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### Here comes the Queen!

Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of England, and his royal highness the Duke of Edinburgh are coming to Commonwealth Stadium as part of Alberta's Centennial Kick-off Party on May 23. There will also be performances by a truckload of fantastic Alberta Musical acts. Artists scheduled to perform include Ian Tyson, Oscar Lopez, Tommy Banks, Jens Lindemann, Corb Lund, White Chocolate, Maren Ord, Bill Bourne, Maria Dunn, Trincan Steel Orchestra, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and many more. It's a family party of music, dance and celebration. Over 1500 Albertans will take to the stage in an extraordinary display of Alberta's rich cultural heritage. Tickets are free! They are available at all Ticketmaster locations. Call 780-451-8000 or visit [www.ticketmaster.ca](http://www.ticketmaster.ca)

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Every day is clean-up day. Bao Williamson puts some litter in its place in anticipation of the the great annual McCauley community clean-up, and it's just around the corner, Saturday, June 4, rain or shine.

## Free lunch for clean up helpers

By Dan Glugosh

Get your garbage out. Get your pick-up ready to rumble. C'mon and help out. Or just c'mon out and take home some great free stuff. On June 4 good-hearted volunteers will come by with their pick-up trucks and pick up unwanted items from your homes, or maybe your yard or your alley, for free!

They'll take things like couches, chairs, mattresses, tables, tree branches, stuff the garbageman's not crazy about. As always, this service will be offered to all McCauley residents and will limited to one truck load per house and they ask that you put your stuff behind your garage. Or better yet, if you can get your junk into a car or a truck or even a wheel barrow, you can come and drop it off behind McCauley Apartments (9541-108A Ave) on Saturday June 4 from 10:00 am-6:00 pm. There will be big garbage bins there to take it all. Last year we filled up 6 8x40 yard bins.

There's going to be a tree chipper again, so all the branches that are brought in will be turned into wood chips.

Residents can take home some free chips for their gardens. There's also going to be a recycling and reuse area for any of the items in OK or better shape. Things like couches, chairs, tables and who knows what will be there for residents to take home for free. We will also be walking throughout the neighborhood picking up loose garbage.

Last year we had over 70 volunteers help to clean up our neighbourhood. Maybe you could help too? Give us a call at 424-2870, or just show up! We'll find something for you to do. This year the Host Lions Club is teaming up with us to feed all the volunteers. Thanks to them for helping our community.

So please show your McCauley pride and volunteer. You can also check in at the community's great new website [www.mccauley.info](http://www.mccauley.info)



For Charlene. Flowers and notes attached to a street post on 95th street offer memories of Charlene Gaud. She was a sex-trade worker whose burned body was found in an oilfield near Camrose recently. A 30-person RCMP taskforce called Project Kare continues to investigate.



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## VOLUNTEER GALLERY

### VOLUNTEER of the **Lana PHILLIPS** MONTH

*"As I started to learn more about my community, I stopped feeling so isolated from it." - Lana*

What makes me feel as if I'm a part of a community? When I moved to Edmonton from the United States, the only real connection I had to the community was through my partner and stepdaughter. It was a hard adjustment to make at first. My family did help immensely. Through their lives and connections, I started to find my place.

When I gained the courage to find my own way in connection with family and community, I started by volunteering to help others. My work with the Christmas Bureau and the Centre for Family Literacy helped me also to learn about the needs in Edmonton. As I started to learn more about my community, I stopped feeling so isolated from it. I widened my horizons as my confidence grew.

Moving into the Boyle-McCauley neighborhood led me even further into the heart of the community and its deepest needs. Finally all the pieces started to fit together with me in my place in Edmonton. I began writing for the smaller newspapers that got their start in the inner city. I started volunteering at The Mustard Seed and Bissell Centre. Working in their Drop-In Centres and Mustard Seed's PAC introduced me to my neighbors. Then I found the truth, or at least my truth. Being a neighbour to others gives me a feeling of community and neighbourhood. This neighbourhood feels more like home to me because of its diversity of needs and individuals and because of its commitment to serving others in a variety of ways.

My life reminds me now of the verse in Christian Scriptures: "...God sets the lonely in families..." (Psalm 68:6a). First, He gave me the family with whom I live and share every day. Then, He brought me into the larger family included in Edmonton. Now I'm a part of this whole world, and I rejoice in that!!!

