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Keeping the birds
(and the environment) healthy

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Where to go and how to get
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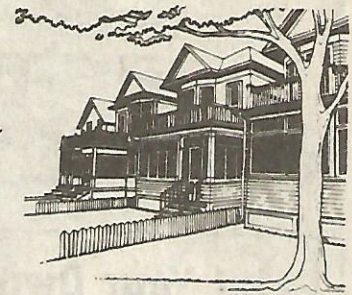
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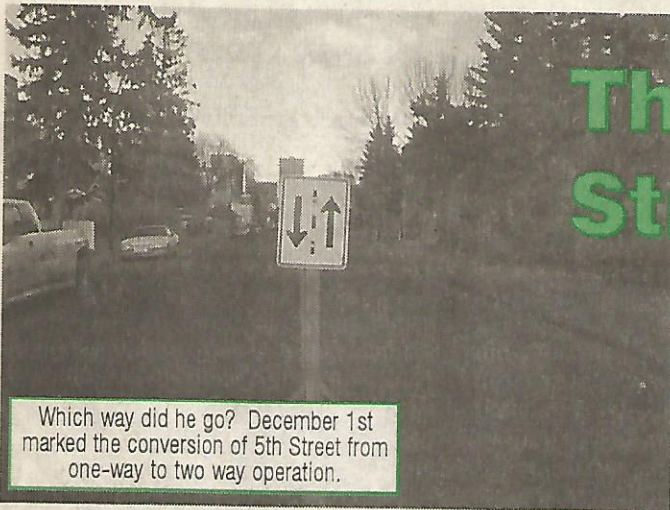
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THE MISSION STATEMENT



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Which way did he go? December 1st marked the conversion of 5th Street from one-way to two way operation.

The day that 5th Street went back

Two-way operation resumes

by Bob Lang

It was just before noon on December 1st and I was walking south on 5th Street going to meet the City Traffic people that were implementing the last details of the conversion of 5th Street SW from one-way to two-way operation. The first thing that struck you was how quiet the street was. There was no traffic as they had shut down the street in the morning in preparation for the conversion. People could actually have a conversation with neighbours across the street. People also could walk, jog or ride their bicycle down the street without fear of getting run over. For however brief a period of time it was to be, it was wonderful.

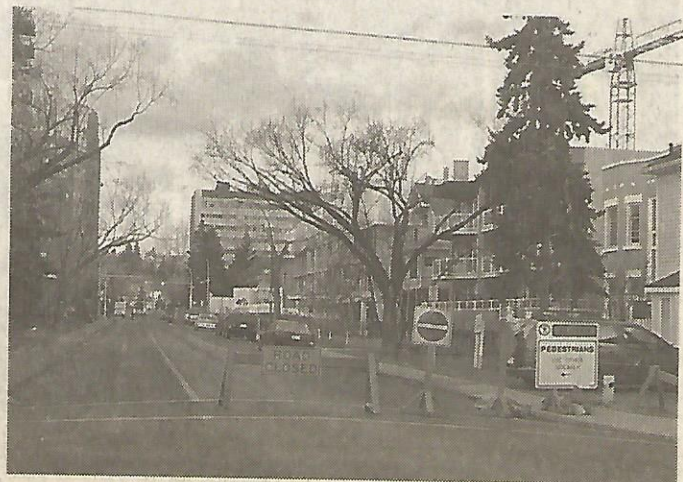
I met up with the City people at 25th Avenue where two policemen were dealing with traffic resulting from people who still were parked on 5th Street when they closed it down or with those who did not notice the street closure signs on 25th Avenue. They were very friendly, one even helped a couple people carry the groceries that they had picked up at Safeway. Again it was very quiet and peaceful, something like what it must have been when the community was built.

We then walked north looking at every detail including signage for the two-way traffic. We were joined by the Traffic Director of Mount Royal Community Association. With only minor exceptions, everything was in order. When we got to 17th Avenue, they were busy working on completing the new

access to the Shell station. Two more policemen were there also but this time they were catching speeders along 17th Avenue. And they say there are no quotas!

When I left the City people, the street was ready to open and it did a few hours later. When I got back from doing some errands later in the day, I was able to drive north 5th Street for the first time in many years. The last piece of the puzzle had been put into place and we could travel like the people who had first settled in the community.

