

Gearing up for the Municipal Election

Diverse Ward 8 is being contested by several aldermanic candidates

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Major condo project planned for 4th St.

Development would demolish Deja Vu, Paros, Kremlin and other businesses

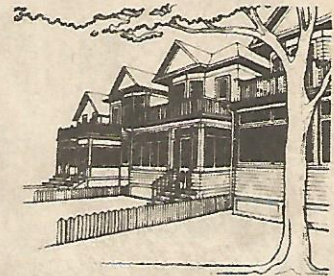
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THE MISSION STATEMENT



The Newsletter of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association • Sept/Oct 2001

Chili & Chocolate on community menu

by Janet Alford

There's a couple of big things happening in our community this fall, things that will affect the day to day life of everyone who lives here. The first thing is the massive revision of the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan. That project will set the ground rules for how we will develop, from the centre line of 4th Street east to the river, from now on. The second thing is the conversion of one-way streets to two-way streets throughout our neighbourhood. That project will change traffic and parking patterns for everyone who drives on, or crosses, a street in this community.

In these projects, the community association holds two overlapping and sometimes conflicting roles. First, it's our job to represent the interests of the community. We meet, discuss, conduct studies, write, lobby, nag, and generally insert ourselves into the decision-making process wherever we can. That's an activist role – lots of talking. Second, it's our job to be a conduit for communication, carrying



DOG DAYS: As we brace for the coming winter, *The Statement* brings you this reminder of the magnificent summer we enjoyed in 2001.

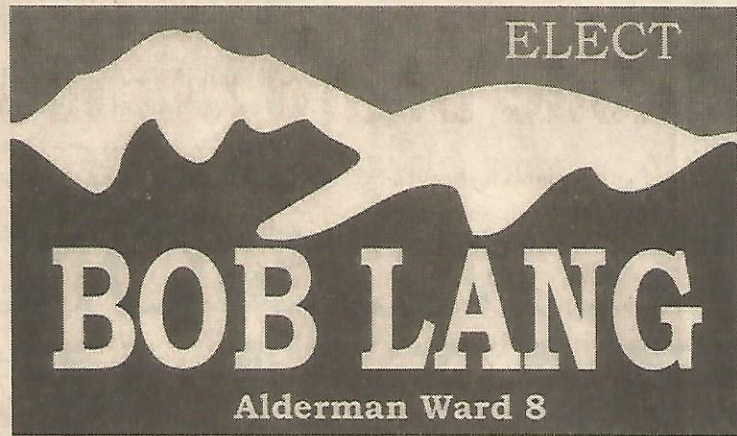
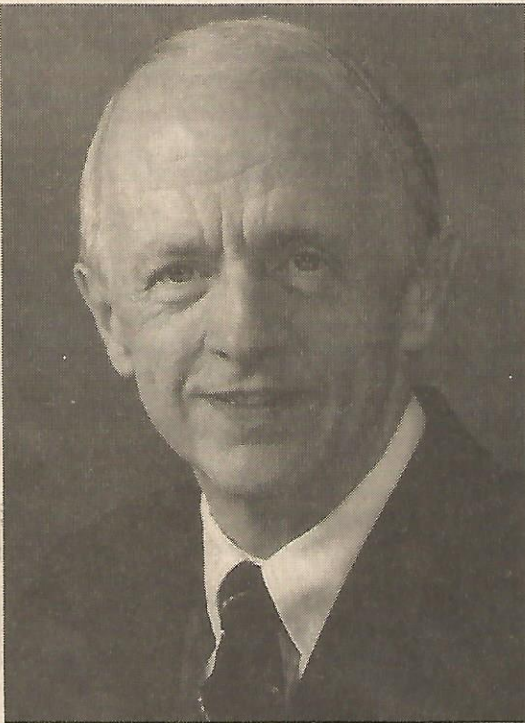
your ideas to the decision-makers and the decision-makers plans back to you. That's a more passive role – lots of listening.

Representing the interests of the community is a tricky thing. Who do we speak for? A small group of activists? Our members, a couple of hundred people at best? The 5,500 residents of Cliff Bungalow-Mission? The business community? Property owners who don't reside here? Tenants who don't own property but do their living here? It's like an environmental group, speaking for its members but also speaking for thousands of people who care about the environment but

never choose to actually join a group. In matters of representation, one thing is for sure – good listening helps us do better talking.

Which brings us, oddly enough, to Chili and Chocolate. On September 19th and 20th, we're inviting you to drop by the Community Centre (2201 Cliff St. SW) sometime between 4pm and 8pm (same stuff both nights). Enjoy a bowl of chili or a chocolate brownie, if you're so inclined. See the work done by the Mission Area Redevelopment Plan Working Group, along with the University of Calgary (article by Jason Ness inside). Share your thoughts and questions. Fill out a survey recording your views. At the same time, meet the City officials and consultants conducting the one-way to two-way street conversions on 5th and 2nd Streets, as well as 25th and 26th Avenues. Share your concerns. Learn what's planned and why.

It's where you live. We hope you'll join us.



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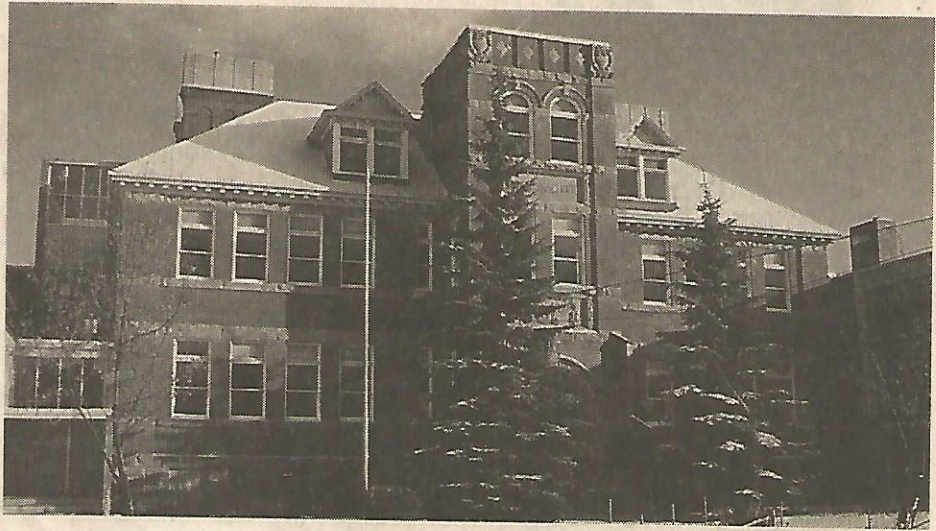
Bob Lang is the right choice for Ward 8. Call 229-2762.

Catholic Board plans to raze landmark

The fate of our neighbourhood's St. Mary's School building – a beautiful brick and sandstone structure built in 1909 and unused since 1995 – currently sits at a real-or-replication crossroads. Will the powers-that-be retain the heritage exterior and rebuild the interior? Or will they demolish the whole thing and start over, promising an exterior in "replication" of the original?

Two departments of the provincial government, along with the Calgary Catholic School Board, are the key decision-makers. The Department of Infrastructure and Learning has money for buildings. Public lobbying succeeded in convincing the government to retain the site for public purpose rather than letting it slip away into inner-city condo-land. So \$3.8 million has been committed to build a "new facility" on this site. The Alberta Department of Community Development has the power to ensure that new facility has an old exterior, by designating the exterior as a heritage structure. The Minister has provided temporary protection but has never (yet) committed to permanent heritage designation. The School Board has declared its desire to demolish, and spend the \$3.8 million on a new building with an exterior which "replicates" the original. The Board sees this as the easier, cheaper option, estimating a building cost of \$6 million if the exterior were to be retained.

