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Gaz Métro work crews wreak havoc on local streets

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Work by Gaz Métropolitain has made a mess of many Westmount streets and has upset some residents who say they were given no notification before the work began.

The company is currently installing new subterranean pipes on parts of eight streets in Westmount, work which requires digging up narrow sections of asphalt most of the length of the street. Together with city work now being done repairing street and sidewalk cuts throughout Westmount, this has left many roads in chaos.

Gaz Métropolitain is continuing its work of the past two summers to upgrade and increase the capacity of its network. It is replacing antiquated 25 lbs per square inch gas lines with the current standard 60 lbs per square inch pressurized pipes. The new two-inch plastic pipes are inserted into the existing cast iron piping, according to André Friart, the Gaz Métropolitain official overseeing the current work in Westmount.

The work also involves going into some houses to replace gas entrances and to install new emergency shut-offs.

Several residents of Thornhill avenue say they were given no warning before crews started digging up their street and, in some cases, their gardens.

One resident of the street says she's glad she had to stay home Monday morning while a plumber worked in her house. At one point, the plumber looked out the window to see a Gaz Métropolitain workcrew preparing to dig up her newly-planted vegetable garden. She managed to convince the workmen to dig up her driveway instead.

Another home on Thornhill received a notice indicating Gaz Métropolitain would "shortly begin work in your neighborhood." The note arrived several days after the company had already dug up sections of the street.

Mr Friart explained that Gaz Métropolitain policy is to send out notices 48 hours before beginning work. He said it was "an oversight" on the part of the contractor doing the work, and that it would not happen again.

The project under way involves

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Register goes against Kells by-law

The Kells Academy zoning by-law has been knocked down by residents and business owners from Westmount's southwestern sector. They showed up in large numbers at city hall yesterday to register against the by-law.

The number of signatures recorded in the register when THE EXAMINER went to print at 5:45 pm yesterday was over 150. The register stayed open until 7 pm. A hundred and forty-four was the number of names required to send the issue back to council.

By-law 1004 gives Kells Academy the right to use the building at 4898 de Maisonneuve boulevard, on the corner of Prince Albert avenue, for its school and learning centre.

With the magic number of signatures surpassed, city council must now either withdraw the by-law or bring the issue to a referendum.

Those voters eligible to sign the register yesterday will also be eligible to vote in the referendum which must be held by July 31.

The last referendum held on a Westmount zoning by-law was in September 1977. The issue then was the Manoir Westmount senior's residence. The vote turned out 50-45 in favor of the by-law allowing the Manoir to be built at the corner of Sherbrooke street and Lansdowne avenue.

Cops nab escaped ball

A runaway soccer ball was caught by a constable Friday as it rolled down Côte St Antoine road at Stanton street at 12:30 pm, police said. Efforts to find an owner proved unsuccessful and the item was taken to local MUC police station 23.

NDP names Ruth Rose to run here

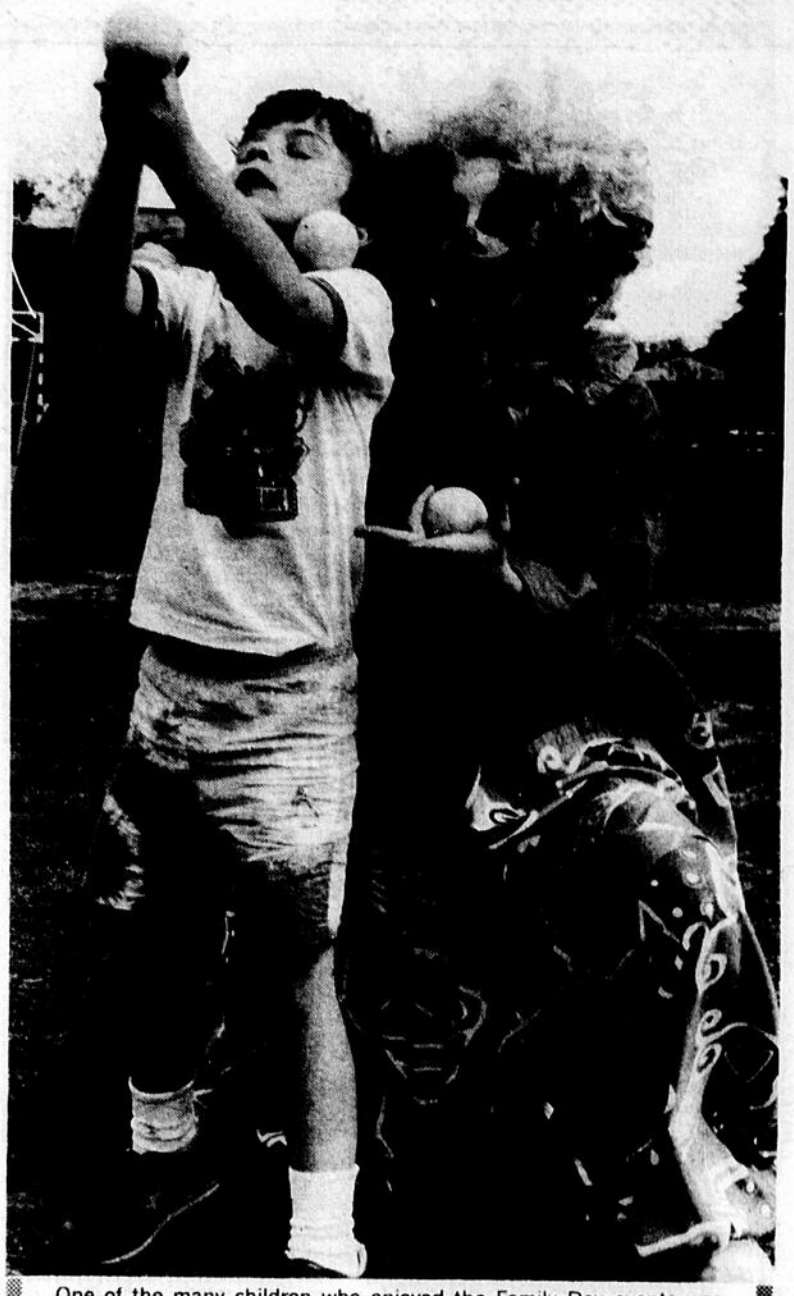
The New Democratic Party chose its candidate for the St-Henri-Westmount riding in the next federal general election at a meeting in St James The Apostle church Tuesday night.

Ruth Rose, an economist and teacher at the Université du Québec à Montréal, beat out Westmount resident Gary Pekeles and two other candidates for the nomination.

This is the first time the position has been contested. Ms Rose believes this to be a sign of an increased interest in the NDP as a serious alternative.

She plans to run her campaign on economic issues with a focus on social programs. She says she opposes free trade and wants to see full employment in the work force.

The riding includes Westmount, St Henri and most of downtown Montreal. Ms Rose lives in the Plateau Mont-Royal district of Montreal.



One of the many children who enjoyed the Family Day events was juggling student Robbie Tailiefer, who was coached by Coco the Clown (Collette Micks). For more photos, see page 25. *Photo by OWEN EGAN*

A Family Day full of color!

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

The overriding impression given by the Westmount recreation department's 13th annual Family Day was one of color.

The clusters of bright balloons, the hundreds of children in summery shorts and tops, the carnival booths festooned in brilliant cloth, the harried parents dressed for the sun, the tables and booths decorated in many hues and the sun itself all contributed to the glittering pageant of color.

The weather could not have been better: an almost cloudless, sunny day with a moderate breeze to make the heat bearable.

The day started with a parade made up of emergency vehicles, Girl Guides with a wheelbarrow float of a garden, followed by a llama and a band, Les Coeurs d'Or de St Zotique.

Numberless activities kept children and adults occupied throughout the day. Pony rides, Boum the Clown, carnival booths with prizes (principally, it seemed, water pistols) for lucky win-

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Whatever the weather, enjoy fine dining at

RESTAURANT *La Transition*

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MUC police and PSU changing colors

MUC white and PSU yellow are hitting the streets of Westmount.

New colors for patrol vehicles were unveiled locally by both the MUC police force and the city's own public security service Saturday at Family Day.

"Oh, Fenton's the breadwinner, but I win the bacon, the eggs, the meat, the wine, the desserts ..."

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The new look appeared to generate enthusiastic reaction among those who viewed the new mini-vans on display, many saying the lighter colors were easier to see.

The shift to yellow by the city's security unit, along with the use of emergency red flashers, had been announced some time ago with the ordering of two new mini-vans.

However, the phasing in of white MUC police cars to replace the well-known blue came as somewhat of a surprise to most.

The new white vehicles, explained Constable Michel Caza, are expected to be put into service this month as each of the MUC's 24 stations receives one new mini-van. All vehicles, as they are replaced, also will be white with blue markings.

Yellow means PSU

The PSU's new yellow vans, which carry red markings, were received last week and went into service on the weekend. They replace two of the navy blue and white patrol cars.

The unit's four other navy and white vehicles will be replaced in years ahead in the new yellow, said PSU Director Richard McEnroe.

The color change was made to per-

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AVIS PUBLIC

RECONSTRUCTION DU CHEMIN DE LA CÔTE SAINT-ANTOINE

AVIS PUBLIC est par la présente donné par le soussigné, greffier de la Ville de Westmount, qu'une assemblée publique se tiendra dans la Salle du conseil à l'Hôtel de ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke, Westmout, Québec, le jeudi 9 juin 1988 à 19h00, sous la présidence du conseiller Peter Duffield, commissaire des Travaux publics, afin d'étudier et de discuter des plans préliminaires revisés pour la reconstruction du chemin de la Côte Saint-Antoine dans la Ville de Westmount.

Cette assemblée publique est ouverte à toutes personnes intéressées.

DONNÉ sous mon seing à Westmount, Québec, ce 31ième jour de mai 1988.

Robert C. Wilkins
Greffier de la ville

WESTMOUNT
PUBLIC NOTICE

RECONSTRUCTION OF COTE ST. ANTOINE ROAD

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Westmount, that a public meeting will be held in the Council Chamber of Westmount City Hall, 4333 Sherbrooke Street, Westmount, Québec, on Thursday, 9 June 1988 at 7:00 pm, under the chairmanship of Councillor Peter Duffield, Commissioner of Public Works, in order to review and discuss the revised preliminary plans for the reconstruction of Cote St. Antoine Road in the City of Westmount.

This public meeting is open to all interested persons.

GIVEN under my hand at Westmount, Québec, this 31st day of May 1988.

Robert C. Wilkins
City Clerk

Next Scheduled City Council Meeting
Monday, June 13, 8 pm

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal
Le lundi 13 juin, 20h00

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Public Security Unit	935-1777

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Phone and clubs taken from car

A car telephone and golfing equipment were stolen from a car parked overnight Tuesday-Wednesday last week in front of 4921 Sherbrooke street, police report. Total amount of the theft was $2,000.

Missing items included golf clubs, a bag, four gloves and an umbrella. The grey 1987 Volvo was entered by breaking a window in a back door causing $100 damage.

WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, June 1

☐ **Watercolors display**: Paintings of flowers by Evelyn Hingston at the Westmount Public Library until June 12.

Friday, June 3

☐ **Theatre**: *A Clearing in the Woods* by Arthur Laurents, a presentation of CS Adult Student Productions, at 8 pm at Westmount High School Theatre Auditorium. Ticket reservations: 731-8357. Performace will be repeated on Saturday.

Saturday, June 4

☐ **Tennis open house**: Sponsored by Quality Sports of Victoria avenue, at the Westmount junior tennis courts, from 10 am to 1 pm. Rally competition, drills, exhibition matches, equipment display, and more. Sign-up for ballboys and -girls for Players International in Aug. One-week postponement in case of rain.

Sunday, June 5

☐ **Rhythmic gymnasts**: Sixty recreational and competitive young rhythmic gymnasts from Westmount's Elysians in annual spring show at 4 pm at Royal Montreal Armory, 4625 St Catherine street. Info: 489-2092.

Monday, June 6

☐ **Women's Canadian Club**: Annual meeting at 1:30 pm in Victoria Hall. Tea follows, with walk-about fashions by Toronto designer Louise Garin.

COMING UP

☐ **June 9**: Public consultation meeting on revised plans for Côte St Antoine road reconstruction at 7 pm at City Hall.

☐ **June 9**: 1988 Helen and Sam Steinberg lecture by Dr Bernard J. Shapiro, deputy minister of education of Ontario, on "Schools and the development of character"; and Dr Harold T. Schapiro, president of Princeton University, on "Moral education and the modern university," at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's Metcalfe avenue hall, at 8:30 pm.

☐ **June 13**: To June 27, Remington Cup father-son, mother-daughter tennis tournament.

☐ **June 29**: Canada Day tennis follies, run by the recreation department, from 10 am to noon.

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	Members and guests		

Young driver loses control

A 16-year-old Westmount girl who was driving north on Edgehill road Tuesday last week hit a brick wall at the entrance to a house at civic number 7. She had lost control of the gold-colored MG she was driving, police report.

The accident occurred about 12:55 pm after the car hit the sidewalk on the left-hand side, causing it to veer across to the opposite side of the street.

A small amount of damage was reported to the wall, but the car sustained over $500 as three wheels were damaged. No injuries were reported.

Senior stumbles on roadwork

A 74-year-old woman fell in a road cut while crossing St Catherine street at Greene avenue Wednesday last week. She was taken to hospital by Urgences Santé, according to police.

The accident at 4:55 pm injured the woman's right knee and left shoulder.

The road cut was described as a two-inch deep band stretching across Greene from the northeast to the northwest corners where the crosswalk is located.

The woman, a resident of Willowdale street, was transported to Hôtel Dieu Hospital.

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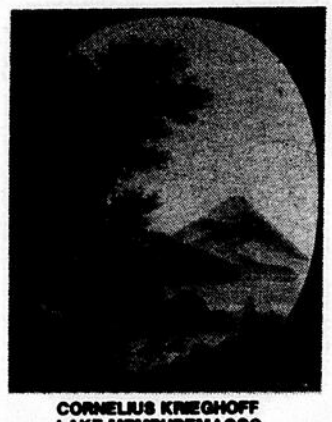
Wednesday, June 8th at 7:30 p.m. precisely Furniture, antiques and collectibles
Thursday, June 9th at 7:30 p.m. precisely Furniture, antiques and collectibles
Friday, June 10th at 7:30 precisely Furniture, antiques and collectibles



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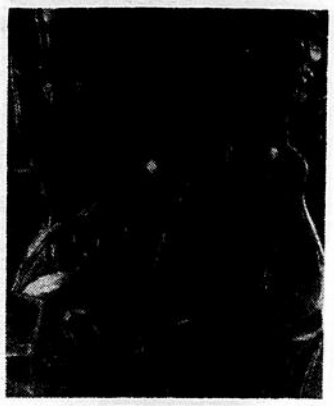

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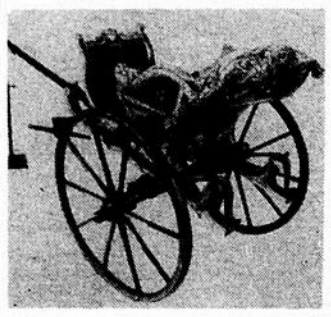

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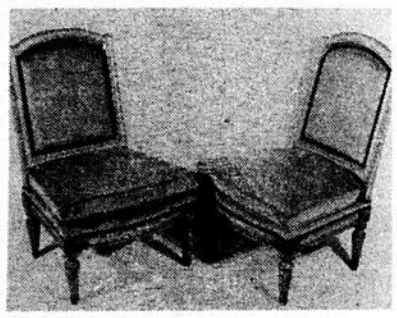

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Sales Wednesday, June 8th, Thursday, 9th and Friday, 10th at 7:30 p.m. precisely: General sessions including an important quantity of French period furniture such as a Louis XIII refectory table; Louis XV pieces including a chest of drawers signed Chevallier, an armchair signed Boucault, a child's goat carriage c. 1750, Louis XVI furniture including a pair of low chairs signed G. Jacob, a Restauration period living room set, Victorian furniture; a large quantity of English 18th and 19th century furniture such as a George II chest of drawers, George III and Regency seats, tables, cabinets; 18th and 19th century English silver, 19th century Canadian silver, modern silver including a five-piece Petersen tea set, a collection of English 18th and 19th century porcelain; 19th century Paris porcelain; faïence including two 17th century Portuguese azulejos; bronzes; Art Nouveau and Art Deco pieces such as a Tiffany Favrile clock, a Handel table lamp and Lalique glass; George III, Louis XVI, Directoire and Restauration clocks; 19th century Oriental art including good Satsuma pottery and Imari porcelain; 18th and 19th century mirrors; a collection of 19th century Anglo-Irish cut glass; 19th century shotguns; Oriental carpets; estate jewellery, collectibles and much more.

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May 24

12:28 pm: 4873 Westmount, first responder unit;
1:41 pm: 703 Grosvenor, burglar alarm;
6:18 pm: 42 Sunnyside, smoke scare, tar pot in use;

May 25

1:30 pm: 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir Westmount, first responder unit;
4:48 pm: In front of 4343 Montrose, natural gas leak (see story);

May 26

8:28 am: Front of 35 Church Hill, burst plumbing in street;
5:54 pm: 5128 Macdonald, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 6:01 pm;

May 27

1:07 pm: Outside 3040 Sherbrooke, Dawson College, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 1:12 pm, fire in garbage (see story);
1:32 pm: 32 Sunnyside, alarm activated by burnt food in oven;
4:41 pm: 4115 Sherbrooke, apt 4, first responder unit;
5:59 pm: Front of 4333 St Catherine, first responder unit for bicycle accident (see story);
7:30 pm: 339 Metcalfe, first responder unit;

May 28

1:02 am: 5120 Macdonald, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 1:08 am;
1:35 pm: 65 Summit crescent, smoke detector activated by workers sawing wood;
3:29 pm: 3207 The Boulevard, defective gas furnace;
5:37 pm: 336 Metcalfe, Goodwin House nursing home, first responder unit;
10:11 pm: 4282 Dorchester, apt 201, service call (see story);
11:10 pm: Front of 4783 Sherbrooke, first responder unit for intoxicated woman;

May 29

2:45 am: St Antoine and Brooke, first responder unit for intoxicated man sleeping on grass;
11:56 am: In front of 307 Roslyn, car leaking gas;
1:07 pm: 5785 Sir Walter Scott, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 1:08 pm;
4:38 pm: 450 Kensington, Shaar Hashomayim, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 4:44 pm, smoke detector in garage activated by moving of cars;
11:28 pm: 4410 St Catherine, possible defective fire alarm;

May 30

1:30 am: 171 Edgehill, first responder unit;
8:57 am: 1238 Greene, flood, overflowing sink;
2:40 pm: Victoria and de Maisonneuve, burst plumbing, water rising from manhole;
6:27 pm: 4855 de Maisonneuve, water seeping into garage from water leak in street;
8:17 pm: 5795 Sir Walter Scott, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 8:26 pm;
9:50 pm: 5775 Sir Walter Scott, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:55 pm;
10:04 pm: 4224 Dorchester, first responder unit for intoxicated man;
10:53 pm: 28 Springfield, flood due to thunderstorm (see story).

