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Johnston's resignation leaves opening:

Potential candidates surfacing for local Liberal nomination

By CHARLES MAPPIN

With Donald Johnston's annoucement earlier Monday that after 10 years as Westmount's member of Parliament he will not seek re-election in the next federal vote, local Liberals are preparing for a nomination battle which many expect will see a new candidate chosen in September.

Liberal riding association vice-president Jan Davis says the nomination vote probably will not come before the end of summer.

"In early September, if a fall election is called," Mr Davis predicts.

He foresees quite a fight for the position and knows of "several people within the association" who have expressed an interest in it.

Possible candidates

Two people already appear ready to jump into the race and told THE EXAMINER they were considering running.

Laurier MP David Berger, whose riding will be eliminated in the next election because of redistribution, said he is "interested" in seeking the St Henri-Westmount nomination.

Mr Berger believes he could get "substantial support" if he were to run here and he expects to make an announcement within two weeks.

"I want to run again; I need a riding; and St Henri-Westmount is available now," Mr Berger said. "I want to speak with a number of people in the riding and then I'll announce my decision."

After riding redistribution, about 3,000 residents of the former Laurier riding will fall into St Henri-Westmount, he added.

Like Mr Johnston, Mr Berger voted against the Meech Lake accord in the House of Commons two weeks

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BEATING THE HEAT IN WESTMOUNT: When the heat finally hit this week, these Westmounters knew how to spell "relief" — P-O-O-L. THE EXAMINER's roving photographer caught these lucky people cooling their heels...and hands, knees, elbows, tums, necks... *Photo by VALERIE TETLEY*

Mayor questions quantity of bumph handled in council

ONE of the fluffier issues unrolled at Monday's council meeting was approval of the purchase of 100 cases of toilet paper rolls for city use.

"This is the second time since I've been mayor we've purchased so much toilet paper. Do they have crossword puzzles on them?" May Cutler said when the issue came up.

Councillor Phillip Aspinall responded by saying only, "I shall bite my tongue."

After council voted unanimously to purchase the toilet paper, together with 200 cases of paper towels, from Wyant and Company for $7,681.43, tax included, Mayor Cutler remarked, "Who can be against toilet paper!"

The last word on the issue came from Mr Aspinall who said, under his breath, "That's one of the things we do well here."

Summer doldrums hit city council session

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Summer doldrums descended on city council Monday night when a shorter than usual agenda was presented for the July meeting and citizens brought few new issues to question period.

Among requests that generated lengthy discussion were a call for additional recycling depots and a monitoring of Château Westmount Square façade work.

The basically housekeeping session was livened by the unveiling of the newest mayoral portrait, the purchase of more toilet paper, the presentation of a cheque to Arts Westmount and proposed renewal of adult tennis courts next spring (see separate stories).

Council members approved the chilling purchases of salt spreaders, plow tracks and underbody plows to prepare for next winter.

They also sprinkled additional stop signs and no parking restrictions about the city to deal with traffic problems on Belmont crescent, Mountain avenue, Abbott at St Catherine and Hudson at Clarke.

Ironically, one issue that had been hot three years ago, the city's IBM system 38 computer, generated not even a comment when city council members agreed to pay $36,000 to buy the system and upgrades on expiry of the rental lease August 1.

Most citizen concerns centred around requests or questions from previous meetings which they felt had not been followed up, including the following:

• Christiane Van Renesse, 1117 Greene avenue, asked again when the citizens' tenants committee could meet with city officials to discuss a brief submitted two months ago. She was told to expect word in about a month after city director general Peter Patenaude has reported to the next meeting of council in committee.

Mrs van Renesse then asked for a report on the "teensy, weensy black squares" being added to the façade of Château Westmount Square. She also wanted assurance that an elevator near the Greene avenue entry to Westmount Square will not be removed. She was told that the city was trying to protect Westmount Square as a heritage property "at great costs" to the owner.

• Peter Margo, 8 Severn avenue, of the citizens' finance committee, followed up on the issue of comparative municipal spending. He said the group had "bowed" to previous city comments and would make department-to-department rather than per

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Skateboard taken by teen

A 12-year-old boy had his skateboard stolen Monday last week after being pushed to the ground by an older youth near 3 Westmount Square, police said.

The thief was described as a white boy aged about 16, wearing jeans and a black jean jacket. The robbery occurred about 11:35 am while the victim was skateboarding.

Class action wrangling may delay other flood cases

Westmounters who might have launched individual suits against the city in regards to flooding from the torrential rainstorm last July 14, may be faced with further delays if an appeal is launched in the class action case.

Lawyer Michel Green, who is defending the city's insurers, told THE EXAMINER yesterday that dismissal of a petition to launch a class action in Superior Court leaves the matter in limbo.

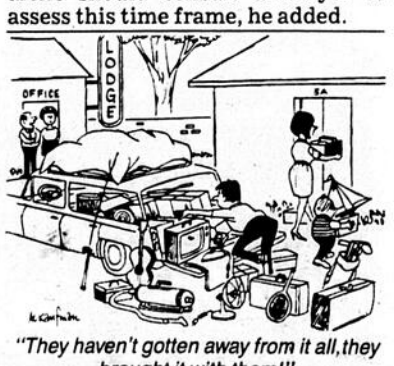
Irwin Liebman, the lawyer who sought permission to take the class action, has stated he would appeal, although he has 30 days in which to do so.

The class action petition against Westmount and 10 other municipalities was heard by Justice André Forget a month ago (see story June 2).

"I was advised by him Monday of the dismissal," Mr Green said.

The decision was based on the judge's opinion that the case did not meet all the criteria needed to launch a class action suit, he explained.

As long as the class action matter is before the courts, the prescription period is suspended, Mr Green said. Anyone planning on proceeding alone should consult a lawyer to assess this time frame, he added.



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Fire and sanitation danger found in elderly woman's home

EMERGENCY crews have been alerted to potential fire and sanitation problems at a house on Roslyn avenue following the transport of an 86-year-old woman to hospital Saturday, police said.

Officers were called to the home south of Sherbrooke street by Urgences Santé personnel who discovered the condition of the house.

Police said the elderly woman, who lives alone, has dogs and birds whose excrement was obvious throughout the home. Newspapers "almost everywhere" were considered to pose fire hazards.

The matter was to be referred for social service help.

Police also reported going to the Westmount fire station on discovery of the problem Saturday to inform officers of the situation.

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CONCERTS IN WESTMOUNT PARK

The Westmount Y.M.C.A., in conjunction with the City of Westmount, is proud to present a series of six Sunday concerts in Westmount Park during the summer of 1988, featuring various groups of local musicians. All concerts will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the lagoon in the park. The schedule of these concerts is as follows:

DATE		GROUP
10th	July	L'Ensemble du Carré St Louis
17th	July	Orealis
24th	July	Trio Ambiance
31st	July	Swing à la Carte Quintet
7th	August	L'Ensemble du Carré St Louis
14th	August	Mount Royal Saxophone Quartet

Admission is free of charge, and all citizens are cordially invited to attend these performances.

In case of rain, the concerts will be held in the concert hall of Victoria Hall.

For further information, please contact the Westmount Y.M.C.A. at 931-8046.

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L'entrée est gratuite et tous les citoyens sont cordialement invités à assister à ces représentations.

En cas de pluie, les concerts se tiendront dans la Salle des concerts du Victoria Hall.

Pour de plus amples renseignements, prière de communiquer avec le Y.M.C.A. de Westmount au 931-8046.

Next Scheduled City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 2, 8 pm

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ago and is unhappy with elements in the agreement. He says, however, that he sees no conflict when it comes to working with other Liberals and party leader John Turner.

"In my case, I can work within caucus. I have been able to do so and would hope to be able to continue to."

Economics professor

University of Montreal economics professor Kimon Valaskakis also has announced he may seek the nomination. "I'm exploring the possibility, but I haven't made any formal decision yet," Mr Valaskakis explained.

The 46-year-old resident of Montreal says he has been approached by a group of people urging him to run.

Mr Valaskakis is founder and president of the Gamma Institute, an international think-tank based in Montreal which has worked on government policy and planning studies.

One person who says he won't be seeking the nomination is Westmount MNA Richard French.

"I don't think so," Mr French said, "although you should never say never in politics. I see my future at the provincial level. I've got a job to do and it's not finished yet. A guy should be smart enough to know when he's happy and he's got an opportunity to participate in an active political discussion."

Mr French was quick to praise Mr Johnston. "I'm sorry he's not going to stay in active politics. I think he was a very distinguished representative for Westmount in the House of Commons.

"In losing Donald Johnston, we're losing an articulate speaker and an excellent politician. And I'm sure any successor will have a very hard time of meeting the standards that Bud Drury (Westmount's MP before Mr Johnston) and Donald Johnston have established," he said.

Members of the Liberal riding association executive said they knew what was coming when Mr Johnston called them to a meeting Monday before making his decision public.

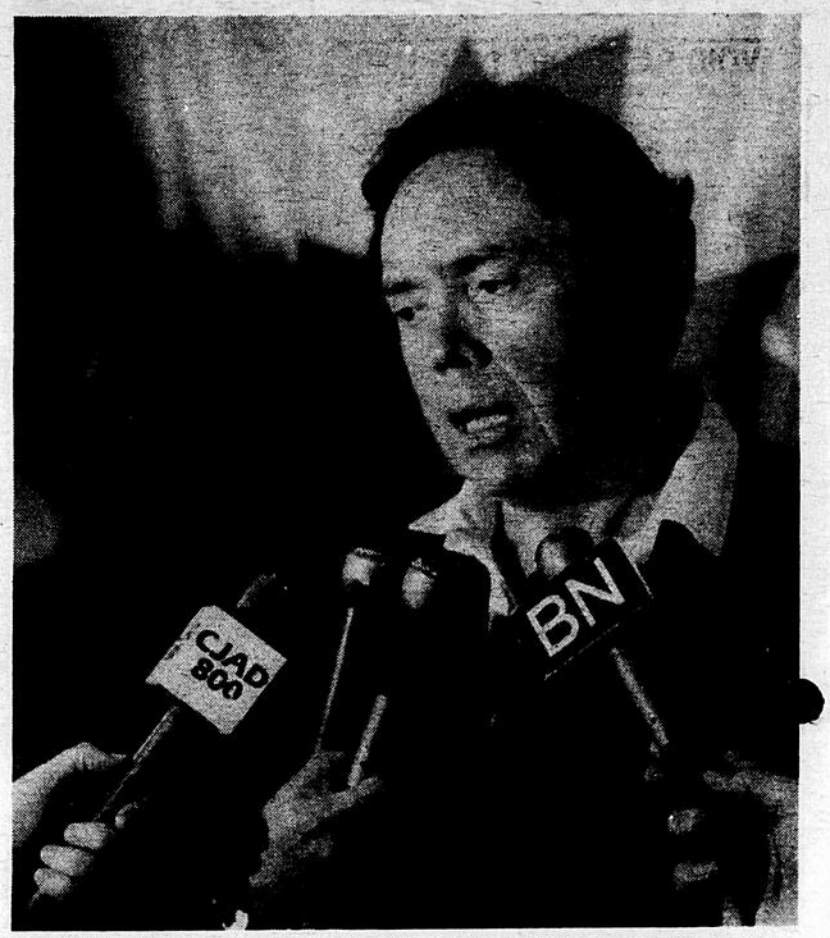
"I was disappointed, but not surprised," Mr Davis said. "We all rather expected it, but we would have preferred it if there could have been a different solution to the problems between Mr Johnston and the Liberal caucus."

Association president Alice Switocz applauded Mr Johnston for his "courageous" stand on Meech Lake and said she is sad to see the departure of such a good politician.

Auto ablaze in Montreal

A Chevrolet station wagon was found totally engulfed in flame Monday morning when Westmount firefighters were called to The Boulevard and Côte des Neiges road for a car fire, officials report.

Montreal firemen were on the scene and handled the fire since it lay outside Westmount. The incident occurred at 8:58 am.



Donald Johnston announcing his decision not to seek re-election to reporters Monday evening.

Donald Johnston announces decision not to run again

"I feel rather sad," Donald Johnston told THE EXAMINER Monday evening after announcing his decision to leave active politics. "Partir c'est mourir un peu." (To leave is to die a little.)

Mr Johnston said he considered the possibility of running as an independent Liberal, "but I didn't think Westmount would be well served by an independent. Our political system doesn't really accommodate independent members.

"I'm not leaving the party. I'm merely saying I'm not going to run in the next election," he added, leaving open the possibility of again seeking the party leadership.

"I felt compelled to make this decision now because the riding association has to prepare for the next election."

Unsure whether he will return to practising law, Mr Johnston says he still has work to do. The day after the announcement, it was back to Ottawa and business as usual. He expects to continue being active in the House of Commons and in politics across the country until an election is called.

First elected in '78

The 52-year-old father of four daughters spent his first years in politics campaigning almost constantly as he fought and won three elections in just 16 months. He was first elected to the House of Commons in an October 1978 by-election following the resignation of Mr Drury, and re-elected in general elections in May 1979 and again in February 1980 after the defeat of the Clark Conservatives brought the Liberals back to power.

In the final Trudeau government from 1980 to 1984 he served as treasury board president, minister of state for economic development, and minister of state for science and technology.

He finished in third place in the June 1984 Liberal leadership campaign, during which he was labelled the "man of ideas."

He was appointed minister of justice and attorney general of Canada during John Turner's short reign as prime minister during the summer of 1984.

Mr Johnston survived the Conservative wave in the September 1984 general elections, winning the riding for the fourth time.

In opposition, Mr Johnston served as finance critic and then the official opposition critic for external affairs.

On Jan 18 of this year he decided to quit the Liberal caucus and sit as an independent Liberal because of irreconcilable differences with Mr Turner over the Meech Lake accord.

Visitors meet in light mix-up

A collision between two out-of-town cars Saturday resulted from traffic light confusion at Claremont avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard, police report.

One of the drivers, a New Jersey resident, believed he had the right of way when faced by a green arrow, police said. He had been turning west off northbound St Catherine street when struck by a car from Oshawa, Ontario, travelling south.

No injuries were reported but both vehicles sustained damages over $500. The mishap occurred at 11 am.

Station airy

The Westmount train station was found broken into Tuesday last week, public safety officers report. The incident was discovered at 10:25 am when officers noticed the door at the west end ajar. Its frame had been removed. The door was secured after police were called but did not attend.

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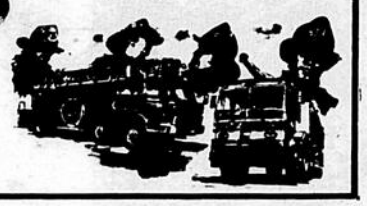
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12:05 pm: 495 Elm, smoke detector activated by burnt food;
2:48 pm: Rear of 4269 St Catherine, two live electrical wires broken by workmen;
3:43 pm: 345 Victoria, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 4:06 pm, burnt belt on primary chiller pump, 6th floor;
8:30 pm: 309 Melville, smoke detector activated during testing, fire department not previously notified;

June 29

5:28 am: Place Alexis Nihon, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 5:43 am;
1:59 pm: Dorchester and Greene, first responder unit for car accident (see story);
3:01 pm: 4 Murray, smoke detector activated by dust from workers installing new air conditioner;
8:29 pm: Front of 38 Forden crescent, broken water main;
8:36 pm: 40 Summit crescent, grease fire in pan, no damage:

June 30

7:18 pm: 4040 St Catherine, unnecessary call (see story);

July 1

8:43 am: 644 Murray Hill, smoke detector activated by burnt food;
3:49 pm: 468 Mountain, fireplace smoke backed up due to high humidity;
5:37 pm: 3 Westmount Square, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 5:40 pm, for fire in roof, false alarm;
8:27 pm: 33 Thornhill, balcony fire (see story);

July 2

9:29 am: 591 Clarke, alarm ringing;
1:44 pm: 16 Renfrew, smoke scare from car, loud noise, no fire;

July 3

11:28 am: Sherbrooke and Victoria, for car leaking gas, false alarm;
4:17 pm: 177 Edgehill, first responder unit;
8:55 pm: 5469 Westminster, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:08 pm;

July 4

8:58 am: Front of 3980 Côte des Neiges, car fire in Montreal (see story);
9:43 am: 175 Metcalfe, sprinkler alarm activated by water surge;
3:32 pm: 4474 de Maisonneuve, mutual aid fire in dwelling (see story);
6:34 pm: 739 Upper Belmont, smoke in house from fireplace, downdraft;
7:25 pm: 4026 Dorchester, first responder unit, intoxicated man sleeping on grass;
8:25 pm: 655 Grosvenor, first responder unit.



