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City slaps tax on non-profit organizations

By THOR VALDMANIS

RETROACTIVE municipal business tax levied against non-profit organizations in Westmount has left a number of organizations confused and upset.

Thousands of dollars in taxes have been assessed against 23 non-profit organizations in this community including the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) Association, 4450 Sherbrooke street; the Junior League of Montreal, 366 Victoria avenue; the Order of Nurses of Quebec, 4200 Dorchester boulevard; and the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue.

Under Bill 40, adopted by the provincial government in June, titled "An Act to Amend the Act Respecting Municipal Taxation," Quebec municipalities are now empowered to levy a business tax against non-profit organizations retroactive to Jan 1, 1985.

"We were a bit shocked to receive this without any prior notice," Donna Gabeline, president of the Junior League of Montreal, said in a telephone interview Tuesday evening. "We think it's an alarming trend."

The Junior League received a business tax bill of $1,817, for its office and shop La Ligue (also on Victoria) on Oct 14.

(The amount due is calculated using a complex formula based on the MUC rental evaluation of the organization's property.)

The Junior League was given until Oct 31 to pay.

Some spared

Certain non-profit organizations in Westmount have been spared the business tax, including the YMCA and the Atwater Library.

Adrienne Normandeau, comptroller of exemptions in the MUC's evaluation division, explained Tuesday that "most non-profit organizations are taxable under the bill."

Exceptions tend to be international, federal and provincial properties and certain social affairs and educa-

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Jogger runs over vehicle in his path

Nothing, it seems, will stop a jogger.

Not even a car blocking a sidewalk.

One jogger, who was doing his thing Saturday afternoon on Summit crescent, never stopped as he ran on top of a car which had stopped momentarily across the sidewalk on its way out of a garage, police said.

The jogger left the 1978 BMW with two running shoe marks and a small dent in the hood causing about $300 damage.

The incident occurred about 4:15 pm when the driver of the car was attempting to buckle his seatbelt before proceeding into the street.

A MARCH TO REMEMBER: The color party of the Royal Montreal Regiment Legion branch was one of many units participating in the annual Remembrance Day service held Sunday afternoon at the Westmount Cenotaph. **Mayor Brian Gallery**, on stand in background, reviewed the march past.

"Before we decide on that name, I'd like to get home and yell it a few times."

WMA blasts city officials for hands-off enforcement of work safety violations

The administration of the City of Westmount was at the receiving end of some stinging criticism delivered by the Westmount Municipal Association at its regular monthly directors' meeting Monday evening.

The targets were Peter Patenaude, the city's director general, and the city's team of inspectors, whom the WMA blasted for allowing alleged safety violations to proliferate on city thoroughfares.

WMA president Stuart Robertson labelled "rather incredible" a statement made by Mr Patenaude at the last city council meeting, in defence of the city's policy on enforcing safe construction practices.

Mr Patenaude admitted at the time that although the site was "dilapidated," "I can't get one inspector to get up in court and state it's in dangerous condition."

Mr Robertson said "there are definite dangers there (at the site at 4476 St Catherine street). And there seems to be quite a lot of other things relying on inspections ... and it's been lacking."

He cited repeated efforts he made last Friday to have flashing lights erected around a Gaz Métropolitain work site on Claremont avenue. He noted that city crews eventually

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Hearings Dec 5:

Johnston's riding plan hopes to rescue St Henri-Westmount

By PETER BLACK

Donald Johnston's office thinks it may have come up with a retailored version of St Henri-Westmount federal riding which may provide an attractive alternative to the almost certain elimination of a traditionally anglophone Quebec seat in Ottawa.

In September the federal Electoral Boundaries Commission proposed the creation of a new Outremont-Westmount riding which would see Westmount and Outremont fused, St Henri severed from the existing riding and grafted to what is now N.D.G.-Lachine East. In turn, Lachine East would be reunited with Lachine.

As a result of the marriage of Westmount and Outremont, "the English population would be overwhelmed," according to Graham Covington, a constituency assistant to Mr Johnston who has prepared a detailed breakdown of demographic data in support of an arrangement which would keep St Henri-Westmount intact.

Submissions on the proposed changes are to be heard in Montreal by the Electoral Boundaries Commission Dec 5.

Mr Johnston's plan centres on adding new "population tracts," as Sta-

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WHATEVER THE WEATHER SHOP

WESTMOUNT SQUARE GALLERIES

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER
By Capt Eric Neal
November 13 to 20

Cold nights and pleasant, although with nippy mornings to start this week. Days are mainly sunny, with white frosts or a few snowflakes some mornings. An intense low pressure area is moving into Quebec from northwest Ontario, so temperatures are easing mid-week to bring us showers, freezing rain and heavy snows. Icy roads and deep drifts could make for traffic troubles to end the week. Winds from west to northwest with 40 to 50 km/h gusts blowing into a coastal storm.

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tional institutions that are defined in article 204 of the Quebec Fiscal Law, Mr Normandeau said.

This does little good, however, for those organizations who have suddenly been hit with 30 days to pay a retroactive tax they had no inkling about.

"I signed letters today for the City of Westmount and the prime minister and the minister responsible for cities to tell them we won't accept this," Jeannine Pelland, president of the Quebec Order of Nurses, told THE EXAMINER Tuesday.

The Order of Nurses was recently assessed $104,000 by Westmount for the period dating back to Jan 1, 1985.

They were given 30 days in which to pay.

Under similar circumstances, the Visual Arts Centre recently paid a business tax of $10,453.

"We paid it because we had to," said Antonine Des Rochers, executive director of the centre. "Now, we hope there is enough representation in the community to reverse this thing."

Officials at city hall seem to feel Westmount has little choice but to assess the business tax as stipulated by Bill 40.

"As far as I know the city has no choice because it's a provincial law," J.L. Emond, the city treasurer, said Monday.

"If a non-remunerative organization is deemed taxable (under Bill 40), the MUC evaluation department sends us notice and we're expected to act."

Marc Beaulieu, the assistant director-general for operations, said he believed the city had a requirement to levy the business tax, although he added that the "matter will be sent to council."

Whether the city is obligated to levy the business tax is beside the point, Rod Brown, past president of the RCAF Association, said.

The association is faced with a $7,116 bill from the city.

"We just don't have that kind of money," Mr Brown said, "especially on such short notice."

Faced with potential closure, Mr Brown said the RCAF Association plans to fight the business tax but wonders whether it has the support of the city.

"We plan to protest," he said. "But we would like to know what Westmount's reaction would be."

Indicating that co-operation from city hall has been limited thus far, Mr Brown said: "The difference is this, Lachine is very supportive of these organizations. The city council is right behind them (in their fight against the business tax)."

Absurd proposition

"The worst thing you could do is start putting non-profit organizations out of business. It's an absurd proposition," Mr Brown cautioned, noting the essential services they carry out.

Mrs Gabeline agreed.

"We (the Junior League) paid the tax, but it represents money that could have done a lot of good in the community.

"Last year we gave a donation to Montreal Harvest (an organization that collects surplus food for the needy). This (business tax) bill is three times the amount.

"Eighteen hundred dollars spent by a well-run charity could do a lot of good in the community."

It appears unlikely Westmount will throw its support behind its citizens at the provincial level.

Mayor Brian Gallery said Tuesday, as he has in the past, that he strongly believes municipalities have no mandate to interfere in the provincial and federal realms and added that Westmount would likely stay out of the business tax issue.

"This is a provincial matter over which the city has no jurisdiction," the mayor said.

Louise Agar, aide to Westmount MNA and communications minister Richard French, said the minister is meeting with cabinet colleagues to discuss the issue this week, after which Mr French may be willing to comment.

WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Nov 13

☐ **Pre-Christmas "get it now" sale**: Reddy Memorial Hospital, 10 am - 4 pm

☐ **Westmount Antique Show 1986**: Victoria Hall, 4 pm - 9 pm; Nov 14, 11 am - 9 pm; Nov 15, 11 am - 6 pm **a$**

☐ **Theatre**: *Under Milk Wood*, presented by Dramatis Personae at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater avenue, Nov 13 - 16, 8 pm **$**

☐ **Chrysanthemum show**: At the city greenhouses, Monday through Saturday 10 am to 10 pm, Sunday 10 am to 6 pm, until the blooms fade **a**

☐ **Exhibition of African masks**: Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, until Nov 15

☐ **Art exhibition**: Watercolors by Marcia Roszler, Westmount Public Library, until Nov 16

☐ **Art exhibition**: Group show of Canadian paintings, drawings and sculptures, Galerie Kastel, 1366 Greene avenue, until Nov 22

☐ **Craft exhibition**: Creations of feltmaker Susan Warner Keane and ceramist Jim Thomson, Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, until Nov 22

☐ **Art exhibition**: Recent works by Hélène Corriveau, Galerie Westmount, 4935A Sherbrooke street

Friday, Nov 14

☐ **Bazaar and auction**: St Léon's Church hall, 310 Clarke avenue; auction Friday 7:30 pm; bazaar Nov 15, 10 am - 5 pm, and Nov 16, 10 am - 1 pm **a**

☐ **Agenda launching**: "1987 Montreal Women's Agenda," Double Hook bookstore, 1235A Greene avenue, 6 pm - 8 pm

Saturday, Nov 15

☐ **Folk dance workshop**: One-day workshop in Scottish country dancing, sponsored by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, St Matthias' Church, 12 Church Hill, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

☐ **Storytime**: For children three to six years old, 10 am - 11 am, Double Hook bookstore, 1235A Greene avenue

☐ **Christmas shopping arcade**: St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, 687 Roslyn avenue, 10 am to 3 pm

☐ **Bird fair**: Sponsored by the Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds, Hillside Armory, 10 am - 5 pm **a**

☐ **Bazaar**: Church of the Advent church hall, de Maisonneuve at Wood, 1:30 pm - 4 pm

☐ **Scouting skate-a-thon**: To raise money for research into children's diseases, Westmount arena, 2:30 pm

Sunday, Nov 16

☐ **Bazaar**: Proceeds to Giant Steps Institute, Victoria Hall, 10:30 am to 4 pm **a**

Monday, Nov 17

☐ **Sale of used and nearly new clothing**: St Léon de Westmount Church hall, 310 Clarke avenue, 9 am - 1 pm

☐ **Lecture**: "Your Family History and How to Record It," with Lillian Reinblatt, Temple Emanu-El - Beth Sholom, 1 pm

☐ **Meeting**: Montreal Camera Club, presentation of slides from club's 3rd pictorial competition, Westmount Park Church, de Maisonneuve at Lansdowne, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov 18

☐ **Lecture**: "Art and You," with Harry Mayerovitch, Westmount Children's Library, 7:30 pm

☐ **Lecture**: Moshe Waldoks will speak on "Messianists, medicine-men and moveable furniture: a short history of Jewish humor," Shaar Hashomayim, 8 pm

Wednesday, Nov 19

☐ **Luncheon meeting**: Rotary Club of Westmount, Victoria Hall, 12:30 pm **w←+**

☐ **Vernissage**: Paintings of Dave Beckett, Galerie Westmount, 4935A Sherbrooke street, 7 pm; exhibition will continue until Nov 30

☐ **Lecture**: "Towards the Year 2000; the Challenge for Society," with David Suzuki, Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm

COMING UP

☐ **Nov 20**: Lecture with David Suzuki on "Growing up for the 21st Century," for grades 5 and 6 of Westmount schools, Victoria Hall, 9 am

☐ **Nov 20**: Meet the author of "Julie," Cora Taylor, at the Double Hook bookstore, 1235A Greene avenue, 4 pm - 5 pm

☐ **Nov 23**: Breakfast forum of the men's association of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue; breakfast at 9:30 am; talk by Rabbi Leib Baron on the Jews of South Africa at 10:15 am

☐ **Nov 23**: Meet Christine Marshall, Canadian wildlife artist, and view her new work, Victoria Hall, 1 pm - 6 pm

☐ **Nov 26**: Donors to the St Andrew's campaign for Selwyn House School are invited to a cocktail party, 101 Côte St Antoine road, 5:30 pm

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Westmount damage in Nihon Plaza blaze set at $16 million

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's share of fire damages to the east Alexis Nihon tower have now been estimated by Westmount fire officials at $16 million, the largest fire loss in this community's history.

The figure comprises $2 million in property loss and $14 million in contents, Fire Director William Timmons said Tuesday.

The record-setting blaze brought fire brigade estimates of Westmount's already high fire loss for 1986 to $16,934,055 by the end of October, fire officials confirmed.

Fire damage estimates for the Westmount portion of the building, the southwest corner, are based on approximately seven percent of the total structure and contents.

This corresponds with the territorial distribution of the building at 1500 Atwater, most of which lies in Montreal.

The total amount of property endangered was reported by fire officials at $30 million. Contents endangered totaled $250 million.

The fire is believed to have started in the Montreal section of the 20-year-old rectangular highrise.

Although the building measures 347-feet north-south by 94 feet east-west, revised Westmount figures place the Westmount portion as a triangle measuring 136 feet on the west side north from St Catherine and 36 feet along the south side going east from the building's southwest corner, according to city inspectors.

(Original figures from the City of Westmount immediately after the fire put the Westmount portion at only 100 feet on the west side and 20 feet on the south side comprising seven percent of the floor area.)

The fire, which burned out of control for some 12 hours, was fought by firefighters from Montreal, Westmount, St Laurent, Outremont, Côte St Luc, Hampstead and the Town of Mount Royal.

Investigators have not yet released any possible causes for the blaze, which is reported to have broken out on the 10th floor upward to the roof, gutting several of the floors.

A public inquiry is to be set up by the MUC fire investigations office.

Accidents occur during cleanup of Plaza inferno

As cleanup crews and cranes converged last week to clear away fire debris from the top storeys of the east Alexis Nihon tower, several mishaps were reported by police in connection with the operation.

One concerned a grey Ford Tempo which just happened to be driving along de Maisonneuve boulevard Tuesday last week at 2:50 pm when a piece of glass fell from the burnt-out section.

The car's roof sustained $50 damage although the driver, a Verdun resident, was not reported injured.

Police said more damage caused by the cleanup was reported Friday on the St Catherine street side of the building when a crane operator loading a container made "a false move" resulting in a piece of plywood breaking the rear window of a truck. Damage was $300.

A tractor involved in the work at Atwater avenue and de Maisonneuve was itself hit sometime Sunday by a hit-and-run vehicle causing $250 damage.

Also Sunday, heavy winds forced the closure of Atwater as well as St Catherine streets after flying debris was reported to have damaged several vehicles in Montreal (see separate story).

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Where were they going?

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

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10:54 am: 4000 de Maisonneuve, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11:05 am, alarm activated by welders working on garbage chute of P3 level;
8:20 pm: 437 Grosvenor, apt 11, first responder unit;

Nov 4

9:09 am: Westmount Square, Métro level, first responder unit (see story);
11:19 am: Dorval Airport crash simulation involving mutual aid (see story);
5:41 pm: 39 Thornhill, burst plumbing, hot water pipe under sink;
9:22 pm: 4700 The Boulevard, St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:39 pm, fire alarm activated by Venturers' chemistry experiment;
9:58 pm: 70 Summit circle, burst plumbing, hot water tank;

Nov 5

10:59 am: 596 Belmont, smoke detector activated by sanding;
4:07 pm: 21 Stanton, MUC police station 23, first responder unit (see story);
11:31 pm: 746 Upper Belmont, strange odor, no problem found;

Nov 6

5:34 pm: Metcalfe south of Sherbrooke, first responder unit, cancelled; call was for Metcalfe in Montreal;
6:09 pm: 562 Grosvenor, problem with oil hot water heater;
7:30 pm: 4215 de Maisonneuve, apt 1, code 2 automatic mutual aid from St Laurent, cancelled at 7:35 pm, smoke from fireplace, log lit without opening damper;

Nov 7

8:27 am: 4670 St Catherine, fumes from oil furnace (see story);
1:29 pm: Grosvenor north of Sherbrooke, spilled gas from car;
6:22 pm: 4675 St Catherine, Westmount arena, first responder unit (see story);
9:15 pm: 376 Redfern, burst plumbing, broken tap;

Nov 8

6:26 am: 499 Mount Pleasant, first responder unit;
9:50 am: 4670 St Catherine, smell of gas, no readings registered;
4:48 pm: 4998 de Maisonneuve, apt 1422, bar[illegible] scare (see story);
8:39 pm: 4054 Dorchester, first responder unit for man sleeping in lobby, found leaving;

Nov 9

4:13 am: 461 Elm, burst plumbing, main water entry leaking;
4:43 am: 400 Lansdowne, black smoke from chimney, defective oil furnace;
8:21 pm: Lansdowne and Sherbrooke, first responder unit (see story on winds);
10:50 pm: 400 Kensington, apt 401, first responder unit;

Nov 10

Nil;

Nov 11

8:15 am: Front of 69 Columbia, first responder unit.

The three winners of the city's plant growing competition for school children received prizes from **Mayor Brian Gallery**, right, and **Alderman John Shingler** Wednesday last week at a reception in Victoria Hall during the official opening of the chrysanthemum show. Winners from left are: **Marieke Dufresne, Richie Cohen** and **Suzanne Leduc.**

Westmount chrysanthemum show: colors flash before snow flies

More than 250 Westmount seniors, Neighborhood Watch workers and city staff members were among those invited to a reception at Victoria Hall Wednesday night last week to officially open the city's 54th annual chrysanthemum flower show.

The reception featured a presentation of prizes to three local school children who were declared winners of the city's annual school children's plant competition.

They were Marieke Dufresne of St Léon's School, Richie Cohen of Westmount Park School and Suzanne Leduc of Roslyn School.

This year's fall flower show consists of 1,660 chrysanthemum plants, said Alderman John Shingler, commissioner of parks and recreation, who opened the show. The plants include 74 different varieties, he noted.

The display, which is entitled "Splendor of Autumn," will last until the blooms fade, and will be open to the public in Westmount Park greenhouses Monday through Saturday from 10 am to 10 pm as well as Sundays between 10 am and 6 pm.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Prizes in the 27th annual children's plant competition were awarded to both individuals and schools by Mayor Brian Gallery and Ald Shingler.

Some 180 students from grade 5 at the city's public schools had been given geranium plants to grow last spring after they were invited to visit the greenhouses and partake in a basic lecture on plant cultivation.

The plants were then grown at home by the children who returned them in June.

St Léon's School was awarded the Mayor Cameron Plaque for first place standing as the school having the highest rate of return of its plants. Of 52 geraniums distributed, 29 were brought back, 55.77 percent.

Second prize, the Alderman Panet-Raymond Plaque, went to Westmount Park School, for returning 10 of 28 plants, or 35.71 percent.

Of 100 geraniums given out to Roslyn students, on the other hand, only 15 were returned.

The chrysanthemum show was arranged by Howard Neill, acting greenhouse foreman, under supervision of John Garland, superintendent of parks and recreation.

Gardeners assisting with the show were Pompei Di Mambro, Mario Grillone and Michael Brunetti along with the city's general parks foreman Douglas Selby.

