

Chimney cleaning irregularities blamed on one sweep

Westmount's chimney sweeping program will be reinstated Monday with tighter controls after a police investigation traced irregularities to only one chimney sweep.

The cleaning service will now come under closer supervision from the contractor, Louis Hébert, as well as from the fire department, city operations manager Bruce St. Louis announced Tuesday.

Spot checks, tamper-proof receipt books and monthly callbacks of receipt books are among the new measures being implemented by the city.

A full investigation report is expected from police next week, according to Sgt.-Det. Norman Myles. He confirmed that only one person appears to be implicated in the scam.

It is not yet known if criminal charges will be laid against the sweep, he said. Mr. St. Louis said the sweep will not work in Westmount again.

Irregularities uncovered by an EXAMINER inquiry last month included

charging more than the city's \$4 per flue set fee as well as inconsistencies between receipts issued to citizens and stubs remitted in receipt books.

The revelations led to suspension of the chimney sweeping program Feb. 26 pending police investigation.

A system of checks has been put into place to protect citizens as well

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

as the contractor, Mr. St. Louis said. As a result of the inquiry, he said, the fire department will be "more actively involved in quality control" of the chimney sweeping program.

The city has contracted out chimney sweeping to Mr. Hébert's firm for 19 years.

Fire officials will spot check one home in 100 visited by the sweep. The city also will require Mr. Hébert to submit receipt books every month rather than once a year.

In addition, receipts will be written with carbon copies for the record rather than stubs to prevent discrep-

ancies between the receipt and the stub.

A recent EXAMINER survey of five neighbouring municipalities shows that sweeps in all cases were required to report on a daily or weekly basis to the respective fire departments which monitor the work regularly.

Widespread abuse of the previous Westmount system was indicated in a sampling carried out by THE EXAMINER last month of homes chosen at random on 13 streets during February. Irregularities were found at 22 of 29 homes polled between Roslyn and Claremont avenues and Sherbrooke Street north to Westmount Avenue.

The inquiry was sparked by a complaint from Chesterfield Avenue resident Pierre Boule that he had been charged too much GST.

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Give us a referendum now: EP

By ALISON RAMSEY

"There will be a referendum," Graeme Decarie said at a local Equality Party meeting Thursday evening at Victoria Hall. "We shouldn't be afraid of it, we should be demanding one as soon as possible."

"For years, the government has been threatening us (with the prospect of separation)... I think we have to tell them, do it or don't," said the Concordia history professor and member of the Equality Party.

"We don't want it on a soft question. Independence, yes or no. Make up your mind."

It was a rousing end to a speech which Mr. Decarie had not prepared to deliver. He changed his topic in mid-meeting after listening to the fighting tones of EP vice-president Keith Henderson and constitutional law professor Stephen Scott.

The meeting was billed as a response to Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark's statement that he cannot promise Quebecers they will remain Canadian citizens if Quebec separates. About 150 people came to hear the three speakers.

The keynote speaker, Mr. Scott, expounded on his theory that Quebec may, unilaterally, declare independence. He argued that hints of

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Little Shop of . . . Eeeek!



Alicia Westelman, playing Audrey, and Westmounter Paut Rother as Seymour run through a song for the musical *Little Shop of Horrors* to be presented at the Shaar Hashomayim Saturday and Sunday. The man-eating plant in the play, Audrey Two, is

from a Centaur production of the play a few years ago. The set designer drove to New Brunswick to get Audrey Two, which has been touring the country. See a preview story on the production on page 13.

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Sex-crime 'creeps' attack children

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

An 11-year-old girl managed to run away from a man trying to abduct her off the street at Metcalfe and de Maisonneuve Wednesday last week as a rash of sex-related incidents involving children hit Westmount and St. Henri.

"I've never seen such a bad year," said youth squad officer Patrick Sheehan. "These creeps are coming out of the woodwork everywhere."

Though the onset of spring tends to bring complaints of flashers around schools, he said, over the past three weeks a number of other complaints have been reported concerning indecent exposures on the street.

With the exception of a flasher around schoolyards two weeks ago, none of the incidents appear to be related, Constable Sheehan said.

The attempted kidnapping of the 11-year-old Westmount girl occurred about 7:30 a.m. as she was walking north up Metcalfe Avenue to school.

When she reached the intersection of de Maisonneuve a red car stopped beside her. The driver opened the passenger door and offered her \$50 to get in.

When she refused, the man got out and tried to grab her by the coat, but the girl started running up the street. The car followed her to Sherbrooke Street where it disappeared. The victim went home and later reported the incident to police at Station 23, accompanied by her mother.

The suspect, who was alone in the car, was described as a bald white man aged about 40. He wore a blue jacket and blue pants.

Bus harassment

Later that afternoon, a 45-year-old man with grey hair was reported to have harassed two 14-year-old girls

riding an eastbound 24 bus along Sherbrooke Street. He followed them off the bus and down Greene Avenue where they ducked into a video store to shake him. He kept waiting as they went to Movieland on St. Catherine Street and later as they walked north to the bus stop on the northeast corner of Greene and Sherbrooke where he began masturbating in front of them.

When a westbound bus pulled up, the man tried without success to block their entry. After boarding the bus, they noticed the suspect get into a grey car and began following the bus. They got off at Grosvenor Avenue and ran to a friend's house to phone police. Both live in St. Laurent.

This time the suspect was described as a 45-year-old white man with grey hair wearing a long brown tweed coat and black pants.

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Next Scheduled City Council Meeting

Monday, April 6, 8:00 pm

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal

Le lundi, 6 avril, 20h00



WESTMOUNT AVIS PUBLIC

RAPPORT FINANCIER ET RAPPORT DU VÉRIFICATEUR POUR L'EXERCICE FINANCIER 1991

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné conformément à l'article 105.1 de la Loi sur les Cités et Villes (L.R.Q. chapitre C-19) que le rapport financier et le rapport du vérificateur de la Ville de Westmount pour l'exercice financier 1991 seront déposés à la séance du Conseil de la Ville de Westmount qui aura lieu le lundi 6 avril 1992, à 20h00.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 24e jour de mars 1992.

Me Marie-France Paquet
Greffier de la Ville



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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given according to section 105.1 of the Cities and Towns Act (R.S.Q. chapter C-19) that the financial report and the report of the Auditor of the City of Westmount for the 1991 fiscal year will be filed at the sitting of Council of the City of Westmount which will be held on Monday, 6th April 1992, at 8:00 p.m.

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Walk of dog leads to court

A dog owner living on Forden Avenue can expect to land up in court after he was allegedly seen walking

two dogs off leash last Thursday at 6:30 am on Côte St. Antoine Road, public safety officers said.

'English won't be victims'

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such a move are present in an official document from the committee studying Quebec's accession to sovereignty.

"Let there be no mistake, then, as to the threat," said Mr. Scott. "It goes as far as the revolutionary and forcible overthrow of the Canadian state."

The implications, he said, mean Quebec would decide its boundaries, freedom of movement for both people and property as well as the division of Canada's debt and assets.

"Canada's views and interests, like those of Quebec's minorities, become utterly meaningless if Canada tolerates a unilateral declaration of independence," he warned.

The federal government must clearly and forcefully declare unilateral independence will not be tolerated, he said, to remove desperation from the constitutional negotiations.

Promise partition

Another suggestion by Mr. Smith is that Parliament "place firmly on record their resolve that, in the event of Quebec being given independence, the province will be partitioned, and, in particular, that the northern territories, added to Quebec in 1898 and 1912, will be taken from it."

"Opinion must be mobilized; gov-

ernments and parliaments pressed to act. Now."

"I've watched an important change in the English community," said Mr. Decarie after Mr. Smith stepped down. "It's gathering steam."

"Historically, English have been victims because we let ourselves be victims. We acted like it and virtually begged for it. Quebec looked like a democracy but acted like a dictatorship."

A small group of English businessmen powered decisions for the Montreal English community, he said, and, when those businessmen departed, the community was left, rudely.

That vacuum, which francophones rushed to fill, allowed the Quiet Revolution, said Mr. Decarie.

And the English community kept silent, as was its wont. But turning points occurred; the furor over Bill 178 and Mr. Clark's recent statement, he said. The resulting anger and mobilization can be seen by the huge turnout for CLSC and hospital board elections.

"People are mad, infuriated. The rest of Quebec, the rest of Canada and, if possible, the rest of the world has to know it (the English community) is angry," said Mr. Decarie.

"There's no need for us to be victims, unless we let ourselves be victims. I know we're not going to do that anymore."



Today, March 26

For seniors: Registration is under way for bridge classes starting April 1 and running eight weeks at Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim. 488-7437 or 937-9471.

Art exhibit: Galerie Dan Delaney, 318 Victoria Ave. *Small Prints 1992* is an exhibition by members of the Conseil québécois de l'estampe, continues until Tuesday.

Art exhibit: The Hingston Art Studio group at Westmount Library until Sunday.

Collection of minerals displayed in the commercial mall of Westmount Square until Saturday. Staff is on hand in the afternoons to answer questions.

Reach Out, a support group of the Montreal and Laval Chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec Adult Committee meets weekly at 340 Victoria Ave. from 7 to 9 p.m. 847-1324.

Seniors' swim: At Westmount Y from 1:30 to 3 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. No charge.

Friday, March 27

WHS Old Boys annual dinner with guest of honour Dr. Howard Blanchette and guest speaker John Pepper, QC. Tickets \$35 for those who graduated before 1982, \$25 for others. 499-9543 or 481-8421.

Saturday, March 28

Theatre: Shaar Hashomayim Players present the musical *Little Shop of Horrors* in Metcalfe Hall, 425 Metcalfe Ave. at 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$10; \$5 for students and seniors. 937-9475.

For children: Samedi Greene presents *Decorate your own Easter Eggs* with Orysia Waskiw at the Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene Ave., from 10 to 11:30 a.m. \$1.

For children: It is Sticki Wicky day at Oink Oink! at 11 a.m. Use your imagination to create designs and objects.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St. Non-smoking.

Sunday, March 29

Theatre: Shaar Hashomayim Players present the musical *Little Shop of Horrors* in Metcalfe Hall, 425 Met-

calfe Ave. at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets \$10; \$5 for students and seniors. 937-9475. **For seniors:** Seminar on *Successful Aging: Expanding Your Horizons* with guest speakers Dr. Ahnna Lake and Joan Stafford, at 2 p.m. in Victoria Hall's East Lounge. Question period, refreshments, all welcome, no charge. 937-4155.

Adult Prisoners of Childhood support group meets at 7 p.m. every Sunday in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St. \$1.

Monday, March 30

Art exhibit: Multimedia paintings by Carolina Lobo at Westmount Library until April 12. 935-7351.

Montreal Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Slides of seventh pictorial competition. Guests welcome. Use rear entrance. **Lecture:** Montreal and Laval Chapters of the Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec, Adult Section (PALS) monthly meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. at 4203 St. Catherine St. Guest speaker is Dr. Margie Gollock of Learning Associates on "Adults with Learning Disabilities." All welcome. 847-1324.