June 9 meeting will discuss plans for Côte St Antoine

REVISED PLANS for Côte St Antoine road reconstruction and traffic will be unveiled at a second public consultation meeting to take place next Thursday, June 9.

The meeting, to which all local residents are invited, will take place at 7 pm in city hall. It was promised by City Councillor Paul Fortin after the initial consultation meeting April 7 which had been primarily for residents of Côte St Antoine.

At that time, Mr Fortin said he wanted residents from a wider area to have input in the final proposals, as traffic on the east-west road affects many Westmounters.

One of the more controversial aspects of the project is possible modification of the five-way intersection at Clarke, Sherbrooke and Côte St Antoine.

Eleven of 285 cars found unlocked by police

A campaign to check the security of cars parked overnight on Westmount streets May 12-19 found 11 of 285 cars unlocked, MUC police report.

The spot checks, which were conducted between midnight and 7 am, also revealed that 50 percent of the parked cars belonged to non-residents. Among those were cars registered to persons living in Hampstead, Montreal, Laval, LaSalle, New Brunswick, Ontario and Massachusetts.

Tickets were issued to all unlocked cars.

In addition, a variety of merchandise was found to have been left in some of the cars where it could be seen easily by potential thieves.

Articles noticed by station 23 police included two golf sets, a briefcase, bags, a suitcase and a movie projector screen.

The crime prevention check was organized by Sergeant Jacques Poirier.

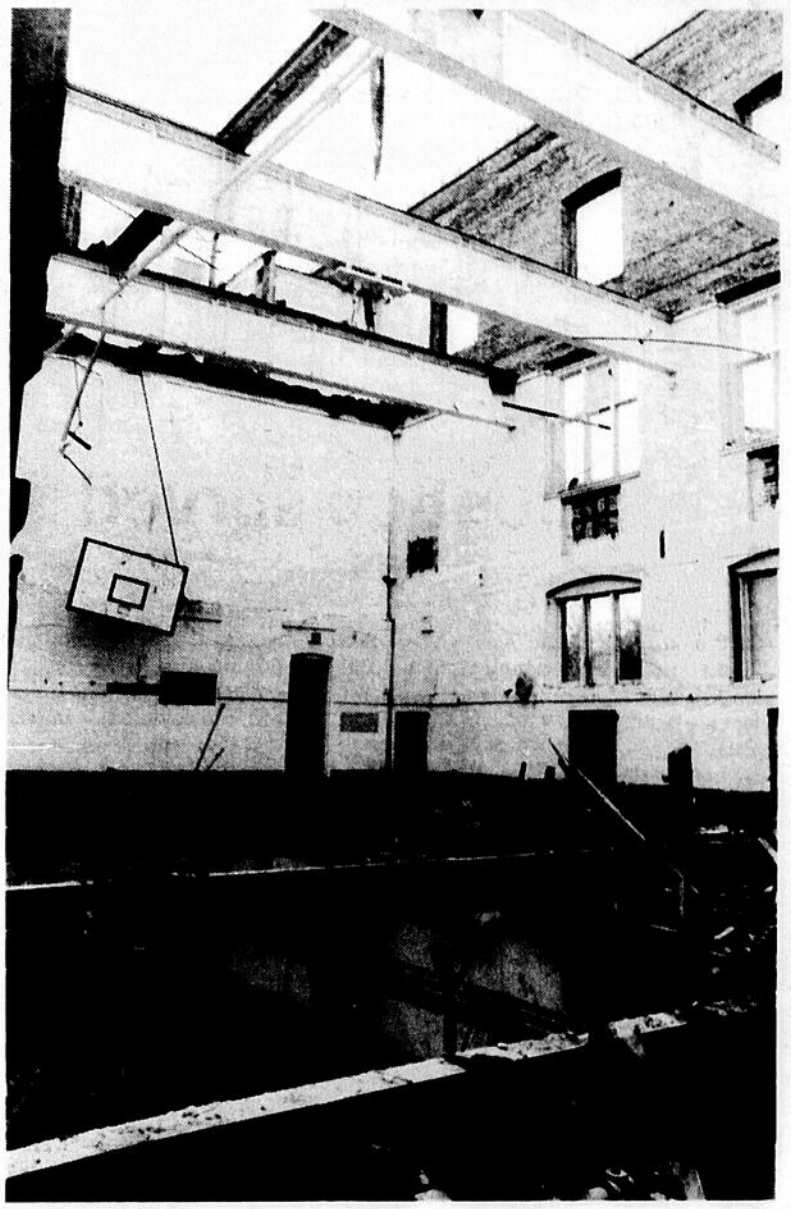
Firemen help in St Laurent

Westmount mutual aid firefighters described Tuesday night's major blaze in St Laurent as an extremely hot and tiring fire.

The blaze, which broke out in a firm renting heavy machinery and and tools at 6015 Côte de Liesse road, was fought by six mutual aid fire departments, including two crews of four Westmount men from both the day and night shifts.

Although the exact cause had yet to be determined, a cylinder of liquid propane gas is suspected of having sprung a leak, igniting and quickly spreading to other cylinders, flammable liquids and gasoline-fired machinery, said Westmount Fire Director William Timmons who subsequently joined the Westmount crew at the scene.

"When we got there we found the front half of the place completely involved in flame," said Lieutenant Michael Boychuck.



SPORTS COMPLEX: The Westmount YMCA sports facilities took on a new look this week with the start of interior demolition. Passersby may have been surprised to notice that bright sunlight appeared to be emanating from within the vacant building. The structure's eastern wall and roof are being taken down as work gets under way on the Y's $3.9 million renovation and expansion project. This photo provides a view of the now floor-less gymnasium with its basketball backboard still in place (almost). The Y crest on the pool wall can be seen below floor level, along with the rubble-filled basement pool. All that's left of the upper floor meeting rooms are the steel beams at the top of the photo.

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We Say

Justice served

WHAT a silly spectacle was last week's arrest and brief detainment of a local woman convicted in municipal court for leaving her dog unattended in Westmount Park.

Silly not for the police, the justice system, the City of Westmount or its by-laws.

Rather, it was silly for the woman involved and for the media which made so much out of her attempt to buck justice.

Seemingly forgotten midst the uproar of an otherwise upstanding citizen being hauled off to jail for such a minor offense is the underlying principle: she was not arrested or detained because she had left her dog unattended for a few moments. Her run-in came as a result of her deliberately (and very publicly) disobeying a court order, that being to pay a fine as a result of her conviction.

At that point, as a local police officer told us last week, the nature of her "crime" becomes irrelevant. She was arrested as would be anyone else who disobeyed the direct order of a judge, was detained as would be anyone else and released when, finally, she did as the judge had ordered, that is, pay her fine.

What we hope she and others who sympathized with her will learn from this is that our democratic right to protest things we do not like does not extend to the point where convicted persons can choose their own method to protest the punishment set by the court. There is only one way to do that, the legal avenue of appeal against what one considers wrongful judgments or too-punitive sentences.

In this case, the convicted woman chose not to exercise those legal rights of appeal. In the eyes of the law, and of all of us who respect the rule of law in our society, this left no alternative but to use all legal means to see that she followed the judge's order to pay the fine imposed.

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IT CERTAINLY is strange for all this legal and police activity to flow from a simple dog case, but it is not unwarranted. Those who say the police should not be wasting their time on such trivial matters miss the point that were this woman ignored and allowed not to pay her fine, where would we draw the line?

Surely we do not want the police to decide which rulings by judges are to be enforced and which are to be ignored.

Besides legal avenues of appeal of her conviction and/or sentence, this woman also has the right, as do all of us, to press politically for changes to what presumably she sees as an unjust by-law. Curiously, we have not seen her at city council meetings nor have we seen other evidence of her lobbying for such changes.

If she hoped her sacrificial exploits in flouting the ruling of a local judge would win changes to the by-law or how it is enforced, we are sure she will be disappointed.

There is, however, a case to be made for even more stringent enforcement of our by-laws regarding dogs. All too often we see dogs tied to parking meters or other objects while owners are in shops or elsewhere. If the danger is real that such dogs pose a hazard to passersby, as we believe is true no matter how apparently even-tempered the dog, then many more dog owners should be brought to account for their negligence so the practice is stopped.

Why not charge extra?

IF THE everyday person could understand what goes on at our post office, it wouldn't be our post office.

It seems that without a labor dispute and, now, without even a deficit for the public to gripe about, the busy folk at Canada Post Corp decided they should stir up trouble with something else.

That something else was an announcement last week that the post office would add a 10-cent surcharge to any letter not bearing a correct postal code. This was followed the next day by another announcement by Mr Who-can-remember-his-name-because-he-seldom-surfaces who heads up the outfit that the earlier announcement was a mistake and there will be no such surcharge.

Which proves only that the bosses at Canada Post must be feeling very sensitive these days. Despite the hue and cry from some quarters which obviously had its desired effect, we can't see a single thing wrong with the idea of a surcharge for uncoded mail.

Our thinking goes like this: The postal code supposedly allows mail to be moved faster and cheaper. It thus costs more to process a letter without the code. Why should those who take the time and effort to put correct codes on letters pay for the laziness of others?

It seems perfectly normal to us for an organization to set certain standards for earning the lowest-possible rate to get a service. The post office already does this in a myriad of ways, from giving cheaper rates to bulk users to charging more if envelopes are not of certain basic sizes. Why should there also not be a charge for not coding one's mail correctly?

After all, it's not as if postal codes are a new gimmick being sprung upon an unsuspecting populace. It's been a full 15 years since those of us in the Montreal area were given our codes. Shouldn't we have learned to use them by now?

After being told, in effect, in the post office's original announcement that code users are subsidizing the non-use of others, why should we be pleased with the later retreat from the surcharge which tells us this ripoff by codeaphobics will continue?

Good old Canada Post. Only they can take a good idea and make a bad one out of it.

Some things never change.

You Say

Attention Mrs Slosmanis: Your 15 minutes are up

Sir: I have been following the Slosmanis vs city hall debacle for some time now, and feel that they both (all) have had more than the 15 minutes of fame Andy Warhol warned us about.

There is only one participant in this silliness who has come out of all this with her dignity intact, and I cheer loudly for her. Let's all hear it for Charlie! People should have such equanimity and good sense!

Christopher R. Schon
412 Metcalfe avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 2Z6

City hall paintings a treat to view

Sir: Such a treat this morning while en route to the cashier's cage at city hall to spot the two Marian Scotts in the council chamber. Knockout paintings. Large and colorful, strong and complex and interesting. Thank you, city hall, for these views you are giving us. And thank you, Marian Scott.

Elizabeth MacNeill
4656 Sherbrooke street west
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1G3

Photos of snow dump show city's two faces

Sir: With reference to the recent exchange of correspondence in THE EXAMINER about the practice of dumping snow on part of the bird sanctuary, I am enclosing a series of photos taken recently, which are self-explanatory.

I have written to Mayor May Cutler enclosing copies of these same photos, which I have entitled the "two faces of Westmount."

Muriel O. Doherty
225 Olivier avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2C7

Editor's Note: Because the color photos would lose most of their impact in black and white, we are not reproducing them here. Two show the lovely flowers outside city hall while the other three show the black mass of melting "snow" at the summit and defoliated trees nearby.

SPCA appreciates help with bazaar

Sir: On behalf of the SPCA, the Westmount volunteers gratefully acknowledge all generosity and support from the City of Westmount, Victoria Hall, THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER and all donors and patrons who helped to make our second annual bazaar the success it was.

See you next year!

Beverley Auerbach
Chairman
Westmount Volunteers, SPCA
78 Arlington avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 2W4

Old-fashioned courtesy and service do exist

Sir: Everywhere we turn today we find evidence of poor service and uncaring managers or clerks. I thought you might be

Editorial Notes

WE'RE still on the lookout for nominations for the Air Canada Heart of Gold Award. The national program, being organized by Air Canada in conjunction with Canada's 750 community papers, continues with nominations open until July 31, after which a number of nominations will be singled out in each province from among all those received. The program seeks to honor the unsung heroes of our community, those who give of themselves to make life better for others but without getting (and generally not seeking) any real recognition. We've received a number of very worthy nominations already which have been forwarded to the Quebec organizers. If you'd like to make a nomination, simply drop us a line explaining why and giving the nominee's name, address and telephone number as well as your own. Our address is 155 Hillside avenue, Westmount, H3Z 2Y8....

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IN THIS season of graduations we are more than glad to receive for free publication photos and information about Westmount graduates. If there's a grad in your family, send us a photo (color or black and white, any size) and the relevant information for our "Hats Off to Our Grads" column. Include the names of the grad's parents and their Westmount address, degree or diploma earned, subject of concentration, prizes won and any plans for after graduation. Material can be brought or mailed to our office, 155 Hillside avenue, Westmount, H3Z 2Y8. Photos can be picked up after publication...

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READERS will have noted the past three weeks that the familiar cartoon by Judy Yelon is missing from the page opposite. Mrs Yelon has announced her retirement as THE EXAMINER's cartoonist, much to our regret and, we are sure, that of her many fans. If you think her cartoons have been a regular feature for a long time, you are right. Her first appeared Nov 6, 1975. Thanks, Judy, for all the great chuckles.

I Say!

TO become a popular religion, it is only necessary for a superstition to enslave a philosophy.

—W. R. Inge, Dean of St Paul's, London

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

The Moscow summit

HOW far we have come in East-West relations in this decade!

Would anyone in the early 1980s have guessed that the president of the United States, who described the Soviet Union as "the evil empire," would find himself on the streets of Moscow in 1988? And were he to return in 1989 he would likely see McDonald's golden arches dotting the Moscow landscape.

Only a few years ago polls showed that many Canadians viewed a nuclear confrontation between superpowers as inevitable. Today I suspect a similar poll would show a dramatic decrease in those numbers.

The summits between President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev should receive most of the credit. *Glasnost* seemed impossible under his predecessors. The abiding question is whether glasnost is all show and no substance.

Here President Reagan deserves credit for placing the emphasis on human rights during his trip to the Soviet Union. In a column two weeks ago, I pointed out the change in Soviet policy on human rights was less than we might think, reading the daily newspapers. All the pomp and circumstance surrounding summit meetings and disarmament talks disguise the fact that a genuine coming together of East and West will not happen until there is a dramatic change in the Soviet attitude toward individual freedom.

The Soviets argue that our perceptions are out of date and that there have been major changes. Compared to the terror of Stalinism that is perhaps true, but based on the documented evidence of human rights violations, the Soviet Union remains a far cry from a freedom-loving democracy. I am impressed that the president saw fit to take on that issue and "beard the lion in his own den," so to speak.

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

Liberating the BREF

ANDRÉ Bourbeau, minister of municipal affairs, has introduced legislation which will permit the Bureau de revision de l'évaluation foncière (BREF) to fully exercise its role as arbitrator of the fairness of property evaluations.

The BREF's role is to judge the accuracy of the evaluations undertaken by the evaluation service of the Montreal Urban Community, when property owners decide to appeal. Its capacity to respond to appeals is in question because Taxe$ Action is suing to invalidate the 1988 roll, thus — under the current law — paralysing the BREF.

Mayor May Cutler and I wrote a month or so ago to Mr Bourbeau and to Herb Marx, the minister of justice, asking that the law be changed to permit the BREF to operate despite the lawsuit, and thus respond to the hundreds of appeals which homeowners will wish to lodge. That is what Mr Bourbeau is in the process of doing.

On the global question of a more equitable evaluation system, the technical committee of the municipal commission of Quebec will be making a series of recommendations to the minister, who will in turn submit legislation to the National Assembly this fall.

As we reported here several weeks ago, the minister has committed himself to ensuring that there will be no repeat of last year's "taxation psychosis." Not only do we need an improved technical framework for municipal taxation, one which will arrest the transfer of the tax burden onto the shoulders of residential homeowners, we also need a reorganization which will enforce responsiveness and accountability on the evaluation service of the Montreal Urban Community.

The service currently sits enthroned on its political neutrality, in splendid isolation and magnificent indifference to the suffering which its incompetence and technocratic rigidity create.

The Westmount Examiner

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Forty-five Years Ago
June 3, 1943

"Highlights of Royal Visit to City May 18, 1939: King George opened the new 'Road of Remembrance' on the site of the former Shakespeare road — Côte des Neiges to the Mountain (Mount Royal). The Montreal Women's Club and the Remembrance Branch, Canadian Legion were in charge of the arrangements. One hundred thousand persons lined the route. Three thousand two hundred children assembled in specially erected grandstands. All municipal buildings and schools on the route were decorated... Murray Park renamed 'King George Park,' in honor of the Royal visit."

Thirty-five Years Ago
May 29, 1953

"All details for the city's celebration of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II have been worked out and if the weatherman shows the least sign of neighborly co-operation the two-hour show will be staged in the Athletic Grounds on Tuesday evening. The grounds will be open at 7:15 and at 7:30 massed community singing will start the show... From 8 pm until 9:10 the centre of attraction will be a giant Parade and Military Pageant... At 9:10 His Honor Mayor Roy Campbell will deliver a 10-minute address and at 9:20 a display of fireworks will climax the city's celebration of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II."

Twenty-five Years Ago
May 31, 1963

"Wonder Bakeries, 323 Prince Albert avenue, Westmount have increased the price of a loaf of bread by one cent, effective yesterday. Other bakers are expected to announce a similar increase within a few days. Officials at the bakery said that the increase was necessary due to 'a substantial rise in the cost of flour.' This is the first increase in the price of bread in the Montreal area since July 20, 1961."

