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Both sporting red ties, 10-year-old Mackenzie Snow adjusts the chapeau of dog Sax in the lookalike contest at Dog Day Afternoon.

Dogs and their people share howling good time

Snowy weather did not discourage 47 dogs, their people, and a goodly number of other folk from joining in the fun of the eighth annual Dog Day Afternoon on Sunday, organized by the Westmount Dog Owners Association and Westmount Public Security.

"There were quite a number of non-dog people who came in, which means it's broadening and becoming a community thing more than it has in past years," said Bridget Blackader of the dogs owners association.

Highlights of the show included impressive demonstrations of obedience, by Lakeshore Dog Training (Susan Laidley), and the Mira Foundation Guide Dogs (Bruce Laing). Mira also set up an obstacle course, where a blindfolded person could be led around hazards by a

*(See **DOG DAY**, page 4)*

Mail strike major headache for some

BY BERNIE O'NEILL

Westmount businesses that rely on the mail are examining their options as the national postal strike enters its second week.

Among those hardest hit is Reader's Digest of Canada, on Redfern Avenue, which was in contingency planning this week according to Kathleen Rowe, the postal affairs officer for the magazine and book publisher.

The company moves thousands of pieces of mail every day—that is when the mail is moving. Subscriptions and book purchases made during the Christmas season typically account for a major part of Canadian magazine and book publishers' business.

Another smaller firm with its life-blood in the publishing business is the Double Hook Book Shop on Greene Avenue.

"We ship books all over the world," the store's Francine O'Halloran said Tuesday, noting that about 50 per cent of the Canadian book specialist's business is done through Canada Post, be it orders from schools or through catalogues. "Most of our stuff has not gone out," she said, adding that the store is already at the point where it is not promising delivery by Christmas.

A second problem she noted was shipments of books that were ordered by the store are now sitting in a post office somewhere.

Another store doing a lot of mail-order is the Worn Doorstep on Victoria Avenue. Owner Lesley Forrester said about 25 per cent of her business is done through the mail, often to people overseas buying small Canadiana items to have a little taste of home at

*(See **POSTAL**, page 18)*

Family fears worst for stolen animals

BY SARAH MUSGRAVE

The disappearance of two pets from a home on Mount Pleasant Avenue has left the animals' owners heartbroken, with nothing to do but speculate about the fate of their cat and dog.

Helen and Tony Rother's dog Ginger and cat Smarties went missing from their backyard two weeks ago.

Theories range from misguided benevolence to the far more sinister possibility of animal experimentation.

"When I saw the leash lying there I felt sick, like someone has taken a knife and cut part of me out," Helen Rother recalled after discovering that Ginger was gone at around 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 14.

Later that day the family realized that Smarties, the cat, was not coming home.

Despite scouring the streets and contacting security officials, there is no firm lead on what happened to the animals.

The family has got a lot of flack in the past from neighbours and passers-by who think the animals are neglected, according to Rother. She readily admits the animals are not coddled. They're out from 7:30 in the morning to 8:30 p.m., rain, snow or

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Friday, Nov. 28

Véhicule Press gala launching celebrating books published in 1997, Friday, Nov. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Atwater Library, 1200 Atwater Ave. Info: 844-6073.

Saturday, Nov. 29

Westmount Arts & Crafts Fair, Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. West. Prints, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, photography, glass, paper, music, collectors book room, Oriental room. Crafts/books from UNICEF, Oxfam, Ten Thousand Villages and Atwater Library. Centaur Theatre with subscriptions and Children's Art Agenda Project. Demonstrations. Refreshments. Westmount Acappella Choir at 1:30 p.m. Admission is non-perishable food/cash for local CLSC. **Rummage and home-bake sale,** seniors residence, 80 Hillside Ave., Saturday, Nov. 29, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in lounge.

Monday, Dec. 1

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St. West, offers a support group for Jewish women with cancer. Led by Andrea Fieldman, a certified family life educator, the seven-week course begings Monday, Dec. 1 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sessions begin with a half hour of spiritual sustenance with Rabbi Leigh Lerner. Cost: $75. Info: 937-3575.

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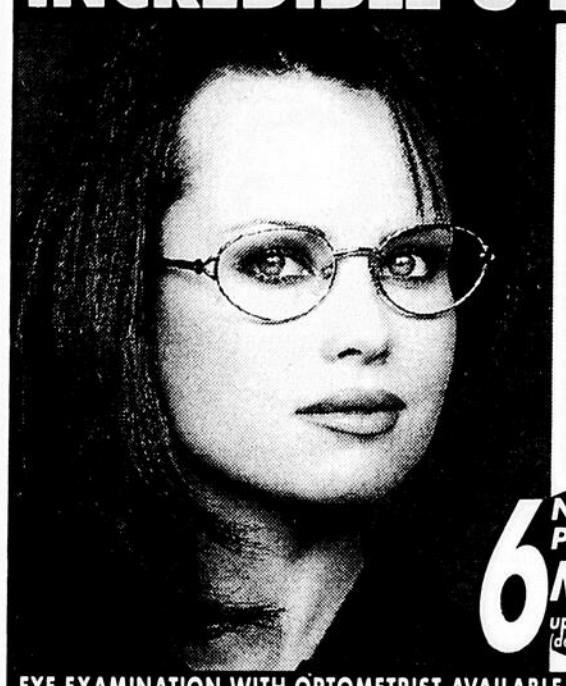

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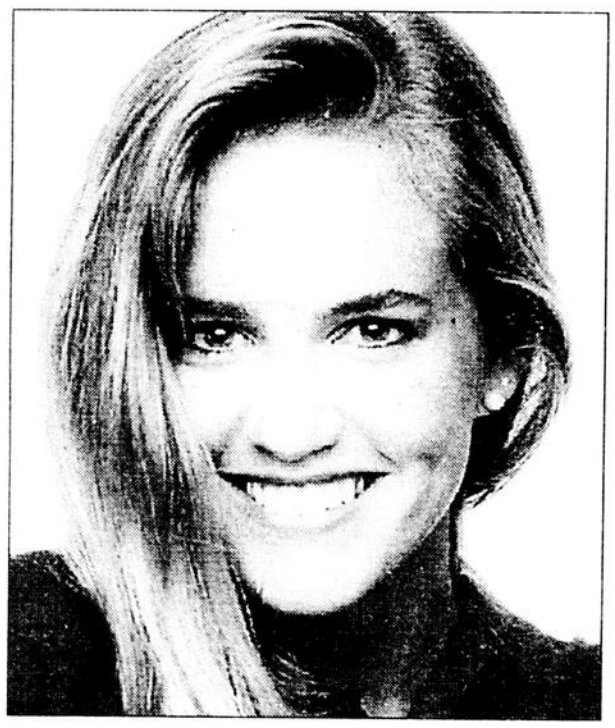

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Now that's a fine amnesty

You can pay your fines with food at the Westmount Public Library, starting Monday, Dec. 1. Fines for overdue books and audio-visual materials will be wiped away with a donation of non-perishable food items to create Christmas baskets for needy families in Westmount.

The amnesty makes the library the busiest drop-off point of the season, according to Barry Coates, assistant director of Protective Services. "We don't put people in jail we just get them to drop off food!" he said. It does not cancel outstanding fines on materials already returned.

The food drive continues until Dec. 23 also at Victoria Hall, the arena, and City Hall but not the Protective Services building on Stanton Street, which is still under renovation.

Crews dig in at Clarke Ave.

An X of construction barricades mark the spot at the intersection of Clarke Avenue and Sherbrooke Street. For the next month, Montreal crews will carry out major underground work to the area, which has created its share of problems in the past.

It was site of a major flood two years ago, which left local streets submerged. The force of the escaped water smashed through a hole in the street, setting off a chain reaction in other water mains. About $40,000 in damage, flooded basements and power outages were the result. The same water main also blew in 1959, causing flooding, a natural gas leak and a small explosion.

"They are abandoning one manhole and reconstructing another," Public Works director Fred Caluori explained.

The underground network of water pipes is maintained by the City of Montreal. Some parts are as much as 100 years old.

The work will continue until Dec. 20, narrowing the city's main traffic artery considerably.

Real-to-reel world

Travelling the globe making videos for TV is dream come true for Robin McKenna

By Sarah Musgrave

There's a childhood game in which you spin a globe and wherever your finger lands, that's where you're going. That fantasy is about to become a reality for 21-year-old Robin McKenna who will spend the next five months crisscrossing the world as part of a weekly television show.

McKenna is the first anglophone to appear on La Course Destination Monde, a Radio Canada series composed of short films made by eight young travellers recording their experiences in different countries.

"I couldn't believe it—they give you a map of the world. It's like a dream! They pay for tickets and bare expenses. Of course, I certainly won't be staying in any luxury hotels," she said.

She chose destinations in Latin America, France, India, Kenya and Russia for her travels. "They're all places I dreamed about going or that captured my imagination in some way."

While there, she will get her camera rolling to create mini-documentaries to give viewers back home a taste of her adventures. The film is sent back to Montreal every nine days to be edited and screened here. She noted, for example, that one past participant had attached the camera to a wheel of his bicycle and rode viewers through a colourful soundscape of streets in China.

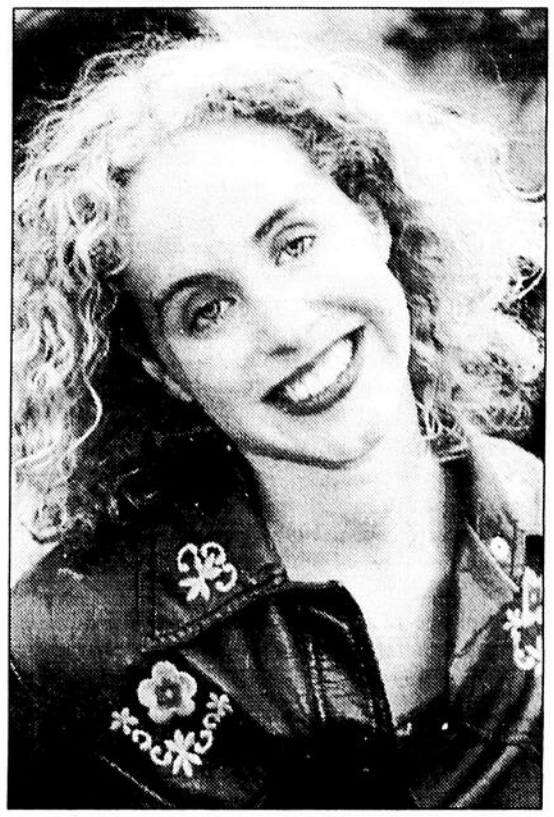
"They're telling us to experiment and reinvent TV. I think it's pretty exciting television because it's very intimate and personal," she commented.

The French-language television show, open to people between 18 and 30, has been running for about 10 years. McKenna heard about the opportunity from a past participant and applied. Last month she found out she was on her way in a matter of weeks.

She was recently introduced by a colleague as the youngest on this year's eight-person team and also the "only communist from Westmount" he knew. She said her eyes have already been opened to new horizons as she gets to "cross over to the other side of Montreal," working in a French milieu every day.

"I think it's an important bridge to build in this crazy city," she commented. "I keep noticing these small cultural differences every day."

McKenna grew up on Arlington Avenue. She attributes her proficiency in French to an early education at St. Léon and Roslyn schools. Although she has some experience in acting and one year of university under her belt, she said putting together 15 films in 20 weeks will be challenging.



McKenna, 21, is the first anglophone to be part of La Course Destination Monde.

Packing for a trip across the world is no easy task either.

