

# Figure skating fans are getting ready

With Sun Life Skate Canada International just around the corner, Canadian competitors are practising hard.

One way to strive for perfection is the long hours put in daily. Dedication and commitment are within each skater, along with the

desire to perform their best at each competition.

From Oct. 25 to 30, Thunder Bay will host one of the world's

most prestigious annual international figure skating competitions. As with all post-Olympic years, some of the names won't be as familiar to the public, but don't let that cloud your judgement.

The 'new' stars of the skating world are exciting, enthusiastic competitors who have worked hard to reach their goals of participating in an international event.

Their names may become as familiar as Orser, Boitano, Manley and Witt.

The Canadian Team is comprised of a group of strong competitors, leading off with one of our Senior Men, Kurt Browning. At 22-years of age, Browning has a proven track record that he has achieved in a very short time.

Born in Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, Browning trains in Edmonton under coach Michael Jiranek. After finishing 1st in the Junior event at the Canadians in 1985, it has been a steady climb.

In 1987 and 1988, Browning was 2nd at the Canadians, just behind Olympic silver medallist Brian Orser. After competing in the Olympics in Calgary, Browning went on to the World's where he performed the first quadruple jump (a toe jump) ever completed in competition. Wonder what he'll do in Thunder Bay.

Canada's other competitor in the Senior Men's event will be Matthew Hall, a 21-year-old from Kanata, Ontario. Hall's amateur career has seen him rise to 5th at Canadian's in 1988 and he's out to prove that he'll be a tough international contender.

The Senior Women's event will see Shannon Allison and Marie Claude Tremblay represent Canada. Allison trains in Vancouver and she placed 3rd at the Canadian's in 1988. At age 16, she's on the way to becoming a successful international competitor. Allison is coached by Bob Rubens. Tremblay trains in Beauport, Quebec, under the guidance of coach Diane Gagnon. Her 6th place finish at the Canadian's this year shows a lot of potential.

The Dance competition will be extremely exciting, with Canada being led by the brother-sister team of Karyn, 22 and Rod, 24, Garossino.

Originating from Calgary, this seasoned duo train at Canada's Ice Dance Centre in Richmond Hill, Ontario. Their renowned career includes a 2nd place finish at the Canadian's from 1985-88 inclusive, which is just behind Canada's Olympic medallists Tracy Wilson and Robert McCall.

The Garossinos are coached by John Brisco and Marijane Stong.

The 3rd place finishers at the '88 Canadian's will be our other team. Melanie Cole, 19, and Michael Farrington, 21, train in Willowdale, Ontario. This couple also represented Canada at the Olympics.

With competitors from around the world, this event will be breath-taking.

Smiles everyone... smiles!



Summer staff at the Terrace Bay Recreation Centre are smiling for various reasons as they joined together to celebrate the end of another season.

The staff of the Tourist Information Bureau are happy with the number of tourists passing through the area. The

pool staff are smiling because of the successful swim programs.

And then there are those who daily entertained kids from 2 to 3-years-old and up. Why do you suppose they are smiling?

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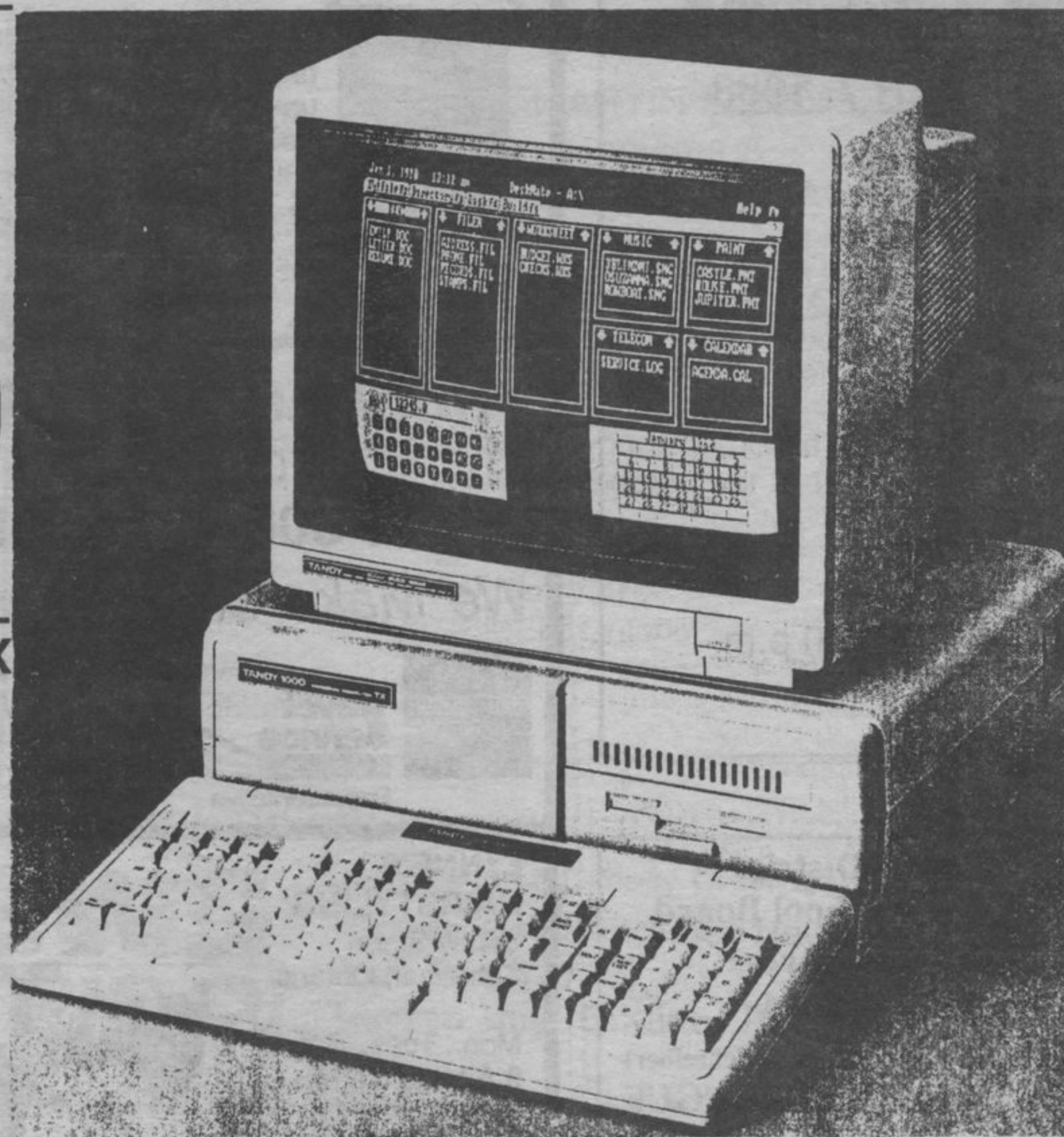
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## Letter to the editor

### Beach user has ideas to make beach cleaner

Dear editor,

A newcomer to the district and regular Terrace Bay beach user, I support your correspondents who applaud the beach clean-up, but deplore the littering of such a beautiful place.

Could I suggest some practical measures:

- More garbage containers. There were none at all (August 19).
- Clear signs, which indicate that cans, paper, and other litter should not be left around.
- A by-law with stated fines enforced on those who leave refuse on beach.
- A reminder that beer cans are worth money these days. On August 19, there was around \$4 just waiting to be picked up.

A Clean beach is worth thousands of tourist dollars. It pays to keep it spotless.

Yours sincerely,  
David Sparks