

Boyle McCauley News

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Poetry night "uniquely creative event"



Tom Hind reading from his winning poem "IT'S A BAD SIDE OF TOWN" at the Songs of the Street III Poetry Night at Operation Friendship. (Photo by John Zapantis)

by John Zapantis

The third annual Songs of the Street Poetry Night attracted over 200 people to Operation Friendship on March 5 to listen to the winners in 12 poetry categories.

Hosted by Janis Mackey from A-Channel, the enjoyable event also included musical entertainers Ernie Gambler, Jennifer Kratz and an array of musicians.

Over 200 poems had been submitted in the 12 categories sponsored by a

variety of businesses and social agencies. Winning poets received cash and other awards.

"There's something very liberating about expressing yourself through poetry that makes Songs of the Street a uniquely creative event," explains Michael Walters, organizer of the event.

Trina McLean won in the "Tales of the Street" category sponsored by the BMNews for her poem "Leave me alone".

Previous winner Tom Hind won again this year in the category "It's a Bad Side of Town". Tom dramatically delivered his gut wrenching narrative about crossing the buffer-zone into the Bad Side of Town.

Other winning poets included Heather Slade and Linda Dumont who both won in two categories. The other single category winners were Michael Antonette, James Iwasuk, Cheryl Kaiswatitum, Lynne Marie Pretty and Joeline McClusky.

Tom Hind praised the special event for providing poets with

an incentive to write and a viable forum for them to read their poetry.

"Poetry is a good medium for expression. This contest provides a reward at the end for submitting your work. All poets, and everyone in the writing field, should have opportunities to make money for their talent and hard work."

Host Janis Mackey also praised the event. "I think this kind of project lets people know about what some other people deal with on a day to day basis. These things are perhaps beyond the comprehension of most people."

"For me, it's been great after a stressful, crappy day to come here and let my mind go, and feel all these great poets are taking me to this unknown world. It's been fantastic!"

Later this year, the third edition of The Songs of the Street Poetry Night book will be published. The first two editions were sold by Our Voice vendors and quickly sold out.

Mr. Chu's heart was in McCauley

by Phil O'Hara

Home is where your heart is and Mr. Chao Shien Chu's heart was in his chosen home, McCauley.

On February 2, 1998, Mr. Chu died of cancer at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife of 35 years and two sons, Howard and Leo. Mr. Chu will be greatly missed by his family and the community he called home.

Over the seven years Mr. Chu lived and ran a family business in McCauley, he became a vital link between mainstream Canadians and the Chinese community. He helped to strengthen that link by financially supporting the community's Lunar New Year Celebrations for children. Through his four years on the McCauley Community League Executive, and active involvement in a number of issues, Mr. Chu became a highly respected community leader.

When Mr. Chu spoke, people

listened. Through him, the Chinese community, and in particular, Chinese businesses, had a strong voice. While Mr. Chu was always polite, he had strong opinions and wasn't afraid to share them.

"What I'll miss most about him is how he voiced the concerns of the Asian community with such honesty and strength," recalls Kimo Trent, who as President of the McCauley Community League worked closely with Mr. Chu.

"He always spoke right from his heart and I really respected him for that."

when Mr. Chu spoke, people listened - he was a model citizen

Kimo recalls that although they didn't always agree on issues, they always remained friends. For example, Kimo supported the so-called Drinker's

Park beside the Bissell Centre and Mr. Chu spoke at City Council against the idea.

"Yet we never had harsh words over it. He respected my viewpoint and I respected his."

It was a testament of the community's respect for Mr. Chu, that over 20 mainstream Canadians attended his memorial service.

"Mr. Chu showed a lot of courage by getting so involved in the community," says Kate Quinn who also served with Mr. Chu on the league executive. "He struggled with his English and it would have been so much easier not to get involved."

What also impressed Kate was how he showed his commitment to McCauley by becoming a community leader. "McCauley really became his home and he became a model citizen through his active involvement in our community."

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Mr. Chu seen here in a 1996 photo taken in Quebec City.

Memories of grandmothers etched in every generation

by (an old, old, granny)
Linda Dumont

"You don't look like a grandmother," I've been told.

I've got the answer to that one; just look at the grandmothers on the soaps! That's what a 1998 granny looks like.