Tuesday, March 31

TOPS, a dieting support group, meets at the Westmount Y from 7 to 8:30 p.m. weekly. \$1.

Wednesday, April 1

For seniors: SWAG meets at 10 a.m. at Victoria Hall. Speaker TBA. **Careful!** You could be a poisson d'Avril!

COMING UP

April 3: Learn to make chocolates with Pointe Claire cooking teacher Doris Purcell. Register in advance at 935-8531. Cost, \$15, includes all materials.

April 5: Seniors' lunch at Leisure Institute presents soprano Celia Kershner Bern and pianist Laura Fink with Hebrew songs and works by Schubert, Brahms, Gershwin and Verdi.

April 6: City council meets at 8 p.m.

April 10: Sugaring-off party for seniors and friends at Manoir de Clareville. Bus leaves 9 a.m. from Victoria Hall. \$30. Register in advance at 935-8531 ext 212.

April 12: Senior's tea at Leisure Institute presents audioprothesist Steve Forget on *Consequences of, and solutions to, hearing loss*. Illustrated lecture.

April 17: First night of Passover.

May 3: First post-Passover meeting of Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim.

Petty-minded penny-pincher pays the piper

By JANET COUTTS

A MAN who resented having to pay a ticket and subsequent costs for a traffic infraction in Westmount unknowingly ran the risk of not having his payment reach municipal court officer Alan Kulaga.

When Westmount writer Roma Gelblum-Bross arrived home one evening recently, she found a large, heavy package in her porch.

"If it had rocks in it, it would have weighed so much," she said.

Closer examination revealed that the package had been delivered to her Stayner Street address instead of to Mr. Kulaga at the court on Stanton Street, as the label directed.

She had a young man move the box out of the way, into her living room. At that point, she noticed the box was leaking pennies.

She called Mr. Kulaga, learning for the first time that he was a court official. He had the box, weighing between 10 and 15 pounds, picked up from Ms. Bross.

"It had thousands and thousands of pennies in it," says Ms. Bross.

"We don't know yet how much it contained," says Mr. Kulaga, who estimated the haul from between \$60 to \$70. "Nor how much spilled out. But the individual who sent it had received a warrant for a traffic infraction. He enclosed a letter saying that he now considered the matter closed."

"He has no proof that we ever received the box. If it hadn't been for the lady on Stayner, we might never have known it was sent."

The only similar incident he can recall was another bad loser, who wrote a cheque on a brick.

"We cashed it," says Mr. Kulaga.

Sex-crime suspects hit on children

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The day before, a man in a blue car exposed himself to two girls, aged 12 and 13, as they walked west along Sherbrooke Street at Arlington Avenue about 6:11 p.m., police said.

As they continued walking, pretending to pay no attention, the car disappeared north on Arlington only to reappear southbound on Roslyn Avenue where it was parked when they reached the intersection. The mother of one of the girls brought the information to police along with a licence plate number. The girls, aged 12 and 13, claimed they saw the same suspect on a previous occasion.

Last Thursday a woman summoned officers to Westmount Park when she became suspicious of the way a man was watching children playing in the park. They identified the man but found no reason to arrest him. He was identified as a 39-year-old St. Mathieu resident.

The previous week, a girl was followed from the YMCA at Sherbrooke and Arlington to Lansdowne Avenue. A flasher also visited playgrounds at Westmount Park and Roslyn schools.

Crime prevention officer Gaston Bernier advises anyone who suspects they are being followed to ring the doorbell of a well-lighted house or one sporting a Block Parents sign in the window.

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Find ways to let English students in: WMA

'Allow anglo immigrants an English education'

Experts can talk about increasing access to English-language education without a concrete way of letting more students in, it will be a case of the fruit dying on the vine, said Russell Williams. The West Island Liberal MNA spoke at Dawson College Friday afternoon last week.

Coincidentally, Dawson administration moved to restrict enrolment for next term due to lack of space and resources, but reversed its decision

this weekend. Teachers persuaded the administration to enrol 7,107 students (the cap was to be set at 6,900) and allow more later if they could be squeezed in.

Mr. Williams was one of a four-member panel speaking on the future of English education in Quebec,

By J. MARION FEINBERG

along with Parti Québécois MNA François Beaulne, Joe Rabinovitch, executive director of the Association of Jewish Day Schools, and Patrick Woodsworth, Dawson director general.

Mr. Williams said that even if everyone was suddenly allowed to receive English-language instruction, not everyone would leap at the chance. He points to the case of a school in the Lakeshore School Board where half of the English-speaking students are in French

stream, by choice not necessity.

Mr. Rabinovitch warned of dire consequences for the English education system if the steep decline in English enrolment of the past 15 years continues.

"You don't see it as much in Montreal as in the outlying areas, but in places like Abitibi you'll see an English school with 25 children from kindergarten to Grade 6," Mr. Rabinovitch said. He cited the 1978 English enrolment figure of 202,000 students compared to the more recent 1991 figure of 105,000.

Most of the discussion focused on the findings of the recent provincial task force headed by Westmounter Greta Chambers which studied the future of English education in the province. The task force found that problems in the English education system were related to a low birth rate, young anglo emigration, Law 101, and the decision of many English parents to place their children in the French-language education system.

Mr. Rabinovitch pointed out that since students are funded on a per capita basis, the steady decline is a death knell.

"Less resources leads to poorer services which eventually leads to people leaving the province," he said. "English is a business language. Denying people access to an English education sends a very strong message."

One of the 29 task force recommendations is to allow immigrant children from English-speaking countries, whose parents were educated in English, to enrol in the English educational system.

PQ MNA Mr. Beaulne said although his party supports many of the findings of the Chambers' report, particularly those that advocate the revamping of the administrative structures of school boards, he finds this proposal discriminatory.

"It discriminates against people of other origins who are compelled to attend French schools. We don't believe in quotas. Our assessment of the decline is broader than just relating it to the application of language bills."

Live gas line found when Bar B Q razed

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

ANOTHER Westmount landmark was razed last week as demolition crews mowed down the fire-ravaged Westmount Bar B Q building at 4469 St. Catherine St.

No sooner did they start work Wednesday last week, however, than a large back hoe scooped into the gas entry at the front of the building, sending natural gas hissing up out of the line.

While workers wrestled with the problem, public security sergeant Gregory Cockerell smelled the pungent odor as he drove past. He called the fire department. The street was blocked to traffic at Metcalfe and Melville Avenues while firefighters hooked up hoses as a precaution.

"The workers were told the gas had been shut off," explained Capt. Michael Boychuck. In fact, he said, the gas had been closed at the entry to the restaurant rather than at the street.

Fire officials had been told during the fire Nov. 28 that gas service had been turned off, confirmed Fire Chief Jim Adams. "We were certainly under the impression it had been shut off at the street since this is where it usually is done."



Demolition crews struck a gas pipe Wednesday last week at the site of the former Westmount Bar B Q building at 4469 St. Catherine St., destroyed in an arson fire Nov. 28.

He said it was possible that the gas had been turned on again after the blaze.

Once the gas leak was capped, work resumed to clean out the lot.

Saturday at 2:43 pm, public safety officers received a call from a resident saying "youths were playing" at the fire scene.

Officers Robin Rowan and Richard Turley found two 20-year-old men sifting through debris from the building next door to the Bar B Q, which was also damaged by fire and is now vacant.

One trespasser admitted to picking up a gun-shaped lighter

and a toy, officers said. The other said nothing. Both were turned over to Montreal Urban Community police. After questioning they were released unconditionally, police confirmed. They were identified as residents of Westmore Avenue and St Jacques Street.

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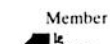
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We Say

Like our style?

ASTUTE readers, and we know from years of experience that that includes many if not most of our regular subscribers, will have noticed a few changes in our style this week. Nothing terribly dramatic or earth-shattering, just a bit different.

The English language is a wonderful thing, even if not considered wonderful enough to be seen in public in this otherwise-fair province. Part of its charm is that it can take so many forms without any official body taking up the cry, "That's not English!" In English, to headline writers' delight, almost anything goes. It might make some cringe if, for example, we decide to "prioritize" our duties, but it works.

A newspaper thus must make choices. Not between right and wrong spellings, forms and usages but from among different possibilities. The aim is standardization, so everyone from the publisher to a freelancer will spell things the same way, capitalize the same words and use the same abbreviations.

With today's issue, some of our standards change, including, we think, some of the things that have bothered some readers over the years. Just like most of us learned in school, capital letters return to Street, Avenue and the like. Periods are back on our abbreviations. The British/Canadian form of words ending in "our" replaces our previous penchant for "or," whose main virtue was not that it was American but that it involves one less keystroke.

Some things do not change. We maintain the use of honorifics on second and subsequent references. Old-fashioned, perhaps, but few of us would refer to our mayor as "Trent" when addressing him, so we're happy to give him a "Mr." (with period). On the other hand, some say the current state of honorifics is sexist, with "Miss," "Mrs." and "Ms." all implying certain things other than "woman" the way "Mr." means simply "man." We believe most women are comfortable with one of these titles but for those of our story subjects who would prefer none we will oblige.

Setting the style for an English paper in Quebec poses some unique (dare we say "distinct") problems and possibilities. We have determined, in our bilingual wisdom, that English sensibilities will accept our using the word "dépanneur" instead of "convenience store." But what of all those ubiquitous government bodies which have only official French names? (We'll use our own English versions for most.) And should female saints in street names and the like be written "St." or "Ste."? (We'll use "St." since we're writing in English in which the word "Sainte"

does not exist. But we'll write "St. Anne de Bellevue" since that community's name is known universally in French only; our anglicization of it is to leave out the hyphens, not change it to "St. Ann of Pretty View." By the same rationale we will use "Pointe Claire" but "Point St. Charles.")

Either life is more complicated now or the arbitration of newspaper style simply has been a growth industry, but we note with some amusement that the bible of the Canadian newspaper industry, the style book of Canadian Press, has grown some 750 percent in just the past 15 years. It's now a whopping, but interesting, volume of 472 pages. Who says government has a monopoly on expanding rules and regulations?

We also notice our Toronto colleagues at *The Globe & Mail* have taken to being politically correct by using French versions of organization names in Quebec. That might be fine for something like "Assemblée Nationale," which even the most unilingual of anglos could figure out, but how many Albertans would figure out "Régie des déchets"?

But that is *The Globe's* choice. We have chosen a different way. Neither is right or wrong.

That is both the joy and frustration of it all. Try as we might, we will never get everything to everyone's liking.

our M.N.A.

Richard B. Holden

says...



Incumbents beware!

LET'S commence with the No. 1 incumbent of them all — the present occupant of the White House. I'm beginning to suspect that he may be in big trouble. His opponent to be, Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas, is coming on strong. He argues forcefully that George Bush is a remnant of the profligate, grudging '80s and that he (Clinton) is the agent of change.