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## \$115,000 in grants for Caboto Park upgrade

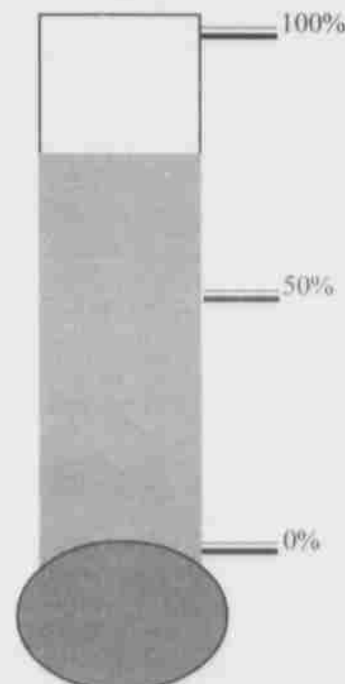
Fundraising for the redevelopment of Giovanni Caboto Park got a few huge boosts last month as organizers received 4 significant grants from Edmonton organizations: the **City of Edmonton** confirmed a grant for \$80,000 toward the new spray deck that will be a fun replacement of the cracked and worn out wading pool; the **Edmonton Eskimos** gave \$25,000 over the next two year. The **Junior League of Edmonton** contributed \$10,000 and the **Edmonton Radio Group** helped out with a \$5,000 donation.

Organizers are "absolutely delighted" with the financial help as they continue the quest of fully funding the community's vision for the park.

Sales of individual "bricks" are also "moving briskly," according to organizer Ron Berezan, who is grateful for all contributions, large and small.

Anyone can "buy a brick" and support the upgrade. Buy a **Bronze Brick** for \$50, a **Silver Brick** for \$100, and a **Gold Brick** for \$500. Donors will be recognized on a plaque in the park.

OUR GOAL IS  
\$750,000



# Pennies from heaven

## AISH goes up

By *Natasha Laurence*

McCauley resident, David Grant, can't quite believe it.

"All these years we waited," he says, shaking his head vigorously and smiling widely.

Grant is one of the 30,000 Albertans who rely on AISH, the province's financial safety net for severely handicapped people. On April 15<sup>th</sup> 2005, he received a piece of good news from Yvonne Fritz, Minister of Seniors and Community Supports. As of this month, his income will go up one hundred dollars, and a year from this month, it will go up another fifty dollars. "We heard that many AISH clients felt the living allowance of \$850 a month was too low," said the Minister in her news release.

Grant couldn't agree more. "Eighty-five doesn't get you anywhere. Ninety-five, that's better."

The AISH program was established in

Photo by Natasha Laurence



*While Dave Grant wishes the AISH increase was higher, he'll take it all the same.*

1979 to help meet the needs of Albertans so severely disabled they could not work to support themselves. In 2004 a committee of three MLAs gathered public input, reviewed the program and made several recommendations.

Grant's good news was one of them. Although the committee did recommend a larger increase in the living allowance, in

the end the Minister went with a more conservative figure. Along with the raise in living allowance, the Minister dedicated two million dollars to establish contracts with experts designed to help AISH staff figure out who is really eligible for AISH.

She also generously implemented the committee's recommendations to improve the earning power of AISH clients. Not

only will the handicapped have more money to live on, they will also be able to keep more of the money they earn if they work.

Grant isn't sure about this one. He thinks he might find a job, but his illness makes it difficult.

"I don't know, I'll see," he says.

Right now he's just happy to hear about the increase in his income. The new amount, he figures, will allow him to make it past the middle of the month with some money left over. He thinks he might get a new TV or maybe make a trip to Slave Lake in the summer, but until the money is actually in his account he's not making any solid plans.

Although he has been assured the good news is indeed true, five years after the last increases, he's having a little trouble believing it.

# Letters

## Alberta's poorest forgotten in budget

The Alberta government's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary budget may appear to have had gifts for all, even for some of our low-income neighbours. But totally missed again were the 30,000 households who receive social assistance. The government is to be commended for the increased support being given people with disabilities (AISH) and low-income seniors, as well as for the planned increase in the minimum wage to support low-wage employees. But it is incomprehensible why social assistance rates were not increased as well.

After being cut back 20% at the beginning of Ralph Klein's tenure as Premier, social assistance rates have been increased only once in 12 years. (In 2003 the rates were increased by \$20 a month for families and those not expected to work.)

Finance Minister Shirley McClellan reminded us in the Budget speech this week of the Premier's pledge in 1993 that "if Albertans helped us get rid of the deficit and debt, they would reap the rewards for their hard work." And certainly we are reaping the rewards of living in a debt-free province. But there are too many Albertans who are missing out on these rewards.

Among them are the over 50,000 women, men and children in Alberta for whom social assistance is inadequate, providing for only 40-80% of their basic needs (based on the Market Basket Measure thresholds). A debt-free Alberta is certainly in a position to increase their welfare benefits so that they can at least provide for their basic needs.

