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**Soccer buddies Gina Roppo (l) and Olivia Walsh are team mates on the under six team as the McCauley soccer season kicks off. For more information, call Laura Berezen at 425-7333. (see back)**

## Sacred Heart School closure New home for non-profits

By Phil O'Hara

Sacred Heart is closing its doors as a school in June, but it will soon reopen as a community resource and home for several local non-profit groups.

In July, Change for Children, which is currently located in St. Michael School, will relocate in the former school. It is expected that other non-profit groups will soon follow. As well, the before and after-school daycare in Sacred Heart will double in size. The gym will also continue to be available for use by the community.

"Our goal is that Sacred Heart remain an integral part of the community, just as it is today", said Gerry Hartland, property planning coordinator with the Edmonton Catholic School District. "We want to work with the community to help ensure the space is used for appropriate community uses."

In May 2001, as a result of declining enrollments in some schools, the district adopted a policy to close some under-used schools, particularly in the inner city. At the time, the decision was controversial, and local parents and residents fought the policy.

In Boyle-McCauley, this meant closing Sacred Heart School, demolishing St. Michael School, and constructing a new school on the St. Michael site to be called Mother Teresa School. The new K-6 school will have a total capacity of 375, 150 in portables.

This spring, Hartland approached Action for Health Communities (AHC) to consider relocating in Sacred Heart and coordinating the community use of the space.

"I think she turned to us because we were seen as being well-connected with community agencies," explained AHC Coordinator Debbie Chaba.

"We're seriously considering taking on the role, in part because it's a great opportunity for the community."

The school board is looking to recover its operating costs for the site. Hartland noted that making the space accessible to community groups is also important. Several agencies have expressed interest in relocating to the site, including the McCauley Community League and the Boyle McCauley News.

Organizations interested in the space should contact Hartland directly at the school board.

## St. Michael prepares for new beginnings

By Christina Lee

Tucked away in the heart of the neighborhood is St. Michael School, a humble blue building brimming with the warmth, hope, and laughter of generations of students and staff. In September, the same humble blue building will relinquish its duties to Mother Theresa School, built just a few steps away.

Mother Theresa is a cheery sight indeed with its warm red-brick exterior, numerous large windows, and rainbow-hued classrooms. Built much larger than St. Michael with a maximum capacity of 375 students, Mother Theresa can more than comfortably accommodate the students of both St. Michael's and Sacred Heart.

St. Michael will be torn down to make way for Mother Theresa's new playground. A commemorative sign will be

erected to mark its place in history.

Why wasn't the new school named after one of the schools that it will be replacing? Cathy Kaup, principal of St. Michael, explains that it was simply because they wanted the two communities of St. Michael's and Sacred Heart to build the new memories and bonds of one single community.

For the same reason, none of the artwork and memorabilia on the walls of St. Michael will grace the walls of the new school. Instead, they will be sent to the Edmonton Catholic Schools' Archives. An artist has been commissioned to create glass etchings for the new school.

The students and staff are quite upbeat at the prospect of moving into their new digs in the fall. "It's so exciting for the children, especially since

they've been able to see Mother Theresa grow from the ground up," says the school's equally excited principal.

They have gamely endured the construction noise and the loss of their playground this year; the playground had to be taken apart to make way for the new school.

Recess time was spent in the front yard of the school where teachers entertained the children with ball games and hopscotch.

The staff did everything possible to keep up the students' spirits, even letting the kindergarten and Grade One classes draw on the walls as a once-in-a-lifetime treat! One can only hope that these one-of-a-kind walls will also be kept in the archives for posterity's sake.

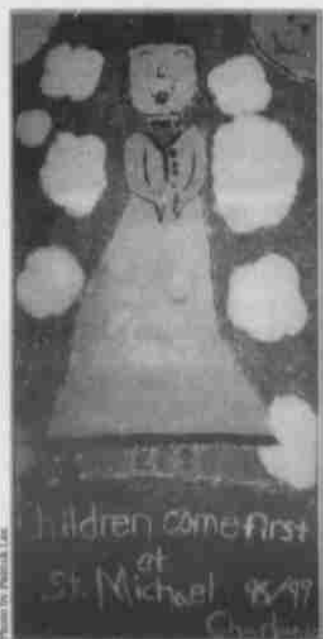
The teachers at St. Michael have also been taken care of. A few of them, including Kaup, will move to Mother Theresa

while others have already taken positions in other schools around the city.

Along with Mother Theresa, the Edmonton Catholic School Board will be opening three other new schools in September: St. John Bosco in the Lake District, Archbishop Joseph MacNeil in Terwillegar, and Father Michael Troy in Millwoods.

