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Local arts festival to be revived this fall

By Michael Bourguignon
The Examiner

It's been a few years since Westmounters had an arts festival to call their own, but some community-minded residents have decided it's time for that to change.

A committee led by Kathleen Duncan has earned the city's approval to hold Créations Westmount Creates in Victoria Hall, the Westmount Library, and Westmount Park on Sept. 28.

The objective is to promote Westmount artists who are involved in literature or visual arts.

Among the proposed features are literature and art workshops for children, readings by local authors, a photo competition and an exhibition of art created by local amateur artists. There will also be something for seniors.

"We're very happy about it," said Councillor Cynthia Lulham, the council commissioner of parks and recreation. "We think it's a really nice idea, and we think it's good that they will have activities for all age groups."

Council will be asked to approve a \$4,500 grant for the Créations Westmount Creates festival at next month's public meeting. It will

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Bowler Ron Pelletier polishes up a ball as his director, Shirley Ahern, looks on.
 Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

City to test steel barrier design along Ville Marie

By Michael Bourguignon
The Examiner

Residents of Prospect Street near the Ville Marie Expressway will be the first to get a look at a sound-and-sight barrier the city is testing in Westmount's south sector.

And they'll be among the first to comment on how acceptable the new design will be.

"There is a series of cedar trees that have been planted, and next we're going to install an eighth-of-an-inch steel plate that has quarter-inch holes in it," director-general Bruce St. Louis said. "In other words, it looks like a giant sieve."

The holes will allow light to shine through, he said, and ivy will be able to grow on the barrier

"to give it a more natural look." St. Louis said using steel to construct the barrier would also solve the problem of people cutting through the CP fence to create shortcuts from St. Henri to Westmount.

"You can't cut through it," he said.

The barrier, which St. Louis said will cost under \$5,000 to install, is intended to block the sight of traffic along the Ville Marie expressway, if not the sound.

It will be erected along the CP rail fence on Prospect, which is among the streets closest to the expressway and thereby more directly affected by the sight and sound of traffic.

The barrier should be in place within the next two weeks, after which residents of the street will be polled to find out how they feel about the design.

"These people have to look at it every day, so we want to know what they think," St. Louis said.

The city then intends to test the barrier on Bruce Avenue, to see how it works on dead-end streets.

Blind lawn-bowler sets his sights on games in Atlanta

Gets verbal instructions on where to roll ball

By Bob Oliver
Examiner Special

When Westmount Lawn Bowling Club member Ron Pelletier flies down to Atlanta shortly after the Olympic Games to compete at the Paralympics with 4,000 other handicapped athletes, he'll be going into it blind—literally, and otherwise.

"I don't know what the width of the greens will be," said Pelletier, 48, who was born with Retinitis Pigmentosa and gradually lost his sight as he grew older. "I always play on four-foot wide greens, but there's a possibility the ones in Atlanta will be nine feet wide. I've only played on the nine-foot greens once at an indoor practice, so it's a little foreign to me."

To play on Astroturf

"I also heard that the greens are all Astroturf, and I've never played on them. I can only expect they'll be a lot faster than grass greens."

The road to the Paralympics for Pelletier began in 1990, when Westmount Lawn Bowling officials visited the Montreal Association for the Blind

(MAB) and asked if anyone was interested in playing at the Westmount club. Pelletier was interested, but couldn't commit himself because the lawn-bowlers played in the afternoons while he was busy teaching Computer Access at the MAB. When the Westmount club started playing under the lights at night in 1993, Pelletier signed up.

His first year was supposed to be a learning experience, but after just one night of trying his hand at the new-found sport, it became apparent this man had a future in lawnbowling.

"After the first night, people from the club told me I was a natural," he said. "And it's funny, because I didn't know what the heck I was doing." Obviously, he was doing something right.

In his first season of competition, Pelletier won the Quebec Blind Lawn Bowling gold medal that entitled him to compete at the 1994 Canadian Blind Association Nationals at Saskatoon. Winning a bronze medal in Saskatoon paved the way for a trip to Stoke Mandeville, England, the following year to compete in the International Games.

"I didn't play that well over in England because

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Sunday, July 21

Does your palate crave foods that are bad for you? Dietitian Linda Shafer discusses the consequences of improper eating, July 21 at 1:30 p.m., at the Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Avenue.

Westmount Park Concerts 1996 presents the Susan Elliot Duo, performing classical, jazz and original compositions on flute and guitar on Sunday, July 21 at 2 p.m.

Seniors

Contactivity Centre for Seniors hosts front-lawn croquet Friday at 1:30 p.m., bridge and crafts next Monday, and a trip to Knowlton and Lac Brome Theatre at 10:30 a.m. July 25. Info: 932-2326 or 932-3433.

The arts

Westmounters Helen Kogan, Lieba Rustin and Dana Velan are among of the featured artists in Time Divided, featuring the works of 20 female artists, until July 31 at Galerie Schorer, 5686 Monkland Ave.

Arts festival to be revived...

(Continued from page 1) also consider Duncan's request for a \$1,000 grant to help fund her annual Santa Claus parade this year.

Duncan could not be reached for comment this week.

Bruce St. Louis, the city's director-general, said the arts festival will be the first of its kind since the early 1990s, when the annual Arts Westmount festival petered out.

"At its peak, when May Cutler was mayor, I think it was almost a week long," St. Louis said.

Arts Westmount was originally organized by Westmounter Edith Germaine. It was taken over by a small committee when Germaine moved away.

"It sort of waned after that," St. Louis said. "I think everyone welcomes the event back."

Councillor Lulham considers the arts festival to be a great way to use Victoria Hall, the future vocation of which is currently being reviewed. She said the city will announce its plans for the building in September.

