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One of the many murals on the now vacant iHuman building (inset) on 101 Street.

NATASHA LAURENCE

You can find Wallace Kendall's phone number scrawled in stairwells and posted on doorways - a modern day drumbeat in the heart of the urban jungle. The kids of iHuman, homeless and marginalized, have written that number on walls all across the City of Champions. And, for the moment at least, that number and the man who answers its call are the precarious threads holding iHuman together.

"We're critically injured," says Kendall of the organization dedicated to working with Edmonton's street kids. "We're nationally and internationally recognized, something the city could boast about but, here at home, we can't get the building or the resources to continue our work. We're bleeding to death on the operating table."

Surprisingly calm for a man whose only office is the street, Kendall displays an uncompromising passion for the kids he works with. "They're some of the most gifted people I've ever met. They're doing amazing

things. They want to give back and in many cases they are giving back - hugely."

The irony, he says, is that while the city will spend \$200 million dollars a year on policing and the province \$12,000 a month to keep a kid in jail, iHuman, for only \$1,000 a year, can get a kid off the street, into treatment, and back to school. "Our work is worth millions of saved dollars per year for both the city and the province."

Without intervention Edmonton's street kids, whom Kendall describes as having been "rejected many times by society," will be caught in the endless cycle of jails and institutions - their primary contact with society will be the police. "Police don't do social work," Kendall explains. "It's not a solution. It's a total waste of humanity."

Five months ago, perhaps realizing the potential for Edmonton to lead the way in innovative street work, Mayor Stephen Mandel suggested he would find the space and resources iHuman needed to continue. "He seems like a good man," Kendall says. "What we really need is a commitment."



Carol Oczkowska

Welcome to our new editor

As most of you know, Garry Spotowski, your very talented editor, is taking a leave of absence. Filling his shoes won't be easy, but already the warm welcomes I have received, and the offers of assistance from writers in the Boyle McCauley community, have shown me what a great spirit of cooperation I have to look forward to as I assume the role of interim editor.

No doubt you will see some changes in this issue and I encourage you to give us feedback. Or tell us about people or events in Boyle McCauley that we should know about. Or write a letter to the editor. Or volunteer.

This is your newspaper. I am only a contributor to it.

And I am looking forward to getting to know you.

Welcome to New Volunteers

Say hello to Joan MacKinley, our new delivery/writer volunteer. Joan bought her home in McCauley in June and has begun to become involved already. She has taken on many of the deliveries in Boyle Street that have been without a delivery person. Hence some of you might have noticed receiving both the September and October copies last month at the same time. Enjoy!

Joan is a high school teacher of English and has returned to her roots in a manner of speaking. She was raised in her early years near Alex Taylor School. Welcome back Joan!



Joan MacKinley

Boyle McCauley News

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Parking Meters for McCauley?

ARNOLD WAXWING

Parking congestion in Little Italy and Chinatown could be relieved somewhat by parking meters on residential streets and angle parking on 95 Street. These were two possible solutions suggested by city officials at a modestly attended information meeting with community members.

Certain successful businesses in Boyle Street and McCauley draw customers from throughout the city - the Italian Centre Shop is the clearest but by no means the only example. Those customers drive and need a place to park, often tying up parking spots on residential streets. Aware of the need for more parking, the businesses strive to meet it, sometimes by purchasing neighbouring properties, demolishing buildings and using the properties for parking lots. The zoning committee of McCauley Community League has identified twelve examples where this has occurred.

This is phenomenon that can cause tensions with neighbours and in some, if not all, cases may contravene the Area Redevelopment Plan and city zoning regulations.

The meeting, held on October 25 at Sacred Heart School, was stimulated by this issue with participants seeking solutions to the problem.

City officials outlined zoning regulations especially as they apply to Boyle Street and McCauley. They then dis-

cussed the circumstances in which buildings can legally be demolished for parking lots. The short answer is the lots must be zoned to allow for it. "I was really pleased with the level of information we received," said Anna Bubel of the McCauley Zoning Committee. "It gave us a good foundation to work from."

Meeting participants questioned officials about solutions to the problem that had been tried elsewhere in the city where similar tensions have arisen between residents and businesses - Strathcona and the 124 St. areas for example. The solutions offered focused mainly on modifying parking on streets - parking meters and angle parking, temporarily sidestepping the contentious issue of illegal parking on residential lots.

The overall tone of the meeting was positive with participants focused on reaching solutions that would work for the community as a whole.

But there were very few participants - ten to be exact - most from the community league and only one from the business community. "I can't help but be disappointed with the turnout," said Bubel. "We're all volunteers here trying to work our way through a difficult and complicated process. It's disappointing when the people and businesses most affected by this issue don't even bother to attend."

