully loaded, full warranty. Phone 1-667-1013 (local Dawson). /6

**For Sale:** Honda 3-wheeler Big Red, like new \$1,800. Small heavy duty utility trailer 10x4 deck with side racks \$800. 35 h.p. Johnson outboard motor-long log. Gordon Caley 993-5008 or 5319. /7

**For Sale:** 1987 Black Dodge Charger, good gas mileage, excellent shape. \$3,000 or best offer. Call 993-6635 and leave a message. /7

**For Sale:** 1985 White Toyota Tercel 4 door hatchback, 5 speed. Asking \$2,500 firm. Contact Kim Tuson 993-5852. /9

**For Sale:** 1980 Mustang. Call Atlin 993-6611. /9

**For Sale:** 1986 Hyundai Stellar, 4 door Sedan, dark grey. 99,000 km - excellent condition. Very clean and comfortable. Power windows, locks, stereo. Call Tim @ 993-6715. \$3,800 o.b.o. /9

**For Sale:** 1987 Toyota 7 passenger Van. Adjustable/removable seats, fold out bed, quadrophonic audio system, tinted windows, 2 heaters, nose guard, fully winterized plus winter apron. Five good tires, two studded radials, 2.2 litre EFI. Very clean, excellent condition, only 70,000 kms. \$9,500 no GST. Call 993-6635 10:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. /10

**For Sale:** 1987 Pontiac Acadian 4 door Sedan. Automatic, radio/cassette. \$3,000. 993-5600. /12

**For Sale:** Fully camperized 1948 Flexibus. Greyhound motorcoach. 6/53 Jimmy diesel, air brakes, new Michelin tires, air conditioning, propane/electric fridge, propane 4 burner stove, oven, furnace, hot water heater, lots of extras. Classic-must be seen. \$12,500. Glenn 993-6635. /10

**For Sale:** 1986 Ford F-150 4x4 Pick Up. \$5,000 o.b.o. 993-6243. /11

**For Sale:** 1988 JX 5-speed, 4x4, Teal coloured Suzuki, convertible hard top in 2 sections. Low mileage, good tires, AM-FM radio tape deck. Dependable, economical transportation. Phone 2M5039-JL Channel or write Box 648 Dawson City, Y.T. Y0B 1G0. /11

## For Sale

**For Sale:** Propane furnace 68,000 BTU. \$600.00 or best offer. Call 993-6042. /2

**For Sale:** Ball Gown. 10-12 Frilly Magenta with pink floral inset. Call Nancy at 633-2945. /7

**For Sale:** Ball Gown size 12. Crushed Red Velvet with Cream coloured lace \$500. Phone Bonnie at 633-6618 or 633-2945. /7

**For Sale:** Used top for 60'x80' oval circus tent. Vinylized, fire retardant, with grommet holes. Brand new worth \$5,000; asking \$500. Contact DCMF office at 993-5584. /7

**For Sale:** Queen Size 4 post waterbed with semi-motionless mattress, heater & liner. Used only 1 month, \$400. Call 993-5433 and ask for Ken. /7

**For Sale:** 20 HP Mercury Outboard Thunderbolt 14' Prince Craft Aluminium boat. Asking \$1,800. Phone 993-6250 evenings. /9

**For Sale:** Washer & Dryer. Both work very well. Ready for Hook-up. White Matched set. \$400 for the pair. Call Tim @ 993-6715. /10

**For Sale:** the following items are for sale, the Estate of Ole Lunde. Welding clamps, hand tools, Wrenches, Crow Bars, New Bench Grinder, Punch Plate, miscellaneous items, etc. /10

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**For Sale:** Four drawer legal size filing cabinet. Well built dog house. Wood stoves (3 different kinds). Skidoo sled. 250 Gallon fuel tank with stand. Phone 993-5072 evenings. /12

## Personals

**Dawson Music Festival** has misplaced or lost many microphone cables and patch cords. Please return. Call 993-5584 or 993-5419. /7

**Reward offered** for information or return of bird house stolen from front yard of Donna Close. Phone 993-5404. /7

## Wanted

**Your D.C. General Store cash register tapes!** Help us raise funds for our computer...Bring your till tapes to the Dawson Daycare at 3rd & Church St. Every cent counts. The Dawson Daycare. Thank you. /10

**Wanted:** A truck (dump) load of good top soil and a treadle (non-electric) sewing machine. Little Tikes Jr. Activity Gym-treehouse or other new-used Little Tikes toys. Please contact Box 648 Dawson City as soon as possible. Call 2M5039-JL Channel 4-6:00 p.m. /10

**Wanted:** Do you have any cross-country skis for children or adults that can be donated to Jack Rabbit Program. 993-5271. /11

**Wanted:** Skid shack - Truck body or container. Phone John at 993-5366. /11

**Wanted to buy:** Small mining operation. Write to Steve Molowon Box 9 Group 315 R.R. 3 Selkirk Manitoba R1A 2A8. /11

**Wanted:** Do you have a business for sale? We hope to move to the Dawson City/Whitehorse area next year, and wish to buy a small to medium tourism related business (motel, campground, restaurant, retail, etc.). Interested? Please drop a note to Gary at P.O. Box 1161 Hudson, Quebec J0P 1H0 /12

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**October 15 at Gerties.** Firefighters and Christmas Tree Association Casino Night & Slave Auction for Hallowe'en & X-mas parties. Call Pat 993-5434 or Sally 993-5036. /11

**New and experienced Bridge players** welcome Saturday evenings 7:30 p.m. Downtown Hotel Conference room. Drop in and learn or improve your bridge game. /11

**Giant Used Sport Swap.** When: Tuesday, November 9th, 5 p.m. till... Get out your skis, skates, boots, snow suits, hockey gear for kids and adults - anything at all we use in the winter. Look for details of where later!



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