"I haven't quite figured that out yet," McKenna admitted. "I've spent the last little while taking film courses, getting shots, and signing visas."

Robin is a wise traveller and politically astute, according to her father, documentary-producer Brian McKenna of Metcalfe Avenue.

"I just hope she has a new compass and will take her bearings!" he joked. His own work for the CBC includes the acclaimed war series The Valour and the Horror. His brother, Terrence McKenna is a television reporter with the Journal.

However, approaching the French station was something Robin had to do on her own, he said.

"She's also discovering a whole new Quebec many anglos don't know, which is an important piece of education in itself. And I think she's giving the French network a new look at the squareheads, too," he commented.

La Course Destination Monde airs on Radio Canada, Saturdays at 5 p.m. starting Jan. 10.

Knee op can't stop St. Nick

Getting leg up on preparations for Dec. 7 parade

Children are invited to participate in the third annual Santa Claus parade which will take over local streets later this month.

There are still spaces left on the flat beds, coloured wagon and other vehicles, according to organizer Kathleen Duncan of Lansdowne Avenue.

"It gives the kids a chance to see, and participate in it, too," she said. "They can wave at the people going by, and enjoy candy canes, and hot chocolate later on. Of course, they also get to say hello to Santa."

She reported that Santa Claus has just recovered from knee surgery. There was no word on whether repeated sleigh trips from the North Pole or the climbing of children onto his lap led to the medical problems.

Duncan has cardboard cutouts to help in making children's costumes.

Students from Villa Ste. Marcelline and The Priory will join the ECS hand-bell ringers as the parade weaves its way through the west end.

Members of the MUC mounted police, the Royal Montreal Regiment and the Rotary Club will also be on hand.

City council and Ye Olde Westmount Village Merchants Association are sponsoring the event. The city has provided a $1,000 grant.

The action starts at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7 at Victoria Hall. The procession heads down Lansdowne to de Maisonneuve, up Victoria to Somerville, then on to Claremont Avenue. Sherbrooke Street brings it back to the hall for a party.

Call Kathleen Duncan at 989-9752 to register.

Cool chimneys hazard for furnace users

By Sarah Musgrave

With winter well under way, residents should think twice before putting another log on the fire or turning the furnace up full blast. Since the city abandoned its annual chimney inspections, some residents say it's harder to check up on shady chimney sweeps and negligent neighbours.

A survey by the Westmount Municipal Association brought criticism of the city's chimney-sweeping policy. Some respondents said they comply with the required yearly cleaning, but wondered if the people next door did the same. Others reported fly-by-night chimney sweeps who may not even clean the chimney or may be simply checking out the house for a future visit.

The city should never have given up its program, according to WMA director Maureen Kiely. Homeowners have to put their faith in contractors because the work cannot be easily verified, she pointed out.

"A lot of people have very high chimneys which can be a monumental problem if you have don't have a flat roof. And it's fine if you do it but if you're neighbour doesn't we're talking about a major fire hazard," she said.

Used to appoint sweep

The city used to appoint a chimney sweep to take care of the houses in the area as laid out in a bylaw dating back to 1908, according to Barry Coates, assistant director of Protective Services. Whereas decades ago there was always someone home, in modern times inspectors found it harder to gain access to houses to carry out the work. A major fire about 10 years ago where the city was held responsible prompted a review of the policy. As of 1992, building owners are responsible for the cleaning and inspection of their own chimneys.

There's more risk of carbon monoxide poisoning than fires these days, said fire inspector Kevin Dawson. For many years people were permitted to convert to high efficiency gas furnaces without liners in the chimney.

"The old chimneys were running hot but now with high efficiency furnaces they are running cold to such an extent that condensation forms and gets into the mortar.

"Bricks deteriorate to such an extent that they collapse inside and create a blockage," he explained. According to Dawson,

*(See **CHIMNEY**, page 20)*

Station 12 police files

By DAVID GOLDBERG

Downtown tail leads to arrest of two suspects in cell-phone case

The actions of an alert police officer from downtown Station 20 led to the arrest of two men who allegedly broke into a car in Westmount and stole its cellular phone.

The officer was walking along Sherbrooke Street near McGill College Avenue the afternoon of Nov. 19 when he saw two young men checking car-door handles and looking into parked vehicles.

Stations 19 and 20 are in the midst of an operation to catch thieves who break in to cars. The officer used a cell phone to call his station, and within minutes, six undercover police officers were on the scene.

Police followed the suspects as they walked along Sherbooke Street. At the corner of Mountain Avenue, the suspects took the 24 bus going west.

"Some of the officers got onto the bus, while the others followed the bus in their cars," Station 12 Sgt. Alain Senécal said. "The suspects got off the bus on Greene Avenue, and went to the alley behind the Five Seasons grocery store."

Again, the suspects began their routine of looking into cars. As darkness began to fall after 5 p.m., one of the suspects used a flashlight to look into cars. Watching him the entire time were the undercover officers.

According to police, the suspect began checking out a 1992 Saab, which belongs to a 74-year-old Westmount man. After seeing a cellular phone inside, the suspect pulled out a metal file and pressed it up against the window.

"He put pressure on the window until it cracked," Sgt. Senécal said. "Then his partner came over, pushed in the window and took the cellular phone."

The officers then swooped in. One of the suspects was arrested standing next to the car, while the other was apprehended after a chase which lasted less than a minute.

Police say the victim's Motorola Star Tac cellular phone was recovered on the scene. Damage to the car window is around $250.

Taken into custody were Prakash Sookwa, 18, of Montreal, and a 16-year-old juvenile also from Montreal. The second suspect's name cannot be published under the provisions of the Young Offenders Act. Both have been charged with theft.

Dog Day

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trained guide dog. This was especially popular, with a line-up throughout the show.

Participating groups included the south shore SPCA Montérégie (Linda Robertson) with their crafts for sale, AIDS Community Care Montreal, who work with patients and pets, and the Mira Guide Dog puppy foster program. Mr. Mug & Mr. T. displayed dog photos transferred to mugs and T-shirts.

All dogs competed in the three fun contests, to the noisy amusement of the audience. Chip Hache won the "tails" portion, with Molly Eichenwald and Sally Kyle placing second and third. Taffy Moxness did an amazing number of quickie "sits" in the allotted time, with Patches Cotler and Sax Snow sitting almost as often.

One Golden puppy was so exhausted by the whole exercise, he hardly got up long enough to sit down again. Starsky and Hutch Elkin had their dad so well trained that he got neckties properly knotted around both their necks before anyone else.

Second and third place in this contest went to Gina Ferris and Jasper Bay Fletcher. A number of dogs arrived already wearing their neckties and were disappointed when told everyone had to start from scratch!

Very impressive door prizes were drawn by Ayrah Razzaghi and Jessie Renteln. Contest prizes were worth from $10 to $40. The door prizes had a value of more than $70. Treats, toys and services which made up the prizes were courtesy of WDOA and À Petites Pattes, Vacation Watch, Le Pet Spa, and Mr. Mug & Mr T.

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Snow job is serious stuff

City director tells all about clearing streets and lanes

BY ANDRE DEMERS

The first major snowfall is probably just around the corner, but, if history repeats itself, Westmounters have nothing to worry about. At least that's what Fred Caluori would say.

Caluori was the guest speaker at the latest in a series of fall lectures at Westmount Public Library. His topic: the history of snow removal in Westmount.

Fred Caluori

A senior engineer who has been with the city's Public Works Department for 27 years, Caluori has weathered the winters with the best of them. "It's like the Hundred Years War," he says, referring to snow removal. "Except it will never end."

Snow clearing has evolved from a $3-a-day horse-drawn service in 1881, to a high-tech million-dollar operation. Clearing away the white stuff has always been a job to take seriously, but the city really only first began bolstering its arsenal of snow-fighting equipment after it was named Westmount in 1908.

Sidewalks were introduced to sand (1914), a snow plow was purchased (1919) and a state-of-the-art, $8,000 tractor was bought (1920). The benefits of salt were discovered and put to use in 1946.

As the city's fleet grew over the years, the horses were finally put in the stables for good after 1952. Even winter can't escape the miracles of modern technology. Today, computers are used to make sure salt is spread evenly on roads and sidewalks and calcium chloride is mixed with the road salt to speed up the thawing process. Finding a spot to put mountain upon mountain of snow has always been a bit of a dilemma.

So, in 1927, Westmount built Canada's first melting plant. Close to 1,000 loads of snow could be melted every day, but the city eventually outgrew the plant. As snow removal methods became more sophisticated, the city decided to try to keep all the lanes and roads—even driveways—clear throughout the winter. Westmount was dumping more snow than it was melting and a new solution was needed. Public parks were not a popular dumping ground among Westmount residents, so in 1962 the city decided to build a snow melter near the Public Works building thereby reducing travel time to lots. Truckloads of snow would be dumped into a heated melting pond that would carry the melted snow into the sewer.

The year 1970 brought with it the much-dreaded orange "No Parking" sandwich boards. However, the city only began enforcing the signs by towing cars 10 years later. Today, most of the snow collected is either dumped in rented lots, the river or sewers. The melter was retired in 1980.

So the next time the streets and lanes of Westmount are blanketed with snow, don't worry; Westmount has been taking care of business for over a century.

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The next WHA lecture is Dec. 11. Author William Weintraub will be speaking and reading from his book, City Unique: Montreal Days & Nights in the 1940s and '50s.

Snow clearing on Clarke Avenue in the early 1900s.

RMR eyed as relief from arena woes

BY SARAH MUSGRAVE

A nearby army building might offer a convenient solution to improving sports facilities at the Westmount arena.

The city is looking into the possibility of making a deal to use space in the Royal Montreal Regiment armoury adjacent to the arena on St. Catherine Street, according to councillor Jim Wright.

"The fact is, we need the space and they are an underused facility," he said. The interior complex already contains a gymnasium with a full court and wooden floors. It may even be big enough to accommodate a second ice rink to keep up with the demand for skating time.

Since it was announced this fall that the ammonia refrigeration system in the arena would have to be changed next year for safety reasons, some citizens have suggested stepping up work on local sports facilities while the major work is carried out.

Earlier this month city hall received a petition of 45 names pushing for improvements to the municipal pool and rink, which have been a source of complaint for years.

Mayor Peter Trent has said sports facilities are slated for a $5-million renewal in the year 2002 as part of council's plan to upgrade all city buildings. However, Victoria Hall is next on the list with $3.8 million in renovations to be completed next fall.

Although the armoury is government property, the land actually belongs to the city. Wright said he thinks ownership will revert sometime in the next 20 years.

The city is presently looking into the history of the lease, according to Westmount director-general Bruce St. Louis. "It's still just an idea. We're taking a co-operative approach," he said.

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By Reg Morden

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EDITORIAL
Make mine a double

To better understand what possesses drivers to stop their cars in the middle of a main street (Rrrraaaaaaahh!) as part of their holiday shopping routine, while others line up behind in a state of utter frustration, THE EXAMINER this weekend observed the Double Parker in action, in his natural state, along Sherbrooke Street. The resulting guide is meant to offer some insight into this once rare species now found so abundantly in our region.

1. Dukes of Hazards: First invented by Henry Ford as a method for alerting others that a car is in serious trouble, hazard lights are being employed in innovative and creative ways by the species of local driver known as *hazardus drivus delirius*, or the Dukes of Hazards. While they often drive Mercedes, BMW or Lexus automobiles, the more sympathetic speculate that the Dukes could never afford driving lessons, and therefore do not know the proper use of hazard lights, or that the middle of the road does not constitute a parking lot. Your best bet is to drive around a Duke, and whatever you do *don't scratch his car!*—unless you have a good lawyer.

