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# Boyle McCauley News

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## Community continues war vs. prostitution

### Chief McNally to be queried on "Year of the Johns"

#### Traffic diverters appreciated

A decision to buy ads in the **Journal** and **Sun** newspapers to publicize the names of convicted johns was tabled at a joint meeting of McCauley residents and Communities For Controlled Prostitution on February 20th.

The decision has been delayed until it is certain the newspapers will accept the ads, the issue of legal liability has been made clear and the costs of buying the ads is known.

Community members are considering buying ads because the Edmonton Police Commission rejected such a proposal at its meeting at Sacred Heart School on February 3rd.

#### Council to buy ads?

The only other possibility, besides having community residents pay for ads, is for Aldermen, Mel Binder and Lance White to make a motion to have City Council buy the ads.

Mayor Jan Reimer has expressed support for such a proposal. Though they lost the

vote, Binder and White supported printing the names of convicted johns at the February 3rd Police Commission meeting.

Other issues dealt with at the February 20th meeting included a decision to ask the Mayor to appoint two community residents to her soon-to-be announced Task Force on Prostitution.

This task force will be asked to come up with comprehensive recommendations for the City of Edmonton.

Two letters will be sent to Police Chief McNally.

One letter will remind him that community residents appreciate the traffic diverters in South McCauley and want them to stay.

Any decision to take them out will be strongly opposed.

McNally has publicly complained about the diverters saying they have inconvenienced the police.

The second letter will ask the Police Chief to spell out what is meant by the "Year of



Operation Friendship Housing Society is constructing a twenty unit self contained apartment building at 95th street and 110 A Avenue. It is scheduled for completion at the end of July, 1992. The target population is seniors who qualify for subsidized rents and have had difficulty finding secure housing in the community.

the John".

McNally will be asked to provide a detailed action plan of what the police plan to do in the coming year.

#### Year of the John

Community residents need to know what the "Year of the John" action plan is for two reasons.

First, we want to be sure we agree with it.

Second, knowing the action plan will give us a way to judge at the end of 1992

whether the police have kept their promises.

Constable Dorothy Sherbourne, McCauley's Foot Patrol Officer, has agreed to keep residents informed of the number of letters sent to individuals who have been seen in the company of a known prostitute. (At press time the text of these letters was not available).

#### Future tactics

Discussion was also held on arranging a meeting with interested prostitutes to see if,

together, we can identify reasonable solutions.

Another idea that will get more study is a plan to have teams of community residents regularly walking the streets on weekend evenings to politely ask johns and prostitutes not to do their business in front of our homes and schools.

The next meeting is planned for 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17th at Sacred Heart School. All interested residents are welcome to attend.

by **Harvey Voogd**

## More social housing for McCauley

### League executive is worried about effects on the community

Eight agencies currently developing housing projects met with the McCauley Community League at their February executive meeting.

Concerns were raised by the League about locating all of these projects in our community. It was felt that each agency should approach the League at the beginning stages of development for our input.

The league was dismayed to hear Edmonton Handicapped Housing had already purchased four lots without consulting the community.

Each project has merit, hous-

ing people who need better accommodation.

Decent affordable housing is an often expressed concern of McCauley residents.

Maintaining a mix of housing from single to family, rental to owners, single dwellings to rooming houses has also been stated as a community goal.

But having said that, questions come to mind that have to be addressed:

How much is enough? What do we mean by mix?

Do families feel they can continue to raise their children in this community? What loca-

tions in our community are preferable?

Will the projects contribute to the strength of the neighborhood or is the stability of the neighborhood threatened?

We have welcomed many agency and housing initiatives in the past and probably will continue to do so.

The need is obvious but do they all have to be located in our small neighborhood?

The discussion will be continuing. If you wish to contribute please contact the Community League.

by **Rosalie Gelderman**

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**A:** Dial-a-Dietician 454-2649

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**A:** Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Support Group 479-7921 or 476-2330 provides information and emotional support to sufferers, holds regular meetings and find physicians who will provide diagnosis.

**Q:** I am 40 years old and would like some information on menopause.

**A:** Menopause and You 436-7164 provides workshops on menopause for women of all ages.

**Q:** I have no money and I'm waiting for my unemployment insurance to start. I'm in desperate need. Where can I get help?

