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Special to the BMNews

Two major aspects of the new traffic diversion plan were discussed at a meeting held on August 15.

Representatives from McCauley Community League, Norwood, Edmonton Police Service and Communities for Controlled Prostitution met to evaluate the immediate effects of the one-way systems put in place in the area between 106 Ave and 107 Ave on 96 Street.

It is very obvious that prostitution-related traffic and prostitution itself has been vastly reduced in the four blocks within the diversion.

Residents are feeling at great sense of relief at the three year long "seige" being lifted. Children can walk to school safely and women residents are no

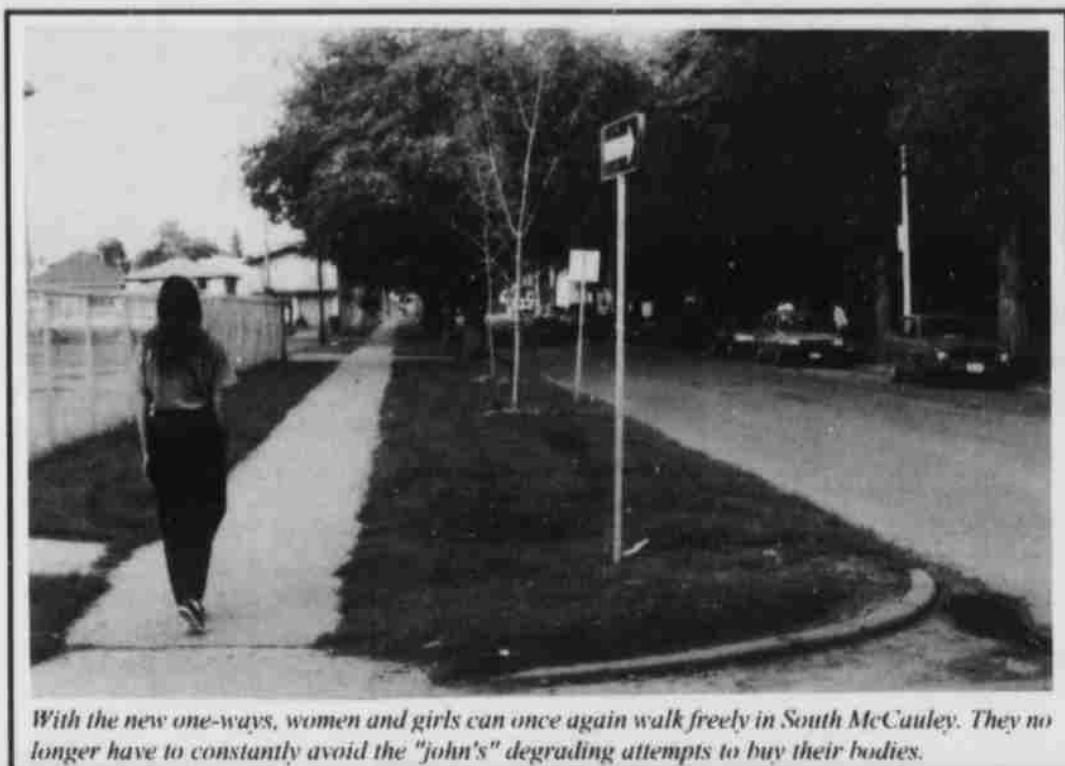
longer propositioned.

Some traffic is still circulating in the lanes adjacent to 107 Avenue. Traffic itself is very much reduced along 96 Street and increased on 95 and 97 Streets.

Some inconvenience has been reported by people who live or work in these areas. It is often necessary to make detours to get to your destination. But residents feel this is a small price to pay for safety and quiet.

The second issue discussed by the committee was changes to areas adjacent to the traffic diversion.

Residents of both Norwood and McCauley have noticed a significant increase in the number of prostitutes in their areas. The girls are unsettled as yet and no pattern has been es-



With the new one-ways, women and girls can once again walk freely in South McCauley. They no longer have to constantly avoid the "john's" degrading attempts to buy their bodies.

established. There has also been an increase in syringes and condoms. Some residents have noticed some "john" traffic circulating in areas not previously affected. It is apparent that the traffic diversion is a solution for the control of prostitution only for a small part of Boyle McCauley. The problem has not been solved. It has merely been moved to another area. The Community Leagues

and City Police are anxious to prevent any area becoming "under seige" by prostitution related activities again. Residents of McCauley and Norwood are being asked to watch their immediate surroundings and to note any changes in prostitution related activities. Hookers can be asked to move on and be told that they are not welcome in the area. Residents should call their aldermen and report hookers in

their area. The more people that call regarding this, the more likely we are to obtain a greater police presence in the area. We may even enlist their help to find a more permanent solution. We have provided phone numbers for you to call (see box on page 3). We need all your help to try and remove this problem from our neighbourhoods. Do you have any ideas or do you want to help? Call Mary at 424-4395.

What do you think of the new one-ways?

Our roving reporter interviewed neighbourhood residents about the new one way streets in McCauley.

