

## The lady in rain



Marcy Padua withstood the worst of the rainstorm Tuesday while waiting for the No. 24 bus at the corner of Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street. According to the Dorval weather office, rain is more normal than snow this winter. There has been 86.2 mm of rain since Nov 1 while the equivalent in snow has been 81.9 mm. On Tuesday alone, 28 mm of rain fell, surpassing the monthly totals for both November and December.

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## Outlet to replace main post office

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Canada Post Corp this week confirmed its decision not to renew the lease of the main Westmount postal station on St Catherine street at Olivier avenue.

The good news is there will still be two Canada Post owned and operated outlets serving Westmounters, according to Canada Post official Lise Sylvain. The Victoria post office at Sherbrooke and Prince Albert will remain as is and a new full-service retail outlet, with counter service and post office boxes, will open up April 13 in the vicinity of Greene avenue and St Catherine street.

Ms Sylvain says they are still negotiating for rental space. There are vacancies at both the northwest and northeast corners of the intersection.

Even better news, according to Mayor Peter Trent, is that the move will put an end to noise complaints about early morning trucking, since the letter carrier depot will be transferred to a St Henri facility on St Jacques street.

Now, just two employees work out of the St Henri facility which Canada Post owns. No jobs will be lost when the St Catherine street branch closes, says Canada Post, because the 50 employees will all be transferred to St Henri, except for the five or so counter employees who will run the new retail outlet.

### Separating operations

"What they're doing, in effect," Mayor Trent says, "is showing that their plant operation doesn't necessarily have to be tied in with their retail service operation."

He also says the new location will be more convenient for most people but argues that the most important and most subtle advantage will be that the move will likely have an impact in reversing the commercial

gentrification of Greene avenue.

"What we've been seeing on Greene avenue," he says, "is that you can get ball gowns but nothing simple like stamps or hardware. The emphasis is on specialty boutiques rather than service shops. It's beginning to draw people from all over rather than properly serving Westmounters."

Once Canada Post decided not to renew the main Westmount outlet's lease, there was not enough time to arrange for a nearby franchise outlet to replace it. So this is a transitory move whereby the corporation will enter into a three or five-year lease for the new outlet and then probably shift operations to a private franchise operation, says Ms Sylvain.

"We wanted to make sure all our customers remain well-served, so that is why we decided to go with the new corporate retail outlet," says Ms Sylvain.

She also claims the mail will be delivered earlier and faster since carriers will carpool or taxi to their routes rather than walking or taking the bus. As well, there will be a restructuring of the delivery routes to account for the shift in mail loads.

"I'll believe that (quicker delivery) when I see it," says Mayor Trent.

The hours of operation for the new post office will be from 9 am to 5:45 pm, Monday to Friday. For the 450 customers who rent post office boxes, a key will be provided so they may access their mail between 8 and 9 am. For the 50 or so commercial customers who use bag service or direct mail pick-up, service will be available from the St Henri counter.

"Overall we're very happy," says Mayor Trent. "I was worried we'd lose a post office in Westmount. I have to congratulate them for being sensitive to community need. It's a healthy sign."

## Meningitis situation in constant flux

Local clinic says it won't stock vaccine even if available

By J. MARION FEINBERG

The Hillside Medical Clinic gets a call "every 22 seconds" asking if they have the meningitis vaccine available, according to clinic worker Betty Azeff.

"The requests are coming in constantly," she says. "Last week it was for information, this week it's for the vaccine, but we're not giving it so we refer them to the CLSC. Our policy here is that the vaccination is not necessary."

The doctors in the clinic are not even planning to vaccinate their own children, she said, despite Quebec Health Minister Marc-Yvan Côté's announcement yesterday that restrictions on the vaccine would be loosened, and it would be available to

those who want to buy it, even in regions with no outbreaks.

Ms Azeff said the clinic will not distribute the vaccine even if it becomes available, adding it is difficult to procure.

Still insisting there is no meningitis epidemic, the Quebec government approved a vaccination program Saturday for 125,000 children from the Outaouais and Laurentian regions. Yesterday, it added 45,000 children in the Lanaudière region. This brings to 362,000 the number of Canadians who have been or will be immunized against the infection.

Montreal parents who want to obtain the vaccine for their children may do so from their doctor or medical clinic pending availability, according to Mr Côté. The vaccine distributor said 10,000 doses are supposed to be sent to Montreal doctors and clinics by the end of the week.

Yesterday, the Westmount CLSC was awaiting a fax from the community health department, giving them an update on the status of the vaccine.