**A:** Emergency financial assistance is available to individuals or families without food or shelter or when emergency drugs are required. Edmonton Emergency Social Services 427-2822

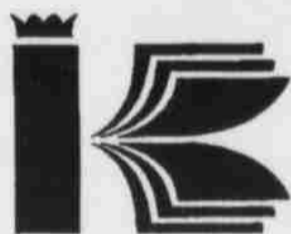
**Q:** I'm pregnant and single. I'll be keeping my baby but need some support. Is there help available?

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The event is timed to banish the winter blues, and it celebrates our local communities. Events are being organized by local residents and agencies, but people from all over Edmonton are invited to join the festivities.

For more information please call Brian King at 436-9899.

### 1992 Events

March 15, 5 pm  
96 Street (110 Ave. to 104 Ave.) Parade

March 15, 6:30 pm  
Boyle Street Community Hall Chili Cook off

March 16, 3:30 pm  
Adults for Kids Hall Kid's Carnival

March 16, 7 pm  
Mustard Seed St. Church Entertainment Revue

March 17, 4 pm  
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# Street prostitution on the Drag

## Police report paints sordid picture

Earlier this year the Edmonton Police Service completed a study of prostitution in Edmonton for City Council. The following excerpts describe the problem in our neighbourhood.

Street prostitution is serious problem in Edmonton. It is concentrated in three separate geographical areas of the downtown portion of the city known colloquially as "the Stroll", "the Hill", and "the Drag".

The Drag is now a very extensive area extending from Jasper Avenue to 118 Avenue between 95 Street and 97 Street. Business is conducted in doorways, parking lots, and lanes. Between 10 and 50 prostitutes will be working at any one time and approximately 10% of those will be transsexuals. Many have severe drug and alcohol addictions; venereal disease is very common and several are HIV positive. Cocaine, Talwin, and Ritalin are the most popularly used drugs. The majority of prostitutes in this area are aboriginal or metis. They openly advertise their profession and availability by lifting their skirts or holding their blouses open to attract passing motorists. This conduct is due, in part to excessive use of alcohol and drugs. In this area the age of prostitutes ranges

between 16 and 45 years although some as young as 9 years of age have been found. Most of them have boyfriends rather than pimps. Prostitutes here work to satisfy their own drug needs first and then provide money to fund their boyfriend's addiction.

In spite of the many health hazards in this area, police frequently find many males from all walks of life including professional males willing to pay for sex. Their chances of being recognized by prostitutes in this area are significantly less than if they used the services of the cleaner, more affluent and better educated prostitutes on the Stroll.

Prices on the Drag are \$5 to 20 for fellatio, \$20 to \$50 for intercourse, and \$60 for a combination of these services. Most prostitutes in this location will earn enough money to satisfy her addiction needs; obtain and use the drugs and return to the street when the need for more drugs returns. Most are receiving welfare to support themselves, their children and their addictions.

Contained within the Drag is an area known in the trade as Juvy (Juvenile) Alley. This location is the lane immediately east of the downtown Public Market on the east side of 97 Street between 101A Avenue and 103 Avenue. In this specific

area 10 to 25 girls, some as young as 12 and 13 years old, prostitute themselves. Several transsexuals also work here. The girls here are primarily caucasian and some are from fairly affluent families. They often use cocaine supplied by their pimps so that they give the appearance of enjoying their work. These young girls are bought, sold and traded between pimps. Payment may be made in drugs but some girls are passed from one pimp to another simply to repay a favour. Any girl wishing to leave her pimp must pay his street charge, usually several thousand dollars. Since she never keeps any of the money she earns the prostitute must convince another pimp to buy her. These girls are beaten and raped regularly by customers and pimps alike. Pimps use rape to teach respect.

In Juvy Alley the younger the child the higher the price. Fellatio begins at \$80, intercourse \$120, and \$150 for both. These

children earn substantial sums, every penny of which is turned over to the pimp. In return they receive cigarette money, taxi fares, a low class motel room and their drugs. Due to their tender age they cannot receive welfare so they continue to prostitute to survive. Any children resulting from their lifestyle are often left with their parents who struggle to understand it all.

