



Life-Giving Gardens

by Kate Quinn

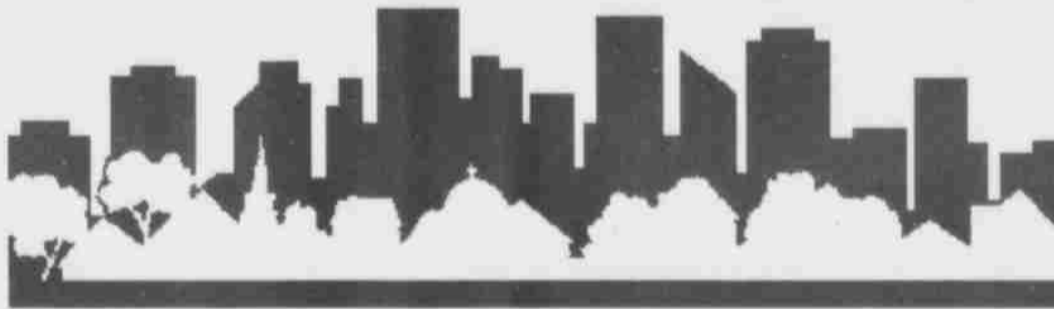
Have you seen the incredible gardens we have in Boyle Street and McCauley?

Take a walk and you might see pole beans towering above fences, pumpkin vines snaking over sidewalks and lush vegetables from Vietnam. Look up and you'll see flowers splashing colour across apartment balconies, cascading over wine barrels, standing tall and graceful or nestling close to the earth. Walk down an alley and you might find paths winding through rocks or to a gazebo.

People know the value of land in our neighbourhood. Many enjoy working with the earth to create food for the soul and the body. This year, one family (the Gallivan-Smith's - see photo) created a labyrinth and a fire pit sheltered by big rocks and sunflowers. A new community garden sprang up in Boyle Street on land owned by Edmonton Inner City Housing Society. Members of WELOWS (Weekend and Evening Local Occupational Workshops) built raised garden beds. One is high enough for a person to garden from a wheelchair.

Land near the Boyle Street Community League has been divided into plots for several years now. These gardeners will talk about their cultural traditions around planting and harvesting in a workshop offered by a McCauley resident, Audrey Whitson. The "Gardens of Promise" Second Annual Sacred Tour is sponsored by Spirit Links (Audrey) and The Garden Institute. It will be held on August 15. Call 428-8726 for more information.

A few people want to find ways to share the beauties of Boyle Street-McCauley gardens with people in other parts of Edmonton. If you'd like to join us, phone Mary Gallivan (424-2682), Val Phillips (425-8255) or Kate Quinn (429-1836). You could also take a picture of your garden or a neighbour's garden and drop it off at the Boyle-McCauley News. Be sure to write the name, address and phone number on the back.



Boyle McCauley News

FREE (in Boyle Street & McCauley)

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Own your own home through SHARE

by Brian Middleton, Lear Real Estate Ltd.

Interested in owning your own home but having difficulty raising the downpayment?

Then the SHARE Program might be for you.

The SHARE Program is targeted towards the construction of new homes in Edmonton's core communities by "gifting" the entire downpayment for the home to a family. The goal is to provide new housing for families in the inner city without dis-

placing them from their neighbourhood. The first SHARE Project in Boyle Street includes 15 homes.

SHARE, which stands for Special Housing Accommodation Rebuilding Edmonton, is "A Community Housing Program" sponsored by the Rotary Club of Edmonton. The program was developed in conjunction with the private sector to satisfy one of the Rotarian initiatives that resulted from the Urban Hope Conference in Edmonton in May, 1997.

SHARE is not simply about family; it's about community as well. While reaching out to families in need of new housing, the program helps to strengthen a downtown core community and the City of Edmonton as a whole.

The SHARE homes are two storey bi-levels with a legal suite which can be rented to help offset the costs of home ownership. The two upper floors are 1,350 square feet and contain three bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, eating area and living room. The one-bedroom suite in the

lower level measures 581 square feet.