Furious customer tries to run down gas station operator

GEORGE Sachewsky, who operates the Esso garage on Sherbrooke street at Grosvenor avenue, narrowly escaped being run down by a car driven at him on the lot Monday last week, police report.

The incident, which is under investigation as an attempted murder, is alleged to have occurred about 1:40 pm after a customer discovered work on her car had not been done.

"The woman was very upset when she found out we had not had time to do the work yet," Mr Sachewsky told THE EXAMINER.

"I told her she could leave the car a little longer or take it away if she wanted it then. She went outside and I did a couple things in the office.

"When I went out a few minutes later the car started up screeching its wheels and driving straight at me. If I hadn't seen it when I did and managed to jump away, it would have hit me for sure."

Mr Sachewsky, a resident of Grosvenor avenue, said the woman was a new customer.

Police described her as a resident of Cavendish avenue.

Centraide still short of drive goal

The Westmount Centraide campaign continues to climb towards its ultimate goal of $230,000 as the figures showed $169,751 had been collected as of Tuesday.

"We're on schedule although we probably won't reach the target until after Christmas," estimated Grace Hancock, the chairman of the Westmount drive.

Proceeds of the annual campaign go towards aiding 188 social and community service agencies throughout the island. The overall '86 target for Montreal is $18 million.

Westmount campaign organizers suggest that those who have yet to be canvassed send their donations directly to Centraide, c/o St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, 687 Roslyn avenue, Westmount, H3Y 2V1.

Nuke-free zone here not nixed

Alderman Sally Aitken told the city council meeting Monday night last week that at a recent meeting of the general committee of council, contrary to news reports, no decision had been made regarding the possible declaration of Westmount as a nuclear weapons free zone.

Quoting from minutes of the meeting which she had chaired as promayor, Ald Aitken said those present agreed there was "no need" for any decision at this time.

This agreement, she said, appeared to have been "misinterpreted" by some present as meaning there was no need "for action."

Her statement, she said, was needed to clarify a report in THE EXAMINER Oct 23 which quoted city officials as saying the general committee had decided against declaring Westmount nuclear-free.

None of those officials have complained about the accuracy of THE EXAMINER's report.

Members of the Westmount Initiative for Peace (WIP) group had presented council with information on the creation of nuclear-free zones in Canada.

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We Say

PR advice needed

THIS week's instalment of the continuing saga of the determined developers, the contemptuous contractors and the balking building inspectors should mention ongoing indifference at the condominium building site on St Catherine street just west of Metcalfe avenue as well as the No 1 Wood project.

Regarding the former construction, mention should be made that the ditch dug early last week in St Catherine's busy roadway and an accompanying big hole in the ground alongside the sidewalk, presumably for underground services, remain there, at this writing, not further worked on. So does a pile of backfill material. One eastbound lane remains obstructed. All of this some 10 days later. Water Works people are blamed.

And the worst fears of critics of the lack of enforcement of basic safety precautions at this undertaking appear to have been realized: Putting up of the admirable fencing started at No 1 Wood seems to have come to a standstill. It is as if the contractors there have said to themselves: if others can get away with doing as they please, why shouldn't we?

Whether or not this is the case, this is the appearance, and appearance is everything where the public is concerned.

We have been getting hints from city hall sources that all sorts of actions have taken place: writs, petitions, injunctions, site shut-downs all have been mentioned, none with apparent change in the contractors' or the city's postures. One legitimately may ask what is going on?

Who knows? We thought our mayor did, for a while last week, when he castigated both our chief reporter and our publisher for not calling him about some alleged action in the case late Wednesday.

Subsequent digging, in shifting city information ground, revealed a) that nothing much appears to have happened, either Wednesday or later, and b) that what His Worship thought at the time we should have called him about had, it appears, developed after we had gone to press.

For a while both he and we thought we had been engaged in some shoddy journalism; that we somehow had missed a boat which we had no way of knowing was sailing, which turned out to be a ghost vessel, and which — if it had truly existed — we believe on reflection it was the duty of someone at city hall to communicate about.

This seemed specially so in view of the public concern, expressed at the previous Monday's city council meeting and since by the Westmount Municipal Association.

We know that THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER sometimes is unloved by some members of council and of the administration for digging out and publishing information which they thought they should have known about first. But that healthy tension is part of the nature of the relationship between conscientious government and conscientious journalism everywhere.

However, we should have thought (as did the mayor) that it would be desirable to announce promptly in THE EXAMINER any development which put the city in a "doing something" light, particularly in an issue which still leaves question marks over the municipal government handling of it.

We draw from this question, still unresolved because it is still unexplained, that public information, indeed public relations generally, at city hall is an area not clearly demarcated for either responsibility or execution. Not that most of the principals concerned don't try.

But so long as there is a questioning audience at council meetings, concerned municipal association people inquiring about municipal matters, editorials and letters to the editor discussing municipal issues — so long as there are real or imagined dark corners in the city's affairs, then the PR and information functions are not being performed as well as they might.

We come back to an old theme: the City of Westmount used to employ public relations counsel. This got more and more expensive as use of the firm's services became more and more extravagant. In an economy drive some years ago, instead of cutting back on the peripherals, the entire retainer, including the core professional counselling, was cut out. It never has been replaced.

Officials, both elected and appointed, appear to have believed since that they know best how to handle the public and media. "Firegate" clearly was one of those situations in which both city council and staff desperately needed expert advice in what was a public relations nightmare. There have been numerous other instances of poorly announced issues and situations, poorly answered questions of genuine public concern and poor follow-through with new and additional information.

The handling of arrogant developers and contractors is a prime current example.

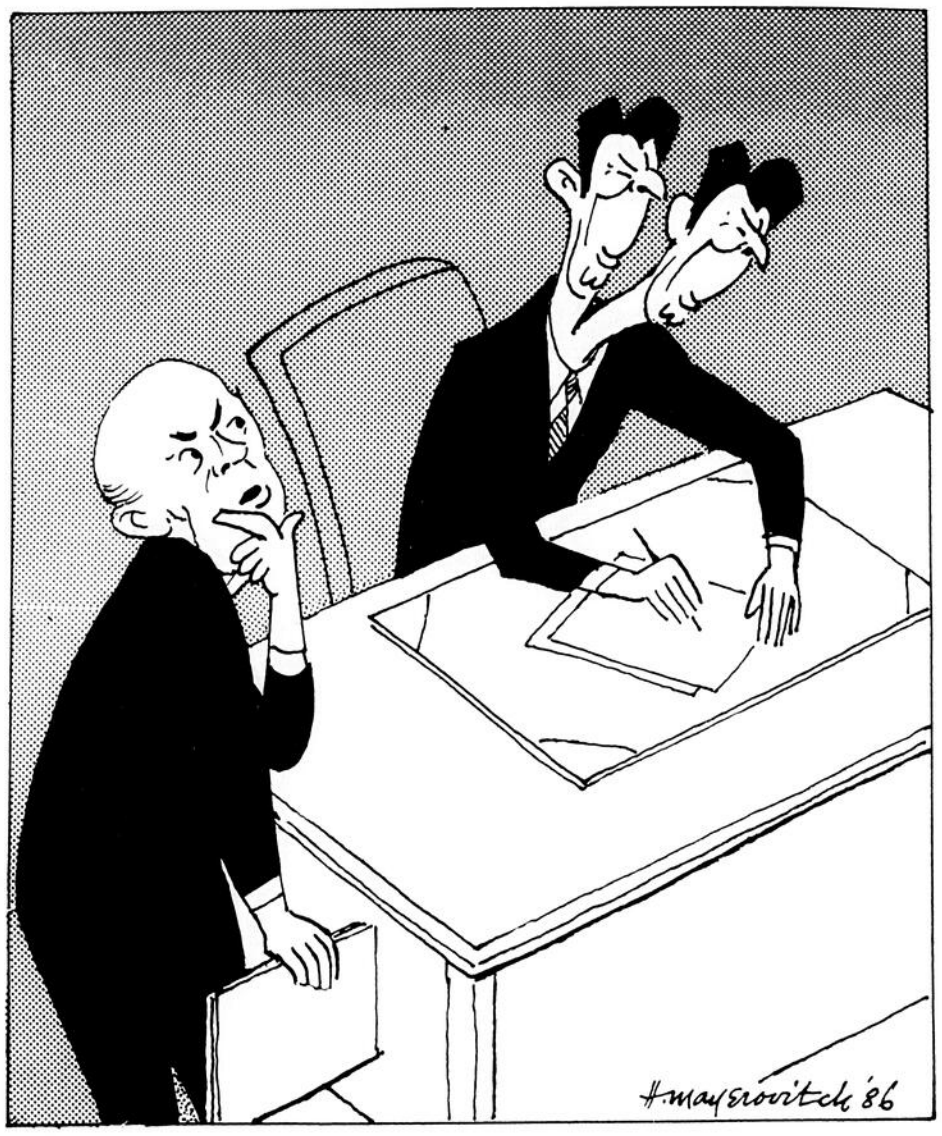
The city is in the throes of finalizing its budget for 1987.

It is not too late to include a modest sum for PR advice.

And to make use of it.

You Say

Heads of state:



Well equipped is this two-headed wonder
On difficult issues to ponder.
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Yet make it worthwhile
By, you might say, a double-entendre.

Harry Mayerovitch
WESTMOUNT

Honor them before they're gone

PERHAPS unnoticed at last Sunday's Westmount public remembrance service was that nearly the farthest removed from the Cenotaph were arguably the most important persons there: the dwindling number of veterans of Canada's wars — the surviving comrades of the dead being honored.

It is perfectly understandable how this has happened. Like so many annual civic events, the Remembrance Day program is brought forward from year to year and, because past ceremonies have been satisfactory and dignified, no need has been seen by those responsible to make changes.

Unfortunately, unhappily and even tragically, there are changes in circumstances which beg of revised arrangements.

Go back even only a decade and it will have been found that the veterans were possibly the largest single element on parade on this occasion. To accommodate them, a generous length of Côte St Antoine road, running past Argyle avenue, was assigned to them. They needed a lot of room.

Not so today. Their contingent has dwindled through death, age or illness, perhaps even from indifference where their importance, too, is felt to have dwindled in official eyes.

No one is going to object to the young people, particularly those in the Scouting movement, being front and centre. After all, the idea of Remembrance Day is to keep the memory of the fallen alive, not only among their contemporaries who are not likely to forget, but among succeeding generations.

And of course there must be an official party and there must be specially invited guests.

However, the time has come we believe for the planners at city hall as well as those organizations who, we trust, are invited to contribute their thoughts and ideas, to consider placing the veterans — the men and women proudly wearing their decorations and service medals for this one significant time in the year — next year and henceforth in the place of honor, up front where they can be seen and held in respect.

Rather than out behind in the rear ranks.

In too few years none will be left.

I Say!

NEVER support two weaknesses at the same time. It's your combination sinners — your lecherous liars and your miserly drunkards — who dishonor the vices and bring them into bad repute.

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Forty-five Years Ago
November 13, 1941

"Westmount City Council adopted a resolution greatly altering traffic parking regulations on Sherbrooke street, at a regular meeting Monday night. ... It was adopted, primarily, to remedy the situation which now exists in one of the principal shopping districts of Westmount, on Sherbrooke street from Grosvenor to Claremont avenue, where considerable congestion is caused by the fact that many cars are left at the curb for long periods. At the same meeting council gave authorization to the roads department to purchase five horses."

Thirty-five Years Ago
November 9, 1951

From a letter to the editor from a "West Ender": "I wish to protest regarding the action of the Westmount Police Department in giving tickets to all those who parked on the west side of Wood avenue on the evening of Monday, October 29, when Princess Elizabeth and the The Duke of Edinburgh paid a visit to the Forum. This was a very poor way of rewarding patriotic citizens who turned out to welcome the Royal Couple and was in marked contrast to the attitude of the Montreal police who allowed reasonable latitude on the night in question in the streets surrounding the Forum. ... It would not be asking too much to have the City of Westmount refund the fines to those who turned out on a cold night, many of them getting on in years, to cheer our future Queen and her husband."

Twenty-five Years Ago
November 10, 1961

From a front-page story headlined "Westmount prepares for nuclear attack": "The threat of a nuclear attack is being brought home to Westmount residents by the erection of warning sirens in the city. Two large sirens, one on the YMCA building at the corner of Sherbrooke street and Arlington avenue and the other at the intersection of Terrebonne and Royal, will soon be gracing the skyline. A further siren, much smaller than the others, is to be placed on a 45-foot high telephone pole on the boulevard strip of Surrey Gardens in the vicinity of Devon avenue. The Emergency Measures Organization of the federal government is responsible for the sirens being placed in the area, and were given permission to go ahead last week by the city council."

Fifteen Years Ago
November 11, 1971

Mayor Paul A. Ouimet, in his inaugural speech: "One of the problems in Westmount is that, whether wilfully or not, those who comment on us often misrepresent us. We are neither the fattest nor the wealthiest community in Greater Montreal, far from it. And we have here a complex society — socially, economically and in other ways. We speak both official languages of Canada, and numerous others. We are involved in an immense range of occupations and personal services and interests. Some Westmounters have ancient roots in this soil, others have fresh ones, but deep nonetheless."

Five Years Ago
November 12, 1981

"Sweltering heat inside the main Westmount postal station caused postmen to refuse to work on Friday, halting the mail sort for all of Westmount and leaving carriers with nothing to deliver. Public Works Canada officials, who operate the building, spent the day scrounging up air conditioning units from other parts of Montreal to install in that building, which reported temperatures as high as 35°C during the day. The air conditioners were hard at work on Monday and Tuesday, while the major tenant tried to get the landlord to fix the furnace."

CITY DUCKS SENT SOUTH (TO ST-CONSTANT) FOR WINTER

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

Grim Spanish lesson

THE MESSAGE is not new but it needs to be repeated. Canada's resource-based economy is on the skids. I have often made reference in this column to specific areas of government policy which are not helping to rectify the problems, but rather are making them worse.

It is just as important to see the broader picture. I hope this historical comparison will help.

You may recall from high school economics that 16th century Spain was the strongest state in Europe because it had the largest supply of precious metals, namely gold and silver. Countries which lacked bullion were obliged to acquire it by selling goods and services to other countries. This practice led to the growth of a major service sector in Holland and manufacturing sectors in France and England. By the end of the 16th century mighty Spain was bankrupt. Out of bullion and with no industrial base, having bought its goods and services from others, Spain entered a decline from which it never recovered.

It happened 400 years ago, but are there not frightening parallels to be drawn for Canada in the 1980s? Are there not lessons to be learned?

Our abundant natural resources have been our gold. Like Spain we have done extremely well, not by using our brains, but by exploiting our gold. From our early beginnings in the fur trade we have been the beneficiaries of strong world demand for the products of our resource base, renewable and non-renewable.

But technology combined with the information society have diminished the significance of that resource base. The Swiss, the Japanese, and now the Koreans and others without our gold have had to look elsewhere. The knowledge revolution has allowed them to take advantage of the greatest of all resources, the human brain. While our natural resources remain significant they are meeting tough competition from low-cost suppliers in the Third World and from technological change.

Like the Spanish we have been living beyond our means and are running out of gold. Instead of ensuring our future by investing in brains we have squandered our goods by buying a high standard of living.

You Say

Plaza fire coverage earns appreciation

Sir: Please convey to Laureen Sweeney my congratulations on her coverage of the Alexis Nihon fire. All her photos are the best I have seen and particularly the two on the front page.

The one of the ladder and burning building is masterful, especially under such circumstances!

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Date book a celebration of Montreal's women

Sir: Thanks so much for the nice article about our 1987 Montreal Women's Agenda. However, I would like to say that there are some very excellent Women's Network Groups in Montreal: Simone de Beauvoir Institute, The Montreal Career Woman's Network and The Allied Jewish Women's Network, to name some.

We feel that our agenda makes some of this information more easily available to larger numbers of people and that there will be a more varied group in our directory, which we are looking forward to enlarging each year.

Mostly, our date book is a celebration of Montreal and its many different women, known and unknown, who live in this city, who are part of its mystique.

And our book is for fun as well as for information.

Again many thanks for your nice article.

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

Atwater forum informative

THE MOST rapidly growing sector of the economy is that relating to the development, storage, manipulation and transfer of information. In 1977, the Department of Commerce of the United States estimated that activities related to information represented 46 percent of GNP and 53 percent of employee incomes.

If we limit ourselves to the much smaller but very rapidly expanding area of electronic (machine-based) information systems, we see that the number of clients of such systems has grown from 130,000 in 1980 to 1.5 million in 1985. The number of data banks commercially available has grown from 600 to 2,900 in the same period, and the number of producers and distributors of such data has also grown proportionally. In 1985, the American market for electronic information alone represented more than $1.6 billion.

Electronic information is the economic sector which results from the on-going fusion of telecommunications and information processing. Its emergence represents not only a market and technology opportunity, but also an enormous and complex problem of international relations, law and organization.

These were the kind of issues debated recently in Montreal at the Atwater Institute's conference on The World Information Economy: Risks and Opportunities. The Atwater Institute seeks to foster an international dialogue in which users, suppliers and governments may seek a consensus to inform the innumerable forums in which such issues must be thrashed out. These include the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT), the International Telecommunications Union (ITU), various United Nations' bodies, and so forth.

Many of the Atwater Institute organizers, like Frank Common and Diana Nicholson, live in or around Westmount. They are to be congratulated for an important initiative to resolve some potentially serious problems.

Penthouse wrangle freezes condo work

By PETER BLACK

A court injunction has shut down further upward construction on the controversial condominium project at 4476 St Catherine street, between Metcalfe and Abbott avenues.

A bailiff served the order on the site late Friday afternoon, as a result of a court dispute between the builders and city hall.

The city has refused to approve the builder's plans for four recreational areas on a penthouse above the sixth floor of the building, claiming they would constitute a seventh storey.

At issue is the wording of the former city zoning by-law under which the project was approved. It allows the construction of recreational penthouses for the use of tenants in the building, but does not specify they be for the common use of tenants, as does the new zoning by-law passed Nov 3.

The city has argued in similar cases for the more restrictive interpretation of the by-law and rejected the plans of the developers on that basis.

When the injunction was served, the builders were preparing to pour concrete for the sixth floor based on plans for units to be connected by stairway to the four recreational penthouses, a city planning official explained.

They had asked the city to allow them to pour the sixth floor top slab with stairway openings and block them, so that they could be re-opened should the developers win in the appeal, set for some time in January.

A city official said that while the city is confident of its case, there is no way to predict the outcome of an appeal to the Superior Court.

According to one of the developers, George Syrovatka, the dispute "could have been easily solved" had the city allowed them to proceed with the plan to pour the concrete and block the stairwells.

He noted that although all units have been sold except for two on the ground floor, the developers are holding off the sale of the sixth floor units pending the outcome of the court case.

While the stop work order effectively shuts down construction on further storeys indefinitely, it does not affect other building activity at the site, a fact apparently overlooked by the bailiff who served the injunction.