The prostitutes of Juvy Alley travel extensively to avoid being identified and apprehended by the police. They become addicted to the fast life, staying out all night, plenty of drugs and no parental control. Any feeling of self-worth comes from the power of their pimp. Self-esteem is non-existent. The pimp proclaims a profound love for them that they have not previously experienced but his threats of violence for perceived disloyalty are real. They see and feel his rage. They believe they cannot leave.

## Crime down in drag area

While crime rates soar in the rest of Edmonton, a noticeable decline has occurred in the city core.

According to figures released by the Inner-City Violent Crime Task Force, the number of violent crimes in the Boyle Street "Drag" area decreased by 22% over the figures in 1989.

The crime stats included robberies with violence, aggravated assault, sexual assault and homicide.

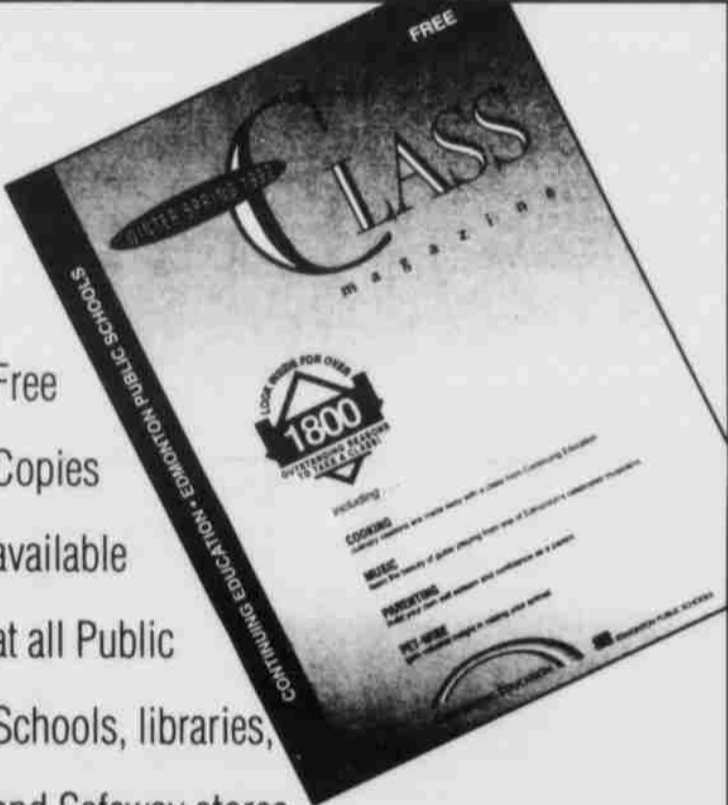
The high 1989 figures, particularly for homicides, led to the creation of the Task Force.

The decrease in crime in the Drag is attributed to a number of factors:

- \* Constant police attention.
- \* Better street lighting.
- \* Better liason between the police and the business and residential communities.
- \* Ban on knives in Drag hotels.
- \* Better lighting in and around Drag hotels.
- \* Opening of a cheque-cashing/banking facility in the Bissell Centre.
- \* Concentration by the police on prostitution and drug problems.
- \* Condemning of substandard housing (many of the living units in these buildings had no locks on the doors).
- \* Elimination of Lysol abuse.

### Five year violent crime comparison for 96 Street area (102 - 104 Ave.)

	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991
Robbery	131	117	107	104	75
Robbery with weapon	32	26	29	8	24
Robbery with firearm	7	2	1	1	1
Assault BH with weapon	42	33	61	55	45
Assault BH No Weapon	0	0	0	1	2
Aggravated Assault	14	14	14	22	14
Sexual Assault	33	47	71	53	62
Homicide	1	3	4	2	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>224</b>



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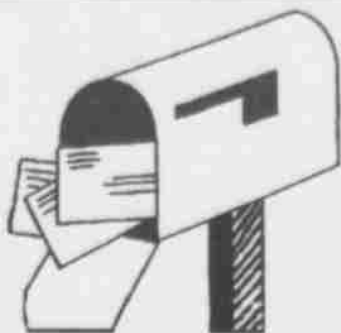
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#### To the Editor:

A "Vote of Praise". To all the volunteer snow shovelers, thank you. Keeping the walkways clear helps our community considerably.