SHARE was designed to help those who want to help themselves. The Rotary Club has committed time, money and human resources and has received commitments from other willing donors wanting to participate in the program. The SHARE recipient must qualify for a mortgage and have a combined annual family income of approximately \$30,800. Based on receiving \$350 per month revenue from renting the lower suite, the

SHARE recipient's net monthly payment, including property taxes, would be roughly \$630/month.

In exchange for the "leg up", the SHARE recipient must agree to complete 500 hours of service in the local community. As a result, the Rotary Club achieves two of its goals by helping both families and the community.

The SHARE recipient must meet a number of criteria in addition to those mentioned above.

If you are interested in learning more about SHARE, call the Rotary Club at 429-3256.

Songs of the Street III poetry book launch

The launch of *Songs of the Street III* will be celebrated at a gala event at Grounds for Coffee and Antique Shop on Monday, July 27.

Like the first two books, this poetry anthology is a collection of poetry written by people living on, or near the street, and people working in Edmonton's inner city.

Songs of the Street III will be available starting July 27 through street vendors selling *Our Voice*. Vendors purchase books for \$2, resell the books for \$5 and pocket the profit.

"The book is important for both the poets and vendors,"

explains Michael Walters, editor of both *Songs of the Street* and *Our Voice*.

"For the poets, the book brings them one step closer to feeling self-confident and helps them to better understand themselves. For vendors, selling the book brings them cash they need to survive."

Both previous volumes sold about 1,500 copies which made them national best-sellers in the world of poetry books. Both volumes also sold out quickly so poetry fans shouldn't delay in picking up their copy of *Songs of the Street III*.



Homes like these are available through the SHARE Program.

The high cost of shelter



by Linda Dumont

Shelter is a basic human need, and in Canada provision for adequate shelter is a human right, but it's a right not everyone has access too. Sharon Star, of the Boyle Street Co-op housing registry, is concerned that the rental allowance for singles on welfare, \$168 per month, is not enough to secure housing. Lack of damage deposit further aggravates the problem. Few landlords want to rent to someone who is unable to pay damage deposit up front. Some will accept damage deposit over a period of months. This puts strain on an already inadequate budget. That's where the slum landlords come in.

Dec. 1996 I had to move into less costly housing. I was two months behind in my rent while waiting for an appeal

with student finance. Fortunately, my landlord believed me when I promised to pay when my appeal was settled, so I wasn't evicted, yet. (I paid all back rent owing a month after moving out and got my damage deposit back).

It's not easy to find a home on credit, which is why I jumped at the chance to rent from an inner city landlady who offered to rent me a small house with no damage deposit required. I had some money from Our Voice sales, and other help so I was able to rent a truck to move and pay a half months rent up front, with an agreement to pay the balance when I could.

The landlady had a padlock on the house because the former tenant left without returning the keys for the lock. I could lock up from the inside, but when I went out I had to use the padlock.

I moved in the dead of winter. It was minus thirty and my houseplants froze. The new house had not been cleaned, so I had two homes to clean up.

Three days after the move, the bank man called. He said no one was supposed to be living in the house. It had gone into receivership and the Bank of Montreal was in the process of securing title.

I told the bank representative to come back with proof. I hadn't even finished unpacking, and there was no way I could afford to move again.

Besides, I was too tired.

The former tenant came by looking for mail. The landlady had warned me about him, how he ran out without paying his rent leaving her stuck.

The former tenant told a different story. He moved without notice because he was evicted by the bank when they came to change the locks. That explained the lost key.

The bank representative returned two weeks later with documents. He demanded rent since I was still there. By then my appeal had been successful and I had paid the landlady a cheque for that month and the next. She had suffered a fire where she was living and was desperate for money. I showed the representative the receipt and told him my predicament. I couldn't afford another move so soon.

He was reasonable, and agreed to let me stay until the bank had clear title, but any further rent paid must be paid to them.