RCMP clinic moves to new quarters

The Westmount detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is experiencing growing pains.

Lack of space in the headquarters at 4225 Dorchester has prompted the RCMP to move its in-house medical clinic to the former post-office building at 4221 St. Catherine Street, a spokesman said Tuesday.

The City of Westmount recently issued a construction permit in the

amount of \$180,000 to build the new clinic.

Correction

The name of a cultural centre to be constructed at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom was incorrectly identified in our July 11 issue. The name should have read 'Pollack Cultural Centre.' THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

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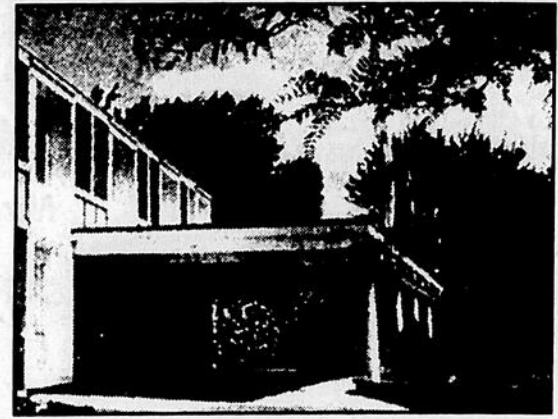
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City Hall - 4333 Sherbrooke West
Regular Council meeting - 8:00 p.m.
For information 989-5318

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La troupe Les marivaudages présente «Le jeu de L'Amour et du hasard», comédie de Marivaux

Rebelle au mariage, Silvia décide de se déguiser pour observer à loisir le prétendant que lui destine son père. Hasard malicieux, Dorante, son promis, a la même idée. Cependant, le changement de rôle avec leurs domestiques amène la confusion, car qui va aimer qui maintenant? Pourront-ils se reconnaître malgré leurs déguisements? Pour le savoir, venez voir cette charmante comédie...

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Rebelling against marriage, Silvia decides to disguise herself in order to freely observe the suitor her father has chosen for her. In a wicked twist of fate, Dorante, her intended, has the same idea. Much confusion results as they exchange roles with their servants. Who will fall in love with whom now? Will they be able to recognize each other despite their disguises? To find out, come and see this charming comedy. (The play will be presented in French)

Monday, 22nd July at 8:00 p.m. at Westmount Park (in case of rain, Monday, 29th July).

For information, please call the Sports and Recreation Department at 989-5353.

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First female member receives Rotary Club's highest honour

By Michael Bourguignon
The Examiner

Henrietta Antony has come a long way, from being a Czechoslovakian refugee in Germany to one of Canada's foremost antique dealers, to making Westmount history as the city's first female Rotarian.

Her list of achievements recently acquired a new entry as she accepted the Westmount Rotary Club's Distinguished Service Award.

"Those of us who have worked with her on committees or the board of directors know her devotion to the ideals of Rotary, but Henrietta always goes beyond just being a good Rotarian," said outgoing president William Taylor, presenting the award at a recent luncheon.

"Try to name an International Night where Henrietta's contribution has not been major, from details like the decorations or constructing the flag holders to purchasing the greatest number of tickets, ensuring the evening's success," he told his fellow Rotarians.

He said Antony is always the first to volunteer to host incoming exchange students, Rotary scholars or visitors, opening her home to them. "In addition, when there is a publication needing ads for support,

(See ROTARY, page 5)



Henrietta Antony holds award plaque.

Correction:

Royal LePage was marathon's sponsor

In the July 4 issue of THE EXAMINER, local real estate agent Masha Reich (cycling, at right) was incorrectly identified. THE EXAMINER regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused. Ms. Reich is an agent with Royal LePage, which sponsored the local leg of the first Canadian Marathon for the Paralympics. A number of Royal LePage employees donated their time and effort for the cause. Proceeds raised will help disabled athletes get to Atlanta for the Paralympic Games, which take place two weeks after the Olympic Games. Here Ms. Reich cycles next to Patrick Desjardins, one of the participants who got to be an Olympic torch-bearer.



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Mr. Ellen has distinguished himself over many years through his involvement in a variety of academic and community institutions on a local and national level. His efforts on behalf of the hospital reflect his deep commitment to the Jewish General Hospital, his concern for humanity as a whole, and serve as an inspiration to others.

The Jewish General Hospital Distinguished Service Award will be presented to Mr. Ellen at the hospital's Annual Meeting on October 24, 1996.

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STATION 23 LOG

By DAVID GOLDBERG

Unlocked door leads to Grosvenor home clean-out

The owner of a home on Grosvenor Avenue, near Sherbrooke St., will probably remember to lock his doors from now on, after his home was cleaned out the evening of July 10.

Station 23 police say a suspect made his way into the house between 6 and 10:30 p.m. The thief climbed onto a second-floor balcony at the rear of the house, then entered through an unlocked door.

The thief left through the front door with a desktop computer, printer, laptop computer, VCR, Canon and Nikon cameras, CD player and a radio. Total value of the stolen articles is approximately \$6,000.

"Whether you're home or not, it's very important that you always keep all of your doors locked," advised Const. Lise Bergeron.

There was another break-in at a home on Clarke Avenue near Sherbrooke. On July 8, between 9:30 p.m. and midnight, a suspect entered the home by breaking the screen on a door at the rear of the house.

The thief then took items from the kitchen, including a wallet containing just under \$600, a credit card, a pen and two gold rings. One of the rings had a family insignia on it, along with blue and brown stones.

Police say the 54-year-old owner of the house was on the second floor at the time of the robbery, but heard nothing. He was contacted two days after the break-in by his credit card company, who told him \$4,000 worth of purchases were made with the stolen card.