Fifteen Years Ago
May 31, 1973

"Members of the Westmount Municipal Association Tuesday night approved by a relatively slim margin a recommendation to cancel the proposed public housing project on Hillside avenue. By an 80-62 vote which followed 1½ hours of debate on the subject, members approved a motion, made by Michael Price, that 'the Westmount Municipal Association calls for the cancellation of the public housing project on Hillside avenue.'"

Five Years Ago
June 2, 1983

"Westmount will be losing one of its best known and respected churchmen at the end of June when John Nicholls Doidge, rector of St Matthias' Anglican Church, leaves to take up the post of senior assistant at the St James' Church, London, Ont. This will be somewhat of a homecoming for the Venerable Dr Doidge, since it was in the same London parish 45 years ago that he was ordained to a curacy. Since coming to St Matthias' in 1962, in addition to faithfully ministering to his parish, Dr Doidge has been active in national, diocesan and local community activities. In 1970 he was appointed Archdeacon of Montreal."

So what? We're not BURNING books!!!

WESTMOUNT

Harry Mayerovitch

You Say

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interested in an experience I had recently in Westmount that proved old-fashioned courtesy and service still exists.

My answering phone suddenly refused to accept calls, so after a visit to a few electronic stores in my neighborhood — mostly the response was "send it to the manufacturer," on an impulse, I dropped into a small store at 4110 St Catherine where I had previously purchased a tape for recording my answer phone messages. The fellow checked out my tape and pronounced it healthy, then suggested I bring in the machine and he'd see if it was simply a matter of cleaning the innards. No charge, he added. I was shocked, pleasantly, but shocked.

I made the visit and the machine was still dumbstruck.

Not to worry, my new friend said. And promptly provided me with the phone numbers of "electronic doctors" who would revive my machine.

Who is this Samaritan? Earl Eichenbaum, general manager of Distribution Magnetique. And one last thought. We sometimes blame the wave of rudeness and indifference on the youngsters, believing that only those on the far side of 50 recognize courtesy when they see it. I never asked Mr Eichenbaum his age, but he hasn't seen 30 yet, I would venture.

William Palmer
220 Olivier avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2C5

Story helped War Amps make its policy known

Sir: At the beginning of March, I telephoned you to describe a situation of serious concern to The War Amputations of Canada. We were receiving calls from donors who believed that they had been solicited for donations by The War Amputations of Canada. The War Amps does not, at any time, ask for funds over the telephone.

During our telephone conversation, you confirmed that our message to inform the public of this situation could be published in your newspaper. Your willing support played an important role in the success of our key tag campaign for 1988.

The printed message was, indeed, effective and we received a number of calls from prospective donors who had been solicited by telephone and who were confused about the source of the request. Thanks to your support, we were able to clarify the situation for these callers.

The War Amputations of Canada administers many programs for Canadian amputees with the funds it raises through the key tag and address label service. We depend upon the faith and support of members of the public in order to be able to do this as we are funded strictly through donations. The War Amps does not receive any government funding.

Thank you so much once again for the support that you provided to The War Amputations of Canada in this unfortunate situation.

Marlène Girard
Quebec Services Co-ordinator
The War Amputations of Canada
5340 Ferrier street
MONTREAL PQ H4P 1L9

WMA awaiting city help with budget comparisons

A copy of the following letter has been sent to THE EXAMINER:

Mayor May Cutler
Westmount City Hall
Dear Mayor Cutler:

The Westmount Municipal Association was initially most encouraged by your written response to our mid-March resolution concerning municipal expenditures. Your response indicated your intention to compare in depth the Westmount budget with the budget of parallel cities in the MUC through their mayors. Since that time and our subsequent follow-up telephone conversation, it appears that progress in this area has stalled.

Meanwhile, statements have been made by city officials to the effect that per capita comparisons are a poor basis of comparison for municipal expenditures. Unfortunately, no guidance has been provided as to what is a better overall measure of relative efficiency in the delivery of municipal services and a better indicator of where to look for possible savings.

The WMA cover letter of March 14, 1988, which accompanied the resolution on municipal expenditures, states that "the general comparison of levels of per capita expenditures between communities, which is the basis of the resolution, admittedly is subject to certain limitations. Each community is to some degree unique and this

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Commercial space, not condos, in renovated Peugeot building

By CHARLES MAPPIN

It was a question of dollars that made the developer of the Peugeot Westmount building change his mind about the nature of his future tenants.

When François Simard spoke to THE EXAMINER last December, he had ambitious plans to turn his building at 4269 St Catherine street, between Clarke and Olivier avenues, into 17 loft-style condominium units.

However, a sign went up on the site recently advertising the availability of commercial and office space, indicating that the original plans had been changed.

Unfortunately for Mr Simard, Westmount's zoning by-law doesn't permit lofts in the city. A possible alternative was conversion to a more typical residential condominium building. This turned out to be a more expensive undertaking and would have generated less money in sales than conversion to a commercial and office building. Mr Simard gives this as the reason for his change of plans.

He acquired the property, formerly the Roger Automobile Peugeot dealership, last August for $2.3 million. It had been vacant for several years.

He imagined the building would be perfect for condos because of its central location and its interesting interior structure. While it appears to be an ordinary four-storey building from the street, the structure actually has eight levels set off from one another at half-storeys. A spiral ramp circles the perimeter of the building, flattening out at each floor. This would have allowed for split-level living spaces.

The rooms have high ceilings with widely-spaced support pillars and no interior walls. They could easily have been transformed into roomy loft apartments.

Before the renovations had even begun, 70 percent of the condos in the building were sold, Mr Simard says. Then he saw his construction costs rise through the roof. While he appreciates the high standards set by Westmount's building code, he says material and manpower required to meet them would have substantially raised the project's costs.

Architect's drawing shows the look of the renovated Peugeot Westmount building on St Catherine street between Clarke and Olivier avenues.

Selling the units in the projected range of $180,000 to $300,000 became impossible. Raising the prices would have put the apartments in the same price range as the other condos now on the market in Westmount.

"Our market survey indicated I should forget that idea and make it a commercial building," Mr Simard says.

He says he settled with the people who had already reserved space, adding "with such an active condo market, they had no problem relocating."

One reason building in this city is more expensive than elsewhere is that Westmount requires sprinklers throughout new and renovated buildings and copper pipes rather than cheaper plastic ones.

This has resulted in an interesting situation at the Dawson College Mother House site which straddles the Westmount-Montreal border. In the Westmount part of that building, the new pipes are copper to comply with this city's code. The copper stops exactly at the border where the builders changed to plastic pipes.

"We're keeping much of what we had planned for the Peugeot Westmount," Mr Simard says, "but less finishing will be required for commercial and office space."

A central atrium, the only major structural change to the building, will allow natural light to bathe the lobby from above. The atrium will also feature a glass elevator.

Tenants have the choice of buying their office space, thereby acquiring a condominium office, or renting it in the conventional manner. Rentals are in the range of $13 to $16 per square foot annually. The space can be bought outright for an average of $150 per square foot.

The ground floor will be commercial and the other levels will have offices. Mr Simard hopes to have two stores split the shopping level. He says the office space is about 30 percent accounted for and leases are being negotiated with other tenants.

One tenant of the building will be Jane Adams Custom Design Mirrors. The company, which is currently in the New Sherbrooke building and has been ousted from there for the expansion of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, will have offices and a showroom.

The offices of Hamilton Licensing, the international trade financing consultant, will also be moving to the building.

Occupancy in the Peugeot Westmount is expected for late July or early August.

Cigarette thieves strike two stores

Two Westmount dépanneurs on St Catherine street at Metcalfe avenue were broken into last week by cigarette-seeking thieves who threw rocks through the glass doors, police report.

Although 40 cartons of cigarettes valued at $900 were stolen from Haines early Monday last week, two burglars escaped empty-handed from Perrette's Saturday at 4:25 am after being surprised by the manager as they were stuffing cigarettes into a bag.

It was possible that the two incidents were related, police said.

Although public safety officers arrested a suspect in connection with the Perrette's break-in soon after, the man was released unconditionally after questioning at local MUC police station 23.

He was identified as a 19-year-old man from downtown Montreal.

The man had been spotted outside 1125 Greene avenue after descriptions of the two were provided by the manager, who had been receiving a milk delivery at the rear of the store when he heard the breaking glass.

The suspects were described as black youths, one wearing dark clothing, the other in a white coat.

The Haines break-in had been discovered at 4:10 am on the holiday Monday by a passing MUC patrol whose constables noticed a broken window in the door.

Flower pots pull up roots

Flower containers were stolen from two Westmount homes last week, according to police reports.

One was on Lansdowne avenue north of Sherbrooke street where two pots valued at $120 disappeared from a front porch overnight Monday-Tuesday.

Two hanging pots of unknown value were stolen over the same period on Willow avenue.

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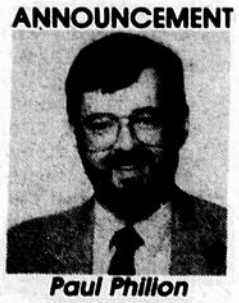

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Is fire department responsible?

Coming Supreme Court decision may affect Nihon Plaza fire suits

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Lawyers involved in multi-million dollar claims resulting from the Alexis Nihon Plaza fire are said to be anxiously awaiting a decision by the Supreme Court of Canada in a similar case.

The ruling, which will deal with responsibilities, if any, of a municipal fire department in the event a building burns down, "will have bearing" on the Plaza fire, according to Westmount city prosecutor John Donovan.

"Most of the lawyers are waiting for that decision which is coming soon," he told THE EXAMINER Tuesday.

The Supreme Court case involves the Ville de Beaufort fire department and is very similar to the Plaza situation, Mr Donovan said.

Lawsuits totalling more than $68 million were served jointly and severally against the cities of Westmount and Montreal following the fire Oct 26, 1986.

Most of the claims allege negligence by firefighters in the spread of the fire beyond the 10th floor of the 15-storey tower. The new tower has been rebuilt within the frame of the original structure.

Only seven percent of the building lies in Westmount territory and local firefighters became involved only after the fire spread into the Westmount section.

Although actual court proceedings are "a long way down the line," Mr Donovan said, one lawyer for an insurance firm concerned with a group of tenants already has examined two members of Westmount's fire department in the matter.

Another out-of-court examination is being carried out this week on Alexis Nihon personnel, he said.

Most legal action at this point is confined to assembling experts and gathering facts, Mr Donovan explained.

Ignoring jurisdictional dispute:

Local court resumes hearing criminal cases when lawyers don't mind

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount's municipal court has resumed hearing criminal cases in instances where lawyers are prepared to proceed. Judge William Shaw is presiding over the cases, city prosecutor John Donovan told THE EXAMINER Tuesday.

Criminal proceedings in the municipal court had bogged down over a jurisdictional challenge to Judge Keith Ham over the methods used in his appointment. The challenge is before the Quebec Court of Appeals.

For almost a year, in consequence, Westmount criminal cases have been referred downtown to Sessions Court. Judge Shaw, has continued to preside over traffic and other non-criminal cases.

The move to increase Judge Shaw's work results mainly from the preference of many lawyers to have their cases settled in the municipal court, Mr Donovan explained.

"We did refer a number of cases to Sessions Court but Judge Shaw is now sitting on most cases where defence lawyers have said they would not raise the question of jurisdiction."

Judge Shaw's appointment was made many years ago in a different manner to that used now by the Quebec provincial government.

Most municipal court judges in Quebec are appointed by order-in-council, a procedure which has been challenged in several municipalities, including Westmount, as providing insufficient security of tenure to render them independent in terms of hearing criminal code cases.

The challenge to Judge Ham was made in the impaired driving case against Gilles Braconnier May 13, 1987 (see story June 26).

Other similar challenges took place in other municipal courts and were subsequently upheld on appeal in a Superior Court judgment Feb 18.

The matter is now being appealed before the Quebec Court of Appeals by the Quebec attorney general in conjuction with Westmount and several other municipalities (see story April 7).

Car running, driver walking

Two cars were stolen in Westmount last week, police report.

One was a $12,000 Honda that had been parked at Vignal and Sherbrooke street Wednesday afternoon last week between 1:30 and 4:30 pm by a resident of Côte St Luc. The silver-colored hatchback contained a $1,500 sound system.

The other was a courier's car which had been left running last Thursday at 4025 Dorchester boulevard while the driver made a delivery at the Royal Bank data centre at 6:02 pm.

Child struck as car jumps light

An 11-year-old Westmount boy was hit by a car Monday last week while crossing Sherbrooke street at Metcalfe avenue about 4:38 pm with his sister, police report.

The driver of the car, a 21-year-old man from Barrie, Ontario, was ticketed for failing to stop at a red light as well as for not yielding to a pedestrian.

Police said that, according to witnesses, the boy and girl became caught in the middle of Sherbrooke as the light turned yellow. As they started to run, an eastbound car started through the intersection before the light turned green.

The boy was treated at the scene by Urgences Santé.

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Luxury shopping mall opens doors on Greene

By CHARLES MAPPIN

The first of the 16 new stores in the Greene avenue mini-mall opened its doors for business last weekend. Montreal Importé sells a varied collection of architectural effects for interior and garden decorating.

Passersby were drawn into the new mall, which is still having its finishing touches worked on, by the intriguing Sierra stone floors lining the two main courtyards on either side of the stores. The copper-colored stone feels cushiony under foot. The project's developer, Robert Erickson, imported the stone from California where he says it is commonly used around swimming pools.

The mini-mall, known as Les Promenades de Village Greene, is situated on the bottom two levels of the renovated Asquith Apartments on the west side of Greene between de Maisonneuve boulevard and Sherbrooke street.

Montreal Importé sells heavy-cast aluminum garden furniture based on Victorian designs and teak benches from England. It has over 400 designs of old-fashioned tin ceilings, a range of ornamental wood moldings for cornices and chair-rails, reproductions of street lamps and old-fashioned English mailboxes. The store is run by Flower Pham and her daughter, Tam.

Charm and opulence

Mr Erickson says he is striving to give Les Promenades de Village Greene a "European charm" and wants the stores to be as opulent as possible.

To complement the Sierra stone, oak, rosewood and mahogany are used extensively in the mall's interior. Brass railings and fixtures abound. Tiffany lamps will light the interior and classical music will fill the shops.

Mr Erikson says he wants to make sure he has a good blend of high-quality stores. "I'm not rushing to rent out the stores," he expalins. "I would rather wait for the right merchants to give the place a better atmosphere."

He expects the mall will be completely open by September.

Mr Erikson plans to have a hand in a few of the stores, managing them himself or just having an interest in them. The next two businesses in the complex will open in about six weeks. He will be starting up a restaurant and a chocolatier.

The Salon de Thé et Café will serve desserts and light foods, including a high tea. It will also feature a champagne and wine bar and will be divided into several rooms with slightly differing decors to create an intimate atmosphere.

The chocolate store will be a franchise of the 105-year-old Roger's Chocolates of British Columbia, known for its "10 creams to the pound."

Another store due to open in the mall is an "haute electronics" store selling the latest electronic gadgets, many of which Montrealers can now only get by mail-order. Mr Erikson also hopes to have an antique jeweller, a bath boutique, a tobacconist and a florist in the mall.

He plans to set up a shoppers' gift service "for the harried businessman." People will be able to phone in and have unusual gifts chosen for them by the service.

A $10,000 building permit was issued by the city in Mr Erikson's name last week for the work to set up the tea house and champagne bar.

Work on the interior courtyards is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

This white prototype MUC police Voyageur van displays the blue markings which will come to distinguish all vehicles used by the force.

Yellow is the new look for Westmount's public security vehicles unveiled Saturday. **Director Richard McEnroe** poses with one of two new Caravan.

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mit the use of flashers which MUC police had requested not be used along with the PSU's navy and white vehicles, a color-scheme widely used by police forces in other places and deemed to create possible confusion in the minds of the public, particularly people from out of town (see story Feb 25).

The purchase of two front-wheel-drive mini-vans by the PSU was made to better negotiate the hills in winter and to provide more room for equipment, Dir McEnroe explained.

They already appear to be providing greater comfort for officers spending most of the day behind the wheel, he said.

MUC police, according to Cst Caza, will replace some patrol cars with mini-vans because they offer better visibility to the patroller along with being more spacious.

City council authorized purchase of two "Dodge Voyageurs" for use by the PSU March 7. The vehicles, as delivered, are Dodge Caravans, Voyageurs being Plymouth models.

Bomb threats empty theatre

Moviegoers were evacuated from the Cineplex Odeon theatre in Alexis Nihon Plaza twice last week after bomb threats were received. It was assumed the incidents were related, police said.

The theatre was searched on each occasion and no suspicious parcels were found. One incident occurred Monday at 5:35 pm, the other the next afternoon at 4:50.

The caller was identified as a man, saying in French that there was a bomb in the theatre.

Teen struck by backing car

A 16-year-old girl was believed to have suffered a cracked hip when she was struck by a car Wednesday last week, police report. The car was backing up on St Catherine street at Redfern avenue.

The vehicle, which did not remain at the scene, was described only as grey.

The mishap occurred in front of Westmount High School at 3 pm as the victim and a friend were crossing St Catherine toward a bus waiting at the stop.

As they started to pass behind a car beside the bus, the driver apparently backed up, knocking the girl to the street, and then proceeded ahead when the light turned green.

The victim, a resident of St Hubert, was treated at the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Drunken youth walks over car

A 16-year-old Westmount boy was taken to local MUC police station 23 at 6:10 am Saturday after a resident of Arlington avenue called to report a car being damaged, police said.

When police arrived on the scene, they found the youth lying on the ground in a state of intoxication. He was reported to have been walking on a car. Footprints were found on the hood and roof of the blue 1987 Honda. It was not known how much damage was caused.

The youth was released pending possible charges.