Virgile Fabi and **Sam Zagury** outside Anthony's variety store at St Catherine street and Abbott avenue.

Anthony's variety store changed hands this week

Anthony's variety store on the corner of St Catherine street and Abbott avenue changed hands earlier this week.

Virgile Fabi and his partner, Margaret Newsam, have sold the building and are retiring after 17 years running the popular neighborhood store.

Mr Fabi, who has lived in his family home on Lansdowne avenue since 1927, plans to enjoy his retirement.

"I'll just take it easy, unless I get excited by something else and get involved in that," Mr Fabi said Monday, his last day behind the counter.

The new owner, Sam Zagury, came to Canada recently from Abidjan in the Ivory Coast to join other members of his family and to send his children to university here.

Mr and Mrs Zagury ran a book and magazine store in Abidjan for 20 years and look forward to the new challenge. While the nature of the store will remain essentially the same, Mr Zagury says he will expand the selection of international newspapers, books and stationery. The post office and snack foods will remain.

Mr Zagury says he is considering changing the name of the store, but will maintain the current business hours.

The building comprises Anthony's and a single apartment above, which is tenanted. Neither party disclosed the selling price, but Mr Fabi admitted the value had risen considerably with the general increase in Westmount real estate prices.

Mr Fabi says he had the building on the market for several months before deciding to change selling agents. The new agent was Jacques Zagury, who had little trouble finding a buyer in his brother and quickly concluded the transaction.

Service station attendant robbed of $1,500 deposit

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two men managed to make good their escape Tuesday night after robbing a service station attendant from the Esso station at Grosvenor avenue and Sherbrooke street.

They made off with $1,500 and were chased into N.D.G. by the victim and a colleague, police report.

The holdup took place at about 8:40 pm near the service station as the money was in transit for deposit.

The serviceman was approached from the rear by a man who grabbed it. A second serviceman, who witnessed the holdup from a parked car, started after the robber but was stopped by another man.

During their efforts to stop the robbers, one of the servicemen was knocked to the ground and hit on the leg.

The robbers were chased to Victoria and Windsor avenues where they were spotted getting into a grey older-model car. They were pursued west and finally lost.

Garage owner George Sachewsky yesterday told THE EXAMINER he was "upset with the sad state of affairs that the world had sunk to."

"The only thing I'd have to say is that I was really surprised by the exemplary job my two men did. Even when they were down and beaten they pursued the fellows. It was above and beyond their job description."

Although the service station had been broken into once, nothing was taken, Mr Sachewsky said. This was his first holdup.

The robbers are described as a black man aged about 30 who was wearing dark pants and a beige sweater; and a white man aged about 35 who was wearing blue sweatpants, a white shirt and black hat.

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We Say

After Don?

HON Donald Johnston's announcement Monday that he does not intend to run in the next federal general elections consists of perhaps two percent surprise and 98 percent inevitability.

It does not in any way change the feelings of deep regret felt by most Westmounters, and likely his St Henri constituents too.

This regardless of where any of us may stand, if at all, on the Meech Lake constitutional accord — over which he broke with his leader, his caucus and, indeed, an overwhelming majority in Parliament.

Agree or not, Mr Johnston will continue to command a great deal of respect for standing, and acting, on his principles.

There is a growing body of people, specially of the thinking variety as opposed to the "my party right or wrong" lot, who see an even greater loss than that of an able, conscientious political figure. They regard him as of statesmanlike timber who might have stemmed the erosion of stature of the post-Trudeau Liberal Party of Canada had he been elected leader instead of the retreaded Mr Turner and overcome the populist aura surrounding the runner-up, Mr Chretien.

There will be widespread satisfaction in noting that our MP, making his intentions public on Monday, did not close the door on some possible future return to active politics. The public will recognize along with him that his current usefulness in Ottawa is spent, except perhaps as a likable, friendly, dependable backbencher. That role, of course, is all many hacks aspire to.

The Hon Don is made for more important things and for the present that includes giving more exclusive attention to his significant law practice. His advice on constitutional matters, as our society becomes more dependent upon the Charter of Rights and the interpretation of law, can command great respect, and money, as opposed to the indifference of Parliament Hill.

All of which is not to suggest that on the subject of Meech Lake he is right. We happen to side with the majority which places paramount importance on returning Quebec to full membership in the Canadian confederation and that it bodes ill for the country if this opportunity is lost. It could be a long time before the necessary unanimous assent again became within reach.

The hard fact which Mr Johnston has been fighting is that there has been no way, without destroying it, to amend the Meech Lake accord. It was a tenuous coming together of the 11 first ministers in the first place; no room was left for afterthoughts without going back to square one.

Undoubtedly many beside Mr Johnston see improvements which might have been made and which, in the future, should be made.

Sure, there is risk in supporting an imperfect document. We believe, however much our member may disagree, that it is preferable to none at all in its basic purpose.

The tensions between Ottawa and the provinces, between the provinces, between the regions and even the varied peoples who comprise Canada will not disappear with unanimous adoption across the country of Meech Lake. In fact, more problems undoubtedly will arise over interpretation and implementation, just as our maverick deputy fears.

However, these problems must be met as they arise.

It just could be that when and if the damage which Mr Johnston foresees is done that he will be just the man to turn to — to help find the way through, if not lead the way.

He has this paper's, his constituents' and a wide circle of personal admirers' sympathy, understanding and goodwill.

It is going to be fascinating how the riding organizations of all the parties go about trying to find candidates for his replacement in St Henri - Westmount. It'll be difficult.

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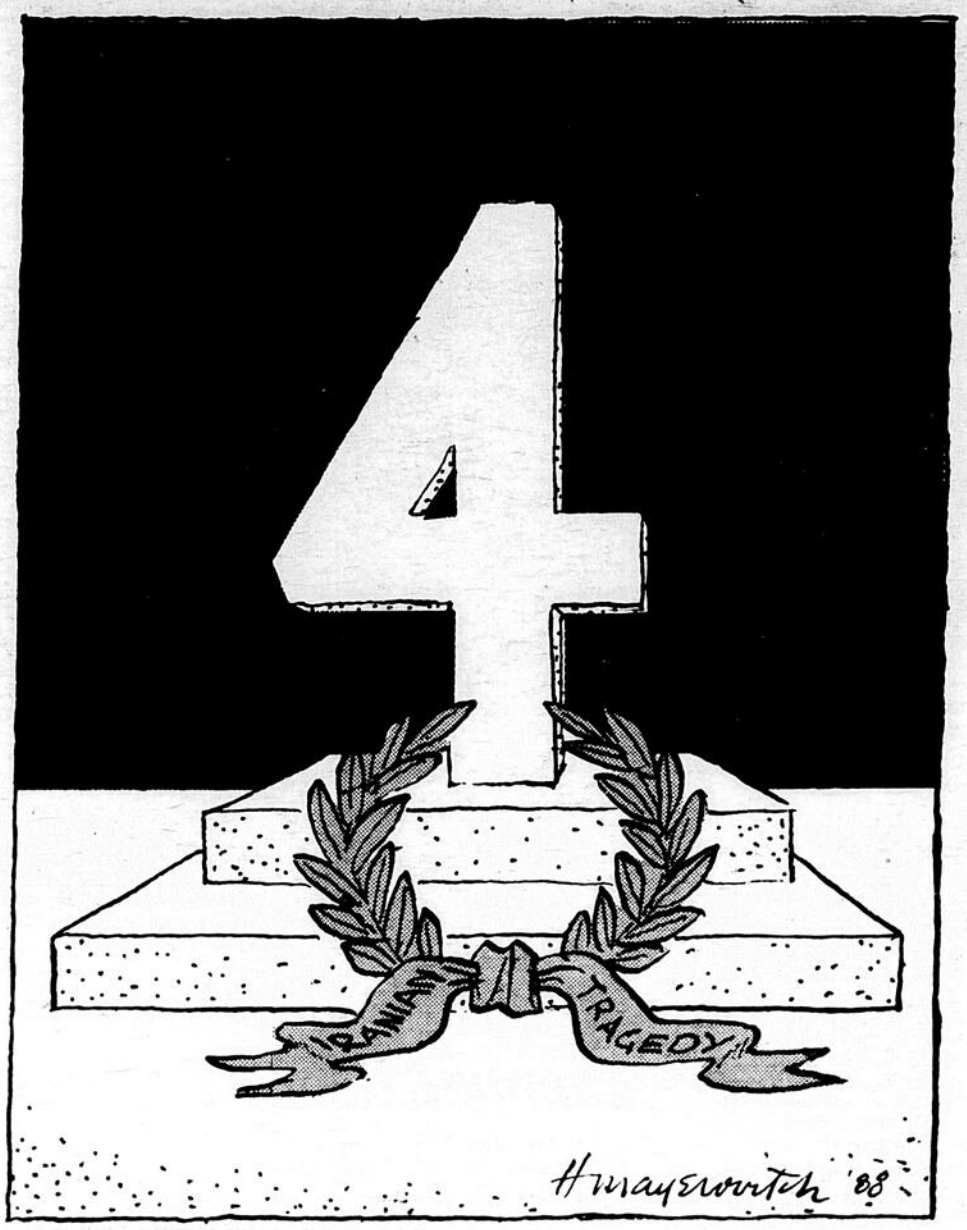
THE appearance of ex-Mayor Brian Gallery at Monday evening's city council meeting underscored how completely he seems to have dropped out of the public life of Westmount. Indeed, little has been heard of him in his various interests since his return at the electors' hands last November to the role of private citizen. Which is the appropriate stance: to let one's successor get on with the challenge of new responsibilities without the haunting, let alone mischief, of ghosts. He was his gracious self at the unveiling of the traditional portrait of himself as the newest of our former chief magistrates. He is a member of a distinguished company. So complete has been Mr Gallery's disappearance from the municipal scene that our office, which he frequently visited to confer on matters and issues of current concern, has not seen him even to discuss old times. It is disquieting to hear indirectly that he blames THE EXAMINER in some measure for his defeat by Mayor May Cutler in last fall's elections. In what way this could have been we don't know since neither he nor others have told us. If conscientious reporting and open editorial pages are to blame we have, of course, no apologies. Our first loyalty is to the people of Westmount, as it should be for all incumbents of city hall....

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HON Richard French good-humoredly treated in his column on these pages last week of his new, additional Quebec cabinet responsibility. The new minister of high-tech suggested he was having difficulty mastering his high-tech telephone. One of our back shop people had his own comment when Hon Rick's copy reached us for typesetting: "I wonder if the honorable MNA for Westmount will now learn how to use a typewriter!" In fact, none of us here have any complaint. Sunday evenings a No 10 envelope regularly drops through our letterbox containing several sheets of yellow, ruled foolscap on which a smooth flow of words is inscribed in a steady, highly legible hand, with rarely a second-thought correction. Of all the public figures who have written for us, Mr French's copy is among the best written, most straight-forward and least troublesome.

Something I Want to Say

Tribute on a Birthday



WESTMOUNT — **Harry Mayerovitch**



our M.P.
Hon. Donald J. Johnston
says...

Time for a decision

THE time had come to make a decision. Meech Lake has left Ottawa's agenda, the trade debate rages on and I find myself in fundamental disagreement with the leader of the Liberal Party on both issues.

Running in St Henri-Westmount as an independent Liberal was not an option. Running in opposition to the leader's views was not an alternative in the present circumstances.

It was with much sadness that I made my decision not to seek the nomination. Representing this riding has been a wonderful, rewarding experience. So many readers of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER have contributed to that experience that their names would expand these columns beyond limits acceptable to the publisher. Over ensuing weeks I hope to be in contact with them.

As for these weekly columns, I intend to continue to report to you until my mandate is finished. (Of course, the publisher may have other thoughts.) THE EXAMINER has been generous for 10 years in providing me with weekly access to its readers and in covering our political and non-political events.

Thank you.

Publisher's Note: Keep those columns coming!


The Westmount Examiner

Westm't Rotary Club Members On Hospital Visit

Introducing The Examiner To The Westmount Public

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Notice To Secretaries of Clubs, Churches And Associations

Forty-five Years Ago
July 8, 1943

"A big rally of local citizens is expected next Wednesday evening when a demonstration of the management of a new type of explosive incendiary bomb will be staged in King George Park. This demonstration, prepared especially by the CPC (civil protection organization) and the city fire department, will show residents the use of different types of equipment for fighting the new type of incendiary bomb. Two little buildings will be erected — one, representing an empty attic, will have an open side for spectators to view the effect of the entry of the bomb, the other will be an 'attic' full of rubbish and the effect of the bomb can easily be judged by the smoke and flames that will appear when the rubbish becomes alight."

Thirty-five Years Ago
July 10, 1953

"For more than a decade, community minded residents, progressive minded merchants and public spirited civic authorities have waged a never-ending campaign to make the east end of Westmount a smart shopping centre and proof that their efforts have not been in vain is shown today by establishments like the Avenue theatre, Steinberg's and various other modern installations, none of which have failed through lack of support. To such people the recent re-opening of the ultra-smart chromium lined Avenue Snack Bar and Stationery shop, 4182 St Catherine street... is an inspiring sight as it is to everyone interested in the progress of Westmount."

Twenty-five Years Ago
July 5, 1963

"Construction of a new police and fire department and a city hall annex on Stanton street should begin in late autumn, it was learned Wednesday. No firm date has been set for the calling of tenders, but officials hope to begin construction in October under the city's Winter Works Program. Council gave tentative approval last week to a model of the new complex, but are still waiting for definite specifications. Architects for the project are Perry and Patch of Montreal, in association with Durnford, Bolton, Chadwick and Ellwood. Plans call for the construction of modern police offices on the north side of the building. Part of the present structure will be utilized."