According to Bruno Di Lenardo, the city's director of services, the bailiff mistakenly ordered all work to cease, and consequently workers had an unexpected holiday part of Saturday and until 10 am Monday when the confusion was resolved.

The tussle over interpretation of the city's penthouse rules is not the only legal run-in the developers have going with the city. Another case is pending in municipal court concerning a structure atop another of the developer's condo projects at the southwest corner of Lansdowne avenue and Sherbrooke street.

The city says the structure, which houses mechanical equipment for the building does not conform to its building code.

Treated unfairly, developer claims

The condominium project now under construction at 4476 St Catherine has been "treated unfairly" by both THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER and city inspectors, according to George Syrovatka, one of the project's developers.

He said articles in four consecutive issues of THE EXAMINER have been unfavorable to the project and do not take into account the difficulties faced by the builders.

"There is no other access to the building except from St Catherine street," he said, noting that other construction projects have not had to face such cramped quarters.

He said he was particularly concerned about an editorial in last week's EXAMINER which amounted to an "accusation of payoff." He called the statement "unprofessional" and said "any other corporation would take you to court" on libel charges.

He said that as a result of EXAMINER coverage of the conditions at the condo site, city inspectors had "come down hard" on the project.

The disruption on St Catherine street due to the cut in the pavement has been necessitated by the City of Montreal delaying by three weeks the connection of the water main to the site, he said.

In the meantime, the builders are "doing what they can" to minimize disruption, Mr Syrovatka said.

Turn in keys

A set of 10 keys found Monday last week in the tot lot at Westmount Park were turned in at local MUC police station 23, public safety officers report.

REAL ESTATE HONORS: Luc D. Baudouin, president of Westmount-based realty company Promanac Ltd, has been named to the American Society of Real Estate Counselors. The society's goal is to establish and maintain professional standards for qualified real estate consultants. Mr Baudouin has had a distinguished career in real estate management and real estate associations spanning back to 1970. Membership in the group is by invitation only and the right to use the CRE designation obligates the counsellor to follow a strict code of ethics and standards of professional practice.

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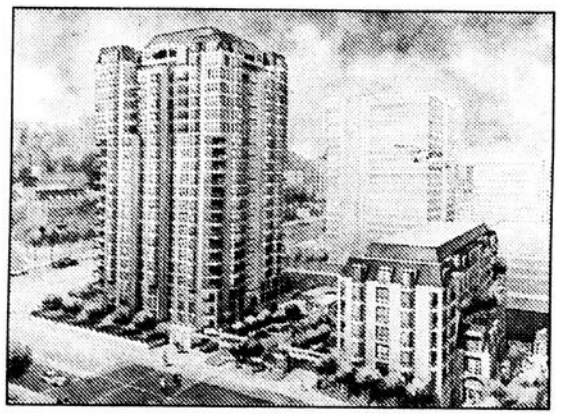

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Hazards plague city streets

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A number of hazardous conditions on Westmount streets were reported last week by police and public safety officers as gas and street crews rushed to complete excavation projects before the onset of snow.

Several cars ran into uncovered holes in streets while gas line repair work at several locations was reported to lack hazard lights.

Contractors for Gaz Métropolitain told officers that they had so many projects to complete at the same time throughout the Montreal area that there were not enough markers to go around.

Stuart Robertson, president of the WMA, who brought the situation to the attention of city council at Monday night's public meeting last week, complained Friday to both the Public Security Unit and THE EXAMINER that work on Claremont avenue remained unmarked at night as it moved up the hill.

City officials had replied that the matter would be corrected Tuesday.

Last Thursday night a silver-colored Volkswagen sustained between $250 and $500 damage when it ran into an excavation hole left unmarked by contractors working in front of 372 Elm avenue, police said. Public safety officers said city crews were called to place barriers around.

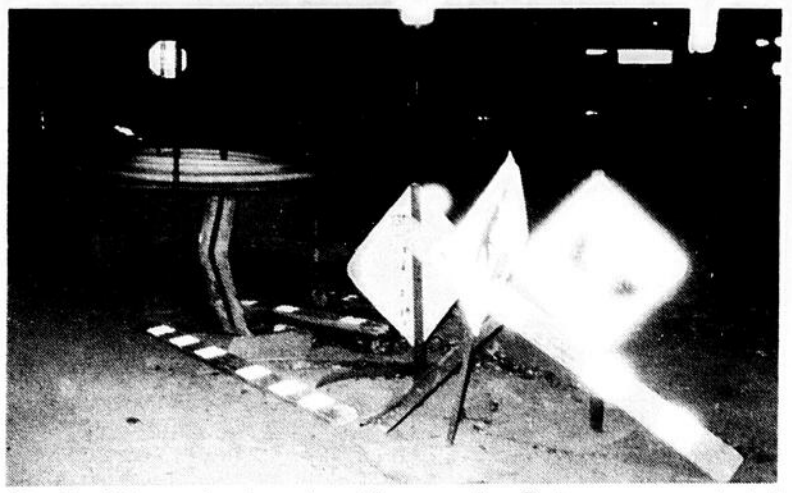
At 12:30 am Friday a red Volkswagen sustained a flat tire when it ran into a hole on Sherbrooke street at Wood avenue which a steel covering had fallen into.

Another excavation site at The Boulevard and Braeside Place was found partially uncovered Saturday at 1:24 am when a steel plate again fell inside and had to be raised by a front-end loader from the city.

Additional locations in the west end of the city were reported without flashing lights Friday night by public safety officers.

These were: Upper Lansdowne and Edgehill; St Catherine and Lansdowne; Roslyn and Sherbrooke; Lansdowne and Sherbrooke; Roslyn and Côte St Antoine; Lansdowne and Côte St Antoine as well as Lansdowne and Westmount avenue.

Assistance was sought from the Corporation Yards to obtain additional barriers and lights, PSOs said, although this week work sites on Roslyn as well as at Lansdowne bore no flashing lights.



A jumble of signs and equipment used for gas work on Roslyn avenue was stacked on the street for the past week without hazard lights as on other city streets.

'State of city' at special session

Westmount taxpayers may get a hint of what's to come in the city's 1987 budget at a special mid-month public meeting of city council Monday scheduled for 8 pm in the council chamber of city hall.

The meeting is being called to discuss, as required by law, the city's financial status over the three-year period 1985-87.

A "state of the city" address is expected to provide some insight into the budget increase which can be anticipated for next year, believed to be about 6 percent.

The budget itself is to be brought down at a meeting Dec 15.

Other items of business on Monday's agenda by yesterday afternoon were:

- Vote on by-laws to close portions of Bellevue avenue and a lane off Greene avenue at Westmount Square prior to their sale;
- List of accounts for the period ending Oct 31;
- Tenders for purchase of a power line truck as well as 240 metres of electrical cable;
- Approval for installation of a stop sign at the northeast corner of Mount Pleasant and St Sulpice;
- Cadastral operations for the subdivision of property at 4700 St Catherine street as well as to regulate an existing irregularity at 4343 The Boulevard as well as permission for a building over the building line; and,
- Approval for sale of unclaimed objects, mostly bicycles.

Gas line work set to continue two more weeks

Traffic headaches caused by Gaz Métropolitain work in the southwest part of Westmount should be over by the end of the month.

"About two-thirds of the work will be done by Nov 24," Georges Benoit, Gaz Met's head of municipal affairs, said Tuesday. "The whole thing will be finished by Nov 28."

Work currently under way on Glen road, Roslyn, Grosvenor and Lansdowne avenues constitutes phase two in Gaz Met's bid to increase supply capacity in the area by replacing antiquated 25 lb per square inch gas lines with standard 60 pressurized pipe.

Generally the gas mains are located 1.2 metres from the south curb and thus, whether or not pipe replacement is done by insertion or open trench, work involves the partial closing of one traffic lane, Mr Benoit explained.

The elimination of one lane where work is now being carried out on Roslyn between Côte St Antoine road and de Maisonneuve boulevard, Grosvenor between de Maisonneuve and St Catherine street, Lansdowne between Westmount avenue and into Glen road past the tunnel is sure to make traffic tight at times.

Mr Benoit pledged, however, that the gas company will attempt to disturb traffic "as little as possible."

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Crime stats show break-ins down:

Slight drop-off in crime noted for first 9 months

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Crime in Westmount fell 9.3 percent during July, August and September compared to the same third quarter period last year, according to statistics released last week by MUC police.

The decline helped reduce the year's overall crime increase over last year from 16.8 percent at the end of June to 7.8 percent by the end of September.

A 15 percent decline in the number of reported burglaries is seen as most significant by Westmount's MUC police chief, Director Gilbert Côté (see separate story).

Other decreases for the third quarter over last year were reported in the areas of breaking and entering, down 15 percent, as well as thefts from vehicles, down 13.6 percent and assorted crimes which fell 9 percent.

These were offset, on the other hand, by a 25 percent increase in robbery and a 31 percent rise in stolen vehicles.

Of 95 breaking and entering cases in July, August and September, 63 were classified as residential, 23 commercial and nine in other occupancies.

A breakdown of the 25 robberies for the period showed 14 holdups involving firearms, two involving other weapons and nine committed without weapons, such as pushing or threatening as in the case of some purse snatches.

The 25 vehicles stolen in Westmount included 21 cars and three motorcycles and one other type of vehicle unspecified.

Police solved 178 Westmount crimes, 137 of them through arrest. This resulted in a solution rate of 28.3 percent for the period.

Eight of the total 627 incidents were reported as unfounded after investigation.

An analysis of the first nine months of the year shows the total number of breaking and entering incidents to be up 14.8 percent over last year.

The number of stolen vehicles has increased 60 percent and thefts from vehicles, mainly car radios, is up 9 percent.

Crime in Westmount
as reported by MUC Police Station 23

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total Jan-Sept 1986	1985	1984	1983
Murder	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Sexual crimes	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	5	4	3
Robbery (theft with violence)	15	4	6	12	4	11	7	9	9	77	78	80	92
Break and entry	49	40	53	55	50	30	35	29	31	372	324	320	294
Theft of vehicles	4	4	5	7	13	4	5	13	7	62	40	41	50
Theft from vehicles	14	22	18	21	30	18	39	26	24	212	194	211	15[illegible]
Other (theft, vandalism, assaults, etc.)	164	137	174	196	195	182	128	136	127	1439	1368	1309	1115
TOTAL, All Crime:	247	207	256	291	293	245	216	213	198	2166	2009	1965	1713
Unfounded cases	11	6	12	8	5	8	2	3	3	58	44	29	30
Total cases cleared	78	74	93	140	100	165	47	64	67	828	680	680	682
— by arrest	47	50	57	106	74	140	40	46	51	611	468	488	455
— other than arrest	20	18	24	26	21	17	5	15	13	159	168	163	182
SOLUTION RATE:	31.5%	35.7%	36.3%	48.1%	34.1%	67.3%	21.7%	30.0%	34%	38.2%	33.8%	34.6%	39.8%
Accidents reported	60	50	55	34	58	46	49	46	47	445	470	369	321
— with injury	6	5	5	5	7	9	10	6	7	60	64		
— fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
— material damage only	54	45	50	29	51	37	39	40	40	385	406		

Above statistics pertain to Westmount sector only and do not include those relating to the local station's St Henri territory.

THIRD QUARTER CRIME TOTALS
July, August, September 1986

	1985	1986	%change
Murder	0	0	0
Sex crimes	5	2	−60.0
Robbery	20	25	+25.0
Break and entry	112	95	−15.2
Theft of vehicles	19	25	+31.6
Theft from vehicles	103	89	−13.6
Other	432	391	−9.5
Total	**691**	**627**	**−9.3**

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Burglary drop result of police, public efforts says police director

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The reduction in breaking and entering incidents in Westmount has been singled out by local MUC police director Gilbert Côté as the most significant point in the latest crime statistics released.

This has resulted from a number of arrests by police as well as a greater awareness by citizens of the need for conveying information to police, he told THE EXAMINER.

"Any information people have should be communicated to police," he said. "It is always important for us to know who was on the street at what time."

Sometimes, he says, citizens are "afraid to disturb" by calling police when they notice something unusual in their neighborhood.

He also encourages more information from public safety officers.

"I was asked to speak to them and that is what I told them."

Westmount's Neighborhood Watch program has helped increase citizen involvement, he said, and is attributed with the decline in burglaries.

Crime statistics, he said, do not always portray the complete picture of the community's criminality specially where figures are low.

He points to the 25 percent increase in robberies revealed by crime figures for the year's third quarter, noting this is actually an increase of five over 20 in a three-month period.

"It doesn't take much to change the statistics, maybe only one individual working in a certain area for a short period."

Most of Westmount's crime, such as holdups, shopliftings and thefts from vehicles, occurs in the Alexis Nihon Plaza area, he points out.

That is why he considers breaking and entering of homes to be the crime which most affects local residents and is most important in an analysis of statistics.

"What I'm most proud of is a decrease in this crime."

An increase in stolen cars corresponds to a general 12 percent increase throughout the MUC this year, he said.

"Tougher legislation is needed which would require the removal of licence plates and serial numbers from vehicles being scrapped."

Under the present system, he explained, it is too easy for thieves to register stolen cars using such plates.

Porsche purged of pricey stereo

A $1,300 Blaupunkt radio was stolen from a red 1986 Porsche parked outside 346 Kensington avenue Oct 31, police said. The theft was reported Nov 7.

The car was broken into through a side window causing $700 damage.

Locked in fear

A woman who called police and public safety officers to her apartment at 50 Academy road Saturday at 3:14 am after she had lost her purse was too afraid to let them in, officials report. The woman refused to answer the door.

Dousing jet fuel fire not like watering flowers

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

There's not much of a trick to extinguishing with hose and water a fire of 100 gallons of jet fuel burning at 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

Not as long as husky firefighters are supporting the hose from behind, that is, and fire experts at the Plattsburgh air force base are giving the instructions in a controlled situation.

It is, however, an awesome and unforgettable experience for one who has never held a hand line before except to water flowers.

Those of us who recently accompanied a group of Westmount and Montreal-area firefighters on a special training session at the United States Strategic Air Command (SAC) base in New York State also had the opportunity to find out firsthand how fires of volatile JP-4 fuel can be manoeuvred with water.

The Westmount contingent included five firemen and eight Civil Protection volunteers as well as the fire chief and the director of public security.

They participated with 20 others in the voluntary day-long training session Oct 25 on aircraft fires which included hands-on fire practice.

The hands-on training turned out to be a highlight for most of those attending.

It provided even the seasoned firefighters with a rare opportunity to work with this type of fire since the air base combines its drills with the burning off of its contaminated fuel.

The JP-4 fuel is described as the most volatile aircraft fuel in use today. During the training sessions, it is ignited in a water-filled pit to prevent it soaking into the ground.

The fire that results radiates heat outward almost instantly.

Black and orange

As the black smoke and orange flames shoot up on top of the water, the assembled visitors take turns working with the hose.

"Don't be afraid," someone says when it's time for a turn.

The orders come suddenly and fast:

"Don't open the hose until you hear the water boil. Open it slowly. Keep low. Don't drop the hose, *whatever you do*. Fall on top of it if you slip in the water.

Then someone says, "I'll hold her."

Someone else repeats, "Don't be afraid now."

But there isn't time to worry.

The water's starting to sizzle and it's hard to open the hose. Suddenly the water's shooting out in a fog spray and the attack goes forward trying to manoeuvre the vapors.

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Only years of training.

And that's exactly what these firefighters are doing at the SAC base: training themselves as well as helping to train other emergency workers who someday might be confronted with an air crash fire.

On this occasion the "southerners" had opened their drill to Montreal-area emergency personnel recruited by Director William Timmons, Westmount's fire chief.

'Once in a lifetime'

"It was a once in a lifetime experience," said Civil Protection volunteer Steve Payne on his return. "It's a lot of work holding that hose. I'll never have to do it because I'm not a firefighter, but it was nice to try."

Robert Schwartz, one of his Civil Protection colleagues who is a civilian dispatcher for the fire brigade, also thought the training day was great and would like to do it again.

"Most of all, it made us think," said Tony Lazar, a professional firefighter from Westmount.

And thinking in an emergency was the basic intent of the training, explained George Provencher, fire chief for the the air base.

"I want to teach you to keep your brain straight," he said after condensing hours of lectures into a two-hour program that morning.

High security was in place everywhere at the SAC base, which has a resident population of about 20,000 — the same as Westmount.

The base sprawls over 26 square miles and has a hospital, two bowling alleys, 78 snow plows, underground bunkers and a fire department comprising 75 military and civilian firefighters. It has the largest crash rescue fire truck in the world.

It also has "Frenchie."

That's Chief Provencher's nickname. He's fully bilingual and grew up for a period in the Eastern Townships.

At age 52, he has retired from the air force but operates the fire department on the Plattsburgh base as a civilian.

Frenchie's well-known in fire circles on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border.

Comradeship

He and Director Timmons have worked over the past 12 years to get

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Westmount Civil Protection workers joined firefighters in trying to quell pit fires at the Strategic Air Command base of the U.S. Air Force in Plattsburgh, N.Y.

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Fatal accident underscores pedestrian safety campaign

A police campaign to educate pedestrians was launched throughout the MUC last week only days after Westmount recorded its first traffic fatality of 1986.

Eileen Dolan, an 87-year-old Westmount woman who was struck Oct 27 on Sherbrooke street near Kitchener avenue, died at the Montreal General Hospital two days later, police said.

She was reported to have been hit at dusk while crossing in the middle of a block (see story Oct 30). The death marks the first traffic fatality in Westmount since 1984.

The month-long pedestrian education campaign started Tuesday last week with the distribution of pamphlets to pedestrians by police patrols.

The program is attempting to cut down pedestrian deaths and injuries, most of which involve persons

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over 40 years of age, according to police statistics.

The MUC pamphlet says that during the first six months of 1986, 41 pedestrians were killed and 1,072 injured across the MUC territory.

Of these, two out of three were violating pedestrian rules outlined in the Quebec highway safety code.

Eleven percent of mortalities were under age 18 and 61 percent over 40.

Pedestrians are reminded that they must:

- Respect traffic and pedestrian signals;
- Cross at intersections or pedestrian crossings;
- Walk on the sidewalk rather than the roadway;
- Yield passage to vehicles when crossing a street where there is no crosswalk or intersection; and,
- Avoid standing on the street to speak to an occupant of a vehicle or to solicit a ride.

Violations of the above are punishable by fines.

Motorists are reminded that they must yield to pedestrians at stop signs, crosswalks, pedestrian lights and before making a turn as well as before entering or leaving private property.

Mighty winds scatter debris from Plaza, other city sites

Strong, gusting winds Sunday played havoc in Westmount, sending to hospital one woman who was hit by a blowing sign and forcing the close of Atwater and St Catherine streets to traffic when debris began blowing off the top burnt floors of the east Alexis Nihon Plaza tower.

The wind also blew around wreaths laid at the cenotaph during the Remembrance Day service at 2 pm and resulted in their being tied down with rope.

The one reported injury occurred about 8:20 pm when a 59-year-old Westmount resident was struck by a Gaz Métropolitain sign lifted up by a gust of wind at Lansdowne avenue and Sherbrooke street, public safety officials said.