As a footnote to the street conversions, the City will be fine-tuning the set up as required. For, example, expect the centre line on 2nd Street to be moved westerly as you may have noticed it is now too far towards the east side of the street. When this change is made, it will make it easier for people riding their bicycles to go north on 2nd Street.



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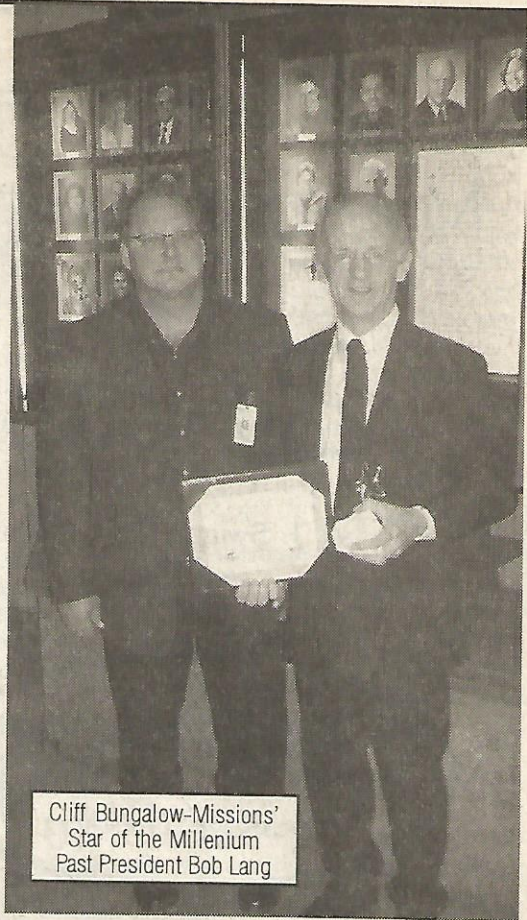
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COMMUNITY HERO

Star of the Millennium - Bob Lang

Congratulations to Cliff-Bungalow Mission's Past President Bob Lang one of six Star of the Millennium award recipients presented in Edmonton in December. Bob was nominated by Harvey Cenaiko, MLA for Calgary Buffalo and Winston Blake, Peer Mediation Program.

"I have been active in the petroleum industry for over 37 years. While I started volunteering in high school, the most active period started 19 years ago when I joined the board of the Cliff-Bungalow Mission Community Association. Since then, I have become or have been active in many other volunteer groups and activities, many in a leadership role, including those involved in mediation services, urban planning, transportation planning, safety, health, social services, housing, and historic preservation. These volunteer activities have afforded me tremendous opportunities for personal growth. I have learned that one person can make a difference and person working with others can make an even larger difference. I am truly humbled by this award."



Cliff Bungalow-Missions' Star of the Millennium Past President Bob Lang

Bob's name is now inscribed on the "Millennium Volunteer Wall of Fame 2002" and if you happen to be in that neighbourhood and wish to see it, this wall is located in the pedway on the north side of the Legislative Building Interpretative Centre.

New health regions now have boundaries

If you're like most Albertans, access to health care is a top priority. Health reform is aimed at Albertans having timely access to services in a well-managed and sustainable system, and so new boundaries come into effect on April 1st. The new boundaries achieve larger regional populations, and take advantage of local centers of expertise in patient care and administration, especially for rural areas.

The reasoning behind the government's decision to reduce the number of health regions from 17 to nine, is that broader-bordered boundaries will more money in the regions, which should mean more resources to meet patient needs overall. With that kind of system in place, the

argument continues, the provincial health reform hopes to better attract and retain health care professionals in Alberta. The new regions are intended to reflect where patients are already going for health care services, but apply resources in different ways.

A transition plan is being developed to ensure a smooth changeover. Every effort will be made to maintain a stable work environment for health care workers.

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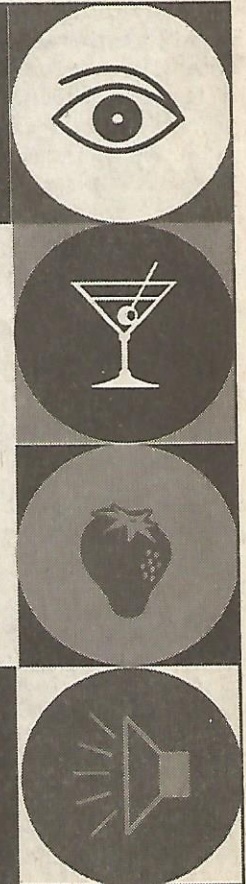
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A man and his birds

by Lison McCullough

Which came first? Ducks or free lunch? A moot point, says Ross Brown, who refers to himself jokingly as 'birdbrain'. For over seven years this Mission resident has helped keep his feathered friends fed through the winters. This winter – el nino no exception – you can see him most days on the riverside on 26th Avenue feeding only the finest of grains to a fair-sized flock of mostly ducks and some geese.