Those who live in the area of the one-ways:

Ann - "The area is much quieter, much better. There is a one

way arrow needed at 95 Street and 107 Avenue. Also there is a stop sign that needs to be taken out on the same corner."

Keith - "Oh, yes, it's much better, limited traffic, less noise. It makes one feel more residential."

Ruth Ann - "It's a complete change. I believe that they should make prostitution legal. Hopefully, the one way streets are the answer for this area at least."

Roberta - "It has really cut down on the massive traffic we had before."

"It's a little bit complicated for newcomers driving in the area but after a few times people get used to it. We have to keep on top of the problem as it moves from area to area."

Other McCauley residents:

John - "We have noticed a few

more around the area but not on our street, more on 96 Street and 110 Avenue or in that general area. The prostitution is not consistent from what we can see. Yes, we must keep on top of the problem as it moves from area to area."

Natalie - "A few more prostitutes are lingering around the Boys and Girls Club which, of course, concerns us but overall we don't notice much change. We are certainly glad for the people in south McCauley if the problem has been resolved. It is now moving into Norwood or as high as 118 Avenue and around the Cromdale Hotel."

Carol - "Can't see any difference in our area. I'm more concerned about the vandalism which occurs in our area."

The streets belongs to us . . . again

I walked down our street slowly today. So what, you say. But until the one-way streets went in a month ago, I had to walk fast, and keep my eyes straight ahead.

This gave me some protection from the steady stream (4000 cars per day) of men in search of prostitutes. Sometimes

I had to slow up, or wait to cross this traffic. Then I felt like meat on the counter, as men stared me up and down, honked, leered, and stopped beside me

This was a common experience for women on our block, including junior high school students.

But now, it's delightful to

stroll down our street, not having to suppress anger and the urge to throw things at the cars.

It's pleasant to open windows and not be wakened by the shouts and engines and blasting radios. I'm glad to see my elderly neighbour again able to walk her dog in our back lane. I'm not having to pick up used condoms.

It's a residential street again, and we don't have to move!

But I'm distressed that we haven't been able to stop prostitution from moving to other residential areas.

We must work together to see that all residential neighbourhoods are as peaceful as mine is tonight.

Few johns sentenced to community service

Special to the BMNews

Prior to the introduction of one way streets and lanes in south McCauley on July 29, the police conducted a number of uncover operations to catch johns.

Many of the arrests occurred in the vicinity of 96 Street and 106A Avenue.

These arrests have resulted in court appearances with a large number

of guilty pleas entered. There were also a significant number of "no shows" for which the judges issued arrest warrants.

Judge D. C. Abbott, who presided over many of these cases, remarked that they were concentrated in such a small area that the fines should be paid to the traffic division. When one guilty party asked for time to pay, the judge inquired: "Do the

ladies give time to pay?"

Inner city neighbourhood groups have urged alternative sentencing for johns in the form of community service. Judge J. Dimos, who hears many of these cases, refused this option in one case, saying "I do not understand the rational of community service in this area."

The following men pleaded guilty to "communication" for the purpose of prostitution (fines in brackets):

On July 18 before Judge P. Caffaro: Rene Albert Alain (\$275), Giovanni Coscarelli (\$275), David Wayne Hefford (\$275), and Milo Shad Verbicki (\$275).

On July 19 before Judge J. Dimos: Kenneth George Bowers (\$247), Tim Allan Fedoruk (\$220), Kelly Joseph Roy (\$220), Gordon Lloyd Teters (\$253), and David Lawrence Whitford (\$220).

On July 23 before Judge D.C. Abbott: Randy Robert Beach (\$275), Yehuda Ciechanowski (\$275), Leonard Ambrose Deller (\$275), and Dale Franklin Thompkinson (\$275).

On July 29 before Judge D.C. Abbott: Robert William Acheson (\$275), Manuel Vincente Fernandes

(\$275), Allen Eric Furoy (\$275), Allan Gladue (\$275), Yvon Robert Hotte (\$275), David Brooks Pinder (\$275), and Lawrence Royce Spence (\$275).

On August 13 before Judge E.M. Nash: Nicholas William Diakiw (6 mon. probation, 25 hrs. com. serv., \$35), Mark Antony Dubeau (\$250), Wayne Andrew Fedorak (sentence not available), Darwin Emanuel Gibson (6 mon. probation, 25 hrs. com. serv., \$35), Zit Kuane Han (6 mon. probation, 25 hrs. com. serv.), Kin Seng Ho (6 mon. probation, 25 hrs. com. serv., \$35), Tage Jensen (6 mon. probation, 25 hr. com. serv., \$35), Gary Frederick Lenz (6 mon. probation, 25 hr. com. serv., \$35), Jerry Michael Sumyk (\$285), Fred William Thom (6 mon. probation, 25 hrs. com. serv., \$35), and Tommy Sair Yeng (6 mon. probation, 25 hrs. com. serv., \$35).

On August 14 before Judge C.H. Rolf: Michael James Dowse (\$275), Paul David Erickson (\$275), Todd Gerald Madbutt (\$275), Derrick John Meyer (\$275), Patrick James Nichol (\$275), and Andre Louis Pelletier (\$275).