Police say there were no fingerprints in the house, nor were there witnesses to the break-in.

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The man entered the store at 8 p.m. on July 12. Holding the bag, he went up to a 40-year-old sales clerk and told her, "You give me the cash or I'll kill you."

The woman complied, and the suspect put the money in his pants pocket. He then ordered the victim to the back of the store before leaving.

The suspect is described as a white male, 28, 5 ft. 11 in. tall and 140 lbs.

He had short, curly, dirty-blond hair with a receding hairline and light eyes.

The victim told police she believed the suspect was under the influence of alcohol.

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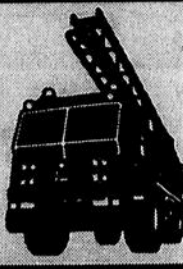
A tourist visiting Westmount from Waverly, Pennsylvania, got a rude welcome from someone who stole several items from his car.

The 60-year-old man's 1996 Volvo 850 was parked on the corner of Summit Road and Belvedere Road at 1 p.m. on July 13.

A thief smashed through the car's driver-side window, then took a leather purse, a wallet containing \$150 in cash, a credit card, calling card and beauty products.

There were no witnesses to the crime. Damage to the window was \$100.

Where were they going?



Monday, July 8

9:35 a.m. 627 Clarke: Defective alarm.

10:17 a.m. 4444 Sherbrooke: 89-year-old female complaining of nausea; transported to Montreal General Hospital.

10:29 a.m. 4018 St. Catherine: Smell of smoke due to burning food at adjacent restaurant.

3:18 p.m. Côte St. Antoine and Murray Hill: 12-year-old male suffered head injuries after falling off his bike; treated on scene.

4:28 p.m. 372 Grosvenor: 75-year-old female deceased upon arrival.

7:55 p.m. 227 Kensington: Resident locked out; had food on the stove; Fire Department forced entry, causing no damage.

9:30 p.m. Corner Atwater and Dorchester: Car accident with no injuries.

10:36 p.m. 4345 Montrose: Gas odour; gas monitor went off due to power failure.

Tuesday, July 9

9:24 a.m. 458 Victoria: Oil found on steps by resident; dripped down from third-floor tenant's barbecue.

11:45 a.m. 1090 Greene: Air conditioning unit making noise and lights flickering; caused by defective power breaker; Westmount Light and Power responded.

12:45 p.m. 4432 St. Catherine: 81-year-old female suffering from respiratory problems due to asthma; taken to Jewish General Hospital.

Wednesday, July 10

3:12 a.m. 4710 de Maisonneuve: 45-year-old male hemorrhaging; Fire Department cancelled en route.

11:45 a.m. Corner Clarke and St. Catherine: Car hit 63-year-old male; suffering from abdominal pain, walked to ambulance for treatment, refused transport to hospital.

12:58 p.m. 376 Victoria: 67-year-old male suffering from back pain and trouble breathing; refused transport to hospital.

1:30 p.m. 4500 St. Catherine: 72-year-old male with difficulty breathing; refused transport to hospital.

3:57 p.m. 532 Prince Albert: Fire alarm, entry gained and defective fire alarm found.

6:49 p.m. 4646 Sherbrooke: 95-year-old female had fallen; was receiving first-aid from nurse for bleeding nose.

11:11 p.m. 337 Metcalfe: 83-year-old female tripped over shoes in kitchen; suffered cut to head and was bandaged at the scene.

Thursday, July 11

1:06 a.m. 4557 Sherbrooke: 16-year-old female with difficulty breathing; probable asthma attack; taken to Ste. Justine Hospital.

11:26 a.m. 4862 Sherbrooke: 28-year-old female with abdominal pains; no transport to hospital.

10:58 p.m. In front of 3252 The Boulevard: Report of car on fire; car only experiencing mechanical problems and was not on fire.

Friday, July 12

8:42 a.m. The Boulevard and Grosvenor: Car accident with injuries; 4-year-old girl suffering back pain taken to Jewish General Hospital; two 7-year-old females taken to Ste. Justine Hospital for precautionary measures.

10:16 a.m. 341 Redfern: Water leak

in basement; two to three inches of water pumped out due to defective sump pump.

11:04 a.m. 80 Belvedere: Burglar alarm; no one home at residence; MUC police called.

12:22 p.m. St. Catherine and Wood: 27-year-old female sitting on bench complaining of pain to right wrist, possible break; was taken to Montreal General Hospital.

2:50 p.m. 4430 St. Catherine: 90-year-old female with back pains transported to Jewish General Hospital.

4:20 p.m. In front of 176 Edgell: Small amount of diesel fuel spilled on street from portable generator; Absorbent used to clean it up.

Saturday, July 13

1:27 a.m. 450 Kensington: Defective alarm.

9:54 p.m. 250 Kensington: 45-year-old female with respiratory problems and pain in left arm; transported to Royal Victoria Hospital.

Sunday, July 14

6:29 a.m. 2 Westmount Square: 90-year-old male with cardiac history taken to Jewish General Hospital.

5:50 p.m. In front of 460 Lansdowne: 21-year-old cyclist in accident with car; suffered scrapes to left leg and rib area; refused transport to hospital.

6:48 p.m. 30 Stanton: Alarm on fifth floor caused by burning food.

7:02 p.m. 383 Olivier: Alarm with nobody home; gained entry and found no problems; alarm probably activated by high humidity.

7:18 p.m. 4556 St. Catherine: Smell of gas; pilot light off on stove; gas shut off.

9:52 p.m. 120 Hillside: 63-year-old male with abdominal pain and respiratory distress; taken to Montreal General Hospital.