Ken LaPointe of The Society for the Preservation and Restoration of St. Mary's School (1909) – a group of school alumni, community residents, and concerned Calgarians – reports that the group has one more meeting with the Minister of Community Development in September. There, they will propose an independent feasibility study on the "protect the exterior/rebuild the interior" option. The group questions the Board's \$6 million price tag, and would like to see a



second opinion on the matter.

For more, check out the Society's website, www.members.home.net/stmaryschool1909/.

Trees Yes, Rain No

(submitted by Nancy Tice)

Tree replanting along 2nd Street was completed in late June. A total of 114 trees were planted between 13th and 24th Avenues, 84 of which are in Mission – far exceeding the number of aging, structurally weak poplars removed in late May.

Perseverance was needed to overcome the obstacles posed by the sheer number of underground utilities in this area, including a major fibre-optic transmission cable. Planting holes were excavated with pressurized water using "hydrovac" machinery to avoid damage to buried service lines. This innovative technique increased the total number of viable planting sites to 114 from an otherwise-possible 33. Special thanks to Russell Friesen, Urban Forest Specialist, for his long-term commitment to this project and to Tim Allen, Site Foreman, for his admirable project coordination. And thanks to many others, both onsite and behind the scenes.

The only uncooperative element

was the weather. The young trees were badly stressed by hot, dry conditions. The City waters once a week. Additional watering was provided by an informal "bucket brigade" of concerned residents and adjacent property owners who are helping our thirsty urban-forest youngsters survive. Most of the trees, which had dropped their leaves from shock, have generated healthy new growth. Thanks to extra care and attention, most of our 84 trees have survived a tough beginning.

Graffiti Getting Handled

According to 4th Street BRZ Manager Jennifer Rempel, graffiti problems on our business corridor are fairly well in hand. The BRZ is pleased with the results generated by City bylaw officers visiting local businesses to encourage immediate removal of any graffiti that appears. Major problem areas have been cleaned up and not redone. Local bylaws do provide for fines to building owners (commercial and residential) if graffiti is left up longer than two weeks. Fines have generally not been necessary, as business owners are quite persuaded by the results of "the minute it goes up, take it down."

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Volunteers make Mission work

by Treasurer Keren Houlgate

I think that we're lucky. We live in a unique community; for my money we enjoy the most interesting surroundings in Calgary's inner city. The Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association exists to enhance our remarkable neighbourhood. Have you seen the bright-blue street signs that celebrate the area's heritage? Do you know about our prize-winning Community Allotment Garden? Have you enjoyed an evening social at our community centre, located in the Cliff Bungalow School? And since I'm serving as Treasurer, I have to ask... have you wondered how the Association pays for these projects?

This is Calgary, so you already know that hard-working volunteers contribute the effort to raise funds. Twenty-seven neighbourhood volunteers staffed our August casino, working late at night as cashiers, in the count room, and running chips to gaming tables. When the CBMCA receives its portion of casino proceeds at the end of the year, we'll be able to tell you exactly how much we earned to pay rent and maintenance on our portion of the Cliff Bungalow School building (by regulation, casino funds are dedicated to the needs of the community centre building).

Volunteers were there at the Lilac Festival beer garden, sharing duties with Wildwood staff and raising \$7,000 for the community association. Hot weather and thirsty patrons made this year's beer garden the best fund-raiser since the Lilac Festival began. Volunteers also write the Newsletter, manage the Allotment Garden, organize evening socials and children's soccer programs – and ensure the ad sales, rental fees, and ticket revenue that allow these programs to be largely self-sustaining.

Another important source of community funding is the grants and donations dedicated to special projects. Designated grants and donations built

the Community Allotment Garden and are paying for those bright-blue street signs. A grant from the Calgary Foundation currently funds a Townscape Analysis of Cliff Bungalow-Mission, which will be used to lobby the City for a new Area Redevelopment Plan for Mission.

This summer, we formed a Financial Committee to lead the fund-raising charge, and to provide advice and stewardship to the CBMCA Board on all matters financial. Would you like to help out? If your interest is piqued, please give me a call!

Keren has lived in our community since 1992, and joined the CBMCA Board in November 2000. She is available at 244-9467.

Editor's Message

We've now published three issues of *The Mission Statement*, I'm happy and amazed to say. Editing the community paper has proved to be an awesome learning experience. It's a delight to work with Rob Jobst, our layout and photography genius whose passion for the community is unexcelled. It's a gift to be learning about all that's happening in our neighbourhood in enough detail to report. It's a pleasure to welcome the writing of all those who have contributed so far (and to invite more. If you're thinking you might like to write something for the paper, I'd love to meet you.) And it's a moment of real excitement when a reader sends an email or a letter to share thoughts spurred by something we've written.

Our purpose at *The Mission Statement* (borrowing the words of community resident extraordinaire Bill Longstaff) is to support "the community getting to know the community." If there's some bit of the community you'd like to know better – or any other thoughts about the paper you'd like to share – please write or call.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Community character jeopardized

I know that the community association has our best interests in mind, but some recent developments have alarmed me. One in particular is the development of the condo project at the entrance to Lindsay Park on 2nd Street. In the spring issue of *The Mission Statement* I read that the project had been approved, with the blessings of the community association. The reasoning for the final approval was that the developer had agreed to certain setback and height restrictions, and that there is to be a range of pricing in the units that would encompass all types of people from our community. Now that I've seen the signs up at the location, it's made me think twice.

I read that the units would range from \$170,000 to well over \$600,000. How does this include a wide variety of people in our community? Or, more specifically, how does this include someone like me? My wife and I both work full time jobs, and we couldn't afford even a bachelor in that building.

I also have reservations about the buildings that are to be removed to make way for this project. Two older buildings, that with time could be designated "historic" and one that obviously caters to a segment of our population that will be totally ignored by this venture.

My point is that there is already too much in the way of condo development in Mission. I've seen many dozens of beautiful old homes in our area, and the surrounding areas pushed aside by the condo developers wrecking ball. Mission is going to lose its character within years, not decades, at this rate.

I love this neighbourhood. When I moved out of my parents home over ten years ago, I made a bee-line for Mission, as it had everything I wanted in a community: art, small business, a strong sense of belonging and great people. They were, and are, here. I question whether the colourful people who make up this community will be able to stay here if things keep going this way. Will the people who work behind the counter at The Planet Coffee shop be able to afford a \$170,000 condo? Will all of our homes be bulldozed for redevelopment that will push out the waiters, waitresses, artists, musicians, counter staff, junior clerks and others out?

There must be some way to step back or slow things down, so that a proper assessment can be done as to the preservation of our wonderful community. There must be some way that we can convince developers and city planners that there's something worth saving, and not just opting here.

JIM EVANS

We want to hear your views on topics concerning our community. Write us at 462, 1919B - 4th St. SW, T2S 1W4, or e-mail janet@redstonecoaches.com.

Community Calendar

for Sept/Oct 2001



Thursday, Sept. 6 - 7:30pm

CBMCA BOARD MEETING

Our Community Centre (289-5052)

Saturday, Sept. 8 - 8:00am to 5:00pm

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING DAY

Your nearest firehall

Monday, Sept. 17 - 1pm, 6pm, 9pm, midnight

HGTV'S BUGS AND BLOOMS FEATURES OUR COMMUNITY GARDEN

Your TV-watching chair, Channel 42

Sept. 19 & 20 - 4:00pm to 8:00pm

CHILI AND CHOCOLATE OPEN HOUSE

One-way street conversions, heritage research, Area Redevelopment Plan

All are welcome at our Community Centre (229-2762)

Thursday, Sept. 27 - 7:30pm

CBMCA BOARD MEETING

Our Community Centre (289-5052)

Saturday, Sept. 29 - 8:00pm

BIG BAND NIGHT

Our Community Centre (229-2762)

Friday, October 12

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING AND COPY DEADLINE

November/December issue (541-0070, 289-5052)

Monday, October 15

MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY

Your assigned polling station

Thursday, October 25 - 7:30pm

CBMCA BOARD MEETING

Our Community Centre (289-5052)

The Community Centre is at 2201 Cliff St. S.W.