Incumbent No. 2: With his party at 10 to 15 percent in the polls, it's not difficult to

predict the political demise of Brian Mulroney.

Who's next?

Bourassa, Doré and Holden all appear pregnable.

There has always been a "throw the rascals out" penchant among voters, particularly when times are difficult, as they are now. But these days anyone holding elective office is suspect. This evaluation is healthy and I share it. But let's not be simple-minded about it.

Do we trust our business leaders... or the other folk who tell us what we should think or buy or do? Would you have your dryer-cleaner decide whether or not doctors should charge user fees?

The answer is we want to be in control and we're not. We're always being told by someone, who we don't like, what we've got to do. That frustrates us and we have to take it out on somebody.

Who better than George Bush, or Brian Mulroney, or Richard Holden?

I Say!

HE is richest who is content with the least, for contentment is the wealth of nature. —Socrates

You Say

Mayor answers objections to proposed tax system

A copy of Mayor Peter Trent's reply to a recently published letter from Andy Dodge has been received by *THE EXAMINER*.

Dear Andy: In your letter of March 16 you suggest a number of problems with the idea of taxing on a square foot basis. All of these objections seem to be caused by a misreading of my recent *EXAMINER* columns on the subject:

Your objections — if I might take the liberty of paraphrasing them — are:

1. that it is difficult to measure "house sizes." You question how one could eliminate basements, attics and garages from the calculation; and,

2. that people would sell off land and later buildings to avoid taxes.

Well, I never intended garages and the like to be exempted from tax. In fact, I purposely used the term "enclosed space." You must have read that as "habitable space."

Incidentally, the problem of measuring floor area under pitched roofs has been addressed by others. The way to do it can be found in our (and Canada's) building code. See Section 9.5.2.1. Likewise, you can find definitions of floor area and uncovered space in our zoning by-law 978. Another mensuration method would be simply to measure enclosed spaces volumetrically and divide by the minimum allowable ceiling height of eight feet.

I am totally mystified by your concern about people selling off land. One of the reasons I am suggesting a unit tax is to encourage green space preservation and to discourage overbuilding. It is the existing system that forces Westmount owners to sell

off unbuilt land by evaluating it at an average \$45 a square foot!

And why would people all of a sudden change their proposed house configuration to avoid tax? Currently, any improvements or extensions attract a tremendous tax penalty. Taxing by square foot of space would mean renovations would not be taxed, only extensions — and then only at a rate more or less equivalent to today's system.

However, if we have to stick to a system based on evaluation, I think your idea of purchase-price valuation is an excellent one.

Peter F. Trent
Mayor

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All politicians must answer to electorate

The real division is not between the people living in Canada but between the political elites, the groupies in the Canadian media and academic circles and the average taxpayer. All three political levels of government represent the same electors so the claims and counter-claims must be resolved by the one group all are accountable to — the electorate.

Mayor Jean Doré doesn't have to beg Claude Ryan for changes, he has only to put the issue of bilingualism before the people of Montreal. Where are all the critics of ex-mayor Leonard Jones of Moncton like former PM Pierre Trudeau, Bob Stanfield, Gordon Robertson and company? Why the silence about bilingualism in Montreal?

The Gallup poll confirmed that 92 percent of Canadians oppose special status for any

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our PSBGM commissioner

Joan Rothman

says...



Westmount's high school

MANY well-known Westmounters ate muffins, pancakes, bacon, drank all the orange juice and most of the coffee and listened to Westmount High School's junior and intermediate band play Mozart at the fourth annual Muffins, Mozart and Meades, Mark IV.

Mayor Trent dropped in to hear Joseph Hui and Theresa Wilson, soloists, play more Mozart on the piano.

Four years ago when Dick Meades first came to Westmount High, before the Challenge Program, there were no musical instruments in the school — and now there are two bands. Drama students from WHS will participate in some Marianopolis student productions and Arts Westmount this fall will use the auditorium and stage of Westmount High to present one of their spectacles.

The high school welcomes city and local use of the auditorium, especially if the users can enrich the students' ongoing curriculum. Students can act and learn about staging, lighting, stage management, theatre finances and so on. The school is part of the community — the community can be part of the school.

The Muffins, Mozart and Meades brunch gathers together some of the community that supports the high school so effectively. Meg Shepherd, chairwoman of the school committee, and members Deborah Adler and Theresa Lavery, seen at the brunch, are seeking corporate sponsorships for school programs and activities. Annette Teffeteller is interested in finding mentors who are interested in young people and their education, mentors who would like to share their knowledge, their expertise and maybe their place of business with students from Westmount High.

The school is looking for experts to talk to a class or larger group on the staging of a Shakespeare play, a career in engineering or their work as a musician or artist. Annette and the school committee talk of workshops on archaeology or computers. They imagine out-of-school mentoring with small group excursions to businesses, building sites, universities and museums. If you are interested and feel you have something to offer our students please call the school at 933-2701 and leave your name and phone number for Annette.

Parents are working to support the school programs because they believe in them. The Challenge Alternative Program in Westmount High, now three years old and in Grades 7, 8 and 9, will be complete in two years when Grades 10 and 11 are added. The Challenge Program means individualization. For example, Oliver Lavery, who won the PSBGM Grade 7 public speaking contest last year, took a Grade 11 enriched physics course even though he is registered in Grade 8. He has done well and principal Meades is looking outside Westmount High for next year so Oliver can pursue his studies in physics.

Peter Altosaar, a WHS teacher, developed a calculus course for some senior students which he teaches after school hours. Principal Meades hopes that this course will be incorporated into the senior curriculum as an option for the school's advance-track Grade 7s and 8s. Oh, yes, the Grade 11 students now working outside regular class time on calculus will get credits for their work.

So much is happening in creative education at Westmount High that my next column in two weeks will continue this discussion. Please join me then.

At your leisure

by Alison Ramsey

What strikes you almost immediately about Karin Ganter is her aura of suppressed power.

She sits still, relaxed in her body. There is no shifting from buttock to buttock, no restless or unnecessary movement.

The Westmount Y volunteer and personal trainer sometimes teaches people how to do the simplest of things — stand.

"I teach people to stand strong, at a cocktail party, say, without leaning on something, one hip higher than the other, but just stand. It's amazing what transpires. They are no longer intimidated."

Ganter used to feel intimidated. She had heart failure at age 12. Her mother drilled into her that she should not exert herself and she followed that advice until she was 30 years old.

"I did not know the meaning of the

Power lifter

word exercise. If I needed a mood change, I resorted to another person, a drink, even a coffee. Now I can go running for a half-hour, then I'm definitely able to look at a tree and see the leaves, and not just the green.

"The first time I ever ran, I laughed so hard I thought I would turn into a laugh."

A man she calls her mentor started her running. When her dream to run in the Boston Marathon in 1984 was thwarted due to severe ear infections and knee trouble, he turned her to

weight training, at age 42.

Free weights are Ganter's favourite, but she believes in the mind, body and spiritual healing of stretching, cardio-vascular exercise, weight training and a healthy diet.

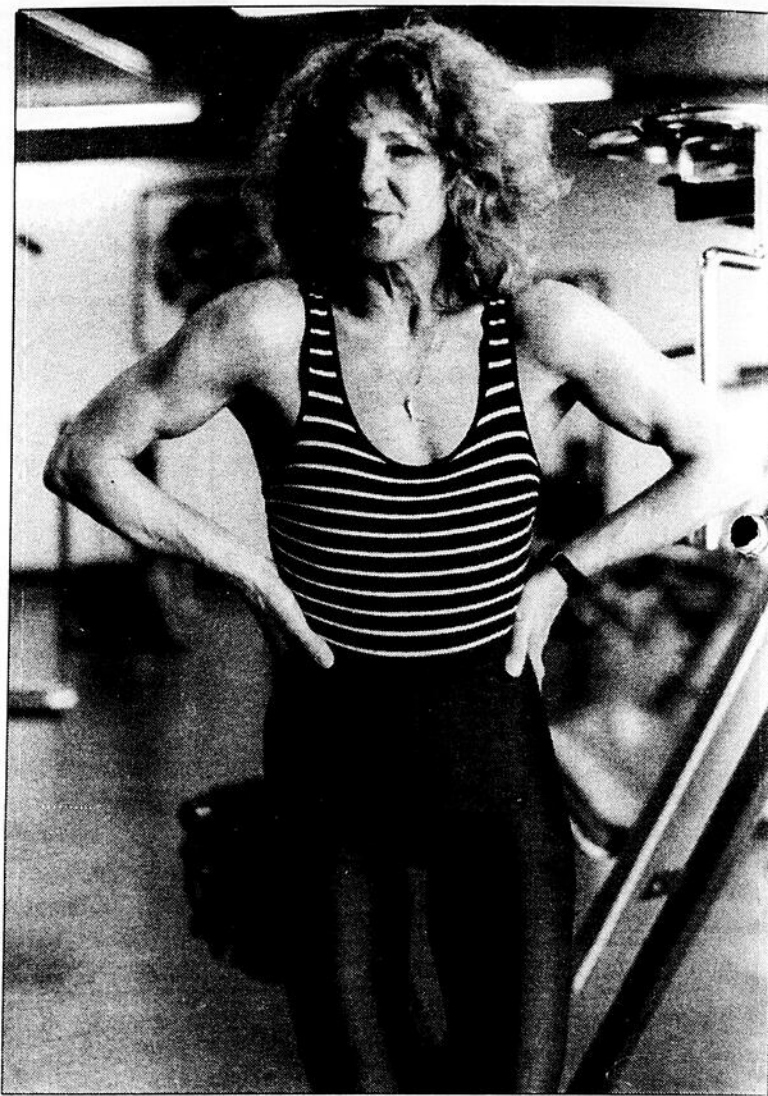
"I think mankind is suffering from low self-esteem."

Self-esteem comes from the feeling of strength weight training gives, and reaching goals that constantly shift as you progress, she said.

"How do you figure, when I'm supposed to be getting weaker," said Ganter, now 52, "that I'm so much stronger? How do you figure?"

"I've pressed my own weight before, but I'm not interested in being bulky. I like definition, like to be cut, like to know where all my muscles are. I don't work my quads, I work one aspect, one angle."

She taught one class for seniors at the Y.



For Karin Ganter, weight training is "more than just a lifestyle, it's a bit of a cause. My goal, my mission for this stressed-out sedentary lifestyle."

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Mike Deegan promoted to recreation administrator

Mike Deegan has a new job in the same old building.

Mr. Deegan, a four-year veteran of the recreation and culture department, has been hired as the new administrator, the department announced last week.

"He was selected after the position was posted internally," said department director Robert Aiken. "He's well qualified and hasn't wasted any time in taking over the new responsibilities."

"I'm happy to be here," said Mr. Deegan, who says he has fully enjoyed working with the Westmount community as sports supervisor. "I'm expecting a challenge with the new position and I want to continue to offer quality programs."