2. Frazzled Parent: Known to drive either Volvo wagons or Dodge Caravans, a commonly spotted double parker is the *parentus frazzalictis*. Occassionally leaves his toddlers in the car, double parked, outside the liquor store. Child-welfare authorities fear the tots are being dragged on shopping trips (and missing out on naps) to be used as sympathy shields against those who'd give the horn a blast— if it weren't for the babies on board the offending vehicle.

3. Pet-Loving Motorist: No dog has ever successfully been prosecuted for illegally parking a motor vehicle—what with the difficulty of establishing the *intent* of the dog to cause traffic chaos, added to the reality of how few dogs can actually drive a standard transmission. Thus a pet owner can feel at ease abandoning his vehicle on the street momentarily, so long as Fido has everything under control in the passenger seat. Throwing up your arms is fine. But honking, yelling or doing anything to set the dog barking is a no-no.

4. Driver Fleeing Cambodia: A certain level of sympathy is generated for a driver who, although he may have stopped his car in the middle of traffic, is doing his best to hustle and get the stoppage over with as soon as possible. Typically such a driver will be imploring his children with "Chop! Chop! Let's go!" while a small line is formed to pass bags of groceries, not unlike a bucket brigade, into a double-parked stationwagon. Rarely honked at, the Driver Fleeing Cambodia often smiles and nods at inconvenienced drivers once the loading operation has been successfully executed.

5. Connoisseur of Fine Wines: Like the Frazzled Parent, the Connoisseur of Fine Wines parks as close to the SAQ as possible, then dashes into the store, knowing exactly what shelf he is heading for and how long it will take to get out through the check-out counter. Other drivers are hesitant to honk, curse or gesture for fear that a) the Connoisseur is already half in the bag or b) others will notice him (the honker) and think he doesn't know how to have a good time. Which is the kiss of death in this town.

6. Disappearing Driver: One increasingly effective double-parking technique is the totally abandoned car, without hazards flashing or lights on of any kind, simply sitting in the road, without its engine running, as if the car's occupants and power supply had been sucked out by some alien life form hovering overhead. It's a technique that seems to be used more frequently with the popularity of the X-Files and increasing interest in the paranormal. Not to mention that cursing and gesturing at an empty vehicle makes others look like fools. Best to take down the licence number in case any body-snatchings or UFO sightings are reported the next morning.

7. The Floater: Last but not least, there is some debate as to whether The Floater is really a double-parker. Optimistic by nature, he crawls along slowly next to cars that already fill every visible parking spot between here and Moncton, leaving the impression he has spotted a contented shopper returning to his parked car and soon, very soon, a new space will open up, which The Floater will fill, and we can all can continue on our merry way. But then he just keeps coasting, *really* slowly. Too lazy to park a few blocks away and walk? Perhaps. Scientists suggest The Floater may actually be shopping from his car—scouting out items in storefront displays and ordering them by cell phone. The slow crawl is necessary to allow shopkeepers time to charge the purchases on his Visa and then giftwrap them before dashing out to The Floater's car for delivery.

— Bernie O'Neill

Youthful words and images

Victoria LeBlanc

Community. What does it mean to live in a community? Two hundred Westmount students from Grade 5 responded to that question with a blend of humour, passion, poetry and a palette of vibrant colour. And it's all on view at the Visual Arts Centre's McClure Gallery this week until Nov. 29, in an exhibition entitled, "Me and my community." It's a show you don't want to miss.

The project and exhibition were undertaken by the Visual Arts Centre with funding from the City of Westmount. Work began in early October as our art teachers visited Grade 5 students from several Westmount-area schools to explore this timely theme through both words and images.

I say timely because certainly developing a sense of community is increasingly recognized as an antidote to many societal ills. We all need to have a sense of belonging, not only to our immediate family, but to something broader and more embracing.

So, really, the project had several objectives: to help strengthen a sense of community by exploring what it means; to get kids involved in creative expression through the arts; and to build self-esteem by having the children see their work on the walls of a public art gallery.

We began by asking the students how they see their community, what's important to them, how they get a sense of belonging or sharing. Is it through the people they know, the buildings, the mountain, their hockey team, their school or their friends? What emerges from the exhibition are, of course, repeated images and feelings.

They run the gamut from the ordered recounting of family members— "I love my community, first my dog, five cats, two rabbits, sister and mum and dad"—to more haiku-like incongruities:

I like to make snowmen with my friends.

I get very dirty sometimes.

Not many birds come to my house.

Generally the paintings, drawings and texts reflect the sensibilities of those whose "community" is very proximate and concrete: street, park, trees outside a window—"I've got the biggest tree in the world outside my window." There's the recurring idyllic images of gardens, nature, flowers and parks, especially Westmount Park. We also hear the echoing desire for stability, the routines and familiar things that comfort— "Walking down Greene Avenue every Saturday with my dad." The works also emphasize the simple needs of the soul—young or old—for security, friendship and harmony: "Play, walk and talk 'sous l'arbre communautaire.'. . . "We all live under one sun.". . . «Ma photo consiste d'un monde fait d'enfants et d'adultes.» «Ça te dit que tout le monde peut avoir un sourire et être amis.»

Inevitably, too, there is the fearful voice, fearful of violence and the expressed hope that "violence will stop." One student answers the question about community with the plaintive query, "When will we see the light?"

The lasting and overriding impact of the exhibition, however, is that, indeed, from a 10-year-old's perceptive view, "a community is like a playground." Our children seem genuinely "glad we have civilization." Without a doubt, the colour and energy coming from their art-making is strong testimony of their joy and hope.

Please come and see the show. It's only on through Saturday, Nov. 29. For those of you who don't know, the McClure Gallery is located at 350 Victoria Ave., corner of Somerville.

Gallery hours are Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Old News (from the examiner archives)

Five years ago
November 26, 1992

COOL CANADIANS: Their future's so bright, they gotta wear shades. At least 40 Dawson students paused to be photographed in sunglasses as part of a Cool to be Canadian event Friday afternoon. "We're trying to rekindle a sense of optimism and a feeling of confidence about the future of young people in this country," said organizer and Westmounter Philip McMaster. "There's a helluva a lot of cynicism among youth in general."

Fifteen years ago
November 25, 1982

TALK ABOUT TAXES: No tax relief in '83 and probably a further shift of the tax burden to single-family homes. That, in a nutshell, was the doom and gloom financial forecast to Westmount taxpayers for the coming year from Mayor Donald MacCallum Monday night. His worship took the occasion to hit out against "useless" recommendations for municipal tax relief proposed by a recent report on municipal taxation by a joint municipal-provincial committee.

Twenty-five years ago
November 30, 1972

POSTAL PONDERINGS: "The government regrets the loss to business, the concern of private citizens and the general inconvenience in the life of the country resulting from last Friday's and this Tuesday's slowdown of postal services in the nation's biggest centre. The government, however, has at last come to the realization that its relationships with the postal unions have for some time been mistakenly handled, as if they were similar to those of industry and the private labour force."

Thirty-five years ago
November 30, 1962

STOP AND GO: Most complaints about the new traffic light system at the intersection of Sherbrooke Street and Victoria Avenue would not exist if the pedestrian obeyed a few simple directions, according to Westmount police. For example, watch for the pedestrian sign. When the hand lights, do not walk. When the man lights, walk.

Forty-five years ago
November 30, 1952

COLD COMFORT: The common cold is an almost universal complaint but it is possible to prevent it. As soon as there is any hint of a cold, the victim should try to stay in bed, keeping warm and drinking plenty of water and juices.

Fifty-five years ago
November 26, 1942

STUDENT FORCES: Westmount High School has an ever mounting honour roll of 750, and more of her sons are regularly being added to the fighting forces of the Empire and democracy, according to principal H.B. Parker, speaking at the graduation exercises. Of this number of former students serving with the forces, 40 have made the supreme sacrifice and two were reported missing.

Price is right for doing business

MP
Lucienne Robillard

A recent study conducted by the international consulting firm KPMG, compared the cost factors that companies look at when deciding to locate and operate in a given area. Costs are compared from start-up through the first 10 years of operation. The final report, titled The Competitive Alternative: A Comparison of Business Costs in Canada, concluded that Canada has lower business costs than the United States and five leading European countries.

The study rigorously measured 42 cities in Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States on the same factors across eight industrial sectors—a comparison beyond the capacity of many small- to medium-size firms. The report helps executives considering a new operation in North America or Europe to identify locations that merit further consideration. While a final investment decision must also include non-cost factors such as workforce availability, quality of life, education, and medical care, business costs are still among the main factors in an investment decision.

The results clearly show that, on the basis of cost, Canada is the No. 1 location for investors compared to the U.S. and Europe. This is important news for investors looking for a low-cost, competitive location. It is also important to all Canadians, because every $1 billion in new investment in Canada is estimated to create 45,000 jobs over five years.

Low start-up costs, low communications rates, low interest rates and the lowest overall tax burden of the seven nations gives Canada a 5.4 per cent cost advantage over the United States. Canada's cost advantage ranged from 1.8 per cent, over second-place Sweden, to 11.8 per cent over seventh place Germany.

Other key findings regarding Canada include:

• Canadian cities top the list of the most cost-competitive centres from which to serve the NAFTA market;

• Compared to the United States, business costs in Canada are about $1 million a year lower for an average firm of about 100 employees on revenues of $10 million. Canada's cost advantage over some other countries studied was even greater.

• Canada's effective corporate income tax rate—including federal, regional and local taxes—is among the lowest of the seven countries studied.

• Canada's research and development incentives give Canada a powerful competitive advantage in knowledge-intensive industries.

As you can see, the KPMG study reinforces the many positive forecasts made by international organizations about Canada. Just last month, for example, the International Monetary Fund predicted that Canada would lead the industrial world in economic growth this year and next.

Canadians must now aggressively develop a global brand name for quality and low cost. We have a powerful message to send about Canada's attractiveness as the most cost-competitive base from which to serve the NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) market. I hope that all Canadian political and business leaders will take this message across Canada and abroad. If you wish to obtain further information, abstracts of the study can be obtained from KPMG's web site at www.kpmg.ca. For complete volumes, contact the publisher, Prospectus Inc. in Ottawa at (613) 231- 2727 or 1-800-575-1146.

Bundling up for the winter ahead

MAYOR
Peter F. Trent

Americans are sensible in celebrating Thanksgiving today—or rather over the next four days. Faced with the prospect of winter, they can fold in on themselves a bit, reflect, and generate a mutual warmth. Up here, we confront the oncoming bleakness without the benefit of a family holiday.

Last week, though, brought a mild spell. A walk around Westmount revealed a very late autumn pretending to be very early spring.

What gave it away were the fallen maple leaves on the street surface, macerated by passing cars, layered over by a mush of brown and white melting snow. Here and there, some dried leaves clung to branches. And, by the way, are those clumps of leaves high up in tree branches really squirrels' nests?

It was mid-November: no longer autumn, not really winter. Undone work outdoors seems to stand out, without the artifice of summer foliage and flowers. While the lack of make-up shows the rugged beauty, the good bone structure of nature, it's the man-made things that look a bit worn. Peeling paint, crumbling mortar in crazy paving, dirty windows: they look at me accusingly, stuff I should have seen to before winter set in.

I did tie up some bushes into straggly fascicles. I fought with strips of recalcitrant snow fence, forcing them around the yews, getting not just a green thumb for my pains, but also green fingers. I managed to cover some plants in burlap. I like its musty smell and honest no-colour look. But the cocomatting remains rolled up, and not rolled out.

