



Boyle McCauley News



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The ball drops! The Edmonton Minor Hockey Association set up two inflatable street hockey rinks outside of city hall for a tournament Nov. 22-23. The event was run with other city hall events in conjunction with the Heritage Classic hockey weekend. St. Matthews Wolverines (left) beat Confederation, 10-4.

McCauley Community Skating Schedule

Family skating night - Monday and Wednesday 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Starting Monday, Dec. 1st. Come out and bring your kids and have a free hot chocolate. No sticks or pucks allowed. Sponsored by Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation and McCauley Community League.

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Bob McKeon receives his doctor's degree in theology

By Kate Quinn

Over sixty friends gathered at Sacred Heart School on Saturday, Nov. 1st to celebrate with Bob McKeon, a long-time McCauley resident. Many more sent good wishes. McKeon defended his doctoral thesis on October 16 at St. Michael's College in Toronto. The convocation was on November 1st.

Since he couldn't fly back to Toronto for this event, friends organized a celebration here in McCauley.

Completing a doctoral thesis is a major achievement in itself. Many people drop other paid and volunteer work and focus on their studies and writing. They write and defend their theses within three to six years. McKeon worked for fourteen years on his thesis. Many might ask, "What took him so long?"

One answer is that there were too many interesting things happening in the neighbourhood that caught McKeon's attention and passion. In the last fourteen years, he has joined with others to work on community-based initiatives such as the Boyle



Doctor Bob McKeon, here with Sister Marian Garneau, celebrated his convocation with friends at Sacred Heart Church Nov. 1.

McCauley Area Redevelopment Plan and the implementation of the plan. He served as a board member on the Central Edmonton Community Land Trust and the Edmonton Community Loan Fund. He is currently on the Board of Inner City Pastoral Ministry. McKeon lives in one

of the Inn Roads Housing Coop houses and is active on the committees required to run the coop.

In addition to this volunteer work in the community, McKeon's paid work took him to St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta and to Newman Theological College in St. Al-

bert. As well as classroom teaching, he makes sure his students spend time in Boyle Street and McCauley. He sends students to listen and learn about poverty and struggle and about the hopeful work in the neighbourhood.

Another reason the thesis

took so long to complete is that McKeon is a thorough researcher.

He was telling a story as it happened and there were always new insights and facts to include.

McKeon's thesis covers a thirty year period of Canadian history, from the seventies to the nineties.

He documents and describes social justice challenges experienced by Canadians and the responses of the Catholic Church.

He affirms where the Catholic Church has taken leadership and critiques where the church has been silent in the face of injustice.

The last sentence sums up McKeon's vision. "Christian hope within history is at the centre of a new social justice commitment. This hope is rooted in the belief the Holy Spirit is already at work at the centre of human and creation history empowering the powerless and overcoming all forms of injustice and oppression."

Responses

Feel strongly about a community issue? e-mail your letters to us at: bmcnews@telus.net, or phone us at 425-3475

Welcome to the
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION GALLERY
Happy Holidays Everyone!



Photo by Kate Werkman

I want to thank all the people who give so generously year round to the Boyle McCauley Newspaper. We've had a full year this year, with 22 more people volunteering their time and skills as carriers, writers, photographers and illustrators. Volunteering is not only fun, and generous, it can be a learning process. Some people start by taking photos with the editor supplying the cutline, and then eventually move on to writing full-length stories. Others join the board, or the editorial committee and gain connections and skills and hopefully have a good time in the process.

One of our goals at the paper is to get as many people in the neighbourhood involved in the process as possible, to have them meet each other and work/play/learn together. I hope to help build this community with you in the coming year.

Here's hoping you have a happy and safe Holiday Season, and Thanks again.

Darlene Arsenault
Volunteer Co-ordinator
The Boyle McCauley Community Newspaper

If you think someone should be the next Volunteer in the Gallery, or you would like to volunteer your time as a carrier, writer or photographer to the Boyle McCauley News, please call Darlene at 425-3475.

Ask Jaques

Dear Jacques,

I need dental work done, fillings, teeth cleaning etc. I work full time but at a very low wage and have a hard time making rent money let alone having extra money for my teeth. Are there places that would help out on the cost or do you know anyone who does dental work in their garage.

Worried about being toothless

Dear Worried,

The University of Alberta dental program offers free services to individuals and families once a year in March. They will do teeth cleaning and fillings. Students under supervision of a specialist do the work.

