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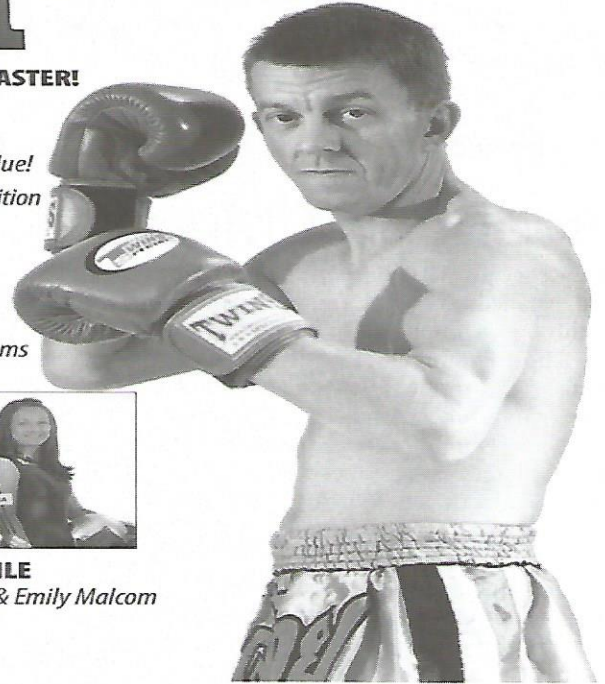
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PRESIDENT'S SOAPBOX

A Few Votes Means New Hope for CBMCA Quality of Life

By Pat Maiani

As in her previous elections, it was only a few hundred votes that separated Alderman Madeleine King from her challengers. But this time, it appears John Mar had the critical support that puts him into one of the most difficult wards in the city.

In a city where the incumbent rarely loses an election, it's an indication this neighbourhoods residents are ready for change.

The Calgary Foundation confirms our dissatisfaction. They recently issued Vital Signs, a report card on Calgary's quality of life. 600 volunteers graded the city on areas such as housing, environment, arts and culture, safety, and more. We got a C average. (See

www.thecalgaryfoundation.org for details).

We can thank Madeleine for the work she has done in developing the arts and culture scene, and facilitating our new promenade. But such a close race indicates that we are generally not satisfied with the status quo on many serious quality of life issues. Crime, homelessness; heritage preservation; and development frustrations are frequently cited. As residents, a new alderman is a chance to get some action on the issues that affect us.

And Cliff Bungalow-Mission has our own elections for board members on Wednesday, November 28th, at the Community Hall. Come out, and do your part. And we hope the alderman will be there to hear your concerns directly.



Editor retires to Caribbean. Thank you to Michelle, our hard working editor, pictured here working with Eilish on this edition of the newsletter. Michelle has moved on to Bermuda. Eilish is travelling Europe for her next column. If you like to travel, why not volunteer for the newsletter? Send a note to editor.cbmca@hotmail.com.

Our Editor's Shoes

How does anyone fill the shoes of 'Mission Statement' editor Michelle Hebert? Michelle's changing her shoes for sandals as she heads for exciting new temporary work in Bermuda, just as we are moving into fall and winter in Calgary.

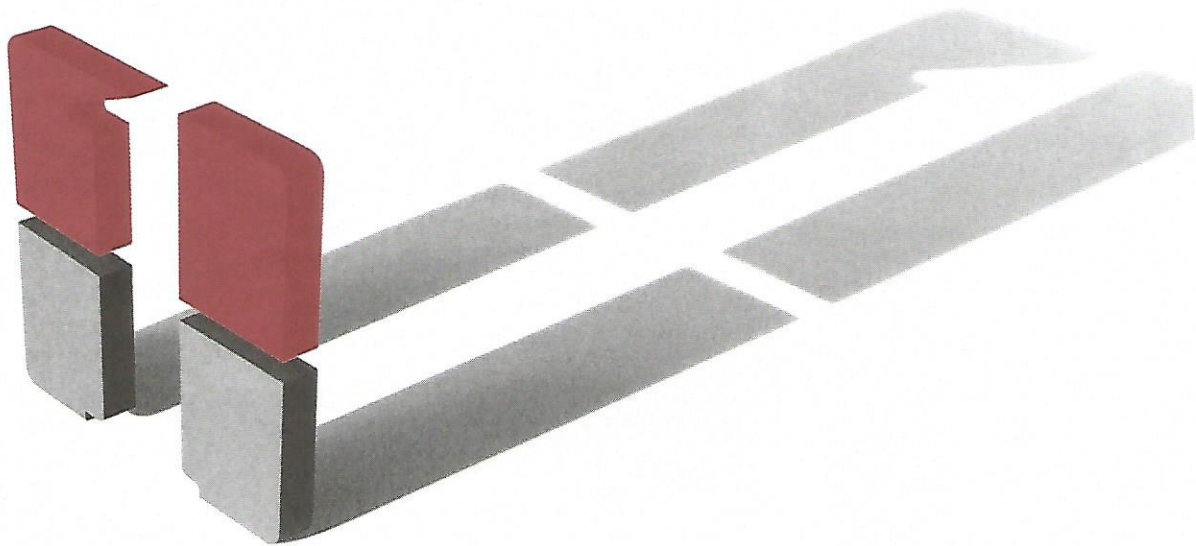
Eilish Hiebert, past President of Cliff Bungal-

low-Mission Community Association stepped in for the November/December 2007 issue, with the help of Pat Maiani, present president.

Editor e-mail remains the same. We'll try and fill these shoes as best we can till Michelle comes back - as we wish her 'Bon Voyage' and the best of everything in Bermuda!

Tell us what you think

If you have comments on the Newsletter or on issues affecting our community, we want to hear from you! Write to the Editor, Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association, 462, 1919B-4th Street SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1W4, or e-mail us at editor.cbmca@hotmail.com. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. Feature articles must be no longer than 600 words.



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Feverish Pace of Development Impacts CBMCA

By Peter Atkinson, Development Director.