Several candidates contest Ward 8 seat

by Janet Alford

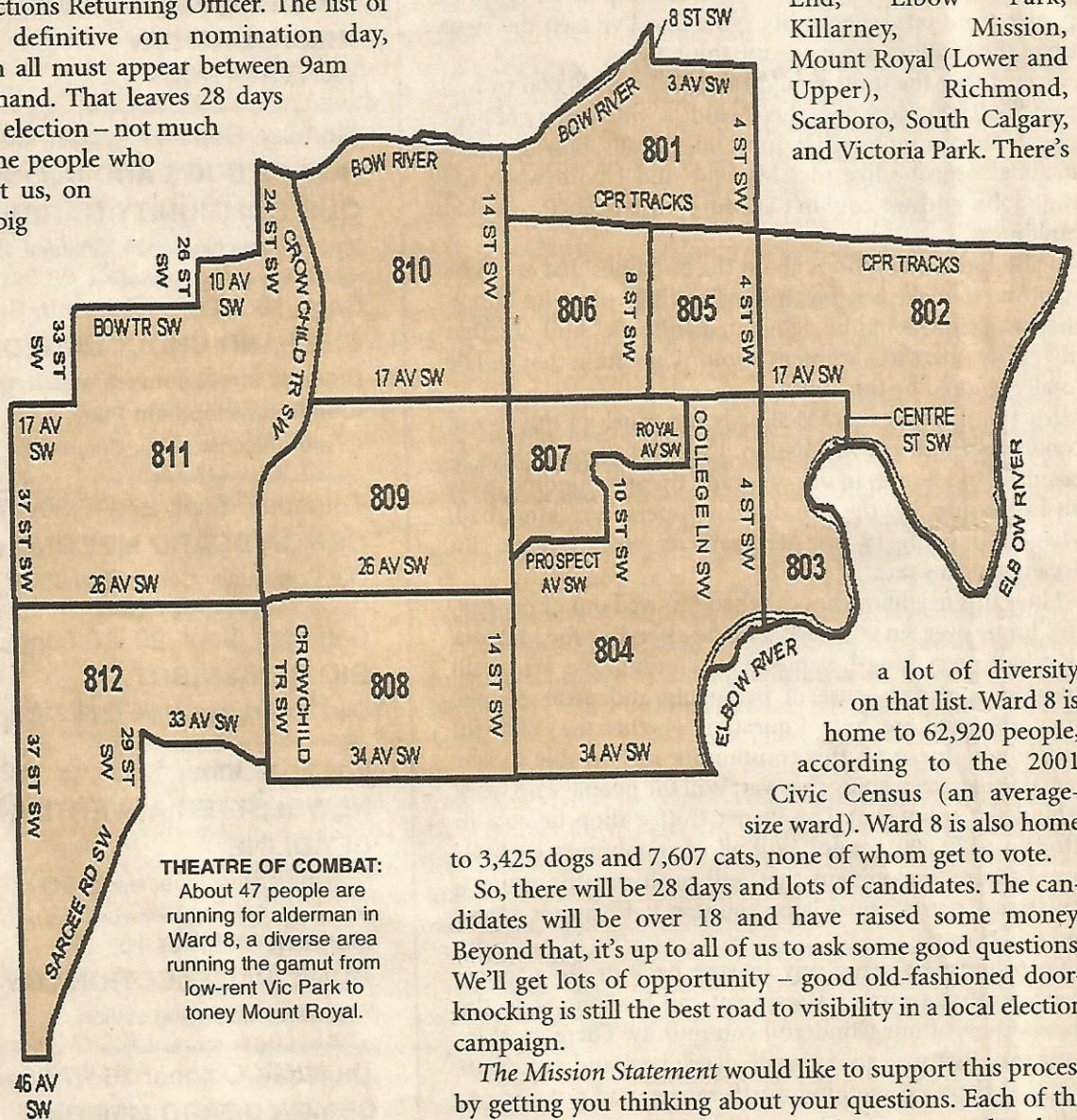
Covering the municipal election for a community newspaper is great learning. Writing two months before election day, we don't know for certain who the Ward 8 candidates will be. Several names are currently "in the ring." Some will drop out and more are to come, predicts the City's Elections Returning Officer. The list of candidates becomes definitive on nomination day, September 17th, when all must appear between 9am and noon, papers in hand. That leaves 28 days until the October 15th election – not much time to get to know the people who are vying to represent us, on every municipal issue big or small, for the next 3 years. (On the other hand, if 6 to 10 candidates or more are going to come knocking on your door, maybe 28 days is plenty!)

The legal qualifications to run for alderman are not the toughest part, to be sure. You must be 18 or over, a Canadian citizen, a resident of Calgary for 6 months prior to nomination day, and have the signatures of 25 electors in your chosen Ward on your nomination form. Interestingly, you do not have to be a resident of the Ward you are seeking to represent.

The financial challenge, of course, is another matter. According to a completely unscientific review of campaign finance disclosure forms from the last civic election, most winning aldermanic campaigns cost between \$18,000 and \$30,000. That's a

lot of fund-raising, particularly in a ward such as ours where there is no incumbent (our previous alderman, Jon Lord, having moved on to serve in the provincial government) and everyone is starting more or less from scratch.

Ward 8 is the most completely "inner city" of the 14 Calgary wards. Our alderman will speak for all or most of Bankview, Cliff Bungalow, Connaught, Downtown West End, Elbow Park, Killarney, Mission, Mount Royal (Lower and Upper), Richmond, Scarboro, South Calgary, and Victoria Park. There's



THEATRE OF COMBAT:
About 47 people are running for alderman in Ward 8, a diverse area running the gamut from low-rent Vic Park to toney Mount Royal.

a lot of diversity on that list. Ward 8 is home to 62,920 people, according to the 2001 Civic Census (an average-size ward). Ward 8 is also home

to 3,425 dogs and 7,607 cats, none of whom get to vote.

So, there will be 28 days and lots of candidates. The candidates will be over 18 and have raised some money. Beyond that, it's up to all of us to ask some good questions. We'll get lots of opportunity – good old-fashioned door-knocking is still the best road to visibility in a local election campaign.

The Mission Statement would like to support this process by getting you thinking about your questions. Each of the contributors to this edition of *The Statement* has been invited to submit her/his favourite question for aldermanic candidates in Ward 8. Clip out the list and stick it on your fridge for when candidates come calling, or use it to get you thinking about the questions you want answered.

Ideas for Questioning Ward 8 Candidates

From Janet Alford:

"I believe that lived experience plays a huge role in the issues you care about and the decisions you make. What is your lived experience as an inner-city Calgarian? How long have you resided in the inner city? Which neighbourhoods? What has been your involvement in inner city community work?"

From Keren Houlgate:

"Calgary suffers from significant development pressures. How do you plan to assist Calgary's communities to maintain their heritage and to remain environmentally healthy in the face of all this development?"

From Jason Ness:

"I'm in Ward 7, but if I was in Ward 8, I would want to know what their attitude towards heritage is. For instance, Calgary is one of only a few western Canadian cities that does not offer incentives, via tax deductions or grants, for heritage conservation (except for specific areas such as Stephen Avenue, where it has worked quite effectively). Also, what is their response to particular issues such as St. Mary's School? Would they be in favour of the City investing in part of the cost of St. Mary's School restoration so the heritage exterior can be reused?"