Three months later I came home to find a fourteen day eviction notice stuck on the door. The bank had title to the house. They were not in the rental business. It was time to move.

I phoned the bank and explained I would move as soon as I was done with my final exams.

The bank representative insisted on immediate eviction. He said they were coming to change the locks and secure the house. They had changed the locks before I moved in but the landlady's son crawled through a window to repossess the house. This time they were going to take possession.

The landlady phoned. She said she was

planning on putting in a bid to buy back the house. She wanted me to stay on. She even offered my husband and my son a job painting another house for her. They worked for a week and were never paid.

I started house hunting, and moved as soon as I got my first paycheck from a summer job.

The Bank of Montreal didn't collect rent on that last month which helped cover moving expenses, but moving was still costly. I filled out another change of address at the post office, and had the phone changed, things were damaged in the move, there was a truck to rent and money spent on feeding those who helped with loading and unloading. Some of them had to be paid in cash.

The highest cost could not be measured in dollars and cents - the cost of human labour in packing and unpacking, the cost of lost time, the cost of readjustment and relocation in another house, the cost of stress.

I was fortunate in that my old landlord let me stay on even when I couldn't pay my rent, and that the Bank of Montreal allowed me a period of grace. I was helped by The Mustard Seed Church, by the generosity of a stranger who gave me \$200 in an envelope when I was selling Our Voice, and by friends.

There are others facing evictions and dealing with unscrupulous landlords, who are not so fortunate, who find themselves homeless and desperate. For those most in need, those with serious emotional and other problems, housing presents an even greater challenge.

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Peter Pocklington Scholarships highlight of Awards Day at McCauley School



Front row, left to right: Peter Pocklington, Sambath Chea, Ann Seto, Trinh Pho, Gin Sun, and McCauley School Principal Emily Westwood
Back row, left to right: Martin Lam, David Hoy, Castro Arias, Samson Ngai
Photo by John Zapantis

by John Zapantis

"The Power of a Dream", a theme chosen for awards day, became a reality for a number of students who were recognized for their achievements at McCauley School, 9538-107 Avenue.

Peter Pocklington, former owner of the Edmonton Oilers, presented the Peter Pocklington Scholarship Post Secondary Scholarships to eight Grade 9 students who achieved an average of 80% or

over.

In 1995, Pocklington established a \$400,000 post secondary tuition trust fund for Grade 9 students. He promised the students that if they maintained high averages of 80% or more throughout their high school years, he would personally pay out \$2000 towards their tuitions for every year of college or university training.

The eight high achievers who qualified for the scholarships included David

Hostel moves from Boyle McCauley after 20 Years

by Natasha Cooney

Tucked away in the Boyle Street area, the International Hostel has been housing international travelers for over twenty years, but as of June 27, the hostel has relocated to a newly renovated building at 10647 - 81 Street.

Hosteling International began in 1908 with a school teacher in Germany who wanted his students to travel throughout the world. From there, the concept of hosteling spread quickly. By 1933 there was a hostel in Bragg Creek, Alberta; the first in North America. Today there are 5000 hostels worldwide including 17 in Alberta.

Hosteling International is a membership-based organization that is worldwide and geared strictly to travelers. It is not to

be confused with single men's clubs or shelters. In the winter, ski packages are offered. Last winter one was at Marmot Basin.

The cost per night is \$15 for members or \$20 for non-members. A membership can be purchased at the Travel Shop on 10926 - 88 Avenue for \$25 per year.

During the summer months the hostel here in Edmonton is usually full, so people were sometimes turned away. The new facility is much larger than the old one, but reservations are still recommended.

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Hoy a multi winner of four awards in both academics and athletics.

The seven other winners were Sambath Chea, Ann Seto, Trinh Pho, Gin Sun, Martin Lam, Castro Arias and Samson Ngai.

Principal Emily Westwood is a strong advocate of the Peter Pocklington Scholarship Fund.