It is easier to get to and from the grocery stores. It is easier to visit a "shut in" friend. It is easier for the mail carrier to deliver that all-important mail. And finally, for those of us using carts to deliver the Boyle-McCauley news, there is not so much wear and tear on our wheels.

Walle Deering

### Thanks from Alex Taylor School

#### To the Editor:

Alex Taylor School Parent's Auxiliary would like to take this opportunity to thank the Alberta Wildrose Foundation for the \$25,000 grant. This money was used for the purchase of a multi-purpose van.

Alex Taylor School

### Pedestrian Safety

#### Dear Editor:

The pedestrian lines at 95 Street and 108 Avenue running east and west could sure use a touch up. Or why not a push button caution light. Then pedestrians could be better protected.

Randy Glynn

### Volunteers needed

Many seniors who are on the Edmonton Board of Health's Home Care Program need a little help from their neighbours. Maybe they need someone to help them get out to do their grocery shopping or to visit their doctor. Or maybe they are lonely and would like someone to come and visit them.

Do you have a few hours a week to spend with someone who could really use your help? Your involvement could make all the difference.

If you are interested in finding out whether there is a someone in your community who could use your help, please call Roger Laing at 482-1965

## Letters to the Editor

### No jobs available!

#### Dear Editor:

I was surprised to learn that here in our society there are still living people like W. Lotosky. Why do you print that rubbish?

Many of our inner city people don't work, not because they refuse to but because there are no jobs, especially for people without a high school diploma.

Our M.L.A. Pam Barrett should be congratulated for what she did to help that woman on social assistance. I don't know Pam Barrett, I have never talked to her, but I know she helps many people.

I have lived in the inner city for 34 years and I know the problems people are having. Where does W. Lotosky live?

I have heard the same kind of talk at Pioneer Place. The pensioners say "The young won't work." But I say give them a chance. Do you know what life is like in a big city? If you have a good job, if you have good schooling, the city is OK. If not, you are in big trouble. We must help each other. We don't live in the Dark Ages do we?

This is the richest country in the world. So do we let people starve to death because they are poor?

Thank you **BMNews** for the good job you are doing.

From Boyle Street,  
Sergio S.

## Sacred Heart students visit McCauley Lodge

On February 14th, Miss DeCastro's grade 1 - 2 class from Sacred Heart School set out with songs, valentines, and heart shaped cookies. They made their way to McCauley Lodge to share some love with the residents there.

After entertaining about thirty

residents with songs and a poem, the children shared their valentines and cookies with them.

Though shyness struck a few children, most were eager to meet the elders and share some February 14th cheer.

by Mary Gullivan

## Sister Rose is leaving...

#### by Randy Glynn

Sister Rose Roshau is leaving after many years of giving of her magnificent spirit. These are just a few of the comments from some of the people I interviewed at the Anawim Food Bank:

#### Joe & Charlie

"It's too bad because she was one great lady for sure. It's not easy for us sometimes but she had that special knack of making us feel human no matter what our situation was."

#### Rita

"I've only been here a few times but Rose was special, very special, I wish her the very best."

#### Ovide

"My English, she's not too good, eh! Mais oui. Sister Rosy (I call her Rosy) was 'une belle fille.' I say a prayer for her for sure."

#### Virginia

"I loved her for her warmth and



Sister Rose

kindness. It's so difficult to survive these days...I wish her all the best."

#### Cheryl & Timmy

"We didn't know Sister Rose too well but we can say that all the people at Anawim were very good, giving people."

*These words are a small sample of how Sister Rose affected the lives of those she dealt with.*

*God speed and good fortune Sister Rose.*

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# Rob Paton patrols Boyle Street

It's not hard to guess the most common complaint residents make to Boyle Street's foot patrol officer, Constable Rob Paton.

"We have absolutely no power to do anything about prostitution", he recently told the **BM News** at Edmonton police headquarters. "It's really frustrating for us. We don't have the power to arbitrarily go out and move the women." The most he and colleagues can do is ask them to move on.

"Perhaps if there were a loitering bylaw" he could better address residents' complaints.