With a red-hot housing market and constant criticism of downtown for not having enough people on the streets, the push to build condo blocks has influenced the streets of Mission and Cliff Bungalow immensely. The feverish pace of development in the area has left so many projects on the drawing board that the future form of our community floats somewhere off in the distance. But with many of the early developments complete or nearing completion, we are beginning to understand the impact of rapid growth on our inner city neighborhood.

With most houses in the area being wood frame, not brick like some other older cities, and nearing the 100-year-old mark, most properties are at a cross roads: either update through renovation, or start anew. Unfortunately, the economic attraction of building larger condo blocks has often meant the end of the turn-of-the-century houses.

It is difficult to argue against economic growth when resources are in a seemingly limitless boom. Recently, the pace of new development seems to be taking a breath, allowing us to look at the developments currently underway and to evaluate the direction of our community's future.

For the last four years, the major gap in our community has been between 20th and 21st Avenues on 4th Street. With any luck, construction should begin this fall on the office block with commercial base designed by Gibbs Gage, likely to include two new restaurants and a street frontage that is consistent with 4th Street. The back lane between the two avenues has been re-routed to a T intersection that runs parallel to 4th Street behind the project.

The other big change coming on 4th Street will come where the Urban Barn and With The Times are currently located. These two buildings will come down and make way for a contemporary limestone and glass office building with retail frontage designed by 1111 Architecture.

Other projects on 4th Street currently slated for development include the small building which currently is home to Walking Around, a couple of new stores at the base of the Europe Apartments and the recently completed BLVD restaurant and

lounge on the north end of 4th Street.

Le Beau on 21st Avenue has recently peeled away its scaffolding to reveal its minty green exterior. Lumiere on 20th Avenue has begun its marketing campaign with a development permit in place. Le Rive, same developers as the Le Beau, have an approved development permit for 25th Avenue and the Elbow River. Tweed over on 5A Street is also set to begin construction shortly.

With lots of work on 4th Street, and a lot of condos on the market, what is the aging fate of the 1911 house in our neighborhood? If this was Vancouver, the house might be jacked up and subdivided; an extra level would be slipped underneath to provide a rental suite to help with the mortgage payments. If this were Toronto, people might be building a mother-law-suites on the backlane, again to help with mortgage payments and allow something other than a five storey condo block to make community.

It is the fate of the turn-of-the-century houses that ultimately decides what type of community we will have in the next 10-20 years. The City is talking a lot about affordable housing and the rise of housing prices. These issues seemingly go hand in hand if you incorporate the idea that nobody can really afford today's mortgages on their own. And culture? Remember the idea of mother-in-law suite on the backlane? Can you imagine a more interesting Sunday afternoon stroll than to walk past a row of

backlane private artist studios that are opened up for an impromptu gallery exhibition, again providing financial help for the homeowner, while at the same time capturing a use that helps make the community a more interesting place?

There will be no shortage of new condo units in the next couple of years in both communities. However, in my opinion the most exciting development opportunities in the community right now revolve around how these turn-of-the-century houses shift and adapt to modern times. These houses have built the community, but they are in serious need of updating. As the spaces for large scale developments begin to fill up in the neighborhood, there comes a real need to enhance the spaces between. The condos provide the density, but the ultimate success of our neighborhood redevelopment will be dependent on the homeowners and architects. If they/we decide to find value in the existing fabric, they/we can transform the neighborhood yet again by bringing the focus of redevelopment back on to the house. Our neighborhood is yearning for a design trend that sees value placed on older housing stock and reinforces the strength of the existing fabric. Architecturally, what is more interesting than bringing a community's roots back to centre stage without first reducing everything to a pile of rubble?

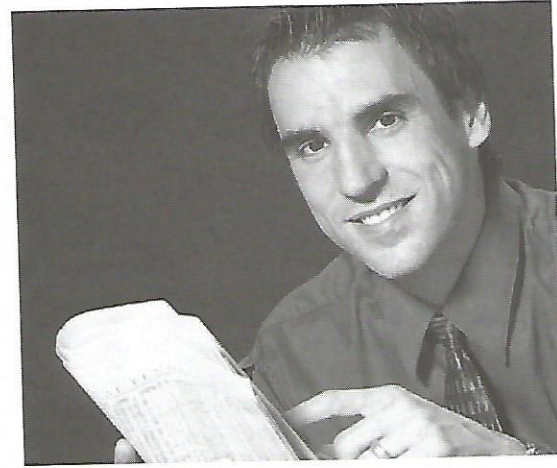
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4th Street lawyer Bill Lister and partners plan to demolish these buildings to make way for their new development. "I really love the design of the old garage, but that's progress" Bill says.

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River Path Update

Most energies of River Path folks have lately been focused on community events with two goals:

- to raise funds for the Riverwalk promenade, and, just as important,
- to raise awareness throughout all the sectors of our community, about the river and what it means, past and present, to our community.

Our September 'Neighbours' front-page article quotes how our Mission 26th Avenue River Path "fits in with City's overall plans for sensitive redevelopment of public areas".

Bill Longstaff spoke with Fred Valentine from Stantec about their condominium development, explaining how a Riverwalk vision for a huge section of river pathway east of the Fourth Street bridge, fits in with their plans. "The Riverwalk is to be a destination and journey for all.

Its principles coincide with many of ours; to:

- Evoke an (enduring) sense of place.
- Restore and establish the unique ecology in an urban setting
- Preserve and enhance cultural and heritage resources and provide educational opportunities.
- Foster public safety.

Riverwalk Summary of values also coincides with many of ours:

- The river as a metaphor for the City
- Connectivity
- Public amenity and recreation.



Credit: Nancy Tice

The Big Poplar reigns over 20th Avenue

The Big Poplar Officially Recognized

By Bill Longstaff

In the July/August issue of the Statement, Nancy Tice, our resident horticulturist, emphasized that our community's heritage lies in more than buildings and other structures. It lies also in the trees that adorn our yards and streets.