There will likely be second meeting held in November or December where identified solutions will be discussed further.



CHANGING STREETScape | Demolition of the Brew for Less store at 108 Avenue and 95 Street makes way for the second building planned by developers Tony and Peter Pino. The first building (inset) with its 36 residential units and main floor commercial space is substantially complete. The second building, which will be a twin of the first, is expected to be constructed within a year.

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Urban Aboriginal Initiative A Beacon For Change

CAROL OCZKOWSKA

Edmonton is home to Canada's second-largest population of Aboriginal People and will likely soon be the largest. Unfortunately, many Aboriginal People flocking to the city in hopes of a better life find themselves suffering from poverty, poor housing, ill health, and lack of education.

While these problems have been identified for a long time, a meaningful way of making changes has eluded both the Aboriginal community and the community as a whole. New hope was born on August 30, 2005, when City Council signed a Declaration Strengthening Relationships Between the City of Edmonton and Urban Aboriginal People.

Debbie Coulter, Aboriginal Relations Consultant for the Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Accord Initiative, explains that the Declaration is the result of a multi-step process that began with the sincere desire of City Council to find a way to include the observations and opinions of Aboriginal People.

A stumbling block in previous efforts, says Ms. Coulter, was that the non-native community did not understand the Aboriginal belief that no one person can speak for a whole community.

The Edmonton Urban Aboriginal Affairs Committee was established 10 years ago as a mayor-appointed volunteer committee to advise City Council. In meetings over the past year it was decided by the committee and some members of Council to draft a formal working relationship agreement with the City of Edmonton.

Spearheading the effort, Councillor Ron Hayter met with Aboriginal elders to identify principles and a process to guide the relationship. Many Aboriginal People feel "we've been studied to death by people and we never hear back from them," says Ms. Coulter. What we need is dialogue.

Cohesion amongst Aboriginal groups may also be fostered through this process, say enthusiastic participants in Talking Circles.

Aboriginal People have been asked to complete a workbook containing questions asking individual opinions on issues that should be addressed and how to address them. A third-party Aboriginal consulting firm will collate the answers and a final report should be ready by January or February. The collection of opinions has a deadline of November 30.

The importance of the accord has been recognized by the Alberta Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development and the federal Department of Western Economic Development, both of which have become partners in the project.

The Declaration's universal message has already been adopted by other cities. Councillor Ron Hayter took it with him to the meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Charlottetown earlier this year where it received a "rousing approval from over 100 board members," he explains.

"This is a very important process," he continues. "It provides for the input of the individual. All too often we only get the viewpoint of organizations.

"Other communities, having seen our Declaration want to do the same. This is groundbreaking."

For more information or to download the workbook, go to www.edmonton.ca/aboriginalaccord

Inn Roads is Many Roads



Inn Roads Housing Co-op members at their annual general meeting. Seated on the floor, left to right: Heidi Tabata and two munchkins. Seated left to right: Colleen Chapman, Darlene Arseneault, Rosalie Gelderman, Cathy Loiselle, John Gee and Michelle Cumming. Seated on sofa, left to right: Michelle Hobbs, John McAlister and Bonnie Barrigan.

Housing co-op celebrates 21 years

COLLEEN CHAPMAN

On October 20th Inn Roads Housing Co-op held its Annual General Meeting at Espiritus, (the home of this writer) one of the houses owned by the co-op. This year marks the 21st anniversary of its beginning, and much has happened over the past years. For one thing, the mortgage of Kabode has been paid off!

In the late 1970s when Rosalie Gelderman and Bob McKeon moved into the Boyle McCauley neighborhood as part of a Christian missionary movement, an idea was formed to begin a housing co-operative. Instead of renting in the neighborhood they, along with other friends, borrowed money from family and friends to get the 25% needed in order to qualify for mortgages to buy the houses in which they lived. The Canadian Alternative Investment Cooperative (CAIC), a Toronto based investment company started by a group of religious communities gave them their first mortgages and thus began the Inn Roads Housing Co-op.

Housing co-ops are member owned and non-profit; you are your own landlord. Members participate and work together in co-op operations in a communal atmosphere. Co-ops provide secure and reasonably priced housing. Inn Roads Housing Co-op has five houses, which are home to approximately twenty people, some of whom are low income or single parents. Others choose to live in a co-op for the enjoyment of community and communal living. Yovella Mitzrahi, a grad student and the newest member of the co-operative notes "the location, the low cost", and the opportunity to be part of a Christian community as reasons for moving here. Yovella has already become a Boyle McCauley News volunteer writer!