And there are still clumps of dessicated flowers with brown deadheads, and a yellow carpet of Norway maple leaves covering the grass. A larch—the only deciduous conifer, I'm told—insists on dropping its beige needles well after the snow falls. They get tracked in all over the house.

I'm beginning to think that the annual wrapping-up of bushes for winter should be considered a minor art form. After all, you have the geometric school—all rectangles and pyramids.

Then there's the deconstructionists with their exposed iron posts clearly supporting tautly-draped canvas. The minimalist school makes do with a simple hempen string to tie up bushes - like the understated single-strand necklaces of Country Life brides-to-be. The modernist school goes in for orange polyethylene snow fencing or new white tarpaulin. The arty-crafty bunch likes open-weave homespun and old broom-handles. The aboriginally-inspired school opts for wooden-slat teepees and white polystyrene-foam igloos. The religious school can be identified by sackcloth and sashes, or water-stained and blackened burlap shrouds that look as if they'd been handed down through generations.

We could give out prizes for the most artisically-wrapped bushes in the same way we judge ice sculptures or Xmas tree-trimming.

Ah, but I think ahead to next spring when all this greenery is released from its winter confinement, and the world looks fresh again.

Hand-delivered messages welcome

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Streetcars go uptown in 1890s

Know Your Westmount
By Aline Gubbay

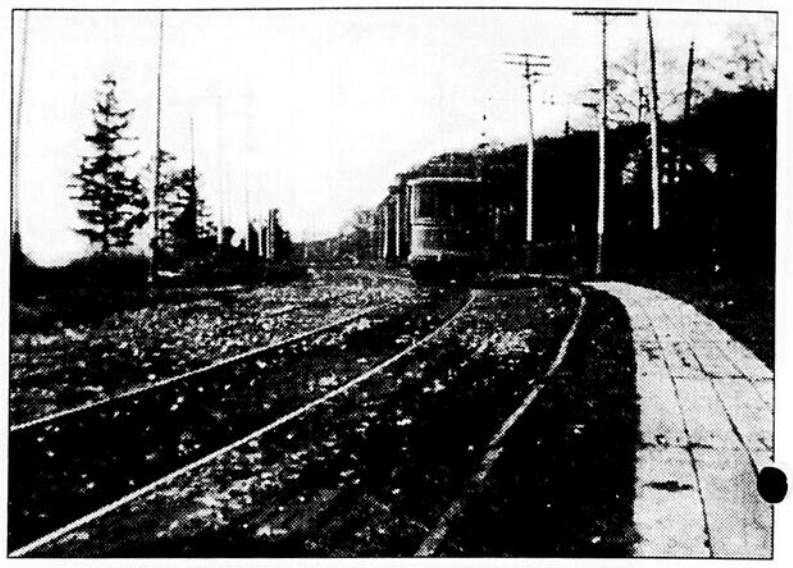
All of the town's increased commercial activity was concentrated in the lower part of the municipality. It was time to give attention to the upper levels. If this area was to be made accessible a streetcar route was urgently needed. This was a delicate matter since it involved negotiations with the Sulpicians for permission to open a road through part of the priests' farm area of the Seminary land.

Discussions had been at a standstill for some time when the incumbent mayor, J.H. Redfern, undertook to reopen talks with Father Leroux, current Superior of the Order. Finally, in 1895, an agreement was reached. A street was laid down and when completed the newly named 'Boulevard' provided ample passage for a streetcar line to service the upper levels of the Town.

Another religious order was involved in a dramatic event of future significance for the district. It was early in June 1893, that the magnificent Mother House of the Congregation de Notre Dame, built in the years 1876-80 on the Villa Maria grounds of the old Monkland estate, was destroyed by a fire.

This was the fifth Mother House of the Order and the third to burn down. It was in part the confusion caused by these moves which delayed the rescue operation, as firemen were initially directed to an earlier Mother House building on St. Jean Baptiste Street in the old city. The delay proved disastrous. With no fire breaks in the new building, flames spread unchecked as fire flared through all four wings of the huge structure. One fireman died in the sea of fire which burned for three hours. The location lay so far from any municipal service with adequate equipment that little could be done to limit the flames.

Miraculously the library of 4,000 volumes was salvaged but the building itself was a total loss. The Order returned to its St. Jean Baptiste address with the resolve to rebuild. But when, where and how could not be seriously discussed. The loss had been so great and the prospect of replacement appeared so formidable that for the time being no decision was possible.



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Streetcars along the Boulevard. The newly opened route provided access to the upper part of the district for development. Note the wooden sidewalks.

Search on for coordinator

The city has begun its search for a new community events coordinator, this time with a slightly different job description.

"We are looking at a new format now that we've had a bit of exposure. One thing we're stressing more is promoting a sense of community, and facilitating and being open to programs initiated by members of the community," director-general Bruce St. Louis explained.

The position had been on the books for a year before the city found a candidate in the spring. However a two-year contract with Jane Needles was not extended after a six-month probationary period which ended in November.

The process will be speedier this time. The deadline for applications is Friday, Dec. 5.

St. Louis said he is hoping to begin interviews the week after, but the search will continue in January if necessary.

Also on the human resources front, it's no longer first come first serve when it comes to hiring summer students.

"We have decided to change our hiring policy to be based on ability and credentials rather than who gets there first," councillor Cynthia Lulham said. "It's better for everyone.

"This way we get people qualified to give a level of service and they get job experience in that area."

The decision was made this week at a meeting of the community services committee, in time for the start of the application period this Monday, Dec. 1 running until Feb. 1.

Each summer the city has about 50 positions open. Some students work in finance, helping with billing during the peak of summer programming.

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A FULL HOUSE FOR THE LIBERAL BRUNCH

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Mrs. Lucienne Robillard, Member of Parliament for Westmount - Ville-Marie and Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, took this opportunity to reiterate that "one of the main priorities of the Canadian government is to come in aid to families who are the foundation of our society. This is why the government has initiated policies whose purpose is to eliminate child poverty, in order to help families face their own responsibilities with some dignity"

The President of the Association, Mr. Simon Potter, was very pleased with the success of this get-together. One hundred and fifty people were attending this meeting. They were reminded, by the president, of the importance of their active participation and role within the Liberal Party of Canada.

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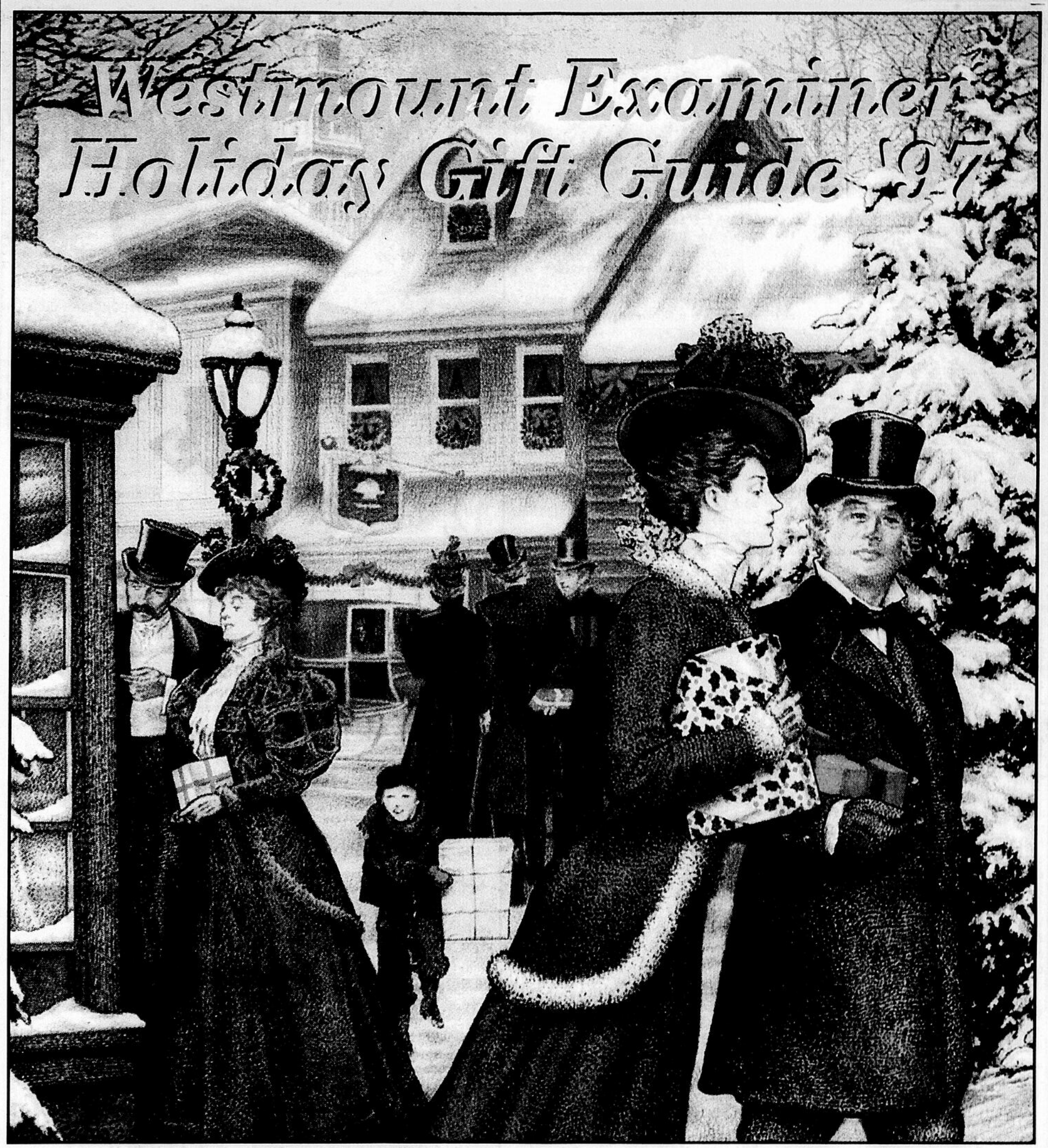

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Saturday, Dec. 6

Bake sale with lunch at Serbian Orthodox Church, Holy Trinity, 349 Melville Ave., Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6 and 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 931-6664.

Pianist Paul Stewart in recital Saturday, Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthias' Church. Works by Poulenc, Schubert, Rachmaninoff and Medtner. Tickets $10/8 at the church, corner Côte St. Antoine and Metcalfe avenues. 933-4296.

Westmount Concerts presents cellist Dennis Brott, violinist Martin Beaver and violist Scott St. John on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m. at Church of the Advent, corner Wood Avenue and de Maisonneuve Boulevard. Tickets $17, children 15 and under free accompanied by adult. Info: 481-9133.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Third annual Westmount Santa Claus Parade, Sunday, Dec. 7 starting at 1 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Post-parade party at Victoria Hall. Children in costume encouraged. Call 989-9752 for more information.

Bake sale with lunch at Serbian Orthodox Church, Holy Trinity, 349 Melville Ave., Sunday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Info: 931-6664.

Monday, Dec. 8

Westmount Municipal Association meeting Monday, Dec. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. West. Info: 485-6346.

Thursday, Dec. 11

Author, journalist and filmmaker William Weintraub will read from his best-selling book, 'City Unique: Montreal days and nights in the 1940s and '50s,' at a meeting of the Westmount Historical Association on Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke St. West. $5 for non-members. Info: 925-1404.

'Beyond the Borders'

Mackay Centre's Annual Book Fair, Bake Sale and Craft Sale, Thursday, Nov. 27, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. New and used books, Christmas crafts and goodies. Profits to Mackay School library and computer program. All welcome.