"I hope others who can afford to do this will pick up the ball and do the same for other schools. There are lots of students in other schools who could benefit

from that kind of support," she said.

Ann Seto, one of the recipients, commended Pocklington's idea of funding student education.

"I worked harder than I would have if there wasn't something like this out there," she said.

Entrepreneur Pocklington clarified his reasons behind the Peter Pocklington Scholarship Trust Fund as "seeing them do well and seeing them go on to a higher level of education."

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Housing Symposium a success

by Tom Hind

On June 15 and 16 a first of its kind in Alberta housing symposium was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The symposium hosted people from all over Alberta who were somehow connected to the housing industry, either as a landlord, owner, goods and services supplier, member, lodging society, or provincial government agent working to improve the housing situation of seniors, indigents, and people with physical or mental disabilities.

In short, the two day session with round table discussions addressed the specific issue of how to provide safe and adequate housing to all Albertans, disenfranchised by special needs or not.

There were over 500 registered members or groups attending. Mr. Steve Fowler, from

Housing and Consumer Affairs, was one of the major players of the symposium. He was delighted with the response to the issue.

"Further symposiums will be held, hopefully on an annual basis," he said, "As we work towards improving the quality of life for seniors, particularly those on low, fixed incomes, and other needy groups, we will be fulfilling part of our mandate to ensure an equitable living style for all."

"The process of fulfilling these obligations does not stop. Housing needs of individuals change as they age or get severely sick or a spouse dies. We have the duty to see these needs are looked after on an on-going basis as life circumstances change for our population."

Laurie Collins, from Corner, Alberta, also with Municipal Affairs and a symposium organizer, said, "I am grateful for the

large turnout to address housing issues from all points of view. The roundhouses are producing potential solutions to nagging problems people encounter in the industry - multi-level solutions. These solutions, as soon as our report is put together, will be presented to the provincial government for ratification and/or debate. Hopefully much useful stuff will come out of this for seniors and others in need. Partnerships is important in this day and age as things become more complex. This symposium is just a starting point of this part of the process. Next will come implementing solutions to the housing needs of various individ-

uals in the Alberta community. This is where the real challenge will lie."

Among some of the issues discussed at the seniors' roundhouse were funding, breaking down barriers between health and housing based on the needs of the individual, the type of services needed to keep seniors in their own homes and communities (home care, personal care, transportation, house care), developing a way to coordinate information on services available in public, private, and non-profit sectors, addressing the gaps between lodges and long term care, and developing appropriate housing for

seniors with special needs (mental and physical impairment, hard-to-house).

Obstacles to providing the best housing arrangement for seniors included lack of co-operation and co-ordination in private and public sectors (who is responsible for what?), the cumulative impact of fees and charges on seniors, economies of scale being an impediment to development, lack of funding to develop projects, government inflexibility in establishing programs and lack of receptiveness to new ideas, lack of consistency and flexibility in housing standards, and the cost of land and services in appropriate locations.

Symposium fails to address problems of the most needy

Sharon Star from the housing registry at the Boyle Street Co-op attended the housing symposium June 15 and 16.

"I came away with that the poorest of the poor - their needs are not being addressed," said Star.

Single people on welfare whose shelter allowance is \$168, families on welfare without a damage deposit, and people with lifestyle problems are the ones who find it most difficult to find shelter. Those with the most severe problems are shunned.

"We need a more in depth exploration," said Star, "There is a building on 10645-95 Street, the Nalta Project. It was built for the hard to house with plexiglass windows and motel style. We need more places like that."

Star said the George Spady Centre and Herb Jameison Centre are unable to meet the needs of many of the homeless. You can't get into the Spady Centre unless you are intoxicated, and at the Jameison Centre there is a waiting period if you have an income.

"If you drank up your money and got turfed out, the social worker has to recommend you to the centre," said Star, "In the meantime, you have to crash here and



The Nalta Project, pictured here in the centre, is designed to meet the needs of the hard to house.

there with friends. We see a lot of the homeless here at the co-op and try to help with long term housing. It's getting worse and worse for the most neediest."