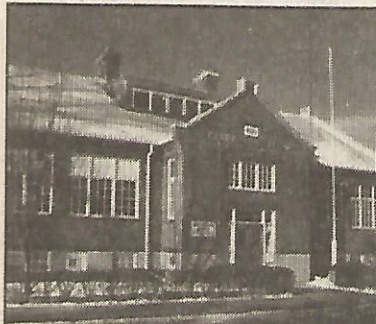
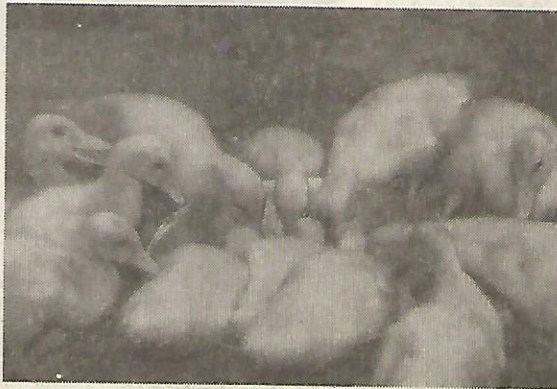
Twenty-five dollars a week buys Mr. Brown a combination of steamrolled corn, barley and wheat – a far cry from the white bread that people tend to feed birds. "White bread has next to no nutritional value – for birds or people, and birdseed isn't for ducks," maintains Brown. "What I give them is a good combination of carbohydrates and protein to carry them over 'til spring."

"Some people point to the sign (which reads: Please do not feed the wildlife), and say, 'can't you read?' but most people think it's good the birds are taken care of, some even offering me money to help pay for the feed", says Brown of people's responses to his birdfeedings. People ask wouldn't the birds fly south if he stopped feeding them, but Brown is quick to explain his reasoning to them, and often converts nay-sayers – a case in point is the conservation officer who gave him a warning but hasn't ever come back to deliver that citation he threatened.

Brown suggests that man has basically had such an impact on the environment, that the natural migration of birds has changed in response to habitat and routines been

interfered with by human development. Instead of flying south, more and more birds are staying to tough out the winters. And with more of them staying there is another strain upon the supply of food that's available to ducks in winter. So when the situation grows dire and good food is scarce, Brown heads to the feed store for his special mix of nutritious grains. Generally people are fascinated by animals and stop and watch mesmerized by the flurry of feathers and feed-gobbling.

Brown is a private man, with not too much to say about himself except that he grew up on a farm and has always had a soft spot for animals—especially birds. Since he was a boy he has been interested in how they fly and how aerodynamically amazing they are. He genuinely enjoys talking to the people who stop and share his love of birds. "This has been a real learning experience for me," says Brown. "How another species lives and responds." "I do this," he continues, "mainly because it's the right thing to do – to maybe ease a little suffering – to give something away. Animals are a part of life." Makes you wonder how much better the animals of the world would fare if more people thought that way.



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Real life

I was excited to find the Mission Statement in the mail box the other night as I enjoy it as a source of what is going on in the neighborhood that I may be unaware of (especially this time of the year when I walk to work in the dark and walk back home in the dark). I was very disappointed to find both of the best columns (my opinion) missing – Rob's insight into new businesses and Marika's development info. I look forward to the next issue, hopefully with "real life" info in it. Thanks.

BRENDA MAYDER

Due to time constraints, the development submission didn't make the deadline last time or this time when there was a rush on to finish before the holidays... Marika's development article will run in the next Mission Statement. Included in this issue is an updated version of the piece written for the last issue. And although it is unfortunate for the Mission Statement readers, Rob Jobst who wrote the Business Beat decided to take a break while he focuses on other projects and interests. Rob's stories always add a certain feel and flavour to the newsletter so believe that I hope as much as you do that he'll return to write in the Springtime.