"The situation changes every two minutes," said nurse Deborah Moudarres. "We've heard conflicting reports about

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## Corey named to Order of Canada

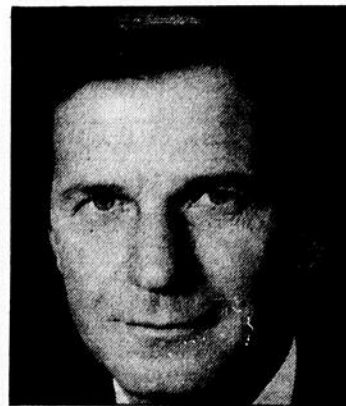
PERHAPS Westmount's biggest hockey fan, Ronald Corey, has been named a member of the Order of Canada in the most recent list released by the office of the Governor-General.

Mr Corey is probably best known as president and chairman of the Club de Hockey Canadien and president of Molson Sports and Entertainment Group.

Born in Montreal in December, 1938, Mr Corey graduated from the Banff School of Advertising Management and, at age 21, went to work as sports producer of Radio Canada.

"It was the start of television," he said.

He stayed at the job for 10 years then started a series of jobs, as director of marketing at Molson, president of O'Keefe Breweries



RONALD COREY

and others, ending up with the Canadiens.

His private life also has received notice.

In 1985, he was honorary president of the Telethon of Cerebral

Palsy and, two years later, he was president of the Centraide campaign.

"Sometimes you can walk on the street and see 10 to 15 homeless but you can't see them, you don't want to see the reality of life," he said. "When you work with Centraide, you can see them."

That Centraide campaign targeted the public at large, and was one of the first to aggressively seek commitments from employees, said Mr Corey.

He said that volunteering for the community is something people must do, if they have the means, "if you're lucky in life." Mr Corey began his community work with the Boy Scouts and Grands Ballets Canadiens.

The induction ceremony will take place in the spring.



**Next Scheduled City Council Meeting**  
Monday, February 3, 8:00 pm

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Evenings: Sun-Thurs, January 19-23, 4:45 pm

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**APPOINTMENT**



Cathy Matyskiel

Don Sancton, publisher of THE EXAMINER, is pleased to announce the appointment of Cathy Matyskiel as advertising manager of THE EXAMINER and the Town of Mount Royal Weekly Post/Le Courrier de Ville Mont-Royal.

Ms Matyskiel replaces Louise Wolman who leaves the papers tomorrow after almost 11 years as advertising director. Ms Wolman has accepted a position as retail advertising manager for The Hill Times, a 3-year-old weekly newspaper serving the "community" of Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Ms Matyskiel has served as Ms Wolman's assistant for almost four years and brings to her new position a knowledge of the papers, their clients and advertising in general. As with Ms Wolman, Ms Matyskiel is based in the papers' Hillside avenue office and may be reached at 931-7511.

*Westmount Community Calendar*

**Today, Jan 16**

**Art exhibit:** Watercolors by Jane Desjardins are on view at the Westmount library until Jan 26.  
**Vernissage for Interiors,** paintings by Montrealer Scott MacLeod, from 7:30 to 9:30 at Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue. The exhibit continues to Feb 8. 488-9558.  
**Apartment Watch** crime prevention advice for tenants of 201 Metcalfe avenue in building lobby from 5 to 7 pm. Public safety, MUC police and fire officers will be on hand.  
**Open house** at Ecole St-Léon and Ecole Internationale, 360 Clarke avenue, from 8:30 to 11:30 am and 1 to 3 pm.

**Saturday, Jan 18**

**Open house** at St George's High School, 3100 The Boulevard, from 8:15 am to 3 pm and 6 to 9 pm. Dramatic performances, science fair, guided tours.  
**Art exhibit:** Paintings by Laryssa Luhovy and Philippe Valois at Westmount Square until Feb 7. Vernissage from 5 to 7 pm tonight.  
**Children's activity:** Samedi Greene presents a wild bird demonstration with the Ecomuseum of Ste Anne de Bellevue, at Greene Avenue Community Centre, 1090 Greene avenue, from 10 to 11:30 am. \$1.  
**Deadline** to reserve for Burns dinner by Sons of Scotland at Victoria Hall on Jan 25 at 7:30 pm. Dancing, entertainment and door prizes. 766-1367.  
**Overeaters Anonymous** meets every Saturday at 3:30 pm at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. Non-smoking.

**Sunday, Jan 19**

**CAMMAC** reading of Vivaldi's *Magnificat*, under the direction of Michel Roberge from 3 to 5 pm at St Matthias' Church hall, 12 Church Hill. All amateur vocalists and instrumentalists are welcome. Instrumentalists bring a music stand.  
**Seniors' tea** at 1:30 pm at the Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington avenue. Film *Musicanada* will be screened. \$2.50 members, \$3 others. 937-9471.  
**Adult Prisoners of Childhood** support group meets at 7 pm every Sunday in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. \$1.

