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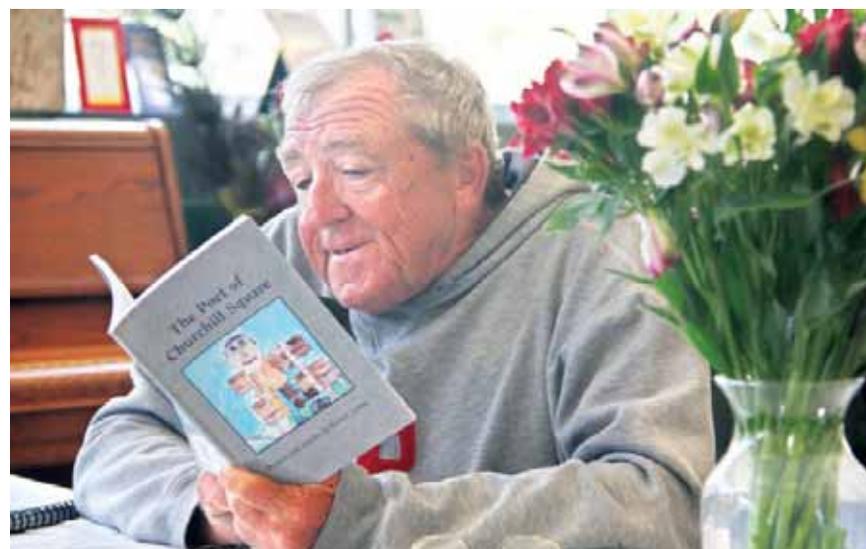


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Kevan Lyons, known as the Poet of Churchill Square, reads from his new self-published book of poetry during a launch and signing Tuesday afternoon. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

Poet of Churchill Square published

'Poetry healed me.'

Former compulsive gambler who spent time on the streets releases collection of poems



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On a bench in Churchill Square that he affectionately refers to as his "poet's pew," Kevan Lyons has been writing poetry about his life, his daily observations and the people he's come into contact with for the past three years.

This began during the 15 months he was homeless, attempting to recover from a

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The book is available at Tix on the Square, directly through the publisher (Pagemaster Publications), or from Lyons himself: "You can buy it from me by stopping by and seeing the old man on the bench — you can come by my office."

gambling addiction.

Now his notebooks are brimming, and on Tuesday he unveiled a self-published book titled *The Poet of Churchill Square*, containing 60 poems — along with the stories of why they were written.

"There's poems in there about the death of a child, there's poems in there about organ donation, there are ...

poems in there on suicide, drug addiction, homelessness," said Lyons, 62. "There are poems about children, there are poems about grandmothers and grandpas, and winters and everything.

"I promise you that there is one poem in this book that every person can relate to — everyone."

Lyons held a book launch, signing and reading at the Senior Association of Greater Edmonton's Sunshine Café, where he leads a drop-in poetry group each month.

"He's very creative," said Angie Shillabeer, who attended the event. "It's neat how he's able to write about what he observes — because it's real life. He's writing about real life, real people."

Validation trials

Cancer screening tech on its way to commercialization

A colon cancer screening test developed at the University of Alberta could soon be commercialized and used worldwide thanks to a partnership with a leading Chinese research institute and a U of A spinoff company.

The collaboration enables Metabolomic Technologies Inc. (MTI) to begin validation trials for the new diagnostic test, known as PolypDx. **METRO**

Ruling. Firing of police officer for urinating on another officer upheld

A review board has upheld the firing of a former army sniper from the Edmonton Police Service for urinating on another officer and other misconduct.

Const. Rob Furlong, a decorated veteran of the war in Afghanistan, was fired last year, but Alberta's Law Enforcement Review Board ruled the punishment was too harsh.

The Alberta Court of Appeal then sent the case back to the board after police Chief Rod Knecht argued the decision to

dismiss Furlong was reasonable.

In its ruling made public Tuesday, the board said Knecht's decision to fire Furlong for his misconduct during a night of heavy drinking at a police training event is acceptable.

Furlong was lauded in 2002 for shooting a Taliban fighter at a range of 2.43 kilometres — the longest sniper kill recorded at the time.

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