Several comments reflected the fact that there were fewer photos than usual in the last issue, so please know that we intend to include all we have available in each upcoming issue. That there were also two regular features missing in the last issue did not go unnoticed, and I can only reply by reminding people that an editor, especially a volunteer editor working with volunteer writers, can only print what is submitted.

Generally, with respect to the content, I can only say that I use the pool of writers who have expressed interest... and I am grateful to each of them for their contributions. I'm currently trying to recruit more regular and occasional writers if you know anyone who might be interested.

I do appreciate your comments and look forward to delivering the newsletter residents want. Your input is appreciated and will be given consideration as we move forward with the newsletter over the New Year.

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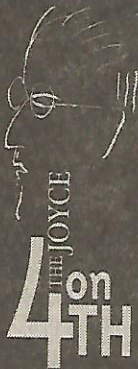
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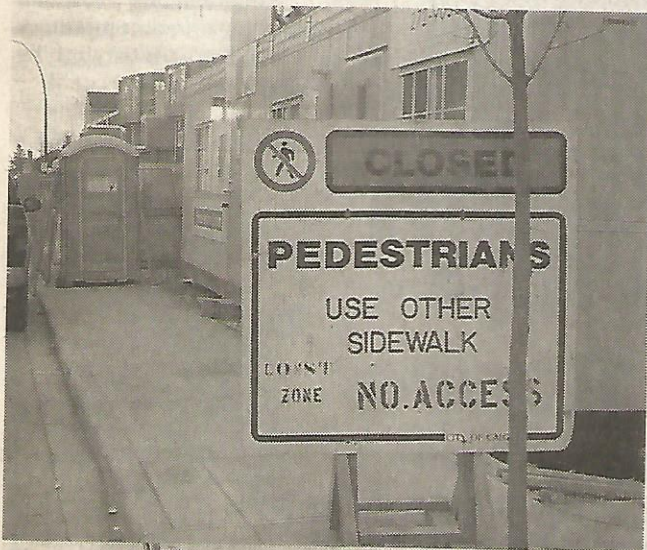
Construction and Street Closures

by Tiro Clarke

By now the two-way street conversions are complete and, with luck, any resulting confusion will be subsiding. The feedback received to date speaks to the conversions having their desired effects, including traffic calming and better traffic flow patterns for residents. At the same time, however, I sense a growing concern over the increasing disruption to streets and sidewalks caused by the many construction projects in our neighbourhood. For a while, there were complete closures on 25th Avenue between 1st and 2nd Streets and on 24th Avenue between 2nd and 4th Streets, all at the same time that the two-way traffic conversions were taking place, all of which created chaotic conditions.

Specifically in connection with the construction closures I recently toured Mission with Alderman Madeleine King and representatives from the City of Calgary Roads department so that they could see the considerable disruptions involved. There will be a few specific changes and recommendations made to try to reduce these disruptions, but at the end of the day there is nothing that the City can do to stagger the timing of construction projects. The City of Calgary's website does contain information about upcoming road closures carried out by the City (but not by construction projects) and we are currently working on linking our Community Association's website to this information.

Finally, in terms of traffic, you might be interested to know that the City collects fees from construction projects which impede pedestrian and/or vehicle traffic. The fees go into the general City coffers, which begs the question "Why not pay the money directly to the affected community?" This question has been raised with the City, although the initial response was not encouraging. Rest assured that we will pursue this issue.



DEVELOPMENT

Development Updates

Twin Rental Towers

(100 block 25th/26th Avenue SW)

The application is went in to the city for this project. A block meeting was held and concerns stemmed from the construction procedures of the site. Traffic was also at the top of the list. To respond to this concern, the developer has done a traffic study. Unit numbers are significantly less than the previous proposal.

70 Unit Condo

(21st Avenue & 2nd Street SW)

Some difficulty with this application due to the close proximity to the river and new pathway, but also due to its minimal setback on Holy Cross Lane and 2nd Street. Concerns remain regarding the protruding balcony design, the lack of mixed units, and usable amenity space.

Additional traffic on Holy Cross Lane could also be a problem as we anticipate additional traffic coming down 1st Street from 25th Avenue. If you are an affected resident (owner/renter), watch for a block meeting sign regarding this project.

35 Unit Condo

(317-323 18th Avenue SW)

This application is a revisit of an approved plan from last year. Although the overall building design is the same, the fifth floors penthouses are gone, lowering the height of the building. Also, the building materials will be brick instead of 'sandstone' material.

