

## 1994 ARCTIC WINTER GAMES

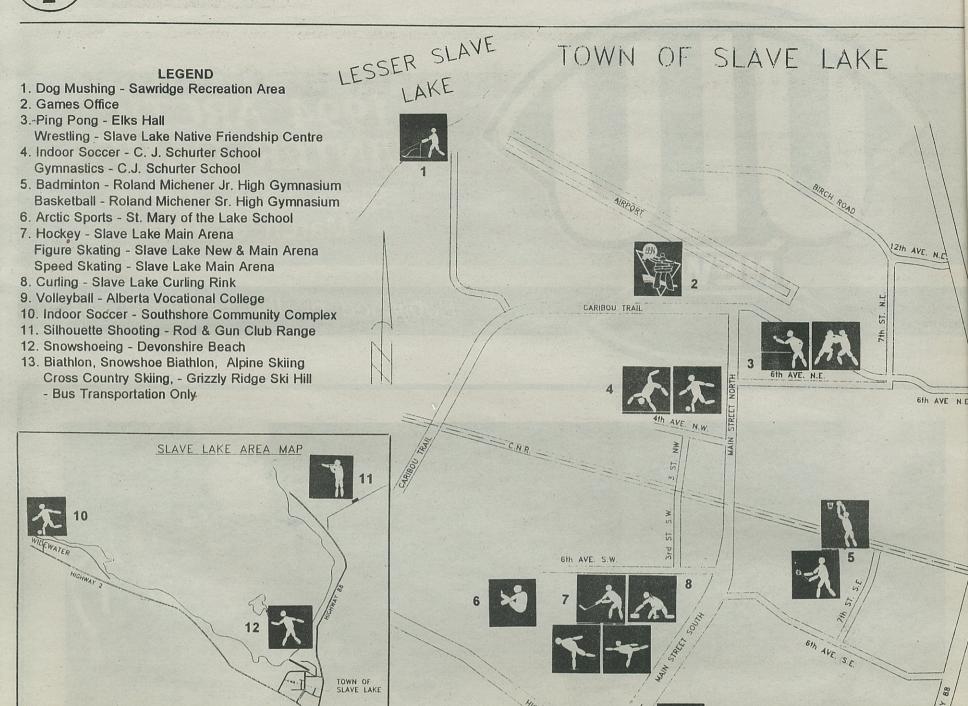
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Inside:

Look for more photos of the opening ceremonies and sporting events!



## 1994 AWG sports summary schedule

Tuesday, Mar. 8

8 am - 2:45 pm - Figure skating competition

8 am - 8:30 pm - Badminton competition

8 am - 11 pm - Volleyball round robin play

8:30 am - 5:00 pm - Gymnastics team competitions

9 am - Speedskating 1,000 metre race

9 am - 5:30 pm - Table tennis individual events

9 am - 8 pm - Indoor soccer competition 9 am - 9:15 pm - Basketball competition

9:30 am - Alpine skiing opening ceremonies

9:30 am - Silhouette shooting opening ceremonies

10 - 11:30 am - Arctic Sports snowsnake

10 am - 4 pm - Silhouette shooting individual competition

10 am - 9:30 pm - Curling draws #1, #2, #3, #4

10:30 am - Alpine skiing slalom competition 10:30 am - Speedskating 400 metre race