One of our community's favourite trees, referred to fondly as the Big Poplar, has recently achieved formal heritage status. This magnificent specimen has been accepted by the Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada as a Heritage Tree of Alberta.

The "big poplar" is actually a Plains Cottonwood. It is a Reader tree, i.e. it was planted by William Reader, of Reader Rock Garden fame, Calgary's Superintendent of

Parks from 1913 to 1942. With a trunk 15 feet in circumference and a canopy stretching 90 feet, reaching out across 20th Avenue and the opposing sidewalk, this 94-year old giant looms over its patch of the neighbourhood.

The tree will appear in a book to be published in the spring of 2008 by the Heritage Tree Foundation entitled Heritage Trees of Alberta. We have in our midst a veritable celebrity.

If you weren't aware of this heritage treasure, the next time you go for a walk be sure to take it in and pay your respects. It can usually be found on 20th Avenue SW between 2nd and 4th Streets and, be assured, you can't miss it.

Other Cliff Bungalow-Mission Heritage Trees of Alberta

The Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada has accepted nominations for a number of our community trees and plantings as Heritage trees of Alberta, thanks to folks like Nancy Tice, Bill Longstaff, and many other tree lovers who recognize their significance. The following will become part of the web-based Tree Registry which will be available online next spring at <http://www.heritagetreefoundation.com>.

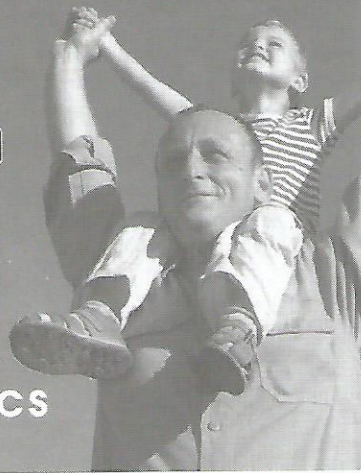
- Green ash border of trees on both sides of the street along 5A Street SW planted by William Reader
- Russian Olive on 5th Street SW across the street from the Laurence Apartments
- Mountain Ash at the entrance to the Sacred Heart Convent
- White spruce on 19th Avenue near 2nd Street SW
- Elm tree on Tompkins Square Park (the only remaining elm planted by William Reader)

A plaque, either attached to the trunk or directly in front of the tree on a stake, will identify each tree. This is an ongoing project, so if you are aware of a special heritage tree or planting which you would like to see recognized, you will find the nomination process at <http://heritagetreefoundation.com/nominationform.htm>.



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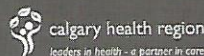
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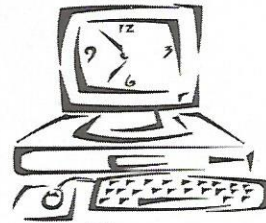
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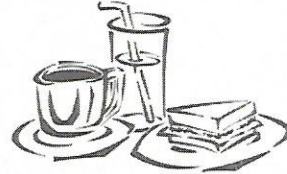
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Construction Blues Helps Initiate Construction Protocol

By Bob Lang

In 2004, people living in the community felt they were under siege from all the construction that was taking place. Community people identified many negative impacts from this construction but, overall, quality of life in the community was the key issue. The Community Association hosted a community meeting to air these concerns and to develop ways the community might approach getting these concerns addressed. This meeting was fully reported in the November – December 2004 issue of the Mission Statement. One of the immediate outcomes of that meeting was a civic election forum held at the Community Centre.

During this time, a new Mission Area Redevelopment Plan was being considered. There was a public hearing of City Council in July 2004 to consider a new Mission ARP. The community had a lot of concerns related to that document. The Cliff Bungalow – Mission Community Association submitted a 28-page document to Council expressing those concerns. We took advantage of this opportunity to also express our concerns about the spin off impacts from the construction of new buildings in the community. Some of the impacts identified were:

- Hazardous materials not being handled properly during demolition and neighbours not informed of these hazardous materials
- Pile driving
- Loss of street parking by residents
- Street parking dedicated for construction personnel
- Street parking dedicated for marketing of new condominiums
- Lane closures
- Frequent and unannounced street closures

We asked Council to “Instruct Administration to develop a protocol to be followed by developers during construction in Mission (this might apply to other areas of the City also) and that this be presented for consideration to the SPC on Land Use, Planning and Transportation within six months of approval of the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan.”

It took another two years before Council approved the revised Mission ARP. This summer, we were contacted by the City, requesting a meeting to discuss a draft Building Construction and Demolition Site Man-

agement Code of Practice. Members of the Development Committee and Board met with the City on August 29th when the draft document was discussed in some detail. Some of the issues addressed in this document are:

- Site signage
- Public safety adjacent the site
- Protection of property adjacent the site
- Noise, dust, drainage and lighting control
- Site cleanliness
- Vehicle parking

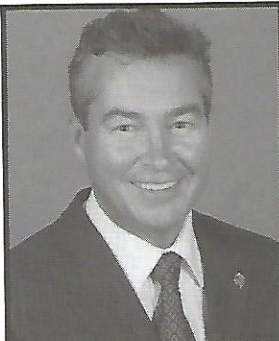
The community identified a number of modifications that should be made to the Code of Practice document. The key question still outstanding is how the code will be implemented. The document talks about this being a voluntary code. From the City’s perspective, they do not have the resources to make it mandatory. They have approached the Home Builder’s Association to see if they would champion the code. The Home Builder’s Association took this request under advisement and will consider it. One key thing that could easily be made mandatory is having a sign that clearly states a developer or construction company

number to contact if issues arise during construction. A neighbour could contact them about their concern and if the builder did not respond, the neighbour could contact 311 and let the City know there is a problem. In preparing this code, the City found out that there already is legislation covering about 90 per cent of the issues raised. Since most bylaw enforcement is done in reaction to a complaint, this same approach could be followed for the code of practice.