More mixed units have been requested, improved landscaping and some minor changes to the facade. Construction details have been requested.

Maison Neuve Sales Trailer

(300 bk 19th Avenue SW)

It's still there and it's still illegal. The permit was revoked because sales trailers are not allowed on public land nor are they allowed on residential. So you may ask why it still there? I can't tell you other than the fact that bylaw is slow.

This is certainly making it difficult to cross the street and now to maneuver safely down second. Anyone else is welcome to call bylaw as well.

COMMUNITY

Volunteer Appreciation Night

We had a highly successful Volunteer Recognition Dinner and Annual General Meeting on November 20th. At the Volunteer Recognition Dinner those who had volunteered their time over the past year enjoyed a fabulous meal catered by chef for hire, Darryl Bennett. The 'Turkey by Darrel' was a great hit. Streamers, candles, door prize decorations and great food added to the ambience for the approximately 70 attendees visiting neighbours, catching up on happenings, recognizing some outstanding CBMCA volunteers, and following it up with the AGM where the past year was reviewed, a new board was elected and our Calgary Police Liaison Officer spoke to the crowd.

A great contributor receiving a presentation from our community, sorely missed since her move to Hillhurst, was **Janet Alford**, for outstanding contribution to the Board, and the newsletter in particular.

Rob Jobst, for outstanding contribution to CBMCA newsletter. There was popular acclaim for Rob's neighbourhood column, from which he

is taking a break at present. We look forward to reading it again soon!

Carter Gilchrist, for all the work he has done in designing, developing, and updating the website. You can see Carter's talented website design implemented in our attractive CBMCA website: www.cliffbungalowmission.ca. Carter does website freelance work, and can be contacted at cwg@carterthewebguy.com

Nancy Tice, for her contribution to CBMCA, especially to development, and to the environmental study.

Mary Rehman (formerly White) for her contribution to CBMCA Board.

Deborah Smith, for her hard work in valiant attempts to save St. Mary's School

Robert Giles was presented with the prestigious Calgary Horticultural Society Cup Award for the Calgary Community Garden winner, third year in a row!

A another wonderful honour for our community and for CBMCA Past President Bob Lang was the announcement by Brenda Brown from FCC (Federation of Calgary



CBMCA members and volunteers after Appreciation Dinner.

Communities) that Bob would receive a coveted Millennium Volunteer Community Award, only awarded to six Albertans. Presented in Edmonton in December, Bob's name is now inscribed on the "Millennium Volunteer Wall of Fame." If you happen to be in Edmonton and wish to see it, this wall is located in the pedway on the north side of the Legislative Building Interpretative Centre. Congratulations, Bob!

And once more a huge thank you to all the volunteers who make everything the CBMCA does happen - our next event is the Casino, January 15th and 16th, which any interested community resident can sign up to help out with by calling Bob Lang, 229-2762.

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Amazing waste – a recycling rant

by Lison McCullough

Please indulge me on this rant – I will feel better having shared, and who knows? Maybe this will make you think differently about the letter R. We live in a very affluent society where even the less well off among us is wealthy beyond measure compared to the majority of people on this planet. But what does that mean? I could go on about our consumer culture, materialism, how disposable everything is. What I will say is I see incredible amazing waste everyday.

What happened to the three Rs? Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – remember? I have found good furniture, clothes, costume jewelry, dishes, pots and pans, small household items and god forbid even books in my dumpster behind the apartment block where I live. I walk by dumpsters filled with good wood, glass block, bathroom fixtures and kitchen appliances that could easily be recycled. And while I'm at it, what about the reams of paper people still throw out? What does it take to have a box under your desk at home and when it gets filled with junk mail, newspapers and unpaid parking tickets, haul it out and throw it in a recycling bin while you're out on your travels? Same with kitchen bottles, cans and food product boxes. Worse is that people rarely leave bottles in a plastic grocery bag for the bottle pickers in the alley to spare them the human indignity of going through our mess.

I really have to say, "What the hell is wrong with people?" Is it just me or does this not seem like waste? So you're moving and don't have time for a garage sale? You have some stuff you don't want anymore? Is there no way we can pass these things along to someone who could use them? Wouldn't Habitat for Humanity be happy to accept some of this stuff towards their projects? Why does it have to be so complicated? This has long been a pet peeve, and it can't be good karma. Throwing books out? Isn't there a special place in book purgatory for people who do that?