They ask that you call them in February to book a time. The number is 492-4145.

Jacques



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I would like to thank all of the new writers, artists, and photographers as well as the people who are long time contributors to the Boyle McCauley News. We cannot have a monthly newspaper without you. Volunteers are the backbone of our paper. In addition, thanks to the board who also volunteer their time to ensure that the paper gets out, the block carriers and to the staff I work alongside in the office.

And let's not forget the advertisers - thank you for placing your ads in the BMC News. We have seen some changes in the past year - the office of Boyle McCauley News has moved into Sacred Heart as of November 30, and we have increased the size of the paper from eight pages to 12 pages. I am confident that, with your help, the New Year will bring new challenges and changes.

Linda Dumont editor

News article/advertisement deadlines

Story ideas and articles for the Boyle McCauley News should be submitted to the editor, Linda Dumont, and/or sent into the newspaper office via mail, fax or e-mail. Writers please call the editor at the office or at 428-0805 with story ideas. All writers and would-be writers welcome! The story and ad deadline for the February 2004 Issue is 9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16. Advertisements should be submitted through Erwin Seeger, 472-2354. Please adhere to the deadlines. We reserve the right to consider articles or ads arriving after deadline for the next issue.

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McCauley School is junk food free

By Linda Dumont

McCauley School has been junk food free for a year now with no junk food allowed on school property except on special occasions.

"We stop kids coming from the corner store so they can't bring junk food into the school," said Bob Mamchur, assistant principal. And we encourage parents to send healthy snacks."

McCauley School made a partnership with Capital Health

Authority's HEAL program (Healthy Eating and Active Living) to promote physical activities and healthy eating in the students three years ago.

Jan Kostyk, the public health nurse, spearheaded the program.

Through generous donations last year, the school was able to offer healthy snacks not only to elementary students but to the junior high students as well.

Now, they have taken another step towards encouraging healthy eating by being junk

food free.

The school store has changed the merchandise offered for sale during the noon hour. Instead of candy, chips and pop, they sell yogurt tubes, orange juice, sandwiches and healthy snacks. And the vending machine, dispense juice instead of pop.

"We allow candy on special days like an award day on completion of a project, or a holiday celebration. Our student council arranged a Junk Food Day for Halloween," said Mamchur.



Photo by Karl Wehrman

Joseph Arsenault signed up Nov. 12 as the first vendor to sell the new street newspaper, Edmonton Street News, the day the paper was launched at the Lighthouse Mission.

Arsenault has been living in a small tent in a thickly wooded area along the riverbank for three months. He works full time and sells papers part time. The paper is produced by Natasha Laurence and Linda Dumont, and is sold by vendors.



Photo by Linda Dumont

Danny Quang sells healthy snacks to fellow students Brandon Morris and Cassandra Nymeyer at the school store in McCauley school.

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welfare debate



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vs.

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Arts

and entertainment -mail your ideas to us at: bmcnews@telus.net, or phone us at 425-3475

Cold snap concert raises money for the homeless

By Linda Dumont

A coalition of agencies held a fund-raising concert to establish a winter emergency crisis fund for homeless people.

"When it gets really cold," says Debbie Saidman, executive director of the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund, "many shelters reach their capacity and have to turn people away."

Extra money is needed to provide short-term solutions such as warming centres where people can come in from the cold."

To help develop the fund, the Edmonton Coalition on Housing and Homelessness (ECOHH) staged an afternoon of music from nine local folk acts, as well as a children's activity centre.

Known as "Homefest 2003" this family event took place Sunday, Nov. 30 at St. Faith's Anglican Church (11725-93 Street).

"Every dollar that was contributed by concerned community members will allow existing resources to go toward long-term solutions so that hopefully next winter will be better for people," said Jim Gurnett of ECOHH.

The Edmonton Housing Trust Fund will administer the new emergency fund.

The line-up of musicians included: Terry McDade, Maria Dunn, Karla Anderson, Bob Jahrig, Dale Ladouceur, Laura Vinson, Down to the Wood, Lionel Rault, and Rob Heath.

They were followed by an open stage.

118 families
267 children
1,213 people
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total of **1,915** homeless

Homelessness in this city continues to grow.