One of the benefits of the housing co-op in our neighborhood is noticeable if you look at the membership lists of different boards and committees serving the Boyle McCauley area. Many of the volunteers live in Inn Roads Housing Co-op. Indeed many deliver the Boyle McCauley News. The opportunity to be an integral part of a vibrant community is a factor in attracting new members.

John Gee who has lived in Inn Roads for twelve years has ties to the community that go back many years. His great-grandfather was the contractor who built St. Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church on 96th Street. For more information on Inn Roads see www.innroads.ca.

Aish Benefits Increase A Drop In The Bucket

CAROL OCZKOWSKA

For people with severe disabilities, the Alberta government's announcement on October 4 that the disability allowance for those receiving Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) will be increased was surely good news.

However, this will not allow many to live above the poverty line. The former monthly allotment of \$850 was raised earlier to \$950 and will go up to \$1000 next spring.

As well as the boost in monthly allowance, AISH recipients, as of October 1, are now able to earn up to \$400 monthly before a clawback on their benefits will come into play. The previous exemption was only \$200. Of course, for those who are not working, this increase is meaningless.

Lori Adamchick, Director of Family Advocacy for the Alberta Association for Community Living, says that although "we have the best income support in the country, we're not there yet. For a number of people with developmental disabilities, we want to see an increased incentive to work."

The extra \$200 may not go very far, and money is particularly tight for those living in cities with higher rents than in smaller centres. Shared accommodation is often the only possible way to stay afloat.


Brian Laird, Resource Development Director of the Alberta Committee of Citizens With Disabilities, concurs that the increases are "welcome relief" for many. He is concerned, however, that landlords, knowing their tenants on AISH have had an increase, may raise rents, especially with rising fuel costs.

That is one reason for his "big disappointment that the benefits are not indexed to inflation." The program is reviewed by the government every two years, with the next review in 2007.

"Any increase in AISH must be passed by legislation and that takes time," Laird says. "You are at the whim of whoever is in power at the time."


For AISH recipients with families who can offer them a little extra help, life can be difficult enough. But for those on their own, "the ability to rise above the poverty level is insurmountable for many," says Adamchick. A worry for many with disabled family members concerns how their loved one will survive after their caregivers are gone. "How can we create discretionary trusts, or other financial vehicles, so that when we are not there we can assure there will be no poverty for our children?"

"I applaud the government for having had the review and moving forward," she says. "But we still have poverty...Why do we restrict the poorest people's incomes but we never restrict the rich?"



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Bicycle Policing in McCauley "Best Job in the World"

GARY GARRISON

Dave Kabyn is convinced that he has "the best job in the world." He rides a mountain bike around McCauley all day or all night greeting people, chatting, and maintaining a healthy and safe community for everyone who lives here.

When I asked if I could tag along and observe what he does so I could write an article about it, he welcomed me as a temporary partner. In fact, when people asked him who I was, he told them I was a friend of his. Judging from the number of people we passed along the way whose first names Dave knew and who responded to him warmly, I'd say Dave has a lot of friends around here.

Dave is one of two policemen assigned to patrol the McCauley beat, between 92 and 97 streets and 105 and 111 avenues. The other is Adam Segin. When Dave works days, Adam works nights, and they switch off every two weeks. Usually they pair up with an officer assigned to Norwood, north of 111 Avenue, but often they patrol alone.

Here are the highlights of the two hours I spent with him one afternoon in October.

§ A boy is perched precariously on the highest point of the playground equipment south of Sacred Heart church. Dave bikes over and persuades him to come down where it's safer.

§ A house has "crackheads live here" written below a window. Dave tells me drug dealers had been frequenting this location. We enter, he listens at a locked door, and he asks a couple of people living there about conditions since a problem tenant moved out.

§ People are preparing McCauley's outdoor skating rink. Dave stops by to chat, revealing he plays goalie himself.

§ At the Mustard Seed church, Dave talks with people outside, enters, and visits with staff. He says he frequently stops there and at places like Operation Friendship to keep in touch with people and what's happening in the neighbourhood.

§ The backyard and sides of a building are littered with stinking garbage, broken toys, old clothes, and a discarded refrigerator. Dave says people had been living in the garage. He sees the "condemned" notice on the door, knocks and listens for signs of habitation, and says he'll be talking to bylaw enforcement to get the owner to clean up the area.

§ We bike along a lane and stop at a trailer in a backyard where someone is living even though that's against the law. Dave chats with a woman inside.



Constable Dave Kabyn on the job.

"Community relations is probably half the job," he notes. "Our most common calls are about nuisances. We get anything from mischief, drinking, drugs, and loitering to break and enters and assaults."