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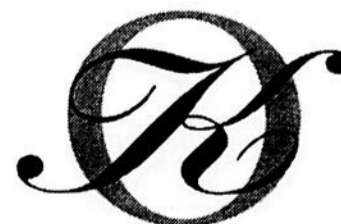


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Rotary makes plans for \$275,000 gift

By Michael Bourguignon
The Examiner

The Westmount Rotary Club has yet to decide how it will use about \$275,000 left to the club by Westmounter Edna Burrows, but an entrepreneurial centre for teens would be a good choice, says president Charles Pierce.

Pierce, who succeeded William Taylor as club president earlier this month, said the centre would act as more than just a replacement for The Met, the Sherbrooke Street drop-in centre for teens that was forced to close its doors last September after just two years because of a lack of sufficient funding.

"A drop-in centre is needed," Pierce said. "But you've got to do more."

He said Rotarians of various business backgrounds could provide entrepreneurial advice to teens and young adults, and computers could be purchased for the use of those whose families can't afford to own one themselves.

The Westmount Rotary Club already has about \$105,000 set aside for a special project, Pierce said. It's just a matter of deciding what the project will be.

Andrew Durso, a local notary and member of the Rotary Club, said Burrows, the wife of past-

president Jack Burrows, always had a keen interest in Rotary affairs.

"She was always involved, even after her husband died in 1979,"

Durso said.

Among other volunteer activities, she organized the dinner for the club's golf tournament, he said.

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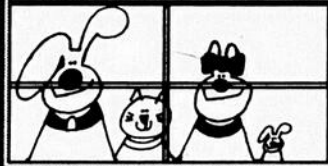
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Rotary award...

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one of the first and always the largest ad and donations comes from Henrietta Antony," he said.

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Antony owns and operates the antique store that bears her name on St. Catherine St. at Greene.

The award came as a complete surprise to her, and some trickery was used to make sure she was around to receive it.

"I had no idea," she said. "My daughter was here from Washington, and she was going to take me for lunch. But she went to the hairdresser and didn't come back."

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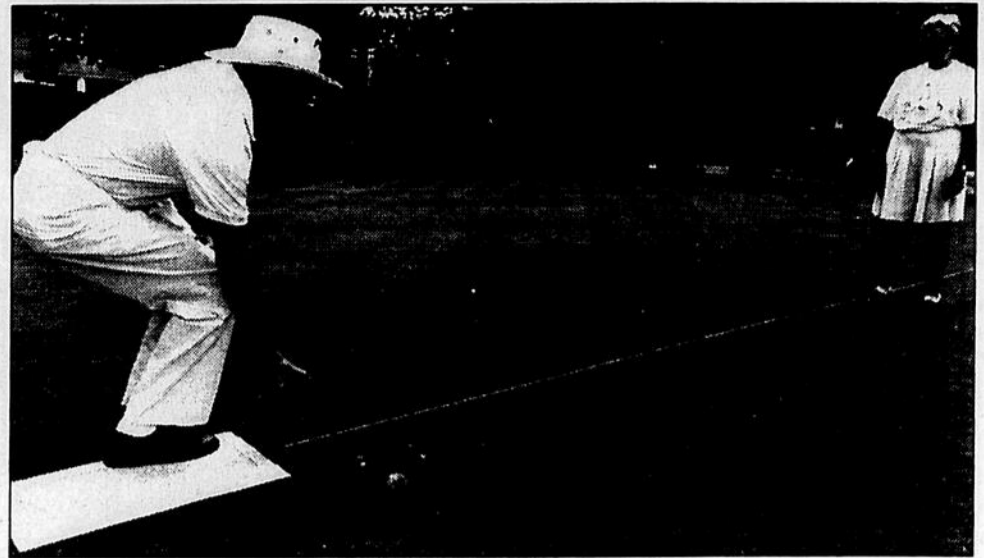
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 the greens were like cement and I had trouble gauging the distances," said Pelletier, who finished sixth out of seven entries. "But it turned out well in the end, because one of the competitors had to drop out due to an illness, and I was the next player in line chosen to go to Atlanta."

To prepare for the Paralympics, Pelletier is currently engrossed in a vigorous training program with director (and partner) Shirley Ahern, who acts as Pelletier's eyes. "There's a lot of verbal communication, and it's important the two speak the same language."

Ahern stands 12-15 feet in front of Pelletier, and verbally lets her bowler know the distance of the jack (the target), and where it would be situated on a clock face.

"The jack is 75 feet at 11 o'clock," for instance. The director has to be agile enough to move quickly out of the way after Pelletier releases the bowl.

Ahern, who doubles as chief umpire for the Quebec Lawn Bowling Federation, is getting Pelletier tuned up for the Paralympics with five-day-a-week practice sessions. Prior to training camp in Vancouver, July 21 under the tutelage of renowned Canadian coach Dave Brown, Pelletier will compete at a Canadian provinces qualifying championships in Pointe Claire. If successful, he'll qualify for the Canadian National Championships in Moncton, N.B., in September. But right now his sights are set on Atlanta in August. "My goal is gold," said Pelletier.