They deserve an invitation to the Alberta centennial party too.

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## Kudos for Caboto organizing committee

As I read my community paper "Boyle McCauley News" (April) I felt so proud to have been a resident of McCauley for well over twenty years.

For the Giovanni Caboto Park Organizing Committee, I can only imagine how frustrating it may have been at times, after many hours, days, weeks, months and even years of meetings and paper work. But you wouldn't hear this from them, they are too much of a dedicated people and only have one thing in mind, the RENOVATION OF GIOVANI CABOTO PARK. I can image the great joy in their hearts as they are finally reaching the point where it all now becomes a REALITY.

First of all the grant from the McCauley Community League of \$60,000 started the ball rolling. I recall that original motion very well, unfortunately, I was dropped from the Board of Directors and lost touch as to the progress of this great undertaking. Just think, they have reached close to three quarters of their financial goal of \$750,000, you eight committee members are not only dedicated people, you are concerned citizens on behalf of our elderly, our young children and in-between.

Too often we tend to forget to say THANK YOU to those who have given so much of their time to benefit all of our community. As a retired community activist in my eighties I speak to many local people, young and old alike on a daily bases, and the Giovanni Caboto Park renovation becomes a very serious topic. Words like, "...thank goodness, some one is doing something about the Park, to "...I just can't wait." Speaking with a young lady with three kids in tow, she said "I sure wish I could help out some way, but with three kids my financial situation is not possible for me to contribute, however I will pray for the success of this project".

Well, could that be "...donation in kind?"

Before it gets forgotten in celebration mode, I wish to say on behalf of all the many people that I have spoken to: THANK YOU ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, MUCHO MUCHO THANK YOU!

*Kimo Trent Sr., McCauley*

# Head Start for kids at Atonement Home

By Florence Miller

Directly in front of me is the massive brick structure of Atonement Home, located at 11035 - 92 Street.

The building has a rich history.

From when it was built in 1907 until 1942, it was used as an isolation hospital for people with communicable diseases. In 1942, under the auspices of the Franciscan Sisters of Atonement, it became an orphanage and temporary receiving home for children in need. An addition was built in 1952, with the building housing between 60 and 70 children, infants to teenagers. The orphanage closed in 1988.

Currently, the Sisters of Atonement offer a Head Start program, as well as a full-time Kindergarten for low-income families in the Boyle-McCauley and Parkdale areas. Both programs are free, however parental participation and input are required.

Head Start is an early childhood intervention program that encourages a child's intellectual, emotional, spiritual and physical development.

Children who come from families that constantly struggle with poverty, isolation, sole-parenting, language barriers, unemployment, hunger and too few resources are nurtured at a young age so they can take that love and care throughout their lives.

The Head Start program has wonderful classrooms with a variety of educational materials to stimulate children as young as 3 1/2 years.

Each day, the Head Start and Kindergarten children enjoy a hot meal, and spend time in the classroom and the wonderful playground. The playground was provided by a grant from the downtown Rotary Club, a long-time supporter of the work at Atonement Home.

Volunteers often come up with very innovative projects to support Atonement Home. For example, Gwen Burk invests hundreds of hours knitting beautiful sweaters for the Head Start children.

Each child can choose a sweater - giraffes, bunnies, fish, flowers, trains and stars are just some of the patterns available. What a wonderful January gift to warm the hearts and bodies of the Head Start children.

Through their programs, the Sisters of Atonement Home serve over 900 women and children every year.

It is estimated that for each dollar spent on Head Start programs, five to six dollars are saved in future special education, social assistance, health care and criminal justice costs.

The Sisters also run the Lurana Shelter for women and children in crisis. Trained staff operate a 24 hour/seven days a week Crisis and Referral Line (424-5875; TTY Enabled).

Men who worry that they may become abusive often call for help.

For more information, or to learn how you can contribute to the Head Start program, the Kindergarten and the Lurana Shelter, either call 422-7263, e-mail [director@luranashelter.com](mailto:director@luranashelter.com), or visit their website at [www.atonementhome.com](http://www.atonementhome.com).



Popular songster and CKUA deejay Andy Donnelly not only performed at the anniversary celebrations but assisted with the concert.

## BMHC celebrates 25 years of inner city health care

By Arnold Waxwing

The Boyle McCauley Health Centre (BMHC) celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at Sacred Heart Church on April 16.

There were stirring memories shared, warm-hearted speeches from dignitaries representing all levels of government, delicious food, and great musical entertainment from Bill Werthmann, Andy Donnelly and Harry Welling.

