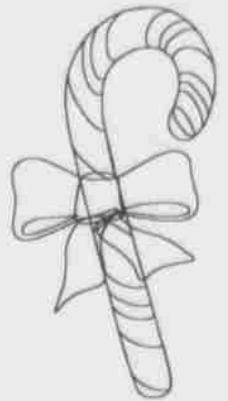
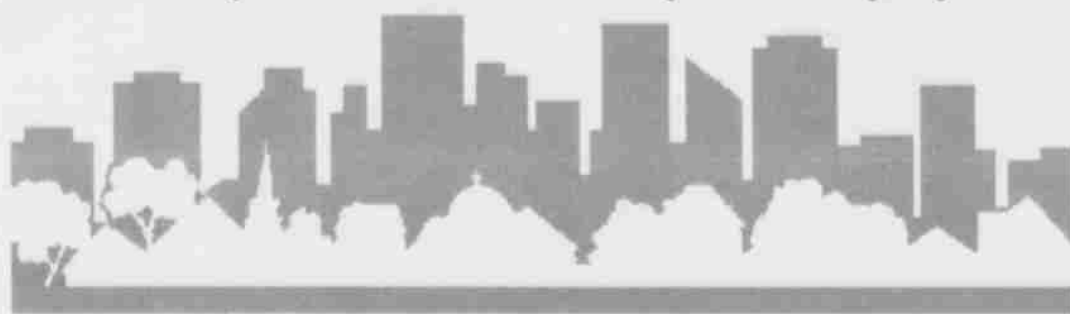
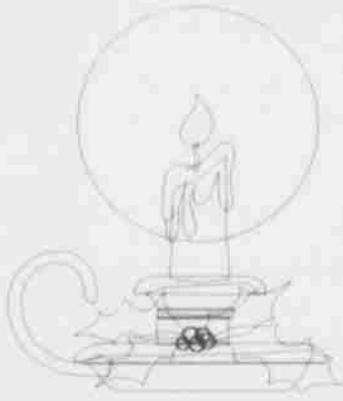


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Together on time for Christmas

by Linda Dumont

For Josephine and Gordon Stamp, this Christmas is very special. An Internet romance led to a long distance marriage kept burning via Internet and daily telephone calls. Now, together at last, they celebrated their first anniversary on December 5, and are anticipating Josephine's first Christmas in Canada.

"I met Josephine on the Internet," said Gordon. "I always wanted to see the Komoto dragons, so when we were chatting on Internet, it dawned on me that Komoto was in Indonesia."

Josephine was working as a quality controller with a company in Indonesia that produces sandpaper and had accumulated holiday time, so Gordon asked her to be his tour guide when he went in

search of Komoto dragons. He paid for her hotel bills and plane fare, while she showed him the dragons.

"By the time I left, I knew she was special, so I invited her to come to Canada to visit my friends and family," said Gordon.

Josephine got a visitors visa and came to Canada. "We were told that we should get married while she was in Canada and then she wouldn't have to go back to Indonesia," Gordon said. "But it was her first marriage and I wanted her to be married before her family and friends."

Back in Indonesia, the couple had a big wedding with 150 guests for the reception. Josephine had booked plane fare to return to Canada and had a tourist's visa from when she was single, but because she had married, she was refused. The

authorities believed that she might try to stay in Canada with her husband if she came to visit.

Gordon and Josephine had already planned a reception here, and invited all their guests, but Josephine wasn't allowed to come to Canada.

The process of immigration took eleven months. Gordon paid \$1500 up front to become a sponsor for his wife, and she applied in her country.

After eleven months of 'crying every night', Josephine arrived in Canada on November 3.

During their separation, Gordon and Josephine communicated several times a day on the Internet and by phone. Gordon printed out all of their correspondence and keeps it

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Death of a patriarch - Franco Spinelli

by Linda Dumont

The death of Franco Spinelli is a great loss to the Italian Community where he was known as the patriarch of Little Italy on 95th Street. When he passed away on November 22 at the age of 74, in spite of all he had done for his community, there was still much more he wanted to accomplish. The business he started, the Italian Centre Shops on 95 Street, is the hub of the Italian community. Selling cheeses, tomatoes, olives, oil, pasta, and a wide assortment of other imported foods, it brought a bit of the homeland to the Italian immigrants and their descendants in the inner city.