Pelletier releases ball as Ahern guides him before stepping out of the way

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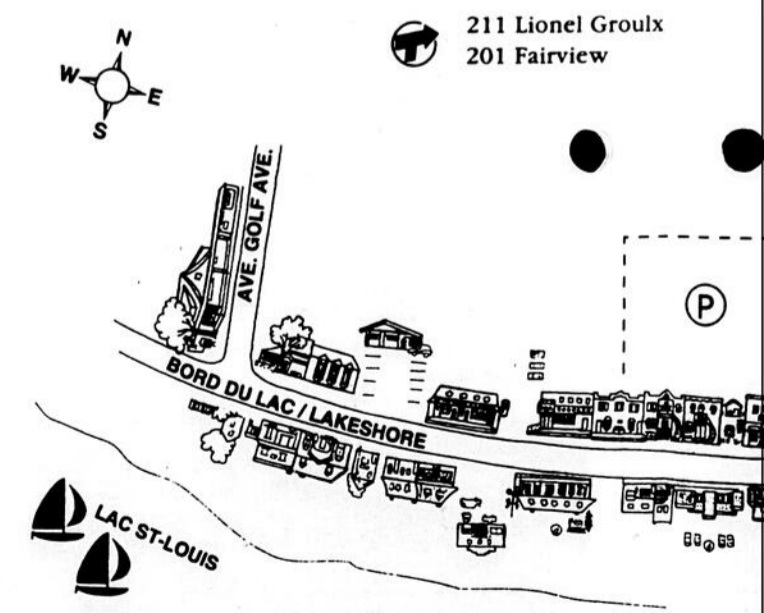
Pointe Claire Village is a picturesque, historic and varied shopping area close to home which provides a great summer alternative to the glass-and-steel modern uniformity of big-city shopping malls. Here are varied buildings, some almost 300 years old, housing an eclectic assortment of shops full of interesting items.

Unlike the malls, at most of these small stores and businesses you'll find the owner behind the counter.

The waterfront at Pointe Claire offers a wonderful opportunity for an afternoon or evening stroll, perhaps before or after a luncheon or dinner at one of the local restaurants. A walk out on the point to the old windmill and the church of St Joachim gives you a chance to breathe the fresh air and ponder the history of the site.

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Ethics part of training for Westmount troops heading to former Yugoslavia

By Michael Bourguignon
The Examiner

Expect anything and everything. That's what a team of Westmount soldiers planned to do as they joined the peacekeeping effort this month in the former Yugoslavia.

What they won't expect, however, it to be at the centre of the type of scandal that has tarnished the image of Canadian peacekeepers in Somalia.

"We were given very strict rules of engagement," said Captain Tim

Reid, of Westmount's Royal Montreal Regiment. "You can see there's been a big effort to make sure that everything is above-board."

Reid was sitting in the regiment's mess hall with some of the other members of the team: Master Corporal Darlene de Guzman and Corporal Andreas Beauchamp of the Royal Montreal Regiment, and Captain Ruben Khatchadourian and Corporal Imran Mughal of No. 3 Field Engineers.

They will be joined in the former

Yugoslavia by Corporals Ivanic André and Eric Roussel and Private W. Werleigh, also of No. 3 Field Engineers.

The local soldiers had recently undergone training in preparation for their six-month tour of duty, and proper conduct was not an insignificant part of the program.

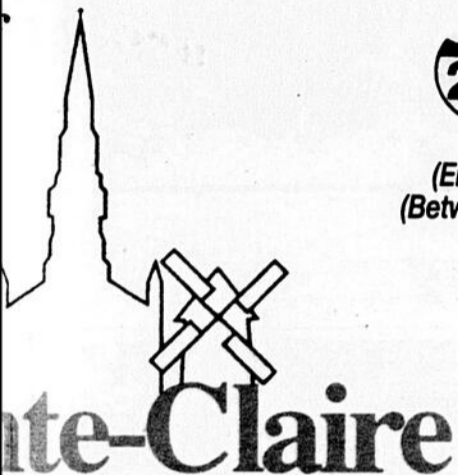
"Every soldier knows what they have to do, when they can use lethal force and when they can't," said Khatchadourian. The troops

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Set for adventure are Corporal Imran Mughal (left), Captain Ruben Khatchadourian, Captain Tim Reid, Corporal Andreas Beauchamp, and Master Corporal Darlene de Guzman.

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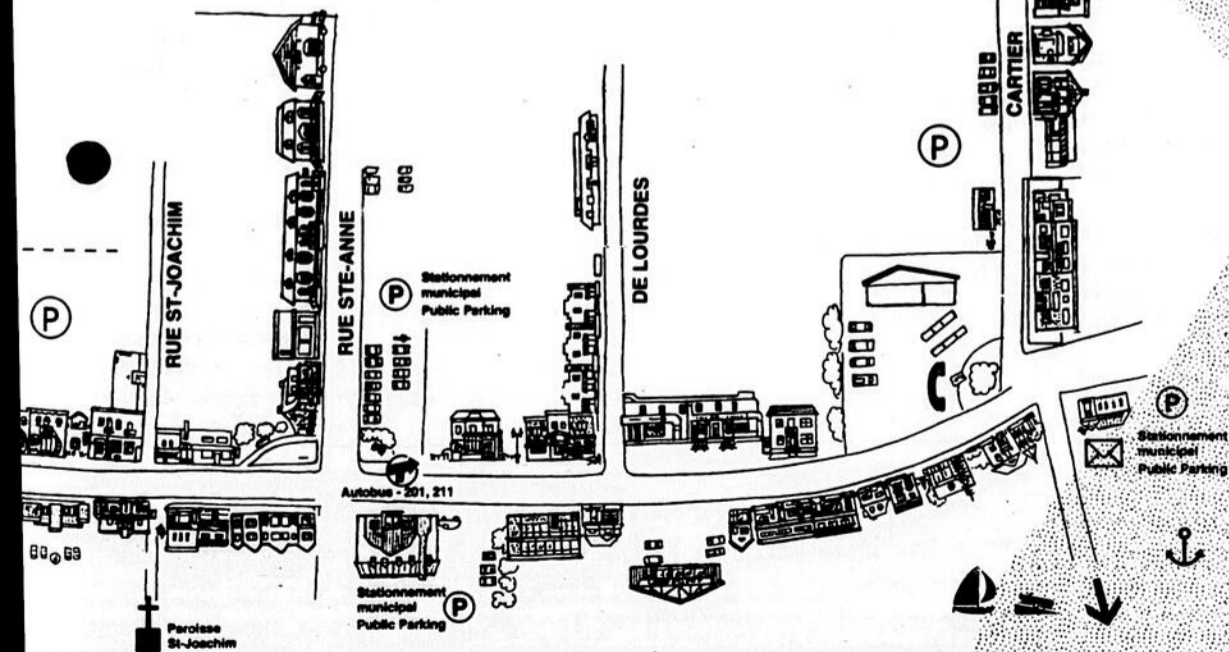
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where began the route up the Ottawa river into the untamed wilderness. City dwellers of the 1990's don't have to paddle to Pointe Claire. It's an easy drive from Westmount. At non-rush hours traffic on the highways, either 20 or 40, makes it a smooth trip. From highway 40, exit south on St John's boulevard (boulevard St-Jean) and take St John's all the way south to Lakeshore road. Turn right and you're at the start of the Village. From highway 20, exit also at St John's south or proceed a little further west and turn south at the first lights on Cartier avenue.