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COMMUNITY GROUPS UNITE TO COMBAT NON-BEVERAGE ALCOHOL ABUSE

Local community agencies, hoping to combat the long standing problem of non-beverage alcohol (NBA) abuse, have banded together to design an innovative plan of action.

They hope to have an impact on the amount of "Lysol", hair spray, mouthwash and cooking wines which are used in place of conventional alcohol by problem drinkers.

Four strategies were chosen by the group, which is made up of representatives from all of the community agencies, the McCauley Community League, the Alberta Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission and the Edmonton Police Service:

1) **Continued Enforcement:** stopping sales of substances, e.g. Ginseng Brandy, "Lysol", "final net" which

were known to be sold by some merchants to be consumed for their alcohol content.

2) **Import Prohibition:** stopping the import of illegal substances,

e.g. Ginseng Brandy, and lobbying for standardization of import regulations on products such as tonics, stomach bitters, and cooking wines which have the potential for abuse.

3) **Education:** production of pamphlets and posters aimed at potential and current users of NBAs, urging them, if they are going to

drink, to buy their alcohol at the A.L.C.B., and an information campaign aimed at merchants in

the community informing them of the products which have a potential for abuse.

4) **Increase the availability of conventional alcohol in the community:** extend the hours of sale at the local A.L.C.B. outlet and consideration given to having a cheaper, higher alcohol content product available for sale.

So far, the group has made an

informational pamphlet available throughout the community. The group has successfully lobbied the A.L.C.B. to open their store on 96 Street at 8:00 a.m. for a three month trial basis.

A colour poster with the message that NBAs are more harmful than conventional alcohol and urging people who are going to drink to buy their alcohol at the A.L.C.B. will be appearing in the near future.

This is the first time any group has mounted such a comprehensive campaign against the use of non-beverage alcohol.

If it is successful they hope to share the information with other cities across Canada.

by Jim Spinelli



\$olve your money woes!

Do you

- ★ have trouble cashing your cheque?
- ★ have no acceptable I.D.?
- ★ have difficulty receiving your cheque?
- ★ run out of money before the end of the month?
- ★ feel unsure of how banks work?
- ★ have trouble with lost or stolen cheques or money

Bissell Centre's Banking and Money Management Program might be able to help you.

This service is available to help people who are having a difficult time making their money last until the end of the month or for those who are experiencing any other money management problems. Such problems could be with landlords; agreeing on responsibilities with your roommate or

spouse; paying bills; paying loans; how to use and maintain your bank account, etc.

Through this service you can get advice about what kind of I.D. you need to cash your cheque and open a bank account, where to apply, and in what order to apply for your I.D. We can also help you complete the I.D. application forms.



For three days at the end of each month after social allowance cheques are mailed out, Bissell Centre cashes cheques. There are limits to what kinds of cheques we can cash and we do need certain types of I.D. If there is a problem, we will do everything we can to help you out. It is best to contact us before the end of the month so that we can help you

before you need to cash your cheque.

Being on social assistance will no longer be a problem for those who want to open a bank account through Bissell Centre's Banking and Money Management Program. We will also provide training and support to those people who have never had a bank account before or require help in becoming more comfortable banking on their own.

Have you ever lost your cheque or

had it stolen from your mailbox? Does your landlord sometimes take your cheque from your mailbox before you get to it? If so, we may be able to assist you in having your cheque mailed to a safer location.

If you want to be part of this program or have any questions about these services,

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We asked for one-way streets in South McCauley to move prostitution traffic. The one-ways worked, but we can't let the prostitution traffic get settled in elsewhere in the areas where people live.

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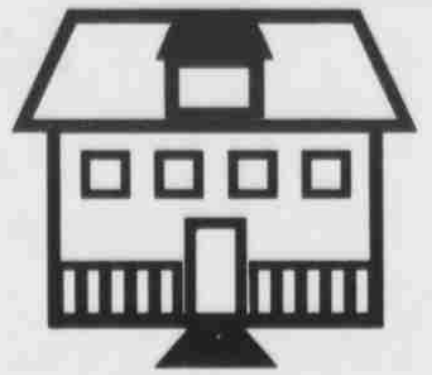
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New on the block



In the inner city, "...there's no pretentiousness. What you see is what you get," say new McCauley homeowners, Valerie and John Phillips.

In a recent interview Valerie, a nurse at the Royal Alexandra Hospital, said they find the area one of the most interesting in the city.

"People are friendly here. People



say hello to you on the street. We see people doing up their houses and gardens. People do have a pride in the area."

The couple identified the mixture of cultures and people of different economic backgrounds as features which drew them to the neighbourhood.

"All the social agencies are here in the area that work with people," John notes.

Adds Valerie, "There's a community of Christian people active here. That's been a draw."

The couple says the least attractive aspects of their chosen neighbourhood are the prostitution and related drug activity.

Valerie and John are active members of Sacred Heart Catholic parish, where they lead music. Parents of

four and grandparents of two - with one more on the way - they owned a house in St. Albert for 15 years before deciding to move to McCauley.