Also high need are families who can't get a damage deposit. Even social housing requires the damage deposit up front.

"A family may have five kids. Hubby's in and out of jail," said Star, "Families like these need more supportive long term housing with protection there also. They need a supportive environment."

Another concern is people who are on substance abuse and want to change.

"Some of these people want to straighten out. They need room to change, time and space to change," said Star, "They need a transitional place especially for aboriginal people, a place with a supportive environment. With \$168, where can they go but to a rooming house? There is no alternative but housing that's going to set you back again."

There are more rooming houses in Boyle McCauley than anywhere else in the city.



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Dream Centre becomes a reality



Ribbon cutters at the official opening of the Dream Centre: Pam Barret, MLA for Edmonton-Highlands(center), Maureen Guillebrand, the director of the Dream Centre (right), and the founder of the centre, Sedrick Vassel.

by Linda Dumont

Alberta M.L.A. Pam Barret and the new live-in director Maureen Guillebrand helped Pastor Sedrick Vassel cut the ribbon to officially open the Dream Centre for Women, July 8, 1998.

The centre is to house women from the street who want to change their lives. A woman will be able

to stay from three to nine months depending on her needs. The centre has beds for eight women, or women with pre-school children.

Pastor Vassel is director of the Inner City Mission, 10304 - 96 Street. The Mission has a residency program for men only, but is unable to accommodate women.

"Last fall a young lady with a

three day old baby came to the Mission. She sat there from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with no place to go. At the Mission oftentimes we get women coming to us who have no place to go," said Vassel.

In order to make the centre possible, Vassel had to borrow the \$35,000 purchase price.

Lorne McAllister, district supervisor, said, "It's taken team

work to make a dream work. There's been a lot of sweat equity. We took a house not in very good shape and were able to bring it to this condition."

The house has been renovated and furnished with new rugs and furniture. Even three computers were donated.

Jean Beaulieu, a resident of the Mission, and Bob Rempel, a former resident, were among the many volunteers who worked on renovations along with Vassel.

"I did everything and anything from clean up to paint to dry wall," Beaulieu said.

Rempel said, "I helped Sedrick out because I care for the inner city people. I put dry wall up, painted, and did whatever else was needed."

Maureen Gillebrand, the director of the Dream Centre, has already moved in with her three year old daughter. Guillebrand will continue working at the Salvation Army until the residents come in.

Pam Barret said she was delighted that it was to be a resi-

dence for women. "You can't do enough for women."

Kate Quinn, who was involved with Kindred House, the drop in centre for women on the street, said, "It is absolutely needed for women's healing. There is a need for supportive housing with a supportive transition program for women, but I question the location because the women I spoke with wanted a place away from everything."

Susan Wissink, a McCauley resident who lives across the street from the Dream Centre, said she has concerns about the way the Dream Centre project was handled. "The lack of dialogue about the project with community residents was very disappointing. There are residents that want to have a say about what happens in the neighborhood," she said, "There is the concern that availability of low cost housing makes McCauley so attractive to social housing projects. McCauley becomes the most viable option for anybody doing social housing."

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by Gail Campos

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 Friday evenings: October 23 and November 20 and breaks again for December and January.
 A gathering of song, dance, and stories.
 Downstairs at First Christian Reformed Church
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Boyle McCauley Community Hub
 Meet over lunch 2nd Monday of the month (call in advance please)
 Sub committees meet to discuss neighbourhood issues and create action plans.
 Call Rosalie for information at 424-9672.

McCauley Community League
 Board meetings open to all league members.
 Meet the first Monday of the month
 Community League Hall, 10750 - 96 Street (6:30 p.m.)