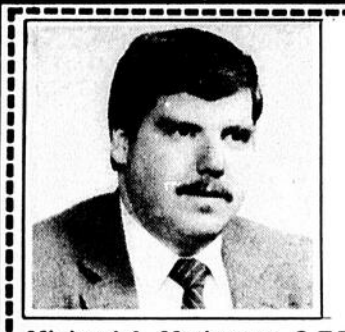
The woman, a resident of 400 Lansdowne, was described by the fire department's first responder team as bleeding from the left eye and having a bruised nose. She was taken to the Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé sustaining unknown injuries.

Pieces of metal and tar roofing materials also were found blowing off the apartment building at 331 Clarke avenue Sunday night and had to be secured by the janitor.

Part of a construction fence around the Number One Wood site also fell onto a grey 1985 Nissan parked across from 4050 St Catherine street about 5:30 pm causing some $500 damage, police said.

The blowing fire debris from the Alexis Nihon office tower at 1500 Atwater avenue were reported to have damaged several cars on Atwater in Montreal territory.

MUC police closed Atwater between St Catherine street and de Maisonneuve boulevard about 5 pm and public safety officers followed suit by closing St Catherine between Wood and Atwater avenues.



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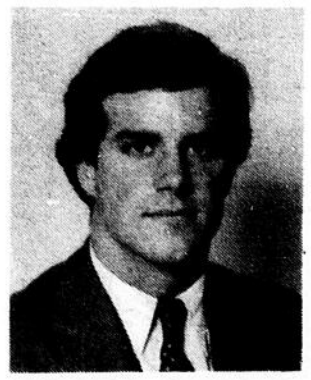

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Air base fire training useful in Dorval drill

A group of 12 Westmount firefighters and four city hall officials was among observers at a disaster simulation held at Dorval Airport Tuesday morning last week in which mutual aid help was called from here.

The disaster centred around an aircraft which supposedly veered off the runway on takeoff and broke into flame injuring some of the 50 passengers about 9:58 am.

One Westmount pumper and four firemen were called to the scene about 11:20 am along with other mutual aid fire departments which stood by in a staging area.

The local mutual aid crew arrived at the airport at 11:39 am after taking highway 20, said Fire Director William Timmons.

They were logged back at the station at 12:20 pm.

The simulation appeared to have gone well, Dir Timmons said, although some areas required further study.

It is the third one to have been held at Dorval in the past six years, he said, and was co-ordinated by the airport in conjunction with Dorval and St Laurent municipal fire departments.

The observers' group was able to benefit, he said, from expert insight into the scenario provided by Fire Chief George Provencher who attended the event from the Plattsburgh air force base in New York State.

$72,000 left owing on jewels; purchaser gone

A Westmount jeweler told police last Thursday he had sold items worth $77,000 to a man whom he was now unable to locate to recover the money.

The purchaser had made only a $5,000 deposit last September.

The articles included four Piaget watches ranging in price from $7,560 to $13,915 as well as three diamond rings. One 5.8-carat ring was valued at $32,000.

The jeweler is located on St Catherine street near Greene avenue.

Apartment dweller confronts bungling burglars

A resident of 200 Kensington avenue was confronted by two strangers running out of her apartment Friday morning when she tried to open her door after visiting a neighbor, police report.

The place had been turned upside down and a fur coat laid out on the bed but nothing was noticed stolen at the time.

Another break-in also was reported in the same building on the same day.

The woman told police she had taken her cat to another apartment to be photographed and had returned to find the door stuck.

She then sought help from her neighbor and, as the two women went back, two men suddenly rushed out of the apartment.

"What are you doing here?" asked one woman, to which the men replied in French, "Janitor, janitor." They were described as white men, aged in their twenties, wearing dark jackets and having black hair.

Marks of forced entry were found on the door and a screwdriver was left inside.

Police said a screwdriver or pliers also had been used to forced open the door of the other burgled apartment. In this case jewelry and cash were taken totaling about $200.

Fire crews find no leaking gas

No gas leaks were found in Westmount during last month's annual fall gas survey, fire officials report.

The check of catch basins, sewers and excavations was conducted by the fire department's first responder unit crews which devoted 200 manhours to the project between Oct 14 and Nov 2.

Lock holds

A good lock held fast when burglars attempted Friday to break into an apartment at 225 Olivier avenue, police said. Damage was reported at $180.

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

Nov 3

235 Metcalfe: for Joseph Bisar, by Lousel Inc, install garbage compactor, $7,800;
Alexis Nihon Plaza: for Alexis Nihon Quebec, by Lousel Inc, install garbage compactor, $11,000;
400 Lansdowne: for Mrs Harker, by Lousel Inc, install garbage compactor, $10,200;
349 Grosvenor: for Mr Cowan, by MacIntyre Plumbing, install water entrance, $850;

Nov 4

4839 Sherbrooke: for P. Petraki, by Jardenise, alter awning, $1,000;
248 Melville: for Linda Pascal, by J.W. Plumbing and Heating Inc, plumbing, $300;
4450 de Maisonneuve, apt 101: for Mr Maurice, by Alfa Plumbing, plumbing, $1,810;
70 Columbia: for A. Northern, by owner, alterations, $70,000;

Nov 5

536 Clarke: for R.A. Dabrusin, by Panfali Plumbing and Heating, install plumbing, $1,000;
116 Blenheim Place: for Christopher Logan and Francis Legault, exterior alterations, $5,000;
345 Victoria, suite 204: for Monit Inc, by owners, alterations, $8,500;

Nov 10

533 Grosvenor: for L. Katnick, by owner, alteration and extension, $12,000;
4476 St Catherine: for 141123 Canada Inc, by Plomberie Pollard et Labre Inc, install plumbing (205 fixtures), $206,000,;
4351 Westmount: for Mrs Perzow, by Roberge Plumbing, install plumbing, $2,000;
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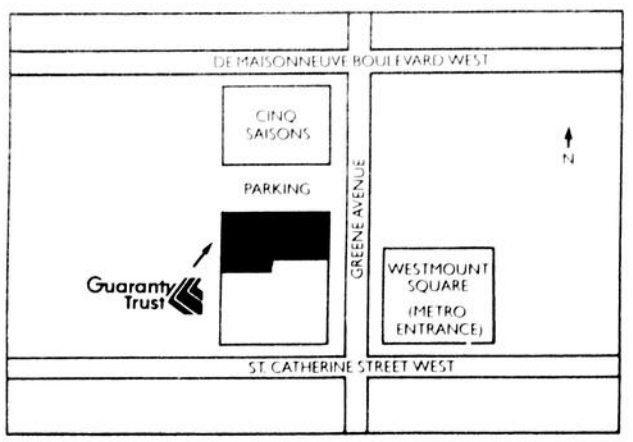

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Watch found

A woman's Seiko watch which was found Sunday at the municipal library was turned over to local MUC police, public safety officers report.

Money lost, money found

A resident of Melville avenue told police Tuesday last week that he lost $1,150 around noontime at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue. The money apparently fell out of his wallet.

Shortly after, an 11-year-old Westmount girl found a large sum of loose money in front of 4780 Sherbrooke street (near Grosvenor avenue) which was turned over to police.

It was not known if the two incidents were related.

Police said the young girl could claim the money after 30 days if it could not be rightfully claimed by the owner.

Sandblasting work continues

Sunday construction on the underside of the Place Ville Marie Expressway was allowed to continue despite a citizen's complaint when workers explained the work must be completed before the snow comes, public safety officials said.

The noise complaint was lodged with the Public Security Unit at 8:03 am. Officers reported finding high-pressure sandblasting hoses in use in the area of Greene avenue.

Purse found

A beige-colored purse containing eyeglasses was found last Thursday at Gladstone avenue and Tupper street, police report. It can be claimed at local MUC station 23.

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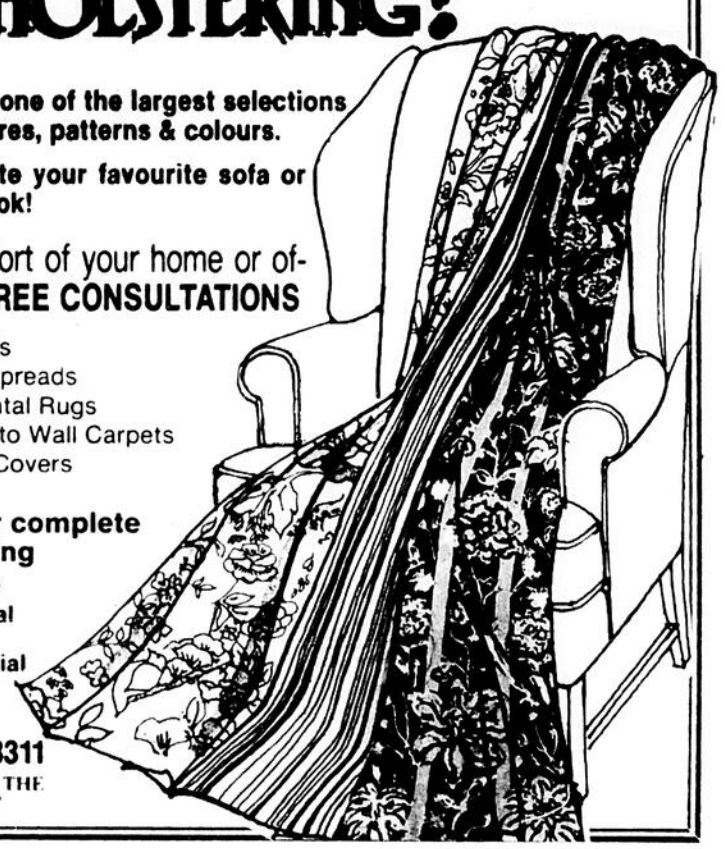

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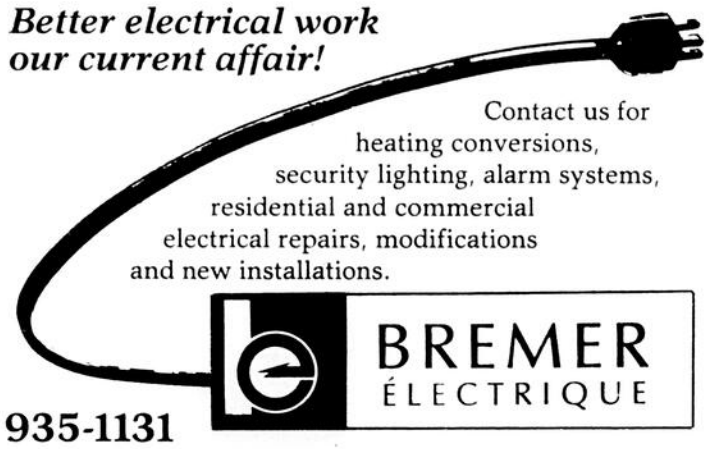

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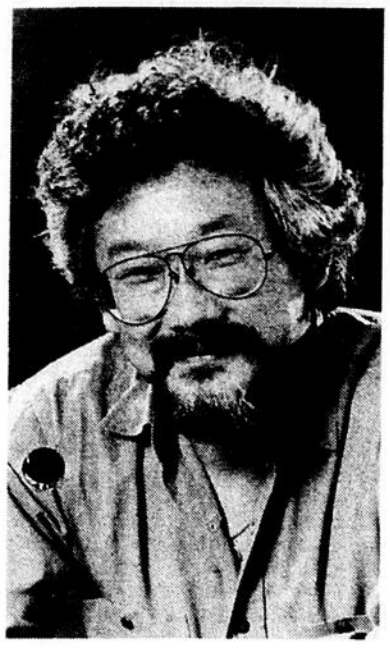

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Chinneck works at Alliance show

The pastels of former Westmounter Shirley Chinneck, now living in St Henri, are among the works exhibited at La Galerie Alliance, 680 Sherbrooke street, until Dec 5. The show is titled D'ici et d'ailleurs.

Other artists featured are Jacques Chevalier, Eric Gebauer, Nancy Héroux-Ellis and Jean Séguin. Hours are 11 am to 5 pm. For more information call 284-3768.

Galerie Kastel showing selection of top works

Galerie Kastel is hosting an exhibition of works by a virtual who's who of painters, mostly Canadian, ranging from A.Y. Jackson to Homer Watson to Emily Carr.

The line-up includes: Jean Beaudoin, Molly Lamb Bobak, Sam Borenstein, Fritz Brandtner, Leonard Brooks, Serge Brunoni, F. Carmichael, Sherrill Chase, Berthe Des Clayes, F.S. Coburn, Stanley Cosgrove, Marcel Fecteau, Thomas Garside, Helmut Gransow, Westmounter Allan Harrison, Pierre Huot, Henry Jones and Cornelius Krieghoff.

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Scottish dance fling Saturday

The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society is holding a one-day workshop at St Matthias' Church on Saturday, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Singles are welcome. Organizers note that Scottish country dancing is not to be confused with highland dancing.

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Beyond Westmount's Borders

A random sampler of things to see or do

in the bigger city surrounding us

by RICK KERRIGAN

Mother and child reunion

One of the hardest things for children to imagine is that grown-ups ever were children or that they will become adults themselves. Louise LeHaye tries to change that through her play *The Cocodrile* which will be presented in one English performance Sunday, 4 pm, at the Maison Théâtre, 255 Ontario street east. It also will be presented in French Saturday, 3 pm, and Sunday, 1 pm, and then Nov 22, 3 pm, and Nov 23, 1 and 4 pm. The play is recommended for children five years old and up. In it, Sheila, an accountant, is preparing a room for her expected child when she is reminded of the "cocodrile" from her childhood. Who should appear on stage but the Cocodrile himself and his associate, Gator the Snake, in the form of puppets. For ticket information call 288-7211.

Switching theatres

The McGill Players' Theatre will be presenting Dario Fo's *A Woman Alone* from Tuesday until Nov 22, 8 o'clock nightly, at the Players' Theatre, 3480 McTavish street. This is the Class Act production starring Emma Stevens and directed by Barry Garber which was first shown at the Lac Brome Theatre in Knowlton. The play explores the fate of the housewife as perceived by her. Ticket information call 392-8989.

And speaking of Lac Brome Theatre: While Ms Stevens (a founder of Lac Brome Theatre) and Mr Garber are at McGill, that theatre will be presenting a play by Westmounter Colleen Curran called *Amelia Earhart Was Not a Spy* Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays until the end of November, at the Glen Mountain Ski Lodge in Knowlton. The play is billed as a romantic comedy. Direction is by David Gow and appearing in the play will be Sheila Langston, Marc Camacho and Lee Dempsey. It was one of the plays presented in the Canadian Pavilion at Expo 86. This is a dinner theatre production so if you're not in the area for a weekend it will still make a worthwhile evening outing. For more information and reservations call 1-243-6142 or 6033.

Meeting of minds

If you've always wanted to be a fly on the wall in a room with Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre then you will want to attend a performance of *Tête-à-Tête* by Montreal playwright Ralph Burdman currently at the Café de la Place until Dec 20. The setting for the play is March 19 and 20, 1980 in Simone de Beauvoir's apartment. Simone wants Jean-Paul to fight his impending death while Jean-Paul wants to die with dignity. The two are celebrating the 50th anniversary of their relationship. The original English version of the play is titled *Eye to Eye* and the French translation was done by Jean-Louis Roux. This production stars Gabriel Gascon and Monique Mercure. Performances are Tuesdays to Saturdays, 8 pm. Tickets are available at the Place des Arts box office.

Strange plays

Alan Williams, described as a charming and witty playwright, will be reading from his cockroach trilogy: *The Cockroach That Ate Cincinnati*, *The Return of the Cockroach* and *The Cockroach has Landed*, and other plays Monday, 8:30 pm, at the Playwrights' Workshop Montreal, 4001 Berri street. There is a small admission "donation" required.

At the movies

The Maison de la Culture N.D.G., 3755 Botrel street, is presenting a series of animation films under various themes. The first evening of films was on Tuesday and the second will be tonight, 7:30 pm, under the theme of "Animation d'Europe et d'Asie." On Tuesday the theme will be "Films impressionistes" and on Nov 20, the theme will be "L'art de raconter." Admission is free but you must pick up tickets at the maison or at a Banque d'Epargne in the district.

Singer substitutes

Michèle Boucher, soprano, accompanied by Claude Savard on piano, was scheduled to give a concert Sunday, 3:30 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. Unfortunately, she is ill. Fortunately, you can still hear a singer but it will be Sandra Graham, mezzo-soprano, accompanied by Laurent Philippe on piano. I have no information on the program at this time. For ticket information call 932-6796 or 487-2822.

Back to Bach

The Kuijken Quartet will give an all-Bach concert Sunday, 8 pm, at the Eglise de Notre-Dame-du-Très-Saint-Sacrement, 500 Mont Royal avenue east. The group is composed of baroque flute, baroque violin, viola da gamba and harpsichord. For ticket reservations call 354-5795.

Beautiful music

Angèle Dubeau, a Québecoise violinist who is as beautiful as she is talented, will be performing Monday, 8 pm, in Théâtre Maisonneuve of Place des Arts. She has won prizes that would make your head spin, including the "Prize of the Americas" in 1985 as the most talented violinist in North and South America. This year she was named "Soloist of the Year" by the International Community of Francophone Radio. As if this alone would not make a great concert, she will be accompanied by Andrew Tunis on piano. He was the 1984 first prize recipient at the Munich International Competition. They will play a program of works by Jean-Marie Leclair, César Franck, Debussy, Bartok, Prokofiev and Henri Wieniawski. I assume tickets are available at the PdA box office.

Healthy music

The Montreal Inter-Hospital Choir invites anyone working in a health-related field to join them in song. You don't have to be able to read music. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 6 to 10 pm, in the Osler Amphitheatre of the Montreal General Hospital, 1650 Cedar avenue. For information call Jacqueline Petro at 937-6011, local 3012.

Music from Montreal

Brigitte Hamann-Poulin, a pianist, will give a concert Sunday, 2 pm, at the Maison de la Culture N.D.G., 3755 Botrel street.

The Trio Arabesque, comprising Kerry-Ann Kutz, soprano; Virginia Spicer, flutist; and Paul Harrison, guitar, will give a concert Sunday, 2 pm, at the Maison de la Culture, 5290 Côte des Neiges road. Admission to these concerts is free but you must pick up tickets at the maison or at a Banque d'Epargne in the district.

Dance the night away

There will be an Israeli folk dance marathon Saturday, 8 pm to 1:30 am, at the Snowdon YMHA, 5480 Westbury avenue. Animators will help with the dances and a dance contest will keep things lively. There also will be a singalong and door prizes.

Sibling music

Jovan Kolundzija, a violinist from Yugoslavia, will be accompanied by his sister, Nada, on piano, in a concert Saturday, 6 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west. On the program will be works by Mozart, Bach, Brahms and the première of a work by Yugoslav-Canadian composer Marjan Mozetich. Tickets are available at the door.

Music from McGill

The McGill jazz improvisation classes will be giving a concert Monday, 8 pm, in Pollack Hall, 555 Sherbrooke street west.