11 am - Dog mushing opening ceremonies

11 am - Snowshoeing 1,500 metre race @ Elks track, RMHS school

11 am - 12:30 pm - Arctic Sports Junior Alaskan high kick

12:30 - 2pm - Arctic Sports Women's Alaskan high kick

11 am - 9:45 pm - Hockey round robin play

Noon - 2:30 pm - Dog mushing races

12:30 pm - Gymnastics opening ceremonies

2 - 4 pm - Men's Alaskan high kick

4 - 6 pm - Arctic Sports traditional sports demonstrations

6:30 pm - Arctic Sports Junior Alaskan high kick FINAL

7:30 pm - Arctic Sports Women's Alaskan high kick FINAL

9 pm - Arctic Sports Men's Alaskan high kick final

Wednesday, Mar. 9

8 am - 3:30 pm - Badminton competition 8 am - 4 pm - Hockey round robin play

8 am - 4:15 pm - Figure skating competition

8 am - 4:30 pm - Gymnastics individual competitions

8 am - 4:45 pm - Basketball competition

8 am - 5 pm - Indoor soccer competition

8 am - 5 pm - Volleyball round robin play

9 am - 4 pm - Wrestling individual competition

10 am - Arctic Sports junior arm pull

10 am - 1 pm - Biathlon competition

10 am - 12:30 pm - Curling draw #5

10 am - 4 pm - Silhouette shooting individual competition

10:00 am - Alpine skiing giant slalom

11 am - 1 pm - Cross country skiing free technique races

11 am - 4 pm - Table tennis doubles competition

Noon - Arctic Sports pole push

Noon - 2:30 pm - Dog mushing races

1 pm - Arctic Sports women's arm pull

1:30 pm - Alpine skiing closing ceremonies

2 pm - Arctic Sports men's head pull

2 - 4 pm - Snowshoe biathlon competition

4:30 pm - Gymnastics closing ceremonies

Thursday, Mar. 10

Watch for updates in tomorrow's ULU News

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## Cold bodies, warm hearts at opening

By David Zuberbier

It was cold, it was frigid, but they wouldn't have missed it for the world.

About 4,000 frozen spectators jammed the south side of the Sawridge Plaza parking lot Sunday night to witness the spectacular opening ceremonies of the 1994 Games. The crowd shivered their way through a two and a half hour ceremony that was highlighted by performances from Susan Aglukark and Buffy Sainte-Marie, the singing of the Canadian national anthem by Slave Lake resident Lorraine Lyons and Susan Aglukark, and

the lighting of the Games Flame for the Pipe Band members from by Team Alberta North member Suzette Gillingham and Slave Lake boxer Francis Beaver.

John Berry, the popular weatherman CFRN-television in Edmonton, served as Master of Ceremonies for the Games. When he wasn't cracking jokes on stage, John a particularly warm reception took his remote microphone and walked in and out of the crowd, talking to athletes and officials.

The ceremonies opened with the Edmonton Police Pipe Band and Games' mascot Rocky Balboulder leading the athletes in. There was a lot of sympathy

the audience. They were forced to endure biting winds while standing on stage waiting for the events to get underway. John's remark that they must have been the coldest ones there was certainly true.

The Russian athletes received from the crowd, as did the Greenlanders as they marched towards the stage. Greenlanders tossed gifts to the crowd, while the Northwest Territories athletes handed out

After the national anthems of the United States, Greenland, and the Russian Republic were played, Susan Aglukark and Lorraine Lyons performed their rendition of O' Canada. After the performance the two embraced as the audience cheered wildly.

Slave Lake's Madge McRee then led the audience in a Native blessing before the various dignitaries on stage were introduced. On stage were the Right Honorable Ray Hnatyshyn, Governor General of Canada; MP Jack Anawak from Nunavut, Parliamentary Secretary to Ron Irwin, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs; Alberta Premier Ralph Klein; Gary Mar, Alberta Minister of Community Development; and Don Cooper, President of the Arctic Winter Games International Committee.

While the speeches were being made the athletes hammed it up for the cameras. Different contingents tried to shout over one another, to prove their superiority in the vocal category. (The Yukon and Northwest Territories athletes ended up as the winners, an informal survey found.)

After a somewhat lengthy speech by Ralph Klein, Susan Aglukark and the Arctic Rose band took to the stage to perform three of their most well known songs. The audience ate the performance up. Groups of athletes were standing, waving their arms and singing along with Aglukark. The Northwest Territories athletes were very enthusiastic Aglukark

stopped, turned around and pointed to the back of her NWT team uniform midway through her performance.

A colorful performance by members of Slave Lake's Dancin' Kids accompanied the singing of the 1994 Arctic Winter Games theme song by composer Debbie Zepick of Ponoka.

rousing three song performance, remarking that she was glad to be back among "real Canadians and real Canadian weather," which drew a collective laugh from the

Athletes Suzette Gillingham and Francis Beaver then ran to the stage, to light the Games torch. Governor General Ray



Greenland athletes received a warm response from the crowd during the opening ceremonies for the 1994 Arctic Winter Games.

Following that Slave Lake Mayor Peter Moore and Arctic Games' president Dave Redgate addressed the audience. Both of their speeches were directed at the 1,800-plus volunteers who have sacrified so much for the Games. At one point Redgate said this would be a trying week for many of the volunteers, and urged them to stick the game plan that was in place.