The homeless count taken in fall of 2002, a by-annual street count of homeless people, listed 1,213 people as absolutely homeless with no alternatives and 702 as sheltered homeless with some form of agency accommodations, for a total of 1,915 homeless. Of the total homeless there were 118 families that included 267 children under the age of 15.

In the winter of 2002-2003, 184 temporary spaces in public places (LRT stations) were provided because of extreme winter conditions. The economic boom has accelerated the homelessness and affordable housing crisis. There is a lack of affordable rental housing. The mayor's task force said there is an immediate need for 5,000 units plus 700 units per year to keep pace with the growing need. This lack of housing is putting pressure on the facilities providing emergency, transitional and long-term supportive housing. Existing emergency and transitional facilities are housing people for increasingly longer periods. With shelter space at a premium, more people are resorting to sleeping in abandoned/derelict housing, vehicles, warehouses, and garages or wandering the streets at night and sleeping at drop-in centres, malls and parkades during the day.

Sonnet Contest - All About Love



Write a Shakespearean *sonnet* *Love*.
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A sonnet is 14 lines in length. The rhyme scheme is:

- abab (first quatrain)
- cdcd (second quatrain)
- efef (third quatrain)
- gg (couplet)

Each line is 10 syllables in length

The rhythm/meter is unstressed, stressed, unstressed, stressed etc.

Send your entries to the Boyle McCauley News by Jan. 30.
Drop of at Room 224 Sacred Heart School, or email BMCNews@telus.com

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A participant in Meet the Street experiences what it feels like to be served at The Mustard Seed's food depot.

Meet the Street fundraiser a success

By Linda Dumont

The Mustard Seed's fourth annual Meet the Street fundraiser attracted 80 participants to change places with someone who uses the services of the street church. Les Westwood, director of operations for The Mustard Seed, said the event was very successful in raising more than \$9,000 in pledges.

He said participants enjoyed the changes to the fundraiser this year. In the past, they spent the whole night on the street, but this year they attended a "mock food bank" where they went through the intake process at the food depot, then joined the line-up outside to get their supper. After the meal, people from the community joined groups of participants as tour guides.

The Herb Jamieson Centre permitted groups to come inside to learn more about the shelter, and some participants even stopped by the community round dance sponsored by the Bissell Centre.

Kathy Reith, who participated in Meet the Street four times, said it is a new experience every time.

Theatre Review AMADEUS

Written by Peter Shaffer

Directed by Morris Panych

By Darlene Arseneault

Peter Shaffer's Amadeus opened on Thursday, October 13, at the Citadel.

Amadeus means, literally, loved by God. But Amadeus Mozart was hated by Salieri, a contemporary of Mozart's.

Salieri was a success in his own time, where Mozart was not, largely due to Salieri's machinations. And this envy was the crucible that Shaffer used to fire the exploration of the nature of God.

Which was not what we thought we were going to see. In the film, we saw a Mozart that was an unlovable boor, blessed with a huge talent, and a bitter-and justly so- Salieri plotting Mozart's downfall.

Interestingly enough Morris Panych teased us to recall the film, by using filmic credits to introduce the cast and crew.

The opening shot, if you will, was stunning.

We saw a white stage, with a white baby grand down centre, and a small child in a white tuxedo, Harris Wang, played a Mozart sonata with virtuoso precision. Little rectangular windows of soft light shone out at us.

The lights dimmed and we saw the piano being rolled off quickly in shadow, as the aforementioned credits appeared on the white screen up centre in black with white lettering.

Characters walked, sauntered and rushed across the stage, fixing their cuffs. A great event was about to unfold.

Upstage centre opened up

horizontally to reveal a gallery of bewigged men and women of fashion, who clapped in staccato rhythm as two figures took left and right stage.

"I don't believe it. I don't believe it!" they cried.

The two men began a rhythmic call and response conversation punctuated at times with claps as the gallery behind them whispered "Salieri" and a voice behind them roared "Mozart!"

If this sounds busy, it wasn't. The effects all had their place and complemented each other, as a well thought out piece of music should - beautiful opening composition from director Morris Panych.

Then we saw where the roars came from. An aged obviously bitter Salieri, played by David Storch, rolled his wheelchair down centre and began to tell the story of the fight of his life.

The sense of emptiness surrounding this man was palpable, indicated by the bitterness of the text, yes, but somehow viscerally as the upstage centre wall slowly opened to reveal a simple blackness behind him.