If you have the time, the best way to approach Pointe Claire is by following the route of the voyageurs, along the shoreline. Pick up the route anywhere in LaSalle, Lachine or Dorval and enjoy a scenic and pleasant trip by the many parks, homes and businesses which dot the route along the water.

It's been said by some that Montrealers live on an island in a river they never see.

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We Say

What to wear in Westmount in summer

Summer can be a tough time in the local news business, in part because it's so hard to get hold of people for interviews. A local fellow who thinks of himself as 'in-the-know,' says that "all the real Westmounters" aren't even in Westmount this time of year. They're up north, or in the Townships, spilling gin-and-tonics on their dock-siders or slicing golf balls into the woods, or doing whatever it is one does up there.

Yet, you can walk down Sherbrooke Street or Greene Avenue any July afternoon and see people everywhere. What gives?

"If all the 'real Westmounters' are away," you might ask, "what does that make the rest of us? Chopped liver?"

(Or should that be 'boiled liver,' based on the humid weather. Up north they are 'summering,' while we are simmering.)

It gets to the point where you're almost embarrassed to be seen walking on a Westmount street the last two weeks of July. People might notice.

"Why aren't you up north?" someone is liable to ask as you approach.

Your answer? How about, "Ah, well, I have to work. I need the money." Or, "Even if I could get the time off, I don't have a cottage." Two honest answers, maybe. Then again, they won't boost your prospects on the cocktail circuit, or otherwise 'raise your standing in the community,' as they say.

There's got to be a better way. One approach might be to simply *act* like you

have a country place, even though you do not. For starters, try altering your attire. Walk around wearing a lumber-jack shirt, faded jean cut-offs and a fishing hat—preferably orange or yellow. And whatever you do, DON'T WASH YOUR CAR! Then if anyone does see you, you can pretend you just popped in from St. Donat.

"In fact we just pulled in this minute," you can suggest. "Had to pick up a thingamajigger at Hogg's to fix that doodad on our pump at the cottage. You know, on our old well. Where we get our water." There is a pause, as your lure drops into the lake.

"Where you get your water? Oh, the old well! Why yes!" says the dumbfounded city dweller, embarrassed he knows so little of the ways of the wild.

"I would have called ahead for the part," you continue, "but then of course we don't have a telephone up there... on our island."

"Your island?"

"Yes," you say with earnest. "Our island."

"Oh," says your city friend, poor slob, so green with envy he's turning the same colour as some nearby shrubbery.

Before you know it, word is spreading that you in fact do have a cottage. And this, without all the hassle of actually buying one, or putting the boat in the water, or hooking up the pump, or chopping wood for the stove in the sauna.

Just hike up your Levi's and you're on your way.

—Bernie O'Neill

Holden to sit on Régie du Logement?

Let's raise our glasses in a toast to the politicians who have appointed former Westmount Equality Party/ Parti Québécois MNA Richard Holden to a one-year term as an adjudicator on the Quebec Rental Board, or Régie du Logement, at a salary of more than \$67,000 a year.

Their choice could not have been more sound.

By hiring a coat-check girl as his riding secretary, and paying wads of cash to a limo driver to serve as his 'transportation adviser,' Mr. Holden demonstrated his sensitivity to the needs of those less fortunate who actually have to work for a living—so they can pay the rent, put a roof over their heads, whatever you want to call it. In both of these cases, he donated *your* money, thousands of dollars worth, toward a good cause.

Second, Mr. Holden has some hands-on experience with absentee-landlord—or

should that be absentee-tenant—situations. He rented a riding office in Westmount, and then didn't show up at it, month after month, all but leaving local constituents with no representation in the National Assembly whatsoever.

This kind of first-hand experience with a tenant who suddenly disappears, namely Mr. Holden, should help Mr. Holden to deal with this troublesome issue encountered by other Montreal landlords.

Mind you, Mr. Holden did have the good sense to still make himself available to constituents at a downtown bar, thus demonstrating the kind of sober second thought needed to sort out those sensitive Rental Board cases that can so directly and adversely affect people's lives, and occasionally see them left out on the street, in the cold.

Three cheers.

—Bernie O'Neill

News: 'Former MNA Holden named to Rental Board'



You Say



Repercussion Theatre's performers on stage at Westmount Park.

Photo by ADRIAN WYLD

Must Shakespeare be static, unyielding?

To the editor:

I am afraid I must disagree with Mr. Glass, whose letter was published in your July 11 edition.