"We've driven for a number of years round and round looking for a house in this area," notes Valerie. To begin, they rented the main floor of a house operated by Innroads Housing Co-op.

Feeling the need for more space, they recently bought a bright, welcoming three-storey house on 108 Avenue. When visited by the **Boyle McCauley News**, Valerie and John had only lived one week in the four-bedroom house which they share with their adult children, Tania and Mike, and pooch Pepsi.

Well maintained and renovated by the former owners, the house wears its 85 years extremely well. "This is the area where the most interesting older homes are," says John, adding that the age of their house lends character.

"We love it," says Valerie.

"We are very lucky," adds John, expressing relief that the house needs only minor work.

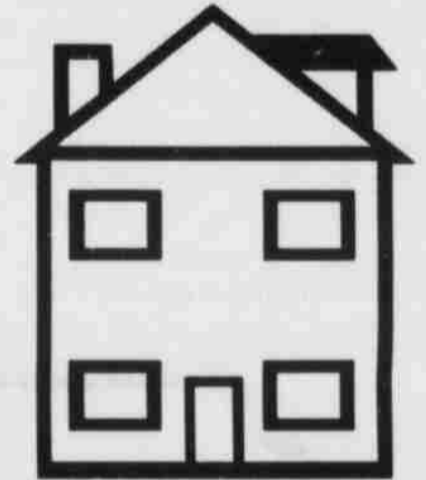
The soft-spoken Welshman participates in the McCauley Community League and holds two part-time jobs. As research and action coordinator of the Justice and Peace com-

mittee of the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate (Grandin Province), he lobbies for just policies and practices on a variety of social issues. And at the Edmonton Learner Centre, a resource centre for global justice education, he works on programs for schools.

A skilled do-it-yourselfer, John plans to add a railing to the feature of the house of which he and his wife seem most proud: the front veranda.

Jokingly, they announce plans to rock contentedly on the spacious porch during their retirement.

by Roma de Robertis, SCIC



Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

1. I think it's a crime to see our young people lining up at the food banks.
2. It is a crime to hear of people being robbed of their money and credentials but also getting beaten up.
3. People spend so much of their money on bingo, dope and booze.
4. Women and young girls are demoralized by the way they use their bodies.
5. Stealing: A person has possessions

or values, or treasures, then it gets stolen. If these people got something stolen from them, they wouldn't like it.

6. Many people have so much time on their hands which could lead to trouble.

7. I've heard of people carrying weapons for self-defence. That's even more dangerous because if you have a weapon handy you might be the one who commits the crime.

Susan Snoski

Back to school

Our Roving Reporter Randy Glynn asked three children in our neighbourhood about going back to school.

Santino Torturo will be attending Grade 6 at Sacred Heart School. Santino says he is looking forward to going back, but will miss the summer holidays.

Divine Gaspar is happy to go back to

school. However, Divine enjoyed the summer holidays as well. Divine will be in Grade 5 this year, and Mrs. Kopur will be her teacher.

Ian Grauman Neander feels excited about going back this year in Grade 1. He enjoys math and science. He enjoyed his summer holidays as well and is looking forward to making new friends.

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The fences of Boyle McCauley

A book could be written on fences of the Boyle McCauley area. It is amazing the variety that can be found. There is just no other part of town where you can find so many unique and individual styles and colours of fences.

The area is old and not rich. Over the years many homeowners built a fence around their house themselves. In the beginning most of the fences were made of wood. Then gradually these fences were replaced as they fell into a state of disrepair. This has led to a rich a diverse architecture of fences in our neighbourhood. We find today many old fences and newer ones replacing the old.

A fence is considered a necessity in our area. The homeowner wants protection and privacy. The fence protects flowers and grass from people, keeps out wind blown refuse and keeps out all those dogs and cats. Or perhaps the fence is to keep in the dog.

Often you didn't enter a property until you opened the front gate. The homeowner felt safer with a good fence like a fort with high forbidding walls.

You could tell from the fence how much safeguard and precaution they have taken. And if we saw a sign "Beware of Dog" we developed a faith and appreciation of a good fence. It clearly defined each others territory.

McCauley has many old fences and newer ones replacing the old. Some of the older fences are in a state of disrepair, needing new posts and paint. Often I have found the gates draggin on the sidewalk, or hanging open out of kilter.

And nowhere else in Edmonton can you find such an assortment of hooks, wire, cords and homemade latches and contrivances to keep the gates closed. These are as unique as keys themselves. The frost in winter often lifted the posts and the gate didn't lock properly anymore.

I took a walk along a typical McCauley street, carefully observing fences. First there was the white picket fence, with shaped points and a gate with a latch and a spring closing it automatically, a rather common type of fence.

Another fence had an old green wire with wood construction bith



bushes growing along and around the fence. It was built in the 1940's or 50's, no doubt.

A sleek chain link fence was found, put up in recent years. They are becoming more common. I guess the homeowner just got tired of painting and fixing all the time.

A high wrought iron fence can be found on the front of a newer, more expensive home. A horizontal ranch style wood fence, painted a sort of blue, about 3 feet tall, with a wooden gate looks like a homeowners do-it-yourself project.