A report on this matter is scheduled to be considered by the Land Use, Planning and Transportation Committee of City Council on November 14th. However, we have also heard that there are a lot of items to be considered at that time (backlog due to the civic election) and it is quite possible this item might be delayed until the new year. While this code is not perfect and implementation is still an issue, it is a big step in the right direction.

This community has taken a leadership role on important issues that impact all communities in the city. It is quite likely that this code of practice will ultimately be implemented in all communities. We will provide updates on this matter as they unfold. ♣





Lee Richardson

Member of Parliament Calgary Centre

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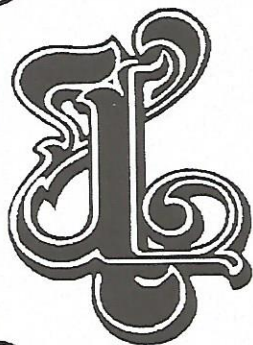
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Angel Heart

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Eventually the elements of sun, wind and rain will weather the sculpture and the copper will develop its own natural patina. The chimes are of aluminum and are tuned to full octave scale. Resting on a three foot concrete base, the sculpture is 14 feet high with an eight foot wingspan.

“Angel Heart is the life affirming symbol inspired by a vision of angel wings. The “Heart” of the sculpture is created from sound. I chose to employ sound as I felt it to the most abstract and lyrical of the arts. I wished to create a sculpture that would work with the wind to create an anthem to the uplifting quality of the human spirit.”

- Errol Lee Fullen, 1993

Taken from 4th Street Art Walk self-guided walking tour booklet. 🍷

Sola Offers Elegance, Friendliness

By Jim Bowman

For a number of years, I had been boycotting the coffee shop at 323A – 17th Avenue SW. They had a sign on the door indicating that students weren’t welcome, and I had thought it unfair to discriminate against customers on the basis of age or occupation.

So I was delighted to discover, recently, that the space had been taken over by Sola Café and Lounge. Its ambiance is quite different from the mean-spirited (in my perception, anyway) business that had been there previously.

Sola is operated by Sayaka Tarui assisted by her friends Ayano and Yoko, all young recent immigrants from Japan. Entering Sola, I’ve always been greeted by a cheery, smiling “Hello!” Upon leaving, there is always a cheery, heartfelt “Thank You!” It must be something about the Japanese tradition of service that always makes me feel pampered and valued as a customer.

Basically a place for lunch and coffee breaks, Sola is also open until 7 pm for light dinners. The décor is reminiscent of the better Japanese restaurants I’ve been in: clean and tidy, with elegant furnishings of light-colored wood and hand-made ceramic dishes that bring in elements of nature and craftsmanship, and provide a refuge of tranquility no matter how crazy the urban environment gets.

The cuisine is a unique fusion of Japanese, Chinese, French, and North American. Typical North American sandwiches (ham and cheese, tuna salad, etc.) are freshly prepared and served in sliced croissants. Alternatively, sandwich fillings can be wrapped in freshly-prepared crepes. There are also innovations such as teriyaki chicken crepes. There is a small selection of sushi rolls, which are fresh-tasting and attractively presented. Usually one or two homemade soups are available. One specialty is korroke – mashed potatoes and beef formed into patties and baked (I

wonder if this is a transliteration of “croquette”, one of the comfort foods of my childhood?).

There are dessert crepes featuring fillings such as peach or banana almond. A wide variety of coffees, teas, infusions, and fancy coffee and tea drinks is available. I’ve had a yerba maté latte, made from the South American tea-like herb. Another time I ordered genmai tea – my favorite Japanese green tea, flavored with roasted rice puffs – and it was served with elaborate ritual. The pot was placed on a stand above a small candle to keep it warm, and a three-minute egg timer was used to indicate how long to steep it. Sola also has a small selection of dry teas and infusions that can be purchased to take home.

Another good thing about Sola is that it’s not expensive. The sandwiches and crepes are all less than \$7. The fancy coffee or tea drinks are around \$3-4. And the smiles are free! 🍷



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The Cheerful Summer Colours of Our Community

1. On 18th Avenue in Mission
2. Springtime on 2nd Street
3. Ready for springtime at a local florist shop
4. Part of the front yard vegetable gardens at the Laurence along 5th Street
5. 19th Avenue in Cliff Bungalow
6. A cheerful garden borders a condo patio
7. A well-tended patio garden along 2nd Street
8. One of Stephen and Kathleen's many gardens
9. Wandering onions in the Community garden
10. Sacred Heart Convent
11. A temporary meadow on 20th Avenue

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URBAN LANDSCAPE

The Season in Review

By Nancy Tice

Vancouver gardeners are still mowing, and pruning, and weeding – the poor dears. For us, late autumn is a good time to kick back and take a few moments to remember the past season's accomplishments. There is no shortage of pats on the back to be passed around.

After a cool, wet start to the season Cliff Bungalow-Mission gardeners did themselves proud. Either many more residents were bitten by the gardening bug or a bunch of people were fluffing for resale. The hottest July in 47 years, with its very warm nights, was ideal for the many annual plant species which prefer a tropical climate. And we were spared the ruinous hail that battered less fortunate neighbourhoods. There were fine examples of container plantings and/or front gardens on nearly every residential block. It was an excellent year of abundance. It there was a trend it was a noticeable increase in balcony farmers growing tomato plants, herbs and salad greens. As always, the community garden located in William Aberhart Park was an inspiration. Considering the decrease in population diversity that results from gentrification, it was a relief to see that area gardeners still march to their own unique drummers.

The Taymar condo owners initiated a rehab of their front landscape when it became all too clear that most of the plant material supplied by the developer had failed to thrive. This time around the plant species choices are much better suited to the low light conditions. Happily from my point of view, the "loosescaping" has been entirely removed and replaced by groundcover plants. It all the plant material settles in well it will fill out to create a lovely shade garden that will complement the background architecture while offering a much more attractive view to Taymar residents, their residential neighbours and area pedestrians. Newly planted it was already a huge improvement which generated positive comments from streetscape devotees. Kudos to the condo owners for undertaking a significant streetscape improvement.