The film credits at the top of the show indicated that Ken MacDonald had designed the set.

I'd seen some Panych/MacDonald productions in Vancouver and had been suitably impressed. Panych lovingly juxtaposed MacDonald's richly coloured spare set, Nancy Bryant's subtle gradations of costume colour and texture and his blocking to create stage pic-

tures that read like paintings. And Paul Mathiesen's captivating light art illuminated the spiral of Salieri's envy frame by frame.

Surprisingly the starkness of the set did not undermine the connections between the actors as it so often can, but highlighted the naturalistic, almost homey style of the acting.

Storch was doing his technical best, wrestling with the beats of the story as only he can, discovering and finally inhabiting Salieri as the play progressed. Matthew Edison was an incredibly genuine Mozart.

It was a different kind of pleasure watching the two actors.

Storch played chess with his character, the text and us, until what he/Salieri discerns is impeccably clear to us.

Edison was his character with no apparent strategy. He was the foppish, crude, childlike and surprisingly loveable Amadeus Mozart.

It was interesting to have these actors' styles mirror their characters'. And the script was beautiful, and beautifully worked with.

Panych said, "I wanted to do something that was true to what Shaffer was getting at...that men don't really understand the nature of God." All the art presented, combined on the stage of the Citadel that night led me to a pinpoint in time where I began to understand that I didn't understand the true nature of God.

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Our Winter wonderland



Photo by Wanda Mae

Zachery and Destiny May dressed up for the Bissell Centre Halloween Party.

McCauley skating rink offers more programs for 2003/04

By Dan Glugosh

Starting Dec. 1 (weather permitting) the McCauley Community Skating Rink will be open for another exciting year of skating. Thanks to McCauley Community League that has once again committed money to hire a professional rink maintenance company (Shovel Works), and the other costs that it takes to run skating rink, we will be able to enjoy McCauley's best winter sport with more programming and activities than ever before.

Once again Edmonton City Centre Church Corporation (EC-

CCC) will be teaming up with McCauley Community League to run family skating nights with an extra evening this year. Thanks to Myros Pharmacy we will have free hot chocolate for family skating nights.

Also, shinny adult hockey will be back on Saturday afternoons and ECCCC will run this program. The City of Edmonton will be offering learn to skate programs for families, and learn to be a hockey player for students. All equipment will be available. For chil-

dren's learn to skate/play hockey, sticks and gloves will be available.

The city's programs start the beginning of Jan.

We will also be getting community agencies involved.

Inner City Children's Project Society and Bissell Centre Youth Program will be using the ice for programs.

If your agency is interested in ice time or anyone wants to book time, please call Dan at 424-2870.

Please note that skates are available for all the programs.

The meaning of the candy cane

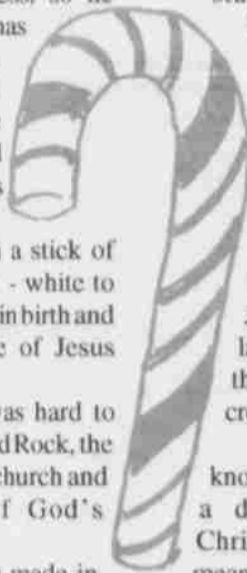
A candymaker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness, so he made the Christmas candy cane. He used several symbols for the birth, ministry and death of Jesus Christ.

He began with a stick of pure white candy - white to symbolize the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Jesus Christ.

The candy was hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the church and the firmness of God's promises.

The candy was made in the form of a J to represent the

name of Jesus. When turned the other way, it also represents the staff of the Good Shepherd.



Thinking the candy was somewhat plain; the candymaker stained it with red stripes.

He used three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received. The large red stripe was for the blood shed on the cross.

The candy became known as the candy cane, a decoration seen at Christmas time, but it's meaning is still there for those who can see it.



Take Me Back to the Land of the Wild Rose

Painting and poem by Christopher J. Moore

You don't know what you've got 'till it's gone... just like the song says; So it was with me when I was young; When I lived in the East... at night I would close my eyes; My heart would carry me back to the land of my birth... swallowed up in endless skies;

Where the Peregrine Falcon flies... and soaring on wings on high Was the Golden Eagle with her wild cry: "soar like me!" I had to go back to the land of the Wild Rose;

So, take me back to the land of the Wild Rose... To the northern range of the cowboy... to the last stand of the Buffaloes; Your heart will fear upon grass plains, where wild fires rage... the elders all love to talk of another age; A land of Tribal dances and Barn dances... where the clowns all risk their lives, dancing with Bulls; While the Great Horned Owl in his scolice stands guard... watching our backs from the treetops! I had to go back to the land of the Wild Rose!