Food Not Bombs
 serves free food every Sunday from 1-2pm at Boyle Street Coop

Tea and Inspiration
 A time for Bible study and meditation
 Ladies afternoon spiritual fellowship
 Thursdays 1-3 pm
 Call 429-6152

GREEN DAYS
 A neighbourhood clean up day. Meet at McCauley Community Hall 10750-96 Street
 Saturday August 22, at 11.00am
 BBQ and refreshments to follow for the workers at 12:30 p.m.
 Please contact Ping at 424-2870.

Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples
 BBQ - All My Relations Festival
 Sunday August 16
 1:00 - 4:00 pm
 Sacred Heart Playground 96 Street and 108 Avenue

Edmonton Inner City Housing Society
 Tenants and Board BBQ
 9535-108 Ave
 Saturday, Sept. 12

Edmonton Bahai Community
 Unity Feast: Equality of Men and Women
 Sunday, August 2 @ 7:30pm
 Bahai Centre: 9414-111 Ave.
 For more info call: 479-8770

Vacation Bible School
 10956 - 96 Street
 1st Christian Reformed Church
 August 10-14; 9:00am-12:30pm
 Carnival kick-off: Aug. 8, 10am-4pm at the church
 For more info call: 475-0493

Playground Green Shacks
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Edmonton School Lunch Program



The Edmonton School Lunch Program Klondike Days float featured a school bus named Rosie followed by the delivery van.

Photo by Linda Dumont

by Linda Dumont

1998 was an exciting year for the Edmonton School Lunch Program. They were the proud recipient of the Laurel Awards and had a float in the Klondike Days parade. The Laurel Awards, sponsored by Duncan and Craig Law Firm, recognize innovation and creativity in a non profit organization in Edmonton.

The lunch program has shown both since it started in two school, St. Patricks and McCauley in

1993. New schools have been added every year. There are now ten schools in the program, including Sacred Heart, McCauley, and St. Michael in Boyle-McCauley. Alex Taylor School does not yet have the lunch program.

Food is delivered to the schools from the Misericordia Hospital, and served by two serving staff at each school. There is a cost of roughly \$20 a month but students who are registered and can't afford to pay still re-

ceive a nutritious meal.

"The parents put the money into an envelope which is left blank. They put in as much as they can afford," explained Jasmin Hoeven, co-ordinator for the lunch program, "as long as their child is registered they receive a nutritious meal even if they can't afford to pay. We encourage them to put in what they can, even \$5 or \$10 if they can't put in the \$20."

Hoeven oversees all aspects of the program. In addition to the

school lunch program, there are two outreach workers who focus on long term food security issues and developing skills and knowledge.

"We have a young chef's program that teaches children how to plan and budget for meals and clean up, and a collective kitchen to teach adults. At the collective kitchen we charge \$2, then match that and buy staples. Each person prepares meals once a month. They meet twice, one day to choose their recipe and buy groceries, the second day they prepare the food," said Hoeven. "Another thing we are working on right now is our program called Snack in the Shack because, what happen to kids in the summer?"

Snack in the Shack started June 8. It feeds kids in eleven park sites throughout the city. In the Boyle-McCauley area children go to St. Michael schoolyard. The program runs

in co-operation with community services.

"This is the second year for snack in the shack," said Teresa Androschuk, parent and family liaison worker. "Last year we had 500 registered for the program. This year there were 300 by the second week, so we are expecting more this year."

Once a child has registered, meals are served on a drop-in basis, but the child has to be registered so those serving know about allergies.

July 16 the Edmonton School Lunch Program had a float in the Klondike Days parade.

The float consisted of a school bus named Rosie from the Norwood community centre followed by the delivery van from the hospital.

Candice Furneaux, liaison worker for the program, said, "The float is celebrating our community partners, the two hospitals and our ten schools."



Snack in the Shack is at St. Michael School this summer. Pictured here children are enjoying bagels and cherries.

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Scoop This!!! Stories by young writers!

Students learn about journalism by Kien Lam

"Scoop This!!" is a journalism workshop for Boyle McCauley students. The students and their teacher spent two weeks at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples learning about journalism.