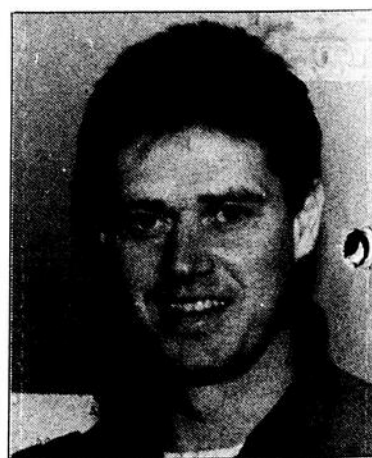
In the month-long period since Peter Wallace left and the city posted the position, some tasks have been piling up, Mr. Aiken said.

"Now we'll start catching up on things that have lapsed such as internal reports, etc.," he said.

Mr. Aiken said Mr. Deegan might have less contact with the recreation programs, but said he is likely to make time to maintain some rapport nonetheless.

"Now we'll be looking for a new sports supervisor," he said.

In the meantime Mr. Deegan will be settling in with his new responsi-



MIKE DEEGAN
New administrator

bilities as well as performing some of the sports supervisor tasks until they find a replacement.

"It's a jack-of-all-trades kind of job," he said of his new duties. They include preparing the recreation booklet, allocating time in fields and the arena, interviewing new personnel as well as organizing the winter carnival, family day and splash bash. The sports supervisors and the socio-cultural director will report to him. Mr. Deegan will also pinch hit for Mr. Aiken in his absence.

'Toxic taxi' service coming soon to island municipalities

Toxic taxi or wastemobile?

No matter what it's called, it's definitely coming to Westmount sooner than originally planned.

The City of Westmount voted last council meeting to get on board the initiative of the MUC suburbs' Inter-municipal waste management board that will see household hazardous waste collected from two to four times a year, beginning in September.

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"We were originally given three options by the Régie to handle the problem," said Mayor Peter Trent. "Last we heard, we weren't looking at a collection of hazardous waste for this year. This has changed."

The first option would have meant collection once a year, the second once a week for 30 weeks of the year and the third three times a year.

By J. MARION FEINBERG

The total cost of the wastemobile services for all island municipalities would run about \$3 million a year, says Mr. Trent. The plan would be to have the mobile trailer set up as a depot in different municipalities in turn. Residents would bring their material to the depot.

Each municipality will be charged individually on the basis of the volume of material collected. Administrative costs of the Régie intermunicipale de gestion des déchets are collected based on property valuation and population. But operating costs, such as recycling, incinerating or toxic waste pickup, are on a user-pay basis, he said.

Mr. Trent estimated that each wastemobile Westmount pickup will cost \$40,000.

One visit this year

"In 1992, we'll probably only get one visit of the wastemobile. The ultimate aim is three times a year. There is simply no choice but to get this stuff out of the waste stream," said Mr. Trent at the council meeting.

Mr. Trent added that by next year, Westmount should have two pickups by the toxic taxi and by 1994 the city should be up to three per year. He also said that even if this project does get off the ground, he would like to follow up on the idea of a year-round depot for batteries somewhere in Westmount.

"September is too late," said Don Wedge, a Westmount Municipal Association director. "Westmount hasn't done anything about toxic waste since June of last year. With one unit going around from city to city, it might be December before it gets here."

He says the WMA is against the idea of charging for this service on a user-pay basis because it will discourage some municipalities from signing on because of the costs involved. He cited the example of Côte St. Luc which has already balked at the expense.

"It's our responsibility to pay for properly taking care of hazardous waste. It is to the benefit of everyone on the island and off," he said.

The toxic truck will allow Westmount residents to get rid of hazardous waste like paint, solvents, old batteries and motor oil without harming the environment. The Régie put out a call for tenders this week and is urging all municipalities to participate in the project. If all municipalities come on board the plan, there will be a total of 20 collection sites across the island of Montreal.

False fire alarm jolts parents on tour

Parents of boys and girls in this year's Junior Firefighters class were receiving a first-hand demonstration Monday night on how firefighters dress for fires when they were treated to the real thing.

The bells went off in the station, the red lights began to rotate on fire trucks and within moments the heavy vehicles were thundering out of the apparatus room, leaving the somewhat startled parents high and dry.

Deputy Chief Graham Morrison, who didn't respond with the call for an alarm ringing at 365 Metcalfe Ave., took over the annual parents' night tour of the fire station and

found the surprise call only heightened interest from the mothers and fathers.

Are there many applications for the job? How many trucks would be sent to control flood damage? Are firefighters given fitness programs? Are bunker suits made of asbestos?

Those were only some of the questions posed by the parents before the fire trucks returned from the call a few minutes later. "That was a fast fire," remarked one parent. Actually, it wasn't a fire at all. Only one of the dozens of unnecessary calls answered each year when workers accidentally set off smoke detectors with

plaster dust during renovations.

The parents' night started off with a film shown to parents and children together on the need to hold evacuation drills from the home.

"This is our most important subject," said Lieutenant Barry Coates, course instructor. "Eighty percent of our fires in Westmount are in the home. That's where the problem is, in the single-family dwelling."

Parents were advised to install smoke detectors, make an escape plan with two ways out, agree beforehand on a meeting place outside, get down low and stay below smoke and toxic fumes, get out fast, and once out, stay out.

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Jaimie Finkelstein, right, fits her father, Nathan, with one of the fire department's new helmets during parents' night at the Junior Firefighters course Monday. The helmets are styled after the traditional Cairn leather helmet worn originally by firefighters. Jennifer McMahon, left, also takes the fire prevention course.

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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The following are some items from the files of Montreal Urban Community police Station 23, which covers Westmount:

Apartment ransacked

An apartment at 331 Clarke Ave. was turned upside down during a break-in March 15 or 16, police said. Access was gained by removing the lock from the front door causing \$50 damage. It was not immediately known if anything was stolen.

Car alarm that works

When a car alarm scared away thieves late Saturday night outside 566 Victoria Ave., the owner thought it was only another false alarm, police said. That was until his wife discovered the next day that someone had drilled a hole in the driver's door just above the lock. The alarm had gone off about 11:30 p.m., causing the owner to look outside. He saw no one. Police said the alarm must have reset itself.

Purse-snatchings injure two women

Two Westmount women were injured last week fighting off robbers trying to snatch their purses, according to police.

One 72-year-old victim managed to foil the attempt but was injured when she fell to the sidewalk. She fell, screaming, outside 50 Academy Road Tuesday last week while defending herself. The incident occurred at about 4:40 p.m. The victim hurt her nose, left hand and right leg.

When a man appeared on the scene, the robber ran off empty-handed. The witness went to the woman's assistance and called Urgences Santé to transport her to hospital.

A 65-year-old woman was trying to open the door of the apartment garage at 235 Metcalfe Ave. Friday afternoon when her purse was grabbed by a youth. The woman was pulled along the ground yelling until the purse strap broke. She complained of pain in the right hip but refused medical treatment at the scene.

TV, VCR swiped

A television set, VCR and other electronic equipment were stolen from a condominium at 300 Lansdowne Ave. while residents were on vacation, police said. The break-in was discovered by the building superintendent who found the front door broken about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday last week. Damage was estimated at \$500.

Scooter swiped

An irate driver broke the windshield of a car that he claimed hit his motor scooter from behind on Gladstone Avenue near St. Catherine Street last Thursday afternoon, police said. The car driver said he had not touched the scooter but that its driver suddenly came at him. Both made statements to police but no one was arrested.

Home trashed

A house on Surrey Gardens sustained at least \$2,000 damage when someone broke into it between March 12 and 16 and appeared to go on a rampage inside, according to police. Doors and door frames were smashed, plants were thrown around, a bathroom mirror was broken, stuffing was ripped out of cushions and the back panel was torn off a television set. In the absence of residents, it was not known if anything was stolen. The break-in was discovered by a person checking the home who contacted police a second time last Friday to say a second break-in had occurred.

La Ligue duds stolen

Someone smashed the window in the front of the La Ligue Turnabout Shop at 386 Victoria Ave. to gain entry Sunday night, March 15, police said. Used clothing worth an undisclosed amount was stolen. Damage to the window, heard breaking at 11:25 p.m., was estimated at \$300.

Fire damages empty flat on top floor of triplex

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A fire on the third storey of a triplex at 3169 St. Antoine St. was stopped by firefighters Tuesday night last week as it started to burn into the roof of a flat under renovation, fire officials said.

The blaze started in a new stalled baseboard heater. A short circuit was found both within the unit as well as in wiring leading to it, said Lieut. Barry Coates, the investigator.

He said further checking was required to know where the fault lay. Though the heater had been installed electrically, it was not yet attached to the wall and was moved around during floor sanding and other work, possibly contributing to the problem, he explained.

The fire was discovered about 11:15 p.m. by residents of 3203 St. Antoine, in a row of triplexes along the north side of the street just east of Greene avenue.

Early fire detection made it possible for firefighters to confine the damage mainly to the one room, Lieut. Coates said. "Otherwise it could have burned the whole block."

Firefighters called for assistance from four mutual aid fire departments but the fire was put out by the Westmount crew within 30 minutes, Captain Gerald Gauthier said.

Fire damage was estimated at \$50,000.

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Who's doing what?

The following building permits were issued at Westmount city hall recently:

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31 Stayer: for M. Boretsky by self, repairs to basement, \$1,000;
619 Murray Hill: for A. Moss by G. Tamery, two bathrooms, \$4,500;
91 Somerville: for Michael Wertheimer by Plomberie Gilles David & Fils, replacing basement fixture, \$4,000;

March 17

Train Station: for CP Limited by Lalli Construction, parking lot and hedge three feet behind sidewalk, \$4,000;
4200 Dorchester: for Ordre des Infirmières du Québec by Cerberus Pyrotechnics, fire alarm system, \$2,500;

March 19

1200 Atwater: for the Atwater Library by Protection Incendie Royal, fire alarm system, \$10,000;
283 Clarke: for Mrs. Tellier by Levine Bros., water entrance, \$1,200;
443 Mount Stephen: for Estate Hyman Cooper for water entrance, \$800;
50 Holton: for Mrs. J. Keefler by McHenry Plumbing, ground-floor powder room, \$500;

March 20

320 Victoria: for Yervant Tapis by Menuiserie G.R., renovations, \$3,000;
1217 Greene: for Postes Canada by Construction Victorico, renovation, \$70,000.

Interrupted nap

An apartment resident at 1381 Greene Ave. called public security Monday last week to complain about a vagrant who slept in the lobby, officers said. The woman was described as "quite shaken" by his presence. He was ejected from the building Tuesday night when he was found asleep near the front door.

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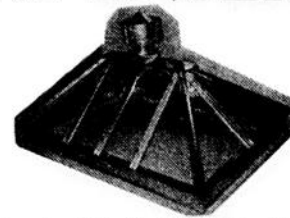
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Chimney checks in other cities

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The municipal chimney-sweeping service which is considered cheap in Westmount is even more inexpensive, it seems, in some neighboring municipalities where cleaning flues is also more tightly controlled.