"On our bikes, we can handle anything a car can," he points out, except, of course, high-speed chases. Unfortunately, he has to give up his bike for the winter and patrol on foot November through March.

To contact Dave or Adam, phone 421-2095—or flag them down as they pass by.

Book Spotlights Police Brutality *Notes From a Prairie Silence* By Natasha Laurence

REVIEW BY ANDREW STRUTHERS

Author Natasha Laurence calls her new, self-published book *Notes From a Prairie Silence* a work of creative non-fiction. She might be right. She uses poetry, journal entries and transcripts to tell a worthy and compelling story. In another time someone might have called her a muckraker. In fact, what she has created is a stellar work of advocacy journalism - the very kind of journalism she demands from the "news business" when, early on in *Notes*, she asks of journalists, "What do they talk about over supper? Who do they drink with?...What makes them very angry? What do they believe in?"

In the course of the book, we learn most of Laurence's answers to these questions and they lend considerable power to the central story - the trial of Randy Fryngpan.

There are few relationships more delicate than those between a police force and the citizenry. So when Laurence considers, on the last pages of *Notes*, the possibility of police harassment as retribution for the book's publication, you can practically hear the fracture between the citizens of Edmonton and the Edmonton Police Service.



Randy Fryngpan with his mother Marilyn Fryngpan.

IS DEMEANORS

Brutal slaying unsolved Now a "Historical" Crime



A police officer examines the body of Paul David Neilson the morning Neilson was murdered on 95 Street.

ARNOLD WAXWING

Just over two years ago, on July 23, 2003, around 4 a.m., a man named Paul David Neilson screamed out for mercy as he was brutally kicked, beaten and stabbed by about six others outside the rooming house next to Zocalo. After the six men had stabbed him and ran away, David, still alive, staggered down the stairs and fell face down in the middle of 95 Street. Moments later a lone man returned and stabbed David several more times with a shard of glass. Then he ran away. Then, bloodthirsty, he returned to do exactly the gruesome procedure again before running away for the third time.

Motives were unclear though police speculated that it may be linked to drug debts and out-of-control house parties that night. The bloody corpse lay on the street until 9:30 a.m. until police had completed their initial investigation.

There were several eyewitnesses, one of whom gave a virtual

blow-by-blow account to the Edmonton Journal, but they all disappeared shortly after the killing, possibly fearing reprisal from the murderers. Nobody has been arrested for the crime, which now resides in the EPS "Historical Crimes" section, although police say the investigation is still ongoing.

Police have released little about the victim, Paul David Neilson. He was 44 when he died. He had made his way to Alberta from his home province of Newfoundland, got caught up in the wrong world and suffered a horrible death - alone. No one taped his picture or a teddy bear to a street light in his honour.

Boyle-McCauley News does not usually report directly on crime in the neighbourhood. There are many other more positive stories that deserve coverage. But the sadistic murder of Mr. David, carried out at a spot where many of us walk every day, resonated more deeply than most crimes. Mr. David's murderers still walk among us. Anybody with information about this crime is urged to call the police.

Laurence would likely argue the fracture occurred a long time ago. She could point to her friend Leona's broken nose, or to Marvin who died while in police custody, or to Richard Land whose eye socket had to be surgically repaired after a beating by police. These stories and others like them were documented during her time as writer at the Edmonton Street News. They reappear in *Notes*. However, the accounts do not simply chronicle abuses by the EPS. They also provide context for Laurence's personal drama as she leaves her job, ponders the gentrification of her neighborhood, and agitates for a more open relationship between the media and the community. This context is also in service to what might be the most compelling element of the book, the verbatim testimony of Constable Mike Wasylyshen on the second day of Randy Fryingpan's trial. Laurence introduces the testimony by revealing that "Unfortunately none of the local media were there to see it. At first I thought they didn't care, but I was wrong. I found out half way through the day they were all covering a child pornography story in some other courtroom. I'm afraid I don't know much about it, being a one-story kind of person." Edmonton could use more one-story journalists.

Local Radio Personality Tries Street Life

CAROL OCZKOWSKA

Bruce Bowie, popular CISN radio host, went off the air on the morning of Monday, October 3, and was driven to the inner city where he was left to fend for himself for three days with no money and only a toothbrush as a luxury item.

Bowie had agreed to take up the challenge of the three-day stint in an effort to raise funds for a Thanksgiving dinner to be served to the homeless at the Herb Jamieson facility run by the Hope Mission. The goal? \$20,000.

"We had thought of \$40,000," says Bowie, "but felt that was too optimistic." While he roamed the streets, he regularly phoned in reports to the station which broadcast his progress to listeners, encouraging them to donate to the dinner fund. Throughout the stint, Bowie was kept ignorant of the amount being raised.