All the special programs that are an integral part of St. Michael school, including the breakfast, snack and hot lunch programs and the ESL program, will still be available at Mother Theresa.

"Some of the children are sad to see this building go," says Kaup, "but I tell them that [we're] like a family, an extended family, and we're moving to a new home. After all, it's not the building that matters, it's the people inside."



**Ceiling tiles decorated by the students of St. Michael will be relocated to the Edmonton Catholic Schools' Archives.**

Christina Lee is a former Sacred Heart student. She is now attending the University of Alberta.

# Responses

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BY ALEJANDRA GONGORA

## Welcome to the VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION GALLERY

### Cookie Armstrong

is an illustrator for the Boyle McCauley Newspaper. She's been with us since the beginning of spring this year. She says that she likes contributing to the paper and hopes that her drawings give people a laugh and a think. This is her way of getting her feet wet on her way back into Journalism. She also enjoys the people that she's met while working on the paper, and the feeling is mutual. I asked Cookie what her favourite thing about living in McCauley is, and she said without hesitation and much enthusiasm, "The FOOD!!!!" Thanks, Cookie for your valuable contribution to the Boyle McCauley 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.

## Education \$\$ don't add up

Premier Klein: you requested those critics of the Provincial Department of Learning "should do the math." Well I have done the math and here is what I have found. Less money EQUALS less teachers. (Using real 2003 dollars, not OBERGBUCKS which are greatly inflated.) Less teachers EQUALS more students per teacher. More students per teacher EQUALS less is taught. Less taught EQUALS more students not prepared for life. More students not prepared for life EQUALS less economic growth. Less economic growth EQUALS higher unemployment. Higher unemployment means more welfare. More welfare EQUALS more desperate people. More desperate people EQUALS higher crime rate. Higher crime rate EQUALS more money spent on policing and prisons. More money spent on policing and prisons EQUALS higher taxes. Higher taxes EQUALS no Alberta Advantage.

Mr. Premier the money you save now, will be spent many times over in the future and this does not add up.

Paul Lamothe  
Edmonton

Thanks and farewell to Dale Kirsh.

Welcome Patrick Lee, Christina Lee, Mike Serhan, George Sarantis, Janice Brown and Tony Pagnotta

Corrections from May Issue:

Chinese Church featured on page 11 is on 109A Ave, not 109 Ave. Sorry for any inconvenience that may have caused.

The photo featured top of page 7 is St. Joseph's Catholic Orthodox Church, not St. Joseph's Ukrainian Orthodox Church.



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## Liquor store appeal won - gratitude for community members

My family moved to McCauley in November of 2002. We moved here for a number of reasons. We found a lovely restored heritage home that is located across the street from our very good friends, and close to other friends living in McCauley and Norwood. We love the mature trees and the diversity in the area and our oldest daughter attends Victoria School.

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, I had the opportunity to be a part of an appeal for a liquor store that had been granted approval to be located on 92 Street on the south side of 111 Avenue. We know about the problems in our neighborhood, another liquor store would only add to them. Several community members met to discuss our concerns and tour the location of the proposed liquor store and the area surrounding the location. We met a second time to go over our presentations.

Sister Nancy Conboy spoke about the concerns of children and parents attending their Headstart and evening programs as well as concerns regarding intoxicated individuals sleeping on the lawn and passing by the Atonement Home on their way to the hills behind Commonwealth Stadium.

Lori Cheperdak, a Norwood resident, spoke about her concerns with the people behind the bottle depot on 111 Avenue, and told personal stories relating to the problems of intoxicated people, vandalism, garbage, noise and traffic problems that would only be magnified with the addition of another liquor store in our area. John Rielly and myself spoke about our concerns for safety in McCauley, sharing our observations and experiences while walking our dogs and sledding on the Commonwealth Hills.

Last to speak was Jim Maxwell, a Norwood resident and President of the Norwood Neighborhood Association. Jim, being a business consultant, brought up the truths of actually running a business from this location, the parking issues and the fact that many businesses have failed because of the lack of assessable parking for this block.

The people applying for the liquor store permit said they intended on only being open during the hours of four to nine p.m., and catering to the ethnic liquor needs, stocking specialty wines and beers. We won the appeal and there will be no liquor store on 92 Street and 111 Avenue.

I personally feel a deep sense of gratitude to the other individuals for sharing their stories, speaking up, doing the research regarding the zoning and parking bylaws, and giving up a good part of their Thursday. I also want to thank all the individuals who sacrificed their time and energy to help make our community a safer and stronger place. Together we can make a difference.