Like Westmount, the municipalities of Outremont, Town of Mount Royal, Côte St. Luc, Hampstead and Montreal West all require chimneys to be swept once a year for fire safety and all contract out the work.

Some include the cost in the municipal budget. Others, like Westmount, require residents to pay the chimney sweep at the door.

But all of the five municipalities surveyed by THE EXAMINER, were found to differ from Westmount in two basic respects: the way they do the work and the amount of city supervision.

All five municipalities have chimneys swept from the rooftop, allowing work to be done when no one is home. Only Westmount flues are cleaned from inside, meaning at least half are never done.

All but Westmount require the sweep to report weekly, or even daily, to the fire department so the

work can be closely monitored and checked against master lists of homes and numbers of chimneys.

In Westmount, such controls were given up more than 10 years ago. Now, the contractor reports defects only on a regular basis and hands over his receipt books only at the end of the year.

Compared with a computerized program in the Town of Mount Royal, Westmount's chimney sweeping control might be described as back in the dark ages.

Here, the sweep puts a notice through the door 48 hours before he intends to sweep. Chimneys and flues are brushed from the inside up and residents are asked to deposit the bag of soot in the garbage. The procedure takes all year for one sweep to cover the city.

It's hit or miss depending on who's home when the sweep calls. And no one at the city knows which flues have been done and which were passed over.

Fees are set by the city at a flat rate of \$4 per flue (before GST).

In other municipalities, fees are set at a descending rate depending on the number of flues cleaned.

Woman a suspect in hospital scam

A young woman is suspected of fraudulently soliciting for the Montreal Children's Hospital. She went to three Westmount homes and was tracked down by public safety officers Wednesday last week as she was boarding a bus near Sherbrooke and Wood.

The bus was intercepted at St. Marc Street where police were called to question the woman. Since officers could not locate a complainant who had called from Barat Road, the suspect could not be arrested.

"She apparently was very sarcastic when we were forced to let her go," said Robert Hryciuk, the PSU's community relations officer. "It was very frustrating."

He said no address or phone number had been taken from the Barat complainant.

THE EXAMINER later discovered police had complaints from two other Westmounters about a woman matching the same description who had called at houses on Somerville Avenue and on Belfrage Road the previous Thursday, March 12. She also claimed to be collecting funds for a skate-a-thon supposedly organized to benefit the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Though one of the two donated \$6, and another none, both called the hospital to be told they knew of no such fundraiser. Police said the scam has also been reported in N.D.G., Snowdon and other west end districts.

The suspect was described as a white woman aged 18 to 25 with auburn hair. She wore a black leather jacket.

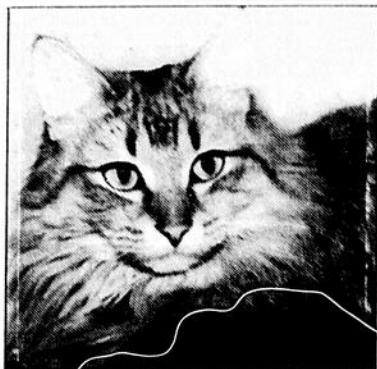
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The four new public members of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital board are Clarence Bayne, Phyllis Bailey, Gilberte Wasylciw and Allan Singer, according to hospital executive director Christine Garcia. The delay in announcing the results was originally caused by a recount that was called to break the tie in fourth place.

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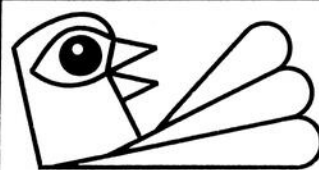
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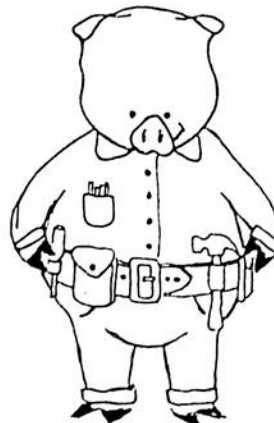
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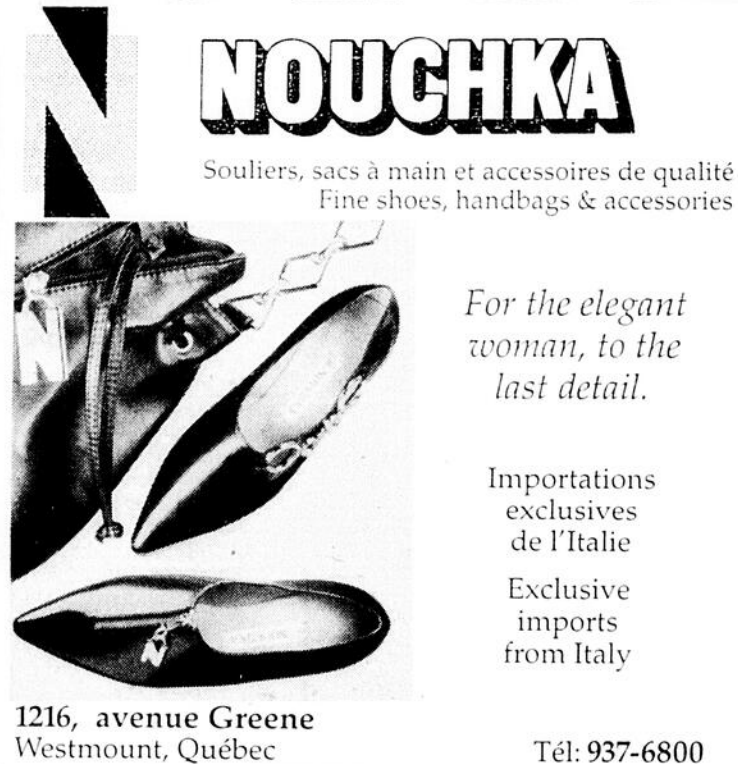
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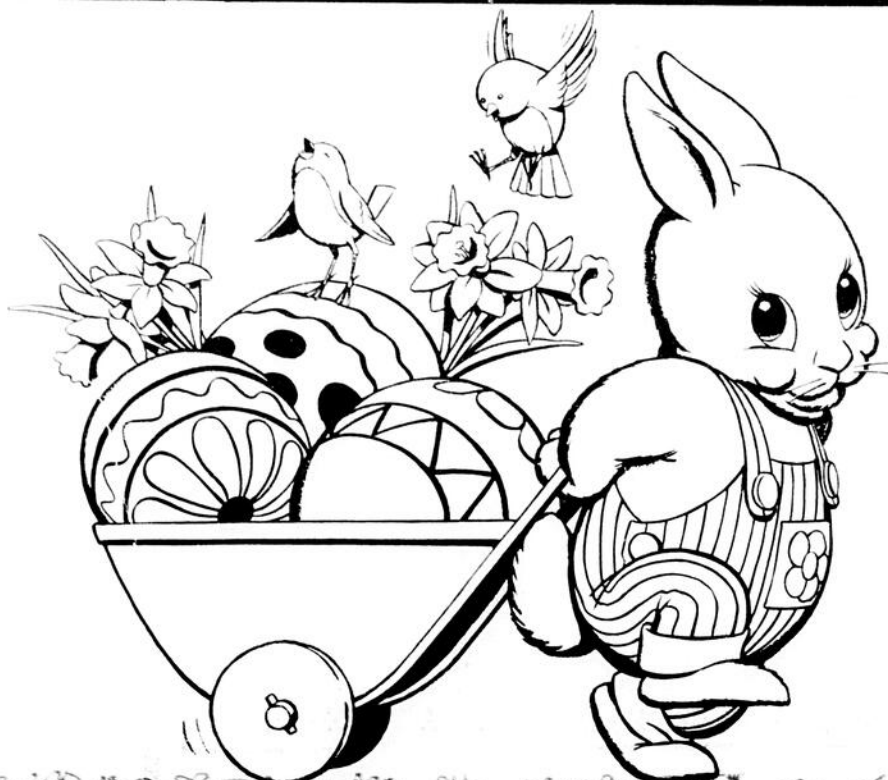
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Dressed up for Purim



These two youngsters were all dressed up and dancing at the Shaar Hashomayim Foundation School Purim party held Thursday last week. One child now attending is third-generation Foundation School. Next year, the school will start accepting younger children to help boost enrolment. Instead of starting at age 2½, the school will accept two-year-olds. Purim, celebrated with dances, songs and treats to eat, is a story of courage and self-respect.

Oral history of William Gittes published for free by Temple

The Precious Legacy of Leadership, an oral history of William Gittes, has been published. The transcript includes remembrances and stories that illustrate Mr. Gittes' lifetime of service and commitment to Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom and Montreal's Jewish and general community.

Prof. David Weiss recorded and edited the work, published through the generosity of his children, and which is available at no charge from the Temple office, 4100 Sherbrooke St. West.

Temple Rabbi Leigh Lerner wrote

St A-D-D financially healthy

Members of the congregation of St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church were congratulated in their bimonthly newsletter this week. Editor Janet MacVicar, among other items, highlighted the fact that the church ended the year 1991 financially healthy, the result of responsible management and strong support by the membership.

Wednesday early morning breakfasts continue at the church until Easter with the study of scriptures led by Rev. Bob Shank. On Sunday he will conduct the service of worship.

an introduction to the work.

Mr. Gittes' career included leadership as a "dollar-a-year man" during the Second World War, Israel Bonds, and an advisory role to leading figures of Canadian Jewry.

Bridge class for starters

The Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Avenue, is offering bridge classes for eight weeks during the Passover and Easter holiday period.

Beginners and those who wish to freshen up on old skills can attend classes starting Wednesday, April 1 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

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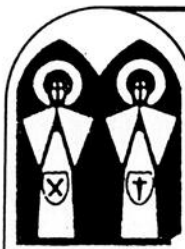
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Yikes! There's a man-eating plant at the Shaar!

By JANET COUTTS

Shaar Hashomayim Players, 13 young people between 13 and 21, will present *The Little Shop of Horrors*, a musical based on the cult B film classic.

The young players are directed by Kim Hardt, a Concordia drama in education graduate, with musical direction by Christopher Smith, who is doing the musical co-ordination and orchestration for *Rough Crossing* at Centaur.

In real life, Ms. Hardt works as stage manager at La Diligence and teaches drama to disadvantaged youth — in an alternative high school and as a therapeutic tool for disturbed adolescents in a hospital setting.

"There is quite the difference here, and that difference is motivation. I found in the process that my directing style varies with each kid. Some have never been on stage before, and the idea of a character feeling something is foreign to them. With others, who are experienced, I can say, 'I didn't see that transition' or 'What's the motivation?' and they respond. I do major gear changing, and it's a lot of fun."

Among the youngsters who have performed for the Shaar previously are Noah Tarnow, who plays Mushnik, and Tamara Segall, one of the Ronettes. In fact, other members of the Segall family are involved. Sister Laura is the dance captain and mother Leah makes costumes.

"She's wonderful," says Ms. Hardt. "No matter what part her daughters have, she is there every night."