Fines against johns "aren't stiff enough" and in general, prostitution "is a very minor thing in the eyes of the law."

For more than two years, Constable Paton has patrolled the area spanning 92 Street to the alley west of 96 Street, and from Jasper Avenue north to the railway tracks.

Part of the city's emphasis on community based policing; he works from headquarters and from a small office a block away, at 9355-103A Ave.

The hope is "to get the community more involved in the police department with a problem solving

type" approach and "nip the problems in the bud," he says. In Boyle Street, he promotes increased cooperation between owners and managers of hotels on the 96 Street "strip, to reduce violent crime and drug dealing."

So far, efforts have been "pretty successful," with hotel owners agreeing to light parking lots and enforce a

television cameras on general assignment in the area have captured some dramatic scenes. Accompanied one night by a CFRN crew, the officer received an urgent appeal from a desperate van owner who had sighted his stolen vehicle. Later, TV viewers could hear "huffing and puffing" during the chase through an alley. Constable Paton makes clear the sound

beat a third using a knife for the sake of \$30. "It's kind of upsetting. A little lower or higher" with the knife and "it would have been a homicide."

The often harsh situations he encounters on the job lead the officer to wonder about better alternatives for "these people who are not making a real contribution to society. I think there's got to be some really big changes in society" in general and "not just down here," he adds.

Asked about advice for residents, Constable Paton says, "Be careful when you're walking down the streets, but don't be scared.

"This is not New York City. There are not that many people getting beaten or mugged."

He also urges residents to "get involved through the beat office" by contacting volunteer coordinator Doreen Lesperance at 428-3859. Light office work is available with possible future plans to conduct surveys about the neighbourhood and its residents.

Other plans include setting up community programs to ensure safety in apartments and parkades.

by Roma de Robertis, SCIC

***"to get the community more involved in the police department with a problem solving type approach"***

policy of no knives in bars, says the 36-year-old officer. "Most of my time is spent in drug enforcement," notes the father of two. "Drugs are very prevalent down here. It's not that difficult to catch" offenders.

However, he would prefer to reverse the present trend and focus more on drug dealers than users.

Little of his time is spent dealing with minors, families or cases of break and enter in the area, he notes. More common are minor landlord-tenant disputes.

With Constable Paton in the lead,

effects came from the cameraman and not from him.

On another occasion, a CBC crew reporting on violence accompanied him to a "rat trap" motel which has since burned down.

They encountered a man in a dark alley emerging from a fight with a blood-soaked face and jacket.

"It amazes you the amount of violence people inflict on one another," says Constable Paton. The day he was interviewed by the **BM News**, for example, he went to court about a case in which two women

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# Community Calendar

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Spring break the week of March 30th.

## Operation Friendship

There is a dance on March 13th with the Rambling Senior's Band at 1:00 p.m.

Every Tuesday starting March 3rd from 1 - 5 p.m. there will be a barber in the McCauley Senior's Drop-In for senior's 55 years or older. The barber will do both ladies and men.

## Mustard Seed Church

The Church runs a coffee house every Friday evening between 7 and 11 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 - 4 p.m. An afternoon drop-in is open Tuesday to Friday between 1 and 4 p.m. There is a worship service and a coffee house on Sundays between 1:30 and 4 p.m.

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## Norwood Community Police

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## Boyle Churchill Foot Patrol

The phone number is 428-3859 for general local police matters.

## Sacred Heart Church

Monday, March 9th from 6:30 - 8 pm is a youth self-help group. Every Thursday from 11 am to 3 pm is a hot lunch for a cost of \$2.50 and drop-in. Attend the Sober Dance on March 7th and March 21st which starts at 9:30 pm. There is an Elders Bannock and Tea at 6 pm, March 13th. On March 22nd after both the 10 and 11:30 am Mass we will have the Anointing of the Sick. Every Sunday until the end of April we have free square dance lessons at 1 pm. A prayer group meets on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm. There are A.A. meetings every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday at 8 pm.

## McCauley Boys and Girls Club

Located at 9425 - 109A Avenue. We are open from 3:30 to 5:30 pm and 6:30 to 9 pm, Monday to Friday. On Saturday, we are open from noon till 4 pm.