Then there was the economical fence, plainly painted plywood with a hole cut open in the high plywood gate giving access to the sliding bolt latch.

Some homeowners take a particular pride in their fences. Come

spring they can be seen repairing and painting each picket with a new coat of paint. And they plant flowers along the fences to add more colour and contrast. And how often it seems that homeowners fear drunk drivers and build fences as barricades.

I have seen a trellis gate now and again. A house had a spruce shrub archway and I remember a house with a natural cedar fence about 5 feet high. There was a fence made of decorative cement blocks and brick, and a wrought iron gate. The list of fence styles could go on and on.

I particularly like the shadows that these fences cast as on walks in the evening with the sun low in the sky. No doubt fences are part of the charm of Boyle McCauley.

by Richard Auclair

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9:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

Tuesday night is Bridge Night. If you are interested in playing bridge or would like to learn, come along to the Centre on Tuesday evenings. Call Ele at 423 2285 for more information.

Fall programs will be starting soon. All are free of charge. For information, call Jim Lomas at 423 2285.

Bissell Youth offers after school programs (floor hockey, crafts, swimming etc) for children at Sacred Heart, McCauley and St Michael's schools. Call 420 6717 for more information. Bissell Economy Store At 10922 97 St. has clothing and household goods

at a price YOU can afford. Check it out when you're fitting the kids out for school.

Mustard Seed Church

The Church runs a coffee house every Friday evening between 7pm and 11pm and on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm. An afternoon drop-in is open Tuesday to Friday between 1pm and 4pm.

There is a worship service and a coffee house on Sundays between 1:30pm and 4:00pm.

Hope Mission

Hope Mission has a coffee house every Saturday from 7pm and 9pm at 9908 106 Ave.

Every Thursday a special drop-in for women is open between 2pm and 3pm. For information call Sylvia at 422 2018.

Boyle McCauley Health Centre

There is a free needle exchange program operating daily from 10 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday.

The Community Board room at the new Boyle McCauley Health Centre is available for use by community groups. Bookings can be made by contacting Denise or Sherry at 422 7333, or at the Health Centre.

Boyle Street Coop

We offer services for any females residing in the Boyle-McCauley area that are under 18 years of age and are pregnant or have children. Information, support and a chance to get together with other young moms. Call

Karyn at 424 4106.

Boyle Street Community League
Bingo is held on Saturday and Sunday at 1pm at the Boyle Street Community Hall, 9515 104 Ave. Escalating jackpot.

The Mission

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

The Church

The Church has a Wednesday night fellowship and an adult Sunday School. Church services and Sunday School every Sunday at 2 pm. Call 428 6451 for information.

Sacred Heart Church

The Native Pastoral Centre has moved into Sacred Heart Church. A special Mass to celebrate the grand opening of the first Native Urban Church in Canada will be held October 27 at 11 am. Archbishop MacNeil will be the main celebrant. Everyone is welcome for the traditional mass, Cree choir, drummers and gospel music.

TERRA Association

Do you have energy and life experience to share? Reliable, compassionate women with and interest in pregnancy and birth are needed for volunteer labour support program. Orientation and training sessions provided. Call Julie at 431-1248 for more information.

by Richard Auclair

Operation Friendship

Alberta Avenue Seniors' Drop-In Centre, a branch of Operation Friendship is now open Monday to Friday 10:00 am to 3:30 pm in Eastwood Hall, 11803 86 Street. You are invited to a Harvest Potluck Supper on Sunday, September 15, at 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. Phone 479-6179

Events at McCauley Seniors' Drop-In, 9526 106 Ave. Phone 429-2626 for more information.

On Monday and Tuesday, September 16 and 17, there will be a Gigantic Rummage Sale from 10 am to 7 pm. We are having a special vegetarian supper on September 23 at 5:30 pm

ATTENTION HUNTERS EXPECTING DRAW LICENCES OR AUTHORIZATIONS!

Because of the current labour dispute at Canada Post, specific draw licences and authorizations are not being sent through the mail, but are being made available to successful applicants at their District Fish and Wildlife Offices.

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What would happen if you took the school bus home?

The police would make you bring it back.

Are dinosaurs good to have for pets?

Only if you have a 30 mile leash.

What is the first thing little gorillas learn in school?

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Are geologists music lovers?

Sure, they dig rock.

What's black and extremely dangerous?

A crow with a machine gun.

edited by Sara and Margaret A.-M.

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As many people know, the Danish Queen Margerethe is an extremely talented artist. She is currently allowing a number of her pieces to be displayed on a Canadian tour. We are very lucky to be able to display her work in our church basement. This will include her water colours and petitpoint.

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Raising non-violent boys in a violent society

The recent case of a fifteen year old boy who was charged with killing four members of a family near Valleyview brings home to all of us the frequent link between masculinity and violence on our society. Although women can be violent too, most of the violence with really seri-

ous consequences is carried out by males. Typically, they are the ones who start and fight wars, commit most of the rapes, robberies and murders, give their spouses black eyes, and participate in violent contact sports.