Mr. Smith's musical credentials are lengthy; suffice it to say the youngsters are lucky to have him. He



Seymour and Audrey get all dreamy-eyed as they sing about the possibilities out in the bigger world beyond their rough and grimy neighbourhood.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

is using a professional orchestra and stock arrangements for the music, so his main job has been to teach the 13 cast members to sing the music.

"We had three rehearsals before Christmas," he says, "and we started right in again after New Year's, which means more than three months of rehearsal, which is not an excessive amount of time. But all of them are enthusiastic and quick learners."

Choreography is by Amanda Milion, founder of Demeter Theatre. Mr. Smith recalls that they first

worked together in a 1977 production of *Finnian's Rainbow* for Beckett Players when they were teenagers. He was assistant musical director and she was in the chorus.

"Wait a minute," those who know the musical are saying to themselves. "The Broadway cast didn't have 13 actors." Well, no. But the Broadway show double-cast some of the actors, and there were only three Ronettes. In this production, no one is double-cast and there is an extra Ronette and some street people who act as a chorus.

Among the Westmounters in the cast are two best friends, Paul Rother, who plays Seymour, and Raphael Borens, who plays the plant.

"Theatre is my life," says Mr. Rother, 19. "I love it." Born in England, Mr. Rother came to Westmount with his family when he was nine. The Concordia student can't remember how often he has appeared on stage, but the first time in Canada was probably a Westmount production with Beverley Adams-Coskun. Since then he has been in shows at Lower Canada College, *Guys and Dolls* at Royal West Academy, at the Quebec Drama Festival for Westmount High School, Chapel Hill in Boston, other shows at the Shaar, in plays directed by Victor Garroway at Marianopolis College. His most recent venture on to the stage was at the Montreal Fringe Festival.

"I didn't want to be Seymour," he says. "I wanted to be the dentist. But now I'm glad. I get a chance to play with the character. In my opinion, Seymour goes off the edge. I think most performers in musicals don't pay enough attention to character. I try to carry the character into all my songs, and stay in character."

He tends to babble when he talks

about Mr. Smith. "The most wonderful, incredible, wonderful guy... with energy and knowledge... one of the best musical directors I've ever had... the way he can explain it to kids... he uses funny analogies, stuff they can understand."

Mr. Borens is nearly as enthusiastic about Ms. Hardt. "Kim is really good to work with. It's going to be a really good show."

Mr. Borens is less definite about his career plans, but not about this show. "In other shows, one person did the voice and another did the puppeteering. I convinced the production crew I could do both. They told me it would be impossible, but I proved them wrong. Kim saw a video of the New Brunswick show and she said if I saw it I would laugh at what they did with the plant. And that's a professional company."

Mr. Borens will turn 20 inside the plant on Sunday evening. "It's like a rebirth," he says.

Little Shop of Horrors has only three public performances: Saturday, March 28, at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 29, at 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$5 for students and seniors and can be reserved by calling 937-9475. Performances are at Metcalfe Hall, 425 Metcalfe Ave.

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Bunnyman returns to Y to solicit cuddlies

By J. MARION FEINBERG

It's hard to take a guy seriously when he has one eyelid painted yellow and the other painted blue.

But somehow when Pierre Méthot describes the horrible bruises he has seen on a little two-year-old's arms, it suddenly doesn't seem that strange that he would don an Easter bunny suit to collect stuffed animals for women's shelters.

Mr. Méthot usually works out of the Guy Favreau YMCA as a community projects co-ordinator but this is the second annual stuffed animal collection going on at the Westmount Y until April 16.

"Children who experience or have lived through traumatizing situations often remain in a state of shock or feel very insecure," said Mr. Méthot. "A cuddly friend could offer them a certain sense of security."

The YMCA is not only a sports centre but is also a community organization committed to the principles of mutual aid, according to Westmount Y executive director Toni Braide. Last year's effort netted more than 1,000 cuddlies which were bagged and delivered to five local women's shelters that take children and a home for unwed mothers.

"The response was overwhelming. Everyone was so thrilled," she said. "When the mothers and children have to leave the home they will often leave without their stuff. When a new child comes into the shelter, they are given a toy to hug and cuddle and to help them feel welcome in a strange place."

Mr. Méthot says he has worked with children from disadvantaged neighbourhoods for many years. Since he comes from a poor area himself, he is sadly familiar with children who are deprived of affection, let alone toys.

"I've seen kids hesitantly touch the toy they are being offered and look up to see if it's okay," he said. "They can't believe they get to keep it and often need reassurance that they actually can have it."

Pre-schoolers and their parents are welcome to meet the bunnyman at the Westmount Y on March 31. They are encouraged to bring a new stuffed toy or a washed used one. Anyone who submits a receipt for the purchase of a new stuffed animal will be issued a receipt for income-tax purposes (minimum \$10). Contact the reception desk at the Westmount Y for details.



Four-year-old Côte St. Antoine Road resident Sharmila Narwani confidently assures bunnyman Pierre Méthot that the next time she comes to the Westmount Y she will bring a stuffed animal to contribute to the cause.

Learn to make your own bunnies

Anyone who has ever dreamed of making their own chocolate Easter bunnies will not want to miss the chance to learn Friday, April 3.

Given by cooking teacher Doris Purcell, the one-day workshop will take local sweet-lovers through the delicious paces of Easter egg and bunny-making. Ms. Purcell will also touch on other flavoured treats for events like birthdays and Christmas.

The sweet-toothed ones will meet in the Victoria Hall kitchen at 1 p.m. bringing along an apron. The cost for the sugar extravaganza will be \$15 with materials and molds included in the price.

The decadent workshop is open to adults. Those interested in learning to create their own dreamy delights should call Beverly Adams-Coskun at 935-8531, local 320, to register.

Annual meeting of Maimonides

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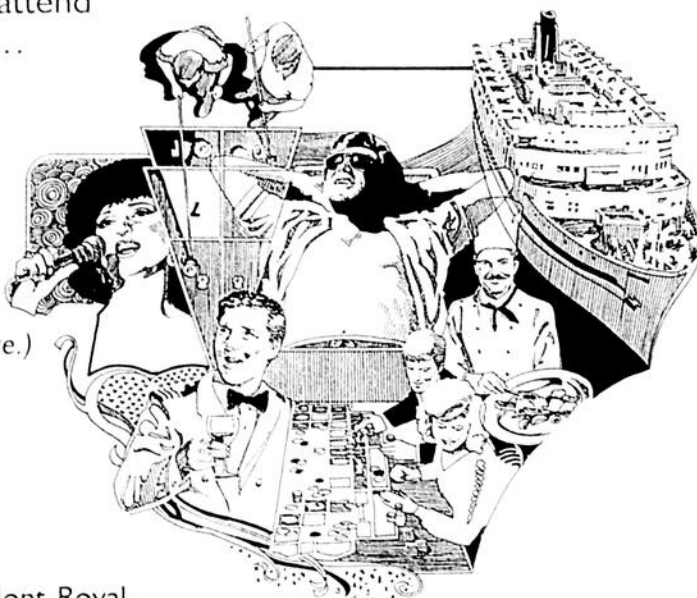
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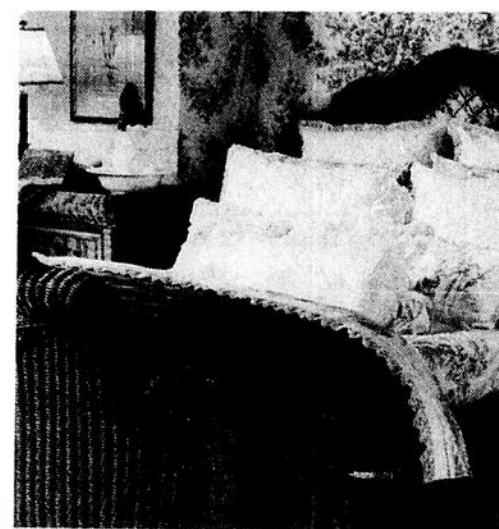
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Novelist and playwright Maillet chosen as inaugural ECS speaker

Antonine Maillet, BA, MA, LID, PhD, Companion of the Order of Canada, will give the Molly Fripp Lecture at ECS on April 2 at 1:30 p.m.

This is the first of a lecture series created in the spring of 1991 to acknowledge Ms. Fripp's decade as headmistress.

Dr. Maillet, often affectionately called a national treasure, is renowned around the world as a novelist, playwright and teacher. She was born in Bouctouche, N.B., and educated in that province and in Quebec. She has taught at colleges and universities in New Brunswick and Quebec.

La Sagouine, her first successful novel, has been adapted for theatre

and performed in both French and English. A novel written the following year, *Don l'Original*, won a Governor General's Award. *Pélagie-la-Charette* won the first Prix Goncourt ever to be awarded to a non-French citizen. The novel sold more than a million copies in France. Many of her works have been translated into English.

In addition to her novels that she adapted for stage, Dr. Maillet has written a number of plays.

Dr. Maillet has received 23 honorary degrees and many honours, including Grande Montréalaise in 1991. She has dominated Acadian literature, and there is a street in Outremont bearing her name.

Marianopolis to host science fair, art fest

Marianopolis College, 3880 Côte des Neiges Rd., will be a hotbed of activity toward the end of the month.

The college is hosting the Montreal Regional Science Fair from March 29 to 31, and it overlaps on March 31 with the school's annual arts festival.

Twenty-five high schools, with a total of 150 projects, will take part in the science fair, including St. George's, Selwyn House, ECS and Centennial.

This is one of four regional science fairs in the province; winners will go on to the Pan-Québécoise fair and the

winners there will advance to the Canadian Science Fair.

The science fair is open to the public Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m., Monday from 2:30 to 6 p.m. and Tuesday from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

The arts festival is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday. It gets under way with films on Montreal artists Bourgeois, Borduas, Tremblay, Pellon, Aquin and Borenstein in room 119. An art exhibit is in the first-floor corridor.

Other highlights are a clay table, a musical interlude from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., a slide presentation of the Victoria Bridge, the launching of an arts journal with readings in the Arts Café.

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Guest speaker is John J. Pepper, QC.

Tickets are \$35 for those who graduated before 1982, \$25 for everyone else. They are available by calling 499-9543 or 481-8421.

COMING EVENTS ÉVÉNEMENTS

Presentation

Canadian Cultural Programmes, Canadian Architecture Division. Professor Ricardo L. Castro will give a slide-illustrated presentation upon an Overview of Architectural Styles Past and Present. Special Focus on Montreal. Monday, March 30 at 1:30 p.m. National Film Board Theatre, Guy Favreau Complex, 200 René Lévesque Blvd. West, Place d'Armes Metro. Information: 937-7937. Admission Free.

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Na'amat Montreal invites the community to their Annual Casino Party, Saturday, April 4, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. This elegant event will take place at the Shaare Zion Synagogue, 5575 Cote St. Luc Road and will feature gaming tables, cocktails and dancing. All proceeds from this affair will be directed to the care of children in Na'amat Centres throughout Israel. For advance ticket sales call 484-0252.