"He was the first one of us here," said Albert Cardamone, manager of La Capanna Café

a, one of the business in the Italian community on 95th street. "If it weren't for him, the rest of us wouldn't be here."

Spinelli came to Edmonton in 1954 when there was no Italian community, and over time established himself as leading food importer and distributor and landlord. At the time of his death, thirty-four families relied on Spinelli for employment. Although he was a shrewd businessman, it was his humanity and his generosity that set him apart.

"His death is a big loss for the community," said Tony Tassoni who has managed the Venetian Barber Shop for the past nine years. "He helped a lot of people. If people were in need, he gave them food, money or whatever they were short on."

Albert Cardamone, manager of the La Capanna Café agrees. "He had a good heart. If you needed something he gave it to you rather than have you steal it. He had an old saying - Buy now - pay tomorrow."

At the Italian Centre Shops, Spinelli took the time to get to know his customers.

"He was always quick to say hello and he remembered your name, which is not an easy thing to do," said Joe Cardamone, owner and manager of Santos. "He was always in the store."

Spinelli immigrated to Canada in 1951. An adventurous young man, he went to work in the silver mines in the Yukon. He made good money,

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New Years greetings

by Linda Dumont

Counting down to the year 2001 is far different from last year when the new millennium approached. Even the festivities planned for this year have a sense of anti-climax. First Night was nearly canceled because of over spending for the 2000 First Night. Now, the 2001 First Night is a go, but on a scaled down version of former years.

This time last year, I was skeptically listening to friends who were preparing for the black-outs, computer failures, and world wide chaos. It was disappointing when midnight came and nothing happened, not even a small glitch in power or water services.

I remember driving home from church just after midnight and seeing the streetlights glowing as usual. I hadn't prepared at all for disaster because I felt capable of weathering whatever came. I've weathered a series of disasters so living without water or heat or food didn't concern me in the least.

Growing up, I lived for years without electricity. For several winters, I had no heat except an electric cook-stove on which I melted snow for drinking water. I was ready to face whatever challenge was offered, and felt let down when nothing happened.

But, rather than looking back on what never happened last New Year's Eve, I am looking forward to

the coming year and the new challenges it will bring. Memories are made every year, millennium or not! I was thinking about that the morning my four-year old grandson came to see me at breakfast time and said, "I want toast on a hanger."

Toast on a hanger is my makeshift way of making toast. After the toaster quit, I improvised using a bent up coat hanger, and set it above a burner on the stove.

As I toasted the bread, I could picture my grandson telling his children and grandchildren about the good old days when there was no toaster just as my children tell skeptical listeners about the old days on the farm when we lived a primitive life-style with an outhouse.

Memories are made of a collection of these small everyday events. I am anticipating many more in the coming year.

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

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Spinelli legacy continues



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but his work as a miner was cut short by a back injury that landed him in the hospital for two years. Once out of the hospital, and broke, he went door-to-door looking for work, doing whatever jobs he could find.

Eventually he and a friend opened a small store on 97th street where they sold Italian magazines, pop and chocolate bars. His Italian custom-

ers, hungry for the old country, wanted more. In 1961, he bought a small store on 95th Street and 108 Ave, and christened it the Italian Centre Shop. It soon became a gathering place where customers could be understood in Italian, and could get food for their families even if they had no money to pay.

In 1959, Spinelli returned to Italy for his first home visit. There he met Pierina Quagliarello. He told her that

if she married him, she would have to come to Canada. She agreed.

Franco and Rina Spinelli were married in 1960. A year later, their daughter Theresa was born, followed two years later by a son Pietro. The children slept in the back room while Spinelli and his wife worked in the store.

Spinelli bought a house every year and tore it down, accumulating lots so he could build a bigger and better store. In

time, he added two additions. The business has been booming ever since, and includes several garages stuffed with inventory, and the lease to Tra Amici, a coffee shop next door.