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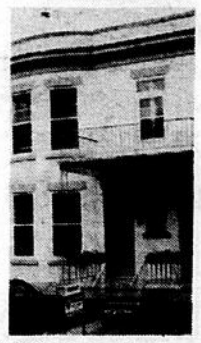

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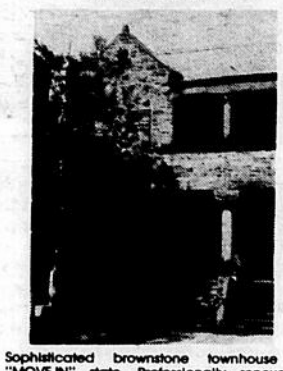

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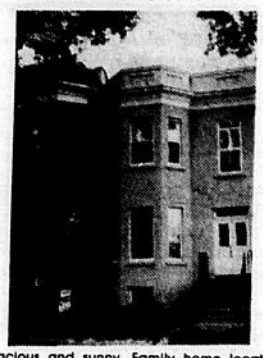

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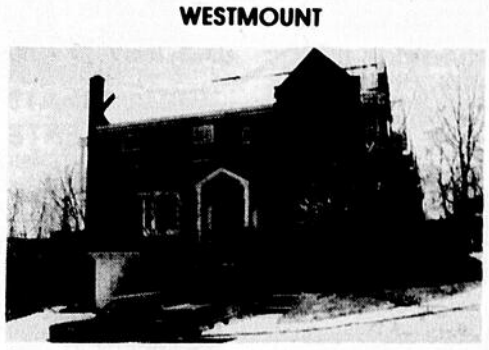

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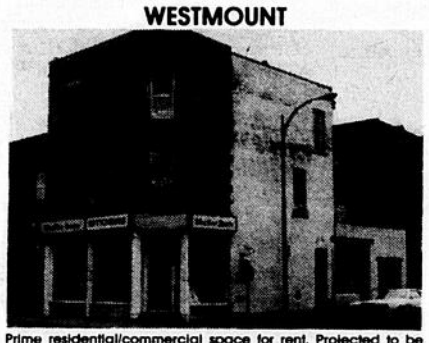

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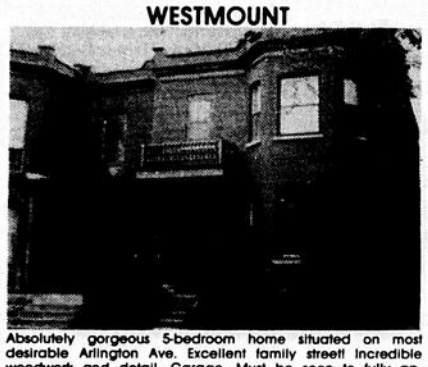

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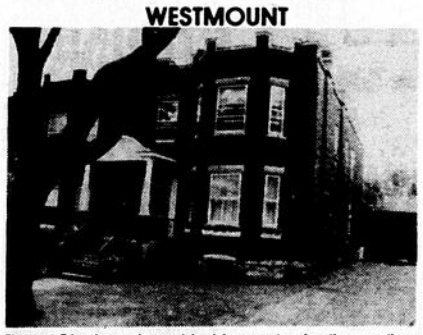

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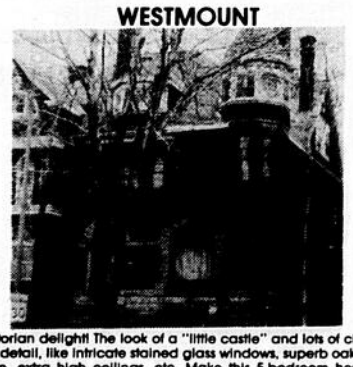

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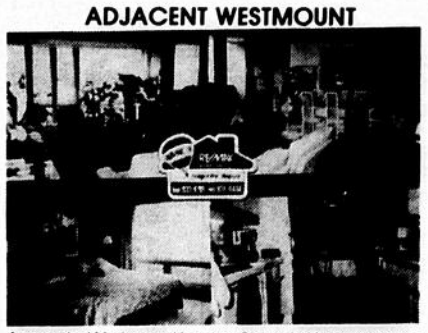

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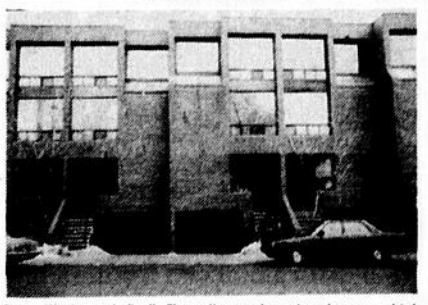

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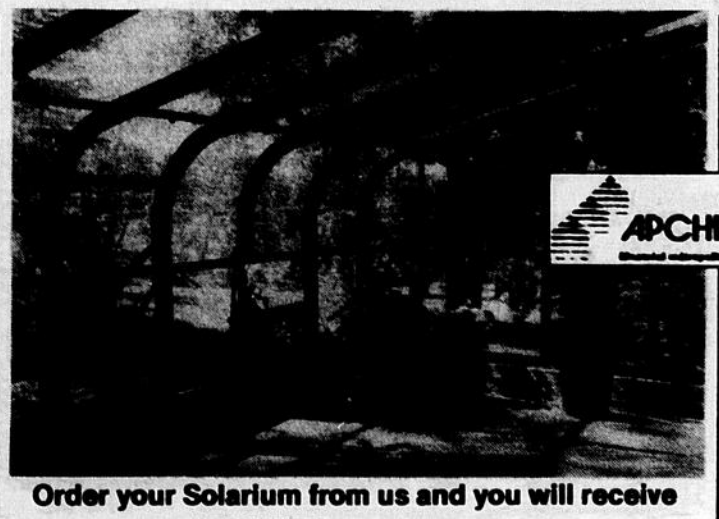

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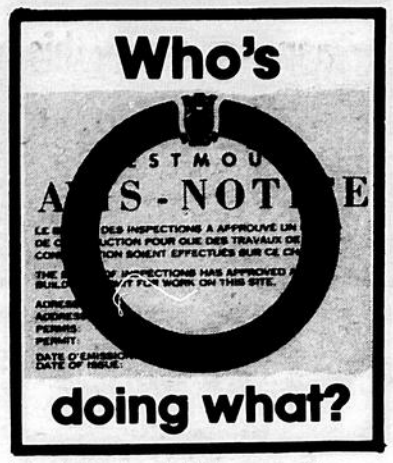

The following building permits were issued at Westmount city hall recently:

May 24

43 Thornhill: for Mrs Wright by self, repairs, $500;
322 Prince Albert: for C. Garneau by Plomberie Allard Inc, gas conversion, $3,100;
728 Upper Belmont: for Mr Caroli by Nortrem Ltd, alterations, $150,000;
630 Grosvenor: for T. McShane by self, alterations to deck, $7,000;
462 Wood: for George MacLaren by Plomberie Parker Enr, plumbing, eight fixtures, $6,000;
4205 St Catherine: for Mr Scatia by self, plumbing, three fixtures, $1,500;
1336 Greene: for Robert Erikson by self, renovations, $10,000 (see story);
43 Thornhill: for Mrs Wright by Dion & Legaré Inc, plumbing, six fixtures, $3,000;

May 25

472 Strathcona: for B. Kaulbach by self, pointing, $1,000;
4337 Westmount: for Mr Leblanc by Construction Roy Goyette Inc, alterations, $14,000;
617 Belmont: for Mr Levitt by Franc & Gallant Ltée, new entrance, $3,500;
540 Côte St Antoine: for Mr MacKinnon by J. Blanchard Inc, plumbing, six fixtures, $4,000;
636 Sydenham: for J. Levy by Gas St Laurent, plumbing, seven fixtures, $600;
196 Côte St Antoine: for P.H. Spies by Larochelle Ltée, to replace plastic plumbing, three fixtures, $800;
78 Summit Circle: for Mr Vogel by Continental Nursery and Landscaping, landscaping, $10,000;
73 Rosemount crescent: for Dr Arello by self, garden patio, $10,000;

May 26

1112 Greene: for Ronnie Rees by self, fence, $1,000;
312 Kensington: for L. Caron by self, roof repairs, $2,000;
794 Lexington: for Allen Rubin by Union Plumbing Ltd, to replace plumbing, three fixtures, $1,000;
794 Lexington: for Allen Rubin by Union Plumbing Ltd, gas conversion for stove, $450;
7 Parkman Place: for André Thiffault by Plomberie Centrale Ltée, plumbing, one fixture, $2,600;
4205 St Catherine: for Orthosport Inc by self, interior alterations, $15,000;
578 Claremont: for Michelle Burt by self, patio, $6,000;
3172 The Boulevard: for D. Schwartz by Plomberie Parker Enr, plumbing, four fixtures, $5,000;

May 27

5 Bellevue: for David Cohen by Charles Roth Inc, plumbing, one fixture, $6,000;
27 Rosemount: for Yves Julien by self, alterations, $4,500;
378 Clarke: for Louis Cadriette by self, alterations, $5,000;
306 Grosvenor: for Susan Hudson by self, alterations, $5,000;
175 Metcalfe: for Reader's Digest by self, to erect a gate, $3,000;
73 Sommerville: for Matthew Cope by self, repairs, $1,500;
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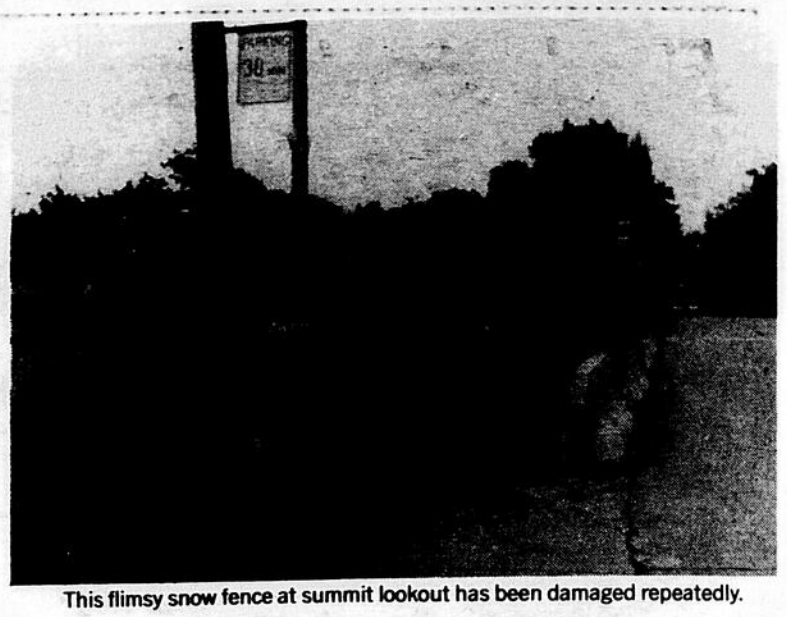

This flimsy snow fence at summit lookout has been damaged repeatedly.

Snow fence at lookout damaged again

Repeated incidents of people breaking down snow fences around repair work at the summit lookout appear to prove that a more permanent type of fence is required, public safety officials said this week.

The latest reports include damage by a crowd of some 300 which had converged inside the fenced-off area Saturday night at 9 pm to view the fireworks at La Ronde (see separate story).

MUC police were called to help disperse the crowd despite complaints by those asked to vacate the site.

The fence had been pulled down the night before as well as on a number of occasions in the past several weeks.

Wet bottom

A leaking fire hydrant was discovered at the southwest corner of Sherbrooke street and Elm avenue Friday after construction workers had been seen using it, public safety officers said. A large amount of water was reported to be issuing from the base.

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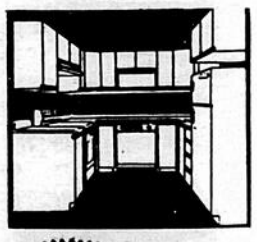

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Elderly shopkeeper robbed at gunpoint

A 68-YEAR-OLD storekeeper was robbed at gunpoint Tuesday of her wedding and engagement rings as well as $70 in cash. She was in a clothing shop on St Catherine street west of Greene avenue, police report.

The robber, who entered Tweedy's about 12:25 pm, asked to see dresses in a certain size, police said.

He then requested money and, when the saleswoman was slow to respond, showed her a revolver and helped himself to the cash.

He then asked for her own jewelry, which she refused. The man then pulled off a pearl necklace and three rings, described as an engagement ring, a wedding band and a diamond ring.

The robber, who escaped on foot, was described as an English-speaking black man aged about 25.

The victim was a resident of Montreal West.

No Westmount names in flood class action

A list of Westmount flood victims from last July 14 was not among those presented to Superior Court this week. The court has begun hearings requesting it to allow a class action suit against Westmount and 10 other municipalities, lawyers told THE EXAMINER yesterday.

Although long lists of petitioners were included from some other municipalities, none was filed in a petition against the City of Westmount, according to lawyer Michel Green who represents the city's insurers.

This was confirmed by Irwin Liebman, petitioning attorney, who said the Westmount petitioners did not submit a list naming members.

"It doesn't change anything," Mr Liebman said.

"We have filed in name of all Westmounters (who sustained damage) and I think people should know it still is not too late to institute a motion."

Last winter, shortly after the petition was filed for the May 30 hearing, Mr Liebman told THE EXAMINER the success of the action depended on the number of names it contained (see story Feb 4).

The class action petition was pleaded Monday and Tuesday before Justice André Forget, who is expected to render judgment in the near future.

If the motion for class action is granted, then other residents can join.

Mr Green, who also is representing storm victims from St Laurent and Hampstead, said that long lists of claimants from those municipalities had been submitted.

"Under rules of practice for Superior Court, article 55, a list of known members (in the petition) must be included," he said.

The petition holds the 11 municipalities reponsible for flood damage resulting from torrential rains July 14 alleging that sewer systems were not adequate.

Westmounters still wanting to join in the effort can obtain further information from Mr Liebman at 284-9155.

Changes coming this week:

Steinberg's manager sees no solution to parking lot line-up nightmare

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Shoppers at the Victoria avenue Steinberg store can expect to encounter confusion with parking and car-order pickup this week if city plans to prevent the present line-up system are carried out as announced for week's end.

"It's going to be a nightmare," store manager Graham Fletcher declared Tuesday.

Unless a last-minute solution is found, he said, all cars seeking parking or entering to pick up car-orders may end up having to use the middle entrance only.

More time is needed for Steinberg's either to widen the entrance or come up with other modifications, he said, noting that personnel at head office were tied up at present with other problems.

"The congestion, the headaches, the frustration will be terrible," Mr Fletcher said. "I'm at my wits end trying to find a solution. Maybe there isn't one."

The parking crisis, which had been smoothed over last December with the implementation of a designed line-up lane on Victoria south of the lot, reared again two weeks ago when city officials announced that cars would no longer be permitted to wait on the street south of the Steinberg lot.

Noting that the previous system was being curtailed following complaints by other merchants, he said he felt they would change their minds "if they thought we were one of the stores to close."

The major food outlet is considered to be a drawing card to the shopping area.

City officials turned the parking problem over to Steinberg's to solve following recent meetings, Bruce St Louis, city traffic chairman, said.

Westmount Liberals pick brass

Local Liberals elected the executive committee of the provincial Westmount Liberal Association at a Victoria Hall meeting Monday night.

The elected group includes Westmount residents Otto Cleyn, president; Peter Duffield, vice-president; Nicole Mackay-Smith, vice-president; Petroula Karagiannis, ethnic counsellor; Robert Fattal, youth counsellor; Elizabeth Roux, youth counsellor; and general counsellors Sally Drummond, Robert Gales and Karin Marks.

Westmount MNA Richard French spoke at the meeting about municipal taxes, the language issue and recent accomplishments of the government.

Sharp find

A jack-knife was found in Westmount Park Sunday afternoon and turned in at local MUC police station 23 on Stanton street.

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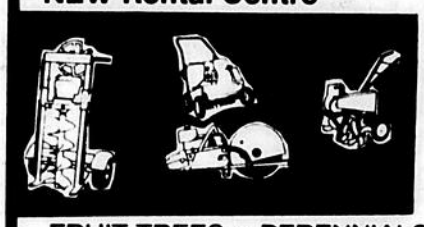

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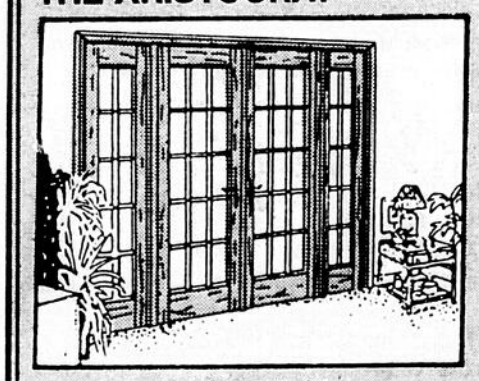

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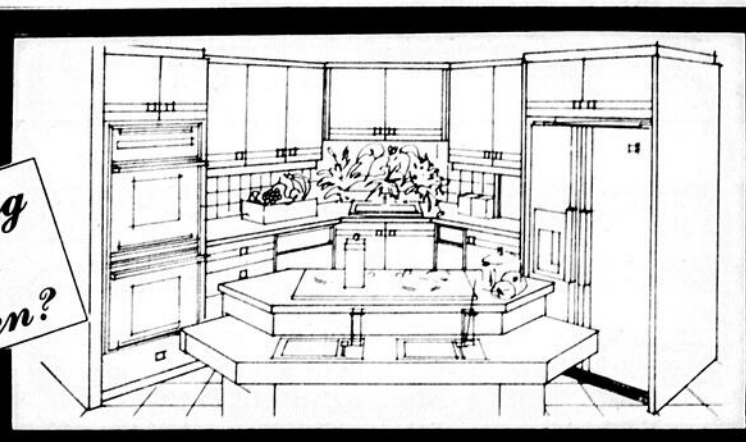

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Suspect arrested in tool-theft attempt

A suspected burglar was arrested Monday night last week after someone called to report that two men had just jumped over a fence at Wood avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard into the construction site of Dawson College, police report.

A 23-year-old man is charged with break and entry as well as assault on a police officer in connection with the incident. He was described as a construction worker.

Tools valued at $6,500 were found outside one of the doors of the building where they were believed to have been dropped when the burglars spotted police.

In relating the incident, police said they were called to the site, the former Mother House property, at 10:55 pm for two persons who had been seen leaving a truck and jumping over the fence.

On arriving at the scene, they located the vehicle which had been left unlocked and managed to remove keys that were on top of the dashboard before they proceeded into the building.

As the building was being searched, two men were spotted leaving one of the rooms. On seeing police, the men ran outside the door near Wood where the tools were later found.

In their haste to escape they were reported to have hit a police officer as they ran north on Wood and disappeared at Sherbrooke street.

The truck was kept under observation until one of the men returned. Police chased him on foot to the entrance of Alexis Nihon Plaza at Atwater and de Maisonneuve, where he was arrested.

A number of tool thefts have been reported recently from several construction sites in Westmount, including the Dawson site.