He believed that Repercussion Theatre's production of *The Taming of the Shrew* was a travesty, mainly because the actors used such implements as bicycles and telephones, thereby, in his opinion, altering the play irrevocably.

I was in Selwyn House's production of *The Tempest*, playing the part of Gonzalo. We did not stick exactly to the text. If we had, I am sure the play would not have been as successful and funny as it was.

Shakespeare intended his comedies to please audiences, not to be sacrosanct pieces of literature to remain static and unyielding. The actors and crew of Repercussion Theatre presented a hilarious and highly-original interpretation of the work.

I found the rock music a little irritating, but I just don't like rock music. I gave no donation, because I liked the play.

Mr. Glass was free not to give a donation, if he didn't enjoy the play. I hope he gave some money anyway.

I hope Repercussion Theatre comes back for many more seasons in Westmount Park.

Matthew McLaughlin
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Forty-five years ago
 July 20, 1951

"BLASTED BY HOUDE: Mayor Camillien Houde of Montreal fired a searing blast at Westmount and Outremont, at a meeting of the Metropolitan Commission held on Friday. Other suburban municipalities were also apparently included in the mayor's references but the full force of his remarks were aimed at Westmount and Outremont, with Westmount being singled out for the No. 1 target. He accused Westmount of deliberately reducing rental assessment so as to obtain a reduction in water taxes. At a

press conference held later in the day Mayor Houde told the newspaper men that he will ask the Provincial Legislature at the next session to establish a system whereby adjacent cities and towns will have to pay a greater share of the cost of public services. He said the costs are at present borne almost entirely by the City of Montreal."

Twenty-five years ago
 July 22, 1971

"ONE WEST ISLAND: Westmount city officials are now studying a report made public on June 10 which called for the amalgamation of the 11 municipalities making up the west sector of the Montreal Urban Community. The municipalities involved stretch from Ste. Anne de Bellevue and Senneville to Pointe Claire and Roxboro. They have a combined population of 125,000."

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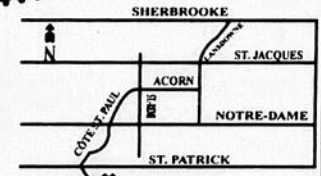
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The story of the Visual Arts Centre began in 1946 when eight different artists joined together to form the Potters' Club. Five years later, the group evolved into a non-profit organization.

During the first 25 years of its existence, various ceramics courses were offered. However, as the years went by, the Visual Arts Centre began to offer a greater variety of courses, such as drawing, painting and art history, just to name a few. It is therefore not surprising that since its opening, more than 25,000 students have passed through its doors, as enrolments have increased to nearly 3,500 per year.

A few weeks ago, I went to visit the Centre, and I was quite impressed with what I saw. I found many children taking part in the various workshops available to them. Not only did I notice that they were enjoying themselves, but they were also getting something more important out of this experience. There truly are no words to describe the joy and pride one feels when one imagines a certain concept, and is then able to turn it into an actual piece of art, but then one could easily point out that this is the basis of what the creative process is about.

In the summer, many parents opt to enrol their children in the various workshops offered by the Visual Arts Centre. During my recent visit, I found many children hard at work bringing the visions of their imaginations into a piece of art. If anything, this clearly demonstrates the importance of art in one's life, as it not only helps broaden the imagination, but also one's creativity. This is one of the reasons why the 30 teachers of the Centre work toward obtaining an equilibrium, where upon there is equal emphasis on using the right technique while at the same time letting your mind be open to new ideas.

After a hard day's work, we all need an outlet to release our energies and stress. Signing up for one of the various courses the Centre offers is one of the best ways to not only relax, but to create something out of your imagination. Unfortunately, as both a Member of Parliament and a Minister, my schedule does not permit me this luxury. However, I invite those of you who are interested in various forms of art to look at the program of courses, offered both night and day, in both French and English. As well, for those of you who are interested, the McClure Gallery, which is part of the Visual Arts Centre, holds two yearly exhibits of the students' works.

One of the things that made my visit so special was the warm welcome I received from the members of the Board of Directors, especially Mrs. Victoria LeBlanc, the Centre's director, as well as Mrs. Ruth Shine, President of the Board of Directors. They, as well as the volunteers, do an outstanding job of running the Visual Arts Centre, and on this special anniversary, I'd like to wish them many more years of success!

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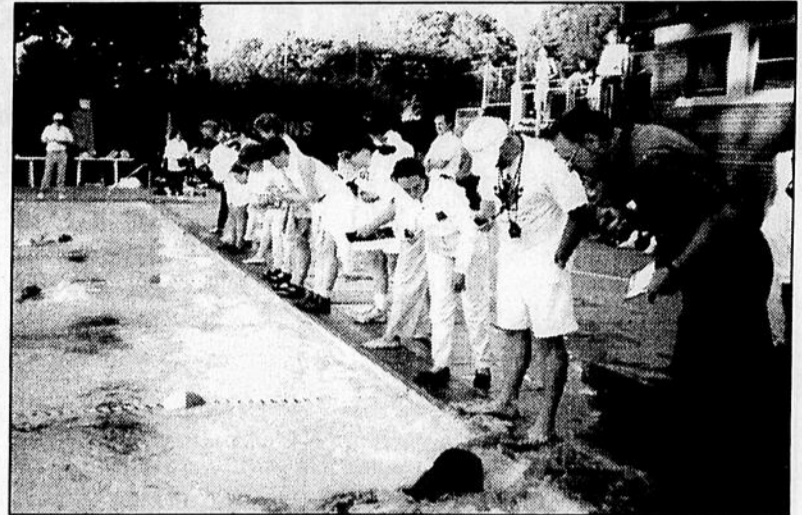
By Bob Oliver
Examiner Special

Never say never.