Since 1980, BMHC has provided a wide range of primary health care and health promotion services to residents from Boyle Street, McCauley and Norwood as well as to people without Alberta Health Care insurance coverage.

The centre provides health care to people on the patient's terms, without judgement of lifestyle or circumstances. As Volunteer Coordinator Denise McClaren says, "One of the things I admire most about the centre is how we approach things from a harm reduction point of view. Kudos to BMHC for treating all people with dignity and respect."

Sometimes, not only is harm reduced but the Centre can help to turn wayward lives around.

Such is the case of Joseph Jenkins, a patient of the Centre in 1990-91. In his

own words he "used and abused the system for years... was always in trouble with the law." But through a combination of the compassion and subtle gestures of acceptance shown by doctors at the centre, together with their ability to call him "when I was trying to pull the wool over their eyes," Jenkins was able to start beating back some of his demons, rediscover the strength in his spirituality and get on a healthier track in life. It was not an easy struggle but he eventually became an addictions counselor and is now a manager for the Salvation Army.

The centre averages 2300 health care visits each month. A dedicated volunteer work force of 44 people helps staff in all aspects of the centre's operations.

Those operations include primary "regular" medical care, along with several outreach programs like Kindred House, a service to women and transgendered prostitutes, Streetworks, a needle exchange program, and Haart House, support for HIV and AIDS affected community members. The Centre also works in concert with other agencies such as Operation Friendship.

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## Heart of the City Festival Auditions

### A celebration in music & art

By Penelope Tew

Energy and talent were the mainstay at the 2nd annual Heart of the City Festival auditions that recently took place at the Sacred Heart School gymnasium. Although the gym presented an acoustically challenging environment to the performers and the sound technician, everyone's talents shone through anyway.

There was new music and great talent from the heart of Edmonton. All of the musicians performed original music and the caliber ranged from good to "wow"! Those of us listening were in awe of the diversity of talented people who took the time to audition.

The musicians were showing their willingness to be involved in the Heart of the City Festival, which takes place on June 11th at the Sacred Heart Garden on 96th Street and 108 Avenue. The participating artists live, work or volunteer in the core of the city. Jay Derkach, Living Illusion, Johnny Buttons, Roscoe Taytuna and Mary Rankin are just a few of the acts invited to play so far, and invitations to other brilliant musicians are still being issued.

You will hear folk, country, hip-hop, hard rock, mainstream, polka, world beat, and so many more sounds created by new artists.

This festival is about more than music. Original art from centrally based artists will also be displayed throughout the festival grounds. These pieces will be available for sale.

Even though the weather was uncooperative at last year's Festival, 300 hardy souls showed up and made for an enthusiastic audience.

This year, the weather will be more seasonable, thanks to the input of sun dancers from the neighbourhood.

June 11th is a day to note on your calendar. It will be a chance to hear exciting new music on two stages and view some unique artwork.

Admission is free, so we'll see you there!



Jay Derkach is one of the many exciting performers who auditioned for the Heart of the City Festival.



Alan Bissonnette of the Lion's Club.

## Lion's Club feeds 800 monthly

By Natasha Laurence

Alan Bissonnette, president of the Edmonton House Lion's Club, the second oldest chapter in Edmonton, is dedicated to increasing the club's profile in downtown Edmonton. For the past five months, with the help of the Edmonton City of Champions Lion's Club, he has organized a free mid-month meal for inner city residents. Held in the basement of Sacred Heart Church, the midday feast has been consistently well attended.

"We fed 700 people the first time - stew, salad and dessert. Now we regularly plan for 800 people."

The Lion's Club, which organizes the Klondike Days Dream Home fundraising campaign, is dedicated to serving the monthly meal for as long as the volunteers and funding holds out.

"So many people come to meetings now saying how exceptionally interesting the experience is," says Bissonnette, "and in some case heart-wrenching."

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Above, Chris Norman and his daughters Chelsea and Jasmine enjoy exploring nature inside Kinnard Ravine. "They ask a lot of questions!" he said. Left, Dave Hayman jogs regularly through Kinnard Ravine. Above right, Cathy, Max, Bianca and Warren Preuss take a break from their bike trip.

LET'S TAKE IT

## OUTSIDE

# LEFT AT KINNARD LEADS TO McCAULEY

By Garry Spotoski

Strange how a simple walk in the park can change the course of your life. I should know. It happened to me.

I was living in Kensington, a fine community west of Northgate Mall, packed ear-to-ear with 3 bedroom bungalows.

It had its pleasures, but I'd been casually looking for a house closer to the river valley for years.

I've always liked spending time in the valley and I had a frisky young dog. It would be great to move where I could simply step out of my door and walk the dog in the valley we both enjoy.