For over a year, Bowie has been part of a group that has handed out 400 bag lunches on Sundays to the homeless and street people, some of whom have become his friends.

"I was told by one of my street friends that there is a dumpster behind the Shoppers Drug Mart on 114th Street and Jasper," he says. "One that is used for disposing of cardboard that I could cover myself up in for the night." With that dumpster as his planned accommodation once night settled in, he spent the afternoon picking bottles to earn his evening meal.

It was an utterly exhausting several hours later that he was able to count \$7.60 as the fruits of his labour. That paid for a hamburger dinner at the local McDonald's.

Two dumpsters occupied the space behind the store. One was for regular garbage, the other for cardboard. Climbing in the latter, and trying to cover himself with broken-down boxes, he closed his eyes for a totally sleepless and bone-chilling night.

Four a.m. and a quick escape from his lair. A garbage truck had just hooked his neighbouring dumpster and was lifting it up, shaking its contents out. "I had no idea how long it would be between the garbage truck and the recycling truck," says Bowie, "so I got out of there fast."

Another chilly and exhausting afternoon followed. Having hoped in vain to find work such as unloading a truck, he bottle-picked and walked, walked, walked. By evening he lined up with another forty souls for admission to the Mission's warming centre where he was given a gym-type mat and a pillow. "After the dumpster, this was the Hilton! I slept so soundly the man beside me had move during the night because of my snoring!"

Wednesday morning. Coffee and a doughnut. "There are doughnuts with every meal there," explains Bowie. "Although we think of them as only empty calories, the sugar and carbohydrates do give you a bit of energy." A truck has pulled up outside the Mission, ready to take those willing and able for paid physical work for the day. Many are willing, fewer are able. You need work to afford food. You need food to have the strength to work. "A real Catch-22."

Too weak and tired for much bottle-picking, and wanting to spend more time learning the stories of the street, Bowie spent his final day walking and talking with his Mission fellows. Sad stories. (A woman and her teenage daughter who spent last winter living outdoors in the river valley. A man who was sent to hospital with a broken kneecap, diagnosed with the precursor to the dreaded flesh-eating disease. He spent three weeks in hospital with warmth, food and safety, abstaining from alcohol or drugs. Teetering on the edge of embarking on a detox program, he decided to go back to the street. It's very hard to break from your comfort level. Familiarity, even

without comfort, provides that level.

By five that afternoon, Bowie is picked up and taken back to the radio station. Will there be enough money for that Thanksgiving dinner?

Not just the dinner! Entranced listeners have dug deep. \$110,937!! Dinner, heating bills for the Mission and maybe, hopefully, a detox program for kids hooked on crystal meth.

Would Bowie do it again? "Everyone asked me that. At first I said no. Then after a couple of days of recuperating I thought maybe yes. But if it was in January? I don't know. I don't know how people survive January."

What did he learn? "That in only a couple of days, that little area of town had become my whole world. You live there in survival mode. It's all day-to-day. No long-range planning."

Will the forthcoming \$400 rebate payable to all Albertans get to these people? "I don't know. But I'm concerned there are sharks out there who will be telling people: 'I'll help you if you sign your cheque over to me.'"

Culture shock set in driving home past the manicured lawns of the 'burbs. But he'll be back on Sundays, handing out the bag lunches to his friends.



PETER GOLDRING
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Remove the GST from a Necessity of Life - Home Heating Fuels

Once again, we are approaching the "challenges" of an Edmonton winter. This year in particular, with instability in global prices, we can expect an even more expensive winter, in terms of trying to keep warm. While Canadians pay tax on tax and GST on top, Californians get Canadian gas GST free.

As oil and gas prices increase, total GST payable also increases and the GST for Canadians only, is another "tax on a tax". Once again, the federal government is attempting to address high heating costs through heating rebates paid to those considered by them to be most in need. However, these rebates are not given every year and it's not only the abjectly poor who get squeezed by high heating costs, topped with GST. Nobody really has a choice when it comes to paying for heat in the winter. Home heating fuels are one of the basic necessities of life, and should therefore be GST exempt.

I have taken action and presented motions on this issue in the House of Commons on three occasions - the most recent in September, 2005. The motion reads as follows: "That, in the opinion of the House, the Goods and Services Tax should not be applied to the sale of home heating fuels." The motion has not yet come up for debate.

The federal government is not averse to periodically rebating the GST to further a particular political agenda. If the federal government can rebate the GST for some purposes, surely they can provide permanent GST relief for all taxpayers for a necessity of life - home heating fuel. For a change, let's see some federal sensitivity for the tax burden of the individual taxpayer. What do you think?