From Marika Styba:

"As Alderman, how would you tackle the issue of affordable housing in the inner city? This includes the working homeless, the poor starving student, the senior on a fixed income, and families."

From Nancy Tice:

"I am hearing a lot about transportation and safety, and not much else, in the campaign so far. What do you think are the three most important inner city issues to be dealt with, not including transportation and safety?"

How is Ward 8 Unique?

Number of people aged 25 to 34 living in Ward 8: 18,700
(in other wards, this group ranges from 5,500 to 15,600)

Number of children aged 5 to 14 living in Ward 8: 2,900
(in other wards, this group ranges from 4,400 to 10,700)

Number of people living in single family homes in Ward 8: 16,600
(in other wards, this group ranges from 33,800 to 56,500)

Number of people living in apartments in Ward 8: 35,900
(in other wards, this group ranges from 1,000 to 14,100)

Source: City of Calgary 2001 Civic Census, as published by the City Clerk's Dept.

STEVE for Alderman Ward 8 Chapman

- 10 years with the Calgary Police Service
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Gardener Robert Giles makes Mission bloom

by Janet Alford

Picture a cracked, little-used basketball court on one side of a small community park. It's surrounded by four huge concrete planters full of weeds and not much else. Wasted space. Bit of an eyesore, really. Can you see the gold mine?

Step forward six years in time. And take a stroll down 24th Avenue S.W. towards the river. Between 2nd and 1st Streets, you'll find that same small community park. But instead of an old basketball court on the side, you'll find an oasis – an absolute gem – our community garden. The best community garden in Calgary, if you believe the Calgary Horticultural Society. One of the most interesting community gardens in Canada, if you want the opinion of horticulturist and author Donna Balzer and the Home and



GARDEN GLADIATOR: Robert Giles celebrates Mission's win for "Best Community Garden"


Garden cable network, HGT Thriving, pretty plots for 45 happy local gardeners. And brainchild start to finish, of community gardener extraordinaire Robert Giles.


It takes time, I think, to get to know Robert Giles. But here's the short form. A native of Montreal, he left home in the mid-1950s to spend 25 years in England. That's where he first learned gardening, at the venerable Royal Horticultural Society. Back to Montreal from 1977 until 1992, by which time he was unimpressed by Quebec politics and enticed west by wife Liz Stirling of the family in Calgary. Moved into Mission in 1994, where it took the

community Board of Directors about 2 weeks to snag him. He's been a film publicist, a children's book marketer, an advertising-and-public-relations man, and a landscape contractor, among other things. Now, he's retired (to the extent that you can call 20 hours a week on the community garden retired). This summer, he celebrated his 70th birthday.

Back in 1995, the City had RENEW grants available to upgrade and rehabilitate public green spaces. As City officials met with community Board members, Robert was sketching what became Phase One of the Community Allotment Garden. By spring 1995 it was built, at an estimated cost of \$30,000 to \$35,000 (the City never disclosed the final sum). By spring 2000, there was a waiting list, expansion plans, and \$15,000 in the bank that Robert et al. had raised (Calgary Lottery Board \$7,000; Calgary Foundation \$5,000; Bank of Montreal \$3,000). The expansion was built and operating that year. Today's garden is 4 rental plots (about 40% of the gardeners are seniors), 1 display bed, a nursery plot, a greenhouse, a water feature, and 3 plots of produce for homeless at the Mustard Seed. Generous perimeter beds bring life and colour to neighbouring William Aberthart Park.

Why Mission, you ask? "It's an interesting mix of the posh and the un-posh" with special mention for the "rumpledness of The Planet." Why a community garden? "Practically everybody here lives in an apartment – nobody's got a place to play in the mud." And why so much personal time? "If I didn't have this I'd probably go potty, and besides, it's a source of never-ending satisfaction to come over here and have a gloat." Well-deserved gloat, that's for sure. This month, *The Statement* salutes Robert Giles, local hero. He made a dream come true.



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on October 15th

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- ✓ To ensure an accountable and open civic government that listens and works with your neighbourhood needs.

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Project to catalogue area's physical history

by Jason Ness

Cliff Bungalow-Mission is one of the oldest and most interesting communities in Calgary. But then you probably already know that, and it's probably one of the reasons you have chosen to live here. This community is associated with fascinating and influential Calgarians, from Father Albert Lacombe to Sir Samuel Steele to Premier William Aberhart to the Hannen family. It was created by the Roman Catholic Oblates and the Canadian Pacific Railway. It has been a multicultural community from its inception, exhibited by the former existence of the Francophone-Catholic village of Rouleauville, and the construction of the House of Israel, this city's oldest remaining structure associated with the Jewish community.

I am a graduate student in the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary, pursuing a Masters Degree in Urban Planning. It was in this role that I first became reacquainted with Cliff Bungalow-Mission (reacquainted because my very first apartment was in the Larkdale on 19th Avenue). My class and I used the community as a case study for our first assignment. During that time, some members of the Community Association held a meeting with the City's Heritage Planner. Having already completed degrees in history and archaeology, I knew that I wanted to specialise in Heritage Conservation Planning.

When the community residents at the meeting expressed their desire to create a Cliff Bungalow-Mission heritage district, I knew I had found my thesis topic!

Thus I started researching and writing a Heritage Conservation Plan for Cliff Bungalow - Mission. From the beginning I knew that I did not want the thesis to be a strictly academic exercise, but instead wanted to create some real and practical tools that the community could use. The Plan will include recommendations concerning legislative tools, education programs for residents, historical interpretation, and design guidelines for new development – recommendations which may or may not be implement-

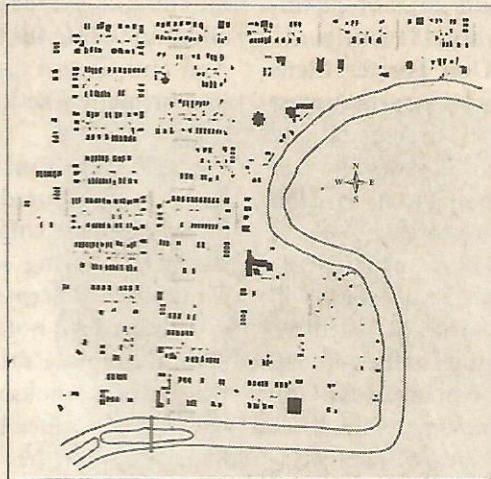
ed, of course. What will be of use to the community for years to come are an historical atlas and an updated and enhanced building inventory.

The atlas will be in two parts. The first will be a compilation of historical maps, aerial photos, and figure-ground maps (maps that show only the footprint of existing structures, and thus show the relationship between buildings and the spaces in-between). The figure-ground maps I have produced myself from old fire-insurance maps and will provide a snapshot of the community in 1911, 1961 and 2001. The changes, needless to say, have been dramatic. The second part utilises Geographical Information Systems (GIS) technology. This is basically a computer program that will tie together the digitised figure-ground maps to a database and photographs. It will allow the user to click on a house on the map to bring up its associated information, such as the date it was built, its address, etc, as well as a picture of the building.