So take me back to the land of the Wild Rose... To the southern range of the Snowy Owl... in her wintry silhouette repose; You'll hear nature's fury when storm fronts collide... where the Horseman, the cow, and the oil derrick all work side by side; And up in the mountains the Cougar is King... from his hilltop perch he surveys everything! Under a Moonlit, starry, Auraborealis painted sky... well you can hear his Mountain lion's cry! "Be free like me!"... I had to go back to the land of the Wild Rose!

Well yes, I finally made it back to the land of the advancing Primrose... And well... goodness knows; Now when I look up and see the Eagles and falcons soar on high... A tear will form down in the corner of my eye; I'll Eastward across the expanse of bald prairie and endless blue sky; And well you can hear this freed man's grateful heart cry... in a whisper: "Soar - like - me."



Photo by Daphne Anonovall

Sergei Antonets, Nhichal Sopiartz and Joseph Sopiartz work together to shovel the snow from their back lane.

Short breaks loosen winter's grip

By Penelope Tew

Now that the weather is wintry and unpredictable it's a pleasure to have someone else do the driving. You can take the Greyhound bus to Hinton for \$89.35 return, and take along a companion for an additional \$32.10 return. Once in Hinton, you can visit the Way of Holiness Retreat Centre for about \$50 per couple per night, which includes meals.

This spiritual retreat leaves you ready to face the world again. The retreat centre has a fireplace, a firepit, and peace and serenity in a wooded area with hiking trails.

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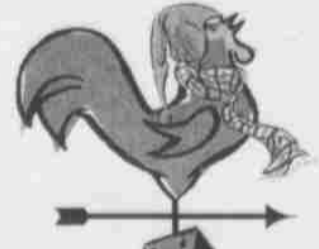
some dates at Christmas and New Years are not available - Dec. 23, 24, 30, 31 and Jan. 3rd and 4th.

If you have a lot more time, you can take the Greyhound bus anywhere in mainland United States and most of western Canada for only \$200 return as long as your trip is completed within 14 days. This go-anywhere special would allow you to go to Tijuana, Miami, Los Angeles and any other location, with no GST if you go to the U.S.A.

It's a three-day trip to Miami and you stay with the bus all the way. No stopovers are allowed so take along a blanket, a pillow, a Walkman and a teddy bear. Get out at almost every stop and stretch and walk around. You could see Atlanta, Chica-

go, Fargo, Nashville and many other cities on the way. Miami is a very mixed city, but fascinating.

You can find cheap rooms in Miami by checking the Internet. The Youth hostel is only \$25 for a year membership.



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Boyle Street Community Cooperative

Dec. 7, 12 noon to 3 p.m. for children. For more information call Velvet Hill at 424-416.

The Mustard Seed

Dec. 7, 5 p.m. Everybody welcome.

Operation Friendship

Dec. 10, 17 and 19 at 12 noon. For seniors over 55.

Sacred Heart Church

Dec. 20. For children 0 to 16. Parents have to register so contact Kathleen, Jack or Pauline at 422-3052.

Sacred Heart Church

Dec. 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. put on by the Boyle Street Christmas Dinner Committee. Requirements: a smile!

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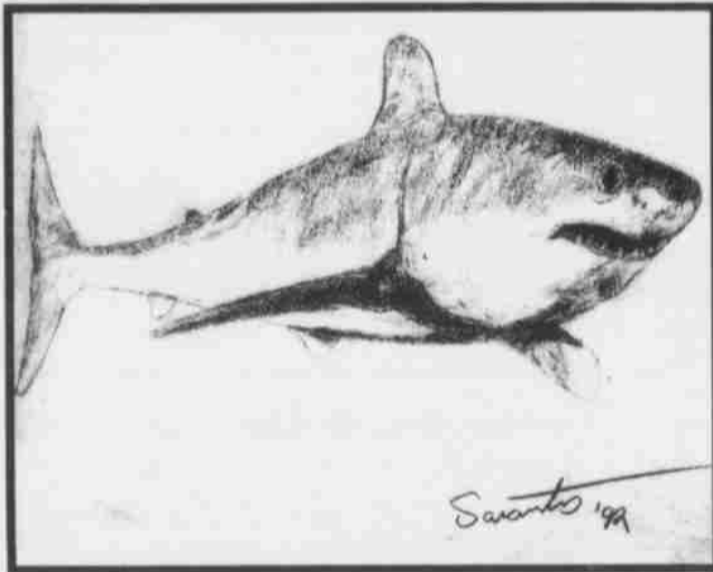