Carleen MacKenzie  
McCauley

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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 July/August issue is Friday, June 13. Advertisements should be submitted through Erwin Seeger, 472-2354. Although we depend on you, the volunteer writer and photographer, please adhere to the deadlines. Please respect this as our staff and printer need to work to schedule, and some advertising is time sensitive. Therefore, we reserve the right to consider articles or ads arriving after deadline for the next issue.

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# News

## City Market sold but still open until September

By ATHANORA GONZALEZ

Extra, extra! The Edmonton City Market is still open for business, and shoppers are in high demand.

The City Market, which is located on 10165-97 Street, will close its doors September first of this year.

The building will be torn down by its new owners, and in its place high-end condominiums will be built.

This is in collaboration with the city's plan for the beautification and revitalization of the downtown sector.

The market has been with the city for over a century, and got its start in the 1900. In 1967 it moved into its present location and has stayed there ever since.

But now the market is now faced with the dilemma of having no home. The market however has stayed resilient and has decided to relocate.

It plans to temporarily move, and hopes to take advantage of the summer months with an open-air concept. As for the long term year round location, no plans have yet been made.

Jennifer Gilbert, City Market Manager, said, "The market will be relocating into another area of downtown, but a lot hasn't been picked."

The market has already moved a couple of times and Gilbert said for the next two years the market is facing several temporary locations. The idea now is to have the market outside during the summer and to rent in local buildings during the winter.

This will continue until the city finds an ideal location for the market. Suzan McGee, Executive director for the City Market, said,

"We are trying to make the market the best it's ever been."

The area surrounding the market has lots of crime and customers are being scared away by this type of environment.

McGee said the city is looking to make the market more lively and visible in order to better serve its current clientele and at the same time attract more customers.

McGee wants the market to be situated within the proximity of Churchhill Square because of the high customer traffic.

She hopes to arrive at a decision regarding the market's summer location by the end of the week.

"Where it is it will be loud and clear that there is a market," City Market vender, Linda Morash, said, "Business has been slow since people heard the news of the markets closing."

Ingrid Mayer has been selling plants at the market since 1967. She said, "I'm here as long as the market is here."

The market is still open and will remain open until July first, the target day for the outdoor market.



Linda Morash demonstrates her hand made crafts at her Crafts Fair store at the City Market.



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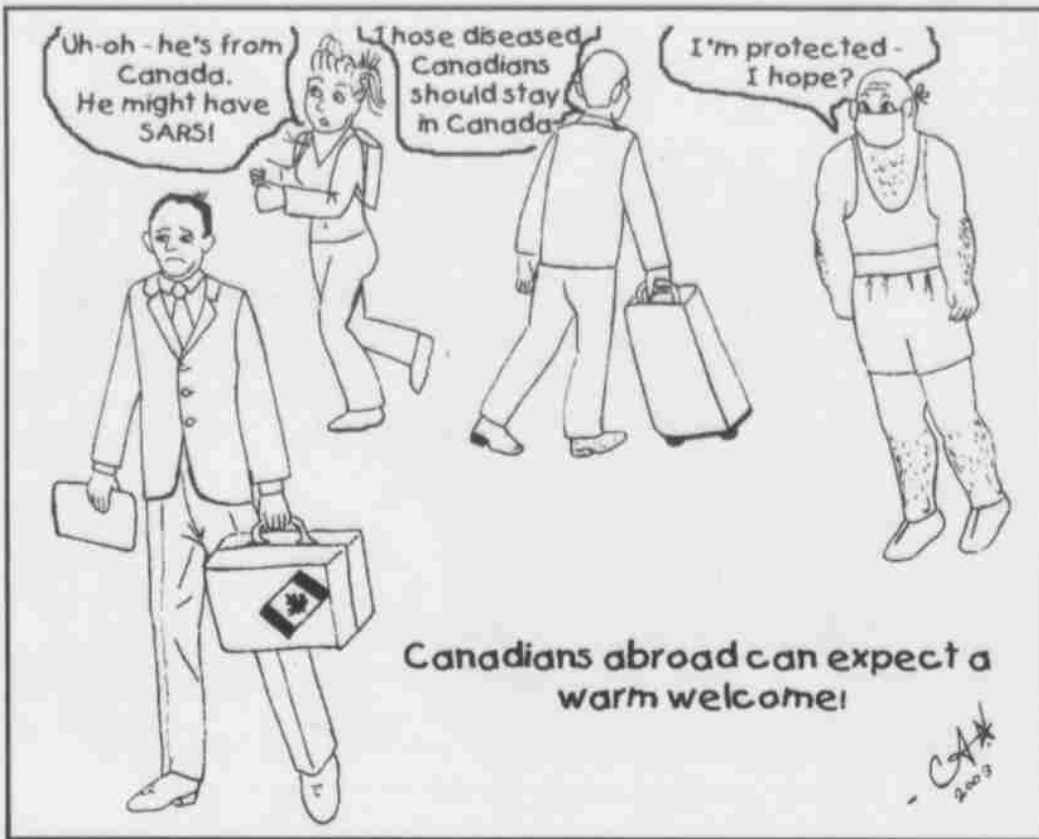
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### Churchill Square upgrading to begin this July