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Aroy Dee-lightful!



Cook and server Lomsavy Soundara serving delicious soup at Aroy -Dee Thai Restaurant

DAVID JANZEN

Upon entering Aroy Dee, a restaurant specializing in Thai cuisine, one is struck by the little fountain burbling in the center of the dining room, the coloured lights, the otherworldly plastic flowers perched on each table - fun kitsch suited to a style of cooking known for its visual beauty as well as its complex flavours.

Immediately attended to by pleasant, smiling hosts, our party of four was ushered to a quiet table in a corner near a window looking out onto the street. Tea, ice water and beer appeared very quickly. Menus were scanned, decisions made and dishes ordered in what seemed like seconds. We were a hungry group with a healthy collective curiosity.

Spring rolls, the universal Asian appetizer, were served crisp and hot with a jam-like sweet and sour sauce. Delivered piping hot, these delicacies contained more pork than shredded carrot and were quickly devoured. Half the table ordered soup, Tom Yum kai, which was outstanding with spears of lemon grass imparting savoury fragrance to a mélange of chicken, mushrooms, tomatoes, galanga, lime leaves and cilantro.

We had to wait awhile before the arrival of our main course, partly because of a demanding table of ten in another section of the dining room and partly because such loving care is taken to prepare the dishes. A salad, Yam Talay, was enjoyed in the meantime, consisting of prawns, mint chilies, green onion and cilantro. The fusion of contrasting taste sensations refreshed and delighted

Our entrees included Guay Teow Radt Nha, a stew-like medley of chicken, rice noodles, yellow beans and mixed vegetables soaked in a heavenly gravy, Panang Curry Beef, with coconut milk, bell peppers and basil leaves, and outstanding Khao Pad - Thai fried rice laden with shredded pork, egg, peas, carrots, and onion, all united by a trace of tomato sauce. We also ordered coconut rice and Rad Prik - a whole crispy fried fish slathered with an exquisite sauce which made us believe that there may indeed be more than three dimensions.

This turned out to be more than enough food for the four of us. We were too full to sample any of the three desserts offered: sticky rice with mango, coconut ice cream or the mixture of taro, pumpkin and coconut. The bill came to about seventy dollars, not including tip, and we waddled away happily, promising to return.

There are many intriguing items on A Roy Dee's menu so further exploration is absolutely necessary. It's gaining popularity as a weekday lunch spot, so it's wise to arrive before the noon hour rush.

A Roy Dee is open Monday to Friday from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, Saturday from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm, and closed on Sunday. 9653 - 102 Avenue Tel. 428 - 0148

Remembrance: A Meditation



10:30

The concrete still breathes frost at City Hall.
The sun is up,
the sky transparent,
ranks of high-rises
guard the cold.

Already four soldiers stand
resting on guns at the four corners
of the cenotaph,
motionless as cherubim
on the ark of the covenant.

The eleventh hour approaches,
advancing dignitaries
military band
troops.
The sun touches our cheeks.

Obligatory introductions done,
the bugler shivers the peace with Taps,
arresting the air
with deathless solitude,
raises up figures
of soldiers falling
(all those film-clips
from high school assemblies,
war movies)
of my mother -
enemy's child.

Her horrors now I feel compounded
- in this moment -
film clips and her
her now grey head and stricken face
interposed

I have lived my whole life in the power of war.

Tears start
for the fallen
for the tender and innocent
who in one way or another
died

Tears drop
for the damaged
past counting
still counting

The stillness of the crowd
stirs me:
young men with hats off
old men and mothers
young women with grandparents
children hushed for once.

Now the piper pipes his high lament,
stubbornly inconsolate
as the clock of City Hall
strikes the death-knell of war.

The guns of that day fall silent.
More silent the dead
who fell too soon.
The wailing carries on among the living.

Two minutes of silence
Priceless
Unheard
by buses and cars about their business
sink like holiness on our hearts,
heavy with grief and benediction.

A simple prayer,
The laying of the wreaths -
As we close, the sun stands high
(as high as she will get
this northern November day)
and we shuffle
across the great, frozen concrete plain
of Winston Churchill Square
many of us
for a cup of coffee
at the Second Cup
- odd impromptu fellowship
of the mindful.

KAREN SIMONS

This poem by McCauley resident Karen Simons won the amateur poetry category in the Alberta Anthology 2005 (Centennial Edition) contest.

AROUND THE RINK

PREM STEMKOWSKI

The rink rat saints are marching in on McCauley.