Now, my grandmother looked like a grandmother. She was over 40 when my mother was born and 72 when I came into the world, so I never knew her as a middle aged woman. She died when I was 11, so I remember her as very old.

She wore a babushka and a long print house dress covered with one of those efficient aprons with an overall bib in the front. Her feet were sensibly covered with stout black laced granny boots, the kind that have since become the fashion for teenagers.

Grandmother had long grey hair, at least waist length, which she braided into



a long thin braid, then coiled around the back of her head, under the babushka, of course.

Grandmother was a widow, and a liberated woman for her day. She ran a boarding house for Ukrainian immigrants and my mother acted as an Eng-

lish and Ukrainian translator. Grandmother was illiterate, and spoke no English. She signed her name with an "X".

It was my grandmother's lifelong dream to own her own farm.

When my mother was 16, the two of them went out homesteading. They walked 30 miles from Leduc to Sunnybrook where grandmother built a little log house on her homestead.

She also owned a house in Leduc where she raised fragrant chamomile in the backyard and laid it out to dry on a table on the verandah.

Behind her house, grandmother had huge barrels of sauerkraut weighted down with rocks and crocks of dill pickles. She also grew all her own vegetables.

She had a huge garden, at least a block long. Between the weed-free rows of vegetables, poppies added a colourful touch to her immaculate garden.

But it was her garden that did her in.

There was early snow one year and grandmother was out in a storm cutting her kopuslas (cabbages). She caught pneumonia and died at the age of 83.

I had a Danish grandmother, but I never knew her. She died in Denmark when my father was a child.

My grandson will probably remember me someday as being very old, wearing strange clothing. Among his memories will be those of me drying nettles on a table to make nettle tea, and giving him doses of nettle tea anytime he looks poorly.

He'll probably remember my huge no-nonsense Reeboks, and funny hats instead of a babushka.

One thing is sure; he will remember me as very, very old.

Name your park contest

This spring a new park will be created in McCauley. Three vacant lots on the east side of 97 Street, just north of the railway tracks will be landscaped and turned into a welcoming greenspace. This park will need a name. The McCauley Community League is sponsoring a contest to "Name that Park." If you have a good idea for a name please call the community league telephone at 425-8883 and leave a message. You must

leave your name, telephone number and your suggestion for a park name. A distinguished panel of judges will choose from the entries. The successful entry will receive a as yet undetermined prize. Honour someone from the neighborhood, or come up with a catchy way to describe the neighborhood. Entries using unacceptable language or joke entries will not be judged. Enter now, enter often!

Mr. Chu will be missed

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Mr. Chu was originally born in Indonesia. He was married in China and the family also lived in Hong Kong before making Canada their home in 1990, explains his son Howard.

"My father had no state citizenship when he arrived, so he was very proud last April when he became a Canadian citizen. For him, becoming a citizen meant fighting against the bad things that affect us and working to support the good things."

The family business, Howard's Art Hair Design at 10570 96 Street, will continue to operate and the family plans on staying in McCauley.

Family friend Ping Chen encouraged Mr. Chu to become active in the community when she worked at the McCauley Planning office. "Mr. Chu played a very big leadership role by offering very practical ideas on behalf of the Chinese people and business people. He will be missed very much by his family and the community."

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LETS awarded consumer education scholarship



by Gail Campos, McCauley LETS System Coordinator

The McCauley LETS System has been awarded the Ethel Marlis Scholarship for community consumer education. The \$500 scholarship, which was set up as a 75th birthday present to the home economist and long time broadcaster, is awarded each year through Consumer Education, Grant MacEwan Community College.

The scholarship proposal noted that "it is important for people to be actors in their own economy. People in low income communities sometimes underes-

timate the effect that their dollars have on a community.

people need to be actors in their own economy

"The McCauley LETS System encourages cooperation, collective action and the sharing of resources. The system is as much about trading as it is about meeting neighbours and building relationships."

The McCauley LETS System enables people to barter goods and services with other members. Home-made cookies,

handmade cards, yard work and computer skills are amongst the goods or services exchanged.

The scholarship will be used for training for LETS members, for production of print resources regarding low cost, environmentally friendly cleaning products, and a new WECAN Food Coop brochure. Members are invited to submit other ideas at any of the LETS events.

Dates to remember: LETS Store: second Sunday of every month, 1-3 p.m. McCauley Apartments. Regular month end trading event 7 p.m. at the McCauley Community League. Call 424-2870 for more information.