In the workshop, the students learned about how to observe people and write notes about what they were doing. Some guest speakers answered all the students' questions. Then they talked about how they would write an article and talked about being in journalism. Our guests' names were Linda Dumont, Liane Faulder, Lawrence Herzog and Stew Slater. We learned about the "five W's"; they are where, what when, why and who.

We had a field trip to Traamici Cafe and had a free lunch and ice cream. We also went to The Edmonton Journal and the Klondike Days parade!

There were four students in the workshop and they all said that they liked going to the journalism camp.

"I liked going to journalism camp because we got to go to the Edmonton Journal," said 11-year-old Ashley Tennant. "My favorite part of the journalism camp was writing an article."

"My favorite part was when we got to go observing people and write notes about them," said Nicole Hartmann, who is also 11 years old.

"My favorite part about the journalism camp was when I got to go to Traamici and had good lunches and ice cream," said Linda Nguyen, who is 10.

Sebastian Cerra, owner-manager of Traamici Cafe and Bar by Ashley Tennant

Sebastian Cerra, the owner-manager of Traamici Cafe and Bar, gave "Scoop This!!" participants a delicious free lunch last Thursday.

The students were served fancy Italian drinks, sandwiches and gourmet ice cream.

Cerra enjoys his job a lot. "I like dealing with people and giving people product that I think is worth having. So this way I feel proud about the things I serve and what people are putting into their mouths," said Cerra.

Cerra has been involved in the restaurant business for about 10 years. "I decided to try it on my own and being Italian, I decided to do it in the Italian area," said Cerra, who opened the cafe in 1997.

Cerra has quite a bit of experience in the restaurant industry. He has worked as a dishwasher, cook, bartender and manager. In his job, Cerra does everything that needs to be done, and also respects everything the staff does. Some of his duties include serving ice cream and coffee, mopping the floors and organizing the staff.

Cerra is proud of his business and his heritage.

"I think anyone that is proud of their heritage and is willing to show people the good part of their heritage plays a good part."

Cerra feels that as his business flows, so will the Italian community, and the Italian community will become stronger.

Carey Toane by Nicole Hartmann

Carey Toane is working as a teacher in a summer workshop called "Scoop This!!" She teaches Boyle McCauley kids about journalism. She even gets guests to come in and speak to the children. She gets the children to write articles which will be published in Boyle McCauley News. She also works as a freelance journalist for See Magazine.

Toane was born Oct. 3, 1978. She is 19 years old. She lives in Toronto during the school year; during the summer she lives here in Edmonton with her family.

Toane, who is going into her third year of school at Ryerson Polytechnic University, has to take four years of school to become a journalist.

Toane was inspired to become a journalist in high school because she liked to write and was interested in the news. She wanted to bring news to the people and tell them what was going on in the world.

"I wanted to meet new people and try new things," said Toane.

Toane's favorite kind of writing is entertainment, but she also enjoys doing feature stories because they interest people.

"I get to meet interesting people who trust me to tell their stories. I like human interest stories."

Toane's hobbies include reading, camping, travelling, art, listening to music, and dancing.

Although she isn't married and doesn't have any kids, she said, "If I did have kids, I would want them to be you guys (her super-talented students)."

To Father James Holland church is a community by Linda Nguyen

Father James Holland is a Catholic priest and the pastor of Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. He donated his church space for the journalism workshop. People call his Father Jim.

"Yes, I have duties!" said Father Jim. They include helping people to celebrate mass, baptizing people, celebrating marriages and funerals. He also works in the community to help make it a better place to live.

"I think the church serves as a place for people to gather and create many hearts of the community," said Father Jim.

When Father Jim was younger, he wanted to be a farmer because he was raised on a farm.

"No one in my family was a priest; no one was Catholic in our family either," said Father Jim.

Father Jim became part of the Boyle McCauley community when he was assigned to Sacred Heart Church in 1995. Father Jim wanted to become part of the community because he believes that "a church is not just a building, church is a community".

"It is a good part to be in this community," said Father Jim.

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