A two-year project will see a better rink combined with a new clubhouse, if all goes well for the almost NHL-sized facility at 107A Avenue and 96th Street. The dream is about having children skating like the wind, smiles on their frosty faces.

Phase One is going on now. It includes taking out the trees on the west side of the rink (eliminating the free hotel aspect of the old penalty box), putting in new power lines, new fencing, and the erection of new boards. Deadline is December 1 when the beavers hope to start flooding for the ice.

Phase Two, slated for a year from now, includes plans for a more comprehensive clubhouse and an asphalt resurfacing.

Spearheading the drive for a more up-to-date rink where the area kids can taste the thrill of Canada's pastime is Dan Glugosh, 39, who is joined by eight others on the skating rink committee of the McCauley Community League. By day, Mr. Glugosh is the McCauley project manager for the Ed-

monton City Centre Church Corporation.

Some ex-Oilers are aware of the rink and have lent support. Ted Green is on the committee. Al Hamilton is eyeing businesses that could lend a hand. And last year, Dr. Randy Gregg brought in his portable skate sharpener and spiffed up all the skates on the rack. Yes, the skates and sticks are already there!

Two Lions clubs, the Edmonton Host Lions Club and the Edmonton Jolly Fellows Lions, have backed up their roars with bucks in the rink account. Karen McGrath and the McCauley League have also added their shares. The total of \$40,000 should take care of Phase One with room to spare.

Mr. Glugosh would not put a price tag on Phase Two, but says the new clubhouse will need two changing rooms, a kitchen, and washrooms. And better lighting is needed for the north-of-the-rink plot of land.

Mr. Glugosh, who was raised in McCauley and who learned to skate just five years ago, knows the potential of this project. When the ice melts, there are plans to make the plot a multi-use facility with room for ball hockey and basketball. And there will be room for fund-raisers and farmers' markets.

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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.
Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Children's Immunization: Mon. 1-3 p.m.
Foot Clinic: Wed. 1-3 p.m.
Dental and Streetworks during clinic hours.

Boyle Street 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

Worship Services and Sunday School Sunday 11 a.m. at Bissell Centre. Lunch follows.

Edmonton Family Worship Centre

10605 - 96 St., 424-6422
Sun. service: 10:30 a.m.
Video Bible School Monday, 7 p.m. Sept.-June
Care Group Wednesday, 7 p.m. (church)
Prayer meeting Thursday, 7 p.m. (church)
e-mail: fwc@interbaun.com
website: www.edmontonfamily-worshipcentre.ca

Edmonton Inner City Victory Church

10665 - 98 St., 424-4803.
Worship Service: Sun. 12 Noon.
Praise & Prayer: Tues. 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible study: Wed. 6:30 p.m. Where It's At Coffee House: Fri. 7-10 p.m.

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.

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.

Mustard Seed

Chapel Service Sun. 3-4 p.m.
Movie Night Fri. 8:30 p.m. Personal Assistance Center: Mon. to Fri. 1-3; Tues., Thurs., 8-9 pm & Sun 7-8 pm; evening times are for day workers only please.
Hockey Nights Sat. 6 p.m.
Food Depot: Tue. & Thur. 1 p.m. & Wed. @ 8 p.m. is reserved for day workers and students please.

The Mustard Seed will be celebrating adult birthdays monthly throughout the coming year. If you would like to be included in the celebration for your month, call Mustard Seed at 426-5600 for more information. If you or your small group can prepare ADULT thermal mugs wrapped in clear cellophane with the following items included, please call the above number as well.

*3 packages hot chocolate, apple cider, or instant soup
1 pair sports socks
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Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples

Eucharist is held each Sunday at 10 a.m., 11:30 am., and 7 p.m.; Bimonthly programs available to prepare parents for their child's Baptism, First Communion and Confirmations; Traditional Native Wakes, in First Nations, Metis, and Inuit traditions; AA meets in the Parish hall; Eating Disorder Group meets each week; WhiteStone Project and Edmonton Inner City Children's Project Society run their programs in conjunction with Parish programs; Gospel music festivals, dances, youth dances, pancake breakfasts and Feasts are held in the hall throughout the year. Call Sacred Heart for further info on any of these programs at 422-3052.

Prosper Place Clubhouse

10584 - 107 Street invites you to join and contribute to a community with members who suffer from a mental illness. Phone 426-7861.

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. If you have news or events please email Russel Krause at info@mccauley.info

Become a Mentor

At Norwood School there are many students wishing and hoping for a Mentor. If you would like to become part of the magic of the Partners For Kids program by becoming an In-school Mentor, please begin the enrollment process by calling Diane Betkowski at 477-1002, ext. 314, emailing Diane.Betkowski@epsb.ca or dropping by the Reading Room at Norwood School 9520 111 Avenue.