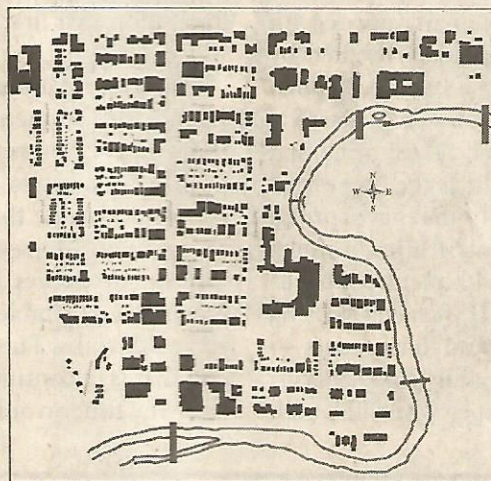
The inventory is an expansion of the one done for the community by the province in 1995. It has been updated and will include a picture of every structure in the community. It too is in digital form (unlike the 1995 version) and therefore can be easily updated by anyone in the community.

I believe it is very important for my generation to help keep our history, culture and heritage alive. We have already lost so much. As a fourth-generation Calgarian, every time I see a familiar heritage building torn down it is as if an old friend or a great-grandparent has passed on. I have a long cultural memory of this place – three generations of my family were born in the former Holy Cross Hospital. It is up to all of us to pass on the legacy of those who came before to those who are to come.

Come meet Jason Ness, and learn more about his work, as part of the Chili and Chocolate Open House Nights, September 19 and 20, at the Community Centre.



CH-CH-CH-CHANGES: Figure-ground maps show Mission's growth from 1911 (top) to 2001 (bottom)



Openings, closings & expansions for area shops



by Rob Jobst

Summer brought the departure of a long-time area business, the arrival of new enterprises that will hopefully prosper in our community for an equally long time, and news of expansion for a neighbourhood favourite.


We'll start with Don Forster Mens Wear, which closed its doors on August 25 after 19 years at its 17th Ave. and 2nd St. location. Founded 51 years ago and a long-time fixture on 6th Ave. before moving to its Mission location, the Don Forster name will cease to exist when it merges with O'Connors Men's Wear at a new store currently under construction on 1st Street SW. Area residents will recognize that location as the former home of Valentine Volvo, a couple of blocks north of Rouleauville Square. Harvey Mickenburg told me that three members of the Don Forster staff, including himself, will be retiring, while three others have joined the O'Connors operation. We're certainly saddened to see such a fine local business disappear, and wish the best to all the former staff members.

On a happier note, the Joyce on 4th finally opened on August 9th! I must admit to being particularly excited by this event, as the original James Joyce Irish Pub on Stephen Avenue has been my favourite watering hole since its arrival in 1997. Don't make the mistake, however, of assuming that the new Joyce is cut from the same mould as the first establishment... or any of the many Celtic pubs that have sprung up in the intervening years. The Joyce on 4th has a much more elegant feel than its predecessor, with plenty of beautiful woodwork and lush fabrics. In fact, it has a passing resemblance to another of our fine local establishments — The Blind Monk. The striking black and gold exterior makes a bold impact on the streetscape, while the rich

colours and textures inside make for a lavish and cozy experience. From custom-made confessionals that serve as unique sitting rooms to an incredible "library" decked out with wood panelling from an actual Irish castle, the Joyce on 4th is an exceptional pub and sure to be a very popular addition to our 4th Street "restaurant row." Kudos go out to Ann and Gerard Curran for the care and detail that went into bringing The Joyce to 4th.

The Planet's Paul Coutts recently confirmed for me what had been rumoured — and hoped for — for months. Fourth Street's hippest coffee shop is going to be expanding into the neighbouring space recently vacated when With the Times moved across the street. While all the details of the expansion had not been worked out by our late August print deadline, Paul did offer assurances that the new area will be non-smoking and remain a largely separate space with its own coffee bar. Good news for people who like The Planet's coffee but can't deal with the smoke. Another change will be an expanded range of foods served, such as the fresh-made sandwiches offered at the Planet's other locations. A nice bit of 10th anniversary news for the 4th St. institution that first set up shop as The Roasterie in 1991.

Curves for Women, a fitness and weight loss centre exclusively for women, opened recently in the Alberta Professional Centre on 23rd Ave. Sandi Manderville's new franchise joins two other Curves locations in Calgary and 2700 world-wide that promise a complete workout in just 30 minutes. Manager Stephanie Campbell explained that Curves' success lies, in part, to creating an environment that is more comfortable for women than most of the large co-ed health clubs. Their program is based on a "Quickfit" circuit that is in continuous operation so that clients can jump in at any time, avoiding the need to attend classes at partic-



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ular times of the day. The hydraulic resistance machines used by Curves are designed specifically for women's bodies, and the low-impact workout is perfect for women of all ages and levels of fitness. While Curves for Women emphasizes exercise, a meal plan is also offered. The Mission location is open 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 8 a.m. - noon on Saturdays.

If you ever pass along 22nd Ave. you've probably seen the signs for Becq Photography International and Gem Creations on the building formerly occupied by the Junior League thrift store. Photographer Jean Becq set up shop in our community earlier this year after having operated out of various warehouse spaces and he's happy to finally have a street face for his business. You might have noticed his work in recent issues of *Calgary* magazine and can admire his portraiture in their upcoming "40 People Under 40" feature. While Gem Creations is set up for local jobs such as weddings and portraits, Becq Photography International is a corporate/commercial enterprise with clients worldwide. In this capacity Becq makes regular far-flung trips to capture images for annual reports, advertisements and other corporate uses.

A French national who was born in India and lived in Kuala Lumpur prior to moving to Calgary, Becq now calls Roxboro home and has been active with their community association for 20 years. In fact, he is one of the people we can thank for the recently completed traffic-calming measures on 4th Street south of the Mission Bridge.

So, if you need professional photography keep your dollars in the community and contact Jean Becq at 651-2626.

In what has become a regular ritual, we now bring you the local winners and runners-up in yet another reader survey. This time it's *Fast Forward's* "Best of Calgary" awards, and the winners are... Lilac Festival for Festival (2nd) and Free Event, *With the Times* for Magazine Selection, Fishman's for Dry Cleaners, The Roxy for Best New Bar, Mortal Coil for Best Restaurant for Romance (2nd), Original Joe's for Best Value Restaurant and Best Nachos, Fleur de Sel for Restaurant Atmosphere

(2nd), Burger Inn for Burgers, Rajdoot for Indian and Vegetarian Food (2nd), Paros for Greek Food (2nd), Aida's for International Food (2nd), and Nellie's for Breakfast and Sunday Brunch (2nd). And the biggest win was for Mission as Best Neighbourhood, beating out Kensington!

It's tempting, from an advertising standpoint, to run a "Best of Mission" contest in *The Statement*, but you know that Bea's would always have the "Pet Supplies" category wrapped up and that Antonio's would have a perennial lock on "Best Garlic Restaurant". And, of course, Mission would always win for "Best Neighbourhood".