This flagrant disregard for the value of not just things but people seems to me a very sad comment on contemporary

society. This is the 21st century for crying out loud! We are more than ever aware of the disparity between those who have and those who don't but still nothing changes. Do people need incentive? Can things be made easier? Can our city be more demonstrative in encouraging people to recycle items that they no longer want that someone else could use? Until the city starts dinging people for putting extra garbage out – reducing waste out of the goodness of people's hearts just won't be enough of an incentive for many.

It may seem a small thing but it is not. It is symptomatic of a much larger problem which has always been disturbing. It's called indifference. It's people justifying their actions through ignorance of the larger picture. Here is



this neighbourhood talking about a compost program so we can have pretty gardens and reduce kitchen waste going to landfills. With the danger of sounding like Pollyanna, is there not more we can do to keep books and clothes, plates and tables out of the garbage and simply move those things into the lives of those who can use them? Surely there have got to be ways and means to make this work.

What about have a Public Service Announcement space in community newsletters dedicated to an ad from the Interfaith or the Sally Ann with their pick-up number in it? Why couldn't our neighbourhood have an Interfaith drop-off bin like suburban neighbourhoods? Or why couldn't we have a spot where people could drop off their stuff in one place – say on the last Sunday of every month when people are moving- and arrange for it to be collected the next morning by Interfaith? We even have

an Interfaith Thrift Shop right down on 4th Street.

A lot of super creative people who live here are probably bugged by this the same way I am. Has been the season for stuff as we know and that makes it a good time to think about waste. Surely we can come up with a solution to this issue that can not only help us serve our community but serve as a larger example of how to maximize resources and minimize waste. The most important thing is that people individually have to know that their decisions about what they do with their stuff/lives makes a difference to others. Take a moment. What decisions are you making that collectively many people are making that have an impact on others? OK – some of us live in apartments and condos where granted space is tight but cry me a river – get some space organizers or whatever. Honestly, I don't know how David Suzuki keeps his patience!

Let's name names, shall we? Take the Grandview, please, as an example. They use public property to park their dumpster and give their neighbours a grand view of their garbage, so I now take it upon myself to report on the pickings of the week. This week courtesy of Grandview

residents when I walked by, there was a fab selection of pristine magazines – good ones too: Architectural Digest, Travel and Leisure – dumpster is nice and low as well – no diving necessary with all the lovely loot in plain view.

You'll go straight to heaven (maybe with a few detours like me) if you strive to do the Rs, man, it's true! Small children will stop you in the street and tell you how proud they are of you doing your bit since they will be the ones inheriting the leftover mess in the future. Well, maybe not. But you will feel good about yourself – trust me. Every little bit helps. If you have any brilliant ideas of how we can inspire each other to max the three Rs, love to hear 'em. So ends my rant. Thanks for listening. My father used to say, show me your friends and I'll tell you what type of person you are. Well, I say show me your garbage and I'll tell you where there's room for improvement...

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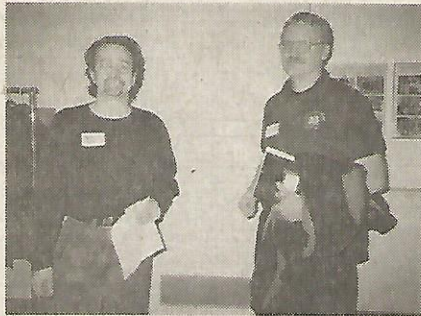
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Lively CBMCA Annual General Meeting

November 20th, following the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Cliff Bungalow-Mission hosted the Annual General Meeting. In addition to the nearly 50 community association members and volunteers who were present for the appreciation dinner, and stayed afterwards for the AGM, there were another 25 or so who attended the meeting and took the opportunity to get involved. Tiro Clarke remarked "AGM was very well attended and featured, for the first time that I can recall, a contested election!"



Calgary City Police Liaison Jim Amsing explained his role and how we can help with community policing.