Wide range of activities. Floor hockey, woodworking and team night on Tuesday from 6:30 to 9 pm. Teens only. New pinball machine. We are open 11 am to 4 pm during the school "spring break". Specials, trips, etc. Phone 429-2807.

## Hope Mission

Hope Mission has a coffee house every Saturday from 7 to 9 pm at 9908 - 106 Avenue. Every Thursday a special drop-in for women is open between 2 & 3 pm. For information call Sylvia at 422-2018.

## Boyle McCauley Health Centre

The Health Centre is now open Saturday mornings from 10 am to 12:30 pm. New patients welcome.

The Health Centre has now extended its boundaries to include the Norwood area. People who live in Norwood needing health care may be in touch with the Centre. Free confidential testing and treatment for sexually transmitted disease is available at the Health Centre. The Needle Exchange service is available from 10 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, and Saturday mornings. No identification required. Open to any injection drug user.

## Boyle Street Co-op

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424-4106. We are doing income tax services from 9 am to noon and 1 to 4 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays until further notice. You must file an income tax return to receive the G.S.T.

## McCauley Community League

There is an Executive Meeting on March 9th at 7:30 pm in Sacred Heart School, Room 124.

## Adults For Kids

For Lacrosse and Softball registration call Frank or Julie at 425-4451.

## Boyle Street Community League

Bingo is held on Saturday and Sundays at 1 pm at the Boyle Street Community Hall, 9515 - 104 Avenue. Escalating jackpot.

## The Mission

Open Monday to Saturday from 9 pm to midnight. Nightly Bible Studies at 10:30 pm. The Mission is located at 10304 - 96 Street. Phone 428-6451.

## The Church

The Church has a Wednesday night Bible Study and fellowship. Church services and Sunday School every Sunday at 1 pm. Call 428-6451 for information.

by Richard Auclair

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# Understanding Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis is a medical condition describing the gradual thinning of the bone. Bone is a living tissue which is constantly formed and resorbed. In osteoporosis, the rate of bone formation is often normal but the rate of bone resorption is increased.

Osteoporosis is a major health problem in the elderly population. One in four post-menopausal women develop the condition. Over the age of 70, one in two women and one in six men develop osteoporosis in varied severity. According to the Osteoporosis Society of Canada, major risk factors are:

**Gender:**  
Females are more likely to develop

the condition.

**Age:**  
After the age of 40, bone mass starts to decline steadily.

**Dietary Deficiencies:**  
All nutrients are important for the normal development and maintenance of bone. The most essential ones are calcium and vitamin D. Calcium is a structural part of the bone while vitamin D promotes the absorption and utilization of calcium in the body. Calcium deficiency can easily occur in the elderly because most elderly have lactose-deficiency, preventing them from eating calcium-rich dairy products. Moreover, the ability to absorb calcium in the gastrointestinal

tract is reduced substantially.

**Estrogen Deficiency:**  
Estrogen inhibits bone resorption in women. After menopause or surgical removal of the ovaries, estrogen production declines, leading to the increased bone resorption.

**A family history of osteoporosis.**

**Physical stature:**  
People with smaller frame are more at risk.

**Race:** Asians and Caucasians are more at risk than black people who have high bone mass and higher calcitonin levels (calcitonin inhibits bone loss).

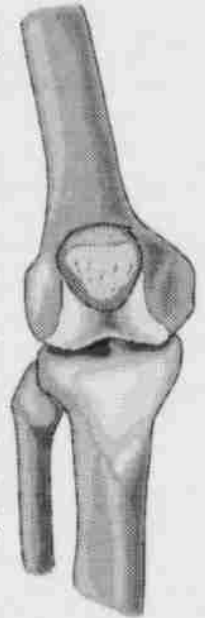
**Lack of regular physical activity:**  
People with sedentary lifestyle or prolonged bedrest have less bone mass because mechanical stress from physical activity increases bone formation.

**Continuous use of certain drugs:**  
There is a small risk involved with prolonged consumption of drugs that decrease calcium absorption or increase calcium elimination such as

corticosteroids, diuretics (except thiazides), laxatives. Excessive use of alcohol or caffeine can also present a minor risk.