Trouble was, most places along the river felt a little pricey.

One day, I was over visiting my brother and sister-in-law, who live in Ritchie.

We enjoyed a fine sunny morning, sitting in their sunroom looking onto a park.

I remember thinking, "I'd like to have a house with a sunroom overlooking a park."

As is thankfully often the case, I had nothing much to do that day, so I decided to go on a favourite walk - from Dawson Park, on the west side of Dawson bridge, along the north side of the valley to Capilano bridge - a section I'd been through a hundred times or more.

I love that part of the valley; it gets lots of sun, it's dog-friendly, there's a nice little section of

hoodoos and the view of the golf course across the river is fine.

As I walked along, I came to a sign I'd seen a million times.

Kinnard Ravine it read.

Left it pointed.

For some reason, in all the times I had walked or biked there, I had never made that turn, even though I love scoping out different trails looking for views of the city.

That day was different.

I went left.

What a beautiful place to walk. It's narrow and deeply cleaved. The city has put in a gentle roller coaster of a trail meandering along its west side. You're buried in a deep, cool, piney quiet. It feels contemplative, recreational and natural.

You look down onto a succession of beaver dams and moist, fecund valley floor. And it's a fairly short, easy walk, really just a kilometer or so. How had I missed this treasure for so long?

I emerged from its cool at Sheriff Robertson Park, on 82 Street, just south of 112 Avenue.

I was beckoned by Commonwealth Stadium to the west, I love that structure - the most beautiful, sculptural architecture in town. Underneath the LRT station I went, through the stadium complex I wandered.

I encountered houses. "This seems promising," I thought. "What a fine walk from the river valley. I wonder what's around here."

So I meandered up and down the streets and lanes of McCauley. I don't have a clue really, where I went. All over the place, I guess, just enjoying the air, taking it in.

I'd actually been to the area many times, as I'd been going to Eskimo games at Clarke Stadium since about 1964 or so.

But somehow, by approaching through Kinnard Ravine, the whole place took on some kind of strange potential.

I saw houses for sale here and there.

I continued to walk and walk.

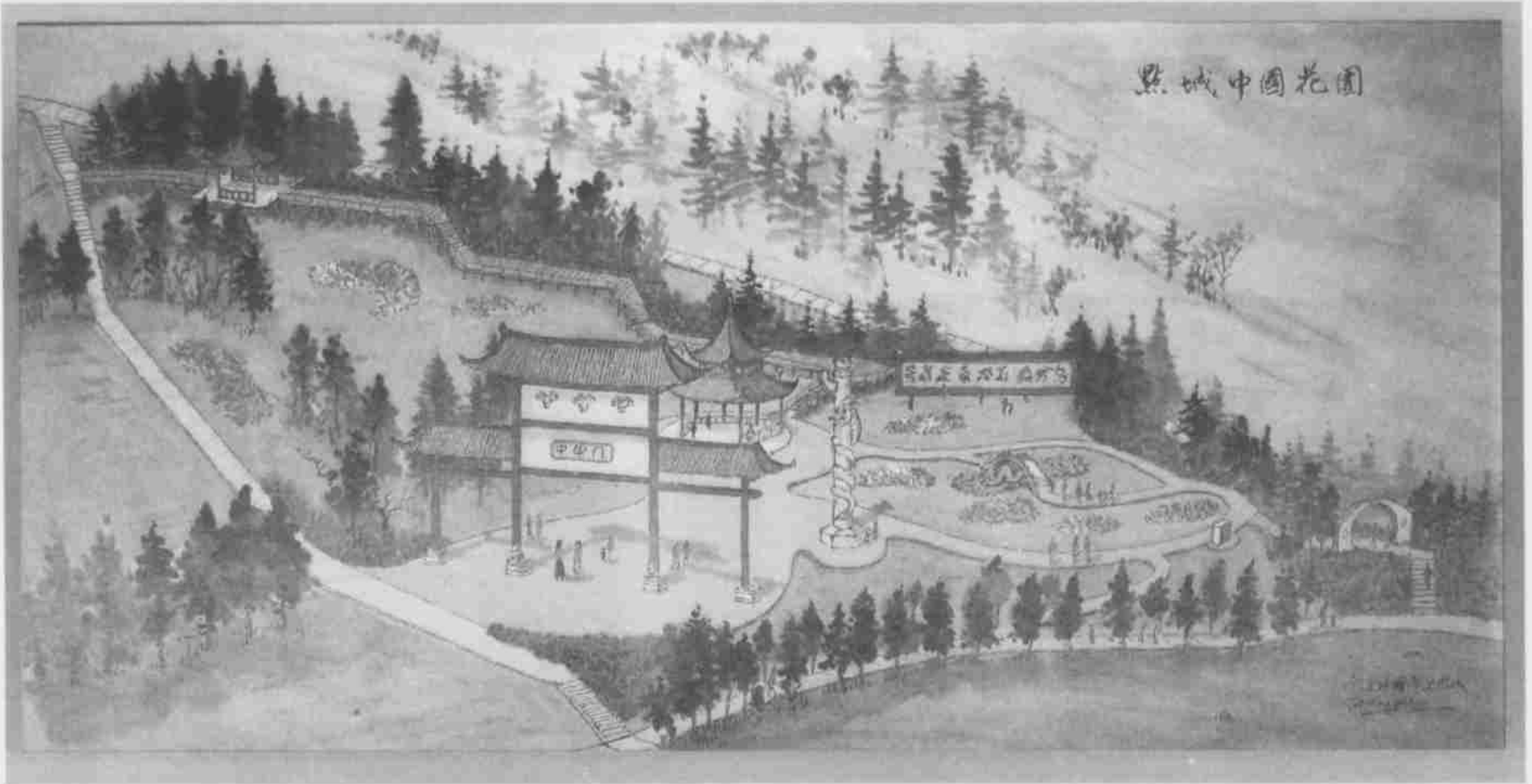
Somehow my wanderings returned me to one of the houses for sale, by serendipity really.