C.A.P. Head Start is a free preschool program for children aged 3 1/2 to 5 years old, from low income families, living in the Boyle/McCauley, Parkdale, Delton and Alberta Avenue areas. The C.A.P. Head Start program helps children develop the school readiness skills needed for kindergarten and grade 1. Transportation is provided without charge. We are currently registering children for the 2005/2006 school year. For further information, please call Elizabeth at 422-7263.

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McCauley Community League offers free Adult Art Classes with supplies on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 9 pm

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Drop Ins Welcome!

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GET YOUR TICKETS NOW! HOMEFEST 2005 NOVEMBER 13

You can join the Edmonton campaign to ensure every person has decent housing-- and enjoy an afternoon of great folk music at the same time.

Tickets are now on sale for Homefest 2005, Edmonton's third annual concert to beat the homelessness crisis in our city that sees over 2000 people each day unsure where they will be sleeping.

The November 13 concert at McDougall United Church will feature four hours of music on three stages by performers who will include John Wort Hannam, Tony McManus, Ben Sures, The Fates and Chris Wynters.

Tickets are just \$10 (\$5 for students, seniors and people living on low incomes and free for those under 12), available at Earth's General Store, Grant MacEwan College bookstores, Tix on the Square, Myhre's Music and The Paint Spot.

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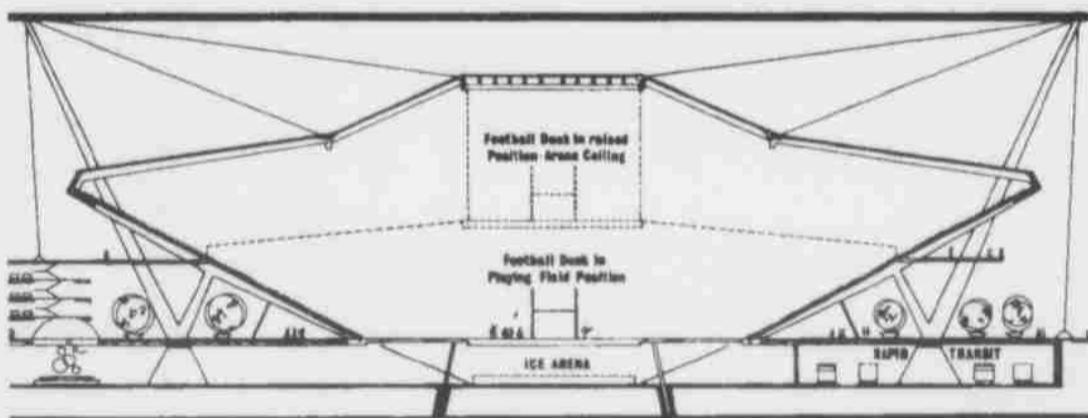
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New art gallery sparks memories of OMNIPLEX



Artists conception of the almost-built Omniplex.



Cross section showing the Omniplex football field in normal position and elevated above the ice arena.

GARRY SPOTOWSKI

The recent competition to rebuild the Edmonton Art Gallery spurred a couple Edmonton Journal letter writers to compare the grandiosity of the plan with that of the Omniplex. Younger readers of the Journal, and even a few older ones, probably didn't have a clue what the writers were referring to. But had the Omniplex actually been built, the Boyle McCauley area - Edmonton for that matter - would have a totally different look.

The Omniplex was a gargantuan building proposed in the late 60s to "revitalize" the downtown core. It combined features of the Commonwealth Stadium, the Edmonton Coliseum, the Shaw Convention Centre, and the Winspear Concert Hall - all under one roof. It's likely none of those major structures would have been built had the Omniplex been approved. It was to be located roughly where the Law Courts building and the main Post Office are now.

Perhaps the most spectacular feature of the Omniplex was a floating or raisable football field that could be elevated to uncover the hockey facility below. The ceiling of the hockey rink would be the elevated floor of the football stadium.

As its name implies, the Omniplex would have it all: 100,000 square feet of convention space with seating for up to 25,000 delegates; a 3400 seat cultural theatre; movie theatres; an LRT station; a 32,000 seat football stadium, a 12,000 seat ice arena and much more.

It was such a major proposal that it went to Edmonton voters twice. Once in 1968 when they were asked if the City should seriously consider looking at it, which voters agreed to, and again in 1970 when they were asked in a plebiscite if Council should borrow the \$26 million to build it, which - momentarily - they did not agree to. The rest is history.

For the record, I can remember sitting at the kitchen table when my dad came home after voting. He had voted no. "Not enough parking," he said.



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