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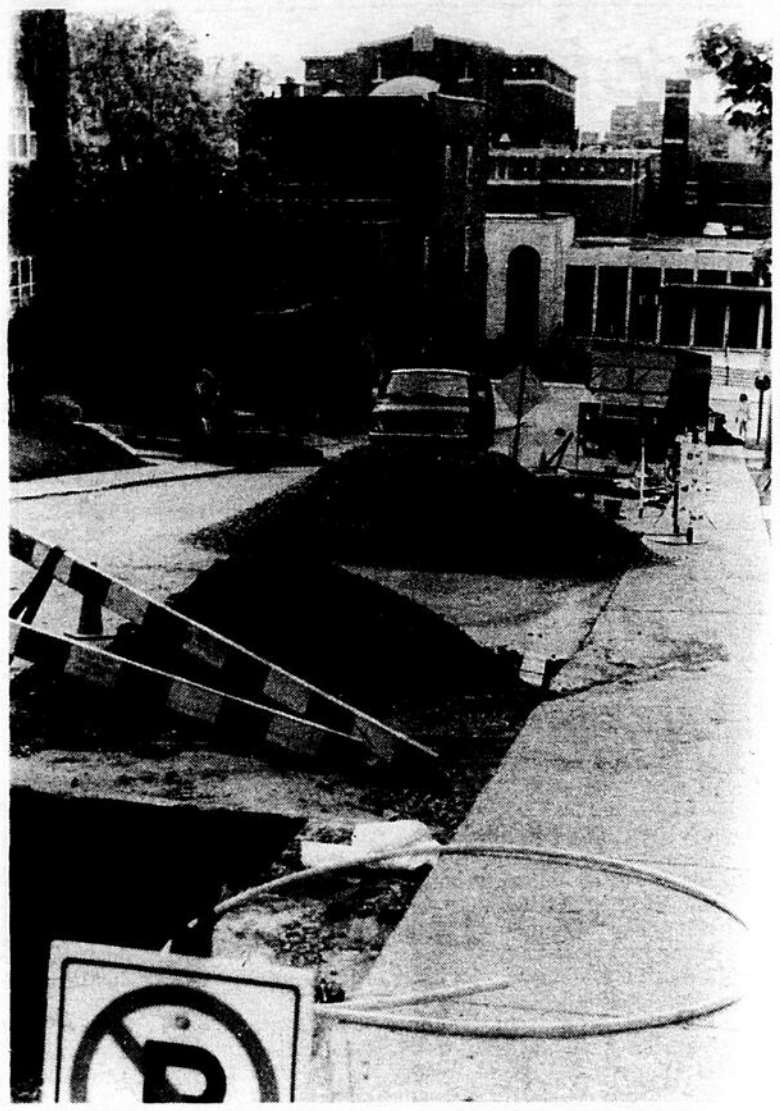

The view down Church Hill on Tuesday morning, showed Gaz Métropolitain workers industriously toiling amidst the piles of gravel and debris.

GAZ...

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work on the following streets:

- Clarke avenue, between the south end of Anwoth road and Montrose avenue;
- Thornhill avenue, between Church Hill and Clarke avenue;
- Montrose avenue, between Murray Hill and Clarke avenue;
- Victoria avenue, between Westmount and Sunnyside avenues;
- Church Hill, between Montrose and Côte St Antoine road;
- Murray Hill, between Côte St Antoine and Montrose;
- Côte St Antoine, between Strathcona and Kensington avenues;
- Metcalfe avenue, between Sherbrooke street and Côte St Antoine.

The work on these streets is at various stages, ranging from preliminary inspection to repairs of gardens and driveways dug up by the company.

Gaz Métropolitain officials are meeting with Westmount city engineer Fred Caluori this week to discuss schedules for other work to be done in the city over the summer.

One big project will involve replacing pipes on Côte St Antoine from Strathcona avenue to the city's western limits. This work will be done during June before Westmount reconstructs and resurfaces the road.

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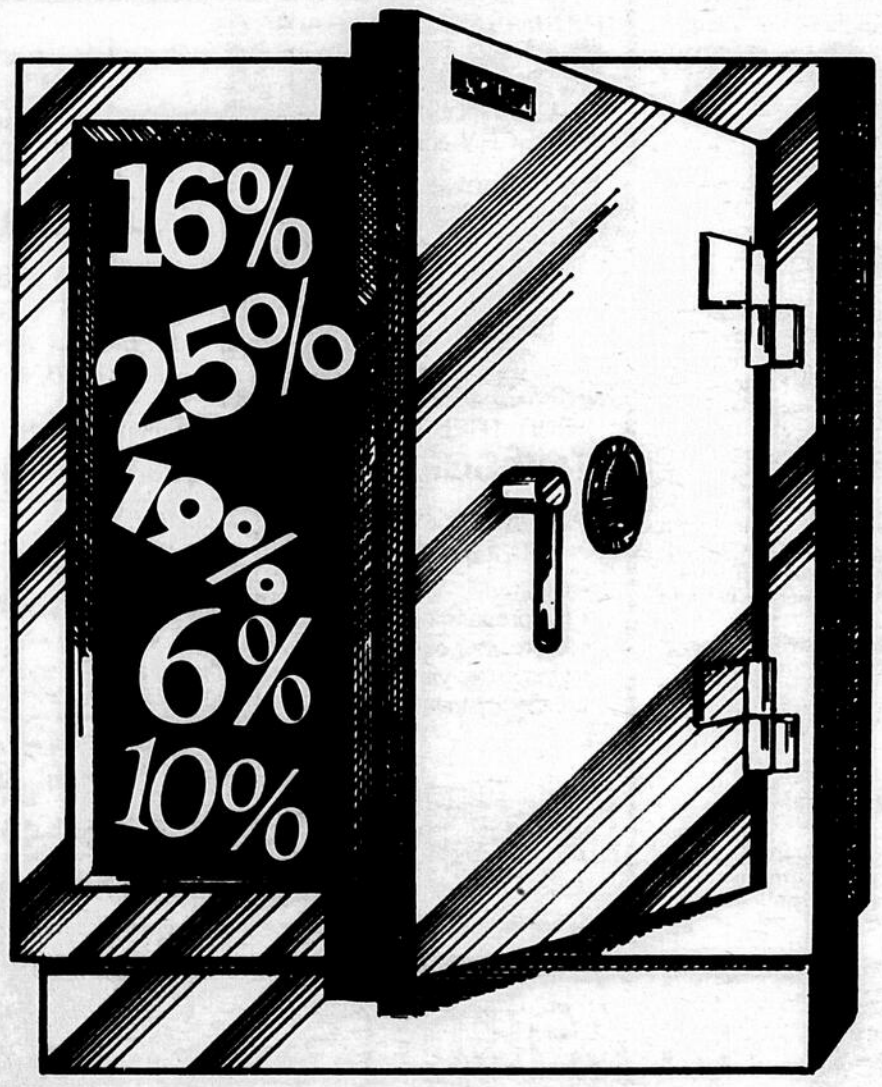

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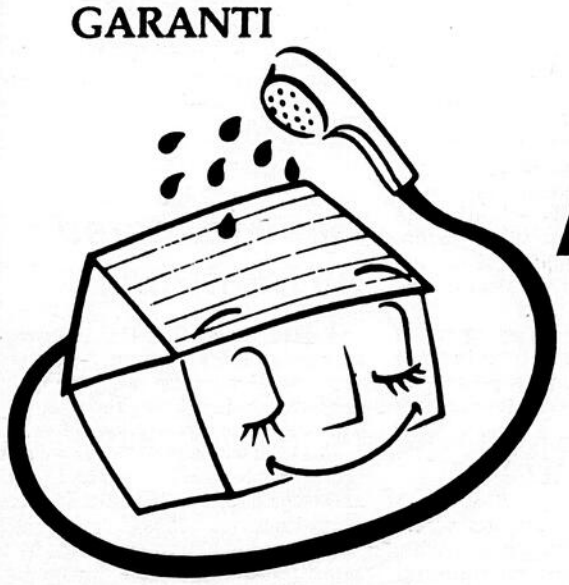

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Conference was illuminating says power boss

Westmount appears to be on the right track in its efforts to "marry the old and new" in its three-year street lighting program.

So says Bruce St Louis, director of the city's light and power department, who returned this week from a conference in Toronto on illumination.

"I'm more confident than ever that our approach is the right one," he told THE EXAMINER Monday.

The city's $5 million relighting program is combining old Washington-style lamp standards with "hi-tech" lighting power.

Problems such as those Westmount has faced in upgrading its lighting in an aesthetic manner were addressed at the conference, held May 25-27 by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America, Mr St Louis said.

He attended six lectures presented by experts in the field, including talks on other lighting programs. He said it was apparent that Westmount was pioneering in certain lighting areas.

"This society is the only one I'm aware of that keeps tabs on major lighting projects such as ours," he explained.

The major concern of many municipalities today, he added, is trying to find a way to create aesthetic lighting within a certain cost.

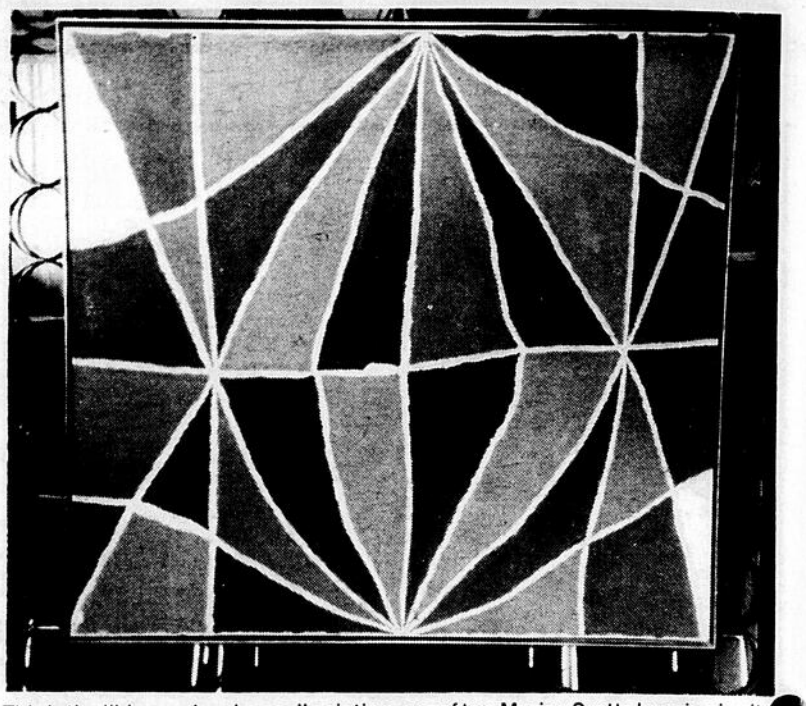
The Westmount program, he noted, "kills two birds with one stone" by attempting to combine decorative and functional lighting in the same unit. "We're trying to achieve both features without having to install cobra lights in addition to smaller decorative lamps as has been done in some areas of the MUC," he said.

One nearby example of this is the street lighting in Montreal at Westmount's east city limits, he said.

Alarm prompts house search

A house on Sunnyside avenue was searched by MUC police Tuesday night last week after they found a balcony door open on the second floor. A burglar alarm had been activated, officials from station 23 report.

No sign of forced entry was found and all was reported to appear in order inside. The alarm call was received at 10:26 pm.



This is the "blue, red and green" painting, one of two Marian Scotts hanging in city hall for citizens to view and choose between. Ballot boxes will provide an opportunity for those wishing to comment.

Marian Scott paintings candidates for election

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Citizens are being given the chance to choose which of two paintings by Westmount artist Marian Scott they would like to have hang in city hall.

The canvasses were hung Tuesday on either side of the city council chamber for all to comment on. Ballot boxes are expected to be installed nearby.

The two paintings were loaned to the city by Mrs Scott at the request of Mayor May Cutler, "when she couldn't decide which one to take," Mrs Scott told THE EXAMINER.

They come from her private collection and represent her work in 1966. Companion pieces are owned by the department of external affairs in Ottawa.

Mrs Scott said she was under the impression that after it was decided which of her paintings would be displayed, one would be returned and the other would continue to hang in city hall on a loan basis.

"Although I don't feel strongly about it, I don't usually donate my paintings," she explained.

The canvasses measure 60 x 64 inches, and 54 x 58. One, described only as "blue, green and red" was painted in June 1966. The "blue, tan and red" was done in July 1966.

Asked what had inspired her work at that period, Mrs Scott said she found that difficult to explain. "One set of paintings grows out of another. I'd like them to speak for themselves."

Mayor Cutler, who was out of town on business when the paintings were hung, said this was a "marvellous" opportunity for the city. "Marian Scott's work hangs in every major museum in Canada."

Mrs Scott, who has lived on Clarke avenue for many years, is represented in the National Gallery of Canada, the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, the Musée du Québec as well as the Art Gallery of Ontario.

Among other collections which own her paintings are: the Vancouver Art Gallery, the Bezalel Museum in Jerusalem, the Beaverbrook Art Gallery in Fredericton and the Toronto-Dominion Bank Collection.

Her murals can be viewed in the nondenominational chapel of the Montreal General Hospital and the medical building of McGill University.

She is the widow of Canadian constitutional law expert Frank R. Scott.

Merchant ready to fight by-law controlling signs

A St Catherine street merchant says he may take the city to court if it won't allow him to post the sign he wants above his store.

Jack Obadia opened Party Extra in January and has been unable to come up with a design for the sign which the city's architectural and planning commission will approve.

Mr Obadia wants the sign to include a listing of the various services his company offers, as well as the phone number. City officials say the sign must have only the store's name and a few words indicating the nature of the business, as do the signs of neighboring stores on the southwest corner at Metcalfe avenue.

Mr Obadia plans to show up at the next city council meeting June 13 with his lawyer to appeal the A&P commission's decision. He says he is "trying to put a little pressure on them."

If council refuses to change the decision, Mr Obadia says he will take the city to court, citing that the by-law regulating signs is "too vague."

"I do not intend to be pushed around by arrogant bureaucrats who do whatever they want to," he told THE EXAMINER.

Purse stolen

A teacher at Westmount Park School had her purse stolen from a classroom last Thursday morning, police report. The bag contained $35 and personal papers. It disappeared between 10 am and noon.

Gas monitored on Montrose

A gas leak outside 4343 Montrose avenue, at Argyle avenue, has been monitored morning and night by firefighters since being reported last Thursday, fire officials report.

The leak was discovered in a cut in the road where gas crews had partially dug up the street to install a new entry line.

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Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By KARL JAROSIEWICZ

Through the looking glass

The Montreal *Mirror* is celebrating its third anniversary this Friday evening with a multi-media extravaganza at the Spectrum. The *Mirror* is a cultural tabloid published every two weeks. It features news, interviews, entertainment listings and general information of special interest to Montrealers. Since its first appearance three years ago, it has been instrumental in supporting local artists and musicians. In turn, these artists will be on hand to support the *Mirror*'s celebration. The festivities will include music by the Nils, Les Taches, Talk Shop and Yemsgane, and performance art by The French Bastards, cabaret with the Chernobyl Sisters, rapping by Freaky D and hip hop scratching by LDG & Flight. Other attractions include a live action painting event, a selection of independent Montreal videos, courtesy of Musique Plus, and "one-man scat band" E.J. Brulé with his collection of insightful, socially-satirical songs. Tickets are $5.99 in advance; $7.99 at the door and are available at Dutchy's record store (1587 St Lawrence), the Spectrum (318 St Catherine street west), the *Mirror* (307 St Catherine west, suite 500), and at all Ticketron outlets. Call 289-9663.

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The Montreal affiliate of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW) presents an exhibit and auction of 50 works of Canadian art titled "Peace-Works." The exhibition will be held at Tudor Hall, on the fifth floor of Ogilvy's downtown, from this Friday until June 22, during which time bids for the art will be accepted. The live auction will take place on June 22. Tickets for the auction will be available during the exhibition. All proceeds, after expenses, will go towards educational activities of the Montreal affiliate, and the national and international projects of the organization, including its eighth world congress to be held in Montreal during June. For more information, please contact Dr Harvey Giesbrecht at 395-2435.

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A benefit concert for the IPPNW

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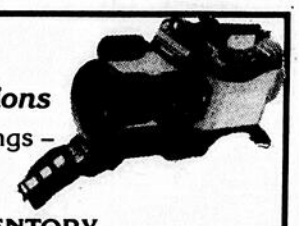

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Wine and theatre next week at Centaur

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Since 1982, more than 6,000 Montrealers have participated in this top-class wine happening. From the most serious oenophile to those interested in learning more about wine, to, of course, those who just love to have a great time, Centaur's American Wine Festivals have become a springtime tradition.

Following the success of last year's event, which was held for the first time in the theatre company's home base in Old Montreal, the 1988 celebration will once again transform the Centaur lobby into a wine haven featuring an array of the United States' finest Chardonnays, Cabernet Sauvignons, Sauvignon Blancs and more — complemented by the creations of caterer René Pankalla.

After an hour of savory sampling and conviviality, guests will be treated to the Centaur production of Neil Simon's hit play *Biloxi Blues*. The fun continues after the show with additional selections of American wine and cuisine. The title for this year's event: "Biloxi Blues, Whites & Reds!"

Held in co-operation with the Consulate General of the United States and sponsored by 980 CKGM, tickets for the full evening's festivities are $60 ($50 on any subscription exchanges) and are available at the Centaur box office, 288-3161. Proceeds go toward Centaur Theatre Company's 1987-88 fundraising goal.

Westmounter honored for orchestra work

The Association of Canadian Orchestras has honored four members of the Canadian orchestral community for their distinguished contribution and service to Canada's orchestral life.

One of the ACO Awards was presented to Westmount resident Rosemary Bell, past-president of the association and longtime member of the board of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra, for her extraordinary volunteer service.

Other recipients of the award were Samuel R. Levine, François Magnan and Mario Duschenes.

The awards were presented by Herbert A. Watson, an ACO advisory board member, at a luncheon hosted by the Government of Quebec on the opening day of the ACO's biennial conference in Montreal. The MSO was host orchestra.

The ACO is the national service organization for Canada's symphony and chamber orchestras.

Dramatis Personae company has healthy local debut

At the recent Quebec Drama Festival, Westmounter Ann Page was given a discretionary screener's award by Michael Springate.