The official's oath was then taken by Kelly Wutzke of Slave Lake, the athlete's oath by Team Alberta North's Ivan Lee.

Buffy Sainte-Marie gave a

Hnatyshyn declared the Games open, which drew one of the evening's loudest reactions. After that the skies over Slave Lake were lit up with fireworks, watched by curious onlookers who had donned 3-D glasses to watch the display.

The energy of the Games reverberated throughout the performance, even when the cold weather forced many audience members away. All in all it was a stunning prelude to a week that promises to, in Susan Aglukark's words, "turn Slave Lake's world for a week."

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### Here's to Slave Lake

Here's to Slave Lake What can I say They wanted the Arctic Games So they started this way

They needed a Mascot So Rocky will be his name Yes he will lead us In the Arctic Winter Games

There was heavy competition Between Fort McMurray and Peace River too So the community got together And they knew what to do

> They all got together And down town they did go To stop by the IGA store And put on a terrific show

Rocky we want the Games Each of them did say Now the Games are to come And getting closer each day

We have all volunteers Some young and some old As there'll be all sorts of athletes In seach of Bronze, Silver or Gold

There'll be athletes all coming From Alaska, Greenland, Russia, Territories All these places far away So please make them welcome By wishing each "a good day"

There'll be skiing, curling, dog mushing Indoor soccer, gymnastics and hockey for sure So people come to Slave Lake And be friends forever more

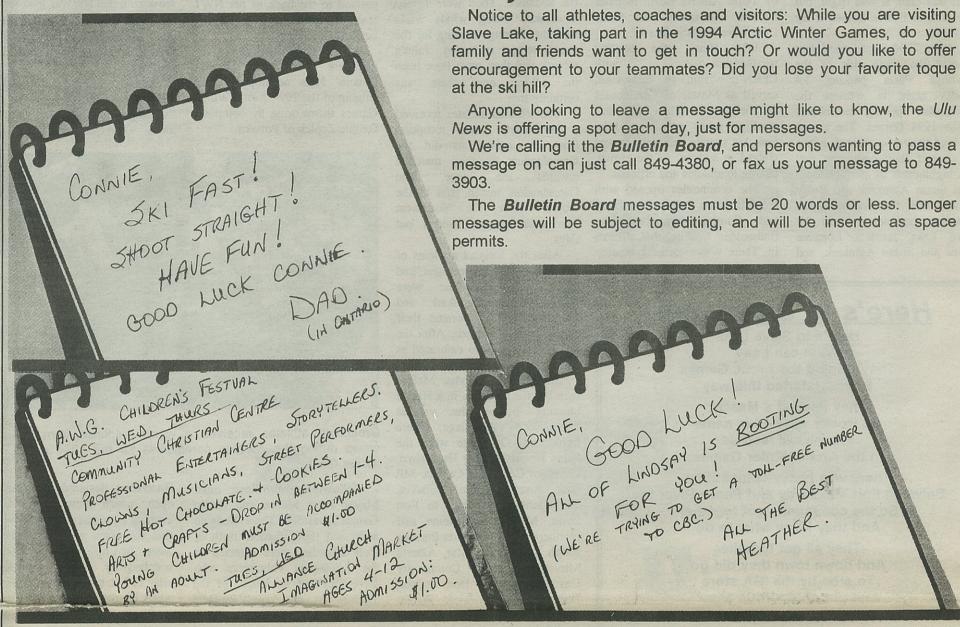
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# Bulletin board reaches out to athletes, visitors



## **Transportation Schedules**

### In-town schedule

Buses will travel a circuit that starts and ends at AVC

### Location

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7:25 a.m. and every half hour after that until 11:40 p.m.

- •Buses ARE NOT to be used as a public transportation service. Only people going to or coming from Games events should be using the service.
- There is no charge to use the transportation system but you should have your venue pass ready to show to the driver if requested.
- The road to Grizzly Ridge will be CLOSED to all traffic during the Games, except for buses.

### **Out-of-town schedule**

Buses will pick-up and drop-off travellers at the rear main (west) entrance of the Sawridge Plaza mall, ie.
"the rear entrance to the mall".

Buses will leave Sawridge Mall for:

GRIZZLY RIDGE SKI HILL 7:30 a.m. and every half hour after that until 4:30 p.m.