Spinelli's son Pietro died in 1996 at the age of 32, while waiting for a liver transplant. His daughter, Theresa, became his business confidante, taking over the running of the store.

Shortly before his death, Franco Spinelli was still making plans to expand some more if there was time, but his life was too short to realize all of his dreams. They are left for his daughter to carry out.

"With his daughter Theresa, it seems like the tradition is continuing," said Albert Cardamone, manager of La Capanna.



A wedding on the 'net

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in a three ring binder.

Josephine and Gordon put up their Christmas tree December 7, a traditional tree with lights and ornaments.

"In Indonesia we have trees," Josephine said. "We put on cotton to make snow. (In a country where the temperature rarely drops below 25 degrees Celsius, the snow is still associated with Christmas.)"

A turkey dinner will be another first for Josephine. In Indonesia the traditional Christmas meal consists of rice, chicken and vegetables.

Gordon works in Peter Goldring's office, and is on the board of the Boyle McCauley News. Josephine picked up her SIN number on December 8 and will be looking for a job. Unfortunately, although she studied chemistry among other things in Indonesia, most of her training isn't relevant in Canada.

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Kate Arcand is one of the newest writers to contribute to the stories being gathered in the Boyle McCauley Newspaper.

If you are interested in writing, this workshop is for you. Ron MacLaclan will be sharing his twenty years experience as a reporter for weekly community newspapers in northern Alberta and five years as a free lance writer. Come to this Boyle McCauley News workshop at 7 p.m. at the McCauley Community League Hall on Thursday, January 18, 2001.

You don't have to be a writer to attend. Anyone who is interested in learning to write stories for newspapers, or who would like to write better stories, is welcome. The workshop is free. Coffee and snacks will be served.

Our last workshop held in August was well attended. As a result we have a new writer on board - Kate Arcand (see a story by her on page 7).

For information about the workshop, or if you are interested in writing for the paper, call Linda Dumont at 428-0805 or email dumontlc@hotmail.com. And please call me if you have news tips!

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Metis Week commemorates Louis Riel

by Bob Whyte

115 years after his death, Louis Reil is remembered as a great leader who was wrongfully accused of treason. Metis Week activities that started November 12 culminated November 16, the anniversary of the hanging of Metis leader Louis Riel.

At the legislature MLA Denis Ducharme represented Alberta cabinet minister Pearl Calahasen, who is Metis herself. City Councillor Alan Bolstad and Senator Thelma Chalifoux brought greetings. Chalifoux, the first Metis senator, said she is authoring a bill to exonerate Riel who she credits with saving Manitoba from joining the USA. NDP leader Raj Pannu also brought greetings.

Randy Parenteau, President of the Metis Settlement General Council, described how in the early '30s the Metis made a decision not to wander continuously but to ask for permanent land bases in Western Canada and that Alberta alone agreed, and granted eight land settlement areas in the province. He said, "A century is to viewed as

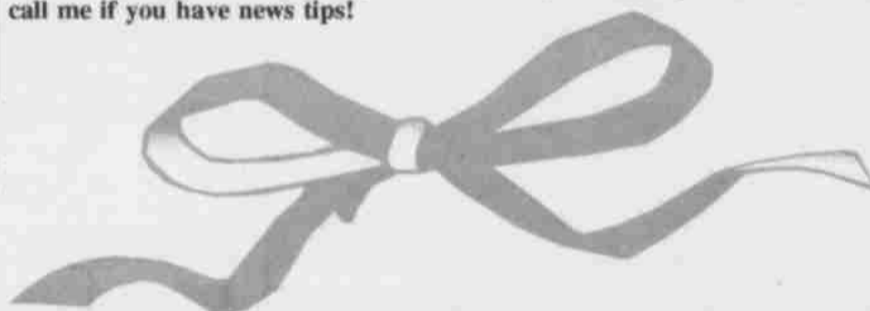
only a spoke in the wheel of time."