The liveliest portions of 4th Street looked wonderful. The streetscape even gained several new planting locations as a result of the Mission Centre building reno. It was good to see the two restaurant patios located closest to the big, yellow crane on 22nd Avenue remained popular with patrons enjoying the summer weather by dining al fresco. Construction? Whatever. Incidentally, it is most often shop and restaurant staff who water the flowers regularly, an extra chore that some-

times involves ladders. They are the unsung heroes who deserve a round of applause for making a major summertime contribution to an attractive commercial district.

I enjoy whining about our rapidly increasing property taxes which seem to pour outward funding more and more road construction to serve suburban commuters. The City's Parks department deserves recognition for the dazzling flower displays at Rouleauville Square; for the development of a new pocket park along the regional pathway near the 26th Avenue cul-de-sac; for the Neighbourhoods program which coordinates planting additional street trees along our residential avenues; and for watering 4th Street public trees during the summer heat wave. And cheers to whichever municipal entity was responsible for some decluttering of 4th Street sidewalks – (just how many opportunities do we really need to pick up a copy of those free newsprint rags?)

The companion photos show just a few of the many examples of the gardening energy which was visible throughout the community. Inner city neighbourhoods are most appealing when many contributions are made toward an attractive public streetscape and gardeners play a major role every year. Of course, our community deserves TLC all year round. The winter urban landscape is improved by keeping sidewalks clear of ice and snow, putting up seasonal holiday decorations, and building snowmen whenever the opportunity arises. Be kind to your neighbours, and savour whichever holiday tradition you choose to celebrate. 🌱



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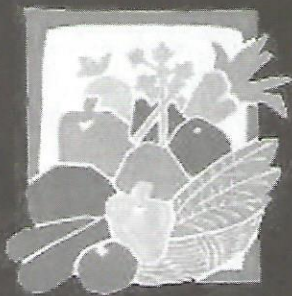
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The Mission Girls are Back!

The seniors at Fountains of Mission Retirement Residence have once again captured the original playfulness of the Calendar Girls movie in their new 2008 fundraising calendar, for sale at \$10 each at Fountains of Mission 222 25th Avenue SW (244-0322) or at The Kerby Center.

All the models (average age is 86) are classic beauties residing at Fountains of Mission. The seniors are paired with some of the best classic and rare cars found in Calgary, dating from the 30's to the 70's, which set the theme for each month. And for many, it brought back a lot of memories. These enthusiastic seniors are no strangers to fundraising – they have raised close to \$30,000 in the past two and a half years! And they've had a blast doing it! "It keeps us young", said resident Bernice O.

Net proceeds from their 2008 calendar will be donated to two local charities. The Rainbow Society of Alberta is dedicated to fulfilling wishes for Alberta children between the ages of 3 and 18 with a chronic or life-threatening illness. Inn from the Cold Society provides shelter and hope to Calgary's homeless families and others in need. Both charities will be selling the calendars for \$10 each.

For more information please email info@fountainsofmission.com.

Happy Dam 75th Birthday!

On Glenmore Dam's 75th birthday, a long walk in the rain up to Heritage Park's Canmore Opera House was fitting for a September 23rd Water Workshop. "Calgary on the Elbow – 75 years later" workshop topped off three hot summer Sunday 2007 Mission river walks.

Facilitator George Campbell aptly managed this water workshop. Tony Starlight's First Nations plea was to take care of the Elbow for our children. As he picked up his water bottle, Tony told how, many years ago, he totally disbelieved his grandfather's prediction: "One day you'll hold a bottle of water in one hand, and money in the other."

John Gilpin's amazing dam building photos showed how it greatly reduced crippling annual Calgary Spring floods.

Jamie Dixon told of surprising water myths and facts, and of a 1990s newspaper headline "Dam's stinky water safe to drink" when murky, but not dangerous, algae invaded the dam!

Lisa Flaman presented the importance of our precious Weaselhead, preserving our water quality.

Thanks, John Gilpin, for bringing so many water enthusiasts, neophytes and water groups together! 🍷

Support Our 4th Street Neighbours as they Support Us!

By Eilish Hiebert

Because our community is so varied, we sometimes forget that business and restaurant owners on 4th Street are active members of our community. These hardworking people make a living in our midst, and many have a strong attachment to the area.

We were all pretty green when we started spreading awareness and seeking support for our Mission River Path September 22nd "Essence of Mission" fundraiser food-entertainment event. Dan, Kathryn, Eilish, Sharon, and Miriam strategized with Joannie and Charlene, with advice from Robin and Krista. The willingness of 4th Street restaurants to participate in our efforts was overwhelming.

We salute some of these 4th Street restaurant owners: Bistro 2210 young chef Alexandra, and Jason – whose wife did the

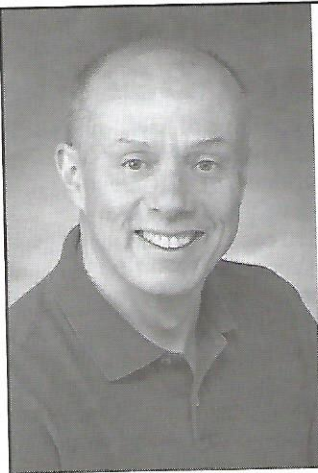
stunning redesign of former Mortal Coil – have roots in this area and are true food artists; Ouzo's new young owners Sarah and Chris at 20th Avenue have infectious enthusiasm about their Greek food; My Marvin's Hartley Yuffe has revived a former Calgary tradition of great deli food in the unique new round space at the base of the 23rd Avenue Mission Medical Building; Purple Perk Paul's friendly staff run one happenin' wireless place at 24th Avenue and have held community River Path presentations there as well; Aida (pronounced Ay-eeda) is working harder than ever serving Middle Eastern food; May and William from the Western Coffee Shop beamingly delivered their hot food, as did Brett at the Blind Monk (delicious); Original Joe's on 22nd Avenue and Il Giardino on 17th were eager to help us; as were Wildwood at 25th Avenue, and newly-owned Joyce on 4th at 24th Avenue. Mercato, Starbucks, Second Cup, Safeway,

The Wine Shop on 17th, Les Truffles, Bin 905, Brava Bistro... and then there are the businesses listed on our Sponsor Board... we could go on and on...