Mr Springate cited Ms Page's community service as the reason for the award and, her obvious contributions to community theatre over the years aside, the production of *The Voice of the City* at Victoria Hall, which Mr Springate saw as a work-in-progress prior to the festival, shows clearly why he was so impressed.

Ms Page has taken a number of Westmount and Montreal residents, some of whom have acted with her or other companies before, some of whom I, at least, have never seen, and set them a challenge.

The cast researched life in New York in the 1920s, read the New York stories of O. Henry, and put together a series of vignettes from the writer's work. In the production, irony abounds.

There is a thread running through the stories of the richest to the poorest, and including those in between. It is the presence of the young writer himself, under a number of aliases. (The shopgirls call him "Piggy," though the show does not make it clear just why. They think he's swell, no matter his nickname.)

And Glenn Roy makes us warm to him, even though he tends to find wife-beating amusing and pictures the shopgirls as little gold-diggers, instead of the survival experts they have become. After all, men could make their fortunes with good luck and hard work; women had to marry to progress beyond penury.

My favorite segment was at the Lotus Hotel, where shopgirl Jennie Siviter (Mindy Webber) and Teddy the Floorwalker (Westmounter Paul Rother), both passing themselves off as European gentry, develop a fondness for one another and confess all.

A scene that could have been hilariously funny, but which the cast failed to carry off the night I attended, is between Westmounters Christine Davet and Richard Lock as lovers who have had a misunderstanding come between them, with William Radwan acting as the street-smart interpreter.

The change from the very correct English to street slang and back again should have been uproariously funny, but many in the audience couldn't understand what was happening.

Later though, Mr Lock has a lot of fun with his bits as a doctor, a paper boy, Algernon and Lord Kitchener and various others.

Actors who have worked with Ms Page in the past include Westmounters Mr Radwan, Amy Rosenthal, Mr Lock, as well as Cid Darrow.

A newcomer is Flavia Carrozzi who shows considerable promise. She understands movement as an expressive tool and uses body language to good effect.

Also pleasing was a young Westmounter, Adrian Wills, in a variety of roles.

Others in the cast included Westmounters Christine Andersen, Luc Davet, Thibault Davet, Fernanda Tavares, and Linda Vance as well as Keren Bensoussan, Jacob Greenbaum, Teena Korkeasalo, Betty Mercer and Nikki Pouliot.

Mr Radwan did the light and sound design, the cast designed and made the costumes. Other backstage work was done by Westmounter Catherine Page with Lisa Elin and Robin Kahn, in addition to the work done by cast members.

The well-attended production, which took the cast members (who also form a large part of the crew) through as many aspects of theatre as they could possibly assimilate, was a fundraiser for Arts Westmount.

Ms Page is to be congratulated for the work she has done with the Westmount company of Dramatis Personae and its various supporters (the Westmount recreation department and Bob Aiken, Quebec Minister of Communications Richard French, the Quebec ministry of recreation, Councillor Sally Aitken and other individuals) should be pleased and proud.

Interestingly, the whole process, starting with the improvisations of the stories, has been preserved on videotape. An edited version will be used to help strengthen grant applications, and might be very interesting viewing for other community theatre groups.

While there are certainly better plays and productions around, the magic of theatre is somehow enhanced by seeing our friends, relatives and neighbors creating the spell.

— Janet Coutts

A Clearing in the Woods brings new theatre to WHS

The lights go up and there are three women — childlike — playing in a clearing in the woods. An off-stage voice shouts 'hello' and the three join hands to dance in a fairy circle.

A distraught woman, dressed in a négligé, reaches the stage. One at a time, the three young ones greet her, only to be rejected.

Playwright Arthur Laurents cautions that those who see the play as the psychoanalysis of a woman are "foolish." Instead, this is a play about loneliness and self-acceptance.

Virginia, the protagonist, faces and tries to lose, or forget, what she comes to realize are herself at three other times in her life: a child, a teen, a young wife.

She also confronts a girlfriend of her youth; her first lover; her first husband; and her father, who never admitted he loved her, who laughed at her childish pain, who called her bad.

Through it all, Virginia calls for Andy, who finally appears. He does still love her, we learn, but she has rejected him because he is not a genius, not different, but just an ordinary mortal.

With his help, she finally accepts herself, her past, and the limitations of reality.

The actors are the students of Carol Shamy who, now her own children have grown up, feels she has time to teach theatre and to provide her students with the opportunity to do public performances.

A Clearing in the Woods, a strong psychological drama, is their first production.

Next season the company, Carol Shamy Adult Student Productions, plans a season of three plays, all of which are planned for performance at Westmount High School.

The group rehearses regularly at the Atwater Library. It has moved rehearsals of this production to the WHS stage.

Virginia is played by Josiane Moumdjian. The earlier selves are Claire Shamy, with whom many Westmounters will have attended school at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's, as Nora; Leanne Harris in the charming role of the little girl, Jigee; and Westmounter Nathalie Bissonnette as the smiling young wife Ginna.

John Vamvas plays Barney, the drunken father who could never reach out from his own lonely widowhood and drunkenness to his daughter's sense of solitude and abandonment.

George, the charming flirt, is played by Ron Kozloff; The Boy by Peter Andronas; and Pete, the first husband, by Tony Calabretta.

The friend, Hazelmae (who might be still another, minor aspect of the protagonist) is played by Anna Iachino; and Andy, the constant lover, is played by Frank Carruthers.

The play is directed by Carol Shamy, and Tania Shamy designed the simple, attractive set.

Guitar music sets and underlines the mood of various passages. It is effective in the hands of Nazzareno Gabrielli. Paul Bostock is the lighting designer for the company and will light next season's shows as well.

The play is an interesting piece of well-written observation and, while the final solution may strike some as pat, this is a more poetic play than most, and will show us sides of our own personalities we have buried in the sands of our unconscious and of time.

It is a pleasure to see yet another new company on the Montreal theatre scene, and it is heartening to see them try something fairly abstract and different for their debut performance.

The cast comprises people who want to make theatre their career; some have done voices for electronic media. Some of them will certainly show up on your television screen and on other stages in and around Montreal.

The dress rehearsal held promise for an interesting and stimulating production.

***A Clearing in the Woods*, a production of Carol Shamy Adult Student Productions, is at Westmount High School Friday and Saturday at 8 pm. Tickets are $7.50 and the box office number is 731-8537.**

— Janet Coutts

Gift from above leaves its mark

A bottle was reported to have been thrown from the sixth storey of 3 Westmount Square onto a car parked below Wednesday night last week, police said.

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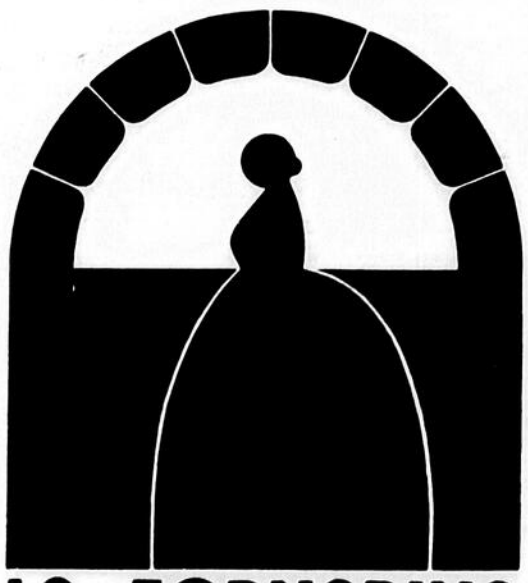

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STRAWBERRY SOCIAL

The auxiliary of the Catherine Booth Hospital and the Montclair Residence will hold its annual Strawberry Social on Thursday, June 9 from 6 to 9 pm in the hospital auditorium, 4375 Montclair avenue, NDG. The public is invited, and tickets will be available at the door.

A LONG TRADITION: The past presidents of the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal gathered for a photo at a meeting of the group held Monday at the home of Mrs. Cheesbrough. Seated, from left are; **Barbara Whitley, Marijean Hodgson, Catherine Townsend, Anne Hodgson, Nora Nicholls, Diana McDougall, Phillis Racey,** and **Rita Finestone.** Standing, from left are; **Nancy Grant, Elspeth Oliver, Betsy Roman, Helen Henderson, Frances Andrews, Joy Shannon** and **Mary Maxwell.** All either have resided or currently reside in Westmount. The club will hold its annual meeting Monday at 1:30 pm at Victoria Hall.
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Fireworks cruise offered by YWCA

For the third consecutive year, the YWCA will celebrate the International Montreal Fireworks Competition with a gala evening cruise on the St Lawrence, "Paris by Night," which will highlight France's presentation.

The gala will be held on Wednesday, June 8, aboard the *Ville-Marie III* and the *M.V. Montreal*. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 pm, followed by a 6:30 pm dinner to the sound of Gay Paris.

Guest will cruise down the St Lawrence at 8:30 pm to observe the fireworks displayed against the Montreal skyline.

The French firm of Etienne Lacroix, winner of the 1985 Jupiter award for the best pyromusical presentation among other awards, will be France's entry for this year.

Tickets are $125 or $1,000 for a table of eight. Income tax receipts will be issued. All proceeds from the "Paris by Night" gala will allow the YWCA to offer assistance to women and children from all over the Montreal area.

The Women's "Y" is an internationally known organization represented in more than 80 countries, with 40 offices in Canada. While it is well known for its commitment to health and fitness for women, the Women's "Y" is also involved in innovative programs to meet the needs of an ever-changing society.

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Auxiliary holds closing lunch

The Mount Sinai Hospital auxiliary closing luncheon meeting will be held Tuesday, June 7 at noon.

Installation of officers for 1988-90 and a review of the year's activities will be part of the agenda at the luncheon to be held at the Montefiore Club, 1195 Guy street.

Guest speaker at this year's event will be radio and TV personality Neil McKenty.

Further information may be obtained by calling 342-3586.

The Best Age

with

DOROTHY SIROTA

I'm sure that any of you who spent some time last week at the Fourth International Show for the Fifty Plus, held at the Montreal convention centre, will agree with me that it was a great success.

Mainly, it was fun, whether you watched the interesting and colorful dances on the stage of the Café des Artistes, or if you just wandered by the many displays and demonstrations. I found it so interesting talking to the brave people who manned these booths, and I learned a lot too.

Listening to Soeur Angèle at the cooking demonstration centre was truly an experience. She's funny, dynamic, and sings like an angel. Apart from that, she brought some very special chefs to share their tricks with the large audience.

The highlight of the show for me, however, was the forum organized by the *Senior Times*, which featured some very excellent speakers throughout the five days. Madeline Synott on "Sexuality and the senior," Arnold Bennett on "Housing," and Sid Stevens on "Fear of crime" were particularly informative and interesting.

Signy Hansen, the executive director of the new Seniors' Secretariat that has recently been developed by Jake Epp and George Hees, came in from Ottawa. She had some important things to share with us. It seems that the federal government is quite aware of the fact that the older population is growing. By 2031, it is expected that one in five Canadians, or 22%, will be over 65 years of age. So, happily, the government has developed a new seniors' initiative that has some significant features for us all.

Some of this information was contained in the two little inserts we received along with our old age security cheques this month. I think we have to thank Ms Hansen for the idea of keeping us up to date.

The initiative has three components: the first deals with money and announces that our important New Horizons program, which has been cut back in the past few years, will have extra money put into it. A new program, called the Senior Independence Program, is being launched. It will fund projects for seniors, but not necessarily organized by seniors as is New Horizons. The projects should be designed to promote self-care and mutual aid. The thinking behind it is that communities must be better organized to improve the life of seniors.

There's a big budget for this — $750,000 maximum for a three-year project sounds good to me! If your group is interested in developing such a project, just inquire at the New Horizons' office.

The second important feature of the new initiative is the research fund that has been set up to get some answers on Alzheimer's disease and on osteoporosis, two killers of older people.

Third, the secretariat has been set up to co-ordinate the federal government's programs for seniors and to lend some support to Mr Hees, the seniors' spokesman in government.

Ms Hansen has been at her post since last October. She might be a good person to write to if you have some special concerns and haven't been able to get any answers. She's planning a national workshop for this October, to take place in Halifax, to deal with the economic system and with the health system and women.

I can't leave this report of the show without a word about the presence of Andrew Aitkens at one of the *Senior Times* forum sessions. Mr Aitkens came to talk about the new national organization, One Voice, which has been in existence barely 1½ years and is actively recruiting senior members.

It is *not* a program organization, but is building itself up to being a lobby group for all Canadian seniors' concerns. This is an important organization to join, if you haven't already done so. They don't have much money, or much help, but their latest bulletin (Andrew Aitkens is the editor) gave us a good idea of the potential power of the organization.

They did a major study of the tax reform and were able to make a presentation to the House of Commons standing committee on finance and economic affairs. It's very possible that Finance Minister Michael Wilson's decision not to tax food was a direct result of this presentation.

So we need to support One Voice — and send them our concerns, argue with the positions they take — in other words, we need to be active on our own behalf.

I appreciated the opportunity the *Senior Times* gave us to hear these speakers. For all the seniors who participated, a hearty thank you to editor Barbara Newborn who organized the forum and manned it right through the five days. A terrific job!

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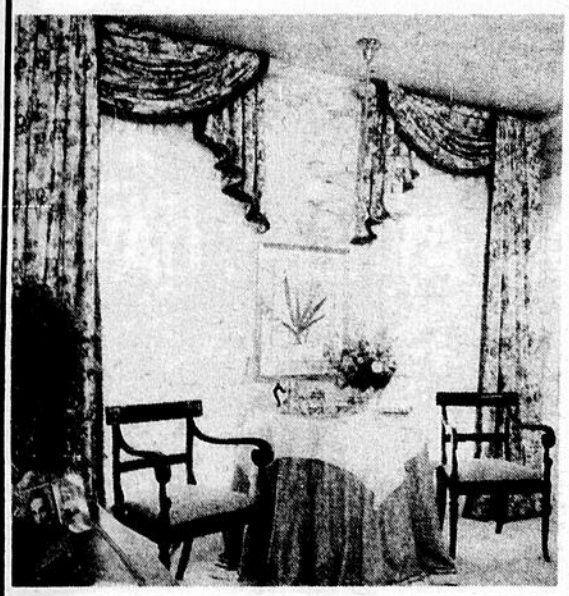

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The event will take place at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in the Metcalfe avenue hall, on Thursday, June 9, at 8:30 pm.

Dr B.J. Shapiro will speak on "Schools and the development of character," and Dr H.T. Shapiro will speak on "Moral education and the modern university."

Everyone is welcome.

YOU SAY . . .

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uniqueness is reflected in the nature and distribution of its expenditures. It is believed, however, that the comparison indicates that there is room for Westmount to constrain its spending without undue effects on the services provided to the community."

We continue to believe that this conclusion is valid and that per capita expenditures are a useful indication of efficiency in the delivery of municipal services, especially if comparisons are made against a mix of communities having both higher and lower proportions of revenue sourced from commercial enterprises.

The WMA stands ready to co-operate with the city and other interested groups in any constructive re-examination of city expenditures. That re-examination should have the goal of searching out areas where:

1) savings could be achieved with minimal effect on services;

2) the community may be over serviced;

3) the cost of improved services received within Westmount may be disproportionate to the improvement in services delivered or beyond either the willingness or the capacity of the taxpayer to support.

Identification of these items, which can best be done by, or in co-operation with municipal officials, would provide a firm foundation for informed debate within the community and lead ultimately to a consensus on the required action, if any, on changes to the pattern of Westmount discretionary expenditures.

It is appreciated that there are many issues competing for the attention of yourself, city council, and the city administration, and to many people it may seem as if the municipal taxation issue has "blown over" at least until next year. Be this as it may, there are few issues of as fundamental importance as the cost effectiveness achieved in spending the taxpayers' money.

Action is urgently required on this issue (as well as on revisions to the evaluation system) if this year's taxation problems are to be avoided in 1989. The WMA again asks for your help in promoting the full review of Westmount discretionary expenditures. Such an exercise can be conducted without the participation of the city but the process would be undoubtedly inefficient, probably confrontational, and unlikely to lead to effective action by the city. Westmount deserves better treatment than that.

D. Lightfoot
Vice-President Finance
Westmount Municipal Association

TOURING THE TOWN: "Westmount Milestones" was the name of the tour led by Westmounter **Aline Gubbay** for Art Focus Tours last Tuesday. Here Mrs.Gubbay is seen speaking to the group outside the Hurtubise house on Côte St Antoine road. One of the high points of the tour of Westmount was a rare opportunity to [illegible]he interior of the historic farmhouse. *Photo by OWEN EGAN*

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Art for Peace at Tudor Hall

The Montreal chapter of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (IPPNW), recipient of the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize, is presenting a major exhibit and auction of 50 contemporary Canadian art works.

The exhibition is being held at Tudor Hall in Ogilvy from June 4 to 21.

Invited artists include Betty Goodwin, whose recent Montreal Museum of Fine Arts exhibition was extended due to the great interest shown. Well-known realist painter Christopher Pratt, photographer Geoffrey James and sculptor Melvin Charney are also featured.

Auction proceeds will, in part, be directed to support the work of the 150,000 physicians around the world who, as members of IPPNW, are dedicated to increasing the public's awareness of the dangers of nuclear war.

A portion of the proceeds will sponsor third-world delegates to the eighth world congress of IPPNW being held in Montreal from today through June 6.

The art exhibit is curated by Westmount resident Sheila Segal and by René Blouin.

There will be a gala dinner and live auction at 7 pm on June 22. Absentee bids will be received at the exhibit.

No bike roadeo this year

Cyclists who may have been counting on having their skills or bikes tested at the annual Rotary Club roadeo appear to be out of luck this year.

The May event has been cancelled owing to scheduling difficulties, public safety officers report.

The roadeo, which is organized and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Westmount, is co-ordinated with the assistance of the Public Security Unit and MUC police.