A new book by Myriam Miedzian called "Boys Will Be Boys: Break-

ing the Link between Masculinity and Violence" (New York: Doubleday, 1991) says it's no wonder so many boys in North America become violent. They are inundated with toys, games, movies, rock songs and sports which glorify violence and portray it as manly and heroic. Not only that, they have little contact with mature men who are non-violent.

The typical North American father has little contact with his children, whether or not he is present in the home. Miedzian argues that boys are likely to become super-masculine and super-violent when they are nurtured almost entirely by women. This is because they need some way of proving that they are male. The simplest way is to reject the nurturing qualities associated with women.

What does that mean to the single mother struggling to raise sons of her own? It doesn't mean that she should head down to the nearest bar and find a man as quickly as possible.

Miedzian says the kind of man who can help boys grow up to be non-violent must be non-violent himself. Additionally, he must be willing to spend time with the children and to help tend to their daily needs. A warm uncle or grandfather would help fill the bill much better than an abusive or neglectful stepfather.

Where a man is present in the

home, he can do much to keep the children non-violent simply by being available to them, and by showing them that he is now ashamed to participate fully in raising them.

But what about those toy machine guns, "slasher movies" and "exterminator" video games? Miedzian says it is time to put the health and development of children ahead of the financial interests of big corporations. She would like to see a group set up to develop enforceable standards for toys. She would also like to see a new ad-free, government funded television network for children. Violence would be strictly controlled, and parents would be able to buy a device to lock out all the other channels.

At the level of the individual family, parents can do much to discourage violence in their children by monitoring their television viewing and selecting toys that do not promote violence.

Parents, Miedzian says, should also be wary of sports programs which promote winning at all costs or which result in a large number of injuries to youngsters.

In my view, just reading Miedzian's book should do a lot to sensitize parents to the problems of growing up male in a violent society.

by Brenda Brochu
Edmonton's Women's Shelter



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Help for new moms

A changed procedure at the Edmonton Board of Health allows public health nurses to better identify and give priority to new mothers who need home visits.

"All moms who have just had their second or subsequent child will be phoned after they return home and interviewed over the phone to determine their health needs," says Infant and Maternal Health Nursing Consultant Marianne Stewart. "We can then determine whether a nurse needs to follow up with a home visit to provide information, support and referral as necessary."

Formerly, public health nurses, in addition to making home visits to all first time mothers and those identified in the hospital as needing further contact with nurse, tried to visit all new mothers who just had their second or subsequent child. However, staff reductions made this impossible. The new system will screen all new moms with more than one child and identify those who need personal contact.

In addition to making home visits, public health nurses can also be contacted by phone during the day if mothers need further information.

Answers from the pharmacist

Most people think taking a pill is easy - just put it into your mouth and swallow with some water.

However, there is important information you should know when having your prescriptions filled at a pharmacy.

What is the name and the purpose of the medication?

Ask why this drug is prescribed for you. In rare instances, a wrong drug, wrong dosage or directions may be prescribed or dispensed for you. Your pharmacist will always make sure you are receiving the correct medicine.

How long does it take for the drug to have an effect?

Some drugs are taken to have immediate effects like antacids or sleeping pills. Others take time like anti-inflammatory agents or major tranquilizers. With other drugs you do not actually see or feel any effects at all, such as with drugs to lower your blood pressure, blood sugar or blood cholesterol. Make sure to give your medication a good try before throwing it away for not getting what you expected.

What are the unwanted side effects

or adverse effects?

This question can be sometimes difficult to answer because the majority of these side effects occur only in a small fraction of the general population. Further, knowing the side effects can make you actually believe that they are happening to you.

In many cases, unwanted effects are experienced at higher-than-usual dosage but a few common ones can occur at normal dosages.

By using common sense, you can reduce these common side effects to minimum by avoiding alcohol with medications which can produce drowsiness, taking drugs with food if they tend to cause stomach upset, avoiding direct sunlight and windy places if you are using anti-acne agents which can peel away your facial skin.

To be on the safe side, ask a pharmacist in your neighbourhood if you are experiencing any new or unusual

symptoms. It may be due to the nature or progression of the illness, a side effect or just a sign that the drug is working.

How should the medicine be stored?

A good rule is in a dry place at room temperature without direct sunlight. Factors that accelerate drug degradation are direct sunlight, high temperature and moisture. Avoid bathroom cabinets which can be hot and steamy from showers.

Inside a fridge is not a good place because of the high moisture content. Some medicines, however, must be kept in a fridge. Cabinets above a stove or a heat radiator can be very warm and shelves next to a window can receive a lot of sunlight.

Drug therapy may also involve other factors such as diet restrictions and drug-drug interactions.

It may be best to ask your pharmacist because diet restrictions and drug interaction are often specific to each individual drug. Any generalization can make more confusion.

The easiest and safest rule to remember about your medications is just ask your pharmacist.

by Thieu Vu
Minh Pharmacy



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Milk cartons are acceptable in the Blue Box. Rinse them out with hot water and flatten them out before putting them in the blue box.

Lemon juice deodorizes, and cleans windows and other glass. Removes stains from aluminum, clothes and porcelain.