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10:00 a.m. and every half hour after that until 3:30 p.m.

SILHOUETTE SHOOTING RANGE 8:30 a.m. and every half hour after that until 4:00 p.m.

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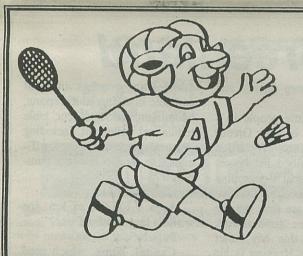
Kiely Wood of Yellowknife is just 12 years old, but she's no rookie to dog nushing.

"I've been doing it since I was a little girl," says Kiely, who credits her grandmother with her early start in the sport. Kiely has also been racing since she was little, but just became old enough to compete in the Arctic Winter Games.

Kiely and lead dog Sizzler will be competing in the 10k and 7.5k races today, tomorrow and Thursday.

What does she like best about dog mushing? "Racing," says Kiely. "I've won lots."

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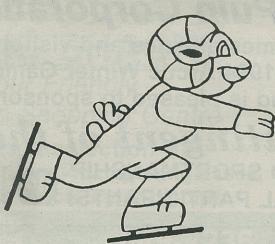


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## Number one 'hacker' tops volunteer list

By M.Partington-Richer

Mention the word 'hacking', and Karl Peck thinks someone is about to give him an axe. After years in the forestry business, it's almost second nature for someone who keeps track of forest management in the Slave Lake Forests. But in the past 18 months the timber management technician has taken on a new type of 'hacking'. And for his efforts, he's earned the distinction as being one of the top volunteers for the 1994 Arctic Winter Games.

He's now a first-class 'hacker' and is the brains behind one of the most far-reaching and technical computer programs that's ever been used for the Arctic Winter Games. Logging over 800 hours of volunteer time, he's helped develop the entire program for the Games. Now, thanks to his ingenuity and dedication, even the most illiterate of computer users can access just about any information they need about the Games.

It all began quite innocently, he remembers.

"Dave (Redgate, Host Society President) asked me if I was interested in helping out" with putting together some computer

"He said it would only mean a couple of hours of meetings every month," Peck says with a chuckle. In fact, those "couple of hours a month" turned into days, weeks and months in front of a screen for this self-professed computer 'addict'. And it wasn't long before he was 'hooked' on a new challenge.

The first challenge Peck, with help from co-computer buff Wally Born, took on was a tracking system for what eventually became an 1800-name list of volunteers.

With that program perfected, the hackers began a monumental task: Developing a program for the Games, logging in its participants, the sporting schedules, records of competitions and even registering the media. The final product has a variety of types of output, too, and offers everything from a simple screen viewing to a complex media output print that's ready for newspaper layout, or a complete digital output which puts the raw data at users' fingertips.

The programmers were using Paradox, a relatively new soft-ware program with virtually unlimited capabilities. The only limits, they learned, were their imaginations.

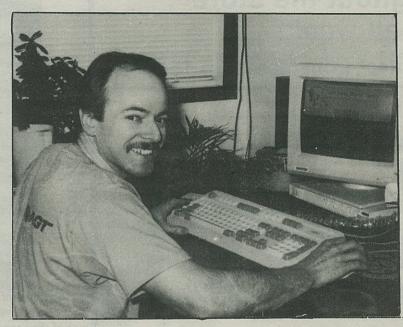
"We started out with our own foggy vision of what the end product would be," Peck says. But the hackers had to work with organizers and the various groups involved as they developed an end product which would suit the needs of everyone involved.

"We had to make sure the

program could come up with the information, and supply it in every way people wanted it sliced and diced." Now he says, the dozen or so computers in the town-wide system can respond to nearly any request. Want to know how many 50-year-olds

do is take out the garbage.

Although he's been computer literate for over 20 years, Peck says the challenge offered by the Games has been his biggest in the line of computer programming. Few of the workers had any concept of the Paradox pro-



Karl Peck

are coming from that tiny village in the Northwest Territories? A summary of up-to-date stats in the hockey arenas? A search of the number of volley-ball players whose last names begin with the letter 'Q'? Just ask, and the Games program can supply the answers. Some say the only thing the system can't

gram, so all learned of its abilities as they wandered through the maze, creating and building the perfect program.

"It was a new experience for all of us," he is quick to admit. "Paradox is a powerful program."