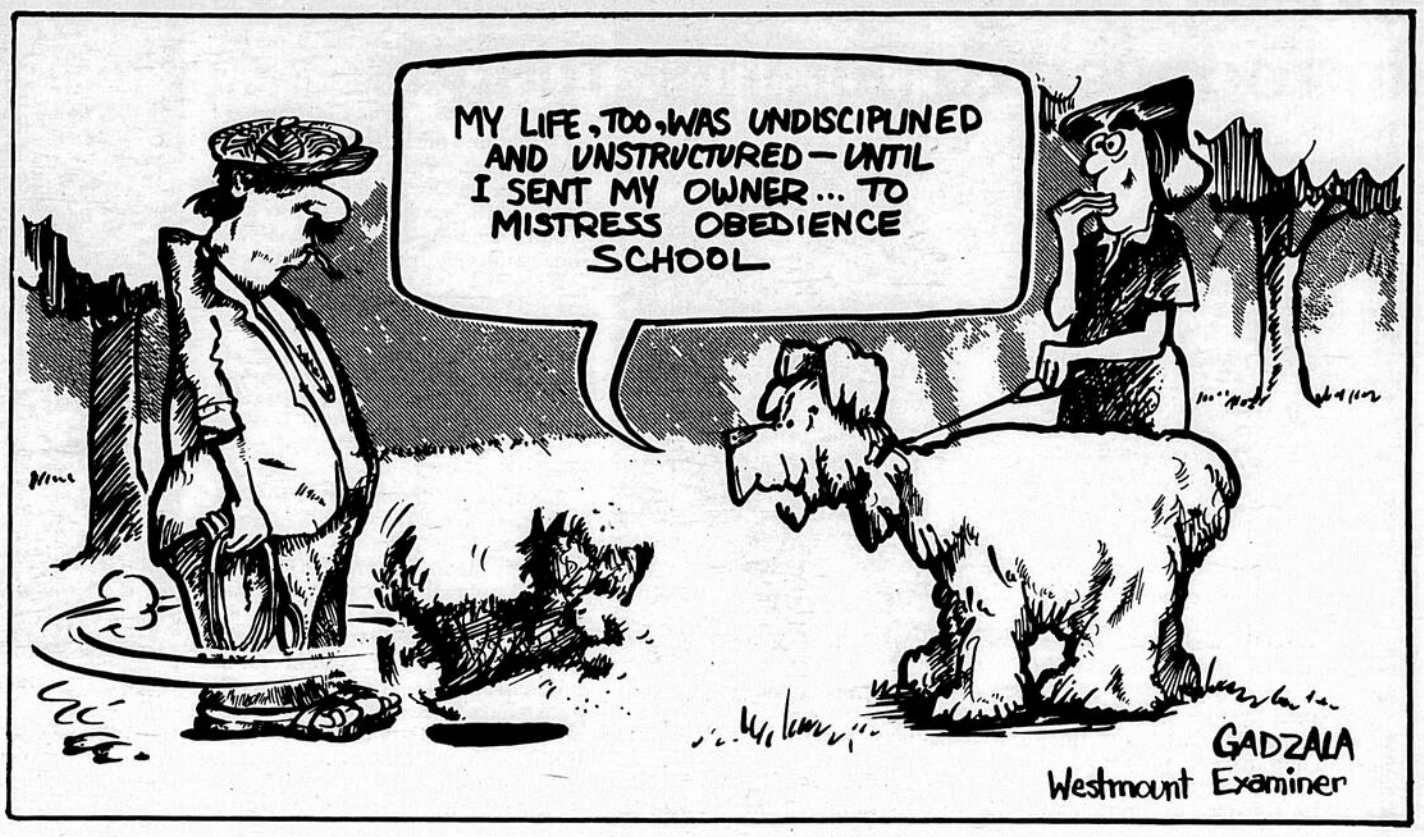
Fifteen Years Ago
July 5, 1973

"Hillside Place, given the green light Tuesday by city council for contract signing, does not appear to conform to site planning requirements of the National Housing Act. The controversial public housing project also was faced this week with the possibility of an injunction to halt it, according to Michael Price, a Westmount Municipal Association director and a leading opponent of the undertaking. Landscape architect Klaus Bartholl submitted as a private citizen a feasibility study concerning the much-disputed scheme to city officials. It was considered in the private general committee session preceding Tuesday evening's public meeting of city council. No reference was made to the submission at the public session."

Five Years Ago
July 7, 1983

"Bernard Finestone, president of the St Henri-Westmount Progressive Conservative Association, provided a crash course in civics at Monday night's city council meeting but citizens were quick to take issue with his advice... He said he was distressed with what he had been witnessing at the council meeting. 'I deplore the general tone and nastiness which is alien to everything in this city,' he said. He said he believed it possible to 'indulge in democracy with every individual credited with good intentions.' He wished mayoral candidate Allen Nutik would pursue his questioning 'in line' with such procedures... One reason that citizens sometimes became exasperated, John Johnston told Mr Finestone, was that 'it's very hard to get answers.'"

NEWS ITEM: Month-long program launched to educate dog owners





our mayor
Her Worship May Cutler
says...

MUC arts policy

LAST week I spent three very long evenings as a member of the Groupe-Conseil of the Conseil des Arts of the MUC (CACUM) listening to some 32 briefs presented by art groups around the island.

On the basis of this input, I want to pass on to you my observations and suggestions.

The first and foremost concerns the amount of money the cities of the MUC pay into the arts, mostly in central Montreal, and how little return they get for their money. The cities in the MUC must be seen as partners in supporting the arts throughout the Island of Montreal, *not* merely as contributors.

Observation: Art activity throughout the MUC is fragmented with each little group concerned with its own problems and finances — and in those cases, where groups involved in the same activity are organized into larger groups, these also feel alienated and in competition with each other for funds.

Comment: I think every city in the MUC should have its own arts council, including the City of Montreal. This is not as difficult as it sounds since many cities already have cultural centres and major art groups that can be the core of such councils. Each city already pays to support certain cultural activities apart from the support of the art that goes through CACUM.

The suggestion that cities are not paying one percent of their budget to art is therefore inaccurate. Many are paying much more than that in order to make up for the very little return they get through CACUM. There needs to be much more input back and forth between all the cities in the MUC and CACUM.

At present, CACUM seems to be mainly concerned with distributing subsidies (which I think it does carefully and well) and with *Exposer dans l'Île* and *Jouer dans l'Île*, but these seem to have come from the top down, rather than having been worked out through discussions with the cities.

Observation: The question of juries made up of peers. Certainly, judging by the briefs presented arguing for this, one could not

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You Say

PSU praised for being courteous, competent

Sir: In a recent issue of THE EXAMINER (June 9), a letter to the editor appeared which I felt was unfair; moreover, its contents lacked substance. However, I was quite pleased to see two letters in the June 16 issue from people who cared in giving their support for the excellent service provided by the Westmount Public Security Unit.

Not only is it a great convenience to have a 24-hour watch on your home while away but peace of mind helps to make holidays all the more enjoyable.

Parking has been a problem in the neighborhood and much credit is due to the PSU for getting this situation under control.

Many thanks to Director McEnroe and his colleagues for the courteous and competent services.

Hugh Quinlan

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our M.N.A.
Hon. Richard D. French
says...

Quebec economy strong

HOW well is Quebec doing economically? Not as well as southern Ontario, one of the hottest regional economies in the industrialized world. Much better than most others, however.

For the third straight year, Quebec's growth rate (five percent in 1987 in real terms) has exceeded that of the Canadian economy. More than 100,000 jobs were created in 1987, the highest absolute increase since 1973. Despite more and more people seeking employment, the unemployment rate continues to decrease, although it is still unacceptably high.

Manufacturing shipments remain robust, increasing 8.2 percent in 1987. Manufacturing investment grew for the fifth straight year, in a step-wise increase of 20 percent over 1986.

In a word, things are going well. We cannot, however, afford to be complacent. Intensifying international competition, based on sophisticated technology and/or very low labor and primary material costs, remains an extremely important factor in our future prospects.

We will have important adjustments to undertake during the implementation of the free trade agreement. Furthermore, quality control, design, short product life cycles, the vagaries of fashion and rapid technological obsolescence are all trends with which Quebec producers will have to contend if they are to survive.

The management of innovation and the introduction of new technology are perhaps the greatest challenges facing Quebec business. More about this next week.

Allow PSU to witness air and noise pollution

A copy of the following letter has been sent

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our PSBGM commissioner
Joan Rothman
says...



Saving Westmount High

IN September 1987 the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal decided to close Westmount High in June 1988 because of declining registration. The school can hold 950 students but in 1987 had only 450.

Before a school is closed the principal, teachers, students, parents' (school) committee, parents of students in the school and members of the greater community are consulted and asked to present arguments as to why the school should remain open. The most compelling argument presented to the board was the proposal of a new educational plan, *The Challenge*, developed by elementary school parents of the region. These same parents concluded that the new plan should be put into the alternative school model as defined by PSBGM policy.

Thus, last December the commissioners voted to rescind the motion to close the high school and asked the *ad hoc* group of teachers, parents and community members to

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I Say!

A neurotic is the man who builds a castle in the air. A psychotic is the man who lives in it. A psychiatrist is the man who collects the rent.

—Jerome Lawrence

WHS principal, vice-principal introduced to parents, friends

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

Westmount High School will have a new principal and a new vice-principal for the 1988-89 school year.

Richard Meades, principal, and Erene Anthony, vice-principal, were introduced to parents and friends of WHS at a party held last Wednesday evening.

The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal had a change of heart on the issue of a vice-principal for WHS, reversing its previous plan to abolish the post. Two weeks ago, Ms Anthony was appointed to the position.

Ms Anthony received her teacher training and early experience in her native Antigua. For the past four years she has headed the department of special education at LaSalle High School.

She spent the previous eight years as a reading specialist and taught English and mathematics at Verdun High School. Prior to that, she taught for six years at Royal Arthur elementary school in Little Burgundy.



Erene Anthony

During the evening, Mr Meades gave a short speech introducing Ms Anthony, and outlined his hopes and expectations for the coming year.

"There is a problem of perception about WHS," he said. "The way people are viewing the school is why they're not sending their kids there."

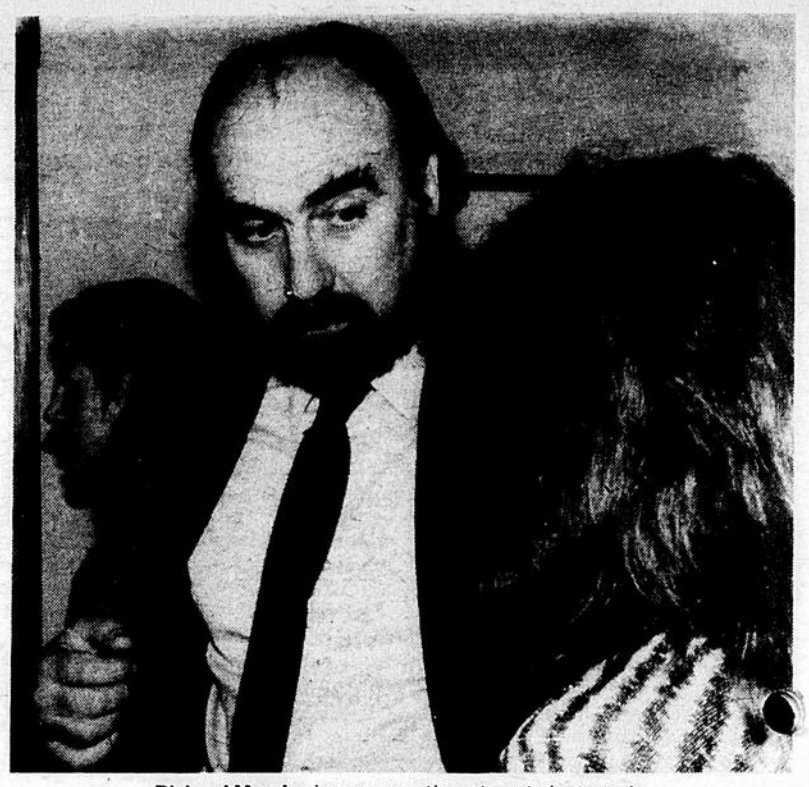
No miracles

He intends to address fundamental issues but warned the assembly not to raise their expectations too high.

"Neither Erene nor I walk on water," he said.

He spoke of a number of innovations that are planned for the fall.

The student leaders, called prefects (Mr Meades confessed that his British upbringing makes him dislike the term and he hopes to find a suitable replacement), are discussing a big brother system to be implemented in the fall. Agenda books have been designed and will be issued to grade 7 and 8 students. Both the big brother program and the agenda books are intended to help new students with the transition from elementary to high school. These students must learn to organize themselves and to deal with several teachers instead of just one.



Richard Meades in conversation at party last week.

Mr Meades is planning a three-day camp for the end of September for the incoming grade 7 and 8 students, with help from the student leaders. The camp's activities will accent leadership and co-operation.

Define responsibilities

Mr Meades said he wants to include kids, parents and staff in the consultation process as the year goes on and he wants the students and staff to have clearly defined responsibilities: "The kids to learn, the teachers to teach.

"I hope by Christmas you'll see signs that we're sincere in our efforts," Mr Meades said. "It's going to be a full and busy year. It won't happen overnight. The most important thing is to have kids in the classes and to teach them meaningful things."

But he warned that the biggest problem facing the school remains its under-enrolment.

"I hope that you will send your kids there," he said. "We don't have the luxury of seeing if it works. There's a numerical viability that is essential.

"The children have got to be in the school."

Because of the need for more enrolment, WHS will continue to accept applications, starting at the beginning of August.

Mr Meades is finishing up his duties at John Grant High School and then will take a brief vacation. He intends to be in his office at WHS on Aug 1. Ms Anthony will be there starting in mid-August.

Firemen rush to answer page

Was it an eager customer, an anxious wife or a false alarm?

When the bell went off in a telephone answering office at 4040 St Catherine street last Thursday, someone thought it was a fire alarm and summoned the fire department.

Firefighters, prepared for the [illegible] rushed to the scene at 7:18 pm only to find a pager that had gone off on someone's desk, officials report.

The call was recorded as "unnecessary."

Bushy bushes block views

Overgrown hedges and trees that obscured the vision of motorists were recorded Tuesday last week in several places by public safety officers.

Locations pinpointed included the northwest corner of Clarke and St Catherine street (250 Clarke) and the exit of the Tupper parking lot on Greene avenue. City by-laws call for front hedges not to exceed 4.5 feet in height.

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New executive and secretary for Rotary

James Griffin officially took over the reins as president of the Rotary Club of Westmount from Richard Pemberton-Smith last Wednesday, at the service club's weekly Victoria Hall luncheon meeting.

With the start of the club's 1988-89 year came a new board of directors and, perhaps more notably, the departure of a longtime secretary. Mr Pemberton-Smith announced the retirement of Gwen Clibbon "after 23 years of faithful service to this club."

Mrs Clibbon was presented with two new pieces of luggage to help her enjoy the travelling she plans to do now that she has retired. The club tne welcomed new its new new secretary, Anne Marie Bremshey.

In reviewing the accomplishments of the 1987-88 year, Mr Pemberton-Smith spoke of the wide variety of community activities club members ve been involved with.

By CHARLES MAPPIN

He applauded the appointment of Coos de Vries as Rotary District Governor for the 1989-90 year, the work of Raymond Busbridge and Thomas Fisher in helping the Rotary-intiated Unity Boys' and Girls' Club with its financial difficulties, and the continued success of the Lifeline project for senior citizens.

Mr Pemberton-Smith also spoke of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision which came down against American Rotary clubs for preventing women from joining on the basis of their sex. He said the local club would wait for a change in the Rotary International by-laws before admitting women.

Effective July 1, the new officers of the club are as follows: Mr Griffin, president; Brent Hussey, vice-president and honorary treasurer; Mr Pemberton-Smith, past-president; Richard Miller, honorary secretary; Gordon Kinkead, assistant honorary treasurer; Klaus Bremer, sergeant-at-arms; William Kenwood, deputy sergeant-at-arms; and Haagen Kierulf, club historian.

Other directors are George Campbell, David Flam, George Marshall, Fred Pennell, Réjean Plante, Gino Colizza, Michael Ellwood and George Sklivas.

At the meeting, Mr Pemberton-Smith announced, with regret, the resignation from the club of David McWethy, but welcomed two new members into Rotary. Klaus Bremer introduced Westmount resident Nitin Amersey in the classification of cotton merchandising, and Mr Hussey introduced Stephen Kavanagh in rail transportation.

The Westmount Rotary Club was formed in 1930 and has been involved in a great number of community projects over the years.



Westmount Rotary president **James Griffin**, retiring secretary **Gwen Clibbon**, and past-president **Richard Pemberton-Smith** at last week's meeting of the club in Victoria Hall.

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80-year-old sewer being replaced on Belvedere road

A public works crew began work yesterday to replace an old sewer pipe on Belvedere road, between Summit road and Belvedere circle.

The 15-inch vitrified clay pipe, built in 1909 and buried eight to nine feet underground, will be replaced with a new 15-inch concrete pipe.