Always finish all **prescriptions**. Check the expiry date and take all out-dated prescription drugs, over the counter drugs and vitamins to a Toxic Round-up or back to the pharmacy. Never throw them in the garbage.

Save all of your **old rags** including towels, sheets and worn-out clothing for use for scrubbing, washing windows, and spring cleaning instead of paper towels.

Paper coffee filters are used once

and thrown away. The bleaching process is a health concern as well. Look for a reusable metal filter or make your own cloth filter out of unbleached cotton.

Tetra Paks are made of paper, foil and plastic which makes it a composite package. These packages are not acceptable in the Blue Box programme. Private recycling initiatives are proposed, but have not been instituted in the Edmonton area as yet.

Use **sandpaper** as an alternative to paint stripper.

Damp salt can be used as a scouring powder for cutting boards, and pots and pans.

Q-tips and other disposables use valuable resources and create garbage. Use sparingly, and insist on cardboard stems if you must use them. Try alternatives such as cleaning your ears when showering and using a corner of a wash cloth.



Video voyeurs

Hi, everyone! After a few months off from the column we're back on the video trail again. Hope to keep you abreast of the best viewing that can be had at your local video outlets and on the tube.

We'll start off the new season by telling you about two "oldies but goodies" (not that old, really) which we picked up last week. Both are good for a light evenings entertainment. The first is a film called "Under the Rainbow" which stars Chevy Chase and Carrie Fisher. This film takes place in 1937 and involves a midget German spy who is to pass on the plans for the U.S. west coast defences to a Japanese agent at a hotel in Los Angeles. What is unexpected is that this same hotel is housing the midget cast of "The Wizard of Oz" and a bus load of stranded Japanese tourists. The confusion and mayhem which follows is quite enjoyable.

The second film we rented was "Support your Local Sheriff" starring James Garner and Jack Elam. Needless to say James Garner plays the sheriff and cleans up a gold rush town with his usual cool, comic style. (As an added treat try the sequel to this film, "Support Your Local

Gunfighter", if you can find it. Our local Video outlet doesn't have it.)

What a surprise! We discovered that PBS, Channel 13, is running "Allo, 'Allo" again from the beginning of the series. It started in August but there's still lots of great laughs to come. It airs on Monday nights at 8:00 PM. If you didn't watch it last time it was on, don't miss it.

Another extra this month!!! We decided to do a brief review of the latest version of "Robin Hood" starring Kevin Costner. If you haven't seen it yet, DON'T BOTHER!!! At least, don't spend the \$8.00 per person that we did to see at the movies. The film had its moments but was definitely home video quality. We also watched the original this summer with Errol Flynn, and it's much better and more true to the story we all know and love.

I guess it will be another 5 years before we venture out to the movies again.

(For some unknown reason, Valerie insists that Kevin Costner was worth the \$8.00.)

Till next time, we remain...

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Volunteers needed!

The Boyle Street/Churchill Neighbourhood Foot Patrol office has now been in operation since July 15. The purpose of this office is to provide a more approachable level of police service and improve communications between the police and citizens in the community. This goal is accomplished by the invaluable traits of Constable Rob Paton and Constable Shane Loxterkamp. Paton and Loxterkamp spend part of their time talking to the residents and businesses, responding to calls and dealing with any difficulties when they arise. They encourage the residents and businesses to visit or phone the office to exchange ideas or voice concerns in the community.

We are presently operating with eighteen devoted volunteers, who are an essential part of insuring the office is kept open. The office hours are from 8 am to 8 pm. The office is

located at 9355 - 103A Avenue. We still require additional volunteers. People wishing to volunteer will be oriented and trained for the position. Volunteers will be fielding walk-in and telephone requests for assistance, referrals to appropriate agencies, and assisting with special projects. If you are interested in volunteering contact either Constable Paton or Doreen Lesperance at 428-3859.

Community based policing is police officers working together with citizens and businesses to identify, prevent and resolve crime and non-crime problems. We bring together resources from both the community and the Edmonton Police Service so we have more people working toward a common goal.

**by Doreen Lesperance
Volunteer Coordinator
Boyle Street/Churchill Foot
Patrol Office**

Job search help available

Statistics show that levels of unemployment among physically disabled persons are much higher than the average. If you are physically disabled and looking for work, Employment Services for the Physically Disabled can help you with your job search techniques. Our agency will provide career counselling and workshops dealing with resume

preparation, job search and interview skills as well as aspects of personal development.

Employment Services for the Physically Disabled is also able to assist employers by referring qualified applicants for their current job openings. For further information, please feel free to contact us at 423-4106.

JIM & ELE'S DINING ADVENTURES

A real treat at Real Steak and Pizza

It was time for a change. We had been eating Chinese or some form or Oriental cuisine for too long. As a result today we sampled the more standard fare offered by **Real Pizza and Steaks**.

It was not our first visit there, and we remembered the large helpings which make a visit here excellent value for money.

Some dishes are available at lunch and dinner time, but they also have a special lunch menu which is even more affordable. A special "nooner" pizza is offered for \$3.89 (more for extra toppings) and sandwiches are less expensive than in the evening.