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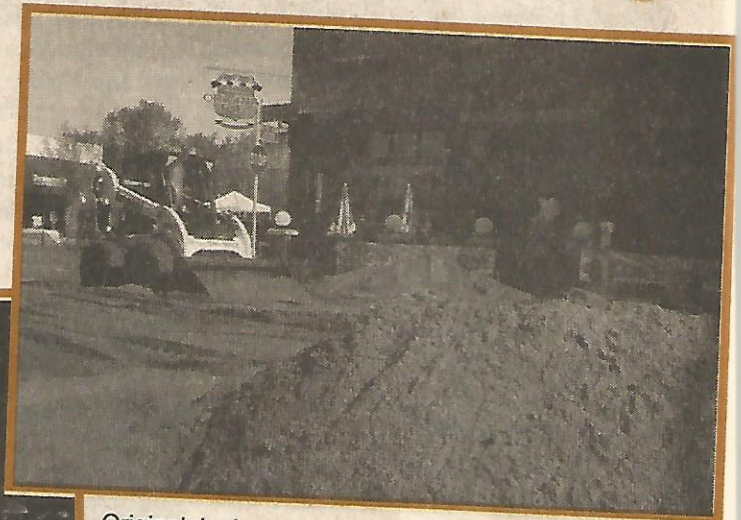
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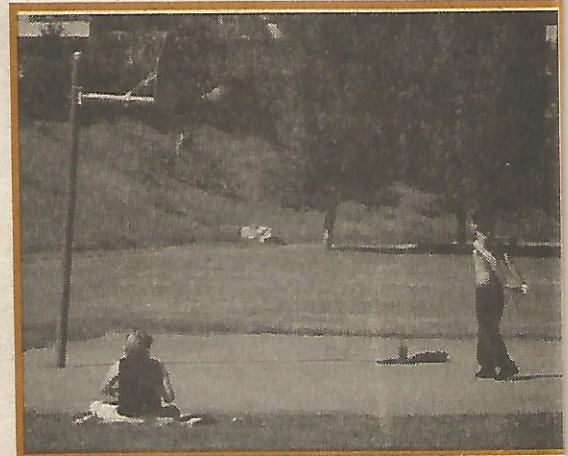
If you pick up this issue of *The Statement* in late October, summer will have long passed into memory. So, as you prepare for the coming winter with purchases of long underwear and gasoline antifreeze, we offer this look back at the sizzling summer of 2001...



Original Joe's turned 22nd Ave. into a beach for one day.

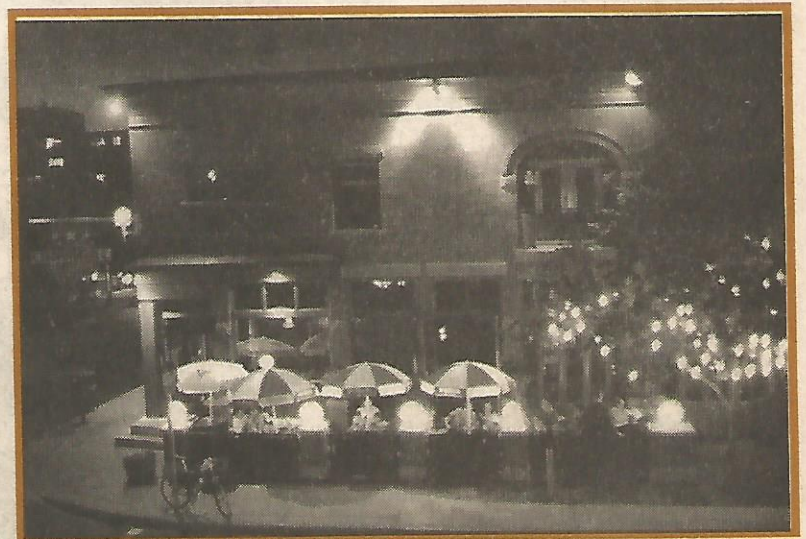


"The Rock" was a popular place this summer.



LEFT: A massage felt good after walking the 13 blocks of this year's Lilac Festival.

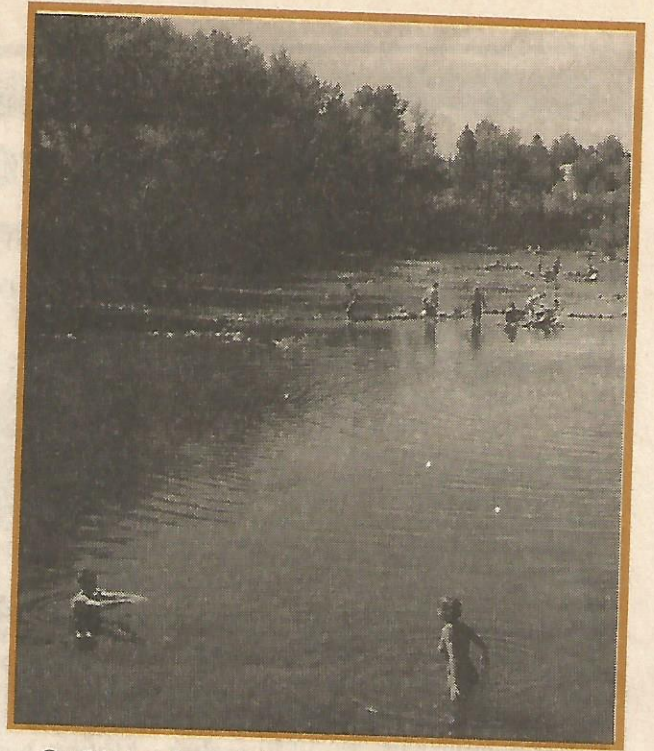
RIGHT: Shooting hoops with your girlfriend admiring your prowess... what could be better?



The 4th Street patio scene was never busier than this summer.



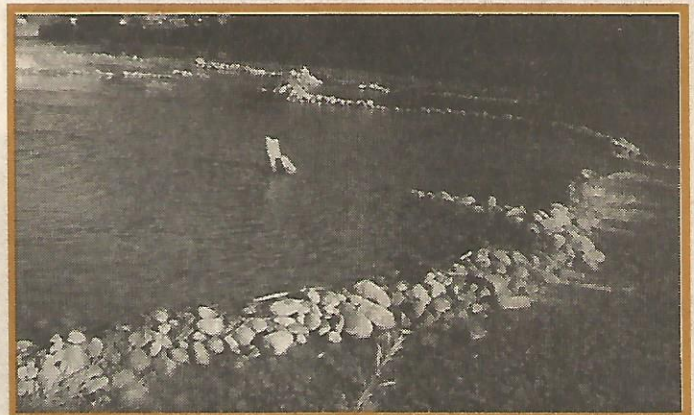
Yard sales offered everything from CJAY-92 coffee mugs to old Jethro Tull 8-track tapes.



On this hot August day you could count 15 people frolicking in this stretch of the Elbow River.



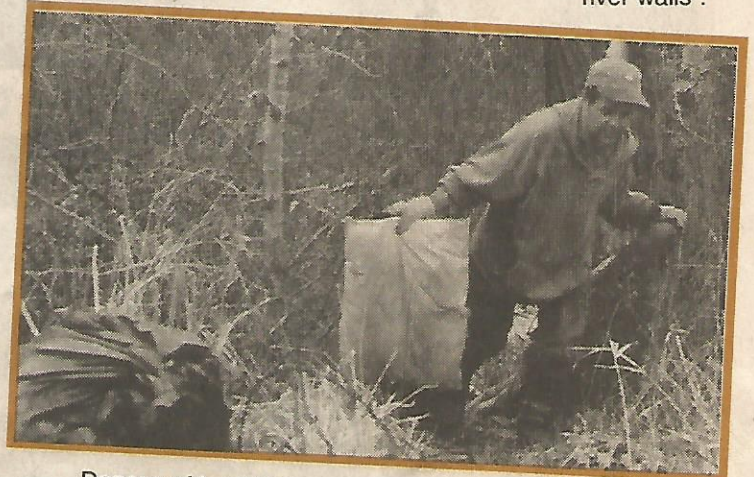
Tens of thousands of runners made their way down 4th Street during the Mother's Day Road Race in May.



Only alien technology could have produced the mysterious "river walls".



Who could forget this year's unusually robust and long-lived lilac blossoms?



Dozens of local folks volunteered in May to clean up Lindsay Park and the river banks.