Westmount director of public works Fred Caluori says the brittle clay pipe has to go before Belvedere road is rebuilt later this summer.

"The condition of the pipe is such that it would not withstand the intensity of the rebuilding work," Mr Caluori says.

The city hired Sani Mobile Montreal to carry out a photographic inspection of the sewer earlier this year. This was to determine the effect on the pipe of the vibrations which will be created during the street work. To do this, the company lowered a camera into the pipe at various points and recorded its condition.

The resulting photos show a great number of longitudinal cracks and the presence of tree roots which have invaded the pipe.

The work will take more than a week to complete and will involve the temporary closure of parts of the street during the day. At the same time, repairs will be made to a section of the sewer, in better condition, which runs from Belvedere circle down to Sunnyside avenue.

Streaker seen in Summit Park

A naked man was seen running through Summit Park Monday last week. He was carrying a plastic bag and something blue, public safety officers report. He was wearing socks and shoes.

The streaker matched the description of someone spotted leaving the park fully clothed shortly after 1:32 pm. He had been seen in the nude by two women walking dogs.

Safe theft

Someone stole $1,900 from the safe in a food shop at Place Alexis Nihon June 25, police said. The theft was reported two days later. The safe had been closed but not locked between 1:15 and 3 pm when the theft occurred.



Will the real Mr Gallery please stand up? Former Westmount mayor **Brian Gallery**, unveiled his own portrait at Monday night's city council meeting under the watchful eye of portrait and landscape painter **John Barwick**.

Portrait of Brian Gallery unveiled at city council

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Brian Gallery Monday night joined the ranks of other former Westmount mayors as his portrait was unveiled for hanging in the city council chamber.

The city's 33rd mayor, known as an enthusiastic upholder of Westmount tradition, turned the otherwise serious occasion into one of the lighter moments of the July council meeting.

"I want to thank city council for having my portrait painted and put into Mayor Cutler's art gallery," he said to much laughter. "I think this is a very classy tradition."

Then, addressing May Cutler who defeated him in last November's election, Mr Gallery said to more laughter, "I hope in the future that you and I, Madam Mayor, will be hanging together."

On a more serious note, Mr Gallery had told the assembly that he believed the painting of Westmount mayors to be one of the city's finer traditions.

"It is my belief that we are the only city in Canada, aside from Montreal, which has a chronological history of its mayors in oils."

The unveiling of the latest painting had double meaning for Mr Gallery whose great-grandfather, Senator Sir William Hingston, mayor of Montreal from 1875-76, also has his portrait hanging in a city hall.

Mr Gallery's portrait by John Barwick, who also painted his predecessor Donald MacCallum, was painted in Ste Adèle from a day-long sitting.

Mirrors were positioned during the sitting so Mr Gallery could watch his portrait developing. "He did an outline, took pictures and then brought the painting around to my house about two weeks ago."

Mr Barwick portrays Mr Gallery wearing a blue and white striped shirt with red tie and navy blue suit, similar to his attire Monday night.

Three injured, driver charged in 3 am crash

A 20-year-old N.D.G. woman was charged with impaired driving following an accident early Saturday at Sherbrooke street and Claremont avenue, police said.

The rear-end collision caused minor injury to the accused and her passenger in the rear car as well as to the driver of the taxi in front. Both vehicles sustained over $500 damage.

The incident occurred on wet pavement in the westbound lane at about 3:25 am. The cab was waiting behind another vehicle at the red light. It was struck from behind by a car the cabbie said was travelling at high speed.

The impact pushed the taxi into the rear of the car ahead which, according to a witnessing public safety officer, left the scene. It apparently had not been damaged.

Car leaves without driver

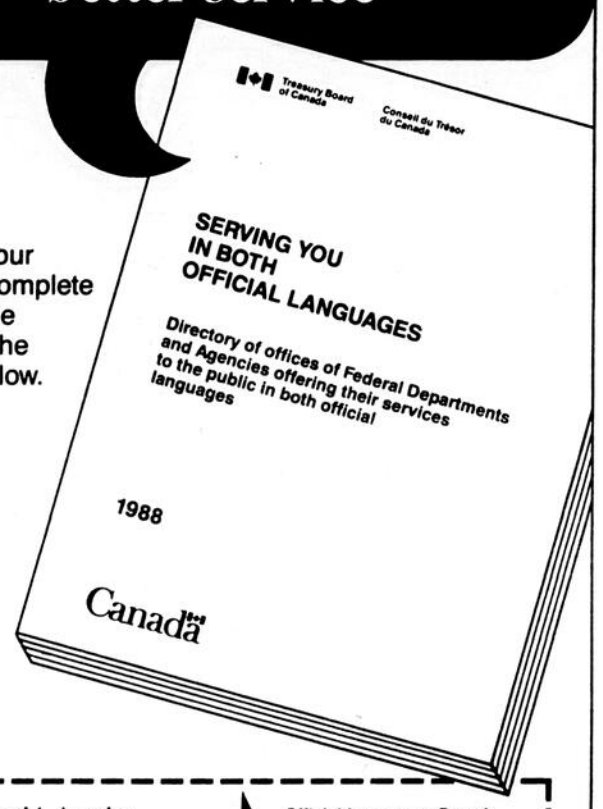
A driverless 1973 Volvo rolled from its parking spot in front of The Study across The Boulevard on Saturday. It hit a car parked in front of civic number 3236, police said.

The Volvo's owner was ordered to have the car inspected for mechanical problems. He was ticketed for not turning the wheel against the curb on a slope. No injuries were reported.

The accident occurred at 8:55 am.

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Fast response contains damage:

Paint-stripping heat gun sets off blaze

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Quick work in finding a fire and calling firefighters Monday helped prevent a balcony fire from spreading into a house at 4474 de Maisonneuve boulevard Monday, fire officials said.

The blaze, which started in the roof of an upper rear balcony during paint stripping, caused an estimated $3,500 damage.

An electric paint stripper in use at the time is believed to have ignited the dry wood after prolonged exposure, fire officials said.

The fire was discovered quickly by a workman using the heat gun. He tried to extinguish the blaze with water. When unable to do so, police say he asked a neighbor working in her garden on Melville to call the fire department. Her call on 911 was received at 3:32 pm.

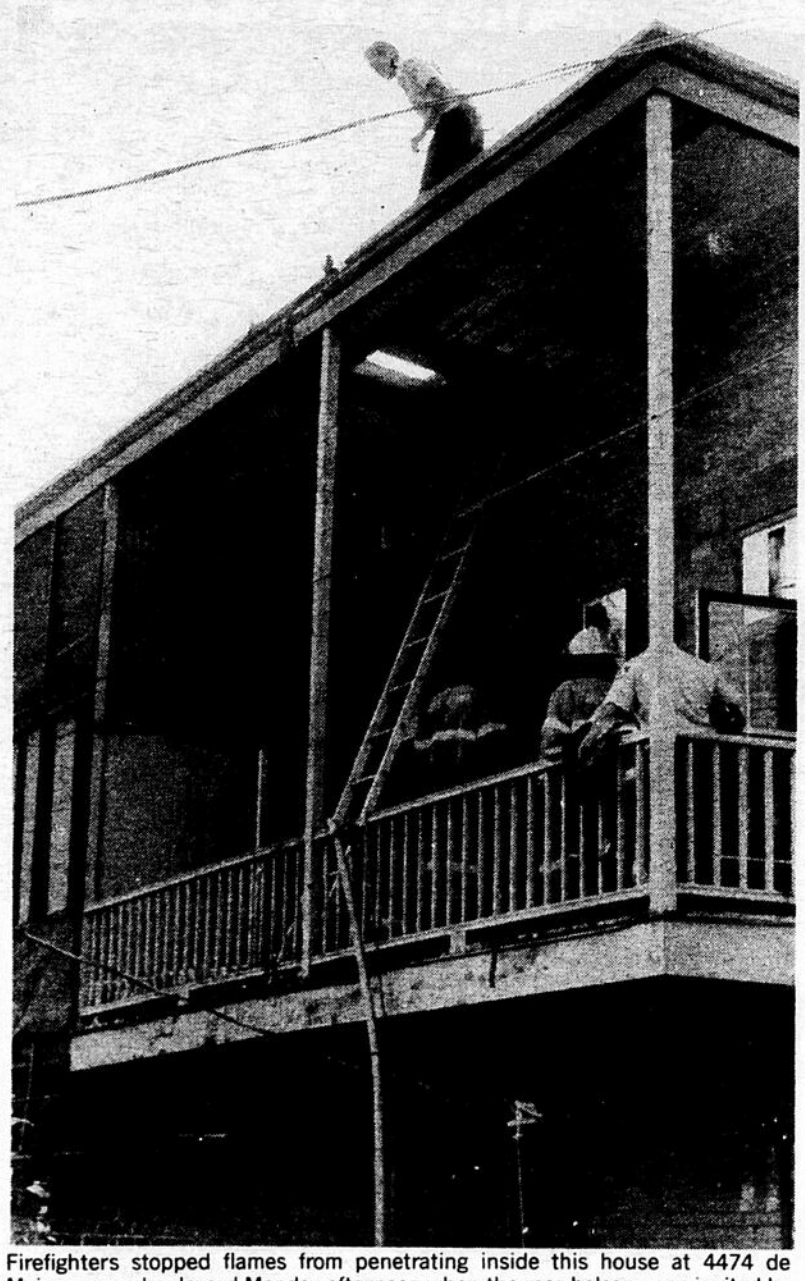
The quick action helped reduce fire loss, Fire Director William Timmons said.

When firemen arrived at the home they found the ceiling of the porch totally involved. "We could smell the smoke when we turned the corner," Captain Gary Watson told THE EXAMINER.

The fire was fought using two 1 3/4-inch lines, one from the rear and one from the roof. It was reported out within 15 minutes.

Mutual aid firefighters from Côte St Luc opened up a section of a bedroom wall to check for possible spread of the fire. None was found.

Outremont crews covered at the local station until return of the Westmount men shortly before 5 pm.



Firefighters stopped flames from penetrating inside this house at 4474 de Maisonneuve boulevard Monday afternoon when the rear balcony was ignited by an electric heat gun during paint stripping.

Care urged in using torches

Fire officials are asking Westmounters to remind anyone working on their homes to take particular care when using torches or heat guns for paint stripping.

The advice follows the fire Monday at 4474 de Maisonneuve boulevard where an electric heat gun ignited wood on a balcony roof.

"This is the time of year when we get this type of fire," said Fire Inspector Hugh Clarke. "It would be worth residents reminding workers to take special care."

Some workers are day jobbers, he said, who might not be familiar with the condition of the old wood and insulation found in many Westmount homes.

Main pumper back after facelift

The Westmount fire department's main pumper truck returned to active duty late Tuesday after a three-month refurbishing job.

The truck emerged with a new look from having the top of its cab painted white.

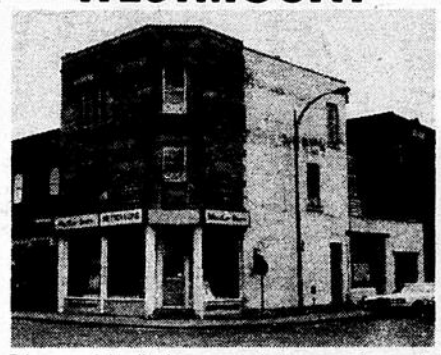
The pumper was pressed into duty a few days early when the back-up pumper truck broke down. Final touch-up work will be carried out later.

The 1976 truck returned from the C.E.T. Aerial Ladder firm in Pierreville last week after a facelift which was to cost some $21,000, principally for body work necessitated by rusting.

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Pom president William Harrison retires after lifetime as baker

By CHARLES MAPPIN

The end of an era has arrived in the Montreal baking industry. Pom Bakery president William Dent Harrison retired last week after 43 years in his family's business.

Mr Harrison worked his way up from office clerk to company president over the years, and has served as director on the boards of various local and national baking associations.

In the spring of 1930, a six-year-old William helped turn the sod on a plot of land on St Catherine street near Glen road. His family had bought the land earlier in the year for $42,500.

The Spanish-tile-roofed bakery which the Harrisons built on the property was designed by architect Sydney Comber. He had previously worked on the Dent Harrison Bakery on Prince Albert avenue, between de Maisonneuve boulevard and Somerville avenue. That bakery closed in 1968. The building was demolished in 1970 and was replaced by townhouses a number of years later after an abortive zoning change to erect a senior citizens' residence.

First deliveries

On September 22, 1930, the ovens at the new Harrison Brothers Pom Bakery were fired up and the trucks started out on their first delivery routes.

Pom had the most modern baking facilities in Montreal at the time. It was also the first bakery in the city to deliver its goods using only motorized vehicles, allowing for a speedier service.

The green Pom trucks sported the familiar red-and-white logo with three jolly-faced bakers each holding one letter. The name "Pom" originated from the expressions "Pride of Montreal" and "Pain Orgueil de Montréal."

The Pom bakery became a Westmount landmark over the years and was one of Westmount's largest employers. The company churned out its loaves of bread, currant buns, jelly rolls and rich Christmas fruitcakes from the local building until the autumn of 1985. The company then closed up shop here and moved its operations to Viau street, in the east end of Montreal near the Olympic stadium.

The Harrisons sold their Westmount bakery for $2.4 million to developer Ronald Pickering in early 1986. The building has since been turned into the Westmount Park Towers condominiums. The project has kept much of the original bakery in its design, but extends outwards and upwards beyond the original walls.



This 1983 photograph shows members of the Harrison family posing with an original 1930 "Pommobile" delivery truck outside their Pom bakery on St Catherine street. In back, from left, are **G. Greig Harrison, Clifford Harrison, William Dent Harrison, Blake Harrison, Susan Harrison, Glen Swan, Dent Harrison IV,** and **Greig Harrison Jr**. In the front are **Malcolm Harrison** and **Geoffrey Harrison.**

Westmount schooling

While his elders were busy baking, Mr Harrison attended Roslyn School and then Westmount Junior High School and Westmount High. At the age of 19, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Soon after his discharge in July, 1945, Mr Harrison began working in the family business. Over the years he worked in the office, had a number of delivery routes, worked as the company's office manager and then became secretary-treasurer. In 1963, he became Pom's president and chairman of the board.

He became the president of the Bakery Council of Canada in 1967. He has been a member of the Montreal Bakers' Association longer than any other baker.

Mr Harrison was a member of the Montreal Board of Trade for over 25 years until resigning earlier this year. He also was involved with the Kiwanis Club of Montreal from 1953 until 1985.

Although he lives on the West Island, Mr Harrison continues to be an active member of St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, where he was an elder for many years.

The Harrison family arranged the sale of Pom Bakery Limited to Multi-Marques Inc a year ago, but many other members of the family continue to take an active interest in the daily affairs of the bakery. Mr Harrison's cousin Greig is the Pom production manager.

Of his future, William Harrison says only that he "plans to have a rest and play a little more golf."

Accidents at Dorchester-Greene:

Baby, youth and man injured in collisions

Two traffic accidents causing minor injuries occurred last week on Dorchester boulevard at Greene avenue, police report. Both involved westbound vehicles making left turns onto Greene.

One two-car collision Tuesday at 12:24 pm sent a two-month-old baby girl to hospital along with a 16-year-old boy. Both live on Linton avenue. They were passengers in the turning vehicle driven by an 18-year-old woman living at the same address. The other car had been travelling east. Both had to be towed away.

A 78-year-old man was sent to hospital following the second crash, which occurred the next day at 2 pm. He was the driver of an eastbound car which was hit by a turning truck and spun into a car parked on Dorchester at the southeast corner.

All three vehicles sustained over $500 damage.

The truck driver was ticketed for not yielding the right of way as well as for not having his driver's permit in his possession at the time. The parked car belonged to man living on Argyle avenue.