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Featuring Local artist George Sarantis

George Sarantis started drawing in elementary school when he was about 7 or 8 years old. His dad was an artist and he figures that's where he got the knack for drawing. His dad wouldn't buy him colouring books. He said "Draw the pictures yourself, and then colour them." So he did.

Sarantis uses different hard and soft leaded pencils for his drawings. You can see his more of his work and others' at <http://mik-a-low.com>, a site dedicated to Artists with Brain Injury.



What to do in Edmonton this winter

By Penelope Tew

The legislature buildings and gardens are very well kept and look like a fairyland when the ground is covered with snow. Book a tour at the tour office and have a closer look at our history. Tours take about 30 to 45 minutes and are free.

Muttart Conservatory has a summer feel that makes for a great escape from winter greyness. Admission is \$6.50 or

\$1.12 if you have the Edmonton Recreation Pass (free from the city community department).

Using the public library is only \$12 annually or free if you have a low income.

You can access hundreds of books and movies, enjoy quiet reading spaces and Internet access.

Go to Borden Park and have a barbecue - collect cardboard and wood before you go to have a

cookout in the snow. This is a no cost activity that lights up the spirit. Don't forget the marshmallows.

Revisit Candy Cane Lane. You can get there by bus or there are a few free tours (the Mustard Seed Bright Lights Tour) that are fun for everyone. Take a donation to the food bank if you can.

For more ideas, email thatarctos50@yahoo.com.



Penelope Tew with fellow Boyle McCauley News volunteers, cartoonist Bobbie Dale Calen and artist/poet Chris Moore, enjoy a pizza night at Santos in appreciation for their contributions to the paper.

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Nyan Lu created an oasis in McCauley

By Debbie Chaba

As winter starts to set in, my mind can't help but wander to warm and tropical destinations far from here that offer the promise of a brief reprieve from the cold and snow and our stark northern landscape.

So it came as a welcome surprise to discover Nhan Lu's oasis in the middle of McCauley.

Her place offers just the affordable and welcome escape from winter that my soul needs.

Nhan is a year round urban gardener, and a quick glance in her restaurant windows facing onto 97th Street provides ample proof of her green thumb and keen interest in plants.

Not only does she grow food and herbs including Vietnamese leeks, ginger, Indian spinach, taro root and coriander—some of which make their way into the creative Asian food served in her Pacific Café—but she also enjoys growing such challenging ornamental plants as orchids, jasmine and bougainvillea. Her space is a feast for the eyes. Nhan Lu has lived in McCauley for four years now. She moved here from Millwoods to be closer to her work, leaving behind a large yard and outdoor pond filled with lilies and fish.

It was hard to trade her garden in for a two-storey building in the middle of the city, yet it didn't take long for this knowledgeable gardener to create a growing space amidst the concrete and "bring nature to the city". Anyone who walked by the Pacific Café in the summer would have been treated to a colourful display of flowers and vegetables prospering in plastic barrels on the street and guarded over by two playful larger-than-life paper mache cranes built by Nhan.

Yet this was only part of her ambitious garden. Nhan also grew tomatoes in pots behind her building, and flowers, green mustard, lilacs and grapes on the roof of her building. While the sun up there was great for plants, water was not so plentiful. To keep her parched plants happy, every night Nhan hooked up a hose to her kitchen sink on the main floor and snaked it through two floors before to reach her plants. Her family's complaints that it cost them more to grow the plants than to purchase the produce in a store didn't deter her in the least.

Back on the ground floor,



Nyan Lu grew plants on the street and made a crane to "help slow down the city".

Nhan worked hard to encourage her neighbours to also grow plants on the street. Her hope is that every house and store on 97th Street with grow flowers or hanging baskets next year. Her theory is that "when people see a garden and flowers, they don't feel hurried. It helps to slow down the city."