German Society of Montreal presents traditional Christmas fair followed by dinner and dance in the evening at Town of Mount Royal town hall, 90 Roosevelt Ave., Saturday, Nov. 29 from 2:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. 465-0872.

Christmas Bazaar at Mount Royal United Church on Saturday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1800 Graham Blvd., T.M.R.

Debut Inc. presents Euterpe Quartet with contemporary repertoire and mezzo-soprano Nora Sourouzian on Sunday, Nov. 30 at 3:30 p.m. at Chapelle Historique du Bon Pasteur. Info: 872-5338.

National Council of Jewish Women annual bazaar Sunday, Nov. 30, Decarie Square, 6900 Decarie Blvd., 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Name-brand clothes, uniforms, household goods, food, toys and boutique.

'Bicknell's Thrush: Its taxomic status and distribution,' will be the subject of a talk by Dr. Henri Ouelett at a meeting of the Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds on Monday, Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. in the Fraser Hickson Library Auditorium, 4855 Kensington Ave., N.D.G.

St. James Literary Society social, featuring Montreal Welsh Male Choir, takes place Tuesday, Dec. 2. Call 489-8741 for venue and ticket info.

Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, presents an acclaimed documentary on the Arab world's most popular singer, Umm Kulthum, Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Frank Dawson Adams Auditorium, 3450 University St. Admission free. Info: 398-6077.

Studio Group of the Women's Art Association of Montreal hold show and sale of unframed paintings at Church of St. Columba, 4020 Hingston Ave., N.D.G. from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Quebec Society for the Promotion of English Language Literature (QSPELL) 10th annual awards gala takes place Thursday, Dec. 4 at Place des Arts at 8 p.m. Tickets $10 at bookstores and libraries or at QSPELL office, 933-0878.

Société des Calliagraphes general meetings open to the public on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m at the Monkland Community Centre, 4410 Westhill. Greeting-card exchange, gallery hour, raffle of calligraphy items. Admission $2. Info: 485-9392.

Craft Fair at Edinburgh School, 500 Hudson in Montreal West, Dec. 5 from 1 to 9 p.m. Artisans, used books, bake table, children's activities. Snacks and sandwiches available.

Olde-Fashioned Musical Christmas, 2nd annual benefit concert at St. James United Church, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m., 463 St. Catherine St. West. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Tickets $15 at Admission or church office, 1435 City Councillors. Info: 288-9245.

Giant Bazaar: ORT Montreal holds its annual bazaar Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Decarie Square, 6900 Decarie Blvd. Family fashions, housewares, toys and more. Info: 481-2787.

University Women's Club annual Christmas meeting at the Montreal Badminton and Squash Club, 3050 Atwater Ave., on Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m. Cocktails. Singing by prize-winning Orpheus Singers. Cost: $15. Prospective new members and guests welcome. Call Edith at 935-4097.

Ongoing

Volunteer dishwashers needed for senior luncheon from 1 to 3 p.m., every second Wednesday commencing Nov. 13 at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. Call 931-6202.

Contactivity Centre for Seniors will hold a mini bazaar from 1 to 3 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday until Dec. 10 at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. West, corner Lansdowne.

Bridge is held at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom every Friday at 11 a.m. and Sunday at 12:30 p.m., 4100 Sherbrooke St. West. ACBL Masterpoints. Light refreshments. Social bridge also available. Entrance $5. All welcome. 395 Elm Ave.

Can Cope, a support group for cancer survivors, meets on the last Tuesday of the month, at the Queen Elizabeth Health Complex, in the coffee shop, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Info: VON, 866-6801.

Tuesday Morning Drop-in Playgroup at the Unitarian Church (corner Claremont and de Maisonneuve) now up and running. All children 5 and younger are welcome when accompanied by a parent, grandparent or caregiver from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Play, crafts and singing. Coffee for the adults. Bring along snacks. Cost is $2 per family. Info: 485-9933.

Westmount Toastmasters Club helps take the fear out of public speaking every Thursday evening at Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke St. West at 7 p.m. 989-5994 or 846-0074.

Share the Warmth Foundation requests children's clothing ages 6-12. Will pick up. 933-5599.

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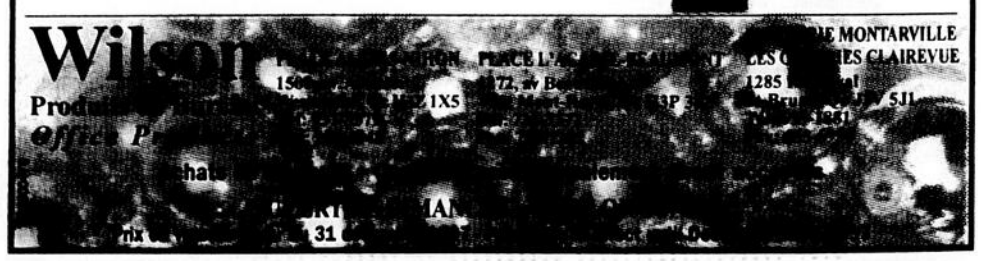

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Am I harming the forest by choosing a real tree?

Definitely not. Christmas trees do not come from the forest. Almost everywhere in North America, Christmas trees are grown as a crop on tree farms. For every tree harvested, there are ten more coming along, otherwise the farmer could not harvest each year.

Is tree farming harmful to our environment?

Christmas trees are, except for cultivated forests, the most environmentally friendly crop around. This is because a tree is harvested only after 10 years. To ensure future harvests, ninety percent of the farm must remain in trees all the time.

How are real Christmas trees beneficial to our environment?

Trees also act as air pollution filters and can remove up to 13 tons of airborne pollutants per acre per year.

Christmas tree farms are havens for a wide variety of bird and mammal species including grosbeaks, sparrows, chickadees, foxes, coyotes, mice, voles, and squirrels.

The "edge effect" created by a stand of Christmas trees next to a woodlot or an open field is known to increase wildlife species diversity.

Will my tree cause problems at the landfill site after Christmas?

No. Most municipalities collect discarded natural Christmas trees and chip them for use as mulching materials. Real Christmas trees are completely biodegradable and will, on their own, break down and return their stored nutrients to the soil from which they came.

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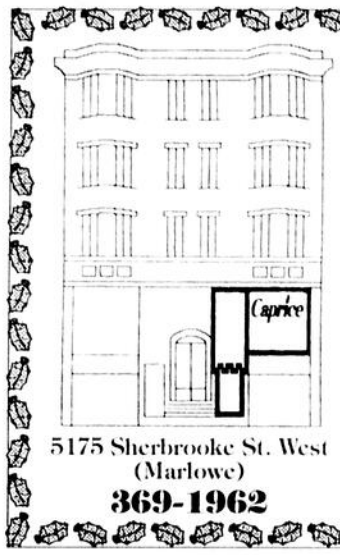

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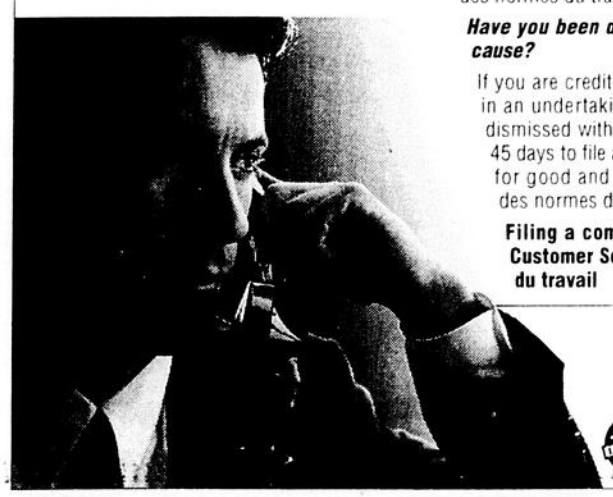

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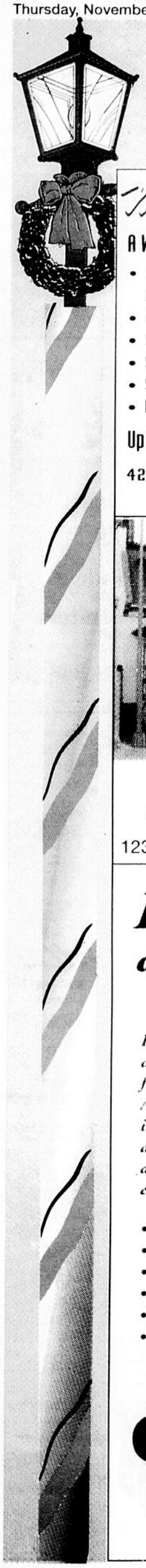

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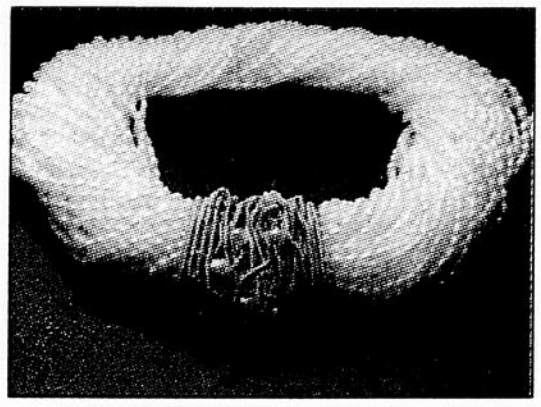

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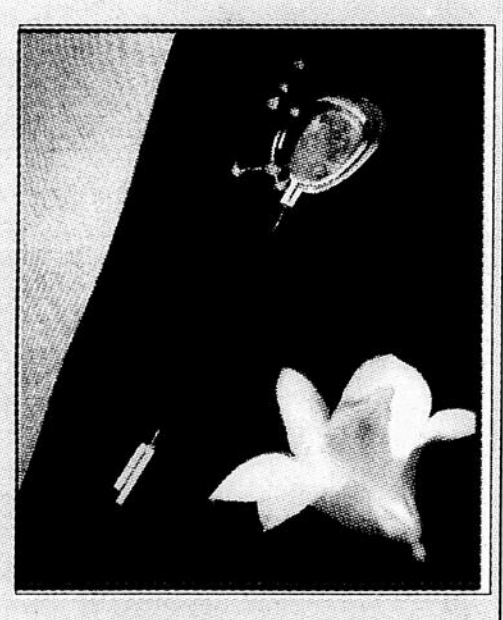

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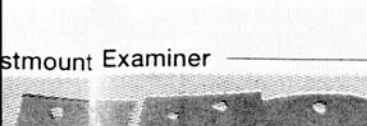

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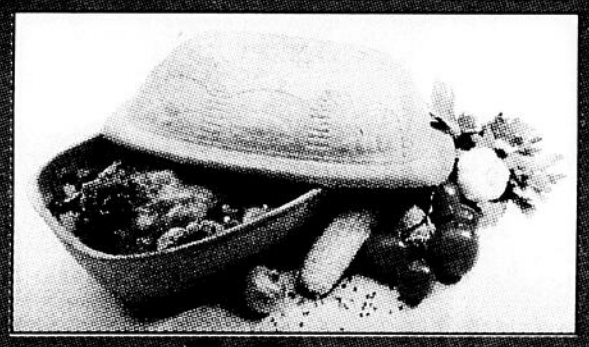

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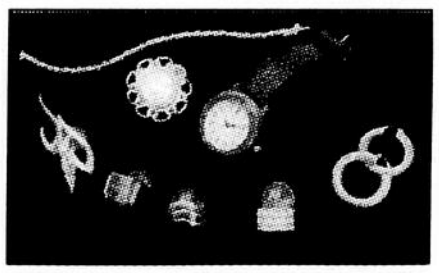

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• The adaptability of the species should be considered. Many species are shipped outside of their natural area and may not be adaptable to other areas. Check with a reliable nursery or extension forester.