There will be a special concert for Bruce Mather to celebrate his 20th year of teaching Tuesday, 8 pm, in Pollack Hall. The program will comprise works by his present and former students.

Peter Butterfield, tenor, and Paul Stewart, piano, will give a performance of Schubert's "Die Schöne Müllerin" Wednesday, 8 pm.

String and mixed ensembles will be giving concerts Nov 20, 5 and 8 pm, and the Women's Chorale and University Chorus will be singing Nov 21, 8 pm. Admission to all the above concerts is free.

Exhibitions about town

A costume exhibition titled "A Victorian Christmas" is at the

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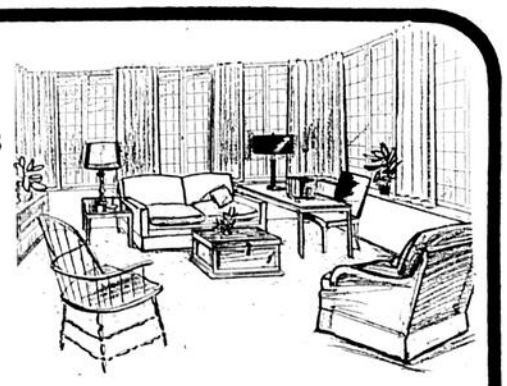

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McCord Museum, 690 Sherbrooke street west, until March 8. ... The wildlife paintings of Robert Millner will be at Boulevard Dodge Chrysler, 330 Cremazie boulevard, from Wednesday until Nov 21. ... Sculptures by Denise Arseneault will be at the Galerie Nouvel Age, 350 Sherbrooke street east, from Sunday until Dec 6. Also at the gallery will be the paintings and prints of Jean-Paul Riopelle under the title of "Les Hiboux." ... Paintings by Phyllis Mintz are at the Café Côté Jardin, 5514 Queen Mary road, until Jan 5. ... Artists from Geneva are showing 43 multi-media works in an exchange exhibition at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road, until Dec 11. ... An exhibition titled "Ten Years of Canadian Art Glass, 1976-86" will be at the Galerie Elena Lee Verre d'Art, 1518 Sherbrooke street west, from Friday until Nov 25. ... The paintings of Pierre A. Dupuis and Martha Markowsky are at the Maison de la Culture N.D.G., 3755 Botrel street, until Nov 30. ... An art auction to raise money for AIDS research will be held Sunday, 2 pm, at the Galerie John A. Schweitzer, 42 Pine avenue west. There is an admission charge at the door. You can view the works Friday and Saturday from noon to 8 pm.

Art for the family

The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts is holding special painting sessions for the whole family on various Sundays. The session this Sunday, 2 to 4:30 pm, in the education room, will be on the theme "Painting with the Inner Eye." This is a hands-on session so come appropriately dressed. All it costs is the regular price of museum admission. For more information on upcoming sessions call the museum at 285-1600, local 136.

Hockey helps tots

The first annual intercollegiate table hockey tournament will take place every Tuesday evening until Dec 9 at the two Cage aux Sports restaurants, 395 Lemoyne street and 2250 Guy street, and it will involve 120 teams from two universities and four CEGEPs. The table hockey games are supplied by Coleco and half of the registration fees will be going to the Tiny Tim Foundation of the Montreal Children's Hospital. You are welcome to go down and watch the action.

Bits'n'pieces

Canadian Cultural Programmes will present Janette Turner Hospital, Canadian author, reading from and discussing her books *Borderline*, *The Tiger in the Tiger Pit* and *The Ivory Swing* Monday, 1:30 pm, in the Royal Bank Auditorium of Place Ville Marie. ... The Golden Age Association will hold a handicraft fair Nov 20, 10 am to 9 pm, at the Cavendish Mall. Proceeds will go to the handicraft program at the association.

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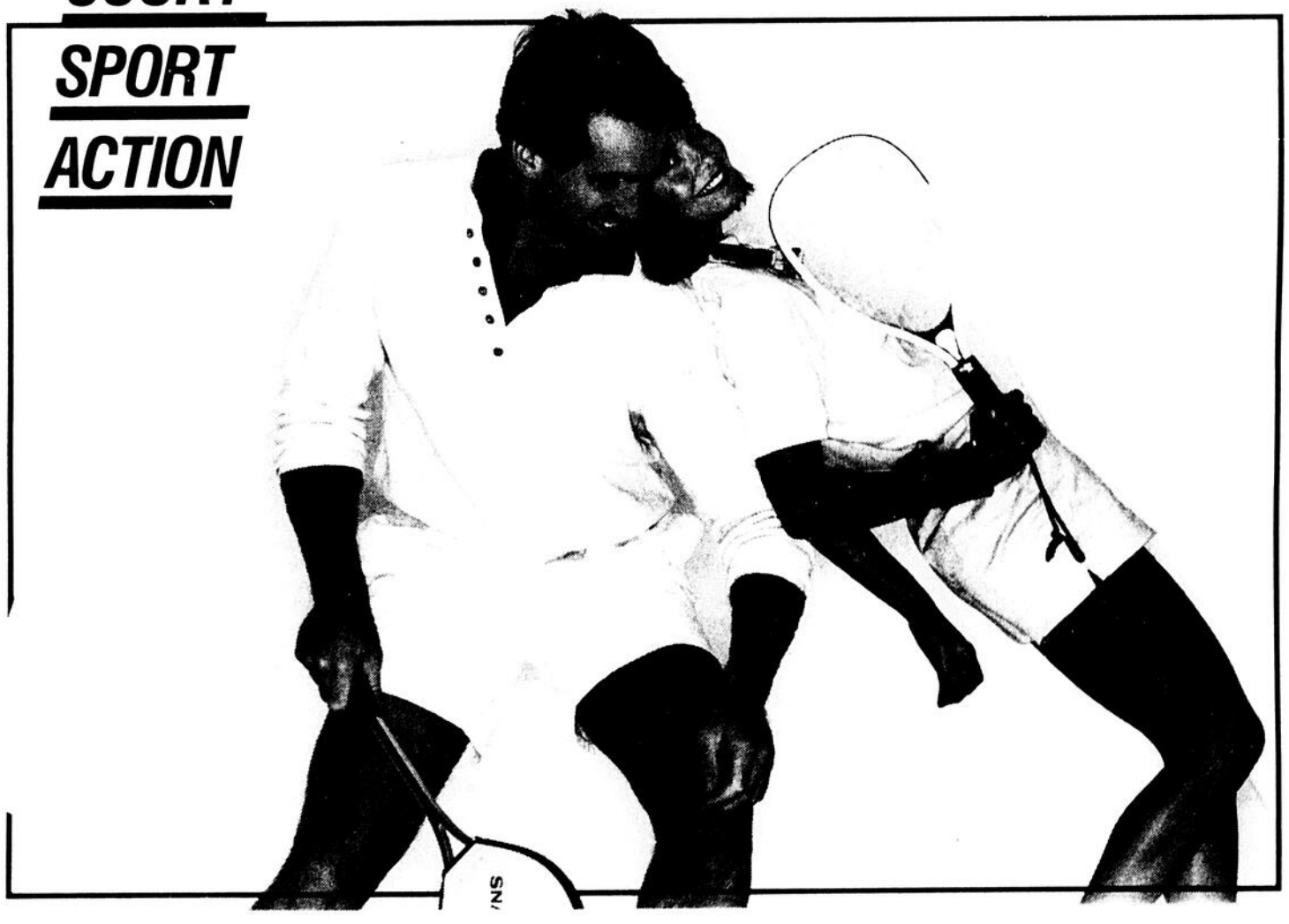

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Beckett pastels at Galerie Westmount

Dave Beckett's pastels are to be featured at Galerie Westmount as of next Wednesday evening, starting at 7 pm.

Mr Beckett, known for his vivid portrayal of historic architecture, still lifes and landscapes, is a full member of the Pastel Society of America and Pastel Society of Canada.

The exhibition continues at the gallery, 4935A Sherbrooke street, until Nov 30.

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SOULS FOR SALE: McGill Drama's production of *The Tragical History of the Life and Death of Doctor Faustus* debuts tonight at 8 pm at Moyse Hall Theatre on campus. The play is directed by Westmounter Harry Anderson, whose son **Alexander Anderson**, right, is in the cast, which also includes, from left, **Larry Elman, James-Paul Marois** and Westmounter **Peter Soares.** The play continues to Saturday and then Nov 20-22. For ticket and reservation information call 392-4695.

Dramatis Personae production:

Sensual Thomas' love of words captured *in* Under Milk Wood

Dylan Thomas was a sensualist, a drunkard, a romantic, a reprobate — and one of the finest English-language modern poets.

He wrote the adjective-laden *Under Milk Wood* as a radio play for BBC towards the end of his life, and gave a solo performance of it at the Fogg Museum at Harvard, and two further readings at the YMHA in New York with the poet reading First Voice and the Rev Eli Jenkins.

Though his dancer wife Caitlin Macnamara threatened that if he left their brawling, loving, boozy home in Laugharne, Wales, probably the real site of *Under Milk Wood*, to make a second reading tour of America, he needn't come back, Mr Thomas went off to his doom. Or, as Mrs Thomas said, "He succumbed like a mesmerized bait to the multitudinous, scavenging spawn of America." (The Celts are nothing if not dramatic.)

He succumbed to a doom that many adolescent males might envy. If Mr Thomas slept with half of the many women who claimed to have been his lovers, while on his "unending search for naked women in wet macintoshes," it's hard to imagine how he found any drinking time at all. But one night he lined up a number of drinks on a New York bar, tossed them all back, and collapsed.

He was rushed to hospital, Mrs Thomas came from Wales, and Mr Thomas died of alcohol poisoning on Nov 9, 1953, aged 39.

Mrs Thomas' mettle is shown in her achievement of maintaining hysterics for several days, in spite of being hospitalized at the time. She then took her husband's body back to Wales, where it lies buried in the Laugharne churchyard. The town grocer sells copies of *Under Milk Wood* to the tourists who make pilgrimages to his grave.

When the play was finally produced by the BBC in January 1954, following the poet's death, rumor has it that Mrs Thomas had great difficulty in collecting any of the money needed to help sustain herself and her young children.

Mr Thomas once explained that he early fell in love with the shape, sound, smell and taste of words. Even in the abbreviated version of his radio play, being staged by Dramatis Personae at Atwater Library, this passion is evident.

Dramatis Personae is an amateur company to whom founding artistic director Ann Page, an Abbott avenue resident, transmits her love of theatre. She both acts in and co-directs (with William Radwan) this production.

The stage is dark. Seven actors, embodying a whole village, lie asleep and dreaming. The First Voice (Ms Page) gives us some hint of the richness and intricacies of tongue-tripping language to follow for the next 80 minutes.

"It is spring, moonless night in the small town, starless and bible-black, the cobblestreets silent and the hunched, courters'-and-rabbits' wood limping invisible down to the sloeback, slow, black, crowblack, fishingboat-bobbing sea."

The cast members put on and take off characters as easily as doffing and donning hats, playing first one sex and then the other (when the women gossip together in the village, the male cast members tie on bandanas). And we meet a delightful group, Sinbad Sailors (Gaspare Borsellino), who draws beer and dreams of Gossamer Benyon (Catherine Page). Mr Borsellino is also the delightful, innocent, poetry-spouting Rev Eli Jenkins, and Catherine Page is wicked Polly Garter ("Nothing grows in our garden, only washing. And babies") and Lily Smalls ("Oh, what can I do? I'll *never* be refined if I twitch.")

Chris MacCabe is blind Captain Cat, weeping as he dreams of Rosie Probert (Sandra Fishlinsky), whom he once shared with the donkey man. Beth Hodges is (among others) Mae Rose Cottage who at 17 on a slumbrous hot day paints her nipples with lipstick and waits for God to strike ("You just wait. I'll sin till I blow up!").

Eric Brazau is the oblivious Organ Morgan and the vicious Jack Black, and Mark Zimmerman is Dai Bread with two wives, one for day and one for night (Ann Page and Ms Fishlinsky).

We live through a day in the life of the village, share the quarrels, the backbiting, the spying, the loving, the fantasizing. We see Mrs Ogmore-Pritchard's poor dead husbands, both remaining close to her, in fear. We watch the couples in love, and the lonely ones who long for love. We celebrate one more new day with the ancient Mary Ann Sailors.

This is a play for voices. So this reviewer has a qualm about one actor's unfortunate tendency to pronounce the *ng* sound as they do in Lon Guyland.

This is amateur theatre, and the sounds and rhythms are complex and difficult (just you try reading that snippet from the First Voice's first speech) so if the occasional word is lost or syllable swallowed, one is only glad it happens so seldom.

Here we have eight people struggling, and achieving. Whether we meet old friends when we walk through the sleeping streets and listen to the town dreaming, or whether it's our first visit to Mr Thomas' drowsing village, the visit is worthwhile.

Under Milk Wood continues at 8 pm nightly at the Atwater Library Thursday through Sunday.

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FALL-WINTER SALE

Used and nearly new clothing, shoes and boots for men, women and children on Monday Nov 17 from 9 am to 1 pm at St Léon de Westmount Church hall, 310 Clarke avenue, Westmount. All welcome.

AUCTION/BAZAAR

Auction of china, silver, art, etc Friday Nov 14 at 7:30 pm. Bazaar Saturday Nov 15 from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday Nov 16 from 10 am to 1 pm in St Léon de Westmount Church hall, 310 Clarke. Bake sale, handicrafts, clothing at bargain prices.

BAZAAR

St Bartholomew's Church, 12030 Pasteur street (corner of De Salaberry). November 15, 11 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be served.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Queen Mary Road United Church Women are holding their Christmas bazaar on Saturday Nov 15 at the church, Fisher Hall, 13 Finchley Road, Hampstead, from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm. Luncheon from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Home baking, Christmas cakes, nearly new treasures, jewelry, Christmas decorations, books, gifts, nearly new clothing.

ORT BAZAAR

Giant bazaar, the best in Montreal. Tuesday Nov 18, 10 am to 10 pm, Wednesday Nov 19, 10 am to 6 pm at South Exhibition Hall, Place Bonaventure. Free admission. Proceeds to vocational training to free individuals from charity.

BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Sponsored by Trinity Memorial Church Guild in the church hall, corner Sherbrooke West and Marlowe Av. N.D.G. Saturday Nov 15 from 11 am to 3 pm. Home baking, preserves, handicrafts, Christmas gifts and decorations, West Indian cooking, snack bar, sandwich lunch. Everyone welcome.

FLEA MARKET

Annual pre-Christmas flea market and craft fair, Saturday, Nov 15, 10 am to 4 pm, Layton Hall, 7010 Sherbrooke West, N.D.G. 105 bus stops at the door. Snack bar, door prizes, admission free. Sponsored by the Special Projects committee, Montreal Association School for the Blind.

BAZAAR

Saturday Nov 15 in Wesley United Church hall, 5964 Notre Dame de Grâce avenue, corner of Royal avenue, from 1 pm to 4 pm. Food centre, Christmas decorations, cards and wrappings, plants, knitting, handicrafts, handsewing, collectibles, children's corner, nearly new, home baking, books, tearoom. Everyone welcome.

YM-YWHA BRIDGE

Duplicate bridge club. Everyone welcome. Tues 12:45 pm and 7:45 pm. Novice section Thurs afternoon 12:45. Member $2.50 and non-Y member $4. Refreshments are served, pleasant atmosphere in Grover Auditorium, 5500 Westbury, corner Côte Ste Catherine.

BIRD FAIR

Second annual great bird fair. Free admission. Nov 15, 10 am to 5 pm. Hillside Armoury, 3 Hillside, Westmount. Bird books, feeders, paintings, houses, cards, stained glass. Live birds too.

LECTURE

"Writing alone or with support?", by Ginny Sumodi, executive director of the Canadian Authors Association, on Monday, Nov 17, at 7:30 pm at Concordia University, 1455 de Maisonneuve blvd west, in the Faculty Club, 7th floor. Discussion will follow. For information: 933-9725.

ART EXHIBIT

The Women's Art Society of Montreal is holding its annual art exhibition in Lobby #1, Place Ville Marie (University entrance) from 10 to 21 Nov. Open to the public 7 am to 7 pm, Monday to Friday. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING ARCADE

St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas United Church, 687 Roslyn avenue, Saturday, Nov 15, 10 am to 3 pm. Seven boutiques offer a variety of exciting Christmas gifts. Light luncheon served noon to 1:30 pm.

CHINESE PAINTINGS EXHIBITION & SALE

An exhibition and anniversary sale of original Chinese paintings is to take place from October 19 to November 30 (every day, 12 to 6 pm) at the China Gallery, 1053A St Laurent Blvd (Chinatown), Suite 200. 878-2116.

ONE OF THE BEST: This year's Christmas cards created by the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf will bear drawings by **Christopher Robinson**, right, and Franco Giuseppe, students at the school. The two original drawings and the cards created by the school's students in previous years will be on display at the Westmount Library until late December. Helping to show off Christopher's drawing recently at the library was Westmounter **Dr Agnes Phillips**, principal of the school. The Christmas cards sell in packages of 10 for $4 and anyone interested in buying some cards can phone the Montreal Oral School for the Deaf at 488-5865. The school is also in the middle of its annual fund-raising campaign, which continues until Nov. 15.

Blood donors being sought

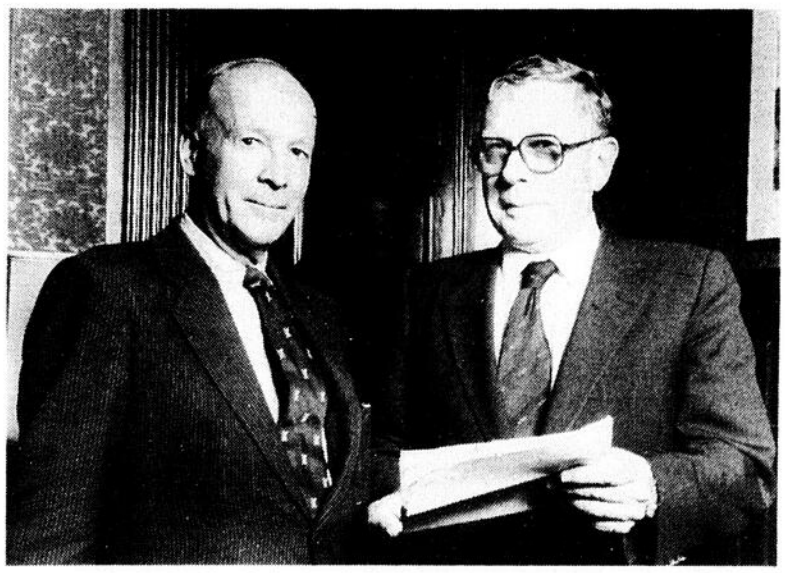
A blood donor clinic is to be held Tuesday, Nov 25, at the Imperial Tobacco plant, 3019 St Antoine street, in the employees' lounge, 9 am to 4 pm.

