

## Piece of Beltline history saved

**DEVELOPMENT** • A 79-year-old heritage building in the Beltline will be preserved when a 33-storey residential tower is built on the site.

The three-storey President Apartments, constructed in 1928, will be the cornerstone of the new building at 12th Avenue and 7th Street S.W.

A land-use change was approved by the planning commission Thursday.

The existing building, which will be designated a municipal heritage resource, will be moved off the site temporarily while an underground parkade is built.

Earlier, a demolition permit for the President was issued, but owner Renoir Management had it stayed after concern was expressed by the community.

## Tuition hike OK'd

**EDUCATION** • University of Calgary students will pay roughly \$150 more per semester this fall in tuition fees after the board of governors voted 12-4 in favour of an increase.

Administration's bid for a 3.3 per cent hike was accepted despite arguments by the graduate and undergraduate student presidents for a lower increase, or none at all.

The move comes on the heels of a two-year tuition freeze imposed by the province while ministers designed a new affordability framework.

Thursday's tuition fee hike is among the lowest in at least a generation at the university.

The proposed hike is the maximum allowable under the provincial government's new tuition policy, in which increases are tied to the Alberta consumer price index.

The province arrived at 3.3 per cent as the maximum limit using 2004-06 figures, but had capped tuition at 2004 levels.

## Hearing adjourned in assault case

**AIRDRIE** • Three men charged in the severe beating of an Airdrie man had their hearings adjourned Thursday.

Wade Gunoff, 24, James Neels, 20, and Brad Ellis, 21, who appeared in Airdrie court Thursday, will return to court March 1 for election and plea.

The three are charged with aggravated assault in connection with the Oct. 21 beating of Ken Valgardson, 61, in an Airdrie Canadian Tire parking lot.

— Calgary Herald

## Cochrane debates big box stores

**COCHRANE** • About 160 residents attended a hearing Thursday night to give their opinions on a proposed \$150-million development that could include a big box store.

Bill Butler, president of Springwood Developments, said the 18-hectare project would benefit Cochrane.

"It will strengthen the tax base. It'll strengthen the downtown. To keep Cochrane sustainable, you need to make it more self-sustained," Butler said.

The project would feature a big box store of 100,000 square feet — twice as big as now allowed in Cochrane, known for its old-fashioned storefronts.

The developer is asking for changes to the town's land use bylaw, to allow for larger stores.

Resident April Albrecht said she was opposed to the development.

"I don't believe bringing a big box to Cochrane is going to be beneficial to shops or employment," she said.

"We are much better off getting light industrial."

Council will deliberate the proposed bylaw amendments in March.

— Dan Singleton for the Calgary Herald



Police continue to investigate the death of a woman Thursday.

Lorraine Hjalte, Calgary Herald

## INVESTIGATION

# Woman's cause of death sought

### Medical examiner's report expected today

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CALGARY HERALD

Homicide investigators expect to find out today what killed a woman found dead inside a southwest home.

Police are treating the case as suspicious in the meantime, but stressed they are waiting for definitive evidence of foul play in the woman's death.

"There's nobody in custody and there are no persons of interest," Det. John Dooks said Thursday.

Crime scene specialists returned to the home for further examination Thursday following an autopsy on the woman's body.

Dooks said police are expecting the medical examiner's report today.

Police went to the home on Sierra Morena Landing S.W. on Wednesday afternoon after someone reported a domestic dispute at that residence.

When they entered the home, they found the woman's body and an unconscious man.

Neighbours said a couple with a grown son and daughter lived in the house, which is nestled in a quiet condominium complex.

They haven't been identified by police, but records obtained by the Herald list the residents as Robert and Gizelle McMullen.

It's believed the couple's daughter was home at the time of the incident and met police outside when they arrived. Their son showed up at the southwest District 2 station a short time later to speak to officers.

Family members and neighbours who gave statements to police have been co-operative, Dooks said.

The man who was inside the home was taken to hospital unconscious, and investigators haven't been able to speak to him.

EMS officials and Dooks said the man wasn't suffering from any injuries.

"He's there as the result of a medical emergency," Dooks said.

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# U of C will honour child accident victim

## Funeral service to be held Saturday

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A permanent memorial will be built on the University of Calgary campus near the family housing residences to honour a six-year-old girl who lived there.

Jenna Chang died last week after she was struck by a car while walking with her mother in a marked crosswalk near the university.

The Grade 1 student at Stanley Jones School lived in family housing with her mother, nursing student Ye Qiao, father Wei Chang and her one-year-old brother, Jesse.

The university will create a memorial near where Jenna played with other children who live on campus.

"We want to do something that will celebrate children," said Joel Lynn, director of residences and the student experience.

He said there are 400 children in university family housing, the majority of them under 10.

In addition to a plaque, one of the considerations for the memorial is upgrading aging playground equipment where Jenna once played.

Lynn said a final decision will be made after consultations with her family.

Ye Qiao, who is in her first year of studies at the U of C, remains in Foothills Hospital recovering from her injuries, which include several broken bones.

Mother and daughter had just stepped off the bus and were on their way home last Thursday when they

were struck in the crosswalk at the intersection of 32nd Avenue and 37th Street N.W.

While other vehicles stopped for the pedestrians, police said an 18-year-old driver was distracted and failed to stop in time. Fellow nursing students stopped at the scene to help the mother and daughter.

Jenna died in hospital last Friday, one day after the incident.

Police haven't said whether they'll charge the driver.

Jenna, who loved to play on the monkey bars, tour around on her mountain bike, paint and draw, was born in China. Her family moved to Canada in 2004.

The university is offering counselling to staff, students and faculty on campus, as well as the father. This week, president Harvey Weingarten asked the city to conduct a safety review of the crosswalk, and at other intersections around campus.

Jenna's friends and family will hold a funeral service at 1 p.m. this Saturday at Bow Valley Christian Church, 5300 53rd Ave. N.W.

A memorial fund has been set up in the names of Jenna's parents, Ye Qiao and Wei Chang. Contributions can be made at any Canada Trust location. Reference account 6374380, Branch 0205.

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