By LINDA DUMONT

Renovations to Churchill Square will begin this July in time for Edmonton's centennial next year. Monday, May 12, city council approved the \$6.3 million first phase, making a commitment to spend \$2.2 million even though they don't

have a firm commitment from the federal government yet. Private donations make up another 1.5 million.

Renovations mean the festivals will not be held in Churchill Square for the next two summers, but the Street Performers'

Festival and others will set up around the City Hall Plaza and Winspear Centre this summer.

Shelley Switzer, executive director of the Street Performers' Festival, said, "The audiences will find our festivals, come out and support us."

### Don't let fear of SARS keep you away



Councillor Michael Phair, with Ratan Lawrence enjoyed lunch at Noodle Noodle Monday May 12.

### Chinatown is safe

STAFF WRITER

City Council voted May 12 to spend up to \$3000 on advertising urging Edmontonians not to be afraid to shop in Chinatown because of the fear of SARS. The ads appeared in the major Edmonton newspapers before the long weekend.

As a first step in overcoming the widespread fear of SARS, Councillors Michael Phair and Jean Batty invited other councillors to join them for lunch at Noodle Noodle at 10008 - 106 Avenue on Monday, May 12. They were joined by Allan Bolstad, Ron Hayter, Janice Melnychuk, Bryan Anderson, and Terry Cavanagh. Ratan Lawrence from the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Business Association also attended.

In bringing forth the motion, Phair said, "Over the past 2 months .... the fear of SARS has had a negative impact in the city on many Chinese businesses (restaurants, small stores, etc.) The 97<sup>th</sup> Street Business Association in Chinatown indicates that business initially declined significantly, and although it has improved in the past 10 days, it is still unusually slow.

"Things are fine in the city. Don't let fear of SARS keep you away."

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## New Mission opens

By LINDA DUMONT

The new mission on the corner of 95<sup>th</sup> Street and 103A Avenue has been open a few months, but already up to 200 people eat there three nights a week. Sedrick Vassell, who was director of the Inner City Mission for nine years, is the founder and director of the new Lighthouse Mission. Although Vassell will be starting an employment program and teaching computer skills at the mission, the soup lines are still important.

"It doesn't matter how much you want to teach a man, if he's hungry he can't learn," Vassell said. "There are a lot of people who do want to change their lifestyle. Some want a steady job. If they have something to go for, they will go for it."

There are three parts to the planned employment program: There is a construction aspect where groups of seven to 10 people will work under an instructor to renovate houses. Workers and instructors will be paid with money from Human Resources and Development Canada. The program has already been approved but Vassell is waiting to complete renovations on the back of the mission.

The skills they learn will help people to be better tenants. Some may even move in to places they helped to renovate.

The second part of the program is to teach people computer skills. For this, the instructor will be paid, and Vassell said he hopes to get donations of good used computers. There is also space for a small beauty salon where people will be able to get their hair cut and styled at a reasonable price.

*"It doesn't matter how much you want to teach a man, if he's hungry he can't learn."*

- Sedrick Vassell

"A person has to feel good about himself," Vassell said. "The key is to build self esteem."

The food for the evening meals is provided and served by groups from different churches from all over the city and surrounding areas.

A Catholic group called Because of Love comes in Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Terry Godwaldt started the group at the University of Alberta when he was a student.

After he graduated and be-



People at the Lighthouse Mission enjoy a meal on a Monday evening. The mission is also open for meals Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

gan teaching junior high school music, he continued to work with other university students. Now the group has expanded to bring in groups of high school and junior high students.

On Sunday, Seventh Day Adventist groups come from all over the city to serve the meal.

Vassell said he is looking for groups that want to volunteer on Wednesday evenings, the only evening when there is no meal served in Boyle McCau-

ley. The Mustard Seed serves an evening meal on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Vassell, a builder by trade as well as pastor of the Bible Church of God, has already renovated a number of houses in Boyle McCauley providing affordable housing. He is in the process of renovating an apartment that was burned in a fire on 107 Avenue and 96<sup>th</sup> Street. Renovations to the Shepherd Inn, should be completed by

July.

Vassell leased the building for the Lighthouse Mission from Thim Choy who also owns Edmonton Cash Register.