Soccer season set to kick off

by Harvey Voogd



LETS members make a deal (from left to right) Michelle VanDerMolen Gail Campos Gary Kluss Brenda Dye

(Photo by John Zapantis)

For Boyle-McCauley soccer this year, we hope to have teams for boys and girls from 8 to 14 years old.

If you attend Alex Taylor, St. Michael, McCauley, Sacred Heart or Norwood School, you'll be getting a flyer this month announcing the time and date for registration. If you go to school outside the community, you can call me for information.

We also hope to field mixed Under-9 and Under-15 teams. If there is enough interest and coaches, we would like to field separate Under-11 and Under-13 girls and boys teams.

We still need coaches!

The season starts April 23, although if the weather is warm and the field is dry, we would like to start practices in early April. Teams play 2-3 times a week until mid-June.

Parents, if you want your child to play, please think about being a coach or an assistant coach.

You don't need to be a soccer expert to be a coach. The key thing in coaching is that you like and respect children. Other important skills are the ability to encourage kids, a commitment to fair play, and the willingness to give all players an equal chance to play.

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Advocacy Network (ICAN) helps tenants fight for rights

by Linda Dumont

ICAN has a message for inner city landlords who are unscrupulous: taking advantage of tenants will no longer be tolerated.

On February 13, 1998 tenant advocate Leo Regehr, who works with the Inner City Advocacy Network (ICAN), and representatives from a number of other inner city agencies, called a press conference at the Mustard Seed Church to discuss the problem of dishonest landlords.

Mistreated Tenants Have Recourse

Inner city tenants have long complained about losing their damage deposits without cause, being evicted without proper notice, and loss of personal property at the hands of their landlords.

"We feel a combined criminal prosecution and civil litigation, and the surrounding publicity, will be a unique incentive for some landlords to change their behaviour," explains Regehr. "These landlords have options. They're the ones that can change, and the tenants can learn from that experience as well."

Landlord Sued

ICAN recently helped a tenant successfully sue their former landlord and it is currently helping another tenant prepare her case.

With the help of ICAN, tenant Harriet Erickson has filed a civil claim. Erickson had given three months notice to be out of her apartment by February 28, 1997.

She packed her belongings in boxes, and stacked them neatly in one part of the apartment. Then she went to stay with friends. When she returned to pick up her things on March 3, they had been thrown out in the snow behind the building, and then they disappeared.

Erickson said, "They're all gone. My clothes, my pots and pans, everything a person needs to live."

When asked how she feels about her landlord, Erickson was furious. "I think he's a jerk. He's got no business doing what he did."

Regehr agrees. "We are going to ask for Harriet to be compensated for as much as she can be. But unfortunately, she can't replace the family portraits she lost."

But isn't this simply a question of miscommunication?

"If this was just a case of miscommunication, we could term bank robbery as just a financial transaction," Regehr replied.

A court date has not yet been set for this case.

Erickson's case is the second civil case for Regehr involving tenants' rights.



He wasn't alone, cockroaches were there too; in the toilet, in the cupboards, even in the fridge.

Judge Orders Landlord to Repay Tenant \$1200

In the opening shot against slum landlords, on January 12, 1998, Civil Court Judge K.D. Hope ordered landlord Pran Sawhney, owner and operator of Samir Holdings, to pay \$300 in court costs and return \$1,200 to a tenant.

Tenant Norman Gaucher testified in court that he abandoned the apartment he had just rented when he found it infested with cockroaches.

Gaucher rented a suite on April 10, 1996 at 10617 107 Avenue, signed a lease and paid a damage deposit plus two months rent. He had the power turned on and was about to move in on April 23.

Then Gaucher discovered he wasn't alone in his apartment.

"My girlfriend was with me. She went to use the bathroom. She hollered. There were cockroaches in the toilet and on the ceiling. In the kitchen I opened the cupboards and they were there. They were even in the fridge."

Gaucher immediately in-

formed the caretaker he wasn't moving in and asked for his money back. She arranged a meeting with the landlord, Pran Sawhney.

At the meeting, Sawhney refused to return the money. He said Gaucher could give a written notice, and he might be able to give some of the money back if he could rent the suite.

Speaking in his own defense, Sawhney testified that "He signed a lease. A tenant agreement was in place. There was no written notice of termination of tenancy."