Another truck stuck on Greene

For the second time in as many weeks, a northbound truck became stuck Saturday under the railway overpass on Greene avenue near Prospect street, police report.

The latest mishap involved a red 1976 International vehicle described as 13 feet (about 3.9 meters) high. The bridge is marked at 3.5 meters.

Clearance is posted on the overpass and warning chains have been hung by the city from the expressway immediately in front of it.

Stairs struck in pedal error

A car hit the front steps of a house at 455 Strathcona avenue last Thursday when the driver stepped on the wrong pedal, police said. More than $500 damage was reported to both porch and car.

The driver was identified by public safety officers as a woman employed at the home. The accident occurred at 8:49 am.

Who's doing what?

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

June 27

610 Victoria: for Mr Anson by Central Plumbing and Electrical, to install plumbing, nine fixtures, $4,000;
66 Chesterfield: for Michael Evans by self, alterations to deck, $7,500;
424 Metcalfe: for Otto Cleyn by R.J. Leggatt Ltd, to install plumbing, two fixtures, $2,000;

June 28

4911 de Maisonneuve: for G. Funst by McHenry Plumbing Inc, to install plumbing, three fixtures, $2,500;
101 Côte St Antoine: for Selwyn House School by self, alterations, $5,000;
710 Upper Roslyn: for J.P. Ouellet and Francine Dallee by self, new windows, $15,000;
4460 Sherbrooke: for Shapiro and Wolfe Architects by self, alterations, $7,500;

June 29

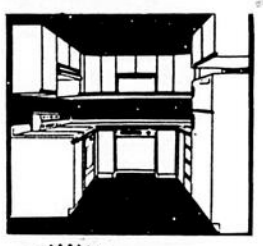
352-354 Elm: for H. Spies by self, alterations, $25,000;
27 Edgehill: for Mr Piccolo by Plomberie Tesolin et Fils Inc, to install plumbing, 40 fixtures, $30,000;
4582 Sherbrooke: for YMCA by Plomberie G&G Ltée, to install plumbing, 128 fixtures, $190,000;

June 30

484 Mount Pleasant: for D. Giroux by self, extension, $35,000;
4825A St Catherine: for Station Condo Association by self, to rebuild stairs, $2,000;
54 Summit Circle: for Peter Segal by self, alterations, $15,000;
36 Sunnyside: for P. McLagan by James Griffin, to install one water entrance, $5,000;
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Cooking on gas barbecues safe if basic safety rules observed

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

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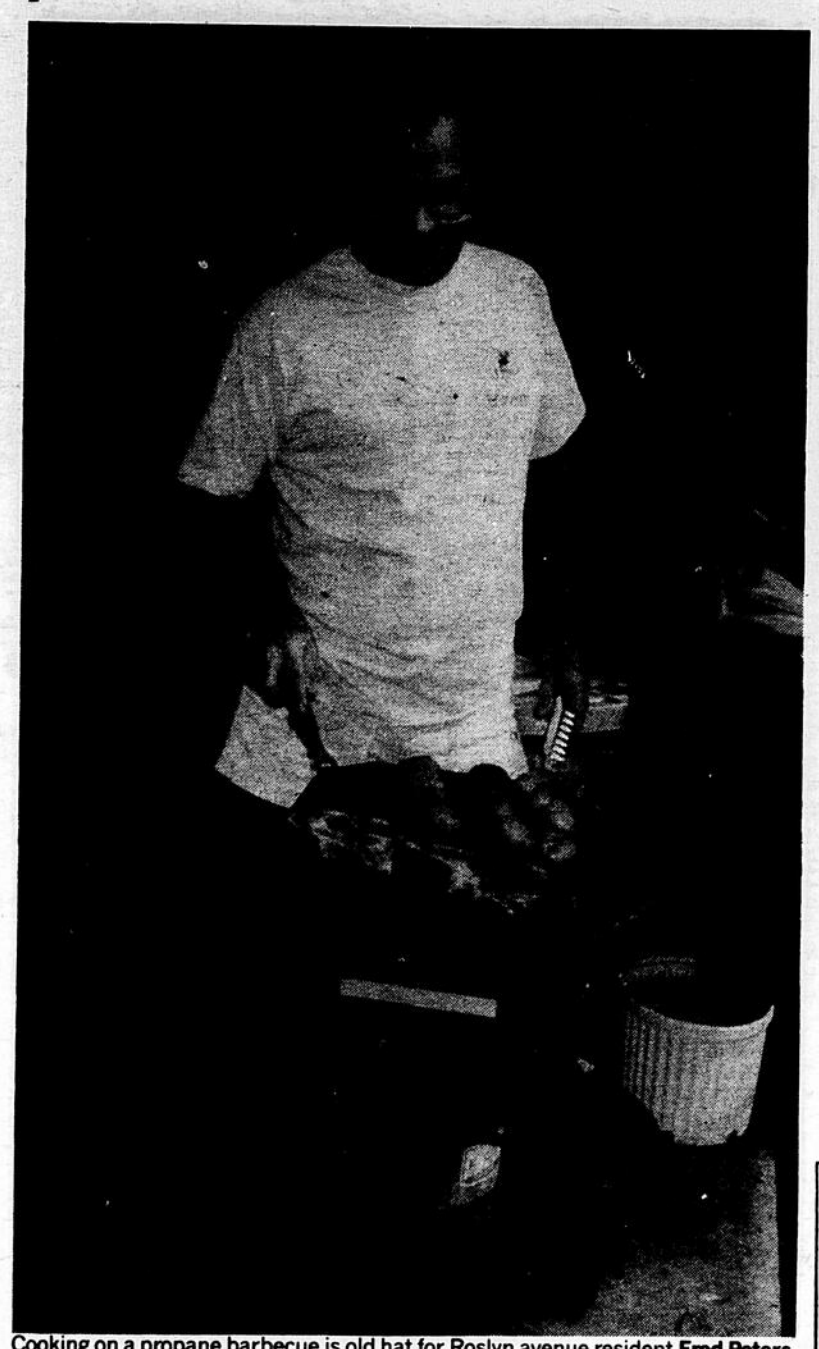
The increasing popularity of barbecues fired by liquid propane gas, however, has resulted in a message of caution from Westmount's fire chief.

These barbecues are perfectly safe when used properly, Director William Timmons said this week, but they do require special attention because of their flammable liquid.

"We're not dealing simply with lighting fluid but with a highly flammable liquid that, if improperly handled, can result in serious fire or explosion," he explained.

Local firefighters already have been called out this season for a fire on Westmount avenue caused by a leaking fuel line to a propane barbecue, he said. Several leaking propane bottles were reported last year.

This should not deter outdoor cooks from using the gas barbecues, he said. Units approved by the Canadian Gas Association are considered safe when used according to instructions. Sometimes, however, the rush to get supper cooked causes the chef to take short-cuts.



Cooking on a propane barbecue is old hat for Roslyn avenue resident **Fred Peters**, one of a growing number now using gas-fired units.

Basic reminders

A few basic reminders may help prevent a problem.

First-time users should take the time to read and follow carefully the manufacturer's instructions.

"Never turn on the gas before lifting the barbecue's cover and always light it immediately," Dir Timmons stressed. This prevents a build-up of gas which can cause an explosion if ignited.

Barbecues always should be used outside because of the high risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. Even outdoor locations require proper ventilation, he said.

Gas barbecues should be stored outside since air currents will help disperse any leaking gas that might occur, preventing a potential explosion.

"Check propane cylinders and fuel lines periodically for possible leaks. Cylinders that are corroded, leaking or damaged should not be refilled."

When reconnecting a cylinder to the hose after refilling, an easy way to check for leaks in the connection is to dab it with a solution of dishwashing liquid and water. A leak will cause bubbles to appear. Metal tools should not be used to tighten connections since these could produce sparks.

Cylinders also should be inspected professionally every 10 years after the original check date which appears on each cylinder.

When the cooking is finished turn off the main valve on the propane bottle as well as the heat control valves.

If a fire should occur, Dir Timmons said, "those present should leave the area and call 911 immediately."

Proper use and maintenance of the barbecues will help ensure safe outdoor cookery. *Bon appetit!*

Cooling ashes ignite porch on Thornhill

A house at 33 Thornhill avenue ended up with its own fireworks display on Canada Day after improper disposal of barbecue ashes.

The ashes had been placed in a paper bag under the balcony, fire officials said. Lingering heat ignited the wooden porch, causing an estimated $1,000 damage.

Public safety officers said the ashes remained hot from cooking the previous day.

The blaze is reminiscent of a $40,000 porch fire on Victoria avenue May 14, 1987 when a cooling hibachi was put under a porch.

Such incidents illustrate how long charcoal ashes retain their heat, fire officials point out (see separate story).

The latest barbecue fire was discovered about 8:27 pm. When firefighters arrived on the scene they found the owner in the process of extinguishing it. He was assisted by firemen using a 1½-inch hose to cool down the porch.

Fire safety important with charcoal barbecues

USERS of conventional barbecues are reminded of the special need to dispose of used charcoal and ashes safely to avoid the start of fires such as one on Thornhill avenue Canada Day (see separate story).

Fire officials point to a number of fires which start when outdoor cooks believe the ashes are cool enough to discard into the garbage. Ashes can retain their heat for many hours, they say, and should always be disposed of in a metal can away from buildings.

In addition, charcoal barbecues and hibachis should never be used inside because of possible carbon monoxide poisoning.

When lighting charcoal, avoid using gasoline, kerosene or naphtha. These are unsafe substitutes for barbecue lighting fluid as they are highly flammable fuels which can flare up and burn the barbecuer.

The safest starters are chemicals in cake form or an approved electric charcoal starter, advises Fire Prevention Canada (Fiprecan).

If special barbecue lighting fluid is used, cooks are advised to let the liquid soak into the charcoal for about five minutes before attempting to light. This will help ignition and avoid repeated applications of the fluid with resulting flares.

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West Island Lyric Theatre has moved to Centaur Theatre for the second time in their 24-year history (the first time was with *Oliver!* in 1986). This time they have created a real crowd-pleaser, due in no small part to the work of director Corey Castle and choreographer Maureen Brown of Westmount. They keep the large cast in a constant flurry of activity.

They have spent the past few months learning basic circus skills at the National Circus School, so they tumble, juggle, create human pyramids, create illusions.

The company includes such stalwart musical-comedy regulars as Bob Bachelor as music director, and Alan Hollingsworth and Jane Hackett as P.T. and Chairy Barnum; and new, welcome performers such as Amanda Strawn as the oldest woman in the world (with the side-splitting showstopper "Thank God I'm Old") and the delightful Kevin John Saylor as Tom Thumb.

Another find is Catharine Pycock as Jenny Lind, the Swedish nightingale.

As the actors are not paid, and the professionals are paid only honorariums, Lyric can afford to put on this lavish show. In addition, it uses understudies for all of the leads with the exception of Ms Strawn's part. The understudies move up to the leading roles in matinees.

Westmounter Anik Matern therefore gets her chance every now and then to move out of the chorus to play Jenny Lind.

In this scheme of things, ringmaster Richard Jutras plays Barnum, Mr Saylor gets to take on a couple of extra roles, Cathy Burns becomes Mrs Barnum, and Marcel Lamoureux becomes the ringmaster.

The story the cast of 27 tells is a half-century in the life of P.T. Barnum: his marriage, his dalliance with Jenny Lind, his venture into politics and, oddly, his temporary loss of innocence and his development of the three-ring circus.

Christopher Brown's set takes the audience into the big top, and Hélène Turp's costumes decorate the set and the characters wonderfully.

Community theatre serves many purposes, probably as many as there are people involved. Not the least of these is the ability to bring big-cast musicals to life here in Montreal; certainly no English-language professional company could afford this size of cast or the long rehearsal period that preceeded the play.

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—Janet Coutts



Henry Finkel thanks **Ann Page**, left, on behalf of Arts Westmount as Councillor **Joan Rothman** looks on.

Dramatis Personae work benefits Arts Westmount

Arts Westmount is $633 richer thanks to the efforts of Ann Page and the Westmount theatre group, Dramatis Personae.

One of the first pieces of business at Monday night's city council meeting was the presentation of a cheque to Arts Westmount president Henry Finkel by Ms Page.

Ms Page trained and worked in England. She has an impressive list of directing credits to her name and was co-winner of a special award at this year's Quebec Drama Festival. Last fall she was retained by the Westmount recreation department to direct the community theatre workshop, Dramatis Personae. Paid an honorarium for her involvement, Ms Page has been asked to continue on for at least another year.

Councillor Joan Rothman would like Ms Page to continue with the recreation department for a longer period. "We ought to look at something more permanent," she said.

May production

At the end of May, Dramatis Personae presented *Voice of the City*, a series of vignettes based on the writings of O. Henry, directed by Ms Page. The production was financed, in part, by a $500 grant from the provincial government through Communications Minister Richard French's office. Box office receipts, said Councillor Rothman, totalled about $950. Once expenses were deducted, $633 remained. This is the sum donated to Arts Westmount.

In accepting the cheque, Mr Finkel told Ms Page, "I enjoyed your performance and was excited with it. I regret we can't include you in this year's Arts Westmount but perhaps next year."

Ms Page says that the program has been enthusiastically supported by council members, the recreation department and the community.

Bob Aiken, director of recreation, says the project was taken on as an on-going program.

"A community theatre is relatively rare in recreation," he says. "We're one of the first in Canada."

Ms Page says she hopes the city may establish a community theatre facility which could be used for plays, poetry readings, concerts and the like. Victoria Hall is inadequate, having no proper lights, dressing rooms or seating. The idea is, she says, being examined seriously.

Head & Hands plans *Sunday in the Park*

It is once again time for *Sunday in the Park*.

For the 18th consecutive year this colorful festival will be held in N.D.G. Park, corner Girouard and Sherbrooke streets. This year it will take place on Sunday, July 10, from 10 am to 6 pm.

Sunday in the Park, presented by the west end community service organization Head & Hands, features music, dance, theatre, activities and just plain fun for all ages and tastes.

Entertainment will include the reggae-ska band The Swinging Relatives, rock-and-roll by Jerry Jerry and the Sons of Rhythm Orchestra, the innovative new band Urban Bushmen, the Preville Jazz band, the Freedance contemporary dance troupe, folk duo Justus, children's entertainers The Balloons and much more.

Carole Jeghers of CHOM-FM will be the emcee for the afternoon.

For kids there will be a mini-carnival, face-painting, clowns, jugglers, Leo's "just for fun" baseball, free balloons and refreshments, arts and crafts, a treasure hunt and lots of games and races.

Among other special events scheduled for the festival are a demonstration by the Montreal Fire Department, displays for seniors, information booths presented by community organizations, a martial arts demonstration and comical scat-singer E.J. Brulé.

Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend and spend *Sunday in the Park* on July 10.

Look Back in Anger at Players'

Players' Theatre and the Still Available Theatre Company are presenting John Osborne's *Look Back in Anger*, directed by Westmount resident Sam LeMarquand.

The play will run for three weeks starting this evening, Monday through Friday until Friday, July 22. Performances are at Players' Theatre, 3480 McTavish, third floor, and start at 9 pm sharp.

Tickets are $8 for the general public, $4 for students and seniors.

For ticket information and reservations, call 398-6813.

Apollo abandoned

A white Apollo bicycle was taken to local MUC police station 23 after being abandoned outside 3481 Holton avenue, according to police.

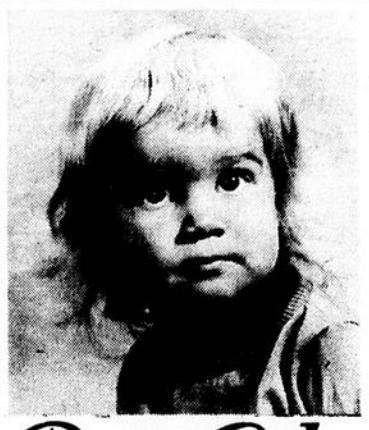
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Park concert set for Sunday

The sweet sound of music will be emanating from the Westmount Park lagoon this Sunday afternoon, July 10, at the first of the YMCA outdoor summer concerts.