Before this the building was the old Uncle Paul's Store with a laundromat in the back, then it became Colleen's Flowers and murals were painted on the outside, and then it was the Boyle Street Market. Vassell has done extensive renovations to the interior.

## Native Counselling building a 52-bed shelter in Boyle Street

By ROSALIE ANDERSON

In an attempt to meet the need for shelter for the homeless in Edmonton, a number of agencies have built, and continue to build, accommodations.

Native Counselling began construction of a 52 bed unit at 9330-104 Avenue in December 2002 with the planned

opening date set for July 31, 2003. Transitional youth between the ages of 16 and 29 as well as singles, families and couples with or without addictions will be welcomed.

Transitional youth are particularly in need of shelter because they are too old for the youth shelters and often feel uncom-

fortable with the older population in shelters like the Herb Jamieson Centre and the George Spady Centre.

The building's 25,000 square feet will consist of classrooms, a cultural room, kitchen and laundry facilities.

Daycare will not be offered on site so families attending the


classes will have to obtain daycare elsewhere. The facility will offer a ceremonial room for individuals who wish to access this space.

This project received \$250,000 in funding from the Edmonton Housing Trust Fund.

Native Counselling has also applied for funding from the

Low Income Housing Capital Assistance Program through the City of Edmonton in an amount that is yet to be determined.

Correctional Services Canada will also be providing some funding for the complex. Their manufacturing arm is providing all of the furniture for the whole facility.



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## Restaurant Review



Chris Bakos works at Versato's Pizza located by the Mohawk in Boyle Street.

## Great pizza has moved into the neighbourhood

By MELANY FORSYTH

Going out for pizza is fast, easy and the best of all you don't have to cook.

How often do you find a pizza place that piles on so many toppings that a slice weighs half a pound?

Versato's Pizza has moved into the community.

*"The slices weigh almost 1/2 pounds each and the original thick 15" pizza weighs about 7 pounds depending on the toppings you choose."*

*- Melany Forsyth*

Located at 92 Street and Jasper Avenue adjacent to the Mohawk gas station Versato's, also known as VP's has been open since March and is quickly developing a client base of those who love pizza.

Pizza by the slice is sold all day.

The slices weigh almost 1/2 pound each and the original thick 15" pizza weighs about 7 pounds depending on the toppings you choose.

VP's also has great side orders and if you don't feel like pizza you can try their great burgers and fries.

I was treated to a slice of pizza by Chris Bakos. Chris works at both VP locations; downtown and the location on 50<sup>th</sup> Street and 127 Avenue.

I have eaten many pizzas in my lifetime and this one was huge and tasted very good. One slice was all I needed.

With prices both competitive and affordable, good tasting pizza can be found on 92 Street and Jasper Avenue.

Melany Forsyth is 19 years old, presently attending Centre High and working for the Greater Edmonton Foundation on a part time basis.

## Justice for the poor

# Centre for Equal Justice ensures justice

By PAUL VANDERHAM

The staff and volunteers who work at Edmonton's Centre for Equal Justice believe that justice is for everyone, not just for those who can afford to pay for it.

Since opening their doors downtown in January of 2002, they've acted on that belief by providing over 750 persons in need with free consultations with qualified lawyers who inform them of their rights and obligations.

"Our goal," says Executive Director Nicola Fairbrother, "is to make sure that everyone who comes to us gets the knowledge they lack and the support they need."

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About 20% of the persons attending the consultations receive free legal representation.

Clients are selected on the basis of their need, the availability of the Centre's staff lawyer Andrew Bachelder, and the merits of their case.

The only cost to clients for the representation they receive is a \$20 administration fee, which can be waived if necessary.

Many of the cases handled by the Centre relate to matters not covered by legal aid, especially landlord/tenant issues, employment, and debt.

Sometimes the Centre will represent a tenant whose landlord receives

the tenant's rent money, denies having done so, and then tries to evict the tenant.

As Program Manager Blaire Charlton says, "There are some bad landlords out there."

Sometimes the Centre will intervene outside of court, acting on behalf of a tenant who has not paid rent, trying to convince the landlord to give the tenant time to get the money in order to avoid eviction and the dire consequences that can follow.

"People often don't realize just how devastating eviction can be," says Blaire Charlton. "It often means the loss of the personal belongings left in the suite and the beginning of homelessness."

The Centre for Equal Justice, a project of the Edmonton Social Planning Council, is sustained by the financial support of donors like the Alberta Law Foundation and the volunteer work of many Edmonton lawyers.