So modern and useful is the Games program that even the

Canada Sport Council's representatives have asked if they can come and take a look. Programming companies, too, want to take a peek, and maybe even market the program for the Games. In fact, says Peck, the program may be yet another legacy of the Games when all is said and done.

A week before the Games, Peck said the program was ready and waiting to be tested. Like a nervous father-in-waiting, he was confident, but still hoping for the best.

"It's the big test," he says softly, staring off toward the west. Peck says he hasn't had time to worry about the 'what ifs' of his brainchild and is confident the program will be an integral part of the best Games ever.

"It's going to work; it's gonna be great."

At the same time, however, he admits the past six months have been a challenge he won't soon forget.

Although he never dreamed that challenge would be the magnitude it has become, Peck says he'd do it all again without hesitation.

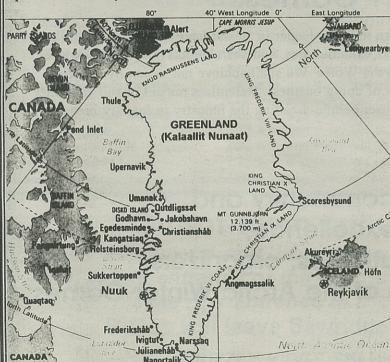
"We've had some really good times; the people at work have been very supportive, and my wife Karen has been unbelievably understanding. ..There were some weeks I hardly saw my kids."

## Contingent of the Day - Greenland

By Joe McWilliams

Greenland, as you're probably aware, isn't very green. The world's largest island is 85 per cent covered by ice.

985 with a group of Norse settlers. Some time thereafter, his son Leif led an expedition further west to someplace on continental North America, beating



The story goes that the Viking discoverers of Iceland and Greenland had political reasons for naming the two islands as they did. They called the big icy one Greenland because they wanted to attract settlers there and the smaller, greener one Iceland because they didn't.

Whatever the reason, the record shows that Eric the Red sailed to Greenland in the year the better known Columbus 'discovery' by about 500 years.

Ericson's people didn't go ahead with settlement in North America. But they did stick around Greenland for about 400 years, fishing and raising sheep on the habitable fringe around the coast. In the 1400s the colony died out, to be reborn in 1721. In 1814, it passed from Norwegian to Danish con-

trol, and remained that way until home rule was granted in 1979.

During all this time, the native Inuit of Kalaallit Nunaat, as Greenland is more appropriately called these days, continued their traditional sealhunting subsistence up and down the coast as they had for thousands of years.

Kalaallit Nunaat today, according to encyclopedia and other articles, is populated 80 per cent by people who were born there, the majority of whom are of mixed Inuit and European blood. In the far northwest, Inuit hunters still maintain the traditional lifestyle, but most of the rest have shifted their efforts to commer-

cial fishing, sheep raising and other industries.

"We are a little people in a huge country," is how Greenland politician Jonathan Motzfeldt described his homeland in a National Geographic story a few years ago. "Our human resources are few, but we have done some good things. And remember this: My father is still a hunter. Hunting is his life. From kayak to home rule is a great step for us."

Greenland participated in its first Arctic Winter Games in 1972 in Yellowknife, but did not compete again until 1990. These will be the third straight Games to which Greenland has sent a sizeable delegation. Team Greenland consists of 69

athletes and coaches and will compete in skiing, arctic sports, badminton, indoor soccer, table tennis and volleyball. Including cultural performers and officials, the total contingent numbers 77.

Greenland facts

Area: 2,175,600 sq. km., the world's largest island.

Population: 56,000

Capital: Nuuk, which used to be known as Godthab. Population 12,000.

Economy: Catching and processing fish employs a large portion of the workforce. Sheep raising and seal hunting are also common.

Transportation: By boat, plane, snowmobile and dog-sled. There is no road system.