I'd been by once already, but it looked so good I couldn't believe I'd just gone by earlier. It was bordered on one side by a lane.

As I walked down that lane, I was bombarded by barking and woofing from three dogs inside the yard. A second story window swung open and a woman with long, brown hair poked her head out, yelling at the dogs to shut up. I looked up. She looked down. "Your house is for sale?" "Yes." "Can I look?"

As I sit here ten years later, writing this in the sunroom, looking onto Giovanni Caboto Park, I lightly revisit some of the great memories I've had here.

Funny what can happen when you go left at Kinnard Ravine.



Artist conception of the Chinese Garden destined for Louise McKinney Riverfront Park. The park is just below the Shaw Convention Centre.

## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON CHINESE GARDEN

By Debbie Yeung and George Ng

Centrally located on the north side of the riverbank below and to the east of the Shaw Convention Centre is Louise McKinney Riverfront Park.

During the winter the park is relatively quiet. In the summer, however, it plays host to the Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival (scheduled for August 19 to 21 this year). It is also a busy spot on July 1<sup>st</sup> when Edmontonians flock there to secure a good location to watch the fireworks.

Over the past few years the park has become more developed as city planners hope to attract more people from downtown to enjoy its riverfront charms. There are two more exciting developments coming in 2005.

A \$1,500,000 Centennial Legacy grant from the provincial government will be used to develop a Centennial Plaza on the west side of the park.

The festive plaza will include new washroom facilities, and buildings for food vendors and river valley outfitters who could rent out visitors bicycles, rollerblades, canoes and the like.

Edmontonians will also soon witness the commencement of construction of the Chinese Garden this spring.

Located toward the eastern side of the park, near the rose garden, the Chinese Garden will occupy 1.25 acres.

In its conceptual design as depicted in the artist's drawing, it will feature authentic Chinese architecture and horticulture.

There will be two pavilions, a nine-dragon wall, a stone bridge, a rock pond, two gates and many winding paths and stone carvings.

The Chinese Garden will also include narratives and displays on the history of Edmonton Chinese pioneers. The budget for the project is \$1,500,000.

The land is provided by the City but the development and construction of the Chinese Garden is undertaken by hard-working volunteers who formed the Edmonton Chinese Garden Society in August, 2000.

Through a variety of fundraising activities and grants from the three levels of government, the Society has raised sufficient funds to commence Phase I with a budget of \$800,000.

Before long, Edmontonians could be sipping lattes from a coffee shop after a leisurely walk at the Chinese Garden in the Louise McKinney Park!



## SEE THE ROBINS

By Erwin Seeger

Robins are easily the most familiar and best-loved birds. A promise seems to have been kept as we see the familiar brick-red breast arrive in mid-April.

Boyle Street and McCauley are blessed with abundant trees, hedges and boulevards where robins can perch. The older residential lots contain trees that they seek out for their nests – crabapple, evergreens, lilac, honeysuckle and mountain ash. Most of us have heard the magical song of the male robin, delivered from on high. When he sings, he is telling us that he is looking for a mate and is warning any other male robins to stay away from the area he has staked out.