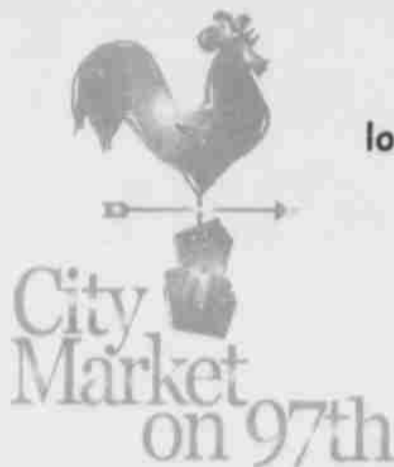
Nicola Fairbrother is grateful for the support, especially from the lawyers.

"Without the lawyers," she says, "we wouldn't be here."

Thanks to the lawyers and other supporters, the Edmonton Centre for Justice is here, making Edmonton a better place to live.

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## Affordable housing units to be built in Edmonton

By ALEXANDRA GONCORA

More than 66 new affordable housing units will be developed in downtown Edmonton using the recently announced \$17 million in federal and provincial funding under the Canada-Alberta Affordable Housing Program Agreement. In total, there are eight projects in Alberta, two in Edmonton.

Brothers Tony and Peter Pino, two Edmonton developers, have been granted \$2,900,000 towards low-income housing. They will build 58 affordable housing units geared towards those who cannot afford to pay market rent. The units will consist of bachelor suites, two bedroom and three bedroom units, with rent ranging from \$300-\$560 per month. In order to avoid the creation of a ghetto, the Pino brother's plan to build in more than one lot.

"When you are building that many units all in one place, you are making a cramped atmosphere for all those people," said Tony Pino. He also said the units built are going to be first class, and will make a difference in the quality of life for the people in the community.

The brothers are still looking for sites to build on and expect to start construction in the spring of 2004 and finish in the fall of the same year. They want to hold a meeting with the inner city community within the next six months to gain some feedback on what they want.

"There are a lot of people that are really struggling out there and this is a great opportunity to give back," Pino said.

Cameron McDonald of the Edmonton Inner City Housing Society was given \$400,000 to build eight, three bedroom affordable housing units. These units are geared towards low-income families and will rent for \$530 per month.

They are going to be built in the area of 112 Avenue and 95 Street and construction will start during the summer months. They should be ready for occupancy by the end of October, right before winter starts.

The units are going to be by-level town houses, and will be divided into two four-plex units.

"This is especially important because we are providing affordable housing for those in need, and at the same time beautifying the inner city," said McDonald.

In the past 20 years, the Edmonton Inner City Housing Society has built over 150 housing units, providing homes for some 300 inner city residents. Hundreds are still on waiting lists for housing and the need is on the rise.

With the sixty-six new units, over 150 people will be provided with the opportunity for affordable housing.



Indo Furnishing & Home Decor's Sharon Pittet displays a wooden eagle carved by Indonesian artist Pande

## Indonesian shop closing

By KATE WEIDMAN

A short walk North of McCauley residents can find Indo Furnishing & Home Decor at 9314-111 Ave. It's hard to miss as closing out signs are all over the door.

The store features hundreds of items from Indonesia all being sold at a discount as Sharon Pittet and Gord Linsdell are going out of business and liquidating their stock.

"All our inventory is paid for, but we still have to pay the

bills. We were lucky. The owner granted us a stay, as we were going to close right after Christmas. Right now, we are just happy to be surviving month to month," said Pittet.

Pittet and Linsdell have been in the Indonesian import business for about 10 years. She reminisced about her trips to Indonesia to pick up merchandise for the store. Meeting the artists and their families was most memorable.

"We fell in love with the people. Every item in the store has been hand carved," said Pittet. Among them are many carved eagles some by the famous Indonesian artist, Pande.

When asked about their north of the river location, Pittet said they had moved in with the hopes that an 111 Avenue ethnic business lane would establish between 95th/93rd street. But, already, the coffee shop on the corner went out of business.

"We will see how it goes. Customers tell us to move south to Whyte Ave. Everything shouldn't be on Whyte Ave. We should have stores of interest on the North side as well," said Pittet.

The collection at Indo Furnishings and home decor features items made from mahogany, teak, sugarwood, green hibiscus, red hibiscus, lychee, wicker and rattan. The store also houses a Madura child's bed. "It could one day again be functional," Pittet said.

And a Batik table. "Painter's sit on the tables to do their work."

Some items are cute and whimsical carvings for children.

"The Indonesians love children," she added. Pittet and Linsdell would very much like to stay open at their present location.

"If we could get neighbourhood support, we would like to stay in the neighbourhood," she said.

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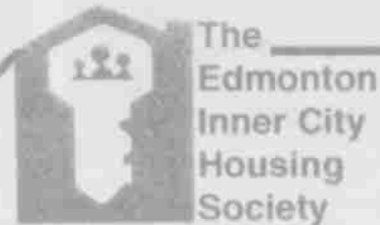
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# How does your garden grow?

