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# Flat miner finds more than gold

## Miscovich etches mark on industry

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John Miscovich rarely slows down. After more than half a century as an Alaska gold miner, he continues to work his claims every season.

A small man with a big smile, Miscovich, 73, has broad hands, calloused from years of hacking a respectable living out of a rock-strewn mining claim.

"Hands start to show the wear," said Leo Walsh, a friend of Miscovich's for 30 years. "A lot of that comes from cold water and sluice pans."

Walsh, an Anchorage contractor and Miscovich mining investor, said his friend may work constantly during the summer months but always enjoys a visitor.

"I flew into (Flat) with a couple of jugs, a steak and some groceries," when cold weather had started to frost the air, Walsh said. "(Miscovich) thought that was the nicest thing to wrap up the season he had ever seen."

During this off-season, the Flat