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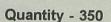
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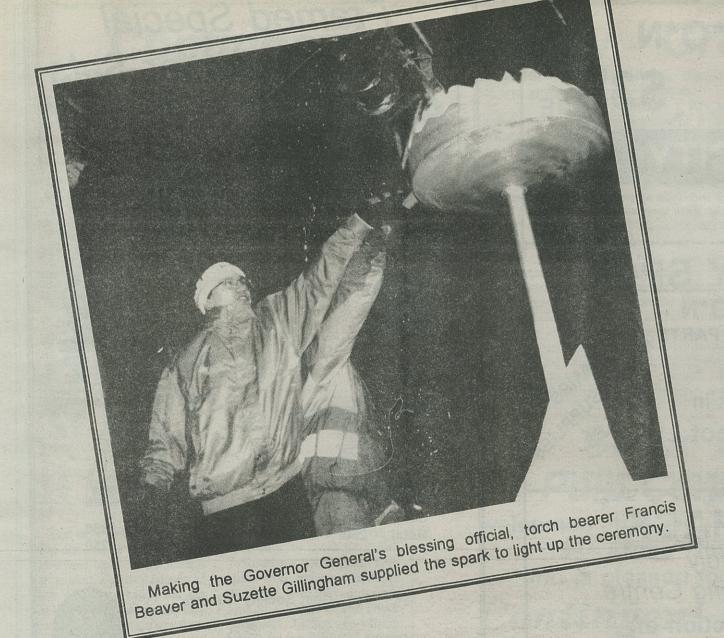




Team Alberta North cheerleaders an Brandy Stern made sure spectators at were proud participants.



They were likely the coldest group Games opening ceremonies Sunday ev Band belted out the finest tunes from st

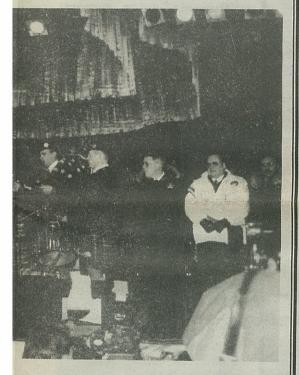




MLA Pearl Calahasen and Arctic V Don Cooper share a smile and ham it u



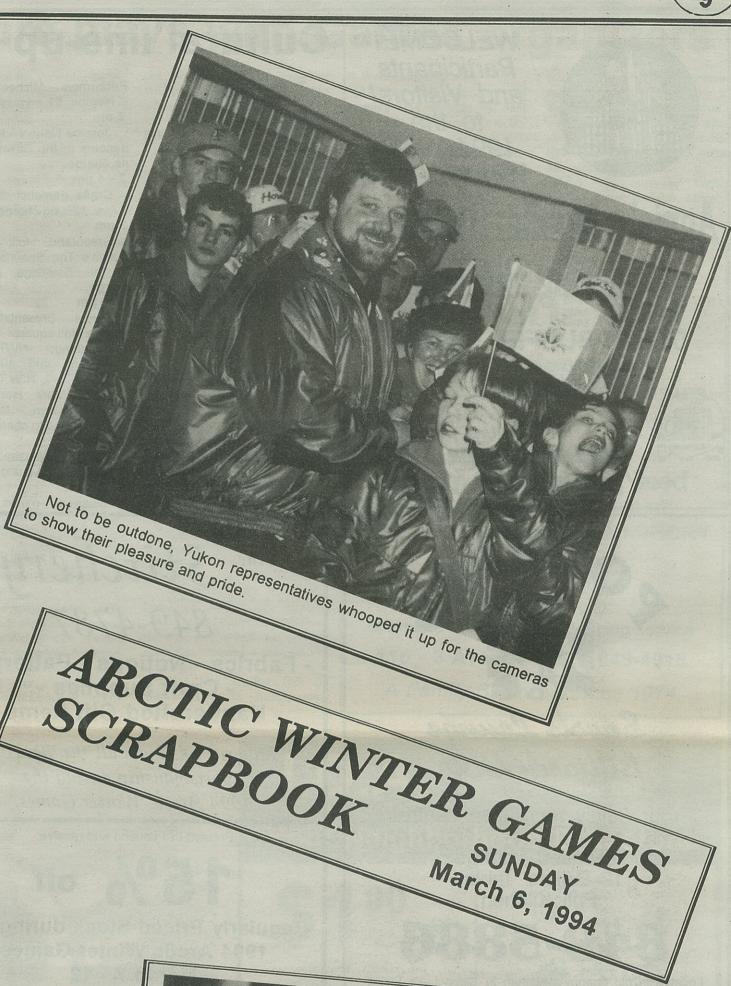
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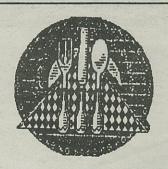
inter Games International President for the cameras.





It's difficult to tell who was winning in this shot. In fact, it's even more difficult to tell who was in the match!