By CAROLINE STUART

I have planted a garden. This has been a grand adventure.

I hired Ken at Shovel Works, a neighbourhood landscaper, to design and create the garden for me.

We began our plan in February 2002, and I told Ken the story about what I envisioned my grass-less garden would look like. When he returned with his plan in March, I looked at a piece of paper that told the story of a pathway that was curved, a raised garden bed that was kidney shaped, a landscape filled with flowering bushes, perennials, and plants that fill the space in between.

I stared at this plan in amazement and Ken asked with trepidation, "Is this what you had in mind?"

"No" I said to him, "This is so much better!" In June we began to create a garden.

Now my garden is a work in progress and I have experienced two distinct responses from pas-

sersby when I am out in my yard.

The first response I experience is that people stop and have conversations with me in my garden.

Most people who walk by choose to speak to me about how my garden is growing. They give me advice on how to plant, what to plant, and when not to plant. I enjoy these conversations very much.

Many people begin the discussion by complimenting my garden, which is very nice, although

I know I should hardly accept the praise. Other people stop to tell me a story. One man asked me if I was digging for gold, as I was digging a hole, and together we made up a story of buried treasure in McCauley.

Other people have told me stories about their gardens - gardens in the old country, gardens they had as children, gardens from houses where they lived in the past.

Sometimes they tell me what it was like being a child and having to pick weeds and stones from

their farm gardens.

Some remember gardens their grandmothers grew or ones their mothers planted. These stories often bring a tear or two.

Passersby who tell me a story are my favorite response to my garden. I like that a garden will elicit a remembrance and a story. These conversations are pleasant and are often the longest as I stand watering a dry patch in the early evening.

My other experience is that there are people who do not stop and talk. They keep their heads down and just walk on by. I sit on my front step and watch them hurriedly walk by and I wonder how their gardens grow.

It is my experience that gardens need all of us to walk by and admire them and remember a story from our lives about a garden. And gardeners need all of us to stop and tell that story.



Ingrid Mayer has been selling bedding plants and herbs at the City Market since 1967.

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# Rose Sliwa - caregiver at heart

By Patrick Lee

There are certain points in our lives when the world tells us to move on.

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Rose Sliwa felt the need to enter a new chapter in her life after her retirement. Not only that, she wanted to dedicate herself to helping others.

She was working as an early childhood caregiver at Sacred Heart School.

"I've worked all my life and when I stopped working, I was miserable after a week," she said.

She got in contact with Operation Friendship, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing comfort to seniors and the disabled.

That was eight years ago and she is still volunteering her time, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

Rose helps with the food preparation, cooking, laundry, and whatever else she gets her hands on.

She also volunteers when Operation Friendship holds their bingo fundraiser at Fort Road Bingo.

Rose's youthful and independent spirit shines as she explains, "I like to be active and the staff is so kind to me".


"I'm a busy girl," says Rose; she explains that her time is well spent taking care of others and making a difference in her community.

There are so many ways to contribute to our community and Rose is reaping the rewards.



Rose Sliwa, seen here with Terry Godwaldt, enjoys singing at the Lighthouse Mission.

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Edmonton tops the list of all municipalities in Canada with new housing starts. Yet the Mayor's Task Force on Affordable Housing says housing in the city is not keeping up to the need for affordable housing for people. I ask myself, as you may, why it is we see so little happening in the affordable housing area?

Traditionally, responsibility for housing falls on the Provincial and Federal governments as to overall policy and funding. In the past, the role of the city has been minor.

Essentially in 1992, both orders of government moved out of social and affordable housing. The City of Edmonton, along with others, has been actively lobbying these governments to again provide affordable housing funding. The Federal government has allocated new money over the past 2 years through a partner-

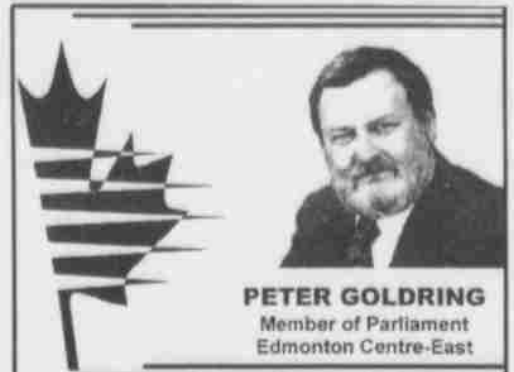
ship with the Province. Unfortunately, very little of that money has been matched or allocated by the Province.