Annual General Meeting

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Westmount council will not participate in pension plan

Westmount is one of only three municipalities in the Montreal Urban Community whose mayor and councillors have flatly rejected the concept of belonging to the Quebec pension plan for elected municipal officials, Mayor Peter Trent said recently.

He said city council decided Monday at its general committee meeting to maintain the previous council's policy of opting out of the pension plan for a taxpayers' savings of at least \$16,000 a year.

As a result, Westmount elected officials will not earn pensions for their municipal work.

Hampstead and Île Bizard are the only other two of the MUC's 28 communities which have adopted the abstaining policy. In Roxboro, the mayor participates but not councillors.

Westmount's finance and administration committee decided at its Feb 3 meeting "to recommend that Westmount retain the status quo," to the general committee of council, Mr. Trent said.

The pension plan is set up by the province so that even past mayors and council members who have served a minimum of two years can obtain pension benefits, Mr. Trent said disapprovingly.

Each participating municipality contributes to the plan at a rate of 16 percent of its yearly payout to elected officials, he explains. This amount means the city pays \$3 for every \$1 paid by the individual.

This amounts to a sizeable payout in municipalities where council members have voted themselves salaries at the top end of the allowable scale.

Westmount council, in keeping with its time-honored policy that council work is a community service, accepts salaries at the lower end. The mayor receives \$30,492 yearly. Each councillor gets one-third, or \$10,164.

"On top of that, the mayors get an extra kick of the can from the MUC, which also pays into the plan for every mayor participating in the plan. That's another reason why our MUC costs are so high," Mr. Trent said.

On his first MUC paycheque, he said, he discovered he had had his pension contribution deducted even though he doesn't participate. "The point I'm making is that it's so common, they just do it automatically."

He said he's put them right on the matter that Westmount doesn't participate so doesn't expect the mistake to be repeated. The mayor gets \$5,678 a year for sitting on MUC council.

Where were they going?



The following calls were answered by the Westmount Fire Brigade during the past week:

March 17

7:18 a.m.: 735 Upper Belmont, for odour of smoke in pantry, none found;
8:25 a.m.: 215 Redfern, Reader's Digest, first responder unit for medical assistance to injured woman;
9:46 a.m.: 250 Clarke, first responder unit for medical assistance;
12:38 p.m.: 102 Sunnyside, smoke detector accidentally activated by workers sanding;
1:18 p.m.: 689 Grosvenor, alarm activated by heat gun used to strip paint from window sill;
2:06 p.m.: 6 Sunnyside, alarm activated by coffee maker placed beneath heat detector;
3:47 p.m.: 4887 Sherbrooke, haze traced to renovation work next door;
7:18 p.m.: 245 Clarke, broken underground water pipe;
11:12 p.m.: 3169 St. Antoine, fire in triplex (see story page 8);

March 18

6:11 a.m.: 376 Victoria, code 2 automatic

mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 6:33 a.m., defective coil on furnace heat exchanger;
11:24 a.m.: 4350 St. Catherine, Westmount High, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11:29 a.m., for fire alarm ringing;
11:49 a.m.: Front of 4469 St. Catherine, gas leak (see story page 3);
3:29 p.m.: 201 Metcalfe, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 3:34 p.m., burning food;
7:47 p.m.: 4675 St. Catherine, arena, first responder unit for 12-year-old boy injured playing hockey;

March 19

2:34 a.m.: 4269 St. Catherine, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 2:57 a.m., defective alarm;
11:27 a.m.: 4350 St. Catherine, Westmount High, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11:33 a.m., defective smoke detector near workshop;
11:41 a.m.: 376 Victoria, fire alarm accidentally activated during repairs;
1:15 p.m.: 4350 St. Catherine, Westmount High, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 1:15 p.m., defective alarm;
2:00 p.m.: 4350 St. Catherine, Westmount High, defective alarm;
6:56 p.m.: 633 Lansdowne, electrical problems caused by water leak;
7:59 p.m.: 7460 Kingsley, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 8:12 p.m.;

March 20

2:32 a.m.: 4998 de Maisonneuve, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:58 a.m., defective alarm;

10:30 a.m.: 4350 St. Catherine, Westmount High, defective alarm;
1:55 p.m.: 417 Roslyn, water leak in basement from burst garden hose pipe;
7:59 p.m.: 4913 de Maisonneuve, burglar alarm;

March 21

1:29 a.m.: 807 Upper Lansdowne, defective detector in basement hallway;
1:59 p.m.: 807 Upper Lansdowne, defective alarm;
7:47 p.m.: 50 St. Sulpice, electrical circuit tripped by defective hot plate;
9:50 p.m.: 1 de Casson, detector activated by dust from workers sanding;
11:57 p.m.: 348 Kensington, first responder unit for medical assistance;

March 22

2:53 a.m.: Area of 4300 de Maisonneuve, strange odour, unable to locate;
3:31 p.m.: 71 Stayner, sound of rushing water, underground water leak;
4:38 p.m.: Outside 1304 Greene, first responder unit for medical assistance to intoxicated man;

March 23

1:32 a.m.: 5690 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled;
7:55 a.m.: 4300 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;
1:42 p.m.: 4465 Sherbrooke, smell of smoke, doctor using molding oven in lab;
2:01 p.m.: 5900 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled;
3:30 p.m.: 100 Hillside, first responder unit for medical assistance, not required;
5:55 p.m.: 3125 St. Antoine, defective gas heater;
8:02 p.m.: 365 Metcalfe, alarm activated by dust from worker sanding plaster.

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In springtime

Spring is here. It makes me very happy because the weather's going to be warm. I can start riding my bicycle and play with my skipping rope and things in the schoolyard.

I'm not going to have to dress up warmly to keep me from getting a cold. I'm going to be able to go around walking in the park.

The flowers are going to start blooming and the trees are going to start growing leaves. The sun's going to start shining more and the snow is going to melt. I'm going to start going outside more and there's going to be spring cleaning and I might find things I've been looking for for a long time. I'm glad spring is here.

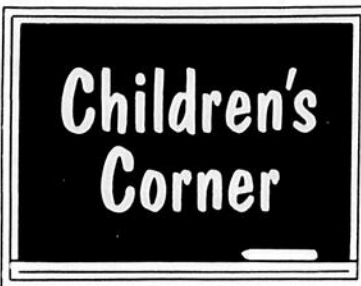
Simla Borki
Grade 4

Spring is my favourite time of the year because we can stop wearing coats. I can fly my kite and play in the park. My mom and I will have a nice time planting flowers and trees.

Birds will start flying north, our family can go to the Mount Royal park to picnic and my brother and I can feed peanuts to squirrels. Our family has spring cleaning and after our house will look nicer and neater, therefore we will find things easier.

In the spring I can play with my dog because it's warmer and I can spend more time outside. In the spring, the sun will start shining more.

Su Nonnan
Grade 4



These thoughts on spring are by students at Roslyn School. Next week, look for classwork by students at The Study.

The Bumble Bee

(This poem that you may sing, takes place in the late spring.)
There once was a bear called Larry,
Who ate for lunch one cherry,
he once knew a bee,
that lived in a tree.
And Larry stole some honey,
and as you see,
the bumble bee
stung him and,
shook his hand,
and gave him a flea.
Larry itched, and scratched and learned his lesson:
Don't mess with a bee or he'll start messin'

David Goodman
Grade 4

Thoughts on spring

Spring is here, finally we can do what we looked forward to from winter. One thing that I like is wearing lighter clothes and there are many more exciting things like how about bike riding and walking in the park without stepping in snow. The swings come out, birds chirp and squirrels come out, and everybody's happy!

Aaron Sheffren
Grade 5

Spring is the best time of year. Even though it may rain a lot you know that it is melting away the snow and soon flowers will be growing. You also know that soon you will be waking up to birds' chirping. If it's a nice day you could go bicycling.

The best thing about spring is that you could stop wearing your snow-suit and start wearing lighter clothes. Instead of drinking hot chocolate you will start drinking lemonade.

Caroline Akacherian
Grade 5

Now it's spring so we can start going outside but in Australia it is always like spring time. Right throughout the seasons the weather stays warm and you can go outside all year round. Spring is one of the nicest seasons of the year. The flowers start blooming and the trees grow back their leaves.

In spring you can go outside and play, you ride your bike and go for walks. There is a lot of interesting things you can do.

Andrew De Thame
Grade 5

Spring is here. I like it because of the colorful flowers and trees. Nature will be reborn. I like to go out to be close to nature and play. I will also walk my dog. I can play more when the weather is warm. I like spring also, because the sun shines more than in wintertime. Also I can put flowers on the balcony. Spring is my favourite time.

Diana Nov
Grade 4

Spring is great fun, I get to start riding my bike, my birthday comes soon, I can start playing baseball. However, there are some things I don't like such as the snow melts and makes a big mess, the hockey season ends and winter goes, which is my favorite season, but I am really glad that warm weather is coming.

Ross MacDougall
Grade 4

Spring is green grass and flower buds. It's the birth of many plants. In late spring my mother plants her garden. I too have a small one, in which I plant only carrots. I like spring and spring is nice. I like spring because it's so green. Green is my favourite colour. In spring I go to the park and play and have fun. Spring is the end of winter. I like winter but all in all at the end I like spring.

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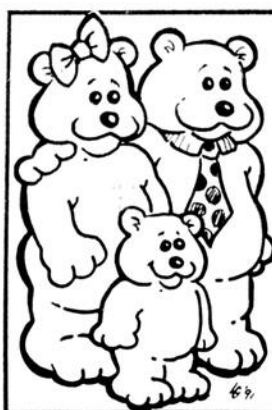
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Rangers wrap up finals with win over Red Wings

By RICHARD VALDMANIS

In a senior A final hockey game Friday, the Rangers beat the Red Wings at a score of 3-1 in an impressive display of offensive prowess.

The first period began explosively as the Rangers attacked with a series of shots and dekes. These rushes paid off within the first five minutes of play when Dave Margo scored on a shot from the hash marks.

This goal triggered a Red Wings retaliation that increased in power as the period developed. After a combination of breakaways and brilliant passing play, Brian Lancaster of the Red Wings scored a wily goal on an unsuspecting Peter Turkstra at less than five minutes remaining in the period.

The second period revealed a fantastic goalie rivalry between Red Wings Doug Glance and Rangers

Turkstra. Despite the increasing strength of offensive attacks by both teams, both goalies stifled all attempts throughout the period.

The final period began slowly with a turning of the tide as the Red Wings' Lancaster succeeded in scoring his second goal on a scramble early in the period. This momentum carried them through to yet another goal by Alain Monty, who scored at around six minutes remaining.

After a few scoring attempts by teammates, with this comfortable two-goal lead, the Red Wings began to concentrate on their defense. The Rangers were struggling for an opportunity to score as the period came to an end, but were unable to penetrate the Red Wings' defensive wall, leaving the score at 3-1 and the championship to the Red Wings.