Judge Hope responded that "I'm satisfied that there were cockroaches throughout the premises. That made the premises uninhabitable. This is a breach of the Tenancies Act."

"When the plaintiff met with you, he made it clear that he was not moving in. He was assured that the roach infestation was kept in control. The evidence from Birch Fumigators shows that suite 404 was done twice in April. There were still cockroaches."

Carpet Cleaning NOT to be Deducted From Damage Deposit

Judge Hope also examined a claim for damages made by Sawhney. Among the deductions are carpet cleaning and general cleaning.

"Why were these required if the tenant was only there twice?", he asked. Judge Hope ruled that carpet cleaning is part of normal wear and tear on a premise and not to be deducted from the damage deposit.

The case started in January, 1997 at the Mustard Seed when Regehr first met Norman Gaucher. By that time, Gaucher had been carrying around his receipts for nearly a year. He didn't know what to do with them.

Regehr did the preliminary work, then lawyer Derek Chapman represented Gaucher in court.

In speaking about the judgement, Chapman said, "Hopefully other landlords will realize that there is a problem in that area."

Regehr adds that "This landlord will think twice before he tries that again. He can't pretend to know the rules of the game and use that to treat the tenant badly. Regardless of what the tenant said or did, the place had to be habitable."



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"We Are All One Family Under The Same Sky"

by *Reny Clericuzio,*
Principal, St. Michael
Catholic School

Scattered throughout St. Michael School are posters and banners that speak about the school's commitment to learning, friendship and family values.

One such banner in the foyer reads: "We Are All One Family Under The Same Sky."

St. Michael's dedication to promoting family values and unity goes beyond mere words. On February 19 a special family supper was organized by the school staff as a way to gather families to spend time together.

The menu for the dinner was penne pasta with sauce, salad, roasted sausages, buns, dessert,

coffee and juice.

Over 280 children, parents, staff and community members attended this annual event.

Following supper, the children of the school took centre stage and provided after dinner entertainment such as singing, dancing, gymnastics and ventriloquism. The audience eagerly expressed their gratitude with tremendous applause.

The evening culminated with a special raffle. All those in attendance enjoyed this pleasurable evening.

97 Street getting a facelift

by *Ratan Lawrence,*
Executive Director, Avenue
of Nations Business Assoc.

The 97 Street (Chinatown) Project is proceeding into its last stage, which is a tendering process.

Prior to this, the City's Planning and Development Department made several presentations to the property/business owners and welcomed comments and suggestions at the various stages from conceptual to detailed design.

This project has been evolving since 1995 in consultation with the Avenue of Nations Business Association and the property/business owners.

The project construction scheduled to start in April is expected to last about four months.

The roadway rehab and sidewalk repair part of the local improvement project will be paid for by the city. The area property owners will pay for the streetscape elements which are estimated to cost \$762,000.

More visual elements, red ornamental light poles, red and green paving stones, will add character to the area enhancing Chinatown as a beautiful landmark.

The circular plaza on 107A Avenue will contain pillars surrounding the inner platform which are engraved with the 12 zodiac signs. The centre of the plaza is open to allow for future development. Some suggestions include a water fountain and lighting. Red paving stones will be used until a decision is made about the circular centre.

The focal point of 97 Street will be 107A Avenue, with tree planting, power receptacle, lighting, and a 30 metre plug in for truck vendors during special events. The proposed conventional gate will be located

at 97 Street and 107A Avenue.

Telephone booths, waste receptacles, and bus shelters will align the streets and be designed with a Chinese theme.

The light poles will be painted red and designed with hooks to

hold flower pots. All existing light poles will be replaced. New Avenue of Nations' banners, with possibly a dragon design, will be placed on the light poles.

Shovelling snow - a pain in the back

by *Dr. Roman Bayrock and*
Dr. Jason Bos

"Shovelling snow and clearing icy sidewalks can often lead to lower back pain," say chiropractors Dr. Roman Bayrock and Dr. Jason Bos.

Bending, lifting and twisting are common activities for snow and ice removal around many Alberta homes this time of year.

"Such repeated and sometimes excessive activity can lead to back injuries, not to mention disc and neurological problems or muscle strains," the doctors



advise.