Historically the Hudson's Bay Company had an exclusive franchise from the Crown over all lands draining the Hudson's Bay, but the increasing administrative costs of a necessary but unprofitable civil government, could no longer be sustained by the core commercial activities. Negotiations to effect a transfer of everything to the Dominion of Canada failed because of unwillingness to buy out the HBC rights, so the HBC terminated and abandoned the expensive civil governing. In this vacuum, the Red River settlers, including the Metis, French, Scottish, Irish, Americans and others, elected a self-governing Provisional government of Manitoba by democratic elections, with a view to negotiating the future for the Red River settlers. Louis Reil was elected as the leader of this provisional government. He had graduated in law from Montreal, and spoke both English and French.


Upper and Lower Canada sought westward expansion without buying out HBC rights or dealing with or considering the rights of inhabitants of Western Canada. Their envoy was pre-empted by the Provisional Government of Manitoba which had elected Louis Riel as its leader. Its legitimacy was further strengthened by two more elections for what was the first democratic government in western Canada. The provisional government was not recognized by Eastern Canada. An invading army crushed Western Canada, and Louis Riel was labeled a traitor and hanged for "treason," instead of being recognized as a genuine hero of western Canada.

Although he was hanged for treason, Riel had asked all Red River Settlers to be loyal to the queen and to the Provisional Government of Manitoba.

Audrey Poitras, president of the Metis Nation of Alberta, said Louis Riel died for his vision of a Canada of equality of all citizens.



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by Bob Whyte

A move is in the works for Urban Manor. Currently, located at 9518-102A Avenue, the future Urban Manor will be built across from the Boyle Street Community League hall entrance, extending from the lane towards the York Hotel.

At present, Urban Manor offers board and room to hard to house men such as those with chronic alcoholism, and/or mental problems who are more than 40 years old. The residence has a capacity to house 62 men, some for as long as 15-16 years at a time and is full at all times. The new building will be able to house 75 men and will have kitchen and recreation facilities as well.

Director Susan Irvine of Urban Manor said that preliminary drawings have been completed and federal funding for \$1.6 million has been approved. Alberta Human Re-

sources and Employment funding will cover the increased operating costs. Extra security is anticipated with the site being completely fenced, and rooms may cost \$350 per month maximum.

The present building may be structurally sound, but needs expensive renovations

and is generally overcrowded. Income is not an access criteria but no one on SFI can stay there except for emergency housing until the month end. Both Urban Manor and the Spady Centre will house those under the influence of alcohol if there is no prior bad residential experience.

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"Painting peace" murals being shown off by Mario Tellez Lazo (left) and Julia Maria Bereira. The two of them are artists and youth leaders from Central America who toured Alberta as well as the Boyle-McCauley neighborhoods. As a result of their visit, a huge "peace" mural is in the process of being painted and will be permanently displayed in the inner city next spring. (See complete story next page.) Photo by Kate Arcand

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Building bridges by painting peace

by Kate Arcand

"Happy are those who work for peace. God will call them his children."

Youth from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Canada participated in the Change for Children Manifesto 2000 "Painting Peace" mural. Under the direction of Education Co-ordinator Ron Berezan and Project Co-ordinator Chris Peters, 400 youth painted 90 panels for the peace mural. The project was a collaboration between Change for Children's Association of Edmonton and Talleres de Muralismo (Muralism Workshop) of Esteli, Nicaragua.

The canvas mural was exhibited in Central America last summer. For the past five weeks it traveled across Alberta where it has been viewed by more than 8,500 people in schools, churches, conferenc-

es and community groups.

Nine Alberta youth went to Nicaragua and El Salvador for five weeks last summer. There they visited with other youth groups working for peace and social justice. In Esteli, youth from all three countries painted the 10 by 20 foot central canvas and two permanent public murals.

The basis for all of the murals was the UN declarations of the year 2000 as the year for creating a culture of peace and UNESCO's Manifesto 2000. The manifesto, written by over 20 Nobel Peace Prize winners, is a series of six pledges encouraging individuals to actively work for peace in their everyday lives.