• The tree should be stored in an unheated, sheltered area such as a garage or porch, out of the wind and sun.

• The tree will need adequate water. The root ball or soil should be kept slightly damp but not flooded. Wrap the root ball of a balled tree in plastic or place in a tub while it is in the house.

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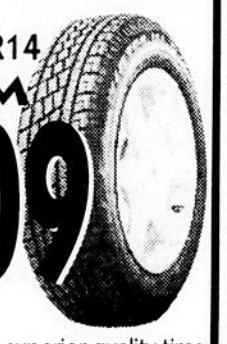

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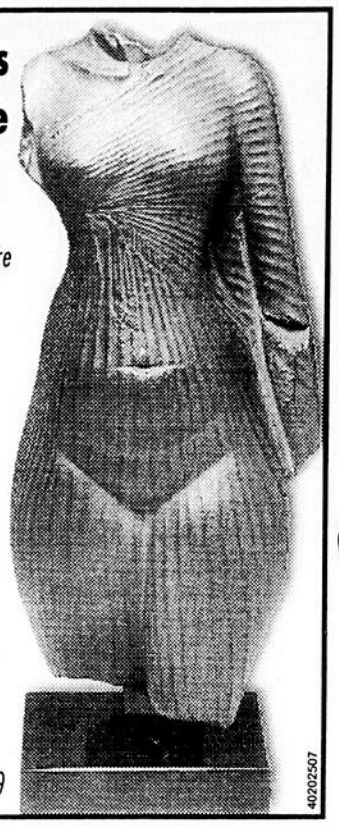

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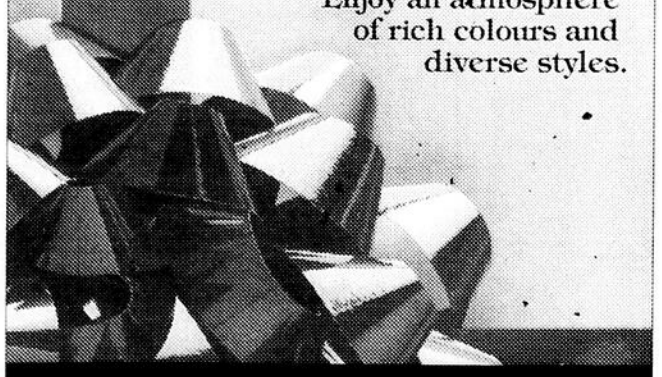

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Turkey Quesadillas

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8 slices cooked, sliced turkey breast
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1/2 cup (125 ml) bottled, chunky salsa
4 tbsp (60 ml) fresh coriander, chopped

Place one tortilla in an ungreased skillet over medium heat. Place two slices of turkey breast on half of the tortilla and top with 1/4 of the grated cheese, then 1/4 of the salsa and 1 tbsp. (15 ml) of the chopped coriander. Fold tortilla over, then flip to heat other side. Fold in half again. Turn once more to heat through and melt the cheese. Repeat for each tortilla. Serve with salad. Four servings.

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1/8 teaspoon white pepper
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1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli spears, thawed, drained and cut into bite-size pieces
Paprika

Sprinkle chicken with Italian seasoning. Pound between sheets of plastic wrap. Spray nonstick skillet with no-stick cooking spray. Saute chicken strips just until no longer pink. Keep warm. Place flour in small saucepan; whisk in small amount of evaporated skimmed milk. Stir in remaining evaporated skimmed milk, garlic, salt and pepper. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture just comes to a boil and thickens. Add cheese; stir until melted. Spray 10 x 6 x 2inch baking dish with no-stick cookingspray. Spread about 1/4 cup cheese sauce in bottom of dish. Arrange broccoli over sauce, then chicken pieces. Pour remaining cheese sauce over top. Sprinkle with paprika. Cover. Bake in preheated oven at 350°F. for 20 to 25 minutes or until heated through.

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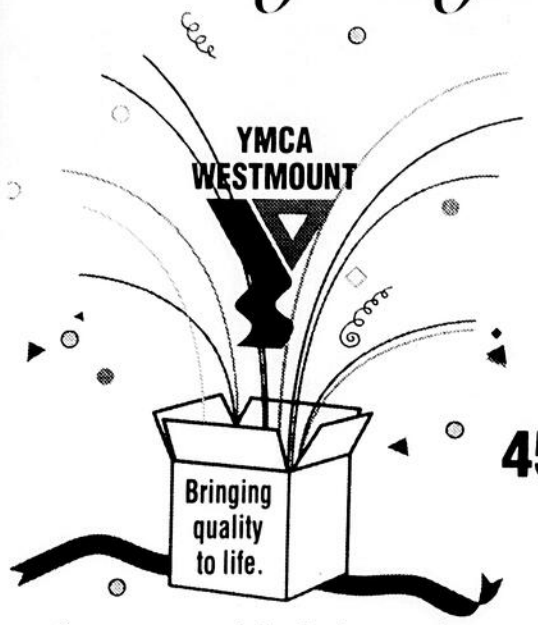

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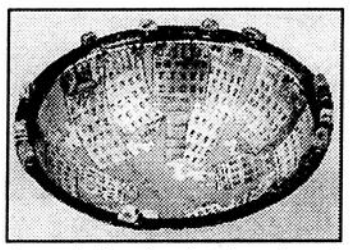
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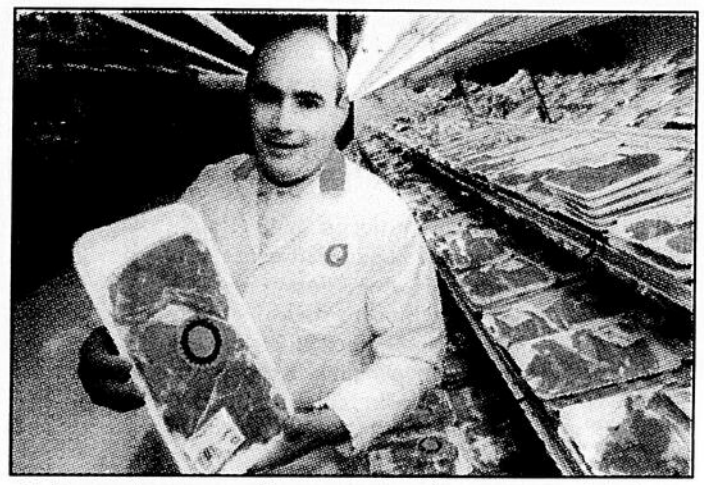

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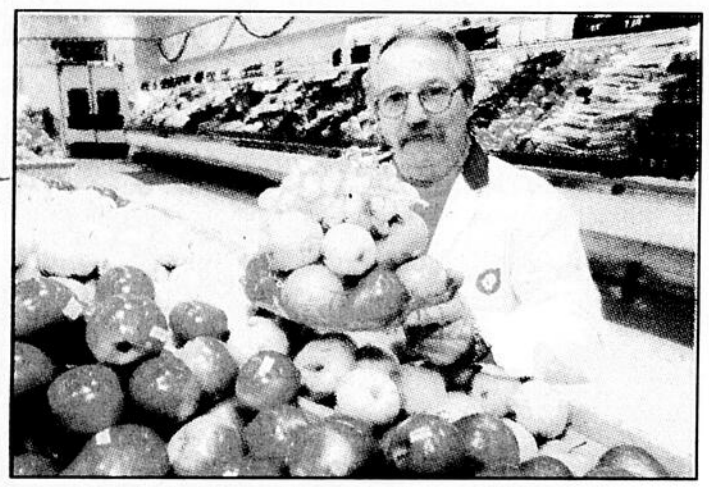

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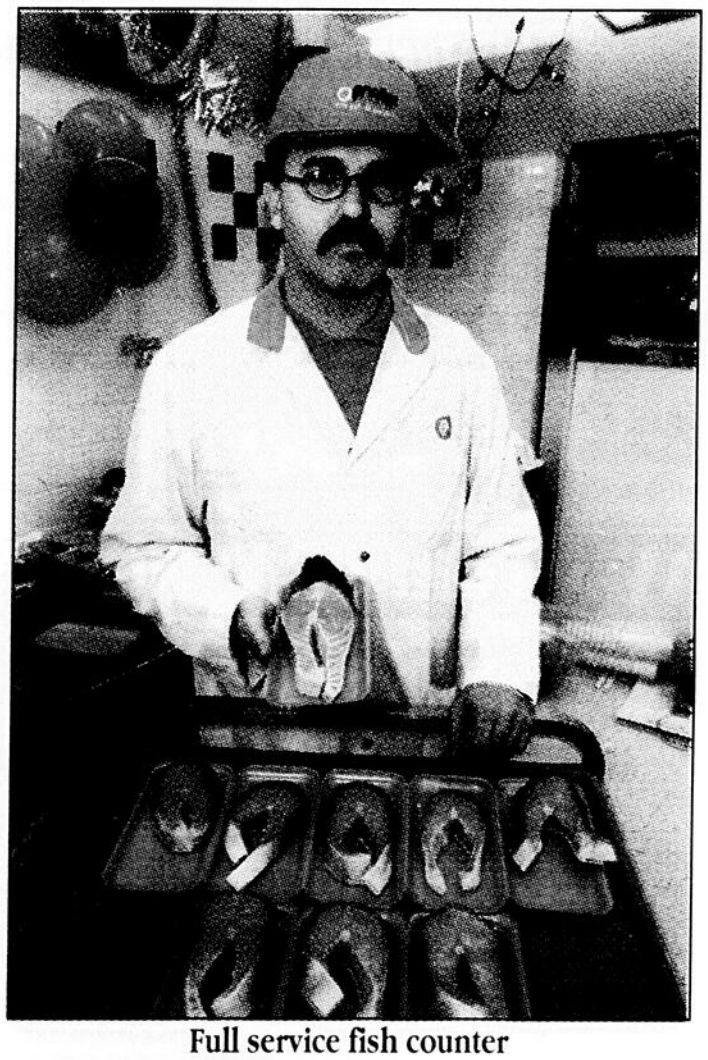

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Monday, Nov. 17

1:13 p.m. Laneway at the rear of St. Catherine and Tupper: Wires down; Westmount Light & Power reported the wires were electrical and Bell wires; area was secured as repairs began.

1:20 p.m. 4282 Dorchester: Alarm set off by paving in basement garage parking area.

4:35 p.m. 727 Upper Belmont: Smoke detector set off by cooking.

10:17 p.m. 10 Rosemount: Smoke detector set off by cooking.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

10:25 a.m. 4150 Sherbrooke: Alarm set off by plumbers in basement.

2:05 p.m. 4018 St. Catherine: Alarm set off by workers sanding in basement.

7:37 p.m. 51 Delavigne: Smoke detector set off due to backed-up fireplace.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

2:16 a.m. 4560 St. Catherine: Smell of gas in lobby and basement due to car leaking gas in the basement garage; area ventilated and Absorball used to clean spill.

6:54 a.m. 1500 Atwater: Defective alarm.

1:41 p.m. Rear of 4243 Richelieu: Small rubbish fire that was extinguished by Montreal fire department.

Thursday, Nov. 20

11:40 a.m. 462 Lansdowne: Water leaking from gas water tank; owner shut off valve while firemen shut off gas valve and advised owner to call repairman.