The year in review segment was informative and thought provoking as board members made presentations that covered their trials and accomplishments over the course of the year. Some individuals used the opportunity to pose questions and the directors were pleased to address the concerns. Keren Houlgate made the presentation of the CBMCA's financial statements for 2002, and also talked about the community-survey results report (available on our website). Coincidental to the financial report, Marty Bober reviewed his expenditures and savings on the hall's new tables and chairs, and reminded folks the hall is available to rent. Bob Lang announced Lilac Festival results from last year, and the upcoming casino where we'll need our volunteers again. Editor Cindy Lynn Roche spoke on the

change of publisher, the loss of a column, and the need for continued contributions from willing writers. Robert Giles covered the garden's growth and the award the gardeners' efforts made possible, then discussed the progress being made in getting a compost site (some possibilities but nothing firm yet).

Development issues were an especially hot topic and Marika Styba addressed a number of on-going concerns in her review of 2002 which sparked a wide range of queries from the crowd about where things stand with buildings coming down and going up, the closed streets and sidewalks, and the development committee in general.

Elections for the Board of Directors resulted with a returning Facilities Director, plus the president President, and Past President; the former Secretary

moving into Internal Communications, our environment director taking on the job of External communications, and our most recent Treasure becoming a Director-At-Large; and, finally, new faces will sit around the table in the roles of Treasurer, Secretary, as well as Directors of Programs and Volunteers/Membership. Only one position required a ballot, that of Development Director. Marika Styba and Kirk Lively. Marika Styba had the majority vote for this position. CBMCA Board is as follows:

CBMCA 2002-2003 Board of Directors

President of the Board	Tiro Clarke
VP Internal Comm.	Eilish Hiebert
VP External Comm.	Robert Giles
Treasurer	Georgia Hoffman
Secretary	Kirk Lively
Development Director	Marika Styba
Volunteer Director	Jenni Myllynen
Program Director	Jo-Ann Ouellet
Past President	Bob Lang
Facilities & Rentals Dir.	Marty Bober
Director-at-Large	Cindy Roche (Newsletter Editor)
	Keren Houlgate (Former Treasurer)

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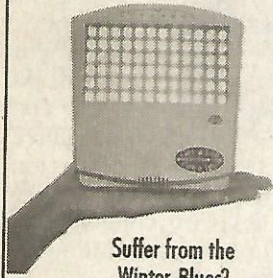
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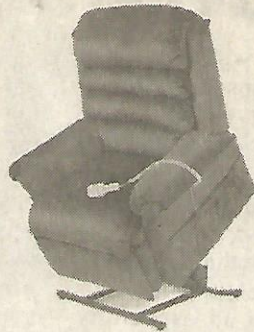
Year in review: CBM board of directors made presentations, took questions from the crowd and chatted with concerned individuals about what they hope to accomplish.

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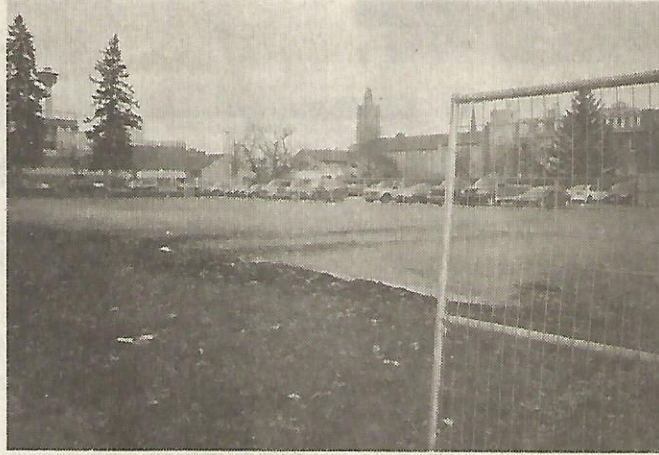
St. Mary's School Preservation

by Deb Smith

The Society for the Preservation and Restoration of St. Mary's School has been holding a series of meetings to determine their new direction since the demolition of the heritage school this summer. A visioning session was held for the Society's members November 30th, an event that solidified the sense many have that there is still work to be done in connection with the site. The spirit of the Society's original goals remains alive as members consider a commemorative statue of Mother Mary Greene and begin to look at finding a home for the archives of the old St. Mary's school as possible new ventures.

Several issues also arose out of those discussions that will be used as stepping-stones to the next initiatives the Society will take. Of particular concern was the news that the Calgary Catholic School Board had applied for Direct Control zoning for the site at 19th Avenue and 2nd Street SW rather than PE zoning. This means that the site will be treated as an RM5 lot with

very few restrictions regarding the size and type of any proposed buildings. The PE zoning would have restricted the use of the site to primarily a school site. Given the CCSB's attachment to the idea that the site and not the building was



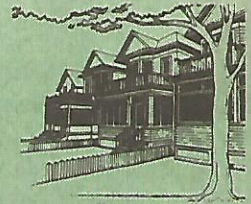
the actual "cradle of Catholic education in Calgary", it seems strange that they again have failed to protect it with a PE zoning. ADC zoning would increase the value of the lot considerably, if the CCSB plans a sale.