Hospital holds pre-Xmas sale

A pre-Christmas "get it now" sale is to be held Nov 13 at the Reddy Memorial Hospital, proceeds of which go towards women's auxiliary activities.

The sale, from 10 am to 4 pm, is to feature gift items, handicrafts, home baking and a table of "attic treasures."

A special shoppers luncheon will be served in the Rendez-vous shop from 11 am to 2:30 pm.



PLANNING A BALL: The St Andrew's Ball Committee members, **John Fuller**, left, and **Donald Campbell**, making plans recently for the Nov 21 event, to be held at Le Centre Sheraton Montreal. Guests of honor are expected to be Lord and Lady Elphinstone of Blairgowrie, Perthshire, Scotland. Tickets are $85 per person, and table reservations may be made by calling 843-4518 from 10 am to 4 pm, Monday to Friday. Young women wishing to be presented are asked to call Mrs Togneri at 458-4308. This year the proceeds from the ball will go to the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Kids' hospital sells Noël cards

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For more information call 935-5861.

Family history is Temple talk

"Your family history and how to record it" is the title of a presentation to be made Monday at 1 pm by Lillian Reinblatt, director of the Jewish Family Heritage Project of the Canadian Jewish Congress, at Temple Emanu-El - Beth Sholom.

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"The RAP clinic is an example of Mount Sinai's continuing commitment to early diagnosis and prevention of chronic obstructive chest disease," says Michel Amar, Director of Hospital Services.

"The test takes only a few minutes and is an excellent opportunity for people to check their respiratory system."

Hours of the Salon de la Santé RAP clinic are 10 am to 10 pm daily for the duration of the exhibition.

Epilepsy group hosts anglophones

The Anglophone Parents' Support Group of Epilepsie Montréal will hold its next meeting on Nov 17 at 7:30 pm in the auditorium of the Catherine Booth Hospital, 4375 Montclair in Montreal.

November's meeting will feature the audio-visual presentation "Epilepsy is..." and a discussion of activities for November, which is epilepsy awareness month.

The Anglophone Parents' Support Group is a group sponsored by Epilepsie Montréal for parents of children with epilepsy. All interested parents are invited to attend.

For more information call 252-0859.

Seniors' Forum hosts rent talk

The Senior Citizens' Forum is to host an information meeting on the conciliation service of the rental board, scheduled for Monday, 1:30 pm, at the group's offices, 1800 Dorchester boulevard, room 417.

Invited speaker is Andre Bourdon, an officer with the rental board's conciliation service. He is to explain how the service is used to help parties to a rental agreement come to an agreement and arrive at an amicable settlement.

For more information call 937-7401.

Schizophrenia to be discussed

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI) is planning a meeting for Monday, 7:30 pm at 4333 Côte St Catherine road, in the amphitheatre.

Invited guest speaker is Dr Linda Beauclair whose address is titled "Overview on Schizophrenia."

AN EYE ON FASHION: A model, right, shows off an outfit at Ragenti men's and women's wear boutique on Greene avenue last Wednesday under the watchful gaze of potential customers. The evening fashion show was organized to display the store's holiday and cruise wear.

Calligraphers' schedule busy

La Société des Calligraphes, a devoted to the promotion of beautiful hand lettering, is to hold its next general meeting on Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Fraser-Hickson Auditorium, 4855 Kensington avenue, corner Somerled avenue.

The evening's program is to feature a slide showing of the works of several well-known calligraphers. Also planned is a gallery hour, at which members' works will be displayed.

Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Prospective members and guests are welcome.

A copperplate workshop with Trudy Novack is planned for Nov 15 and 23. Other workshops sponsored by the society in the coming months include poster and sign writing, advanced italic, and designing awards and certificates.

Further information may be obtained by calling 735-7154.

JVC to sponsor careers session

The Jewish Vocational Service is planning a community career conference with the theme "Careers in Focus... Beyond the Stereotypes," with keynote speaker Sheila Finestone, MP for Mount Royal.

The conference, featuring numerous other panelists, is set for Sunday at the AJCS-Cummings House, 5151 Côte Ste Catherine road, from 6 pm to 9:30 pm.

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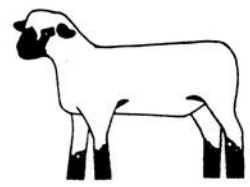

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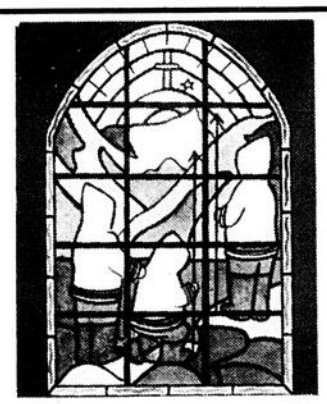

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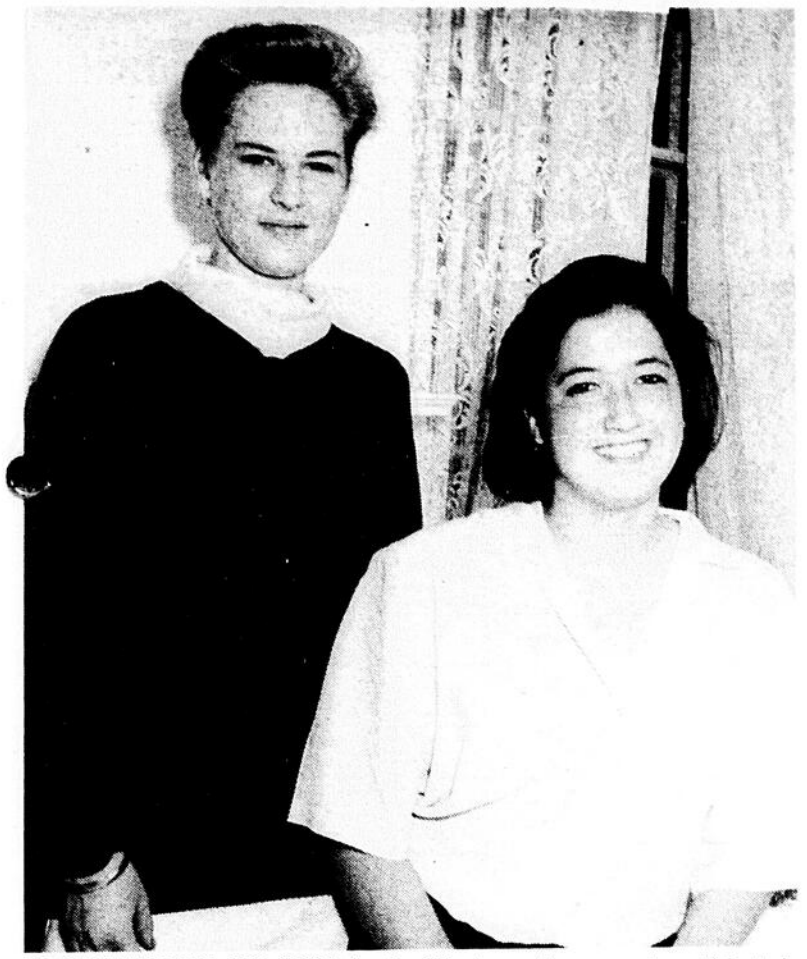

PRESENTING SARA AND ANNE: A pair of Westmount lasses are to participate in the presentation before Irish Ambassador Sean Gaynor and Mrs Gaynor during the St Mary's Hospital Ball Friday. **Sara O'Brien**, left, and **Anne Coyle** are to meet the diplomatic representatives and then join in the traditional father-daughter waltz. The ball is one of the hospital's major annual fund-raising events. For more information call 343-5232.

Osteoporosis society looking for caring donors

The Osteoporosis Society of Canada, Quebec Chapter, led by president Lucille Rouleau-Ross, has launched its annual fund-raising campaign.

Established in 1982 in Toronto, the Osteoporosis Society of Canada was formed in Montreal in 1984. Some volunteers who were directly and personally concerned by the effects of osteoporosis combined their efforts in order to sensitize the public and the health professionals to the painful condition of persons affected by this disease.

The society's objectives are to seek better medical care for patients and to encourage research for prevention and treatment of osteoporosis. It promotes detection in medical centres and recommends preventive nutrition as well as an adequate physical exercise program.

"Patients must look after themselves after having been well informed," says Mrs Rouleau-Ross. "There is a lot to do yet. This campaign provides an excellent occasion to create an awareness at the national level."

A number of Westmount physicians, including Drs Michael Kaye and David Goltzman, treat the disease.

To make a contribution or contact the society, call 935-3726.

Women's network talks investment

The Montreal Career Women's Network is hosting a panel discussion on investment Wednesday at the Mount Stephen Club, 1440 Drummond street, to include cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 7 pm.

Representatives of McLean, Budden, National Financial Brokerage Centre, McNeil, Mantha and Dominion Securities are expected to be on hand.

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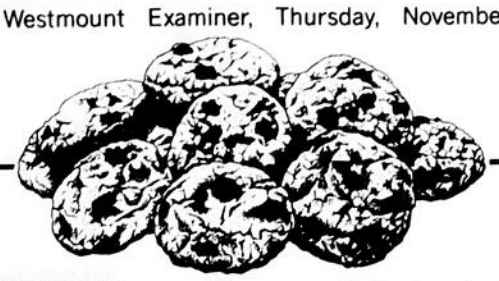

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Harlequin authors confide:

Pumping out purple prose not magic, just hard work

By CHARLES MAPPIN

After wading through the rain and shelling out $75 each, some 30 people crowded into an upper room at the Atwater library last Saturday morning. They had a common goal: to learn the secrets of writing successful romance novels.

These are the books published by such companies as Harlequin and Silhouette. They must not be dismissed too easily; some manage print runs of up to 500,000 copies.

If romance novels were taken into consideration by the editors of *The New York Times*, there would be little room left on the bestseller list for the likes of John Updike and Stephen King.

Even if many of them would not admit it, those who had gathered at the library harbored hopes of learning the formula which would lead to fat royalty cheques.

Several already had a vague idea. Take one muscular yet sensitive hero and one dreamy, misunderstood heroine; stir in "the other woman"; sprinkle with a pinch of adjectives and a dash of description; season to taste with bedroom scenes. Presto, another Harlequin romance churned out.

Not so, according to two women who know. Claire Harrison has written 19 romance novels and won an ACTRA award for a CBC "Ideas" series on romance fiction. Dinah Shields is the author of three romance novels and a teacher of fiction writing.

Claire Harrison

Dinah Shields

Genre defended

"Oh, you write *those* books," is the response both women are used to hearing when they tell people what they do for a living. They quickly step in to defend the genre if someone disparages it in their presence.

Mrs Shields says, "Many people actually think I get a fill-in-the-blank form from my publisher and that all I do is complete it and then sit back waiting for my royalties to flow in.

"Romance novels are novels first. If you can't write a novel, you'll never be able to write a romance," she insists.

The two Ottawa authors discovered a need for a romance writing workshop two years ago when aspiring writers began to seek out their advice. It became evident that most beginning writers tend to suffer from the same problems. The answer was to set up a one-day workshop to address these.

Out of this initial meeting grew the Ottawa Romance Writers Association, an organization providing a forum for the exchange of ideas.

Last Saturday marked the first time Mrs Harrison and Mrs Shields brought their Writing and Selling Your Romance Novel workshop to Montreal.

The course comprised three hours of writing advice, one hour of marketing advice, a question and answer period, and a detailed handout package with over 40 pages of lecture notes, resource lists, sample contracts, and exercises.

The two authors lectured alternately for half-hour periods. They discussed the necessary components of a romance novel and common mistakes to avoid.

Reader identification

"The heroine must be a character who a reader in Montreal and a reader in Ohio will like and identify with," advised Mrs Harrison. "Most beginners make her too meek and naive.

"With today's emphasis on instant gratification, the reader must be hooked in the first paragraph. If not, she'll put the book back on the rack."

According to a survey done of Harlequin readers, the favorite plot types fall into five categories: marriage of convenience, spoiled brat grows up, second time around, mystery baby and the Cinderella phenomenon.

The people who attended last weekend's workshop were a varied lot, and all but two were women. Most read romance as a steady diet, and they all had an inkling that they could turn a good tale if given the chance.

One participant was a Westmounter who admitted, "I wouldn't tell a soul I'm here. They'd think I was crazy. I write a fair amount, but this is where the money is. I'd love to give up my job and write full-time."

By the time the day was through and the final questions had all been answered, many had found out what they had feared all along: the only formula for romance fiction entails hard work and long hours over a typewriter.

For those who feel they have some talent and want feedback, Mrs Shields will accept a 10- to 20-page outline and the first three chapters.

For a fee, she analyzes it, makes copious notes, and provides suggestions. Those who are interested can contact Mrs Shields in Ottawa at (613) 829-0991.

Although no further workshops are planned for Montreal, both Mrs Shields and Mrs Harrison say they will return if enough people show interest.

Saturday's event was sponsored by Montreal's Writers Association for Romance and Mainstream. This group will be meeting next on Dec 6. Details on WARM can be obtained from the president, Monica Du Fresne-Carbonneau, at 465-1385.

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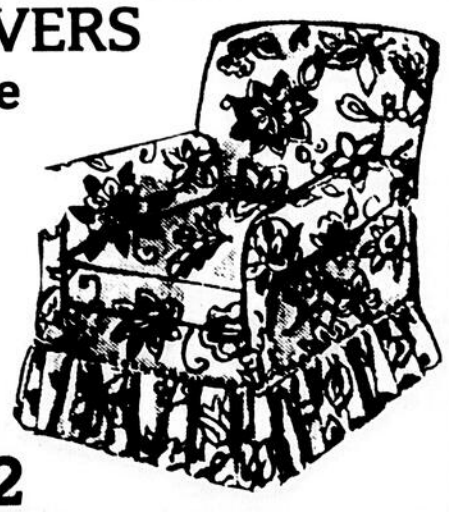

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Base chief 'Frenchie' Provencher thanked by Canadians for efforts

A special presentation was made by the Westmount Fire Brigade on behalf of MUC-area firefighters to Fire Chief George A. "Frenchie" Provencher, of the Plattsburgh Air Force Base, during a visit there Oct 25.

A trophy made by Westmount Fireman Marcel Brassard was presented by Fire Director William Timmons, who thanked his counterpart for opening training sessions to Montrealers over the past 12 years.

Chief Provencher replied that he was "touched and moved because I never thought we'd get so much co-operation between firefighters."

He also was given a plaque of appreciation.

The air base chief, now a civilian, operates a department which comprises 52 military firefighters and 24 civilians. Fully bilingual, he retired from the USAF in 1973 after serving tours of duty in both the Congo and Vietnam.

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firefighters together from both countries, each crediting the other for the success.

A sign of the friendship between Westmount and the air base is a four-foot-high Sparky dog replica which stands at the doorway of the firehall.

It was given to the Plattsburgh department in July 1985 when some of the air base fire personnel attended Westmount's PCB conference in Victoria Hall (see picture Aug 8, 1985).

As the Saturday training session started off for the 37 visitors, Frenchie laid down the ground rules in true military style.

"This is no Boy Scout camp. This is the real world. This is *my* world. Don't touch anything you don't know about."

He packs the morning lecture with mind-bubbling information on types of air crashes, how to approach downed military aircraft, when to search for survivors and when to abandon the victims — the "crispy critters," he calls them.

His firefighters, he says, deal in a devastating business. They have to talk this way for emotional self-preservation. They handle fires on $17 million fighter planes which carry more than 30,000 gallons of the JP-4 fuel.

Although the fire crews are basically a crash response team, they also handle fire prevention programs and residential fire protection on the base, which belongs to a mutual aid fire system in northern New York State.

And they're proud of their "excellent" rating by the air force.

12 trucks

After lunch is served to the visitors in the fire station, one of the 12 fire trucks is rolled outside for all to see. It's the department's pride and joy, the biggest crash rescue fire truck in the world, costing $900,000 to replace.

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After being allowed to inspect it thoroughly, the visitors are bused out to the air field where two types of planes are opened to them, first the KC-135, a large refueler; then the FB-111 fighter which travels at three times the speed of sound.

They are shown how to shut down systems on the aircraft in event of an emergency, then move on to the pit where the hands-on training is held to burn off the contaminated jet fuel.

Here, the visiting firefighters are given practice in the techniques of controlling and manoeuvring type B (fuel) fires using fog patterns to displace the fumes and breaking larger fires into smaller ones.

The visitors are divided into seven teams, each given its turn to extinguish 100 gallons of the burning fuel under the direction of the training officer, assistant chief Donald Kubik.

In all, he tells us, we used 5,000 gallons of water from one truck. The hydrants already have been turned off for the winter.

Finally, an 800-gallon fire is ignited to demonstrate how quickly it can be extinguished using a foam called AFFF, explains Sergeant Tom Dore.

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As the pit fires end, a City of Montreal firefighter grasps Chief Provencher's hand and says, "I've never had the chance before this to work with a fuel fire. Thanks."

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Arcade at St A-D-D Saturday; Dr Hall wraps up talk series

St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church is hosting the annual Christmas Shopping Arcade to be held on Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm in the church hall at 687 Roslyn avenue.

Seven boutiques are to be set up: the Christmas Tree, Toytown, the Tea Cosy, Crib Corner, Knit-Knacks, Treasure Trove, Booke Shoppe. All offer a variety of Christmas gifts.

There will also be home-baked goodies and a Just for Kids table where children can do their own shopping.

Light lunch will be served from noon to 1:30 pm and coffee all day.

As an addition to the shopping arcade, the church presents the Heavenly Treat Bakery with tables of jams, jellies and pickles, assorted squares, frosted cakes, fancy breads, pies, tarts and muffins.

Also highlighted is a selection of Filipino gourmet cooking, gift baskets for holiday giving and frozen spaghetti sauce, baked beans and bread for use at a later date.

On Sunday the congregation welcomes two new members by baptism: Nicole Alice, daughter of Claude and Susan Bilodeau, and Margaret Amy, daughter of Dr Hugh and Heather Cameron. The theme of the service continues as "Things That Make for Peace" with Rev A.J. Farquhar preaching.

Monday is a big day at the church as the Afternoon Book Club meets to hear Virginia Barber discuss the book *The Weaker Vessel* by Antonia Fraser. All are welcome.

Monday at 8 pm, the New Perspectives Series continues with Dr Douglas Hall speaking on "Religion: Whither bound? New directions for the twenty-first century."

Dr Hall studied at the University of Western Ontario and Union Seminary, New York, where he became a doctor of theology. In 1975 he came to McGill, where he is a professor of Christian theology.

He has written 10 books, has contributed chapters to nearly a score of others, and has published a host of articles on theological and ethical themes. His most recent book is entitled *Imaging God — Dominion as Stewardship*. Dr Hall is the final speaker in the successful series. Registration is at the door.

Alex Farquhar to head 'ribbons for rights' day

Churches, synagogues and major institutions in Montreal are being asked to mark Human Rights Day, Dec 10, by displaying a blue ribbon as part of a campaign to heighten awareness of human rights issues in the Soviet Union.