L'Ensemble du Carré St Louis will perform free of charge from 3 to 5 pm on the lagoon island near the adult tennis courts. In the case of rain, the concert will move indoors to Victoria Hall.

Other concerts will be held at the same site on the following five consecutive Sundays: July 17, Orealis; July 24, L'Ensemble du Carré St Louis (again); July 31, Swing à la Carte Quintet; Aug 7, The Trio Ambiance; and Aug 14, The Mount Royal Saxophone Quartet.

Beyond Westmount's Borders

A random sampler of things to see or do in the bigger city surrounding us

By KARL JAROSIEWICZ

Jazz fest

This year's Festival International de Jazz de Montréal is being described as the largest the city has yet seen. Over 500 acts are performing for more than 500,000 attendees over the 10-day period. The line-up features artists from nearly every persuasion in the world of jazz including be-bop, swing, blues, jazz fusion, big band, soul and African pop. Some of the biggest names in the field of jazz are in town. Upcoming shows include the Gary Burton Quartet, Joe Pass, the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, the Vic Vogel Big Band, and British female jazz singer Carmel. As well as the main attractions in regular concert halls, local bars and clubs are offering jazz in more intimate settings. Several large outdoor stages have been erected to provide free concerts for the crowds overflowing the festival area streets. Places, names, times and prices are too numerous to list, but check the festival schedule or the daily papers for complete information on who, where and when. The organizers have provided a very handy phone service with up-to-date info on all that's happening until the end of the festival on Sunday. Just call Info Jazz at 871-1881.

Recurring dream

The Black Theatre Workshop announces the return of the critically acclaimed *Marvin — Dream of a Lifetime* as part of this year's jazz festival. Written and directed by Dwight Bacquie, with musical direction by Kathleen Dyson, the play stars Dutch Robinson in the role of Marvin Gaye, Ms Dyson, and Canadian actor Walter Borden added to the cast specially for this jazz fest presentation. Tickets are $19.50 and are available at Club Soda, 5240 Park avenue, and at all Ticketron outlets. Showtime is 8 pm and runs nightly at Club Soda until Sunday. For information, call 270-7848. Reservations can be made by calling 288-2525.

Alcan jazz

The jazz festival sponsor, Alcan, is presenting a series of jazz concerts in the Atrium of the Maison Alcan. Today, La Bande Magnetik performs, and tomorrow, the Luc Hamel Quartet will give a concert. Both concerts begin at noon and last 75 minutes. Admission is free.

Outdoor music

The Côte St Luc Public Library, 5851 Cavendish boulevard, presents the Gerald Danovitch Saxophone Quartet in a free outdoor concert in the library garden tonight at 7 pm. In case of rain, the concert will be moved into the library's auditorium. One and all are advised to bring either blankets or chairs as these are not supplied by the library.

Motown showdown

Starting tonight and playing nightly until Saturday, Kenny Wilson and Music in the House are performing at the St Laurent Bifteck, 3702 St Lawrence boulevard. These musicians will pay tribute to the Motown sound through hits such as *My Girl, Dock of the Bay, Heard it Through the Grapevine, How Sweet It Is, What's Going On* and many more. The band includes André Whiteman on bass, Ross Whiteman on guitar, Wayne Stoute on drums, and Kenny Wilson on vocals. In addition to the Motown music, they will also perform a segment devoted to legendary James Brown. Showtime is 10 pm for all four performances. Call 844-6211 for more details.

Hot rock

If you're looking for some hot summertime fun, Jerry Jerry is back for a night of steamy rock and roll at Club Secrets, 40 Pine avenue west. Together with a new four-piece lineup, he should be ripping the place apart, tonight, one show only. Call 844-0004 for concert information.

Bach at church

The Erskine and American Church has set aside Thursday evenings in July for a series of Bach-inspired concerts. Beginning tonight, Geneviève Soly will perform on the organ. July 14, instrumentalists and soloists of the Erskine and American choir will perform *Excerpts from the Cantatas*. On July 21, Jacinthe Couture will give a piano recital of works including some by Busoni based on Bach. And finally, on July 28, Rachelle Taylor performs on harpsichord. Each recital is approximately an hour long and begins at 5 pm. Admission is free, but the organizers encourage the audience to contribute the suggested $2 offering. The church is located on Sherbrooke street west, at the top of Crescent street, on the east side of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. For more information, call 849-3286.

Montreal watercolors

The Château Ramezay is presenting an exhibition titled *Colors of Montreal: Nineteenth Century Watercolors*, from today until Aug 28. The exhibition consists of about 20 watercolors representing landscapes and buildings of Montreal from the last century. Every Wednesday until the end of August, both French and English-speaking guides will be available for guided tours of the exhibition, between 10 am and 3 pm. Reservations are not necessary. The museum is open every day between 10 am and 5 pm. Admission is $2 for adults, $1 for seniors, and $0.50 for students and children. Call 861-7182 for more information.

Summer events

Les Cours Mont-Royal is providing some summer entertainment to help revive weary shoppers. First, it is presenting an exhibition of photographs illustrating the evolution of the city of Vienna. This exhibition, organized with the collaboration of Air Canada, runs until Aug 13 and is being shown on the retail levels of Les Cours. In conjunction with the exhibition, a series of luncheon concerts will be played Tuesdays through Fridays at 12:30 pm, with the program varying daily. Also part of the summer fun, Jérôme Langlois will be performing piano concerts in the lobby of Les Cours Mont-Royal, today and Friday between 11:30 am and 1 pm, and again between 5:30 and 7 pm. Langlois was the principal composer and co-founder of the Quebec group Maneige.

A stitch in time

The Vermont Quilt Festival will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. The festival will include displays of quilt work by artists from across New England and eastern Canada, including more than a dozen from the Montreal area. Workshops on the art of quilting, lectures, appraisals, a merchants' mall and a fashion show are the main events. The quilt exhibit will be open Friday and Saturday between 10 am and 6 pm, and on Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm. All are welcome.

Help wanted

The 11th Côte des Neiges Multicultural Festival is being organized for Aug 7 in Van Horne park. Festival organizers are looking for volunteers to help in all areas, including setting up information kiosks, organizing the details of the event, and providing entertainment. Individuals and groups interested in participating may call Nathalie or Chris at either 738-2036 or 738-2635, or just drop by the Project Genesis headquarters at 5940 Victoria avenue.

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Jewish pen-pal service seeks new members

The International Jewish Correspondence (IJC) service will mark its 10th year in existence this August, having reached 6,000 people in more than 40 countries.

Representatives from Jewish communities around the world are now being sought to make this unique pen-pal service even stronger.

Montreal high school teacher Barry Simon, co-ordinator of the non-profit service, says that the ideal representative is aged 15 to 30, pleasant and personable, and able to speak three or more languages. Representatives should also be willing to sign up others in camps, schools, synagogues, community centres, youth organizations and singles' groups.

Representatives receive a letter of introduction from IJC, registration forms in English, French and Spanish to distribute and information about the region they are to represent.

Persons wishing to have Jewish pen pals can write to: International Jewish Correspondence, c/o Canadian Jewish Congress, 1590 Docteur Penfield avenue, Montreal H3G 1C5.

A self-addressed envelope should be enclosed and a donation to cover the cost of return postage would be appreciated. In order to be properly matched, IJC must know your age (date of birth), sex, the languages you read, level of schooling, hobbies, ambitions, profession and the number, age range and sex of people with whom you wish to correspond.



NUDEL TRIBUTE: Emunah Women of Montreal, in conjunction with State of Israel Bonds women's division, launched the 40th anniversary bond drive in tribute of Ida Nudel at a recent luncheon. Shown, from left, are **Sophie Filler**, co-chairman of the luncheon; Westmount resident **Evelyn Schacter**, chairman of the women's division; **Miriam Berger**, hostess and co-chairman; and **Sima Gorezkaya**, guest entertainer. The co-chairmen said that Ida Nudel's lifelong quest for freedom and human rights, culminating in her triumph by returning to Israel, serves as a source of inspiration to bond purchasers throughout the world.

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Volunteers sought to help shut-ins

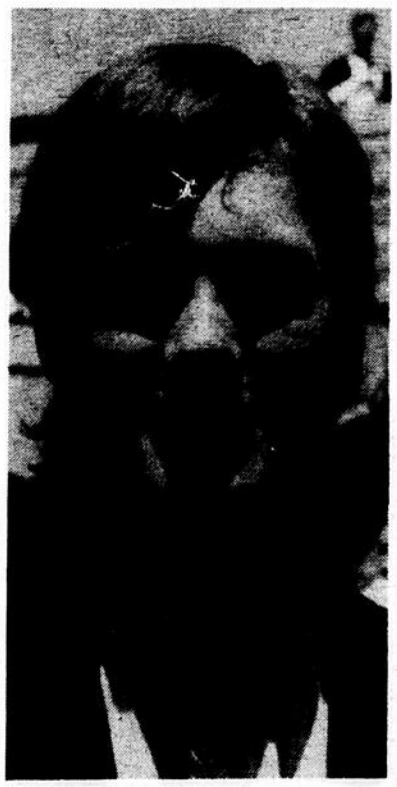
Volunteers are urgently needed to help elderly shut-ins who live in Westmount.

The services provided include friendly visiting, light shopping and accompaniment on medical and other visits.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome. There is a special need for volunteer drivers.

The Westmount shut-in service is an outreach program of Contactivity Centre Inc. For further information, please call the centre at 932-3433.





Westmount native **Andrew Parkin** graduated from Queen's University at the top of his class. He won a medal for achieving the highest standing in the Canadian studies program there. Equipped with his honors BA, Mr Parkin is now working as a research assistant with Canadian politics expert Professor George Perlin. Mr Parkin, 21, is a graduate of Chambly County High School in St Lambert. He is the son of Margaret Kamester, a Westmount resident.

La paroisse St-Léon fait l'évaluation de l'année

Jeudi soir dernier, le 23 juin, le Conseil de Pastorale avait convoqué les responsables des Comités et Services de notre communauté chrétienne. Chacun avait préparé un rapport des activités et des projets réalisés au cours de l'année pastorale qui se termine. La liste des réalisations est impressionnante.

Nous nous étions donnés comme thème pastorale *Vous êtes la lumière du monde*, comme Jésus nous l'a dit et répété. Il fallait répondre à ce défi et être lumière en tant que confirmés et que témoins comme Église, ici à St-Léon.

Après évaluation, nous avons pu déjà projeter pour l'année 1988-89 en identifiant certains besoins de notre milieu. Quelques priorités sont identifiées. Au niveau de l'éducation de la foi, la réponse au questionnaire du carême nous invite à entreprendre une catéchèse et une réflexion; au niveau des priorités de l'année dernière, continuer à les affermer, particulièrement, le Service d'entraide de la Saint-Vincent-de-Paul et donner plus de forme au Comité Choluteca.

La fin de l'année pastorale est arrivée. Il faut remercier tous ceux et celles qui se sont engagés dans un service de la communauté: comité d'éducation chrétienne et préparation aux sacrements du Pardon, de l'Eucharistie et de la Confirmation; au service des jeunes et des louveteaux; dans des services liturgiques, à titre de lecteurs, service à l'autel, décoration et offrandes de fleurs; dans les services des plus petits et des plus démunis, par la Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, le Comité Choluteca — l'ACAT — la Popote roulante — les marguilliers qui assument l'administration matérielle et les tâches d'entretien des bâtiments et les membres du Conseil de Pastorale.

Certains membres de ces comités ont occupé des postes et pris des responsabilités, ils ont donné généreusement temps et énergie, pour leur généreuse participation à ce que le Royaume s'édifie, qu'ils soient remerciés, et bénis par le Seigneur.

Summer services offered at Temple

Worship services at Temple Emanu-El Beth Sholom until Sept 2 will be conducted by the laity of the congregation. Services will be held in the Temple chapel at 8 pm.

Each Friday, the congregation is invited to participate in these worship services, held under the auspices of Temple Sisterhood/Brotherhood.

The chairman is Samuel Segal; worship leaders are Mac Mendelsohn, Maurice Rouben, Joel Goldberg, Sheila Silverman and Samuel Segal; speakers chairman is Bert Greenford; hospitality and reception chairman is Daniel Morris, QC.

Allan Raymond, historian, lecturer and avid collector of Montreal and Canadian Judaica, will be guest speaker on July 8. His topic will be "The Rabbis of the Temple Emanu-El and their contribution to the Montreal community."

Tel-Aide seeks volunteers

Tel-Aide, Montreal's oldest telephone listening service, needs English-speaking volunteers to answer calls from English speakers.

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For information, please contact the Tel-Aide office between 8:30 am and 11 pm at 935-1105.

MARGARET WELCH GAMMELL

Aged 78 years. Beloved wife of the late Judge Robert Gammell. Died in Calgary at Rockyview Hospital, July 3, 1988. Cremation took place at McInnis and Halloway in Calgary on July 6. A burial service will be held at the chapel at Mount Royal Cemetery on July 8 at 3:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers a donation to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by her family.

Arts Westmount festival: program details take shape

Arts Westmount President Henry Finkel has announced details of the 1988 Arts Westmount festival program, to be held Sept 26 to Oct 2 in Victoria Hall.

Opening night, Monday, Sept 26, will be the traditional vernissage as previously announced. Seven exhibitions of art, crafts, photography, architecture, industrial design, ikebana and cartoons will be on view.

An evening of dance on Tuesday, Sept 27, presented by Westmount choreographer and teacher Sheila Lawrence, will feature *Kaleidoscope*, her 19-minute ballet set to jazz music.

Wednesday evening's program on Sept 28 will present a panel of Westmount authors reading selections from their works.

Films to be shown on Thursday Sept 29 include the 1988 Oscar-winning *The Man Who Planted Trees*, the warm and witty *George and Rosemary* and some excerpts from *Sesame Street* by Westmount resident Graeme Ross.

Musicians who will perform on Friday's evening of classical music are Martin Caron, a prize-winning pianist from Westmount's twin city, Rimouski, and Mark Simons, a Westmount clarinetist.

Victoria Hall will be transformed into an intimate cabaret setting for Saturday night's jazz program. Charlie Biddle and his group will alternate with Jazz Cartoon, a modern jazz quintet. Refreshments will be served.

Julie Vincent will star Sunday, Oct 2, in her own play, *Noir de Monde*, in which the Montreal actor impersonates eight different women. Ms Vincent is touring Europe this summer with her production.

Children's events will be clustered on Saturday and Sunday, Oct 1 and 2. Children can create art and paint T-shirts in their own special tent. The play *From You to Us to You*, to which many Westmount children contributed, will be presented in Victoria Hall on Saturday. Youngsters from two to 92 can attend Sunday's Suzuki concert.

Other events in the Arts Westmount 1988 program include guided bus tours of important buildings and houses in Westmount, a Sunday band concert in Westmount Park, and the traditional sale of art and craft objects in the park.

All Arts Westmount events are free and open to the public. Funding for the annual festival, now in its seventh year, is provided by the City of Westmount, the government of Quebec and Arts Westmount's own fundraising campaign.

Parked car put into neutral, crosses Clarke and hits garage

A CAR that was parked overnight Saturday-Sunday on Montrose avenue rolled across Clarke avenue and pushed another through a garage door on the southwest corner, police report.

The transmission of the rolling car was believed to have been moved into neutral by someone breaking into the vehicle.

The blue 1982 Pontiac bore Ontario licence plates and was discovered with $2 or $3 in change missing. Damage was estimated at $250-$500.

A grey 1986 Volvo, which had been parked in the driveway at 506 Clarke, sustained over $500 damage, as did the garage door.