A Baron of Beef, twice the size that you are served elsewhere, costs \$5.25 at night but only \$4.50 at lunch-time.

The pizza at **Real Steak and Pizza** is cheesy, with generous amounts of delicious toppings.



I ordered shrimp in a basket (\$3.95) and a house salad (\$2.50). They were both delicious. The salad was not just lettuce and there were at least a dozen shrimp.

If you have an even bigger appetite, you could order lasagna or spaghetti at \$5.50 (more in the evening), a steak sandwich at \$8.95 or a 10 oz New York Steak at \$13.95.

Real Steak and Pizza is located in the Chinese Shopping Mall at 9449 Jasper Ave. It's worth a visit, and if you can finish all they serve you, you must be really hungry!

by Ele Gibson

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Do you like living in Boyle Street or McCauley? If you do, why? Perhaps you are a recent immigrant and you appreciate the support to be found in living with your ethnic community. Or possibly you like living so close to the downtown or to the fitness centre at Commonwealth Stadium.

Are there features of your neighbourhood that you support but think could be better? For example, does your local playground need some new equipment? Should there be more services to help senior citizens?

Probably there are also things you don't like about Boyle Street/McCauley. When you are chatting with your neighbours, what do you complain about?

Are you upset about run-down buildings? Are there enough quality day care centres in your area? Are you afraid for your safety at certain times or

places?

If you are willing to talk about what you think is good and bad in your neighbourhood, we know some people who are eager to listen! Who are they? They are staff from the City of Edmonton and people from our own communities who have agreed to sit as members on a Boyle Street/McCauley Planning Co-ordinating Committee.

This committee is made up of representatives from our community leagues, schools, businesses, and social agencies like the Boyle McCauley Health Centre and the Urban Core Support Network.

Over the next few years, these people will be preparing a new community plan for Boyle Street/McCauley. The first thing they want to do is to get everyone's views on what needs to be done to make our two neighbourhoods better places to live and work. To give you an opportunity to express your opin-

ions, they will be holding two workshops in October. (See the notice on this page for the dates, times and locations.) Please make plans to come to one of the two workshops - whichever one is the most convenient for you.

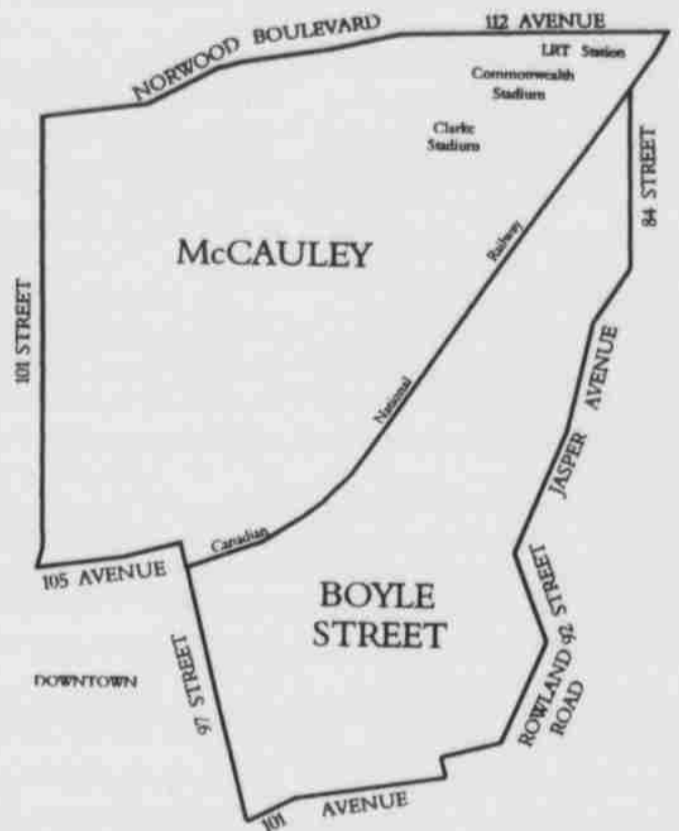
There will be many more opportunities for you to share your ideas of how life in our two neighbourhoods can be made more pleasant and fulfilling.

At the same time, it is important that as many people as possible attend the workshop, because they will set direction for the new community plan.

Watch this newspaper for more stories of what's happening as the community plan process unfolds.

If you would like more information, please call Jim Spinelli at the Bissell Centre, 423-2285, or Ken Zahara at the City of Edmonton Planning and Development Department, 428-8801.

by Patty Steen and Stefan Fekner



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If you live, work or own property in the two neighbourhoods of Boyle Street and McCauley, you are invited to attend one of two community workshops in your area. At these workshops, you can help the City of Edmonton and the Boyle Street/McCauley Planning Coordinating Committee identify the major problems and opportunities facing your community.

These workshops are the first in an ongoing program to encourage you to participate in the preparation of a new community plan for the two neighbourhoods. Choose the workshop time and location most convenient for you.

For further information, please contact Ken Zahara or George Matteotti at 428-8801.

Workshop #1

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7:00 P.M.

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Workshop #2

Saturday, October 19, 1991

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