They find a suitable nesting site, sometimes near their old one, and prepare to raise their families. Robins will often produce several clutches of eggs in spring and summer; how many depends on weather and food availability. Robins run swiftly across our lawns, stopping to look around. They then tap around on the ground, looking for worms. If one is found, they pull it out, for this high protein prize is grabbed eagerly. Worms are the chief food for young robins. On a diet such as this, they will grow strong.

If you see the spotted, fluffy robin fledglings on the ground, make sure to leave them alone. The parent birds are always nearby to help them find food. These youngsters have to grow fast because they must be ready to fly south with the adults in September.

The chief enemy of the robin is the household cat. When threatened, they will let out a series of sharp warning sounds. If you have a soft spot for robins and don't want the cats to get them, you can report unlicensed stray cats to the City Pound at 496-8860.

## WHO WAS LOUISE MCKINNEY?

A little research ([www.abheritage.ca/famous5](http://www.abheritage.ca/famous5)) discloses that she was a Canadian activist for the rights of women and one of the "Famous Five" women who in 1929 fought for the recognition of women as persons under the British North America Act. Emily Murphy, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Irene Parlby, and Nellie McClung were the others. Louise McKinney was the first woman elected in Canada and the British Empire and the first to be elected by both men and women.

She died at Claresholm, the home of her legislative seat, on July 10, 1931, aged 63.

Her gravestone reads only "Mother."

## Downtown on the Wild Side Babies of spring

By Kimberley Chung

As we are busy getting our yards and gardens ready for spring and summer, animals are working frantically as well, but their type of work is quite different. For them, the continuation of their families and species is what's important at this time of year.

What should you do if you find a baby bird out of its nest or a baby hare lying in the grass? Many of these animals don't actually need help, or could be helped very simply if you know what to do.

All types of animals are preparing to have babies come spring. For the birds downtown, this usually means building nests in neighbourhood trees. Often, a baby bird will fall out of its nest onto the ground. These birds are called nestlings and are usually naked or have very few feathers. The best thing you can do is look for the nest it fell out of and **put it back!** The mother bird will continue to care for it even if you have touched it—their sense of smell is actually very poor (contrary to what many people believe).

If you find a bird on the ground that has all of its feathers, it is probably a fledgling. This means it's in the process of learning how to fly. They usually don't need to be rescued, as they often spend time resting on the ground. Unless it is obviously injured or in danger (i.e. a cat

stalking it), leave it alone. If the fledgling is in danger, the best thing is to place it on a branch of a nearby tree, or if it's your animal putting it in danger, keep your animal in the house for awhile.

As for hares and other mammals such as deer, you might come upon their babies lying very still in the grass. **Leave them alone!**

The mothers of these animals come back only a few times a day to feed their babies.

This helps keep predators from finding them through the mother's scent. These babies instinctively lie very still so as not to draw attention to themselves. If you come too close, they might try to run and the mother may not find it again. If you touch these animals, more often than not the mothers will not look after them because they can smell you. Unless these animals are in danger, don't interfere with them at all.

There are many other situations that could take place, but these are the most common. Wildlife rehabilitators always prefer that animals remain in the wild if at all possible, so please help with this. If you are unsure about anything or encounter a situation not mentioned here, call the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society at 914-4118.



Lana Phillips is one of the many volunteers writing for the Boyle McCauley News. Thanks Lana! To read more, see our Volunteer Gallery on page 2.

## Cash-flush Eskies dream up stadium changes

By John Kolkman

As expected, City Council recently approved the installation of artificial turf in Clarke Stadium, a move intended to give Edmonton's amateur sport teams a weather proof surface to play on.

The city will recover most of the estimated \$2.5 million cost from the Edmonton Eskimos as part of an arrangement made when the Trappers baseball team was sold. The Eskimos will also practice on the new turf when the need arises. It will help the team prepare for games on the road; Commonwealth Stadium is the only CFL stadium with a natural grass playing surface.

According to Brent McFarlane, Facility Manager at Commonwealth Stadium, installation of the turf is expected to begin in early May with completion by September 1. The running track around the field, a high quality Mondo surface installed for the 2001 World Track and Field Championships, will be removed as part of the renovation, in order to bring the playing surface closer to the grandstand.

Rick LeLacheur, the Edmonton Eskimos Chief Operating Officer, made an additional proposal at the football club's recent Annual General Meeting. With the Eskimos currently enjoying a rosy financial situation - over \$12 million in cash and short-term investments - he

suggested the organization was giving serious consideration to installing an inflatable dome over the entire playing field at Clarke.

This would allow the Eskimos to practice in Clarke during inclement weather and would allow the stadium to be used for soccer, football and other events on a year-round basis.

An inflatable dome over Clarke could also help reduce some of the negative community impacts of noise and lighting from the current open-air stadium.