We were needlessly apprehensive before approaching these people and places for "Essence of Mission" support. We met only generosity, openness and genuine interest in the Mission 26th Avenue River Path project and willingness to support it.

The border of both our communities of Cliff Bungalow and Mission is 4th Street – the people street. These people who work in businesses along 4th Street are very much a part of our community and love to see us locals come to dine with our friends, neighbours, and visitors. They supply us with an amazing variety of culinary experiences.

Don't let us forget to take advantage of those opportunities! 🍷



Report from Dave Taylor ^{MLA}

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The Legislature is back in session and I am excited to be back there and speaking out on your behalf. There is much work to be done on a whole

range of issues and it has been great to be getting so much feedback from the constituents of Calgary Currie. Alberta faces some significant challenges, but Calgarians like to focus on solutions and there are real opportunities to move forward.

Albertans have repeatedly expressed their discontent with a royalty structure that is outdated and in need of change. The Alberta Liberal Caucus has consistently called for a new structure that gives Albertans with a fair return for their resources while maintaining Alberta's competitive economic advantage. It is for this reason that we called on the provincial government to raise royalties by 20% as recommended by the Alberta Royalty Review Panel and the Auditor General. Moreover, the new structure must be enforced. Albertans missed out on billions of dollars this decade under the current royalty regime, because the Conservative government hasn't been minding the store. The job going forward is to get the royalty increase right. We must make sure that Albertans get their fair share while balancing the need to preserve a strong economy where one out of every two jobs is connected to the oil and gas industry.

Affordable housing remains a critical issue in Calgary-Currie and right across Alberta. I have spent a

considerable amount of time on this issue and we've identified solutions. The most important thing to do now is to put them into action. The Alberta Liberal Calgary Caucus recently held a town hall meeting on homelessness. As winter is fast approaching we must provide emergency spaces for people to sleep while focusing on the long-term strategies to end homelessness. Those who spend this winter in a shelter should not need to do the same next year. I will continue to take a lead role in making sure the Province of Alberta addresses this.

Crime is an important challenge currently facing our communities. While I support more police on the ground to respond quickly, we need to look at investing in prevention programs as an critical part of any solution. Neighbourhood schools help make for vibrant, sustainable communities and liveable cities. Investments in public transit should continue so people don't always have to drive. It's good for the environment – and for our stress level. Preserving our parks and natural spaces is key to any successful big city. So are strong families and they need quality, available child care.

I am always happy to hear your feedback and to go to bat for you to ensure that we can get things done. Our office is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 am – 4:30 pm. As your MLA, my job is to facilitate solutions. That works best when we all work together.

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Notre-Dame de la Paix Mission (FCJ Centre)

By Jim Bowman

The fourth Notre-Dame de la Paix mission, a two-storey frame building serving as both a chapel and rectory, was built on this site in 1882. Three years later, the North-West Rebellion displaced the Sisters of the Society of the Faithful Companions of Jesus from their home in St. Laurent in what is now Saskatchewan. They came to Calgary and were given the use of the mission as their convent.

The Sisters re-named the mission Sacred Heart Convent after their former home, and opened a school there, beginning with fifteen French-speaking pupils. An ordinance of the North-West Territories government made this the first Separate School in the Territories, serving Lacombe Separate School District No. 1 (later renamed Calgary Separate School District No. 1). By 1888, there were 90 pupils, and larger facilities were needed. The west wing was built in 1893. The architect is unknown, but was probably commissioned by the Society's headquarters in central Canada. In 1924 the original 1882 mission building was demol-

ished. William Stanley Bates designed a new residential wing to the east, and a chapel to the south. These additions matched the 1893 structure, achieving a remarkably harmonious effect.

The school, known as St. Mary's after 1893, was conducted in English for both boys and girls, but only girls boarded at the convent. From 1907 to 1910 the boys' classes were held in St. Mary's Parish Hall. In 1909 the new St. Mary's School building allowed the convent to be used solely as a residence for the sisters and their scholastic boarders. In recent years the Faithful Companions of Jesus have operated the convent as a retreat centre.

The 'FCJ Centre' is presently a wonderful multi-purpose centre for many groups, workshops and retreats, with excellent on-site accommodation, meals, audio-visual equipment and myriad meeting spaces. The most recent development is a Cretan labyrinth on the grounds, popular historically as a meditation spot for all kinds of people and still much-used today, at this peaceful oasis tucked away in the midst of a busy city. ❧

Bashful Pets

By Jorinda Rankin

The MEOW Foundation passionately believes every cat deserves a loving home, including the bashful or "feral" cat. However, we can only rescue and socialize a fraction of the feral-background cats in Calgary. At our shelter, we can facilitate the socialization and rehabilitation of only a limited number shy cats at a time.

Shy and feral cats are the result of abandonment and people's failure to spay and neuter their pets. Feral cats are not wild cats: they are homeless, domestic cats fearful of humans. There are virtually millions of homeless cats across North America and not nearly enough homes for all of them.

Many rescue organizations and concerned individuals are trying to address the plight of these cats in a humane fashion. History has taught us that euthanasia does not reduce the homeless cat population. Overwhelmed by the number of homeless cats, many organizations in large cities are using a program called TNR (Trap/Neuter/Release) whereby cats are trapped, altered, vaccinated and released back to their original location where a designated caregiver provides food, water and shelter. This has proven to be a compassionate, humane and effective method of population control.

Feral kittens, if rescued early enough, can adapt more quickly to people than mature cats. Adult shy cats usually bond with their main caregiver, are wonderful cat companions and adapt very well to being indoor cats, but will always need a very safe and predictable environment.