Friday, Nov. 21

12:10 a.m. Area of Westmount Arena: Smell of gas from slight leak in propane tank used for Zamboni; valve closed and all in order.

7:14 p.m. 47 Forden Crescent: Alarm set off due to backed-up fire place.

Saturday, Nov. 22

10:38 a.m. 389 Claremont: Alarm set off due to cooking.

4:25 p.m. 4465 Montrose: Defective alarm.

Sunday, Nov. 23

10:56 a.m. 4695 de Maisonneuve: Alarm set off when water entered heat detector.

11:25 a.m. 475 Lansdowne: Defective smoke detector.

2:34 p.m. 775 Muir: Assisted with fire in St. Laurent seniors home; did search and rescue on third floor, and second and third floor ventilation; assisted Outremont Fire Department in helping tenants re-enter building.

7:50 p.m. 83 Hallowell: Smoke in home from possibly defective fireplace; fire was extinguished and the log removed; resident advised to have fireplace checked.

IN BRIEF

Morden named Future Scholar

Peter Morden, a graduate of Selwyn House School, Vanier College and Concordia University, has been named a Future Scholar by the North American Academy of Leisure Sciences.

The Dalhousie University master's student was one of three grad students in North America selected for the honour.

Winners were invited to a congress in Salt Lake City, Utah, last month that featured educational sessions, a research symposium and a variety of national meetings and social functions.

Peter Morden

Morden's master's thesis research looks at what role the use of digital technology in leisure activities may play in career development.

Proud parents are Marj and Reg Morden of Kensington Avenue.

Seeking Citizen of the Year

Sometimes a bouquet of flowers just won't cut it when it comes to recognizing a special member of the community. The Westmount Municipal Association is working on another way to honour people who have made a difference with their contributions to neighbourhood life.

The group has come up with the criteria for its Citizen of the Year award, which will be presented for the first time this spring. Although the deadline for nominations is set for the end of February, residents can start thinking now about a fellow citizen who deserves recognition.

Eligible candidates must have been living in Westmount for three years, and have contributed to the local community. A full description of the nominee's contribution must be included in the nomination letter.

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Congratulations came in the form of a cake for Alexis Rousseau-Dupuis (left), Michael Rudolph and Tyler Arrell.

Scouting trio collects top Venturer awards

Three Venturers from the Tamarack Venturer Company were presented with their Queen Venturer Certificates last week at a ceremony at St. Andrew's Dominion-Douglas Church.

The award signifies that a Venturer has both the character and ability to be of significant help to other people.

"This is the highest award that a Venturer can receive and to have three youths in one district receive it at the same time means that we have an excellent program in place," said Shirley Carreiro, president of Westmount District Scouting.

The certificates, signed by Governor-General Romeo Leblanc, were presented to Tyler Arrell, Alexis Rousseau-Dupuis and Michael Rudolph. Mayor Peter Trent, honorary scouter for the Westmount district, did the honours.

Earning the award is no small feat. As part of their requirements the boys spent six weeks in Zimbabwe, helping build accomodations and bringing in a water line. They also had to complete a minimum of 50 hours service as volunteers and hold a current St. John's Ambulance or Canadian Red Cross first aid certificate.

Postal strike a worry for charities like soup kitchen

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Christmastime. "We're waiting to see what happens with the strike," Forrester said. If she has to turn to courier services, the extra cost will have to be passed on to the customer.

She said for the types of items she's sending out, courier services charge two to three times as much as Canada Post.

Also feeling the pinch this time of year are local charities like the Montreal Children's Hospital and the Open Door soup kitchen—Westmount's only soup kitchen, at the corner of Dorchester and Atwater, in the basement of St. Stephen's Church.

"We're pretty concerned by the strike," said Jane Allen, of the soup kitchen's board of directors. As a backup plan, Second Cup on Greene Avenue and Café Gourmet on Sherbrooke Street will accept donations that she hopes will come in response to letters being delivered door to door by hand.

The Open Door has an ongoing need for food, including chicken and meat for soups, bathroom and cleaning supplies, towels, plus stackable chairs, a shower stall and a TV mounted for VCR. Anyone who can help out should call 939-1970.

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Taste of Japan

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Ceramic artist Shinko Jager (left) and calligrapher Hiroko Okata will bring a taste of Japan to the Westmount Arts and Crafts Fair this Saturday, Nov. 29 at Victoria Hall. They are just two of some 35 artisans whose works have been selected for the annual event, which runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A Japanese calligraphy expert, Okata is a Montreal resident who teaches both here and in the provincial capital. (Our story last week might have left readers thinking she lives in Quebec City.) Okata is scheduled to demonstrate her traditional work with ink and brush in the fair's Oriental room. Jager also teaches, at the Visual Arts Centre. She will display her cane-handled tea pots, vases and plates inspired by the traditional folk pottery of Japan. Admission to Saturday's event is a non-perishable food item or cash donation to support the local CLSC. For more details on what's at the fair, see the Community Bulletin Board listing on page 2.

Documentary on Jewish divorce

A new documentary will take a close look at the complexities of divorce in the Jewish community this week at the Shaar Hashomayim. "Untying the Bonds...Jewish Divorce" responds to a need for information on the civil procedure as well as a religious divorce, called Get.

The importance of the film is threefold, according to Evelyn Brook, president of the Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get which produced the film with help from government funding.

"First of all, a fair amount of people don't know they need a Jewish divorce. Then there are women who are in fact victims of their husbands or can't remarry. We want professionals who deal with women to know there are resources out there where they can turn," she explained.

The film is intended as a learning guide of interest to professionals in law, social work, Jewish education and rabbis.

While divorce is somewhat less common among Jews than in the community at large, there are women who are held captive because their husbands will not release them.

The documentary will be screened on Wednesday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m at the Shaar, 450 Kensington Ave.

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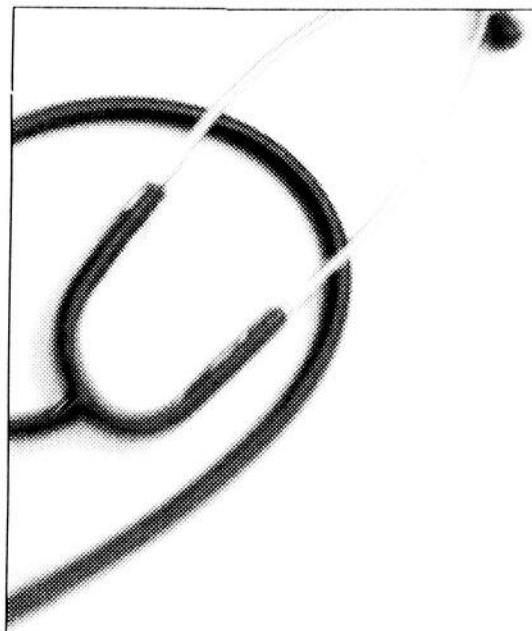

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Outdoor life part of pets' routine

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sun. There is a sheltered area where they can rest and food and water close at hand.

"After years of people knocking on our door, I can well imagine someone thinking it's cruel for them to be outside. People don't realize the dog is perfectly happy and healthy. That's their routine and they stick to it," she said.

Another factor which might have precipitated a "rescue" scenario is Ginger's noticeable limp. "People are constantly letting us know she has a broken paw. We're always telling them she's just fine, there's nothing that can be done."

Ginger's paralyzed front left paw is the result of nerve damage sustained about 10 years ago when she was hit by a truck while out with the Rothers' son on a paper route.

Despite that, the dog is remarkable healthy. Half Samoyed-half golden retriever, Ginger is 16 years old, an exceptionally long lifespan for a dog of that size. And while a little plump, black and white Smarties is no spring chicken either, at age 11.

Ginger is well known to passers-by in the alley behind the large office building on Sherbrooke Street. "She is a remarkably pretty dog. She's got such an attractive and friendly personality. She would definitely just go up to a stranger and lick their hand," Rother said.

Smarties is more skittish when it comes to human contact. That led the couple to think she must have been lured with food in a pre-planned abduction. Rother expressed concern that the kidnappers may not realize the pets are advanced in age.

However she is fears a worse fate—that the pets might have been taken to a lab to be used in testing.

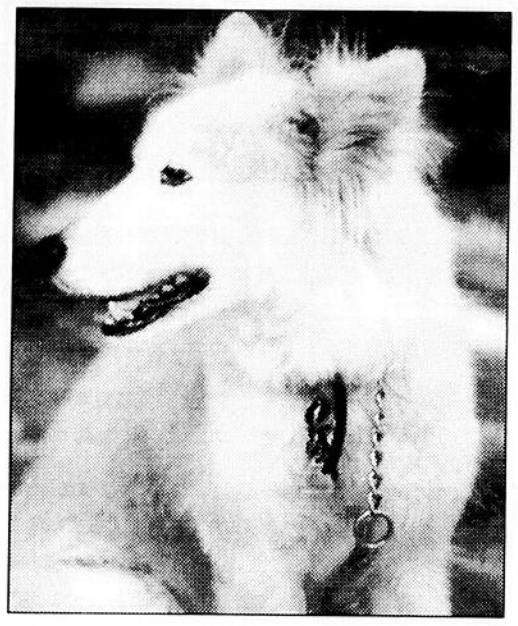
House pets are targeted for resale to laboratories, according to Joy Cole, assistant director of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"Animals which have lived in a home with people can be the focus of this kind of thing. They tend to be easier to manipulate, more trusting and more forgiving. And for these sick people, it means money in their pockets," Cole said.

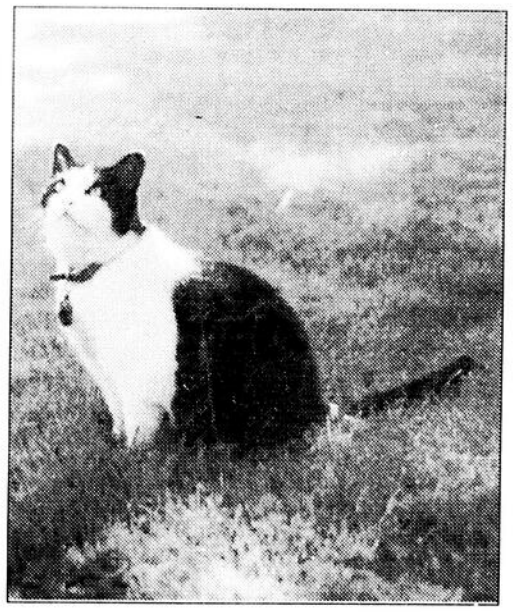
She recommended not letting animals loose, identifying them with a tag or microchip and making sure there is a good description available if they do go missing.

While he had heard of pets being taken for animal experimentation, Public Security director Richard McEnroe said it was not a problem reported in Westmount. "We definitely get calls about lost animals, but not stolen," he said.

In the meantime, the Rothers are hoping someone will come forward with information about Ginger and Smarties who, they insist, lived in a happy home.



Well known in the neighbourhood, Ginger is 16 and has a paralyzed paw.



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Chimney sweeping warning

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Fireplaces may need to be cleaned more often than once a year depending on use and what's burning. Garbage and green wood are not recommended because they create impure residue or creosote which builds up in the chimney.

Dawson warned against calls or door-to-door visits from contractors claiming to be sent by the city. L'Association des Professionnels du Chauffage à Combustible Solide has a list of certified contractors in the west end. For information, call 270-4944.