The lower back is particularly vulnerable to overexertion type injuries. However, some precautions can be taken to prevent lower back pain and injury. Good use of body mechanics helps, and this simply requires some common sense and improved body awareness.

When shovelling snow, the general rules of proper lifting should be followed.

The College of Chiropractors of Alberta offer some preventa-

tive "Codes of Caution":

- dress warmly to prevent chilling of muscles and frostbite; wear warm, non-slip boots;
- bend knees and use your legs to shovel and lift; avoid excessive bending or twisting of your back;
- always turn using your feet, not your back;
- push snow out of the way whenever possible, rather than lifting or throwing;
- use a shovel with a long handle to minimize the degree of bending.

(Dr. Bayrock and Dr. Bos are chiropractors new to the Boyle-McCauley Health Centre, currently offering their services to the community at no charge. Appointments may be made by calling the centre at 422-7333.)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

by Timm Gaudet

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Boyle McCauley Health Centre



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Mon. To Thurs. 9am to 9pm
Fri. 9am to 4:30pm
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Women's Health Clinic
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Gym Night at McCauley School, Fridays, 6 to 8pm, for kids 4 & up.

McCauley LETSystem

Trading Event last Monday of the month at 7pm
McCauley Hall
Info: 424-2870
New Members Welcome (come and check it out).

The Rock

c/o St. Peter Lutheran Church
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Circle of Friends

Saturday, March 14
A gathering of song, dance, and stories.
Downstairs at First Christian Reformed Church
10956-96 Street
Gathering starts at 7:30pm, music starts at 8:00pm
Pot luck munchies. Beverages will be provided.
Suggested donation \$2.00/person

Collective Kitchen

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Community Hub

Volunteer Leadership Development Program
Starts March 25
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Art Club in McCauley. Come meet other artists in the community. First meeting, March 31, 7:30pm, at Traamici Cafe, on 95 Street across from Giovanni Caboto Park. For more info call John Phillips at 425-8255.

Spring Time Leisure Activities: Sponsored by City of Edmonton Community Services (formerly known as Parks and Recreation) Call Heather Seutter at 496-4706 for more info on the following activities.

Badminton Club: beginners and up. Tuesdays till April 29, 7:00-8:30pm. McCauley Community League Hall, 96 Street and 108 Ave. FREE to community league members; \$2.00 non-community members.

Tai Chi: open to everyone 16 years and older. Wednesdays, March 4-April 29, 7:30-8:30pm. McCauley Community League Hall, 96 Street and 108 Avenue. \$10.00 for 7 sessions. Call Heather Seutter at 496-4706 to register.

Start to Art: Learn the basics of sketching, drawing, water colour, pastels, and sculpture. Thursdays, March 12-April 30, 7:00-8:00pm. McCauley Community League Hall, 96 Street and 108 Avenue. \$10.00 for 7 sessions. Call Heather Seutter at 496-4706 to register.

Tumbler's Recreation Gymnastics Program. All classes taught by certified gymnastics instructors. \$10.00 for 10 week session. Commonwealth Stadium Gymn, 11000 Stadium Road. Tuesdays, March 17-May 12, 4:30-5:30pm: 5-8 years old
Thursdays, March 19-May 14, 4:45-6:00pm: 9-12 years old.
To register call Heather Seutter at 496-4706.

The Land Before Time Spring Break Camp. For children 6-12 years old. Unearth prehistoric art, drama, snacks, games and more! Bring your own bag lunch. March 30-April 3 from 8:30am to 4pm. McCauley Centre, 9425-109A Avenue

Saturdays Toonie Art. Make your own cartoons, work with clay, paints and pencils, picture frames, beads and stories. For children aged 6-12 years. \$2.00 per session. Saturdays, May 2-June 13, 10:30am-12noon. McCauley Community League Hall, 96 Street and 108 Avenue. Limited class size so register early. Call Heather Seutter at 496-4706.

McCauley Community League

If you want to join the McCauley Community League, call 425-8883. There is an excellent package of useful information for new MCL members. For Hall bookings call Anna at 421-8762.

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Community Leadership Training



These are the first graduates of the Boyle McCauley HUB Volunteer Leadership Development Program. The five session course strengthens involvement in local associations. The next session begins March 25 and is already filled with participants. A fourth course is being planned for late spring or early fall, with the generous support of the Clifford E. Lee Foundation. The graduates are: (front row, l to r) Jackie Andriet, Eliza Lam, Wanfong Linly, (back row, l to r) Velma Mitchell, Georgina Norquay, Rita Isadore, Brenda Dye.