Shy cats are the perfect adoption choice for someone whose pet is lonely for feline companionship. Most shy cats thrive when paired with another cat and will not make the physical demands on a human's time to the extent a friendlier cat will.

Socializing shy cats can take months or even years. Sometimes these cats may not ever welcome human touch, so it is up to the human to accept the cat as-is. Humans sometimes need to put aside our expectations and focus on saving a life by giving a cat a home.

These very special homes and people are few and far between, so MEOW volunteers are delighted whenever a shy cat is adopted. Apart from the satisfaction of seeing one of our shy cats find the perfect home, it gives MEOW the opportunity to take in another feral or shy cat and begin the socialization process anew. ❧

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One of the fastest growing trends in our group travel department today is "destination weddings", which now accounts for a whopping 10% of all weddings occurring among Canadian couples. Just ten years ago, the term 'destination wedding' was virtually unheard of, and there's no reason to expect a cooling down of this trend any time soon.

The Destination Wedding: What is It?

Perhaps you've heard some buzz about destination weddings recently, but you're still not clear on the concept. *Destination Wedding* essentially means "eloping with a crowd". It's a modern version of eloping. When a couple eloped in the past, they ran off alone together. Now

they may still run off to get married, but they take their closest family members and friends with them to share in the celebration. Destination weddings are sometimes also referred to as "Honeymoon Weddings" because they combine a wedding and honeymoon all in one.

Why is it Hot?

Destination Weddings were formerly the exclusive domain of celebrities and the ultra-rich. In recent years they have become accessible to more and more couples looking to add an "exotic twist" to their special ceremony. Properly planned, a destination wedding can not only save you thousands of dollars off the cost of a traditional wedding, it can also turn your wedding day into an unforgettable "mini-vacation" for you and your guests. Instead of having just one day to celebrate your nuptials with your favorite people, you will have several days of quality time together. Compare this with the traditional wedding, where often times the day speeds by in a whirlwind and the couple has only fleeting moments to spend with individual guests and you start to see the appeal of the destination wedding.

Another reason for the destination wedding trend is that re-marriages now account for 50% of marriages in the US and Canada. While a conventional or traditional wedding is perfectly acceptable for a remarriage today if that's what the couple wants, some couples just aren't comfortable with a lot of hoopla when it's not their first trip to the altar. Some prefer something a little lower key with just the people closest to them in attendance. The destination wedding is perfect for this.

The internet has also aided in the expansion of the destination wedding business. Through online research you can explore geographic locations, tour resorts and hotels, read menus, look at cakes, and view examples of a photographer's work or a

hairstylist's updos. Planning a wedding from afar is no longer the scary and risky proposition it once was.

How Many Guests?

Many people are often curious about the number of guests typically attending these destination events. You may be surprised to hear that the average group size is fast approaching 50. That's significant, because just four or five years ago the typical destination wedding had a guest list of just 10 to 20 people.

You can invite as many or as few people as you want to your destination wedding. Just keep one thing in mind: There are likely to be people on your guest list who will be unable to attend due to the expense involved or the logistics of arranging a jaunt away from home. Also keep in mind that your idea of the dream destination may not match theirs, so if you are expecting them to pay their own way, they may not be willing to invest their limited vacation budget into the vacation of *your* choice.

Research Required

Before you get your heart set on any specific destination wedding plan, it's critical to do your research and determine whether what you have in mind is feasible. A UNIGLOBE Custom Travel Group Expert will not only help you investigate costs, but will also determine what the requirements and regulations are in regard to saying your "I dos" in the destination of your choice. Some countries only allow citizens to marry on their soil, others may have a residency requirement whereby you have to live in the country for 30 days, 6



Travel Explain the Hot Trend of Destination Weddings

months, or a year before you are eligible to marry there.

You'll also be required to provide various forms of documentation in order to marry in another country, and you need to know what specific documentation is required for the country in question. In some cases, the law of the land requires that you also have the documents translated at your own expense, in advance, into the official language of the country in question. These are merely examples of the types of red tape and hoops you may be required to jump through, so working together with a professional who understands the business of destination weddings is paramount.

Who Pays for Guests Accommodations and Travel?

There is no rule of etiquette that requires the couple to pay for guests travel and accommodation expenses. Some couples do this, others do not. By working with a UNIGLOBE Custom Travel Expert, we can also assist you with providing some sort of treat for your guests. Possible ideas can include a privately hosted dinner, a spa credit or a round of golf, or a group excursion that is arranged and hosted by the bride and groom.

Easy on the Expenses

Whether you have decided to foot the bill or not, providing the most value for your guests is an important focus throughout the entire process. Whether you choose a destination wedding in the warmth of the Caribbean, or a romantic retreat to a castle in Scotland, we will provide you the best value for your vacation dollar. By understanding the group travel business we are able to take advantage of group rates and benefits that are unknown to the general public. Depending on the destination chosen we can also provide a variety of accommodation options so your guests can select the one which best fits their individual budget.

Start Early

The key to success in planning a destination wedding is to start as early as possible. At UNIGLOBE Custom Travel we can begin working on destination weddings and family reunions as much as 18 months prior to the event. By negotiating as early as possible with our suppliers, we are able



to typically secure lower pricing, as well as acquire the date, destination and accommodations that best suit the bride and groom's individual needs. The longer time line also is also beneficial to your guests and often increases the likelihood that they are able to join in your celebrations.

A Whole New Industry

The popularity of destination weddings has grown so rapidly that its given rise to a whole new industry in of itself. Many tour operators, cruise lines, resorts, hotels and airlines are now specifically catering to the destination wedding crowd. Even some entire cities, towns, and countries are discovering that they can profit substantially by making

destination weddings their focus. Several Caribbean islands, for instance have in the last number of years further eased their requirements for non-residents to marry on their soil, in order to encourage the influx of destination wedding couples. Some cities and towns in the US and abroad are putting effort and investment into marketing themselves as wedding destinations because they realize the powerful potential it will have on their economies. It is important to work with a professional who understands the complexities and ever-changing industry of destination weddings.