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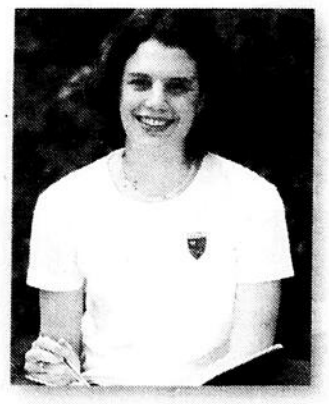

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The auction took place Sunday afternoon at Ogilvy's Tudor Hall, where $55,000 was raised. Proceeds from sports artifacts and paraphenalia alone amounted to a whopping $28,000.

Bidders hailed from the greater Montreal area, but many buyers were Westmounters.

"Sports items are popular every year at our auction," Giant Steps administrator Chantal Guerin said. "Most of the parents bidding on these items purchase them for their children."

A Canadiens sweater autographed by the old six-team league Canadiens, including Jean Beliveau, Yvan Cournoyer, and Dickie Moore, had a $1,300 price tag.

Mark Recchi's Canadiens jersey went for $900. An autographed hockey stick signed by the present-day Canadiens drew $650. An NFL Jacksonville Jaguars Nike sweater also sold for $650. Scott Thornton's autographed hockey stick-that retails for approximately $35- was sold to the highest bidder for $425. Canadiens hockey tickets drew a good dollar when paired with other items such as plant, food and beverage collages, luggage and trips.

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Hockey week brimming with hat tricks

By Bob Oliver

The snow has just begun to cover the Westmount landscape. And until the time it finally melts in the spring, the Westmount arena will be a hotbed of hockey activity.

In novice action on Saturday morning, the Canadiens put a momentary lock on first place in the House League after a 2-2 tie with the second place Senators. Matthew Shadley scored both goals for the Canadiens with assists going to Matthew Robins and Jacob Greenbaum. Sam Bick scored the two Senator goals. Sung Jun Bae and Adam Century assisted. Andrew Shapiro scored three goals to lead the Guards to a 4-3 win against the Sharks. Peter Kajaks got the other goal. David Freidman scored twice for the Sharks. Drew Hannan also scored.

Nicholas Martin scored a hat-trick to lead the Bears in their 6-5 win against the Dragons. Charles Fortin had two goals and Maxence Guerin got one. Tomas O'Connor filed a hat trick for the Dragons. Ryan Yoffe and Zachary Feldman had singles.

Jonathan Lutter-Hoppenheim's three goals paced the atom Avalanche to a 4-3 win against the Stars. Blair Bennett completed the Avalanche scoring. Andrew Smith, Ryan Moxness and Alex Aiken were the Stars goalgetters. The Penguins and the Canadiens played to a 0-0 stalemate.

Capitals blank Scouts

In peewee action on Monday, the first place Capitals blanked the Scouts 8-0. Nicholas Marks led the way with three goals. Phillipe Lapointe scored twice. Singles went to Nicholas Mulroney, Charles Bonardeaux and Ali Amarsy. Sasha Asgary earned the shutout.

In a tighter contest, played Wednesday, the Caps squeaked out a 6-5 victory against the Canadiens. Louis Century, Mulroney, Bonardeaux, Amarsy, Lapointe and Tyler Hunt scored for the winners. Ian Turner, Arnold Engel, Perry Gilman, Milan Neven and Justin Culver got the Canadiens goals.

In a 10-9 slugfest in bantam action on Wednesday, the Leafs edged the Lightning. Andrew Salzberg scored three times and David Stern scored twice in the winning cause. Jessica Tory, Roderick Leider, Amir Nakhjavani, Nicholas Demers and Daniel Loutfi had one each. Justin Keyserlingk and Andre Piccolo scored two goals each for the Lightning. Singles went to Arye Kremer, Alan Cameron, Sasha Jelinek, Nicolas Houillon and Ilya Morozov.

The following night, Tommy Mezey's two goals paced the Flames to a 4-1 victory against the Lightning. Michael Gross and Ben Spencer scored the other goals. Ted McKenna assisted on the lone Lightning goal scored by Cameron.

In the two games played last week in the two-team midget league the Sabres dropped a pair to the Rangers, 3-2 and 3-0. Nick Yannow, Jonathan How and Noah Mackell were the Rangers marksmen. David Salomon and Laurent Lecavalier scored for the Sabres.

In the 3-0 contest played on Tuesday night, Yannow, How and Alex Bonnoto scored the Rangers goals. Bryan Tritt registered the shutout.

Intercity 'A' League hockey saw the Westmount atom Wings edge Côte St. Luc 1-0 on Saturday at the Westmount arena. Jaryd Zummer converted a pass from Renaud Guerin and Russell Simco with 3:00 showing on the clock in the third period. Olivier Henchey-Piché and James O'Brien shared the shutout.

In peewee action, or better still, non-action, Lachine-St. Pierre was a no show in the scheduled Saturday afternoon game. Westmount automatically gets the two-point win in the standings. The novice 'A' Westmount Wings had a tough go of it, losing 9-0 to Lachine-St. Pierre at the Westmount arena Friday night.

SENIOR B: On Thursday night the Flyers nipped the Fathers 3-1. Chris "the streak" Charlton, Peter Jay and Patrick Harroch scored for the Flyers. Howard "Bobby Orr" Hoppenheim got the lone Fathers goal. The Devils Lloyd Cooper and Alexandre Mercure scored goals the following night to pace the team to a 2-0 win against the Leafs. In the evening's next game, Jared MacSween's hat trick lifted the Oilers to a 4-3 victory against the Hawks. Robert Dorey got the other Oiler goal. Michael Taylor, Emil Shiri and Timmy Prendergast scored for the Hawks.

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Sharks	4	1	3	0	12	18	2
Dragons	4	0	2	2	12	15	2
Bears	4	1	3	0	12	17	2
Atom							
Canadiens	4	2	0	2	20	11	6
Stars	4	2	2	0	17	12	4
Avalanche	4	2	2	0	15	16	4
Penguins	4	1	2	1	11	15	3
Peewee							
Capitals	4	2	0	2	20	11	6
Canadiens	4	2	1	1	26	13	5
Scouts	4	0	3	1	9	31	1
Bantam							
Flames	5	4	0	1	24	4	9
Lightning	5	1	3	1	18	26	3
Leafs	4	1	3	0	13	25	2
Midget							
Rangers	5	3	2	0	15	11	6
Sabres	5	2	3	0	11	15	4

Senior

Executive	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
CA	5	4	0	1	22	10	9
Brokers	5	3	1	1	19	14	7
Law	5	3	1	1	14	9	7
MD	5	2	1	2	16	16	6
MBA	5	2	2	1	18	20	5
CEO	5	1	4	0	12	14	2
PHD	5	1	4	0	10	20	2
Engineers	5	1	4	0	9	17	2
Senior B							
Fathers	7	5	2	0	25	17	10
Hawks	8	4	2	2	22	17	10
Devils	8	3	1	4	15	10	10
Flyers	7	3	1	3	18	13	9
Oilers	8	3	3	2	28	21	8
Kings	7	4	3	0	20	13	8
Sharks	7	1	5	1	15	37	3
Leafs	8	0	6	2	14	29	2
Senior A							
Rangers	8	5	2	1	33	19	11
Canucks	8	4	2	2	29	24	10
Whalers	8	4	3	1	28	29	9
Canadiens	8	3	4	1	29	30	7
Blues	8	1	6	1	21	38	3

Women's Recreational

B Division	G	W	L	T	F	A	P
Diamonds	6	4	0	2	18	4	10
Westmount	7	3	1	3	20	11	9
Spar	4	2	1	1	8	8	5
T.M.R.	5	1	4	0	15	22	2
Dolphins	4	1	3	0	11	15	2
N.D.G.	5	1	4	0	11	25	2
C Division							
N.D.G.	7	5	1	1	24	10	11
Spar	6	1	3	2	12	20	4
Dorval	2	2	0	0	8	3	4
T.M.R.	6	1	3	2	7	13	4
Westmount	5	1	3	1	11	16	3

SWAT tourney to draw eight teams

Beginning Thursday and winding up with the semifinal and final games Sunday morning, the Westmount Oldtimers SWAT team will host their annual hockey tournament at the Westmount arena.

Eight west-end teams will take part in the tournament with proceeds going to the Ste. Justine's and Montreal Children's hospitals. Last year the tournament netted $10,000. This year, under the chairmanship of Marcel Guay and Jimmy West, they again have high hopes. "With the cooperation of merchants, professional firms and corporations and a big crowd at the games, we hope to do as well as we did in 1996," team member Howard Hoppenheim said. There will be a silent auction held at the arena. A myriad of hockey items will be sold to the highest bidder.

The tournament is a continuation of the fundraising efforts of Nicholas Matossian Jr., who died of a brain tumour in 1985 at the age of 15. After being diagnosed, Matossian dedicated himself to helping lessen the suffering for other neurological patients. Included in his efforts to raise funds were rock shows and golf tournaments. — *Bob Oliver*

The SWAT team this month donated $10,000 to the Montreal's Children's and Ste. Justine's hospitals. On hand for the presentation, left to right, were Jim West and Marcel Guay, the 1997 SWAT co-chairmen; Howard Hoppenheim, SWAT treasurer; Dr. Michael Shevell of the Montreal Children's Hospital's neurology division; Marie-Claire Morin, president of the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation; Doug Price, 1996 SWAT chairman; Dr. Abert Moghrabi, clinical director of oncology at Ste. Justine's Hospital; Mayor Peter Trent; and SWAT player Claude Bismuth.

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Olga Lichtner

Olga Lichtner loves getting to know her customers. She enjoys talking with them and learning about their lives while benefiting from their wisdom. And it's a good thing since Olga also helps them live more comfortable lives.

"Not only do they learn from me about dentures, but I learn about life experiences and I love that part of my job," said Olga, a diplomated denturologist.

Denturologists specialize only in dentures and Olga offers her clients caring, personal and competent service from her NDG office.

"Denturologists do nothing else but prepare dentures and we do it all by ourselves in our lab," said Olga. "We do the impressions and can see what the patient needs."

Originally trained in dentistry before she left her native Czechoslovakia in 1969, Olga has been a practising denturologist in Quebec since 1975. She opened her own lab at that time and has since been offering one-on-one service, allowing her to put her customers at ease and making them feel comfortable.

Olga said the most important thing to remember about dentures is they need to be examined regularly and changed when necessary to fit the changing shape of the mouth. Whether fixed onto the gums or implanted and secured onto posts, she said dentures should be checked a minimum of every two years and replaced every five years. Although they can be realigned for a year or two, Olga said some of her customers insist on having their dentures changed every two years which is ideal because they never notice the change.

But Olga's business doesn't just end with sizing dentures and fixing them into her customer's mouth.

"We don't just finish the dentures when we put them in their mouth and they pay," said Olga. "It's my business and I never send them away until they are completely satisfied. If they need to come for adjustments, I always try to accommodate my customers."

The majority of Olga's clients are seniors and she understands how important it is for them to be comfortable throughout the experience. Just outside the office window, Olga has a place for birds to feed which help her patients keep their mind off of the examination. special techniques which she has worked on over the years to help the denture experience to be as easy as possible for her clients and help with the gagging problem. Olga understands this problem and tries to make it as easy as possible for her clients with the tricks she has developed.

A relaxing waiting room, which seems more like a living room in a neighbour's home, adds to the pleasant experience of dealing with Olga. Her assistant, Michelle, is not just a very skilful technician but is also a nice person and everyone enjoys getting to know her. Michelle also enjoys getting to know the customers and ensuring the dentures provided by Olga are just what the customer needed.

Dentures can be a trying event with many unknowns. Olga Lichtner does her best to offer the senior community a place where their concerns will be heard and where they will be dealt with in a professional and courteous manner.

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