Volunteers needed at McCauley Boys' and Girls' Clubs

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Edmonton is a diverse youth agency whose purpose is to enhance the growth potential of youth development in the community.

Volunteers at the club supervise an array of activities that range from helping children develop social skills to the enhancement of physical abilities in a variety of sporting activities and special events.

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs have been in existence in Canada since 1900 and the first club in Alberta was officially founded in Calgary in 1936. In 1959, the first club in Edmonton opened in McCauley at 9425 109A Avenue.

Annette Hunter, volunteer recruitment planner at the McCauley club recruits volunteer coordinators whose responsibilities include supervising youth activities.

She explains just how important volunteers are: "Our vol-

unteers are the backbone of our organization. Without them, we wouldn't be able to run programs for children and youth in this neighbourhood."

500 volunteers, 20,000 hours, 2,000 youth

As the largest youth servicing agency in Edmonton, in 1995-96, over 500 volunteers put in a total of 20,000 hours supervising youth, fundraising, organizing special events and serving on the board. Over 2,000 children and youth participate in programs provided by the clubs of Edmonton.

Currently, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Edmonton are looking for volunteers to assist in coordinating youth activities. If you are interested in volunteering, call Annette Hunter at 422-6083 or drop by the club on 109A Avenue.

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Bylaw Services: neighbourhood problem solvers

by Councillor Michael Phair



Every neighbourhood in Edmonton has its share of problems, unkept properties, stinky garbage, illegal businesses and the proverbial nasty dog.

The solution to problems like this is often simple: a call to the Bylaw Services Section of the Edmonton Police Department.

The Enforcement and Investigations Unit, at 496-5200, can help with problems from untidy and unsightly yards to unshovelled snow from sidewalks. This

unit enforces garbage problems, noxious weed control, nuisance conditions, excessive noise, and conditions on the street or sidewalk that are hazardous to residents.

Depending on the seriousness of the problem, action from the unit may be immediate. Generally, Bylaw Services provides a warning notice to property owners and tenants. Noncompliance with the courtesy notice could put property owners in big trouble, with fines ranging from \$45 to \$750.

The Licensing Unit, at 496-5233, issues a number of the city's licenses and permits. Besides issuing business licenses, garage sale permits, dog licenses and taxi licenses, the unit provides for the investigation and enforcement of unlicensed businesses.

Illegal backyard mechanics or auto body repairs, or other businesses operating at all hours, can be shut down. If you feel a business is operating without a license, or not in accordance with licens-

ing regulations, call the Licensing Unit.

Finally, the Animal Control Unit (City Pound) of the Edmonton Police Service, at 496-8860, are the people you telephone for dog and pest problems. Experienced Animal Control Officers will investigate and respond to dog bites, dogs running at large, too many dogs on a property, and pest complaints such as pigeons and magpies.

Special attention is paid to infamous Pit Bulls and dogs deemed vicious by the city. The City Pound also has after hours services in case of urgent situations or animals left dead on the road.

Along with Bylaw Services, I am committed to enhancing the safety, security, and quality of life for all Edmontonians through reasonable, fair and consistent enforcement.

If you have any concerns in this regards, you can reach me at my phone 496-8146 or

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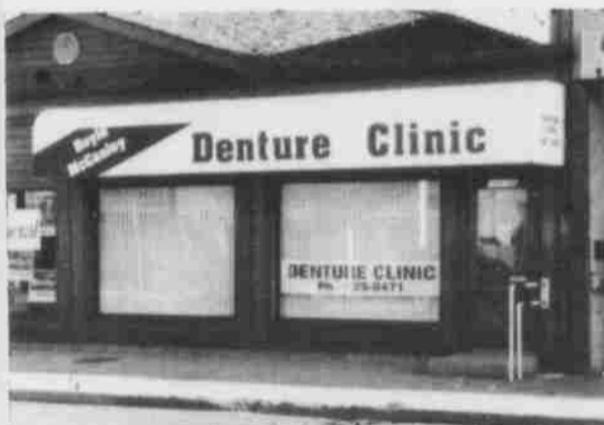
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When you're gone
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When you are near
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to jones on the ground
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by Trina McLean

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