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The Christmas Season : Help The Needy to Independent Living

As the Christmas season arrives and the cold winter sets in, our thoughts naturally turn to family, religious reflections and to those less fortunate. This year, it seems that we again come up short, despite 20 million of taxpayer dollars spent in Edmonton alone, to supposedly help the homeless. The overcrowded George Spady Centre is once again turning dozens of people away each night, and the Herb Jamieson again has its industrial trailer set up to sleep 30. Many will recall the emergency measures that the city took last winter in providing Red Cross blankets for 40 people to sleep on a cold concrete LRT station floor, at a cost of \$4,000 per night.

Obviously, more should have been done over the past three years. The solution for homeless people is obvious: homeless people need modest, private, independent living homes, that most can pay for themselves, rather than \$1500. per month, taxpayer paid, shelter beds. With an adult shelter population of 500, \$20 million properly spent could have helped build 1,000 independent living affordable homes. As we become immersed in this season of goodwill towards others remember the less fortunate by volunteering and contributing this Christmas, then ask your elected officials of all levels to do better in the New Year and beyond to help the most in need with a hand up to independent living.

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What should the City's priorities be?



By Councillor Michael Phair, Ward 4

City council is reviewing the proposed City Budget for 2004.

As any householder knows, budget time can be a time for decision making, or for changing plans due to a lack of money – not too many of us can change plans because of an excess of money!

In June, city council instructed the administration to prepare the 2004 budget based on a maximum of a 4% tax increase plus a maximum of an additional 1% tax increase to cover 50 million of borrowing for capital projects.

During 2003, council authorized a number of surveys and polls among citizens and in general found that priorities for Edmontonians were for safety (police, fire, ambulance) and good transportation systems (roads, transit, LRT).

Also, citizens wanted to make sure that the current quality of life in the city remained or improved.

The proposed 2004 budget will not maintain this quality – there will be some erosion and virtually no initiatives to deal with improving quality of life or growth.

Certain departments will have fewer workers – for instance, custodial services will have to do with fewer full time positions, and, more importantly, service reductions would happen in areas that keep our city beautiful and easy to live in. As examples, there will be decreased spending in asphalt sidewalk repairs, street light pole painting, tree maintenance, and also the possible closure of a medium sized library.

Budget decisions can be difficult ones to make.

The needs of the community must be balanced with the ability to keep costs at a certain level.

The decisions made will affect the city for many years to come.

If council lets just the idea of costs influence decision making, then the important qualities that enhance a community can be lost in the shuffle.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at my office, 496-8146, or e-mail me at michael.phair@edmonton.ca

After renovating, Sedrick Vassell opened the Shepherd Inn Apartment at 10719-96 Street in August and within four days all 10 suites were rented to low income tenants. Each suite is self-contained but they share common bathrooms. A unit rents for \$350 to \$400 per month. Linda Dumont painted the sign above the door of the apartment. For more info call 995-5997.

Photo by Christa Clark

Next Issue

Stories and photos about Family

Deadline for next issue - **January 16**

We want your stories, photographs, drawings and poetry

We all have a family somewhere - big or small, here or far away.

Do you know an interesting family?

What does family mean to you?

And what other types of families are there?

Cat families, street families, extended families, small families, single parent families, estranged families, same sex families, mixed families, blended families, odd families, gifted families, families of words, plant and animal families and more families.

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The Alexis Singers sang and drummed for a round dance "to bring the community together" Oct. 24. The event was sponsored by the Bissell Centre.

Round dance held October 24

By Darlene Arseneault

First Nations people from Boyle McCauley feasted, the Alexis Singers from Stony Plains Reserve sang, there was a fifty-fifty draw, and at the end of the evening there was a give-away. The event was a round dance sponsored by the Bissell Centre at the Ukranian Centre Friday, Oct. 24.

First, the pipe ceremony was held where elders gathered in the centre of the room, blessed the occasion and all those attending, and gave thanks to the Creator. The feast consisted of fresh moose meat stew from Enoch cooked up by Scott at the Boyle St. Co-op, with bannock and berries and cream for desert.