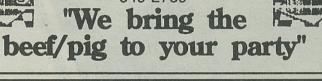
**WELCOME! Participants** and Visitors! to the 1994 Arctic Winter Game

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10:30 am

Rocky's Tent opens, Rennie Hall square

11 am - 8 pm

Crafts display at 206 3 Ave. NE, no charge.

11 am - 8 pm

Art exhibit in the Council 3 pm chambers, no charge. 12 pm

**RMHS** cheerleaders, Success Dance Academy in the Sawridge Mall, no charge.

Dancin' Kids in the Sawridge Mall, no charge. 1-4 pm

Children's Festival, Imagination Market at the Alliance Church, admission.

Childrens entertainment at Community Christian Centre

Featuring Vern Spady, The Seasons Project. Street Performers - Michael Charrois & Neatoe. \$1 admission.

Jessica Nahachick, Tyumen dancers in the Sawridge mall, no charge.

2 - 4 pm

Crafts demonstrations, 206 3 Ave. NE, no charge

Greenland folk dancer. Yukon's The Seasons Project in the Sawridge mall, no charge.

4:30 pm

presentations at Medal Rennie Hall square

Featuring: NWT Dene drummers and Kilabuk & Noeveys - N.W.T. throat singers, Mark Hoppe, B.J. Fresn-MacLean - folksingers, will perform. No charge.

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8 - 12 pm

Folk Night Coffeehouse in the Walter Twinn Theatre.

Entertainers include nickel finger, M. Saint M, Cathy and Reg. Tickets - \$5 apiece.

9 - 12 pm

Country music cabaret at the Elks hall

Performances by Great Western Orchestra, Country Punch, Jessica Nahachick. Tickets - \$5 apiece.

Wednesday, Mar. 9

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Art exhibit in the Council chambers, no charge.

Crafts demonstrations at 206 3 Ave. NE

12 pm

Russian Tyumen dancers, Mark Hoppe, B.J. Fresn-Mac Lean - folk singers in the Sawridge mall. 1 pm

Yukon's The Seasons Project in the Sawridge mall 1-4 pm

Childrens Festival: Imagination Market at the Alliance Church, admission. 1-4 pm

Childrens Festival at the Community Christian Centre

Featuring: Tammi Cooper, Michael Charrois & Neatoe, Russian Tyumen dancers, Willie Thrasher.

Country Punch, Greenland folk dancer - Egan Sikivat in the Sawridge mall.

3 p.m

Auger Powwow Dancers, Dene Drummers, Kilabuk & Noeveys - N.W.T. throat singers in the Sawridge Mall. 3:30 pm

Medal presentations at the Rennie Hall square

Featuring Auger/Bellerose dancers and NWT drummers.

No charge for any of the above.

banquet

7:30 pm

Participant Forestry warehouse

Featuring Much Music's Terry David Mulligan, 1992 Canadian Men's Figure Skating Champion Michael Slipchuk, the Fab Four, Lorne Elliott.

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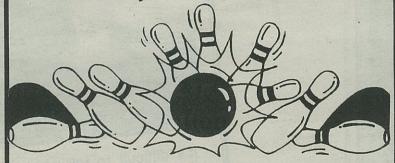
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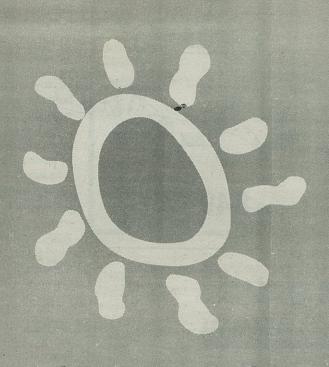
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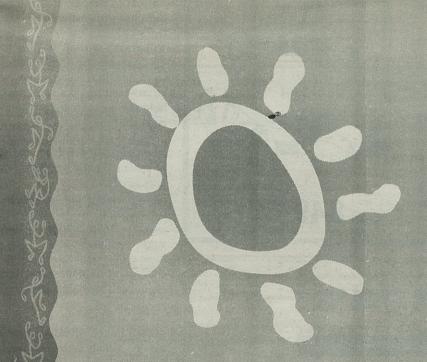
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The Womacks family of Slave Lake were the winners of the Arctic Winter Games inukshuk carving contest held in the week prior to the Games. Mom Diane and kids Carly and Dana were down at Rennie Hall Plaza Monday to have their pictures taken.