The Eskimos are also entertaining the idea of re-locating from their existing cramped office building on Norwood Boulevard and building new offices somewhere on the Commonwealth Stadium site. Where on site the office would go is unclear.

One possibility suggested by team spokesman Dave Jamieson is the present tennis court area.

The City's McFarlane said that there is no available space for Eskimo offices within Commonwealth Stadium itself. The huge concourse extensions added to the west and east sides of Commonwealth in 2001 are now being used as concession areas and for City offices.

They are therefore not available for Eskimo offices. He said that the City has received no formal proposal from the Eskimos.

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**A Community Member Who Needs Our Help**

I recently made a statement in the House of Commons about new technology that allows some seriously disabled to "speak" through a computer, using only eye lid movement. As many Edmontonians are aware, for nearly five years, Dougald Miller has been unable to speak, stand or feed himself after being severely injured by notorious psychopath Leo Teskey, who has only recently been declared to be a dangerous offender and jailed indefinitely. Leo Teskey, before beating Dougald, had been convicted of 35 previous offences, seven of which were violent. A failure of the justice system allowed him to return to the street and viciously attack Dougald.

Dougald Miller requires 24-hour care at the Norwood Continuing Care Centre. His physiotherapy is at present largely funded through the resources of his wife Lesley, who pays \$1,500 per month for this supplementary care. Dougald Miller can only communicate through blinking his eyes. There is technology available through Eye Tech Digital Systems ([www.eyetechds.com](http://www.eyetechds.com)) that might enable Dougald Miller to use his eyes to speak again. Mrs. Miller needs funding to acquire this equipment to enable Mr. Miller to live as full a life as possible.

Leo Teskey received a life sentence, but he is still able to appeal. Dougald Miller has no such possibility. Leo Teskey gave Dougald Miller a life sentence of near total disability, from which there is no reprieve. As a caring society, we must do all that we can to give back to Dougald Miller at least some small amount of his past life that Leo Teskey has so viciously taken away. We have much to learn from the experiences of Dougald Miller, but first we must help him with the \$25,000 cost of this important equipment, to enable his eyes to speak for him again. What do you think we should do?

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### Boyle McCauley Health Centre

10628 - 96 St. Mon-Thur. 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Fri. 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Children's Immunization: Mon. 1-3 p.m. Foot Clinic: Wed. 1-3 p.m. Dental and Streetworks during clinic hours.

### Boyle St. Community Services

10116 - 105 Avenue, 424 - 4106. Mon-Fri: 8:30-4:30 p.m. Youth Drop-in Wed. 4-7 p.m. Community Soup Line Mon-Fri. 12 Noon; Food Not Bombs Veg. Lunch Sat. 1-2 p.m.

### Community of Emmanuel

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### Edmonton Inner City Victory Church

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### St. Peter's Lutheran Church

9606 - 110 Ave., 426-1122. The Rock Community Breakfast: Tue.-Thur. 7-9 a.m. Kid's Club: Mon. 6-7:30 p.m.

### Salvation Army

9611 - 102 Ave., 429-4274. Men's Residence, Anchorage Addiction & Rehab. Chapel: Mon-Fri. 8:30 - 8:45 a.m., Sun. 6 p.m. at Edm. Central Community Church (11661-95 St.). Soup Line: Wed. 2:30-3:30 p.m.

### Singles Collective Kitchen

11035 - 92 St., 464-5444 (Trish). 1st Sat. of month 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$3 for 4 meals.

### Society for Metis Literacy Helpline

10865 - 96 St., 444-1234. Assists individuals and families with referrals and resources. Planning and action circles on Aboriginal/Metis/Inuit issues Thur. 7 p.m.

### Wecan (City Centre) Food Co-op

424-2870 (Dan). \$12 / meat order, \$8 / produce order. Deadline is 1st Fri. of month. Annual Co-op membership: \$5.

### Women's Health Clinic

Thur 5 p.m. at Boyle McCauley Health Centre. Supper and guest speakers.

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**McCauley Community League** Meetings 7:30 p.m. 2nd Tues. of every month at #226 9624-108 Ave., Sacred Heart Centre. Open to all interested people.

**There is a new website** for McCauley Community News [www.mccauley.info](http://www.mccauley.info). If you have news or events please email Russel Krause at [info@mccauley.info](mailto:info@mccauley.info)

### Community Games Event

Every Sun 1-4 p.m. in the basement at Sacred Heart Centre 9624-108 Ave. Free coffee and snacks. Sponsored by McCauley Community League and McCauley Apartments (ECCCC). Donations of used board games are required. For more info call Dan 424-2870.

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