The incident was reported to police at 8:25 am by the owner of the Pontiac. He thought it had been stolen. Eleven minutes later, police received a call for an accident at 506 Clarke.

Radio taken

A $400 radio was stolen from a car parked outside 124 Irvine avenue overnight Monday-Tuesday last week, police said. A door of the brown 1986 Volkswagen Jetta was found open.

Carla Napier award created at Centaur

Centaur Theatre Company's artistic director, Maurice Podbrey, announced the establishment of the annual Carla Napier Award at a recent tribute celebration held at Centaur. One of Montreal's brightest young performers, Ms Napier died tragically in a fire on May 21 this year.

A local young professional performer (within five years of graduation) will be selected to receive the $1000 award by a three-member jury to be chosen each year by Centaur from the theatre community. The recipient's name will be announced at the end of each season at a wrap-party fondly referred to as the Carla Napier Bash.

Mr Podbrey, a Westmount resident, stated: "Carla, at one time or another, worked with almost everyone on the local theatre scene, and her untimely death touched many people. It is appropriate that we honor her."

Information regarding the Carla Napier Award can be obtained by contacting Judy Cutler, associate director, at 288-1229.

Sign crime

A City of Westmount no-parking sign was confiscated from a youth across from Westmount High School late Saturday night, public safety officers report. The boy, a Westmount resident of Dorchester boulevard, was with a group of youths when spotted carrying the sign. It was seized and taken to the Corporation Yard.

Tot topples

A four-year-old N.D.G. boy fell off his bicycle in Westmount Park Monday last week, loosening his front teeth, fire officials said.

The boy, accompanied by his mother, was driven to the Montreal Children's Hospital in a Public Security Unit car. The accident occurred about 2:38 pm.

Bike theft

Someone stole a white bicycle from St Léon's School yard last Thursday, police said. A Grosvenor avenue girl was using the bike while its owner, her brother, was away on a trip. The bike's value is not known.

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ALTRUSA ALTRUISM: The Altrusa Club of Montreal recently presented cheques totalling $3,500 from their fund-raising efforts to seven charities: Auberge Transition, L'Assistance Maternelle, Adult Survivors of Incest, Montreal Association for the Blind, Mackay Centre, Passages and the Children's Wish Foundation. Seen at the recent Altrusa Club dinner are, from left, past president **Anne Altosaar**, vice-president **Nerelle Cooper**, Westmount resident **Dr Virginia Barber** and president **Angela De Rose**.

Jewish Family Services needs foster homes

Jewish Family Services social service centre is looking for a stable and happy family who can provide a good home for Samara on a long-term (possibly permanent) basis.

Samara is a beautiful seven-month-old baby of Jewish origin. She is alert, responsive and delightful. Like all babies, Samara needs parents who will cherish her and care about her development. The latter is especially important as she is a child with challenging needs. Born with spina bifida and some related problems, Samara will have to overcome certain physical handicaps. To date, her progress has been good. She is already involved in occupational/physiotherapy sessions once every three weeks and she is followed by a special clinic.

For various reasons, Samara's natural family is unable to care for her. As a result, the search is on for a substitute family who is capable and willing to share in Samara's future. Together, the foster home and agency can work toward the goal of continuity and permanent planning. As Samara is expected to be in long-term care, a Jewish family is preferred.

Not everyone can be a foster parent. But if you consider your home a possibility, think about Samara.

Taking a child into your family can be an enriching and satisfying experience.

For more information on Samara or children's foster care in general, please call Rachel Rayf, Children's Foster Care Program, Jewish Family Services, 485-1112.

Narcolepsy group meets

The Canadian Association for Narcolepsy, a Montreal self-help group, will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 13, from 7 to 9 pm at Belmore House, 3500 Belmore avenue, in N.D.G.

Anyone interested in sleep disorders is welcome.

For further information, call 697-2041.

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DONATION TO REHABILITATION: Merck Frosst Canada Inc recently presented a cheque representing the second instalment of a pledge of $25,000 to the Institut de réadaptation de Montréal. From left are **Daniel Adam**, director general of the Institut, Westmount resident **John L. Zabriskie**, president and CEO of Merck Frosst and vice-chairman of the capital fund-raising campaign of the Institut, **Marie Chevrier** of Westmount, campaign director, and **Hubert Martel**, senior vice-president of Merck Frosst. The Institut de réadaptation de Montréal was the first rehabilitation centre in Quebec and is now one of the most important in Canada. The objective of the capital fund-raising campaign is $10 million. Funds will be used to expand and renovate the existing premises.

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Seniors' group plans trips

The Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre, Contactivity, is planning several interesting trips for its members on Wednesdays during July and August.

The group will tour the Rossi Glass Factory in Cornwall, Ontario, on July 13. There will be a buffet lunch at the Holiday Inn. Departure time is 10 am.

An open house and afternoon tea at Place Kensington, the new seniors' apartment residence being built on St Catherine street, have been scheduled for July 20. A week later, on July 27, a bus trip to Mont Tremblant Lodge and various activities are planned. A trip to Fort Chambly and another to the Piggery theatre in North Hatley are scheduled for August.

For prices and timetables, interested members can call 932-3433.

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What does it mean when we are so often adjured to "act your age"?

The comment is usually made as a form of criticism, and I can understand it, in part, when a very old lady dresses up in a too-short skirt, sports blonde hair, and wears lots of make-up. But you rarely hear the remark addressed to men, even when the man, who might well be in his 80s, wears a jaunty outfit that might better suit a much younger man.

So there's something sexist in the remark. Nobody tells the 20-year-old to act her age when she shows up at work in a too-tight mini or in too-flashy jewelry. More likely she'll be told to dress more appropriately. I just wish that people would realize that it's appropriateness, rather than age, that's the issue.

It's quite impossible to categorize age explicitly. I know that I have days when I feel great (and look OK), and then there are days when I move more slowly. I can't fool myself when I look in the mirror, the years *do* show. But my close friend plays competitive tennis and keeps up with, or beats, the kids. My neighbor is an active community worker. She probably puts in more hours than she would on a full-time job. And she makes a significant contribution. Are they acting their age?

I think a lot depends on your notions of what the older person is. If Whistler's mother is your prototype, then for sure the busy senior who's involved in organizations, plays tennis, babysits the grandchild by taking him on trips, gets involved in politics — in other words, lives her life — isn't acting her age.

Let's face it, age is a pretty relative thing. It's not just the number of years you live. Leonard Knott, whom I'm liking more and more, says, "Just hang in, drink lots of water, stay off airplanes and cross the street with the green light and first thing you know, you're on your way. You're a genuine, certified s.c." (*Gazette*, July 3.)

You're not going to be a different person, though. In fact, you may not look so very different for quite some time. And if you felt good about yourself when you were younger, chances are you'll feel good about yourself at this time of your life.

When you stop to think about it, we've got a lot going for us, in spite of the stereotypes and clichés. My daughter says, "There's nothing like some of the old stories you tell, Mom." It's fun remembering. It's also fun thinking of new fields to conquer. For with all these years, we must have learned a few things. We might very well be at a high point in life, with a wealth of accumulated experience and knowledge, and with enough gumption to explore and try new things.

That's natural for our age. And that's the way to act.

Knott says senior citizens are not going to be the same tomorrow. He's referring to the stereotype of the older person folding his tent after retirement. I say we've already reached that point. Our seniors today who act their age are vibrant, curious and involved. All power!

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Two blood clinics at Alexis Nihon

The Red Cross will hold two blood donor clinics at Place Alexis Nihon next week.

The first will be held Monday, from 10:30 am to 5 pm. The second will be on Thursday, July 14, from 10:30 am until 8:30 pm. Both will be on the ground floor at the St Catherine street entrance.

Citizens are urged to give generously as the Red Cross has announced a decline in its supply of blood, in particular the Rh negative types.

The Red Cross permanent center at 3131 Sherbrooke street east is open weekdays from 10 am until 6 pm, 8 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Alzheimer group holds meetings

The Alzheimer Society of Montreal will hold two meetings in English at their office at 3974 Notre Dame street west.

The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 12, the second on Tuesday, Aug 9. Both meetings will start at 3 pm and run till 4:30. A video will be presented for discussion.

The purpose of this self-help group is to encourage mutual support among families coping with this disease.

As space is limited, please confirm your attendance to Barbara at 931-4211.

There are no registration fees.

Volunteer needed with own car

Head & Hands, a health and social service centre, needs volunteers with cars for its baby clothing and furniture exchange.

The exchange provides young parents with free baby clothing and baby furniture. As most young parents do not have the means to transport these necessities, volunteers with cars (preferably hatchbacks) are needed to transport the clothes and furniture. Volunteers are needed three times a month and hours are flexible.

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Council adopts policy on art in city buildings

City council adopted an art policy at its in camera committee meeting Monday night, Mayor May Cutler announced Tuesday.

"The policy puts on record that city council welcomes art to be displayed in municipal buildings," she said.

It also lays down selection and display procedures, the mayor said.

Only Westmount artists listed with Arts Westmount will be represented, she explained, adding that the city has "so many marvellous artists."

Placement of the art in municipal buildings is to be done by a committee of six including the mayor and one city councillor, two members of the newly formed Westmount Advisory Committee on Culture (WACC) and two members of the city's white collar staff.

The WACC was formed last spring to advise the City of Westmount, its mayor, council and residents on ways to enhance cultural activities.

The committee is chaired by Dr Sam Solomon. Members include: Mayor May Cutler, councillors Sally Aitken and Joan Rothman, as well as Henry Finkel, John Udy, Michael Faure, James Aitken and Bob Benson.

Two members of the city's Architectural and Planning Commission also have been added. They are Mark London and Derek Drummond.

Postbox vandal scatters mail

Someone overturned a mailbox on the northeast corner of Sherbrooke street and Mount Pleasant avenue Sunday and ripped open envelopes, police report. It is not known what might have been stolen.

Strewn envelope remains, many bearing return addresses on Elm, Greene and Mount Pleasant avenues, were handed over to the post office.

The incident was discovered about 9:07 am by public safety officers who noticed 25 to 30 envelopes strewn about the ground outside 5 Rosemount avenue. Among items abandoned were cheques for $480 and $2,600, and a large brass wind-up key.

Door drama

A Westmount woman drove her car into the open door of one that had just been parked in front of 136 Clandeboye avenue Saturday, police report. One car sustained less than $250 damage; the other, between $250 and $500. The mishap occurred at 11 am.

YOU SAY . . .

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to THE EXAMINER:

Mayor May Cutler
Westmount City Hall

Dear Mayor Cutler,

At the March 7 council meeting I asked you and council to extend jurisdiction of the PSU to witness air and noise pollution in Westmount and nearby. You had asked me then to write to you about it.

As I mentioned at that council meeting, there are only so many inspectors for the MUC and it would be most helpful if not only our own city inspectors but also our PSU acted as witnesses of the pollution incidents. All they have to do is be provided with certain simple charts to compare the darkness of the chimney effluents with those on the chart.

As for noise pollution, is it too much to ask our personnel to measure noise levels and witness the source if it is a couple of yards or so outside our borders? Noise does not politely stop at our borders when its source is just outside them.

Environmental quality in our city is of utmost importance. This letter is to put on record exactly what I had requested then for your consideration. I appeal especially to you and the other women council members who, as mothers, know that real economics is the science of good housekeeping that never neglects the home environment. As citizens we have always lost environmental quality, sacrificed on the altar of apathy and jurisdictional territoriality.

R.H. Ferahian
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Peace disturber wanted for more

A man charged with disturbing the peace at the Reddy Memorial Hospital Tuesday last week turned out to be wanted on arrest warrants for assault, fraud and trespassing by night, police said.

The 38-year-old was arrested at 4 am on Atwater avenue after a complaint by a hospital security guard.

Police said the suspect had gone to the hospital for a wrist injury and had demanded to be treated immediately. He became aggressive and police were called. They found the man standing in the middle of Atwater blocking traffic.

He was taken to local MUC police station 23 before being sent downtown to police headquarters. The man had no fixed address.

VW radio taken

A $400 Kenwood radio was stolen from a car parked in front of 4278 Sherbrooke street Saturday, according to police. The beige 1984 Volkswagen had been broken into through a window on the passenger side between 2:45 and 3:10 pm. Damage was estimated at $150.

Suspicious noise leads to arrest

A 19-year-old man of no fixed address was sent downtown to MUC police headquarters Sunday after being arrested at the rear of 19 Stayner street, police report.

The young man was wanted on three court warrants, police learned, after answering a call to the location at 9:50 am for a suspicious noise.

Woman, 80, loses purse to cyclist

A cyclist snatched a purse from an 80-year-old woman as she walked along Dorchester boulevard near Clandeboye avenue Friday, police said. The woman was not hurt.

The thief rode near the victim, grabbing her bag and driving off. He was described as a 20-year-old man wearing jeans.

The incident occurred at about 6:30 pm as the victim, a resident of Stayner street, was heading west. The bag contained $35 and personal papers.

Caught in act, car thief flees

A resident of Roxborough avenue who went outside Friday at 3:15 am to investigate a noise found a man standing near his car, police report. One door of the car had been opened as well as the door to the garage.

The stranger fled after what is believed to have been an attempt to steal the car, a grey 1988 Plymouth.

Van makes lights turn

Traffic lights on the northwest corner of Sherbrooke street and Mount Pleasant avenue were turned around slightly Wednesday last week after being hit by a van, police said. Damage was reported at less than $250.

The mishap occurred at about 2 pm as the van, towing furniture in a trailer, cut the corner too sharply. The van belonged to a moving company.

Collision

Two westbound cars sustained over $500 each Wednesday last week after colliding at Côte St Antoine road and Victoria avenue, police report. The accident occurred at about 8:45 pm as one turned in front of the other. No injuries were reported.

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Loader punctured

A front-end loader sustained $1,000 damage after being left overnight Wednesday-Thursday last week at the rear of 16 Oakland avenue, police said. The machine was involved in work to install a pool at the property. The radiator of the yellow 1986 Case vehicle appeared to have been punctured.

Compressor taken

A compressor used for painting was stolen from the construction site at 1 Wood avenue overnight Tuesday-Wednesday last week, police report. The machine was valued at $3,500. It was not known how the thief, or thieves, gained entry to where the compressor had been located or how it was removed.

If you are healthy and between age 18 and 65, remember to give the gift of life. Be a Red Cross blood donor.

Car meets truck

A City of Westmount work truck sustained less than $250 damage Wednesday last week when it was hit by a car backing out of a driveway on Forden avenue south of Montrose, police report. The truck had been parked in front of civic number 25 at 8:45 am. The car, which belonged to a resident of the street, also sustained under $250 damage.

Break-in

A $600 video machine was discovered missing from a house on Strathcona avenue Friday, police report. Children of the owner found the house had been broken into through a side window between June 27 and July 1. It was not immediately known if anything else had been taken.

Keys waiting

A set of 10 keys was removed by police from a car ignition at the rear of 4264 Dorchester boulevard at 1:30 am Saturday as a crime prevention measure. Police said a note was left on the car to inform the owner. The keys remained unclaimed Monday. The car was reported to be registered to someone in Dorion.

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capita comparisons. Mayor May Cutler replied that she would welcome "any suggestions" for reduction of cost without reduction of service.

Recylcing success

• Norah Plenderleith, 6 Park Place, said the city's two garbage recycling depots are such successes that increased collections are needed as well as additional depots. This was expanded by Councillor Sally Aitken into another request for the city to implement selective garbage pickup, again opposed by Councillor Peter Duffield.

• Ramzi Ferahian, 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard, backed the request for more recycling depots. He then asked for a council response to his letter to Mayor Cutler requesting that additional information be added to work permits. Her Worship replied that she did not know of the letter or the issue. Councillor Paul Fortin said he thought council should discuss it and then reply.

Mr Ferahian then tabled another letter dealing with pollution outside Westmount's borders (see *You Say* column).