According to Westmounter Dr Alex Farquhar of St Andrews-Dominion-Douglas Church, chairman of the Montreal Inter-faith Task Force for Soviet Jewry, "We are using ribbons, a symbol of hostages, to focus the community's attention on those people in the Soviet Union whose basic human rights are systematically denied. The ribbons will be prominently displayed between Dec 8 and Dec 14."

Human Rights Day will also be marked with a lunchtime ceremony during which major Montreal personalities will participate in the reading of the names of the thousands of Jews in the Soviet Union who suffer human rights injustices.

The Montreal Inter-faith Task Force for Soviet Jewry, established in November 1977, works on behalf of Soviet Jews who have been refused permission to emigrate and rejoin family.

St Léon's art sale aids group fighting torture

Original works by Town of Mount Royal artist Etienne Windisch will be sold at St Léon de Westmount Church next weekend to raise money for a Christian group fighting against torture, Action des Chrétiens pour l'Abolition de la Torture (ACAT).

The sale will begin Friday, Nov 21, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the basement of the church, 310 Clarke avenue. It will continue Saturday from 11 am to 7 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 4 pm.

Most of Mr Windisch's works are a unique form of enamel on copper but some oil paintings are included as well.

Hungarian by birth, Mr Windisch has lived in the Town of Mount Royal for over 20 years. A civil engineer by profession, he paints only as a hobby but it is a busy hobby. He has over 1,000 works in circulation in Canada and in other countries.

The group ACAT was founded in France in 1974 but only recently became active in Canada through the efforts of Father Gabriel Villemeure, curé of St-Léon. Father Villemeure became familiar with Mr Windisch's works at his former parish of St Joseph de Mont-Royal in T.M.R. where a similar and very successful sale was held to raise money for that church's new organ.

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Cedric Cobb leaves St Matthias' to shepherd own Laurentian flock

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Reverend Cedric Cobb, curate at St Matthias' Church, has mixed feelings about leaving his first church posting Sunday to take on his own parish at Holy Trinity, a small Anglican church in Ste Agathe.

He is sad about leaving, but excited by the ecumenical challenge which Holy Trinity presents by being the only English-speaking church in the area.

He preaches his parting sermon at the morning service this Sunday, which will be followed by a congregational reception and farewell party marking his two years at St Matthias'.

"I came here frightened and scared," Rev Cobb recalls. "I have been nourished, supported, loved and affirmed.

"People here have allowed me to minister to them and, in doing that, I have been profoundly changed in ways I would never have thought."

The 42-year-old priest came to St Matthias' on June 18, 1984, the day after being ordained a deacon and entering a new way of life following a career as a teacher, actor and businessman.

He speaks of these first years in the ministry in a hushed voice, his large eyes opened wide in a kind of excitement and wonderment.

"The joy of being a priest is that people invite you into their lives at the most intimate times," he says slowly. "You're privileged to share the depths of what they are going through."

Rev Cedric Cobb with daughter Celia in his St Matthias' Church office.

Ritual has drama

"Everything I've done before, I'm using now in terms of my teaching and acting," Rev Cobb explains. "The ritual of the church has a great deal of drama."

His departure leaves St Matthias' without an assistant minister, probably until the summer and the ordination of theological graduates.

Rev Cobb, who has a 4½-year-old daughter named Celia, has worked closely with the Sunday school as well as the Christian education and youth programs.

He has particularly enjoyed his relationship with the teenagers.

"I thought that would be the hardest part and it's turned out to be the joy," he says, smiling.

He marvels at the feelings and frankness expressed by today's youth, who, he says, must be dealt with in sincerity and honesty.

The Cobbs, who live in the Abbey apartments across from Westmount Park, are familiar figures walking along Sherbrooke street.

His wife, Diana, a psychiatric nurse who used to work at the Allan Memorial Hospital, later became the secretary at Christ Church Cathedral.

The native Montrealer graduated from Rutgers University in New Jersey before teaching world history and civics in the Virgin Islands. He then took the communication arts course at the Loyola campus of Concordia leading him into the theatre where he was "a real success" but did not "belong."

He worked for a while at Future Electronics before starting what he calls his long journey to do what he was called to do in life, "become a priest of the Lord."

Finance chat on MCW agenda

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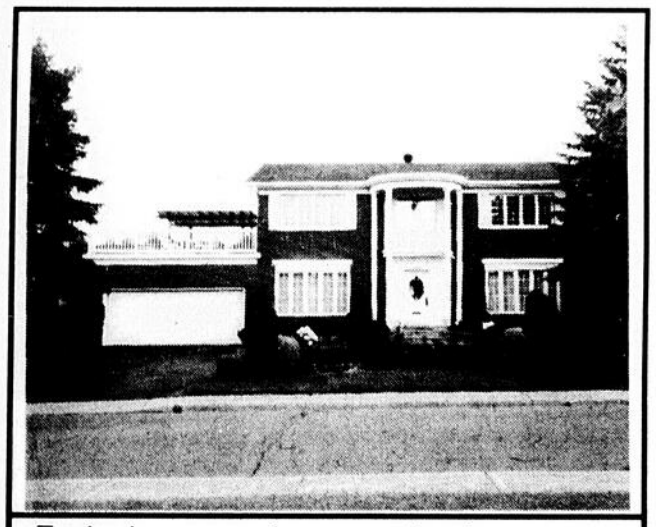

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RIDING . . .

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tistics Canada calls them, from Point St Charles in the south, the Circle Road area in the northwest, and a swath of downtown to the east, to come up with the numbers to justify a separate seat.

This new St Henri-Westmount riding would be bounded roughly by Queen Mary road and the top of the mountain on the north, Park avenue and the Bonaventure Expressway on the east, the Lachine Canal on the south and Westmount's western boundary plus the Circle road area on the west.

Out of a total population base of 92,081, according to Mr Covington's figures, 41,295 or 44.8 percent would be francophones, 39,047 or 42.4 would be anglophones and 11,445 or 8 percent would be allophones.

The boundary body's proposal for Outremont-Westmount would work out as follows: of a total population of 93,971, 45 percent would be francophone, 34 percent anglophone and 21 percent allophone.

Mr Covington says if it is assumed the majority of allophones would have French as their second language, anglophones would therefore be relegated to definite minority status.

Others to attend

The prospect of losing a traditionally English federal seat on the Island of Montreal has stirred other groups to appeal to the commission. Alliance Quebec, the Progressive Conservative Association of St Henri-Westmount, and the Liberal Association of St Henri-Westmount are all expected to join Mr Johnston in fighting the change by presenting briefs to the commission.

The reason for juggling seats on Montreal Island has been the progressive drain of population to elsewhere in Quebec. The province is guaranteed 75 seats under the Constitution Act, apportioned over the total population of some 6,438,000, meaning an average riding population of 85,845.

A riding's population base may vary by 25 percent on that figure.

Because of the shift of population from Montreal Island to elsewhere in the province, the island in this redistribution will lose two seats. One riding has been eliminated in the eastern end of the island while the problems surrounding St Henri-Westmount centre on how the second seat in the centre part of the island will be eliminated.

In Mr Johnston's proposal for the salvation of the riding, N.D.G. gets the tracts west of Vendôme avenue, which would compensate for losing St Henri, leaving it with a population base of 79,555, well within the allowable limits.

By adding to Outremont riding parts of Park avenue that the commission had assigned to Laurier riding, Mr Johnston's plan accords Outremont 84,988 constituents, not far off the desirable provincial average.

Mr Johnston's plan then calls for what is left of the proposed Laurier and Ste Marie (itself a merger of the former Ste Marie and St Jacques constituencies) ridings to be merged into one riding.

At press time, an official in the Quebec electoral boundaries commission estimated up to six submissions had been received concerning Outremont-Westmount. Deadline for application to make representation was Nov 5.

WMA . . .

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placed municipal light standards around the excavation but "they've disappeared again."

"This seems to be symptomatic of a lot of things going on in the city," Mr Robertson said.

Director Dave Lightfoot said he was "very puzzled by all this." He contended that provincial construction safety codes should apply to building activity in Westmount.

Flagrant disregard

Mr Robertson wondered why, when there is "one flagrant disregard after another, it should be up to us to phone" city officials to get action. There appears to be "no follow through" on the enforcement of city by-laws, he said.

"Where are the teeth in our so-called tight by-laws?" Mr Robertson said.

Director John Johnston, while noting there has been some effort to put up some barriers around the 4476 St Catherine site, a hole "at least 12 feet deep," where the water line is to be connected to the building, was unprotected all weekend, posing a hazard to pedestrians who might stray into that area.

Mr Johnston said that Mr Patenaude's explanation of the enforcement of safety at the site was "one of the most pathetic remarks I've heard at city hall."

He added that there was no fencing on the Alexis Nihon side of the Number One Wood Avenue condominium site and that at one point a piece of heavy equipment had blocked tenants' access to the Alexis Nihon parking garage. Mr Johnston is a resident of the 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard Plaza Towers apartments.

Mr Robertson asked, "What is going to happen in the future if they (the city administration) cannot control a little construction site?"

Both 21-storey Number One Wood and another 21-storey tower a block away at St Catherine and Greene avenue are gearing up for 18-month construction periods.

PSBGM rep Rothman on tour: talks lunch program, closings

By THOR VALDMANIS

Target Network and lunch program funding for monitors were the main issues discussed as Joan Rothman, PSBGM school commissioner for the area including Westmount, visited both Roslyn School and Westmount High School committees Monday evening.

"No schools are currently targeted for closure in the Westmount city centre," the commissioner told THE EXAMINER in a brief exchange Tuesday evening.

Mrs Rothman added that she foresaw no direct implications on Westmount schools should any institutions currently on the hit list, including Argyle Academy, actually close next September.

Some analysts have suggested that if Argyle is closed next year it will result in an influx of displaced students at Westmount High School.

On lunch monitor funding, Mrs Rothman said she informed parents that the board "is still in a process of consultation" over the issue.

The PSBGM has asked its school committees to respond to a proposal whereby lunch program subsidies would be eliminated to parents whose children are eligible for busing.

The board estimates it can save approximately $386,000 annually in a bid to tackle its $3 million accumulated deficit.

Mrs Rothman said it would be some time yet before any decision is reached by the PSBGM, since "it's a process that takes quite a while."

At Mrs Rothman's suggestion, the Roslyn school committee formed a subcommittee to examine existing PSBGM lunch programs and to recommend general improvements in time for implementation in the next school year.

Named to the subcommittee are Janice Clinton, Ano Rampersaud and Christine Bagnall.

Mrs Rothman described the meetings as an "information exchange" with the committee parents.

Lost wallet

A wallet was reported stolen from an office at 4823 Sherbrooke street Wednesday last week, police said. It contained personal papers but no money. The wallet had been left in a jacket.

Roslyn planning impromptu drill

As a step to ensure Roslyn School is properly prepared in the case of a fire, arrangements currently are being made to execute a "spontaneous" fire drill.

The school committee was informed at its meeting Monday evening that chairman Pat Ackman is to meet with principal Barbara McKnight and fire officials this week.

Mrs Ackman said the drill will probably occur during an upcoming lunch break.

Committee plugs Roslyn uniforms

In an effort to encourage Roslyn School's voluntary dress code, the school committee has decided to send a general letter to parents on the merits of a school uniform.

Roslyn has had a voluntary dress code for a number of years consisting basically of a navy blue tunic and a white blouse or turtleneck for girls and navy blue pants together with white shirt for boys.

Whether or not students wear the uniform "is a matter of peer pressure," committee chairman Pat Ackman explained.

With that in mind, the school committee has also agreed to ask teachers to encourage students to wear the uniform through positive reinforcement.

Ban strap, Roslyn to ask board

The Roslyn School committee voted Monday evening to recommend to the PSBGM that corporal punishment be abolished.

While caning, or any similar disciplinary tactic, hasn't been resorted to for over a decade at Roslyn, the corporal punishment option is still on the PSBGM books.

Neither of Westmount's two other PSBGM schools, Westmount High School and Westmount Park School, currently make use of corporal punishment.

The school board has asked individual schools for feedback as to whether or not to officially abolish the practice.

"The general view of the committee was to abolish it," Roslyn chairman Pat Ackman said in an interview Tuesday.

"It wasn't unanimous, but there was a majority (against corporal punishment)."

Mrs Ackman plans to notify the board of her committee's decision.

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Peace and Justice Tour in Westmount:

Horror stories of war, drugs related by teenagers

By THOR VALDMANIS

A million and half dead in the Iran-Iraq war, a "killing field" next door in Afghanistan, indiscriminate rape and torture in Uganda, often fatal drug and alcohol addiction among the indigenous peoples of Canada and the indignities of apartheid in South Africa: the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour brought these stark realities to Westmount last week.

The Justice tour began as a project for the International Year of Youth in 1985, whose mandate was to sensitize Canadian students to issues faced by youngsters in more troubled environments.

Having just finished its second year, the Justice tour has visited six provinces, encompassing 290 schools and approximately 145 communities, between Oct 24 and Nov 8.

The English-speaking Quebec section of the tour, made up of eight adolescents between the ages of 13 and 19, addressed groups from Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, Selwyn House School and St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church last Thursday in separate presentations.

At ECS, senior girls listened intently to the personal experiences of five teenagers whose lives have been shattered by poverty, racial discrimination, violence and war.

"I'm supposed to be at war right now and my kids are probably supposed to be there in the future," 16-year-old refugee Ramzi Marugy said in emphasizing the perpetual state of war in the Middle East.

Mr Marugy fled his native Iraq at 13 to avoid the draft and the fate of a number of friends and acquaintances who died in the blood-stained marshes of the southern Iraq-Iran border.

"I stand here right now," the youngster told the ECS girls, "but my heart is there all the time.

"The war has destroyed everything, the family, the friendships, the love," he continued. "I've seen a mother who has lost three of her sons in the war. What kind of life is this?"

The refugee charged that superpowers, in the name of peace and global stability, prey on smaller countries, repeatedly referring to Afghanistan and Grenada as examples.

In the case of the Iran-Iraq crisis, the war is being fuelled by arms suppliers who prop up whichever side appears to be on the brink of capitulation, creating a continuous stalemate, Mr Marugy said.

There is little outrage caused by the unremitting cycle of violence, he said, because, thanks to media manipulation, "people of the West think of people from the Middle East as terrorists.

"Just because there are one or two terrorists doesn't mean we all are. There are terrorists in the States and the Soviet Union — there are terrorists everywhere.

"In order to have peace," Mr Marugy stressed, "you must live it."

Afghani's story

Rahman Jayed, a young political refugee from Afghanistan, told his story after the Soviet invasion in 1979.

TOURING FOR PEACE: Members of the International Youth for Peace and Justice Tour met with many Westmounters at a dinner for them Thursday last week at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church. Seated from left are **Ramzi Marugy** from Iraq; **Jack Barlow**, Uganda; and **Priscilla Joe Williams**, British Columbia. Standing from left are **Darren Boisvert**, Alberta; **Kayvan Heydarzadehazar**, Iran; **Timothy Springs**, the tour guide; **Rahman Jayed**, Afghanistan; **Tandi Nkiwane**, South Africa; **Ashraf Nawaz**, Bangladesh; and **Barbara Brooks**, provincial co-ordinator for the English section of the tour.

Torture, desperation and killing were the dominant themes.

In the war, "I've lost an uncle, a 22-year-old cousin who was like an older brother to me," Mr Jayed said, visibly hurt.

"This is a very painful story for me. And the killing continues every day."

Mr Jayed called on the "free world" not "to allow the killing to continue."

When Priscilla Williams got up to speak, tears welled in her eyes.

The teenaged Indian girl from a reserve near Penticton, British Columbia, began using drugs as early as six years old, something that she said is quite common for those on the reserve.

At the age of 10 she began using drugs more and more to escape from the reality of racial prejudice, a broken home and an alcoholic mother who, in turn, also was trying to escape reality.

"I've lost a lot of friends because of alcohol and drug overdoses," Miss Williams continued.

"It's sad. We're killing ourselves, our culture, our traditions, our language.

"I'm lucky to be standing here," she concluded. "In one of the close car accidents I was in ... my friend died instantly."

Wanton violence

While the infamous Idi Amin is long gone, Uganda is still an impoverished African nation shrouded in political power struggles and wanton violence, Jack Barlow told his ECS audience.

Since its independence from Britain in 1962, the Ugandan native said, "many people have died" and governments have toppled like dominos.

Mr Barlow told the story of a young mother who, when stopped at a roadblock, refused to give up her money to government soldiers. One of the soldiers then replied by grabbing the woman's child from her arms, hurling it in the air and then catching the child on the end of his bayonet.

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The ECS soccer team clinched the Greater Montreal Athletic Association girls soccer title Saturday in a game against Royal West Academy. The team comprises, front row from left, **Adrienne Leahey**, **Signe Katz**, **Lissy Kates**, **Catherine Melling**, **Alexandra Birks**, **Willa Johnson**, **Christiane Gervais** and **Valerie Burman**, team manager. In back from left are **Cynthia Tremble**, coach, **Alexandra Leus**, **Kathleen Doheny**, **Laurie O'Brien**, **Samantha Williams**, **Christy Grant**, **Vicky Tyler** and **Sophie Gibbard**. Absent from the picture is Alexandra Peschlow.

ECS clinches soccer mantle in nail biter

Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School won its first ever city championship in soccer Saturday morning with a 1-0 victory over Royal West Academy.

In front of a small but boisterous crowd, the juvenile teams (ages 14 and 15) jockeyed for possession in the mud and drizzle on the neutral West Hill High School pitch.

The closely fought match ended in a scoreless tie after regulation time, thanks in large part to the heroic efforts of ECS goalkeeper Willa Johnson.

After overtime failed to end the deadlock, the game went into a tense series of penalty kicks.

ECS prevailed over Royal West to win 1-0 on a goal by Westmounter Signe Katz and capture the Greater Montreal Athletic Association juvenile soccer banner.

According to coach Cynthia Tremble, the ECS team had a tremendous season, compiling a record of seven wins, one loss and two ties.

Other Westmounters on the winning team were: Willa Johnson, Lissy Kates, Christy Grant, Catherine Melling, Alexandra Birks, Sophie Gibbard, Adrienne Leahey, Kathleen Doheny, Laurie O'Brien and Alexandra Leus.

Hornets sting Canadiens, Leafs unsaddle Rangers

By JOHN SHANNON

Last Thursday in Westmount's bantam-midget hockey league, the Canadiens and the Hornets went at it. The Canadiens got on the board first, as Aryan Lirange went around the defence and put the puck into the net.

Two minutes later, Stephen Capombassis tied the score at one apiece. Lirange of the Canadiens came right back for his team and scored the go-ahead goal. A minute later, the Hornets got two quick goals, to take a 3-2 lead.

The Canadiens tied the score early in the second period as Lirange completed his hat-trick. Andrew McGregor of the Canadiens scored to help his team take a 4-3 lead. However, before the end of the period, the Hornets were able to score three more times to take a 6-4 lead. The Canadiens seemed to be coming back early in the third as Robby Velan put one in, to narrow the score to 6-5.