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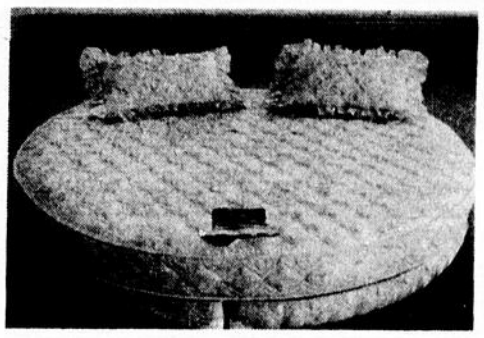

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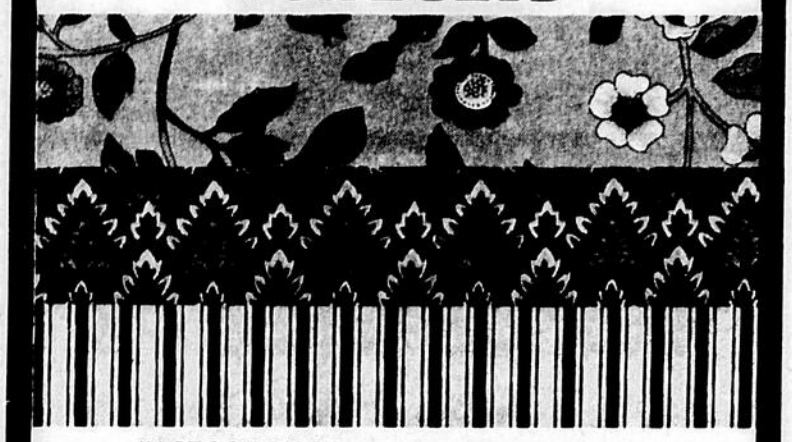

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(see above) will be held this Friday night at the Montreal Forum. Headlining this event are old-timers Crosby, Stills and Nash who have been dusting off their repertoire and embarking on a sort of career comeback. Also featured are veteran west-coast activist-rocker Bruce Cockburn, Quebec recording artist Michel Rivard and special guests Aquarium from the Soviet Union. This concert for peace is being staged as part of the eighth world congress of the Nobel prize-winning IPPNW, which will meet from today till Monday and will involve some 2,000 physicians from over 50 countries. The show begins at 8 pm. Tickets are $22.50 and are available at the Forum box office and at all Ticketron outlets. Call the Forum for more details.

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Paint-a-thon

Every Sunday until Aug 7, from 1 to 4 pm, the public is invited to explore its untapped talent by participating in the Museum of Fine Arts' Esso Sundays series. Budding artists are offered the opportunity to "explore the limitless possibilities of a white surface," taking their inspiration from the works of Paul-Émile Borduas currently on exhibit and creating their own masterpieces. Fun for the whole family, adults and kids alike. All it costs is the entrance fee to the museum, and the inevitable cleaning bills for all those without smocks. For more information on these afternoons, call the education department of the museum at 285-1600, local 136. The museum is located at 1379 Sherbrooke street west.

Future '88

"Light and Movement" is the theme of this year's "Images du futur '88" exhibition to be held from Friday until Sept 25 at Montreal's Old Port. The exhibition will highlight the latest technological advances in the visual arts, and will include some 25,000 square feet of light and sound sculptures, laser and video displays, holographics, computer graphics, multi-media installations and computerized soundscapes. High points of this spectacle will be MIT's *Double Monocle*, described as "an interactive environmental sculpture," Laurie Anderson's famous *Home of the Brave* performance video, and Lillian Schwartz's "controversial computer reinterpretation of famous works by such artists as Leonardo da Vinci and Pablo Picasso." On June 4, at 2 pm, a trans-oceanic event will involve an instantaneous creation by satellite of computer-generated art by participants working simultaneously in Montreal and Rennes, France. This one-hour event will be composed of several images created every 10 minutes using such themes as "The Big Bang," "The End of the World," "Interplanetary Travel," "The Planet Venus" and "Robot-Man." The exhibition will be open between 12 noon and 11 [illegible] daily. Call 849-1612 for more information, including group rates and guided tours.

Reddy Auxiliary has theatre night

The Auxiliary of the Reddy Memorial Hospital will present a theatre night on Saturday, June 4, at Le Stage of La Diligence.

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TROOP MOVEMENTS: The Royal Montreal Regiment, together with its affiliated cadet corps 2806 of Pointe Claire and 2862 of Westmount, held its annual church parade last Sunday. The regiment marched from the armory on St Catherine street accompanied by the newly re-constituted regimental band. Above, officers lined the Côte St Antoine road steps of St Matthias' Church as members of the unit entered. Following the return of the regiment to the armory, there was scheduled the presentation of awards and the change of regimental sergeant major ceremony when RSM Vincent Colgan handed over his cane of office to RSM Gilles Bussières CD.

Resolution regarding homosexual ministers:

Westmount delegates react at United Church meeting

By COOPER LANGFORD

In a set of resolutions that one delegate described as "patches in search of a quilt," the Montreal-Ottawa Conference of the United Church has resolved that gays and lesbians should not be barred from ministerial work provided they are prepared to remain celibate.

The resolution has met a variety of reactions, some favorable, some not so favorable. Many questions remain about the meaning of the resolution, which affirms homosexuality in principle, but denies it in practice. What seems clear in the minds of church members is that the debate, far from being over, is opening up to widespread discussion of substantive issues.

"I think the thrust of [the resolution]... is that the conference expressed its will not to prevent ordination of somebody who has not had their day in court," says Donald W. Sutherland, a conference delegate for Westmount's St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church.

"There are said to be a number of homosexuals in churches where their orientation is not known. They have been satisfactory ministers. The ethical point is how can you turn around and say, 'No, you can't be here' after they have been open and honest."

Catherine Donaldson of Westmount Park United Church agrees that the resolutions expose many questions and says the churches will be acting independently on the issue for some time to come.

"It's not a pleasing subject to the majority of people in the church... Each presbytery has a choice to make."

Other delegates at the conference felt that the resolutions could have been more precise.

"I hoped we would have been able to go further than this," said Faye Wakely, director of St Columba House in Point St Charles.

Brian Burke of AFFIRM, the church's gay and lesbian organization, said many points are "old hat." Though he was pleased with the "movement of individuals," Mr Burke says church hiring policies already prevent discrimination on the basis of sexuality. The resolutions only affirm what has been a tacit policy in many areas.

"Sometimes I found the debate beside the point," he said. "But this is an honest attempt to get a reading from the grass roots... it represents an opportunity to do work on substantive issues... a lot of debate and fine-tuning is needed."

Resolutions from the Ottawa-Montreal conference come in response to a nationwide church study called "Toward a Christian understanding of sexual orientation, lifestyle and ministry." The recommendations will be passed to the church's national co-ordinating group on sexual lifestyle policy for further consideration. A full policy on gay and lesbian ministers will be voted on at the church's 33rd general council, slated for this year.

Another issue that reappeared several times over the course of the conference was the media's handling of the issue.

"Some of the members of the conference were being told what was done before they had a chance to think about what happened," says Ms Donaldson.

Mr Sutherland also criticized the media for not acting with restraint.

"The press don't hesitate to write about anything and give all the gory details."

TEMPLE TALK: Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom will present **Dian Cohen**, political economist and author of *Money*, a recent Book of the Month Club selection, Sunday at 10:30 am. Ms Cohen will speak on "Money is everyone's business." Refreshments will be served and there will be a nominal charge. Everyone is welcome.

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Storm once more marks May's end

Westmounters Monday night escaped the full force of a thunderstorm which left several neighboring municipalities without power. The storm occurred one year and a day after the devastating hail storm May 29, 1987, which shattered skylights in some 80 local homes.

As spectacular sheet lightning lit up the sky Monday, firefighters were called to only one incident directly related to the storm.

This was at 10:53 pm when a blocked roof drain at 28 Springfield avenue caused water to leak into a bathroom on the second floor, fire officials report.

Westmount also was hit by hail on May 29 in 1986.

Dawson garbage in flames again

Firefighters were called out Friday to quell a fire in garbage at the Dawson College construction site, 3040 Sherbrooke street, only four days after a similar incident.

Since the latest fire also was attributed to carelessly discarded smoker's material, local fire officials said the matter would be investigated further and special cautions regarding smoking would be issued.

Friday's fire was discovered about 1:07 pm in the Westmount section of the property in a cement stairwell alongside a metal refuse container.

It was doused using a 1½-inch stream as well as extinguishers. Montreal firemen also were on the scene.

The previous incident on Monday, May 23, was reported at 12:25 pm (see story last week).

Spider's Web proves tough

Burglars continued to plague merchants in the Victoria avenue shopping district last week for the third consecutive week, according to police reports.

The latest effort occurred at the Spider's Web, 342A Victoria, where someone tried in vain to force open the rear door early Saturday. The attempt was discovered by police who answered a burglar alarm call to the building at 12:10 am.

It was the second time the shop had proved to be impenetrable to burglars.

Car door opens in cyclist's path

An Outremont woman was ticketed Friday for opening her car door into the path of a cyclist. The incident occurred in front of 4333 St Catherine street at Redfern avenue, police said.

The cyclist, a 21-year-old woman living in NDG, collided with the door and sustained a possible fracture of the left shoulder as well as a sore right knee. She was transported to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé.

The accident occurred about 5:50 pm.

Air lock noise alarms neighbor

A loud noise which caused firefighters to break into an apartment at 4282 Dorchester boulevard last Thursday turned out to be caused by an air lock in a water pipe, fire officials report.

The noise, initially described as resembling an electrical motor, brought out firemen at 10:11 pm.

MUC police who also responded said the call came from a third storey resident who claimed to smell smoke from an apartment below as well as hearing the sound.

Entry was gained by breaking the door, causing $100 damage.

Dressing up as firefighters in the Civil Protection truck was the "in-thing" at Family Day this year as youngsters were assisted by rescue volunteers **Kathy Fox**, left, and **Dawna Hobbs**.

Emergency vehicle display a hit at Family Day

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was almost too good to be true for some Westmount youngsters.

Not only did Family Day present ponies to ride, but it also offered real fire trucks and police cars to "drive," uniforms to try on, sirens to wail and the opportunity to venture into the real live world of make-believe.

The northeast corner of the park was turned over to a display of emergency vehicles and it quickly became a highlight of Saturday's event.

Hundreds of boys and girls scrambled from one vehicle to another while parents clicked away at cameras to capture the magic moments.

"I don't think there's been 30 seconds when we haven't had someone dressing up in the back of the truck," said Kathy Fox, one of the fire department's Civil Protection volunteers.

She spent most of the day patiently fastening and unfastening trailing fire coats and oversized helmets.

The bright yellow truck was laden with "costumes" and gear making it one of Saturday's favorite attractions.

One worried father who spent close to 30 minutes searching the park for his son was on the point of leaving with a public safety officer to look farther afield when he suddenly spotted the child playing in the truck.

"That's him!" the father exclaimed as they passed the truck, MUC Constable Michel Caza said in relating the incident.

His two police vehicles also were tested out by hundreds of children, sometimes packed liked sardines into the same car.

"I just opened the doors and let them have fun," he said. "That's what the day was all about." Even the MUC's model mini-van was fair game for action.

The boys and girls also were allowed to climb on and off the fire trucks, buckle themselves into safety straps, inspect the new command post and dream of going to fires.

All in all, it was quite a day.

Girl Guides, from left, **Heather Lewis**, **Susy Bienstock** and **Annie Scherz** took turns wheeling their prize-winning garden float in the opening parade along Sherbrooke street.

Warm, sunny weather helped provide a perfect picnic for **Mary Pat Hebert**, **Patrick**, **Daniel** and dog **Skipper Jo** as many families relaxed on the grass while others queued up at drink and hit dog stands manned by Venturers and Pathfinders.

Family Day fun

Photos by LAUREEN SWEENEY

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ners, the amateur talent contest, a strolling Dixieland jazz band, a petting zoo, straight and novelty races, refreshments kindness of the Guides and Scouting movements, a bake sale and handicrafts display by senior citizens, a performance by the Elysian gymnasts and a wonderful display of fire, police, civil protection and public security vehicles (see separate story) were just some of the many attractions that kept the hundreds of visitors entertained.

The Public Security Unit had a cordoned area in which they filled out identification booklets, complete with fingerprints, on 207 children. More than 500 children took part in a draw for home safety games.

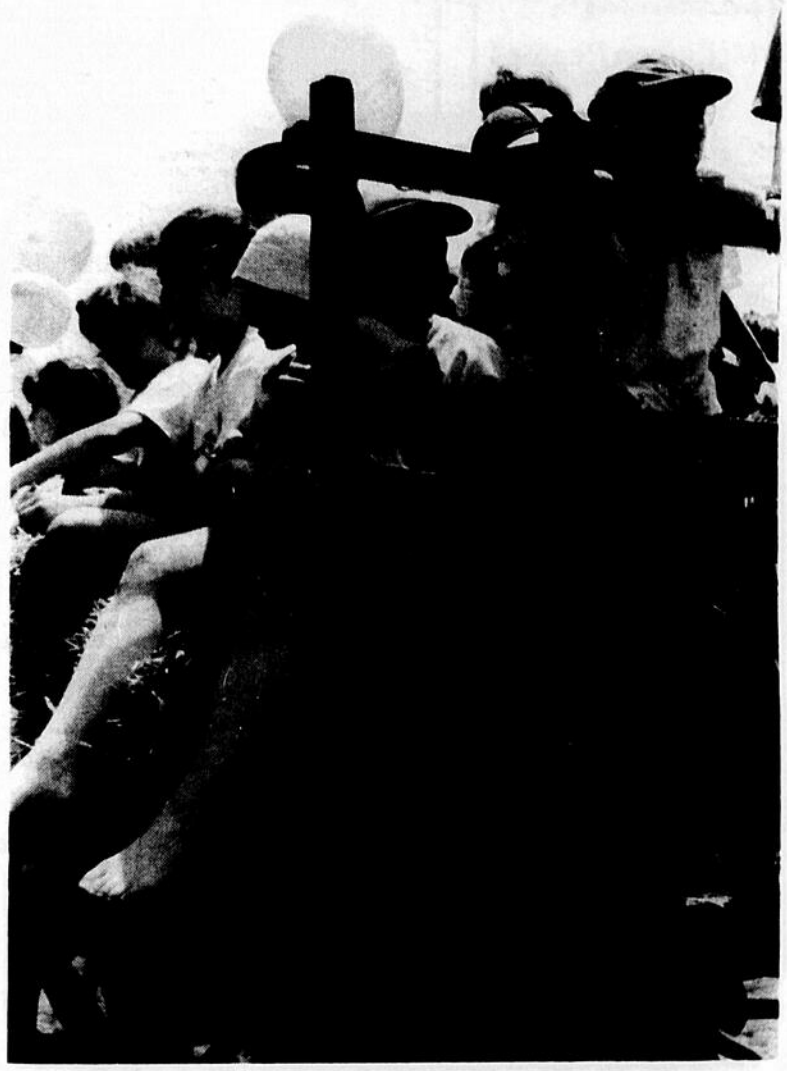
One of the final events of the day, the egg toss, attracted many participants as well as a sizeable audience. Progressively moving farther and farther apart, teams of two tossed raw eggs back and forth until only one team remained with egg intact. Losers were identifiable by the glaze on their hands, legs, shoes...

Two MUC mounted police toured the playing field area on handsome chestnut horses. A City of Westmount trackless vehicle pulled a haywagon laden with children around the playing field area. A gigantic pile of hay was the hot, dusty, scratchy home of hard, glittering, golden cash for which the daring dove and fought.

The pond at the corner of Melville, clearly marked "no wading," held a crowd of screaming, soaking children. Water fountains were commandeered by marauding gangs of water-pistolled and watercamera-ed waifs. The playground was filled with children of all sizes and ages, swinging, squealing, climbing, jumping and bouncing.

The Venturers did a booming business in soft drinks, selling 2,520 of the cans of fizzy. While their confrères slaked the crowd's thirst, the Pathfinders did what they could for the community tummy, selling 1,300 hotdogs.

Bob Aiken, director of recreation, estimated that about 4,000 people attended the day's events. A record turnout for Family Day.



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Carnival booths saw lots of action during Family Day.

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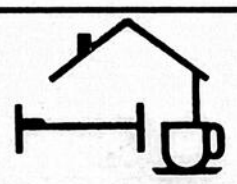

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Mission completed: WHS class of '88 graduates

Mrs Shannon presents award to daughter Joanne. *Photos by OWEN EGAN*

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

"This was our five-year mission," said Paul Tsang in his valedictory address at the Westmount High School graduation ceremonies, "to boldly attend this school we'd never attended before."

It is to be hoped that, following his five years' labor, Mr Tsang recognized the famous split infinitive and chose to use it knowingly.

One hundred and one students received their high school graduation certificates, of which 20 were bilingual certificates; a further 15 students received certificates in intensive business, and 16 others received certificates as nursing assistants during the WHS graduation ceremony held last Thursday evening.

The event began with those present in the high school's packed auditorium rising as a hidden piano played in the dignitaries who were to take the stage. Among those present were Ronald Haynes, principal of WHS; Joan Rothman, Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal commissioner for the region and chairman of the graduation exercises; Gwen Lord, regional director for the PSBGM; Eleana Kousaie, WHS vice-principal; Paul Saunders, principal of Westmount Park School; Barbara McKnight, principal of Roslyn School; Rev David Oliver and Richard Lord of the WHS Old Boys' Association; Virginia Bostock, representing the WHS Alumnae; and Mrs Shannon, who was present for the graduation of the eleventh of her children to attend WHS.

Once these and other representatives of officialdom had filed to their places on stage, the scene was set for the entry of the graduates.

The piano music continued, the smiles on stage became more fixed, the crowd began to murmur. No graduates appeared. People began to grin, on and off stage. After a minute or two, Mr Haynes left the stage. Moments later he returned and, moments after that, the graduates appeared.

Processing in

Dressed in academic gowns and mortarboards, the women in white and the men in black, they filed to their places in the 15 rows which had been reserved for them. Families waved, cameras flashed, the piano played on. The students tried to retain their composure, ignoring or sending only brief smiles to fleetingly recognized relatives.

The intensive business graduates processed in next, then the 16 graduates of the nursing assistant program. Dressed in white and sporting nurses' caps — except the two men among them — they were more relaxed and chatty, looking about the auditorium and smiling easily.

On stage, Mr Haynes whispered to Rev Oliver, who smiled and nodded with understanding. One felt the missing graduates had been satisfactorily explained.

Finally all were in place. The assemblage remained standing while *O Canada* was sung and the invocation delivered by Rev Oliver.

Before embarking on her chairman's remarks, Mrs Rothman had the kindness to satisfy the curiosity of the crowd. The graduates had, it seems, been waiting for the piper who traditionally pipes them in. He was stuck in Toronto. The graduates had, therefore, to settle for the piano playing of Mrs M. Cox. Although she never did make the piano sound quite like bagpipes, she did an admirable job of getting everyone in and out of the auditorium.

