

City, RCMP should look into maulings – judge

Dog owner acquitted in Husky attack on two-year-old

by Liza Sardi
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A judge whose son was once attacked by a dog has encouraged the city and RCMP to do more to investigate and prevent maulings.

Supreme Court Justice Mark de Weerd made the comments while acquitting a dog owner whose Canadian Huskies mauled a two-year-old girl in June 1992.

de Weerd said the owner of the dogs, George Baird, had limited forewarning that the animals could be dangerous.

Based on his family and legal experiences, de Weerd urged the mayor and commanding officer of the RCMP to look into dog maulings.

Baird's dogs mauled Amelia Debogorski two years ago at the Northlands trailer court, leaving her with deep cuts on her head, neck, back and thighs.

She was saved from further injury by a cyclist who heard her crying and turned

town a side street to investigate.

The man scared one dog away by yelling and beat the other off with his bicycle. The dogs were destroyed shortly after the incident. de Weerd found Baird not guilty of criminal negligence in the attack.

He said the Crown had not shown that the dogs owner had "wanton and reckless disregard" for the safety of others by keeping the dogs as pets. Baird testified that he did not know the dogs were dangerous.

The animals, gifts from his family, had acted aggressively on two instances before the attack on Debogorski, he said.

They once snapped at Baird's thumb while he held a puppy, and also attack a neighbors seven-year-old son who was playing in Baird's backyard.

They were timid and shy most of the time, court was told.



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FLIGHT OF THE FRIENDS

Jumping off the jungle gym at Pettitot Park seemed a fitting way to wind up another great day at the City of Yellowknife's summer playground program. Stevie Pagonis-Meszaros, Serge Gravel and Haylee Brothers take the plunge into the sand.

Royal Oak makes \$2-billion bid to be Canada's biggest gold producer

by Bill Braden
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Royal Oak president Peggy Witte took the country's mining industry by storm Thursday with a blockbuster announcement of her company's bid to buy Lac Minerals Ltd. for \$2 billion.

The purchase would increase Royal Oak's annual gold production four-fold, to about 1.3 million ounces in 1994 and make it Canada's largest gold miner.

It would add 13 new mines to Royal Oak's four, which include the Giant and Colomac operations in the NWT. The combined workforce of the new company would total 4,300.

The move comes two weeks after Witte promised shareholders she would expand the company's production to at least one million ounces a year by merging or buying another firm.

What impact, if any, the

deal would have on NWT operations was not known by yellowknifer press deadlines. But about 10 days ago, Lac announced it was backing Nebex Resource's \$2.5-million exploration program at Walsh Lake, a stone's throw from Giant.

Lac Minerals, based in Toronto, is a senior mining firm with gold, silver, copper and zinc properties in North and South America and exploration in several other

areas in the world.

Under the deal, Royal Oak will pay \$3.75 plus 1.75 of its own shares for each of Lac's 149 million outstanding shares.

Based on Wednesday's closing price, that's \$13.59 a share — a 20 per cent premium.

The offer is subject to the approval of Royal Oak and Lac shareholders, and the spot price of gold holding above \$360 US.

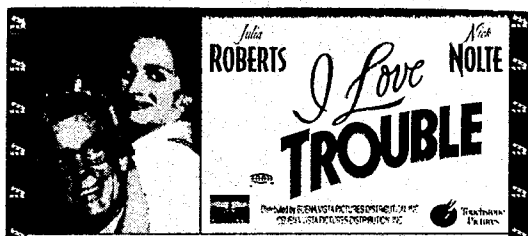
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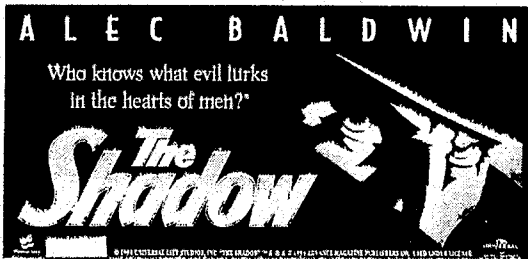


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Jamie will talk briefly about the book and show slides. There will be an opportunity to talk with Jamie and have a copy of his book signed.

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