While Alberta is experiencing an economic boom unlike any other part of Canada, many people on fixed incomes or low wage jobs do not see a financial benefit from this boom. Indeed, housing costs get even further out of reach for them as the boom in some sectors drives housing costs up. Without the resources from the Province, I fear the situation with housing will get worse.

One area the City of Edmonton has made real gains in is providing shelter for those in extreme need, mainly through the **Edmonton Housing Trust Fund**. The Trust Fund has proven to be an excellent vehicle for some special needs Edmontonians. But in the area of long-term continuing and affordable housing, both in rental and home owning, the lack of Provincial and Federal funds for housing continues to prove problematic.

You can always call my office at 496-8146, or email me at michael.phair@edmonton.ca, or fax 496-8113.

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## McCauley community bids adieu to Sacred Heart School

By TONY PAGNOTTA

If the floors, halls and classrooms of Sacred Heart School could speak there would be a wonderful book of endless stories that could be written. However, the final chapter to the story will be written in June as Sacred Heart closes its doors permanently as an elementary school.

School principal Charlotte Player will be the first principal at the new Mother Theresa School.

"We expect 85 per cent of our kids will go to Mother Theresa," she said.

This has been a very busy time for Player who is opening a new school and at the same time closing another. She has worked to make the closing of Sacred Heart as upbeat as possible. "It is sad in some ways ... but mostly bittersweet. It has been wonderful being part of this. But our journey continues on at Mother Theresa."

The new school is aptly named for the great Catholic nun who devoted her life to helping the needy. By a wonderful coincidence it is also the name of the very first Sacred Heart schoolteacher back in 1907. The original enrollment was 35 students.

The first school was a small wood frame building that was



Mrs. Lancaster, centre, Sacred Heart teacher for 23 years, with two of her former students, Carmen Pagnotta (left) and Maria Pagnotta (right) at the closing ceremonies May 4. Mrs. Lancaster is holding her memory book about the school.

quickly replaced by a brick school. The present building was built in 1961 and has a maximum student capacity of 690. That capacity was easily reached by the late 1960s.

The school by then was teeming with children of immigrant families that settled in the Boyle McCauley community - Portuguese, Italian, Ukrainian, Polish as well as many French-Canadian and Aboriginal students brightened the hallways of the fresh new school.

Many of these same children attended the open-house/closing ceremonies that were held May 4. "We had between

350 and 400 people come to our school that day. Some just sat and reminisced until 7 p.m. that evening," said Player.

Those memories flowed freely for alumni of Sacred Heart School. They remembered favourite teachers such as Mrs. Velma Lancaster and Mrs. Shirley Sirois who taught elementary grades at the school for many years.

And there were many popular junior high teachers who graced the hallways. Alumni recalled Mrs. Nadine Thomas, whose gregarious laugh and sense of humour set everyone at ease. And no one could forget

Mr. Lucien Farro, a five foot two inch ball of fire, humour and passion. There was the off-the-wall Mr. Wilson, whose long curly hair and mod clothes were certainly not the standard for the time. And of course everyone's favourite principal, Mr. Arthur "Bud" Arbeau, a giant of a man who truly was a gentleman and a leader. "He is a really nice man who was always extremely professional. He always was very caring for the children," said Mrs. Lancaster. She, along with Arbeau and Mrs. Sirois were among the many educators who attended the closing ceremonies. She fondly remembered the school as a "pleasant, loving place to be in. It was truly a very Christian experience of faith, hope and experience."

Lancaster came to Sacred Heart in 1967 and retired in 1990. "The school was a wonderful experience that any teacher can hold in her memories as precious and rewarding. I felt very honored to have this place in my teaching experience," she said.

"It was really a multi-cultural centre of children of all nationalities. It was a maker of many proud citizens of Edmonton and Canada."

Over the last two decades the ethnic make-up of the school

changed with Vietnamese, Chinese and Aboriginal children making up the majority of the registration. Presently the enrolment is only 142 children.

Player said, "The school has always mirrored the changes seen in our community. It has continued to uphold its reputation of hospitality and service to the children of Boyle-McCauley." Asked what she will remember most about her eight years at Sacred Heart, she said, "I'm humbled by the strength of the parents; the honesty... the challenges the children face and how they overcome them. The kids are wonderful..."

Previous principals would no doubt echo the same comments. As Father Reynolds of Sacred Heart Church said prophetically on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school,

"It is my sincere wish that the Christian spirit that was instilled (in the school) will live on ... and become stronger with the passing of the years. A school is not only a building - it is the people who attend it. So, even though the building has changed, Sacred Heart School continues."

Tony Pagnotta attended Sacred Heart School for nine years. He now works for Canada Post.

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