Chairman's remarks

Mrs Rothman spoke of the difficulties the school has faced in recent years and of its threatened closure last year. But she said she is optimistic.

"The school is going to go on, the school is going to attract students, the school is going to be bigger and better," she said.

She then addressed the graduates specifically, saying that "our planet and solar system are more vulnerable to human intervention than ever before." She urged them "as future voters, workers, researchers... to insist on a new measurement in government,and that measurement is human dignity."

Principal Haynes then took the podium to deliver his brief remarks. He thanked the many people involved in the preparation and smooth management of the graduation, especially the vice-principal, Miss Kousaie.

He warned that Miss Kousaie would not take the absence of the piper as any excuse and that the graduates could expect a detention or suspension as a direct result of their failure to appear on cue.

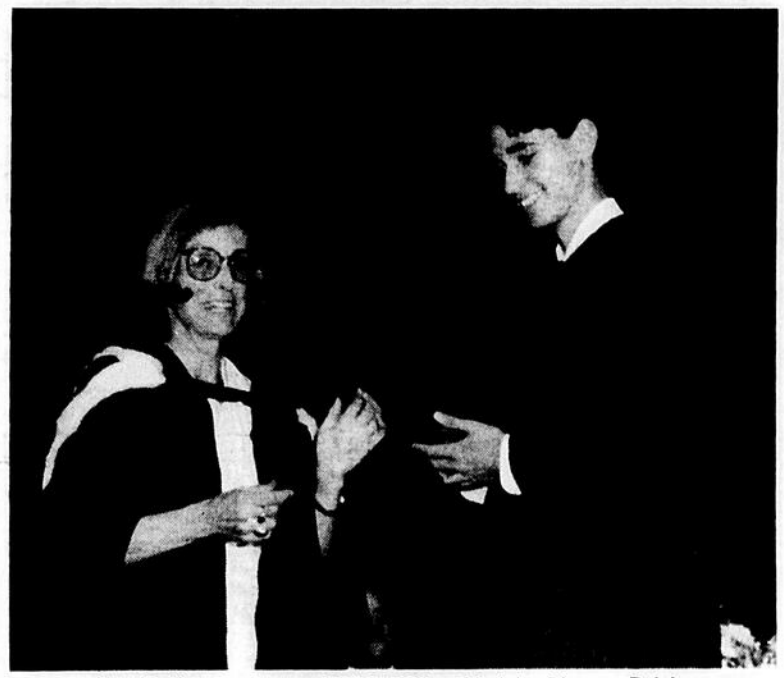
This threat was met with the response it deserved.

Mr Haynes told the graduating class that he hoped they would "continue to work hard and strive for excellence."

He said, "Only you can determine your future and, from here on in, it's up to you.

"You take a second place to none. Go with confidence for you have been well prepared."

Quoting from *Goodbye, Mr Chips*, he said, "I may forget some things, but I'll never forget your faces."



Joan Rothman presents PSBGM Silver Medal to Thomas Balaban

Prizes and awards

Mr Haynes' remarks were followed by the awarding of the many prizes, awards and scholarships with which the table on stage was laden.

Noteworthy among the prizewinners was Thomas Balaban who won the PSBGM Silver Medal for the leading student; the Old Boys' Memorial Scholarship; the Kel Mann Memorial Bursary awarded to a student showing good citizenship, sincerity and a genuine quest for learning; and subject awards in economics, biology and chemistry.

Jeremy Howick was another multiple-prize winner. Mr Howick, who has been accepted to Dartmouth, was the recipient of the Birks Silver Medal for the second place student; the Douglas Lawley Memorial Award; and subject awards in industrial arts, physics and English.

Valedictorian Paul Tsang

The Birks Bronze Medal for the third-place student went to Mark Tempel. He also won the Angus Bernard Award for proficiency in English; the Gene H. Kruger Scholarship; the B.A. Bagnall award for a student having attained the highest mark in two math subjects; and the subject award for histoire.

Awards were given to more than 25 students for their work on the WHS yearbook, *Vox Ducum*.

Two very special prizes are given each year. These are the Awards of Honor given by the Old Boys and by the Alumnae of WHS. It is the vote of classmates which determines who will receive these prizes. This year they were won by Paul Tsang, the valedictorian, and by Joanne Shannon, eleventh in her family to graduate from WHS. Ms Shannon has been accepted to Smith College.

The Ellene Markell Memorial Bursary is awarded to the student who demonstrates the qualities that were Mrs Markell's: untiring energy, devotion to the school, commitment, service, integrity. As Mr Haynes announced the winner he said, "Because she was a special person,

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we are awarding this prize to another special person."

The presentation to the winner, Joanne Shannon, was made by her mother.

In his excellent valedictory, Paul Tsang combined humor with some more sober reflections on the five years he and his classmates have spent at WHS to arrive at this, "the first major juncture in our life's journey.

"It's the place where we've all matured together," he said.

He recalled "exceptional teachers with the ability to inspire and guide."

He spoke of the threatened closure of the school which has occurred twice in the last four years. But, he said, "the school has battled valiantly to create a stronger and more unified community . . . let's remember our experiences."

Mr Tsang received a long, loud ovation from his classmates and the rest of the audience as he returned to his seat.

The class then filed across the stage to receive their certificates. The intensive business students followed.

The class of nursing assistants received their certificates after which they lined up on stage to be pinned. While the pins were being affixed to collars, Mr Haynes handed out long-stemmed red roses. A gust of amusement ran through the audience as Mr Haynes approached graduate Ellis Hicks. They exchanged a glance that made it clear that Mr Hicks did not much want a red rose. He did not get one. Mr Haynes did not give one to William Nicola either.

There was a roar of approval, however, when Mr Haynes returned from behind the table with two white carnations. He gave one to each of the graduating men.

The nursing assistants then took their solemn oath before the assembled company. Listening to the words, one realized the great responsibility health professionals take upon themselves.

After the last of the graduates had returned to their seats, and the last of the mortarboards had fluttered to the floor, Rev Oliver delivered the benediction.

Mrs Cox struck up at the piano once more and graduates, dignitaries and just plain folk filed out to join in the hall.

JAMBOREE! A special musical event was held last Sunday at the Atwater Library. Sponsored by Diamond Books, the children's musical group The Balloons performed two benefit concerts. About 75 people attended the first concert. Shown above, The Balloons are seen during the second show which played to an audience of about 40 people. The children had a grand time singing along to favorites new and traditional — *The Cat Came Back*, *Frere Jacques*, *Baby Beluga* and an up-beat *Sur le pont d'Avignon . . . on y danse le rock and roll*. Proceeds from the concert will go to providing book/cassette kits for the Montreal Children's Library.

Elysian gymnasts hold spring show

Sixty recreational and competitive rhythmic gymnasts, aged three to 12, will show off their year's work in a collection of lively, fun-filled routines when Westmount's Elysian Rhythmic Gymnastics Club holds its annual spring show, *A Fantastical Look at Rhythmic Gymnastics*, Sunday at 4 pm.

Choreographed by head coach Jane Schmidt and set to classical, modern and jazz music, the routines allow the children to use the colorful rhythmic gymnastics apparatus — bells, hoops, ribbons, clubs, ropes and scarves — in both traditional and innovative ways.

Sound effects and surrealistic props like immense balls and bubbles add to the theatricality of the show, which will take place in the Royal Montreal Armory, 4625 St Catherine street west.

Elysian gymnasts participated in Westmount's Family Day in the park Saturday and were invited to give a special performance at the opening night of the Quebec Festival of Gymnastics held Saturday and Sunday in LaSalle.

This year Elysian competitors brought home numerous medals from the Quebec provincial championships in rhythmic gymnastics and the Elysian invitational competition. They also performed at St George's School and Dunrae Gardens School and took part in "Télédons," a telethon to aid the Lucie Bruneau Foundation. Both competitors and recreational gymnasts appeared on the Radio-Canada television show, *Les héros du samedi*.

The competitive team, selected by audition, trains between six and 12 hours a week under Ms Schmidt, who also teaches recreational classes at the armory and the Church of the Advent.

Recreation department awards night next Thursday

THE Westmount recreation department's annual awards night will be taking place next Thursday, June 9.

This year anyone who has participated in one or more of the city's recreation programs is invited. In the past only the award winners received invitations.

Everyone who attends the gathering will be given a participant's crest; some special awards will also be presented.

The recreation department delivered invitations by hand over the past week to some 900 residents who partipated in the various programs. Each person invited is permitted to bring along one parent to the event.

The awards night takes place in the hockey arena next Thursday evening from 6 to 8 pm. A light snack will be served.

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Poland	3	0	1	2	1	7	2
England	3	0	2	1	3	5	1
PEE WEE							
Uruguay	3	1	1	1	5	3	3
Italy	3	1	1	1	3	4	3
Brazil	3	1	0	2	5	3	2
Sweden	3	0	0	3	3	6	0

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal softball leagues as of May 31.

	GP	W	L	D	Pts
ATOM					
Rangers	8	4	3	1	9
Astros	8	4	4	0	8
Brewers	8	4	4	0	8
Indians	8	4	4	0	8
Tigers	8	4	4	0	8
Angels	8	3	4	1	7
PEE WEE					
Reds	5	4	1	0	8
Expos	5	2	3	0	4
Cubs	4	0	4	0	0

BASEBALL STANDINGS

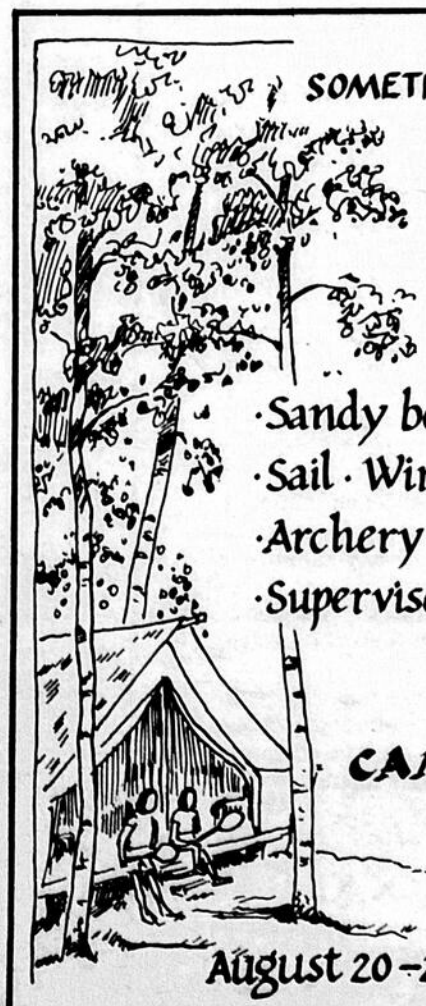
Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal baseball leagues as of May 31.

	GP	W	L	D	Pts
MOSQUITO					
Orioles	4	3	1	0	6
Yankees	4	2	2	0	4
Blue Jays	4	1	3	0	2
PEE WEE					
Padres	5	2	3	0	4
Phillies	3	2	1	0	4
Giants	4	2	2	0	4

Park safety at St Léon

Students at École St Léon are slated to learn about park safety June 8, 9 and 10, public safety officials report.

The course, which has been given at several other local elementary schools, will be instructed by PSO Denis Proulx. It is the first time it has been offered at St Léon.



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Tennis open house Saturday

Tennis buffs at all levels may want to attend the tennis open house this Saturday at the Westmount junior tennis courts.

A wide range of activities are planned including rally competitions, volley drills, "killer" footwork drills, tennis etiquette instruction, fitness exercises and backboard drills.

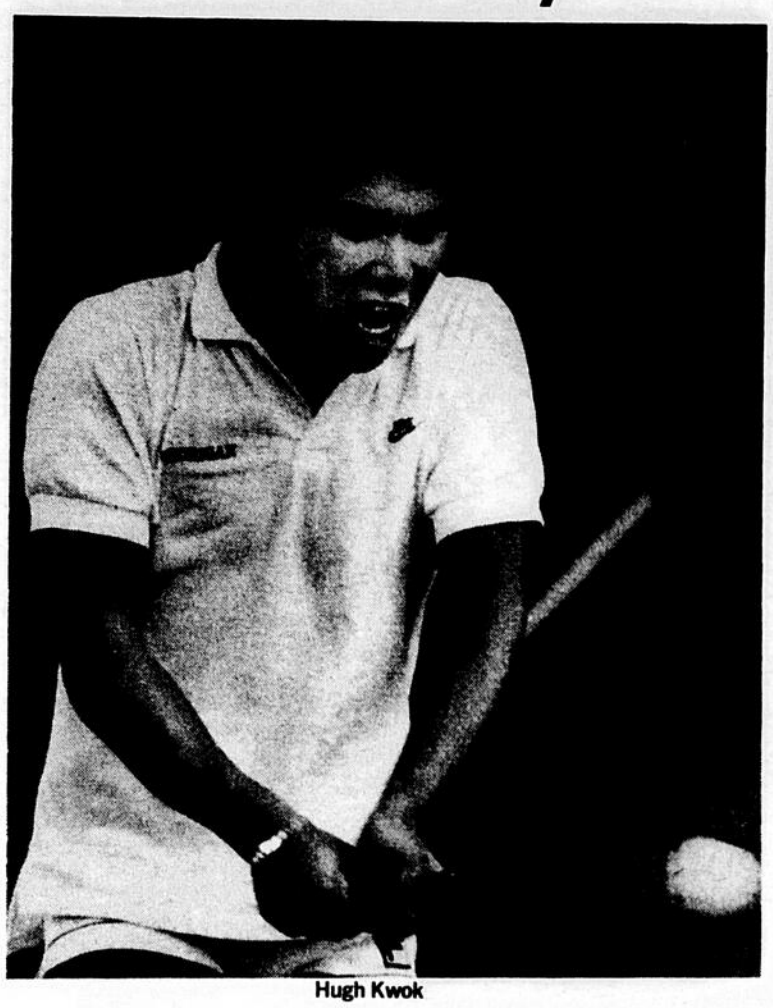
Exhibition matches will be played at noon between top calibre players including Hugh Kwok, a Westmount High graduate and former top-ranked under-18 Canadian, and Lindsay Matthews, an ECS graduate and current number one under-18 female in Quebec.

Kids who want to work as ballboys and girls at the Players International Tournament at Jarry Park in August will have an opportunity to apply for the positions.

There will also be a used tennis ball drop-off for those cans of balls which may be collecting in the basement, and a racquet exchange list. The donated balls will be put to use by the recreation department.

Quality Sports of Victoria avenue, which is sponsoring the day's events, will have an equipment display and demonstration racquets.

All activities take place at the three junior tennis courts in Westmount Park across from the swimming pool between 10 am and 1 pm. In case of heavy rain, the open house will be postponed until the next Saturday.



Hugh Kwok

Wooly find

A woman's white wool vest was turned over to police in Westmount Park Saturday afternoon after being left on a bench during Family Day. It can be claimed at local MUC police station 23.

Bike found

A black CCM bicycle was found Tuesday afternoon last week at 4508 St Catherine street, public safety officers report. It was taken to local MUC police station 23.

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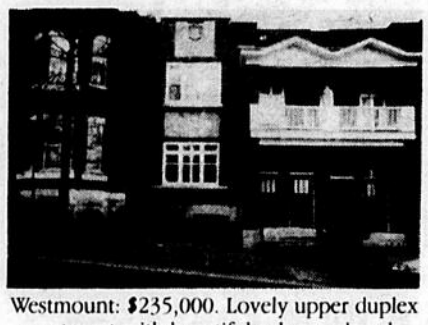

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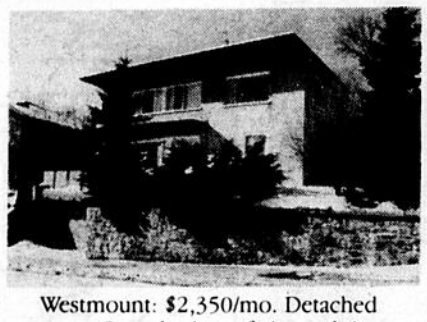

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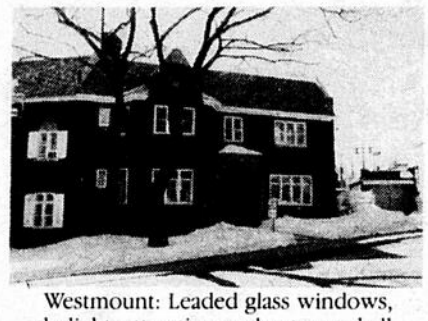

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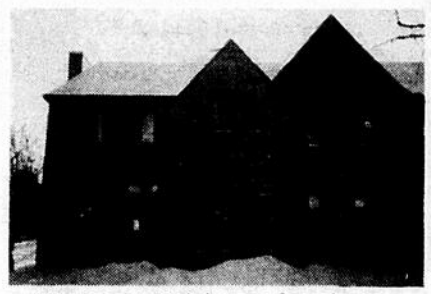

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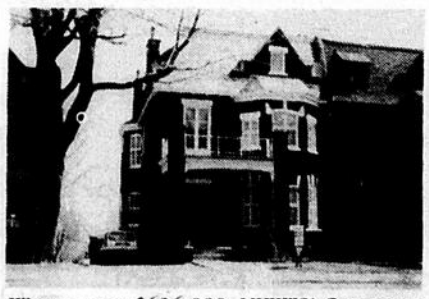

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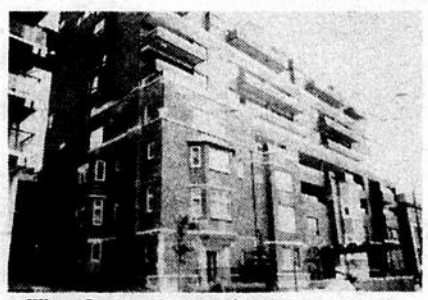

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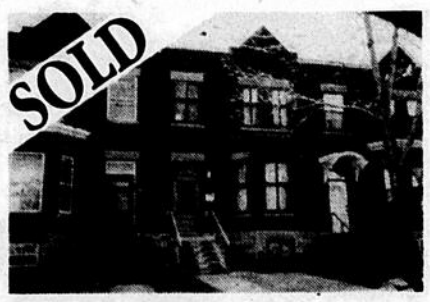

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