While the Westmount Dolphins Swim team has yet to win an Association of Lakeshore Pools (ALPS) swim meet after four outings against LaSalle, Riverside, Valois and Ile Perrot, there remains considerable optimism about coming out on top this Wednesday when the Dolphins travel to Western Lachine.

Last year, Westmount won one meet, beating Western Lachine in a rain-delayed, two-day event that started in Lachine and concluded at the Westmount Park Pool. Westmount edged Lachine by 10 points, winning the final race on the card, the boys 15-and-over relay race.

Westmount head coach Brian Forsyth and assistant coaches Nicolas Parson, Emily Spencer and Karine Spina aren't putting any undue pressure on their swimmers to win the meet, but they are enthusiastic about the Dolphins'



Judges watch for the touch at poolside in a recent meet.

chances of success.

"We only have 75 swimmers this year, compared to close to 100 last year, and with a lot of the kids going away (on vacation), very often we don't have enough swimmers to fill all the available lanes," said Dolphins team organizer

Clare Chant. "But the ones who are here to compete are working extremely hard with the coaches in practice, and we're all hoping they'll win one (meet) before the season's over."

This Wednesday could very well be the day of the Dolphins.

Lawn bowlers take runner-up cup in Town of Mount Royal

On July 8, the T.M.R. Lawn Bowling Club held the Heather Baker Trophy ladies triples match. Westmount Lawn Bowling Club's team, skipped by Irene Ridout with Jean Place and Margaret Mackinnon, won all their games and won the runner-up prize. The team from Pierrefonds also won all their games, but had a slightly higher score and took the cup. There were no

other three-game winners.

Sunday, July 14, the Pointe Claire Lawn Bowling Club held their mixed triples tournament. Westmount's team of Emily Bently, with Paul Phoenix and Sid Langdon won third prize. Beaconsfield placed first with Pierrefonds second. These clubs have a much larger membership, but wait until we get our new

clubhouse and greens!

Once again Westmount's Irene Menear has joined up with Pam Durdey of Beaconsfield to win the Provincial Ladies Doubles. They will be off to Regina to play in the Nationals for Quebec. They will be entered as the Beaconsfield/Westmount Team. We wish them good bowling!

—Jean Place

Mission to former Yugoslavia

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can react as necessary in the event someone tries to steal weapons or sensitive materials from the compounds, but the soldiers were instructed not to initiate confrontations with the locals.

They also can't shoot at vehicles, and they are not allowed to set up military checkpoints.

The Canadian Forces have come under fire over the fatal beating of a Somali teenager, and videotapes depicting racist behaviour among some Airborne troops.

It's an image of Canadians peacekeepers Capt. Reid wishes would go away.

Because of a few isolated incidents, he says, the good deeds of Canada's armed forces are glossed over and go unnoticed.

"The reason we have a free society is that we have an army to protect it," he said.

His colleagues agreed.

"Canadian troops have a history of excellence. In Cyprus, they did their work really well. Even in Somalia, they did an excellent job," said Cpl. Beauchamp.

Added Cpl. Mughal: "There are a lot of good things the forces do, and it never gets out."

Things have been quiet in the former Yugoslavia, more proof, said Reid, of the good work of troops from Canada and elsewhere.

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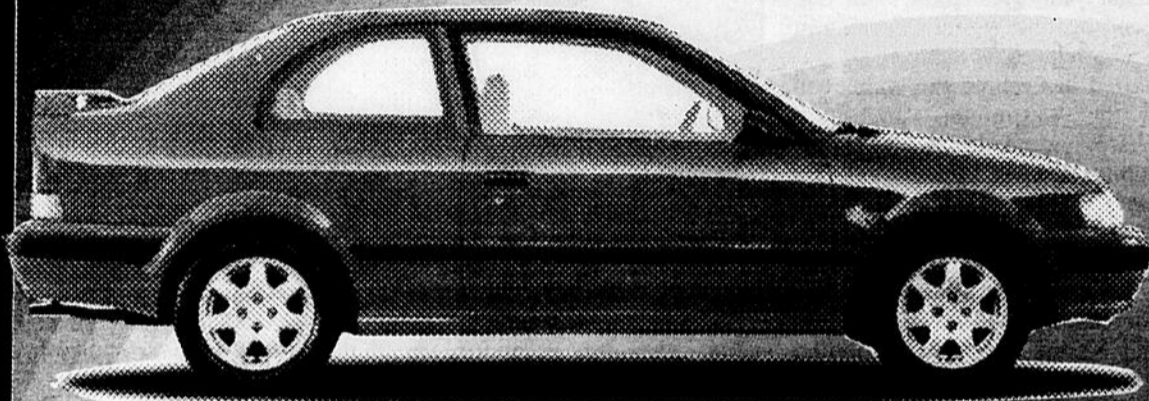
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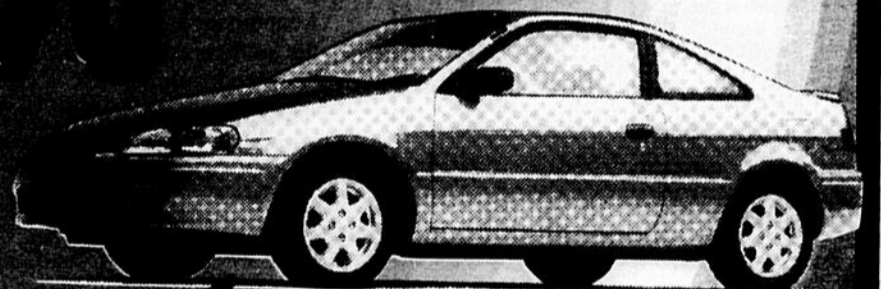


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