Additionally, members are concerned that parking on the site for the large

number of teachers, counselors and visitors anticipated for the proposed school for disturbed and learning disabled students will not be adequate. Using the CCSB's own ratio of two staff for every one of the 40 students plus the parking needs currently taken up by St. Monica teachers the site would appear to be too small to contain all the parking spots. Would this mean, as has been suggested at the St. Monica school council, that the new playground would be sacrificed for parking? St. Monica students currently have the smallest amount of green space of any inner city school and cannot afford to lose any of it. In addition, under CCSB guidelines, children are not allowed to cross the street during school hours to use any adjacent green space at St. Mary's or Lindsay Park.

City Council will be holding a public hearing at City Hall at 1:00 pm on January 20th to discuss the zoning of the St. Mary's site. Anyone with an interest in the matter can give a five-minute presentation to council. To contact the Society, please call Deb Smith at 205-6984 or Bob Lang at 229-2762.

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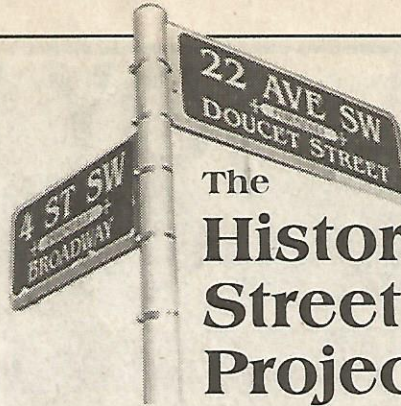
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A new retaining wall and walkway

By Robert Giles

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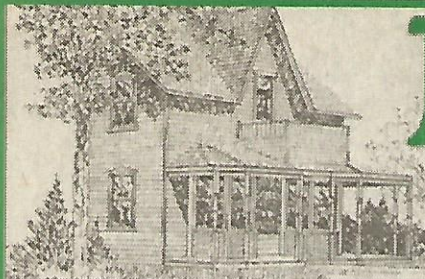
atop the embankment between 23rd and Holy Cross Lane a broad paved path has been laid and the grassy area behind has been hydroseeded and there's been irrigation installed too!

By next summer, this refurbished area (there are even a couple of benches) should provide a fine view of the construction (and destruction) taking place opposite in Lindsay Park where the huge new \$25 million swimming palace is rising.

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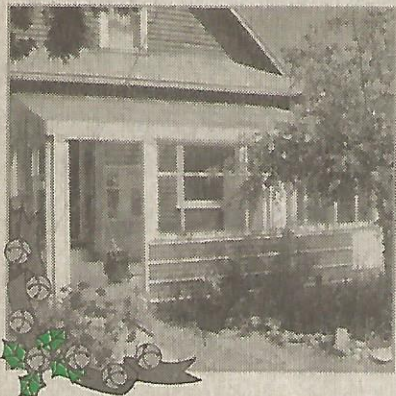
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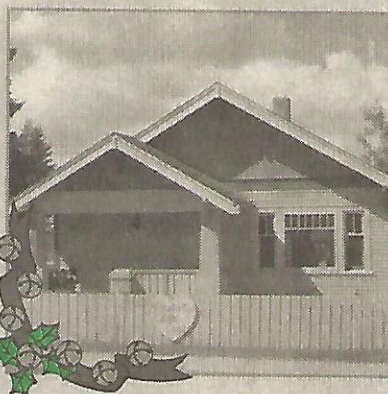
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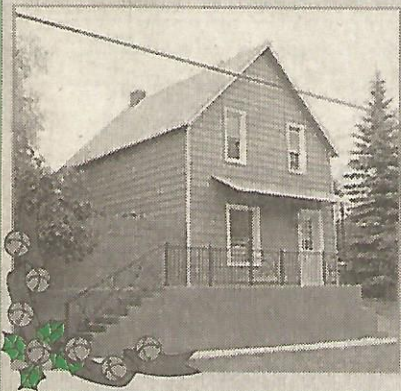
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