This winning goal was a hard-fought one. After a 0-0 score for much of the game, the MBAs and CAs did some fast scoring and went into overtime at 2-2. The MBAs proved stronger, however, and ended the game 3-2.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

Tough U.S. rugby teams tackle Westmount in D.C.

For the second time ever, the Westmount Rugby Football Club travelled to Washington, D.C., for the Irish RFC St Patrick's Day tournament. The competition included 63 other sides from across North America.

Westmount's first opponent was Windover of New York, one of the top sides in the tournament. The game began with a few costly mistakes by Westmount that kept them fighting to prevent a Windover score early on.

By half time, Windover was up 6-0 on the strength of its penalty kicker. In the second half, the size and power of the Americans began to wear Westmount down. Injuries took their toll. Hooker Jim McLean was bent into a pretzel several times. The game ended 18-0. Westmount played well but couldn't get the ball to the backs enough, a clear sign of rusty forwards.

Later a demoralized Westmount side played another powerhouse, Montgomery. Westmount might have won but for six penalties to Adam Cutler alone which turned the ball over and kept Montgomery in the game. The penalties were based on positioning due to constant attacking by Westmount. Montgomery

kicked several penalty points to take a small lead in the second half.

Showing no signs of giving up, Westmount scored late in the second half on a nice overlap assault from Vanya Levy to Dave Eckenberg to allow Mich Pannet-Raymond to score under the post. Missed tackles resulted in the only score by Montgomery with no time remaining. The game ended 13-6, a discouraging loss for Westmount.

The final match for Westmount was against Rocky Gorge of Philadelphia. Everyone was a little sore, tired and discouraged from the previous defeats. Cutler scored early when he blocked a kick and picked up the ball to run 23 metres for the score. Mike Cozens kicked the extra point to put Westmount ahead 6-0. Rocky Gorge tied the game with a couple of penalty kicks before the half. In the second half, Westmount allowed Rocky Gorge to score late in the game to finish off the tournament with another loss.

The club has vowed to avenge itself next year.

Indoor practice continues in preparation for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in joining the team should call 932-3246.

MBAs chart way to win over CAs

By RICHARD VALDMANIS

The MBAs beat the CAs 3-2 in overtime Monday in an executive final hockey game. The sudden-death game was a struggle from start to finish.

The first period appeared to be dominated by the MBAs who kept CA goalie Ron Cohen and defenceman Bill Marsden busy with numerous shots and rushes by Marc Brillon and Fred Greenberg.

The CAs didn't take these persistent attacks sitting down, however. On several occasions, Claude Bismuth, David Birnbaum and Michael Goldbloom returned their attacks on the MBAs. But the MBA defence seemed flawless, leaving the period at 0-0.

The second period exceeded the first in excitement as both teams revealed their anxiety and enthu-

siasm through the developing plays. Near the middle of the period, referee Peter Wallace stringently supervised the game, sending rule violators to the penalty box almost every second play without flinching at the players' vehement rebukes. Despite the occasional power play, neither team succeeded in scoring the game's first goal.

The third period began with a quick exchange of goals by the MBAs' Glen Sinibert and the CAs' Jonathan Goldbloom respectively. The goals were a reflection of the two exhausted defences and this was further confirmed when CA Michael Goldbloom scored with ease on a power play later in the period.

The clock was ticking and the MBAs turned it up a notch, realizing their almost certain fate, however, luck was on their side when, with just over a minute remaining, Greenberg scored with withering backhand that apparently caught the CAs by surprise. This goal tied up the score and sent the game into overtime.

During overtime the MBAs maintained pressure with a steady stream of shots. However, goalie Cohen played masterfully, using outrageous kick shots and stick checks to keep the puck clear of his net. But just when it seemed that there would have to be a double overtime, the MBAs' John Rae initiated a terrific passing play that sent the CAs off balance and allowed Greenberg to stuff the puck in the net and win his team the championship.

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27 homes sold in December, but average markup takes dive



604 CARLETON
Highest price sale in December, based on transfer tax paid, \$850,000.

By J. MARION FEINBERG

While more Westmount homes were sold in December 1991 than in either December 1989 or 1990, the average markup of price over the MUC valuation was down dramatically, an EXAMINER analysis of property transfers registered at city hall indicates.

The average markup was down by almost half, at 14 percent compared to last year's markup of almost 28 percent. This means if your house was evaluated at \$350,000 it might have sold for \$448,000 last year and only \$399,000 in December 1991. If the two highest and lowest markups are removed, the adjusted average markup is 12.8 percent, a drop of 5.4 percentage points when compared with the November figure.

Twenty-seven homes were sold in December 1991, which is up slightly from the month before. But when comparing the total price of sales in December 1991, \$9,905,627, with the total in December 1989 of \$8,727,000 for only 13 properties, it becomes evident that the realty market has taken a beating and prices are softer because of it.

Other figures show the rise in the adjusted average price of homes was not that dramatic. The adjusted average price for the December 1991 transfers was \$351,484 which is up incrementally by \$8,394 from the month before. It represents, however, an increase of \$24,018 over December 1990.

Total price and total valuations dropped slightly when compared to the previous month, as did the typical price of a Westmount home sold in December 1991 at \$429,549 compared with \$450,079 last month. The typical price is down by \$52,434 or 12 percent when compared to December 1990's figure.

The typical house price is calculated by applying the adjusted average markup to the average Westmount house valuation on the roll. The city calculates the 1989-91 valuation of single-family homes in Westmount as \$380,939.

DECEMBER HOUSE SALES

Following is a summary of sales of single- and two-family houses in Westmount registered in December 1991, with corresponding figures for December 1990 in parentheses. Transfers of properties due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are commercial and industrial properties:

- Total sales: 27 (19)
- Total price: \$9,905,627 (\$7,503,022)
- Total evaluation (1989-91 roll): \$8,691,200 (\$5,877,800)
- Markup of average price over average evaluation: 14% (27.6%)
- Markup of average price over average evaluation (adjusted*): 12.8% (28.1%)
- Typical price based on adjusted mark-up of typical evaluation**:
- Average price for month's transfers (adjusted*): \$351,484 (\$327,466)

*To counteract the statistical effect of extreme sales, the two highest and two lowest markups or prices are eliminated from the calculations.

**The City of Westmount calculates the average 1989-91 valuation of single-family homes in Westmount as \$380,939. The typical price is determined by applying the adjusted average markup to this average valuation.

Highest price

The highest-price sale of the month is found at **604 Carleton**, which went for \$1 and considerations, with transfer tax paid on \$850,000, which represents a 41.9 percent increase over its MUC valuation listed at \$599,100.

The lowest price in December was \$149,000 for **4608 St. Catherine**.

Two condos were sold in December for a total price of \$581,600. One of the two, which are both located at **4700 St. Catherine**, sold for \$275,000, a markup of 34 percent over its MUC valuation.

Two of the December house sales had been previously sold in the past two years. **348 Kensington** sold for \$415,000 in July 1991 and for \$45,000 less in December. **466 Mount Stephen** went for \$425,000 in February 1990 but was sold in December for \$1 and considerations, with transfer tax paid on \$397,000.

December details

Following are the details of Westmount's December property sales, in alphabetical order by street address:

512 Argyle: from Succession Judy Naiman Magill to Donald Mofford and Debbie Lee Zemnickis, sale price \$225,000 (MUC 1989-

91 evaluation \$251,300);
108 Arlington: from Sheila Ellen Finkles-tein to Janet Ward, \$460,000 (\$389,600);
604 Carleton: from John Williamson McGill to James L. Alexander and Alisa G. Blatt, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$850,000 (\$599,100);
403 Clarke: from SSF Holdings Inc. to Arthur Swift, \$525,000 (\$461,000);
12 de Casson: from 111290 Canada Inc. to John Hurley and Veronica Noble, \$335,000 (\$344,300);
4458 de Maisonneuve: from Dalia Meilus and Angele Dubeau and Mario Labbé, \$300,000 (\$262,200);
337 Elm: from Roman Isganaitis, Louise Scott and Amy Yamamoto to Stella Mourgi, \$240,000 (\$249,400);
466-68 Grosvenor: from Erika Stadelmaier and Marlene Stadelmaier to Jean Denis Verreault, \$237,500 (\$199,500);
9 Ingleside: from Yves Lemay and Lisa Ferreira to Patrick Vetter and Helen Yee, \$187,500 (\$150,700);
330 Kensington: from Michael Wiener to Johanne Perusse and Pierre Andre Themens, \$635,000 (\$486,900);
348 Kensington: from Royal LePage Real Estate Service Ltd. to Harry Halton, \$370,000 (\$286,200);
520 Lansdowne: from Krisi Kudrnac and Sharon Greenfield to Sharon Katsof, \$487,500 (\$491,100);
652 Lansdowne: from Bernard Robert Benson to Janice Camlot, \$355,000 (\$352,100);
365 Metcalfe: from Clelia Palomba, Giovanna Delitala and Esmeralda Baicalupa to Jacques Fournier and Victoria Koronowski, \$475,000 (\$449,200);
432-30 Mount Stephen: from Mary Vlahakis to Eamonn B. McConnell, \$305,000 (\$326,500);
466 Mount Stephen: from James Rusnak and Ann McMahon, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$397,000 (\$240,200);
551 Prince Albert: from Julienne Georges to Daniale Jarry and George Mihalka, \$225,000 (\$201,900);
22 Renfrew: from Lorna Mendelsohn to Linda Goldenberg, \$440,000 (\$413,400);
377 Roslyn: from Joseph Frederic Beaubien to James Rusnak and Ann McMahon, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$287,128 (\$238,600);
4608 St. Catherine: from Maurice Poggi to Anderson Design Inc., \$149,000 (\$125,600);
4700 St. Catherine (condo 310): from Steward Bacon to Jack Kincaid, \$275,000 (\$181,400);
4700 St. Catherine (condo 513): from Ahlam Al Himdani to Buchr I. Pacha, \$306,600 (\$258,900);
481 Strathecona: from Shirley Bloch to Joel Segal and Eileen Ramos, \$290,000 (\$279,100);
4732 The Boulevard: from Kenneth G. Sawyer and Shirley Snider to Paul Belliveau and Jose Letourneau, \$405,000 (\$431,100);
736 Upper Belmont: from Jean-Pierre Peron and Danielle Potel Doyle to Clément Gendreau and Myriam Legault, \$390,000 (\$381,700);
463-65 Victoria: from Jean Schere to Jean-Paul Schuller, Carol Elizabeth Jackman and Franz Schuller, \$405,000 (\$370,400);
467 Victoria: from Jean-Paul Schuller, Carol Elizabeth Jackman and Franz Schuller to Donald Bennett and Marion Williston, \$280,000 (\$212,500);
4338 Westmount: from Germaine Montpetit to Wayne Firestone and Leslie Belmont, \$350,000 (\$320,900);
23 Willow: from Ruth Edith Margo to Stephen Gregory, \$300,000 (\$176,700).

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