This mural projects hope to do the same by raising awareness that peace is more than just the absence of war. It must include social justice. Lack of respect for human rights, pov-

erty, discrimination and violence whether physical, economic or psychological, are all obstacles to peace that must be overcome.

The series of six pledges are "Respect all life," "Reject violence," "Share with others," "Listen to understand," "Preserve the planet," and "Rediscover solidarity."

Since October 20, six youth from Central America have accompanied the mural, sharing stories and images of the difficulties they face in their countries, their work for change for children, and hopes for the future. Canadian youth traveled with them sharing how we can work in solidarity. There were many discussions with youth and adults alike about our similarities as well as the problems that exist in Canada and what we can do about them.

A permanent mural expressing these themes is being painted and it will be mounted in Edmonton's inner city in the spring. The mural will be 79 feet wide by 24 feet high. Community members are being invited to participate in painting the mural - no experience necessary for "Pintando La Paz - Painting Peace"!



Two artists and youth leaders from Central America, Julia Maria Bereira (left) and Mario Tellez Lazo, stand in front of one of the many "peace" murals which were on display in the inner city and other Alberta communities this fall. Photo by Kate Arcand.



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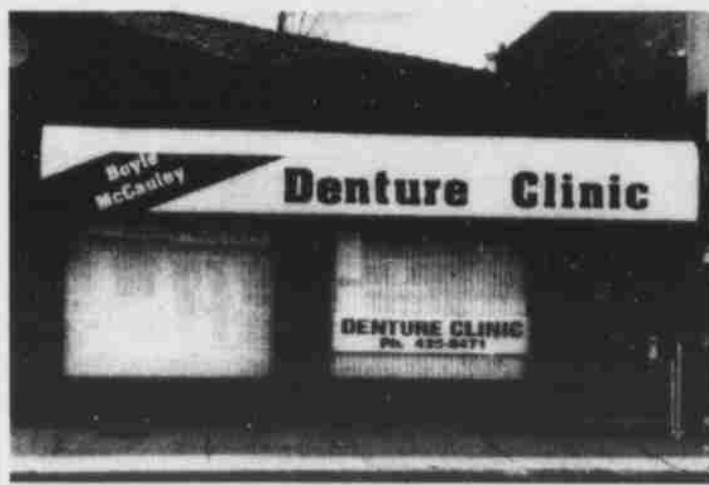
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17	18	19	20	21 WECAN Food Co-op: Food pickup	22	23
24 Inner City Mission Christmas Dinner	25 Christmas Day Christmas Dinners Sacred Heart Church Shaw Conference Centre	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
31	1 January 1 New Year's Day Bissell New Year Dinner at Boyle Street Community Centre	2	3 Hope Mission: Women's Aglow Service	4	5	6
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Inner City Diabetes Support Group
Every second and fourth Monday every month (starting January 8) from 6:45 - 8:45pm at the Boyle McCauley Health Centre (10628 - 96 Street). Co-ordinator: Call Ray at 424-6408. A place to come together to express your fears, your views, your opinions, your support. A place to ask questions, listen to new ideas, guest speakers.

Community Economic Development Network
This city wide group meets every second Wednesday of the month in the board room of the Boyle McCauley Health Centre. Meetings are bag lunch, from 11:30 - 1:00pm. For anyone interested in community economic development. Contact 424-2870 for upcoming events.

The Mustard Seed
Drop-In: Mon-Fri 9am - 3pm; Wednesday 11:30-3pm
Hot Lunch: Mon-Fri: Noon-1pm
Evening Drop-In and Meal: Thursday 6pm (meal 7:30pm), Friday 7pm (meal 7:30pm), & Saturday 5pm (meal 5pm).
Sunday Meals (every Sunday) 5-6pm
Sunday Chapel Service: 3pm
Clothing Bank: Mon-Fri 10am-2pm
Food Bank Depot: Tue & Thur 9:30-12noon; 1-3pm; Thur 6-7:30pm.
The Mustard Seed will be closed December 25, 26, 27 and January 1.