Get Professional Help

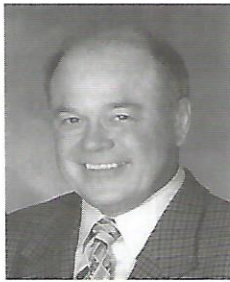
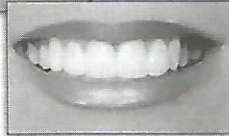
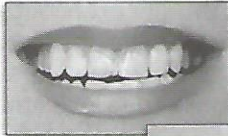
Planned right, a destination wedding is a unique way to commemorate your special union. Unfortunately, we've heard quite a few horror stories over the years from brides and grooms who chose to plan their wedding entirely on their own. Unfortunately couples have experienced missed flights with no emergency number for support, hidden clauses in hotel contracts leaving couples with an enormous financial liability on their hands, and even bogus wedding coordinators who never truly existed.

To ensure that all goes smoothly when planning your destination event, its best to work with a UNIGLOBE Custom Travel Group Expert who specializes in destination weddings. We will work closely with you to find the perfect memorable backdrop for you celebration, and our knowledge and expertise will ensure all components of your destination wedding are handled with the highest level of professionalism and care. Contact us at (403) 272-1000 or stop down and see us in the Mission Square building at Suite 800, 2424 4th St. S.W.

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– Thought to Ponder –

“Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.”

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Cleaning your sidewalk of snow and ice and making sure that plug-in cords are not on any portion of the sidewalk or street are all part of being a good neighbour. People out for a walk appreciate the ease at which they can walk and it makes the day a little less treacherous for those who deliver city services to our homes.

If you know of an elderly or disabled neighbour, consider becoming a Snow Angel and assist them with their shoveling. By clearing snow and ice from our sidewalks we can all get out and safely enjoy the winter season.

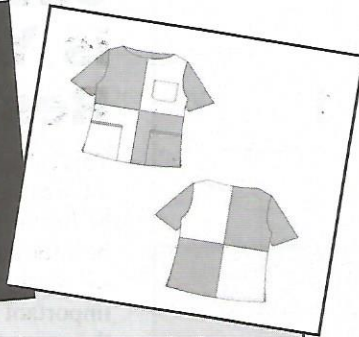
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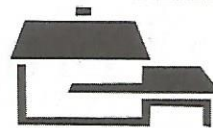
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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 28th, 7:00 pm
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Mike Robinson

Monday, December 3rd, 8:00 pm
Mike Robinson, CEO and Executive Director of the Glenbow Museum, will speak about the past, present and future of the river in our community. Donations welcome for CBMCA Mission River Path Project

Heritage Committee Meetings

Wednesday, November 21st
Wednesday, December 19th
7:00 to 9:00 pm, Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Centre.

Mission Statement Deadline

December 4th deadline for submissions to the January/February issue.

Heritage Report

Heritage Tree Nominations Accepted

The Heritage Tree Foundation of Canada has accepted our nominations for Heritage trees of Alberta, and the following will become part of the web-based Tree Registry at www.heritagetreefoundation.com.

- The green ash planting along 5A Street, SW planted by William Reader – nominated by Marilyn, but Nancy Tice did most of the work.
- The plains cottonwood on 20th Avenue SW – nominated by Bill.
- The Russian Olive on 5th Street SW across the street from the Laurence – nominated by Nancy.
- Mountain Ash at the entrance to the Sacred Heart Convent – nominated by Nancy
- White spruce on 19th Avenue near 2nd Street SW – nominated by Nancy.
- Elm (the only remaining tree planted by Reader) on Tompkins Square Park – nominated by Nancy.

The Bezberg/Sommerville Duplex

The new owner of the Bezberg, or Somerville duplex, Sheri MacMillan, came to meet with the heritage committee. They gave us a quick tour of the historic residence and discussed some options for the place. All revolve around renovation and

preservation where possible. We explained the next step will be to meet with the development committee.

Heritage Canada Foundation

Funding for the Heritage Canada Foundation conference in Edmonton has been approved for two persons. Marilyn and Rick have sent in their applications.

Neighbourhood Plaque Project

Jana paid the supplier, and the plaques should be coming very soon. Rick will send in nomination for the Belzberg Duplex (the owner gave her verbal consent in the meeting). Joanne will send in a nomination for the Laurence Block if she can get the owner's approval.



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– *Thoughts to Ponder* –

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“If you want to make peace, you don't talk to your friends. You talk to your enemies.”
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“Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go.”
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Writer In Residence

Rona Altrows, award-winning author, passionate coach, and mentor, shares her knowledge and experience of writing, publishing, and marketing writing this fall at Memorial Park Library. For more information and manuscript submission guidelines, visit our website at www.calgarypubliclibrary.com or call Memorial Park Library at 221-2006.

Write With Rona – Bring your notebook and pen or laptop computer to our informal weekly writing circle. There's no instruction or judgment – just sit back, relax, enjoy the company of your fellow writers, and scribble away! No registration required. Thursdays until Nov. 22nd, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

Reading Night – Strut Your Stuff – writers from the Writer in Residence program will have an opportunity to present their work to an audience. Thursday, November 29th 7:00 to 8:30 pm. No registration required.

Author Reading – “Beijing Confidential” – thirty-three years after studying at Beijing University, bestselling author Jan Wong revisits the Chinese capital. November 15th 7:00 to 8:30 pm. For ticket information call Pages at 283-6655.

Computer Literacy

Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30am

- Introduction to Email – November 10th
- Internet Part 2 – November 17th
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel – November 24th
- Introduction to Microsoft Word – December 1st

Microsoft Office for CyberSeniors – learn how to save and print a document, create a spreadsheet, and build a slide show (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint). Prerequisite: CyberSeniors. Ages 50+ Thursdays November 8th to 22nd, 10:00 am to noon. Call the library to preregister. 📞



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