"Brian (not pictured) and Dana did most of the work," says

The winners were chosen by draw because all the contestants' handiwork melted in last week's thaw.

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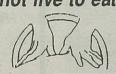
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## Hosts refuse to blink

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snow," Redgate said at the time, chuckling as he put in his 'order'.

And while organizers have contingency plans for nearly every set of possibilities, Redgate said they're not so bold as to assume they'll ever outsmart Mother Nature or the weatherman.

"We're not going to tilt at windmills," he admitted. If the going gets tough, the tough organizers of the Games will get going. All the way to Jasper.

"The base for Alpine skiing is getting firmed up. But in the long run, if we get a major melt, and it continues to be warm we could never keep up to the melting rate" with snow making, or even hauling equipment, he admitted.

'Plan B' in that instance would see organizers loading up Alpine contestants in a bus, and moving the competition to Jasper's Marmot Basin. It's as easy as that. Possible reservations were firmed up, just in case the event had to be moved.

"There's no point fighting a losing battle" with the weather, he said. Knowing when to admit defeat and accepting it is the key.

"Like it says in the Serenity Prayer, knowing the difference between things you can change, and things you can't," he said with a laugh.

Other snow events won't be as difficult - or expensive - to alter, he added.

Planners expect to host dog mushing on the frozen lake, he said, and in January, they were already setting up a snowfence to hold the snow in areas where it's

"But even if the snow's gone, we could still run it on the ice," he added. That's one item which is assured.

Snow shoe races are slated for the parking lot at Devonshire Beach, and Games personnel were packing snow there for most of the winter. But if the the fluffy stuff is gone when Games time arrives, organizers aren't

'We could even run those at Mitsue Lake" where a large shelter belt which surrounds the lake keeps the snow crisp and cold long after the white stuff in open areas is gone.

With a laugh Redgate "predict(ed) loads of snow and loads of sunshine," will be in evidence when Mar. 6 rolls around.

"Plans, plans, plans," he said. "We have at least three layers of plans for each sport in the Games."

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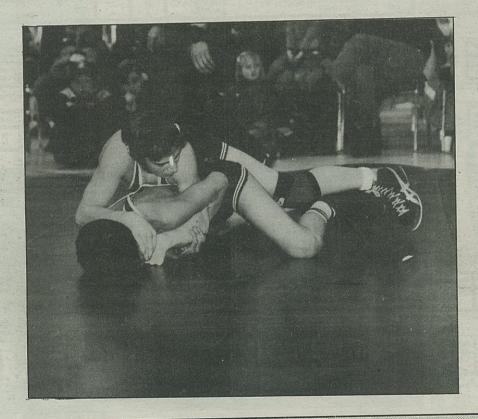
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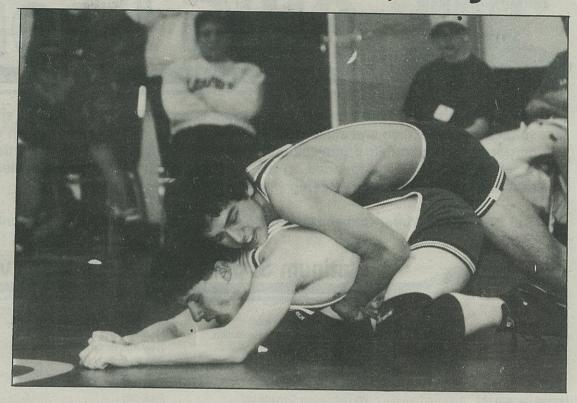


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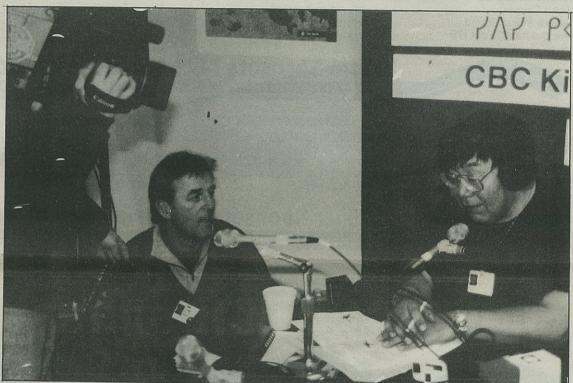
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