Boyle McCauley Health Centre
10628 - 96 Street
Mon. To Thurs. 9am to 9pm, Fri. 9am to 4:30pm
Immunization Clinic for Children: Mon. 1-3pm
Foot Clinic: Wed. 1-3pm
Dental Clinic and Streetworks: open during clinic hours

Women's Health Clinic
Thursday evenings at the Boyle McCauley Health Centre. Supper at 5:00 p.m. and guest speakers.

Edmonton Women's Health Network
Open to all women with an interest in good quality health care for women.
Call 421-7333 ext. 2511

Operation Friendship
9526-106 Avenue
McCauley Seniors Drop-in: Mon. To Fri.: 9am to 6:30pm
Sat. & Sun.: 10:30am to 6:30pm

Poverty In Action
is now accepting applications for membership. Please call 990-1840.

Edm. Family Worship Centre
10605-96 Street 424-6422
Worship and Children's Ministry: 10:30am
Bible Study & Worship: Wed. 7:30pm
Monthly Men's, Women's & Youth meetings

Hope Mission Women Centre
9908 - 106 Avenue
Women's Aglow Service: first Wednesday of every month, 9:30-11:30am

St. Peter Lutheran Church
9606-110 Avenue 426-1122
Community Breakfast
Tues. & Thurs. 7:30 to 9am
(Porridge, toast, juice, and coffee)
Kids Club: Mon. 6 to 7:15pm
Martial Arts Jeet Kune Do 15 yrs.+
Sun. 6:30 to 8pm

Bissell Centre
Native Circle: Wed. 7pm
Movie Night: Thurs. 7pm
Women's Lunch: Fri. 12 to 12:30

Salvation Army
9611-102 Avenue
Men's Residence
Anchorage Addiction and Rehab Program
Chapel Services: Mon.-Fri. 8:15-8:30am and Sun. 6:15pm
Community Soup Line: Wednesday, 2:45-3:45pm
Men's Clothing: Mon. to Fri. 8:30-9:00am
Phone 429-4274

Community of Emmanuel: Worship Services, Sundays, 11am at the Bissell Centre.
Followed by lunch

Singles Collective Kitchen
We have lunch together and then take home three meals for eating when you want.
We meet on the first Saturday of each month 11035-92 Street (not wheelchair accessible) from 10:00am to 2:00pm
\$3.00 for four meals- A great value for your money!
For more info. Call Trish at 428-1776.

Wecan (City Centre) Food Co-op.
Food fee is \$8.00 per meat order and \$7.00 per produce order. Membership in the Co-op is \$5.00 per year. Fee deadline is the first Friday of each month. Payments at B08-9541-108A Avenue.
Food Pick-up is at McCauley Apartments: B08, 9541-108A Avenue, on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Sharon at 424-2870.

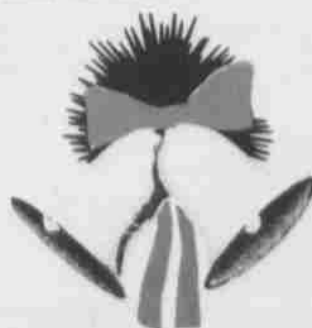
Food Not Bombs - Free Meal
Every Saturday at 1pm. Churchill Square (102 Avenue & 99 Street). Everyone is invited for a yummy lunch. For more information call 988-3699.

The Learning Centre
Part-time programs for Adults: Reading and Writing, Math, Introduction to Computers, Spell Well, Women's Learning Group. Call 429-0675 for more information.

City Farmers Market
Every Saturday 8 am to 3pm. Free Parking. Market is located at 97 Street and 102 Avenue.

Kinship (Collective) Kitchen:
Cooking for a family? Kinship Kitchen meets twice monthly, one Saturday per month and one kitchen during weekday. Cost is \$2.00 per family member (e.g. meals for a family of 5 is \$10.00). Have lunch and take home meals. **We are full at the present time.** Call McCauley Apt. at 424-2870 if you would like information about other collective kitchens in the area.

McCauley Community League Board meeting (all members welcome): every second Tuesday of each month @ 6:45pm, McCauley Community League Hall. Contact Rick @ 707-2986 for more information.



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