How do you know if you have osteoporosis? The above risk factors only tell us the higher or lower probability of developing osteoporosis. Unfortunately, once signs and symptoms appear, osteoporosis is likely well-advanced. Symptoms may be backache of varying degrees of severity, fractures of the spine, hips or wrists, loss of height, or just reduced bone density. Discuss with your doctor if you think you are at risk of developing osteoporosis.

Next issue, we will talk in some detail about calcium and estrogen replacement in preventing and management of osteoporosis.  
by Thieu Vu



## Edmonton Housing changes policy

Edmonton Housing Authority is no longer accepting applications from people receiving Social Assistance Allowance. This policy is a result of funding cutbacks and the lengthy applicant waiting list.

The reason given is that those on

Social Assistance get a regular shelter allowance to cover the expense so are felt to be less disadvantaged than other people on the list.

Special to Boyle McCauley News  
by Dawn Young

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### How to Beat The Darkness

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## Capital works program would put Albertans to work

It is nice to see that the 3rd Annual 96th Street Community Festival is being planned again. This year it will be on March 15th, 16th and 17th. As more inner city residents and agencies help organize the festival, it will hopefully become another one of Edmonton's popular festivals. This would add to our being known as "Festival City".

Inner city residents and agencies, as well as businesses from throughout the city donate time, prizes and money to make sure the festival is a success.

Inner city residents know all about the pain and suffering caused by this Conservative government's cuts. Premier Getty had a golden opportunity to show that cuts could be made at the top. One cabinet member resigned and a new one had to be named. Ray Martin has said that if New Democrats form government after the next election we will have a cabinet of 18 ministers.

Getty has the second largest cabinet in Canada with 26 ministers. Both Ontario and British Columbia have much larger populations than Alberta, but their cabinets are smaller than Getty's. He only reduced the size of the cabinet by one. Big deal!

As usual, he tells ordinary Albertans that they should continue to tighten their belts. Then he refuses to start at the top by cutting the size of his cabinet. As usual with the Conservatives, it's do as I say, not as I do.

Unemployment is something too many inner city residents know all too well. In January more than 19,000 Albertans lost their jobs. We have the highest level of unemployment since the mid-80's. Yet Getty and his Conservative government are doing nothing to put people back to work.

Ray Martin has suggested a municipal capital works program to help put people back to work. Because of low interest rates, this would not cost the government a lot of money. In turn, it would put people back to work.

But Getty and his Conservative cronies don't seem interested in putting people back to work. Ray Martin and I and the rest of the New Democrat Official Opposition support policies which will get Albertans working again. And we plan to make this our priority issue, on your behalf, in the Spring Sitting of the Legislature.

by Pam Barrett, M.L.A.  
Edmonton Highlands

## Arson and the Community

Arson affects our community. The cost of arson goes beyond property damage - lives may be lost, businesses may close, jobs may be lost, or people may be left homeless. In January of 1992 there were four fires in Boyle-McCauley and two were arson fires.

Efforts to reduce arson in a community require teamwork. The Fire Department and Police Service can most effectively address the arson problem by working with the members of the community.

One important step is education within the community. The Fire Department will provide fire prevention seminars to the community and discuss strategies to reduce arson!

Arson is a serious crime and fol-

lowing changes to the Criminal Code, the judicial system has shown that it is prepared to deal harshly with those accused of this crime.

The Fire Prevention Branch of the Edmonton Fire Department will be spending more time in the inner city. They are eager to work with community leaders, schools, ethnic groups and the community at large to improve the fire situation.

Those interested in addressing the fire problem in the inner city, or anyone with questions or suggestions, are asked to contact Inspector John Amerongen, of the Edmonton Fire Prevention Branch, Public Education Section, at 496-3850.

by J. Amerongen

### Jokes and Riddles

Q: What kind of pliers do you use in arithmetic?

A: Multipliers

Q: How does a book about zombies begin?

A: With a dead-ication

Teacher: What is a mushroom?

Student: The place where they store the school cafeteria food

Q: What's blue and goes beep-beep?

A: An electric blueberry

Q: Are reptiles good to eat?

A: Only if you like indigestion

Mother: Why do you have alphabet soup for lunch every day?

Child: So I can eat and read at the same time

Edited by Sara & Margaret A.-M.

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