The Hornets, however, got one more goal, and were able to hold on for the win. The final score was 7-5 for the Hornets.

The second game of the night was between the Rangers and the Leafs. Graham Wood of the Leafs opened the scoring for his team early in the first period. One minute later, Justin Bradley of the Rangers tied the score at 1-1.

The Leafs' Eddy Hoyeck opened the second period with two quick goals for his team that made the score 3-1. Meanwhile, the Rangers were not able to score on the Leafs' goaltender, Chris Dezordo, who was doing an excellent job in nets.

The Leafs opened the third-period scoring as well, taking a comfortable 4-1 lead. The Rangers suddenly got some life in them as Derek Faith combined with Mark Dillon to make the score 4-2. One minute later, Dillon of the Rangers scored to make it 4-3, giving his team a fighting chance.

The Leafs' Darin Pritchard put one in to widen the lead to 5-3. With one minute left, the Rangers had not yet given up: they scored one more goal to make the score 5-4 and got within striking distance of a tie.

It was not to be, though, as the Leafs scored once more in the last minute to secure their win. The final score in the game was 6-4.

Free skating numbers down at arena

Supervisors in the Westmount recreation department are concerned at the lack of citizens currently making use of recreational skating hours at the arena.

"Maybe people have just forgotten about it," Bob Aiken, the assistant superintendent of parks and recreation, said Monday.

"We haven't had the crowds we had last year."

He noted that, as opposed to other municipal rinks around the island, Westmount doesn't charge a fee to skate and offers flexible hours.

On weekdays, the small rink at the arena is open for recreational skating every day from 9 am to 10:45 pm except between 4:20 pm and 8:30 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and Wednesday from 2 to 3 pm due to coinciding hockey and figure skating schedules.

On Saturday, there is skating on the small rink from 9 am to 2 pm and on both rinks from 2 pm to 10:45 pm. On Sunday, the small rink only is open from 10 am to 11 am and both rinks from 11 am to 5:45 pm.

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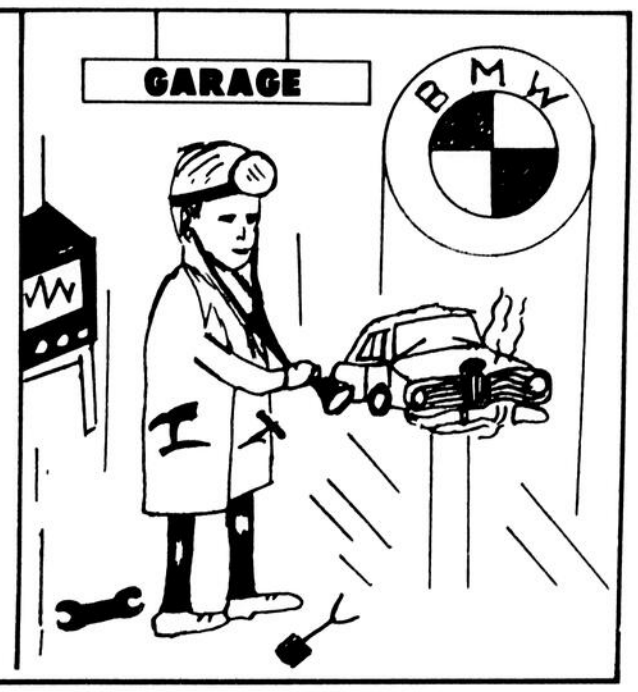

Skate-a-thon on Saturday

The 11th annual Skate-a-thon organized by the Westmount District of Boy Scouts of Canada takes place Saturday in the arena, the first lap starting at 2:30 pm.

Subsequent laps will start at 3:30, 4:30 and 5:30 with the 4:30 time reserved for fast skaters only.

Those skating are reminded to register at least 30 minutes before the start of a lap.

More girls join city hockey teams

After allowing girls into the Westmount recreation hockey program for the first time last year, the ranks of girls involved has more than doubled — to five.

Last year only two girls registered for a winter of stickhandling and faceoffs.

One of the five girls plays at the termite level, two in novice and two in atom.

Ice capade

A six-year-old Westmount girl was taken to hospital Friday evening from the arena after she fell on the ice, fire officials report. She banged her head and was complaining of dizziness.

Misspelled

The spelling of a name in a report on scouting in last week's EXAMINER was incorrect. The proper spelling is Sam Beitel. We regret the error.

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Arrested man suffered pains

Westmount fire and public safety officers were called to local MUC police station 23 Wednesday last week at 4:10 pm when an elderly man under arrest was suffering chest pains, officials report.

He was taken to the Reddy Memorial Hospital by Urgences Santé.

Collapses

A 66-year-old LaSalle man was taken to hospital Tuesday last week after collapsing for unknown reasons in the Westmount Métro tunnel, fire officials report. He was taken to the Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé.

Fume-filled building evacuated

A blocked air intake vent in the furnace room of 4670 St Catherine street resulted in carbon monoxide fumes filling the office building Friday morning, fire officials said.

When firefighters arrived on the scene shortly after 8:27 am, they took readings on a carbon monoxide tester which registered a gas buildup of 250 parts per million (ppm), well above the tolerance level of 50 ppm.

The building was evacuated and ventilated, resulting in a decrease of readings to 100 ppm, 50 ppm and zero by 10 am.

Firemen returned to the station at 10:22 am after clearing the blocked vent.

They were called back to the building the next day at 9:50 am for a smell of gas but no readings were recorded and all was reported in order.

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	2:00 p.m.-10:45 p.m.	*Both rinks*
SUNDAY	10:00 a.m.- 5:45 p.m.	*Small rink*
	11:00 a.m.- 5:45 p.m.	*Both rinks*

Absolutely no figure skating or ice dancing is permitted during general skating times.

Come along with the whole family for some exercise and fun.

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1986 TEMPS LIBRES DE PATINAGE *1987*

Patinoire à glace artificielle

Les temps libres de patinage sont ouverts à tous les résidants de Westmount, à titre gratuit. Chaque patineur doit détenir un permis, à jour, du département des loisirs.

LUNDI	9h00-16h20	*Petite patinoire*
	20h30-22h45	
MARDI	9h00-22h45	
MERCREDI	9h00-14h00	
	15h00-16h20	
	20h30-22h45	
JEUDI	9h00-22h45	
VENDREDI	9h00-16h20	
	20h30-22h45	
SAMEDI	9h00-14h00	
	14h00-22h45	*Aux deux patinoires*
DIMANCHE	10h00-17h45	*Petite patinoire*
	11h00-17h45	*Aux deux patinoires*

Le patinage artistique et la danse sur glace sont formellement interdits lors des temps libres de patinage.

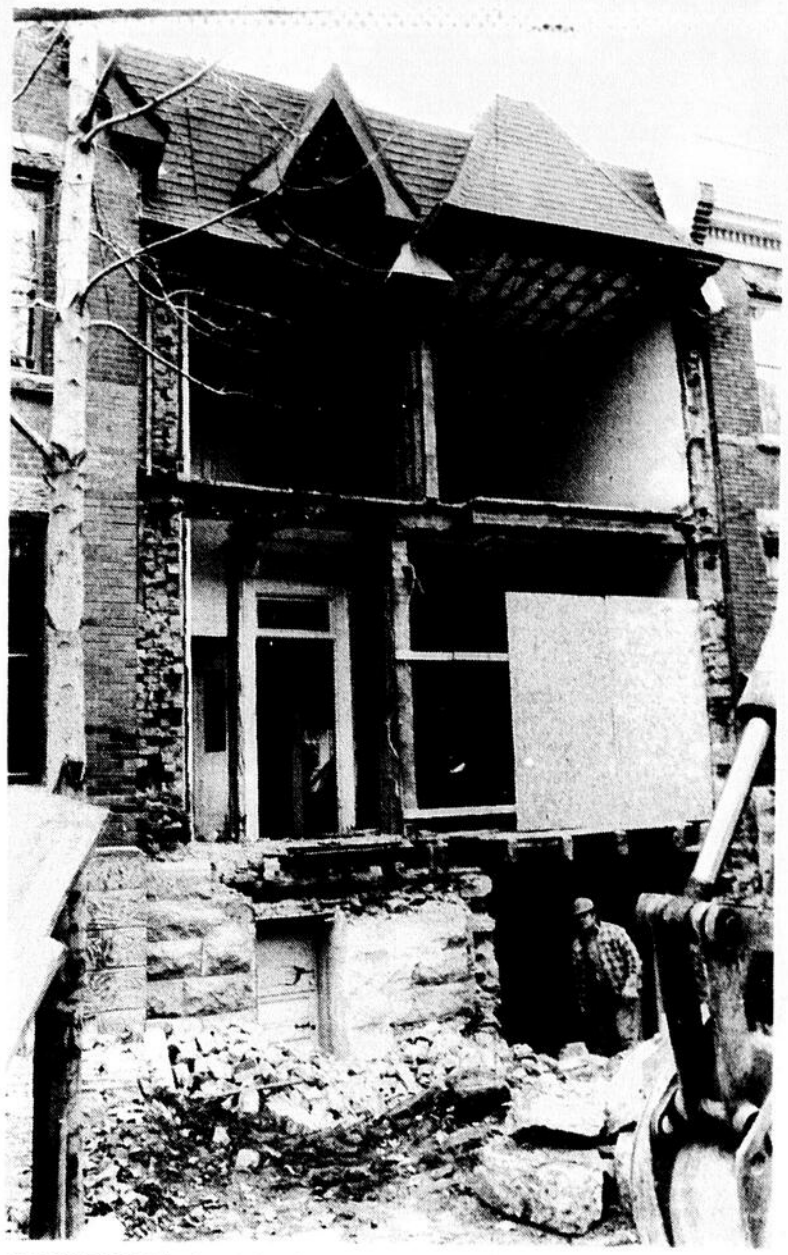
Venez avec toute la famille pour faire de l'exercice tout en vous amusant.

John Garland, Surintendant
Service des parcs et loisirs

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Tuesday Nov 11:

	GS	GP	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
NOVICE								
Guards	15	1	1	0	0	8	4	2
Dragons	15	1	1	0	0	8	3	2
Canadiens	15	1	0	1	0	4	8	0
Bears	15	1	0	1	0	3	8	0
ATOM								
Canadiens	15	1	1	0	0	12	3	2
Canucks	15	1	1	0	0	4	1	2
Nordiques	15	1	0	1	0	3	12	0
Penguins	15	1	0	1	0	1	4	0
PEE WEE								
Seals	15	2	1	0	1	7	6	3
Scouts	15	2	1	0	1	8	4	3
Capitals	15	2	0	1	1	9	10	1
Canadiens	15	2	0	1	1	7	11	1
ALL STAR								
Atom	-	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
EXHIBITION								
Competitive Old Timers	-	3	3	0	0	15	7	6
Senior Old Timers	-	2	0	1	1	5	14	1
BANTAM/MIDGET								
Hornets	27	1	1	0	0	7	6	2
Leafs	27	1	1	0	0	6	4	2
Canadiens	27	1	0	1	0	6	7	0
Rangers	27	1	0	1	0	4	6	0
SENIOR "B"								
Hawks	24	2	1	0	1	11	9	3
Devils	24	2	1	0	1	9	4	3
Oilers	24	2	0	1	1	9	10	2
Flyers	24	2	1	1	0	7	8	2
Fathers	24	2	1	1	0	6	7	2
Jets	24	2	1	1	0	10	14	0
SENIOR "A"								
Wanderers	24	1	1	0	0	5	1	2
Bruins	24	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Flames	24	2	1	1	0	6	5	2
Stars	24	2	1	1	0	5	6	2
Sabres	24	2	0	2	0	5	10	0



OPEN HOUSE: The façade has been stripped off a home at 70 Columbia avenue as contractors attempt to correct a major fault in the structure's foundation. A city building permit was issued this week for $70,000 allowing the work to be done. Neighbors reportedly have voiced concern about the excavation site being adequately secured for the protection of children.

HORROR...

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Milton Obote, one of Amnesty International's most flagrant human rights violators, was overthrown in a coup in 1985, "the (military) government that formed after was the same or even worse," Mr Barlow said.

"And that government has been overthrown again this year."

In addition to the political instability and undisciplined military, Mr Barlow said Ugandans must endure extreme poverty.

Facilities compared

After finding out that ECS has 17 classrooms for 330 students, not to mention a host of other resources, Mr Barlow said "in my school we have 23 classes and the headmistress has to find a way to fit in 3,567 people.

"It kind of affects us," he said.

The last speaker, Tandi Nkiwane, told students that she doesn't enjoy talking about her native South Africa "but if you value something, if you value freedom and human rights, you can't keep it to yourself.

"I have been officially banned from South Africa. I cannot go back," the Marianopolis College student said. "My mother and father are also banned for the simple reason of speaking out against the government."

Miss Nkiwane said that living in the black homelands of South Africa was "nerve-racking" as soldiers and police were constantly on watch and "could shoot me on a whim and not be reprimanded.

"My uncle was arrested and he was later killed in jail."

Miss Nkiwane told of a time when her little brother was extremely ill and her mother, in a panic, went to the nearest hospital, which happened to be designated for whites. Her mother pleaded with a nurse to help the ailing child.

"They wouldn't even stabilize my little brother," Miss Nkiwane said, and the family was turned away.

"This is the mentality you're dealing with when you deal with the South African government and white South Africans," she added.

"You can't be apathetic about these issues," Miss Nkiwane cautioned her audience, "because it was only an accident that you weren't born in Iran or Afghanistan."

After praising the speakers for their compelling, hour-long address, Molly Fripp, headmistress of ECS, told her students that the presentations make it clear: "We must consider how we can do more than just sit and count our blessings."

Due to time constraints, the school was unable to hear from Kayvan Heydarzadehazar of Iran, Ashraf Choud Hurry of Bangladesh and Darren Boisvert of Alberta.

Order of Canada investiture last night

Three Westmounters were to be presented with Order of Canada honors last night at a ceremony at Government House presided over by Governor General Jeanne Sauve.

Heart surgeon Arthur Vineberg was to receive status as an officer of the Order of Canada, among 22 other distinguished Canadians.

Businessman Conrad F. Harrington and rights activist Alan Rose were to be inducted as members of the Order along with 41 others.

The appointments were all announced in this year's Canada Day honors (see story July 3).

The Order was created in 1967 to pay tribute to those who exemplify the highest qualities of citizenship and whose contributions enrich the lives of their contemporaries.

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

No one hurt in ambulance

A rear-end collision on Sherbrooke street at Mount Pleasant avenue last Thursday resulted in more than $500 damage to a car and less than $500 damage to an Urgences Santé ambulance, police report.

No injuries were reported.

The impact occurred about 2:40 am when the westbound ambulance was stopped at the red light. It was hit from behind by a 1976 Chevrolet. Police said there was snow on the ground at the time.

Glen icicles pose hazard

Icicles which were seen breaking off the inside of the Glen road tunnel Wednesday afternoon last week and falling onto the roadway were reported to Canadian Pacific personnel, public safety officers said.

Since the situation could not be handled until the next morning, officials said, CP personnel agreed to assume responsibility.

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Fire safety checkup revealed 295 defects

Firefighters found 295 defects in 1,038 Westmount homes visited during the annual in-service inspections carried out this year over the summer period, fire officials report.

There were 212 defects noted during the same program last year when 607 homes were inspected.

When defects or hazardous conditions were discovered, notices to correct the problem were issued to residents.

In addition to the homes inspected, firemen called on an additional 946 dwellings where no answer was obtained. This compared with 547 no-answers in 1985.

Among items checked by firefighters were correct use of fuses in electrical panels, smoke detectors and a buildup of potentially hazardous goods.

Thieves use 'hidden' key to enter home

So much for a hidden key.

Police said someone broke into a house on Sunnyside avenue near Gordon crescent between Nov 4 and Nov 6 using a key hidden outside for the cleaning woman.

Although it was not immediately known what was taken since residents were away, burglars apparently stole wooden paneling from the front of the fireplace.

A bottle of gin also was placed on the kitchen table leading police to believe the burglars had helped themselves during the break-in.

Elderly couple foils attack by hoodlums

A 72-year-old woman and her husband managed to foil an attempted purse snatch by four youths Tuesday night last week at Clarke avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard, police said.

One boy was picked up by station 25 police in connection with the incident and later released.

The incident took place about 10:45 pm when the couple was walking on Clarke and confronted by four boys aged about 17. They tried to grab the woman's purse but were unable to get it.

The victim lived on Trans Island avenue. The boys were described as two white youths and two blacks.

An almost similar incident occurred Oct 4 at the same location when another elderly couple was victimized and the woman knocked over when her purse was grabbed (see story Oct 9).

Cat rescued from rooftop

A white and black cat was rescued from a roof at 338 Elm avenue Monday evening last week after neighbors helped public safety officers gain access to the roof.

The cat was captured, subdued and taken down a ladder to safety. It was last seen running down the street.

Although officers initially had requested help from the fire department they were told the firefighters did not respond to rescue cats.

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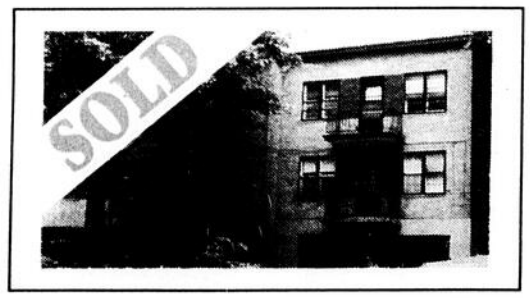

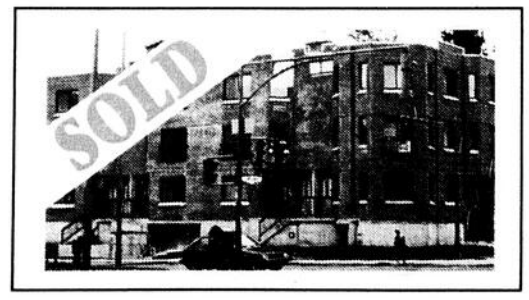

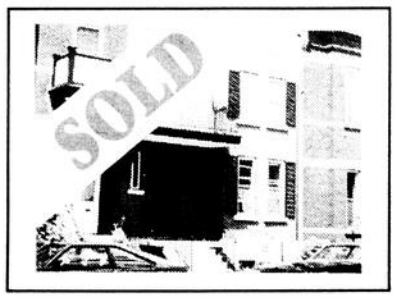

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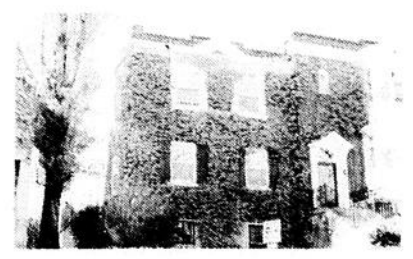

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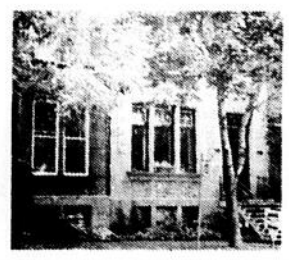

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