Crows join frogs, cows and a dog on 4th St.

by Annie Murphy

“Starting Fourth.” “Thunderbird Trilogy.” “Hanging Out.” You might not know the names, but art is probably familiar. After all, it’s just around the corner. There’s the seven walking guys (that’s “Starting Fourth”), the white twisty-twirly sculpture (a.k.a. “Thunderbird Trilogy”), and the gigantic frogs on the bench (it’s really called “Hanging Out”), to name a few. Now, you’ll be able to enjoy the weathervane, actually titled “Counting Crows,” a new piece by artist Evelyn Grant. The weathervane is scheduled to be installed at 4th Street and 13th Avenue S.W. (not quite part of Cliff Bungalow – Mission, but definitely part of the 4th Street Business Revitalization Zone) in late August (which probably means it’s there even as you read), in time for Calgary’s Art Week (which happens in mid-September).

“Counting Crows” is based on an ancient traditional

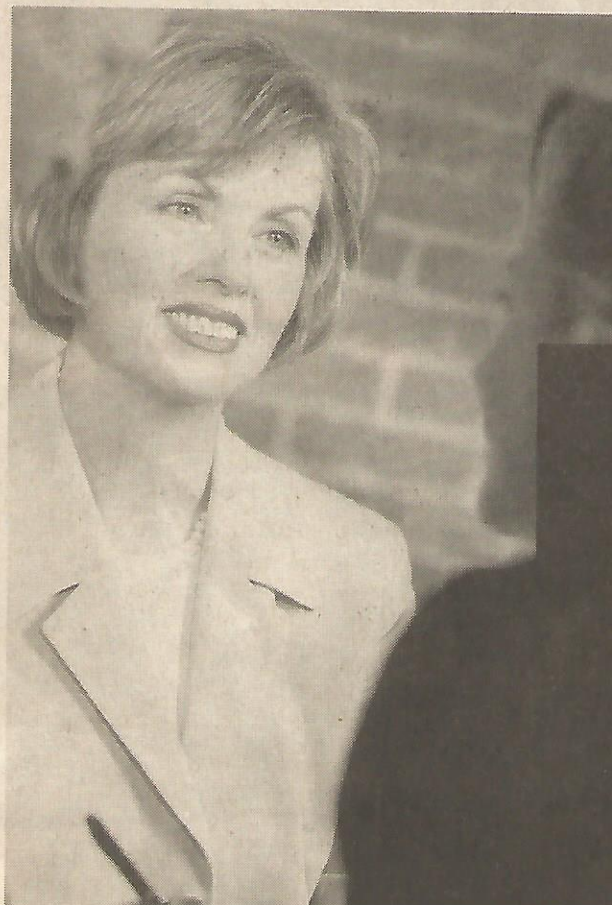


GOING TO THE BIRDS: Evelyn Grant and some models for her piece “Counting Crows”

rhyme of the same name (“One crow for sorrow, Two crows for joy, ...”). It’s a weathervane made of welded steel pipes, aluminum, concrete and tile which stands approximately 20 feet high. Perched on top of the weathervane are several different target crows – black with a white circle on the chest – with a number in the middle of each circle. Each crow is unique, based on its description in the rhyme. For example, “one crow for sorrow” is trapped in a cage. The rhyme is written in tile on the concrete base. Centred on the weather-

vane is a laughing face on one side and a new moon on the other, symbolic of mirth, a new start, and other good topics for public art.

The piece was chosen from an original thirty entries. Leonard Nelson, director of the Nova Gallery, and Board member with both the 4th Street BRZ and the 4th Street Art Society, says that choosing a new piece of artwork for 4th



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Street generates considerable discussion within the Art Society Board on the merits of each entry. After the alternatives are narrowed down to 4 or 5 pieces, the matter is put to a vote. In addition to a general "decent quality" and satisfying the Board's particular tastes, there are certain criteria to be met. Although there is no running theme in the artwork along 4th Street, the piece must fit with the general area and specific location without blending in too much; it has to be noticed! Ease of maintenance and size have some impact on the decision, as does safety – the piece can be interactive, such as "Hanging Out," where people can sit on a bench with human-size frogs, but it can't be too irresistible as a climbing apparatus.

Funding for the artwork along 4th Street is provided by the 4th Street BRZ, a non-profit organization which provides grants for the 4th Street Art Society. Eventually, Nelson says, the 4th Street Art Society would like to look for more support from local businesses directly.

If you want to learn more about the artists and their artwork, and/or if you need an excuse for a stroll and a coffee/beverage on 4th Street, pamphlets for a self-guided walking tour are available at Nova Gallery (4th Street and 21st Ave SW) or other neighbourhood art establishments. Make sure you count the crows!

Annie Murphy is a recent migrant from Vancouver who's become a fan of 4th Street.

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Massive 4th St. condo/commercial project planned



by Marika Styba

Commercial/Residential Project (4th St from 20th Ave to 21st Ave SW)

We hadn't heard a thing in months but apparently the architect is ready to come back to the committee late in August. Word on the street is that we are still looking at two 10-storey towers, so we may still be at square one. A great concern is loss of our favorite neighborhood eats, as it is unlikely small local restaurants

would be able to afford high rents in a new building. Get involved! This is the heart of our community!

(see illustration on facing page)

Condo Project (317-323 18th Ave SW)

This project was approved early August with few revisions. The scale of the building, traffic concerns and the appearance of the building are still major concerns. The issue of heritage has also become more prominent as we have discovered that there are only 12 remaining Rouleauville houses and this project would demolish 2 of them. Another issue has been the

common practice of excavating underground parking to the property line. This would be a mere 18 inches from the neighboring home to the east. This practice of underground parking basically creates a giant plant pot, leaving little dirt for landscaping and for permeable land. We will be appealing this project as the impact would negatively affect many adjacent residents.

Dental Clinic (131 - 17th Ave SW)

They have begun to excavate the site but the good news is that the building footprint won't be quite as large as originally planned and that there is additional landscaping due to some changes to the project.

19 unit condo w/ commercial component (509-515 21st Ave SW)

If you have been following this item, you might expect to hear how mediation is going. Instead, I have to report that the applicant withdrew the development permit application. As this has been ongoing for 11 years, we presume it's not over but maybe we have time to convince the applicant to rezone the property to residential without commercial.

Land-use Redesignation (325 - 23rd Ave SW)

This was approved by City Council to full commercial, the zoning is tied to the house. Not a week after, the owner and neighbor tore down their garages and put in a huge gravelled parking lot. Needless to say this does not create an inviting neighborhood feel and it puts pressure on the remaining homes on the block.

Holy Cross Centre Parking Application

We have met with the city planner and the architect for the site and as a committee have decided on 35% factored parking. This was at the low end of the scale as we could have gone as high as 50%, but to be cautious we are giving

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And if you're lucky enough to live with beautiful trees (and therefore have leaves to rake), remember the City's Leaf Drop-Off Program, running Sept. 29th to Nov. 10th. Last year 1700 tonnes of leaves were composted, all for use in City parks. Call the recycling hotline at 277-7770 for a list of drop-off locations.

Mayoral Proclamation

(From the Office of the Mayor, City of Calgary)

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Whereas: During the month of October, community associations across Calgary will focus on increasing membership awareness.

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Editor's Note: Maybe this would be a good time to tear off that membership form on the back cover and send it in.



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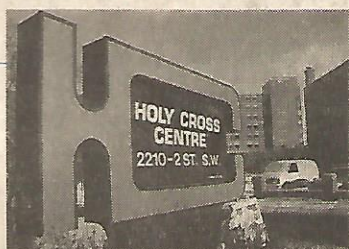
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The Inner Evolution – A yoga studio owned and operated by Anne Lambert. She is applying for a development permit and when issued will be located adjacent to The Calgary Pilates Centre.

The Integrative Health Institute of Calgary – The health resource centre is up & running on the first floor of the Grey Nun's Building and would love for members of the community to stop by.

Mount Royal College – They have expanded to house a nursing program on the site.