• Rolland Benard, 722 Victoria avenue, asked when the city would hire a new director of finance to replace Jean-Luc Emond who left more than two months ago. He was told that candidates were now narrowed to a short list and one might be selected in the next 30 days.

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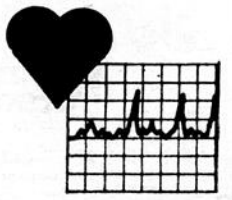
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imagine such juries being fair. They sounded as if they were only interested in looking after their own interests and to heck with everybody else. Some argued, for instance, that no new groups should be given anything as long as funds were short. Well, in the arts, funds will always be short.

Comment: Certainly at present there should be no attempt to make up juries of peers. CACUM must come to decisions on who and what and what for it is going to subsidize. It cannot turn over this responsibility to status quo groups. Furthermore, those who serve on such juries are very likely expecting to be paid. An estimate of $250,000 a year has been made. That would subsidize 25 smaller groups to the tune of $10,000 a year!

Observation: Most of the cities who sent in briefs emphasized the desire to have professionals from the centre city come and help to give technical advice, lectures, background information especially connected with *Exposer* and *Jouer dans l'Île*. My surprise in this was how they came begging for it. Why were they not demanding it, since they pay so much into it?

Comment: CACUM should have a bank of professionals that art groups throughout the MUC can draw on. CACUM can establish rates, pay a portion of their fees and be the centre for handling requests. These can include everything from persons to lecture and explain *Jouer*... and *Exposer dans l'Île* events to professional, artistic, technical, promotional advice. The more informed, the more professional any group gets, the better for the support of art.

Comments on the City of Montreal brief, re: CIDEC (Commission d'Initiatives et Développement Culturels) and planning:

Planning is all to the good, but Montreal cannot plan alone and expect the cities of the MUC to pay for its plans. It would seem that the City of Montreal should have its own arts program and should be paying separate amounts on its own (in addition to subsidies from the MUC) to support its major art groups such as the museum, the opera and the symphony. Each municipality in the MUC subsidizes its own cultural programs at present; why should not Montreal also do so?

This Montreal brief mentions tourism, for example, and how this helps Montreal. It helps little or not at all the suburban cities. We want Montreal to have and support its major arts groups, but all of the local financial help for them should not come from the total MUC. Need I point out that the cities of the south shore — St Lambert, Longueuil etc — are closer and have easier access to Place des Arts than many of our cities to the east, north and west of downtown.

The MUC must be represented in total in the allocation of its funds. The health of art on the Island of Montreal is dependent on everyone interested, amateur and semi-professional as well as professional. The idea that you can have a thriving arts community with only top professional groups is an illusion. The more amateur musicians you have, the better supported will be the professionals. While it is not possible for CACUM to support financially all the amateur groups on the island, it can give them advice, help and professional assistance; it can co-operate with cultural centres already in existence for an exciting, participating art life throughout the city.

Suggestions that make sense and should be pursued:

a) Amusement tax, I think, should continue to be charged even to non-profit art groups, but this should be returned to them as their subsidy. It is preferable to return it rather than not collect it, so that everybody pays, but only those groups recognized as genuinely cultural and non-profit get it back.

b) A special sector should be set up within CACUM to deal with those groups who cross several boundaries in the arts, such as combining dance and theatre. Increasingly these kinds of groups are coming into existence, including groups that don't fit precisely into any sector.

c) Question of the quality of halls for performing: If we get arts councils in each city, these can survey the available space and needs.

d) An interesting possibility is to add *Lire dans l'Île* to the present *Exposer*... and *Jouer dans l'Île*, to extend the concerns of CACUM into literature by supporting writers' groups and offering touring writers, poets, etc.

OUR PSBGM. . .

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develop an educational plan and submit it to the board.

The group met in January with Director General Joseph Rabinovitch to initiate the procedure under PSBGM policy called *Response*, which has guidelines for the development of new programs. From January to April, approximately 40 people met once or twice a week in whole committee or in sub-committees. They not only wrote a document on education, but raised money for the inevitable printing and publicity costs and future marketing of the school.

The educational plan was submitted in May to both a parity committee, the educational policies committee, and to a standing committee of commissioners, namely the educational and facilities committee. The principal, teachers, school committee and members of the planning committee were there to present the plan and answer questions. The plan was referred, by resolution, for curriculum development and analysis of financial and staffing implications to the committee of officers of the board, as well as to the long-range planning group so they might assess the effect of a new school on the overall system of the PSBGM.

A committee of officers will return the revised and developed plan with recommendations to the education and facilities committee in the fall for submission to the board. Most major groups associated with the board, such as the Montreal Teachers' Association and the Montreal Association of School Administrators, will be consulted. The final decision on the future of the school and educational plan will be taken by the council of commissioners at their public meeting in December 1988. The recommendations made to the commissioners at that time will consider the regular or alternative status of the school, new curriculum and program and staffing. The birth of a school takes a long gestation period!

Recently the school appointed a new chief administrator. Ron Haynes, principal of Westmount High School, will become principal of an elementary school in September. Ron worked all year to save and revive Westmount High with both the school and planning committees, and I would like to thank him for his efforts, his patience and good humor through a difficult year of possible closure and the concentrated planning to keep the school going.

Richard Meades became the new principal of Westmount High on July 1. I know you will all welcome his appointment and give him your full support, as I do. Dick is enthusiastic about the new educational plan and its implementation and brings his years of pedagogical experience and expertise in the PSBGM to Westmount High School.

May I thank especially the dedicated teachers, parents, members of the school committee, of other schools and of the community who met, discussed, wrote and organized with intelligence, patience and creativity during this long year.

But it is not over yet! We need friends at WHS to organize the corps of volunteers, to help raise funds for computers and software equipment, to do publicity and market the new school. We all hope that registration in September 1989 will show the commitment of parents and students to this exciting new approach to secondary education, which will be open both to students in the school and to students we can and wish to serve in the larger Westmount/Montreal population basin surrounding the school.

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City hall issued a building permit last week valued at $190,000 to Plomberie G&G Ltée for the installation of 128 new plumbing fixtures in Westmount's Sherbrooke street YMCA building.

As construction work now gets into full swing on the extension and rebuilding of the local Y, the structure is but a skeleton of its former self. Only the front, west and rear walls remain standing. The rest has been completely gutted and demolished. A large pit has been dug on the side lot for the new swimming pool and the building extension above it.

The 128 plumbing fixtures include the pool, men's and women's showers, washrooms and drinking fountains.

The overall project will cost a total of $3.9 million. The doors to the new facilities are expected to open in May 1989.



PLANNING THE NEW DAY: Back weary after a swim in the municipal pool, these members of the Prince Albert Park division of the recreation department's summer playground program are talking over plans for next day.

Photo by VALERIE TETLEY

Swimming lessons for seniors start at municipal pool

Swimming lessons aren't only for kids.

The Westmount recreation department has set up a new swim instruction program for anyone over 50 years old. The daily, half-hour sessions will include aqua-aerobics and stroke development, and will be shaped to the desires of the people who sign up.

The classes, which are limited to eight swimmers, will be held Monday through Friday starting at 11 am.

The program is being run by Lynn Kucera, a student at Vermont's Norwich University who is doing her summer internship with the city. Ms Kucera is studying for her BSc in recreation.

Registration will take place the week of July 11 and classes will start Monday, July 18. For more information and to register, call Ms Kucera at 935-8531, local 320.

Two bikes taken from garages

Two bicycles were reported stolen in Westmount last week, police said.

One was an 18-speed burgundy bike valued at $400 missing Monday from an open garage on Upper Belmont avenue.

The other was a blue Rapido left unlocked in the garage of the apartment building at 4557 Sherbrooke street overnight Monday-Tuesday last week. It was valued at $120.

Cat removed

A small grey cat was taken to the SPCA Wednesday last week from 104 Abbott avenue, public safety officers report. It had been hanging around the home for some time.

Winners in Canada Day essay-writing contest

Following are the five winning essays, unedited and uncorrected, from the Westmount Summer Fun playground program Canada Day essay contest:

First Prize:

Canada Day is on Friday July 1, 1988. I was born in Canada. On Canada Day I will bring some food because we are having a picnic. The Canada flag is red. My mother and father were not born in Canada. When they came to Canada they had my sister Ursula. Then they had me. My mother was born in China. My father was born in Jamaica. My mother has lot's of siuts. The National Anthem of Canada is "O Canada." On Canada Day we have to sing O Canada. Canada Day will be fun. I like Canada.

Vanessa Fareau, 8

Second Prize:

Jacques Cartier descoverd Canada July 1, 1535. He wanted to go to india but dident. He came here instead and saw indian's so he thought he was in india. Jacques Cartier asked the indian's for spices and tea but like it was winter he couldent get any. so he had to wait the hole winter and he and his men got very sick and alot died. Jacques Cartier went back to France with nothing and Fraçois the 1st was very disapointed. Alot lost confidence in M. Cartier. So he went back to St-Malo were he was born. Since then we all celebreat Canada Day.

Karine Seidman, 10

Third Prize:

The story about Canada
a lot of people thought Canada was nice. so thay built houses and mayd moni they bot furniture. than other people cam. thay wer vere happy in Canada. because it was sany and has houses thay mad parcs. and planted tries. and thay stai so rat now thay or olot of houses and parcs and tries. thay hav olot of thignses.

Jeanne Bowser, 7

Honorable Mention:

CANADA is a beautiful country full of trees and mountains. I have been to FRANCE and to the USA, an I have found that in both countries people think that CANADA is a land of ice and snow. If some of them had gone to Vancouver, they would see that CANADA is very warm in most provinces. In FRANCE it is much like CANADA only the cold mountains are in the lower regions. I love CANADA DAY, and hope to live here for a while.

Simone Bonneville, 9

Honorable Mention:

My mom and my dad wint to Canada with me we came from nowyorke we wer hvin fon we wint swimming then my friends came swimming withe me plyde a lot oun of my friends said Canada is the best I sede tomorrow im going to Canada.

Miranda O'Connor, 7

Tour sign tours

A plastic sign designating Nefertiti Casino Tours at 4028 St Catherine street was reported stolen Wednesday last week, police said. It was valued at $50 and was one of two installed on the building.

Cyclist looks suspicious while helping a friend

MOST of a bicycle was seized from a cyclist Tuesday night last week. It was later claimed by the owner, ending a somewhat bizarre incident related by police and public safety officers.

The initial report was made by Public Security Sergeant Mario Testa. He spotted a man with a bicycle removing a second bike from its front wheel at 10:51 pm. The wheel was locked to a sign pole at the southwest corner of Elm avenue and Sherbrooke street.

As the officer approached, the man dropped both bicycles, claiming he had been asked by a friend to pick up the locked one after the key had been lost.

The man, identified by police as a 21-year-old from east-end Montreal, waited until arrival of MUC police who told him the friend could pick up the bike at local station 23.

This is exactly what the bike's owner did at 4 pm, police said. He was identified as a resident of Sherbrooke street in Montreal.

Canada Day marked by playground kids

The Summer Fun playground program celebrated Canada Day with costumes, watermelon and birthday cake despite being driven indoors by Friday's rain.

The youngsters dressed up, decorated their bicycles and took part in a variety of games. Together with many of their parents, the kids enjoyed a meal made up of dishes from a variety of countries.

Twelve-year-old Anitra Bostock won the award for best costume. Avigail Aronoff, 9, won second prize. The third prize went to becostumed Rupert the Dog and his owner, 10-year-old Amanda Dimitri.

Honorable mentions in the costume competition went to Daniel Glassman, Corinne Etienne, Maddie Bonneville, Simone Bonneville, Michael Taylor and Zachary Eberts.

Eight-year-old Alex Cidengil won first prize in the bike decorating contest. Peter Flegel, 9, took second prize and seven-year-old Genevieve Farreau won third. Hengameh Mateenjam received an honorable mention for his decorated bike.

The youngsters also had an opportunity to enter an essay contest and write on the topic of "Canada." The winning essays can be found elsewhere on this page.

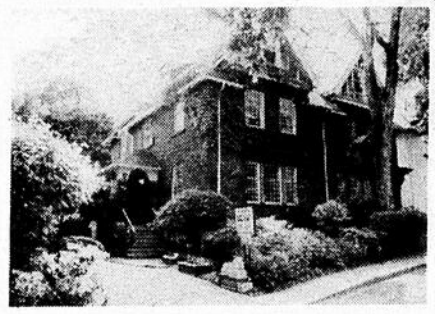
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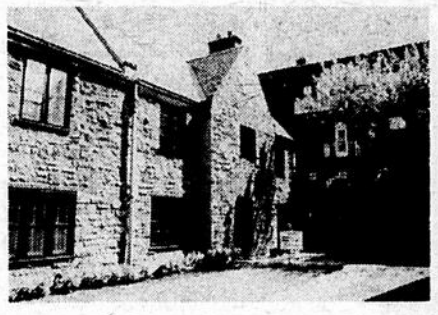
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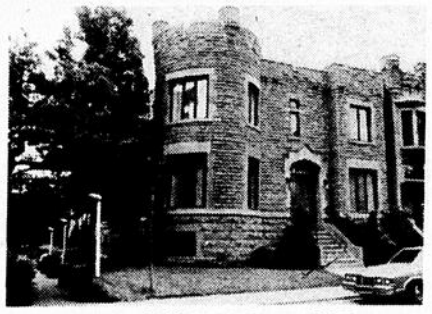
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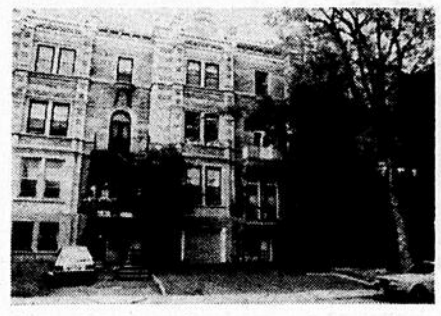
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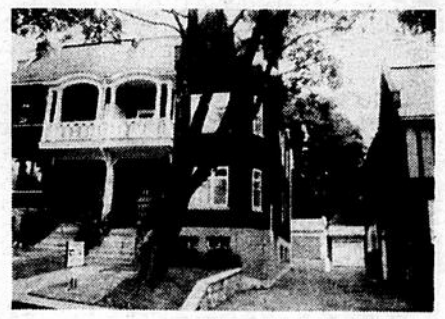
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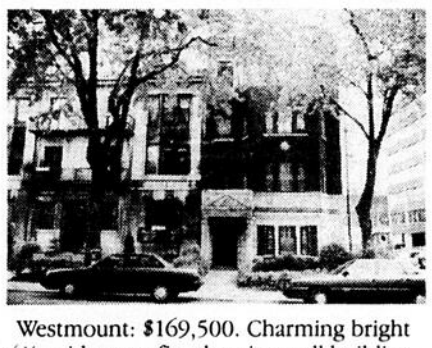
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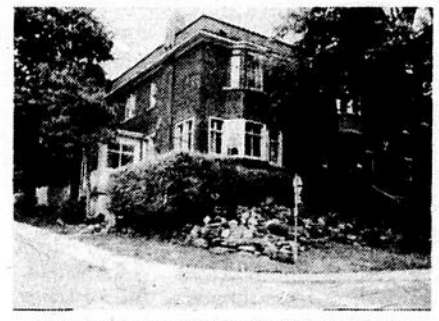
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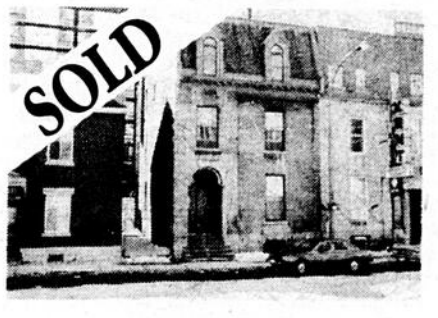
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