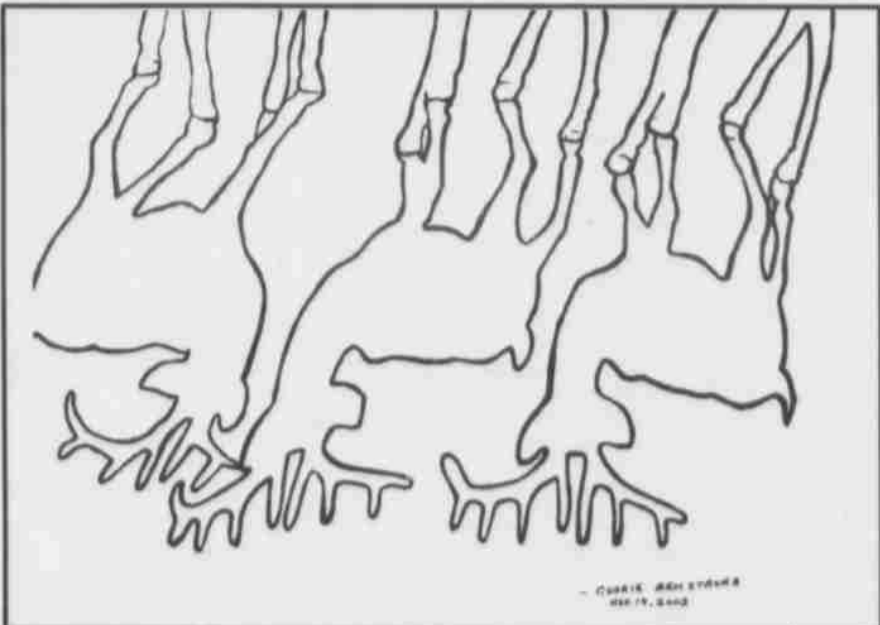
The young people served the elders first as a gesture of respect, then everyone else was free to eat. Caroline Cush, who co-ordinated the round dance, said this was the second annual round dance. Pow wows are held in the summer outside but once it starts getting cold the round dance is held indoors.

The purpose of the round dance is usually to celebrate an event: a birthday, an anniversary, or to honour someone, but this one was simply to build community. People came to visit, get re-acquainted with old friends, to dance and share stories.

Mike Smith, who helped organize the round dance, has been working at the Bissell Centre for three years. Before that he studied to become a Native traditional counsellor at the Nechi (Friendship in Cree) Centre in St. Albert. The night of the round dance was his last day as a counsellor at the Bissell, as he was on his way to a job in Red Deer.

But it's been a long road for him. Smith says he's the product of the residential school system, drug and alcohol abuse, and about 27 years of jail. He's been 16 years clean and that is a direct result of him finding his culture.

"Now I'm able to help my people," he said with a smile.



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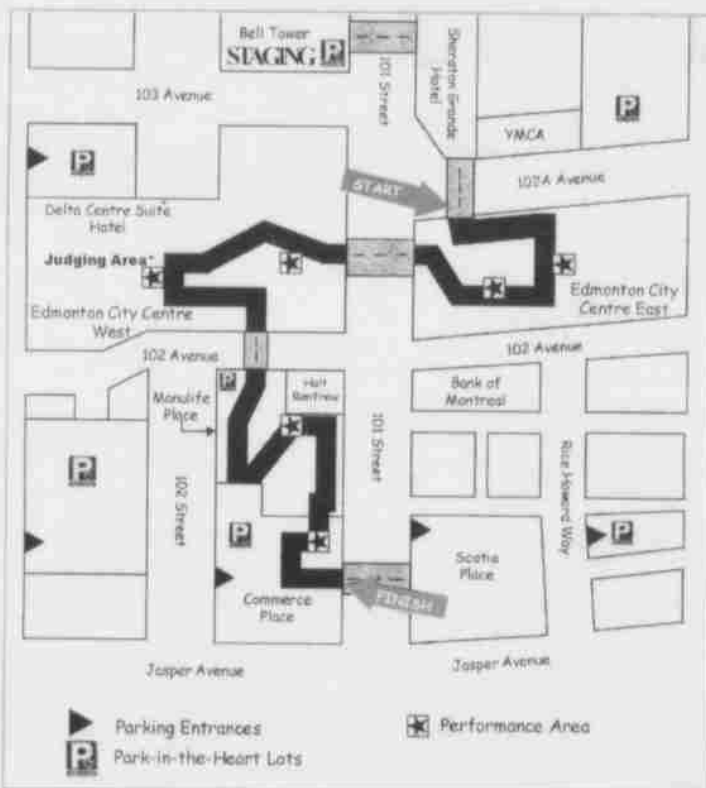
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