Schizophrenia Society of Alberta - Calgary Chapter – Regional offices.

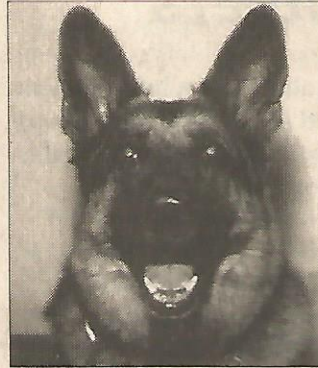
Lindsay outing no walk in the park for local dog

by Juno, Seeing-Eye Dog

I love summer. On hot days I walk my mistress to Lindsay Park and romp in the river. Free from the leash, I used to go for long swims. Not any more. I'm now on a very long leash that I can't be free of even when I beg! "It's your own fault, Juno. You didn't come right away when I called. This park isn't that comfortable any more, and a speedy exit needs a prompt dog."

She's right, actually. The park isn't quite as friendly. Not so many joggers and dog walkers calling out "Hi there!" Instead, groups of strangely perfumed people blocking the pathways with their carts. On my last leashless day (sigh), a cart lady was sitting on our favourite river bench, so my mistress sat on the river bank whilst I enjoyed my swim. Seconds later, surprise, surprise, "Juno! Out girl!"

Not even a goose in sight! I'm only ever called back if I'm chasing geese. You can be sure I was reluctant, returning to shore. As I passed the cart lady, who was shouting to herself, the odours were so enticing that I stopped for a quick sniff. A furi-



ous, "Juno! Now!" got me focused. As my harness was being fastened the cart lady's words became clear. "Dog killer! Blind person! Get out of my space!" The words were repeated over and over like a mad mantra. We beat our record time back home, and I wasn't even leading.

No carrot for me that night. "Bad girl, Juno! That lady scared me and you wouldn't come!" What a to-do about nothing, I thought. The cart lady was only shouting at herself, not at us. Dogs bark for no reason, why shouldn't people?

But yesterday in Lindsay Park was a different matter. Another cart lady's laughter attracted my attention. She was throwing stuff from her cart into the air, laughing wildly. "Naughty, naughty girl," she laughed. "Mustn't throw garbage in the park!" More garbage flew through the air accompanied by wilder screams of laughter. Then she started towards me. "You're laughing too, aren't you doggie? Laugh doggie, laugh!" The hairs on my neck rose up. I fled home, mistress in tow.

"Poor Juno!" My mistress was panting and laughing both as I dragged her through the garden gate. "Mean words scare me and crazy laughter terrifies you. What a pair! How about a walk in Stanley Park tomorrow?" Munching a carrot as I tried to calm down, I happily agreed.

Juno is a Seeing Eye Dog whose mistress, Anna Campbell, helped her with the word processing of this article. Juno and Anna would be grateful if the park, and the homeless, were better cared for..

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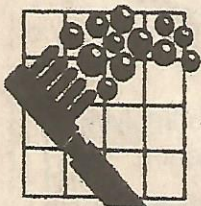


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Community Garden mulches the competition

We are Repeat Defenders!!! The Calgary Horticultural Society has judged our Community Allotment Garden "Best in the Calgary Area" (extending to 10 kms outside the City limits) for the second consecutive year. The prize for Community Gardens has been awarded only twice, so we are two for two. (I must confess my attachment to that trophy!) All



our gardeners strove mightily to spic and span their own plots and fight the never-ending battle with growth in the gravel paths; dill and dandelions and daisies.

Notable amongst these latter scrabblers, special thanks to Brenda Hurst, Ned Gilbert, Kazuko Kishigami, Delores Ferguson, George Potter, Katalin Szarvas. The outside shrub and flower beds owe their good looks in large part to Adrian Salole for his planting of our greenhouse-raised annuals and perennials and to Ian Miller whose power trimmer skills kept park grass from encroaching where it shouldn't. A tribute too to the imagination and skill of new gardener Terry Cousineau for our new water feature/planter, the cheerful burbling of which encourages and cools all ploholders. And a huge thanks to team leader Bart Batty for his electrical expertise and his endless construction efforts, including the transformation of the interior of our storage shed into a spruce and tidy clubhouse. Finally, lest this appreciation outdo the Academy Awards, be confident your correspondent often got his hands and knees grubby too.

Now, onto another matter. Nancy Tice's excellent article in the July-August Mission Statement about the benefits of trees in our community prompts me to express my dismay at the replanting effort on the east side of 2nd Street. It's a pity that the removed poplars had reached the end of their lives. But to have replaced them with what I can only describe as toothpicks, however numerous, is shameful. In

Editor's Note:

Sunday August 12th saw the arrival of horticulturist and author Donna Balzer and a film crew from HGTV's "Bugs and Blooms" program. For the next three and a half blistering hours, they shot our Community Allotment Garden and interviewed many of our gardeners. The five or six minute edited clip is scheduled to be aired nationwide on Monday, Sept. 17th. Locally, HGTV is channel 42; the first showing is at 1pm, with repeats at 6pm, 9pm, and midnight.

addition, a July heatwave is hardly the appropriate time for transplanting. I trust that trees which succumb, as many are likely to do, will be replaced at the proper time – how about in spring before leaf out? I suppose it's too much to hope that trees of a decent caliper will be provided.

Finally, winners of our community-wide Curb Appeal Garden Competition, along with their prizes, will be announced in the next issue. Never hesitate to beautify your bit of the neighbourhood!

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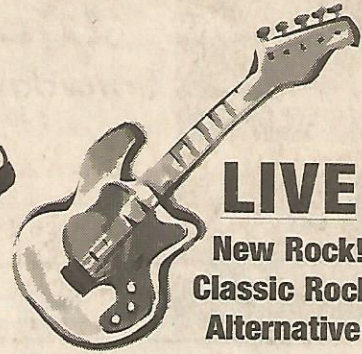
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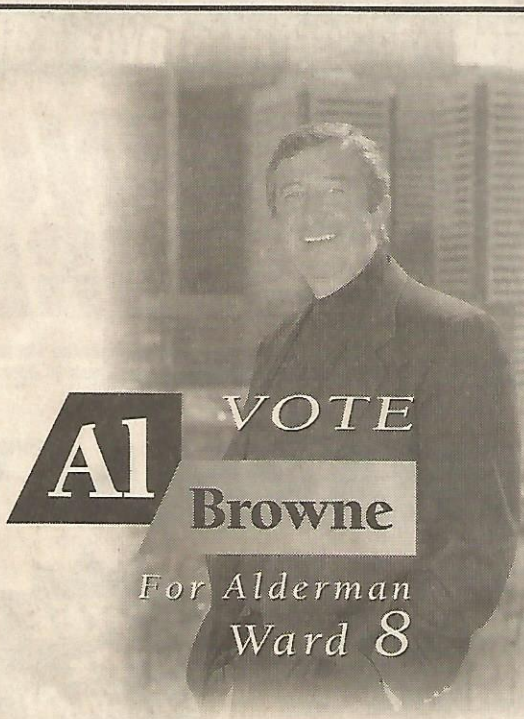
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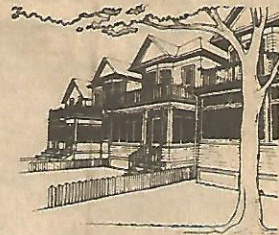
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- ✓ Involving the communities of Ward 8 in a collaborative process to resolve issues affecting the residents
- ✓ Meeting Calgary's growth requirements in a fiscally, socially and environmentally responsible manner
- ✓ Implementing an economic development plan to sustain and advance Calgarians' quality of life
- ✓ Ensuring safety in our homes, communities and workplaces

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