**Monday, Jan 20**

**Montreal Camera Club** meets at 7:30 pm at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard. Slides of fourth pictorial competition. Guests welcome. Use rear entrance.

**Tuesday, Jan 21**

**Lecture:** Traveller Donna Davidson will give an illustrated lecture on *Hindu Cultures and Artistic Expression*. An Indian dancer from Bhrati Natya Foundation will perform. From 2 to 3:30 pm in Victoria Hall. Reserve in advance at 935-8531.

**Open house** at St George's elementary school, 3685 The Boulevard, from 9 am to noon. 937-9289.

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

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

**Cars collide at Metcalfe**

A three-year-old Pointe Claire boy was shaken up but not hurt in a two-car crash Friday at Metcalfe avenue and St Catherine street, police said.

The boy was buckled into the back seat of a 1990 Toyota that was travelling east and made a left turn in front of a westbound Pontiac.

Public safety officers, who came across the accident at 5:10 pm, called Urgences Santé due to the severity of the impact which caused more than \$500 damage to each car. No tickets were issued.

**Merchants: be wary of phoney invoice fraud**

Westmount merchants and businesspeople are warned to check all invoices carefully in wake of a fraud scheme involving phoney billing that appears to be operating in Toronto as well as here.

The caution was issued Monday by public security director Richard McEnroe after his own department was targeted as a potential victim in the scam.

Dir McEnroe said he received a bill for some \$460 last week for photocopy toner he had taken delivery of last November and has already paid for. He immediately phoned the company on the allegedly phoney bill at a 1-800 number in Toronto listed on the invoice. He asked that a copy of the shipping slip be faxed to him.

When it was never received, he contacted the Toronto Metro Police fraud squad to be told they were aware of the scheme.

"They asked me to file a report with MUC police, which I'm planning to do," he said.

"I want businesses in Westmount to be wary of invoices and to check them over very carefully before paying." The director said it might be especially easy in a big company for a phoney invoice to slip undetected into the billing system.

In his case, he said, the invoice detailed a precise description of the order. Having placed the order himself through a regular supplier, he was able to detect the fraud immediately, he said.

**The time to beat**

WESTMOUNT'S first born for 1992 may be found.

Unless THE EXAMINER learns of another birth sometime in 1992 before 4:23 pm Jan 9, this winner will be announced in next week's issue.

THE EXAMINER must be notified of any earlier births to Westmount parents by noon on Monday, Jan 20, by calling 932-3157.

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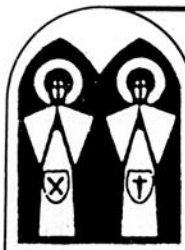
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**Good Bye Louise Wolman**  
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**Man, 82, collapses in street**

Efforts by Westmount emergency personnel to save the life of an 82-year-old Westmount man ended in vain Friday after he collapsed in the street of an apparent heart attack.

Montague Willis, found outside 564 Grosvenor avenue about 10 am, was given CPR by public security sergeant Gregory Cockerell, a certified CPR instructor, and fireman James McAllister, a paramedic from Urgences Santé who joined the fire department last year.

"Unfortunately, he died, but he couldn't have been in better hands," said public security director Richard McEnroe.

Mr Willis, of Prince Albert avenue, was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital where he was pronounced dead after more lifesaving attempts, according to Montreal Urban Community police.

Emergency forces rallied to his aid after public works employee Clément Guérin spotted him on the road and called for help over the radio. (See obituary page 14).

**Pair of rare convertibles at car show owned locally**

Two rare vintage convertibles owned by Westmounters Phil Chartrand and Councillor David Laidley are in the car show on until Sunday at the Olympic Stadium.

Mr Chartrand's Pininfarina Solitaire atop a Mark VI Bentley chassis is a one-of-a-kind car built for the 1949 Geneva auto exhibition.

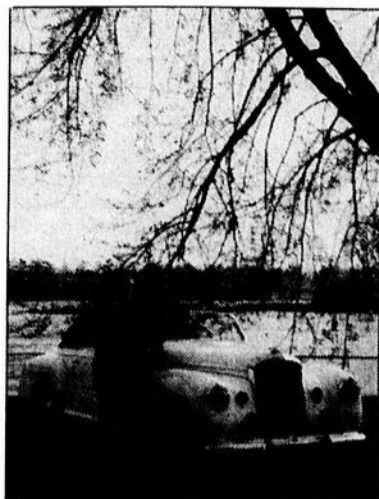
Pinin Farina was "the Van Gogh of the car world," said Mr Chartrand. "The Ferraris are his, and the Alfa Romeos."

The restoration took Mr Chartrand 12 years. The car was bought in 27 boxes and three barrels and had been in that condition for five years.

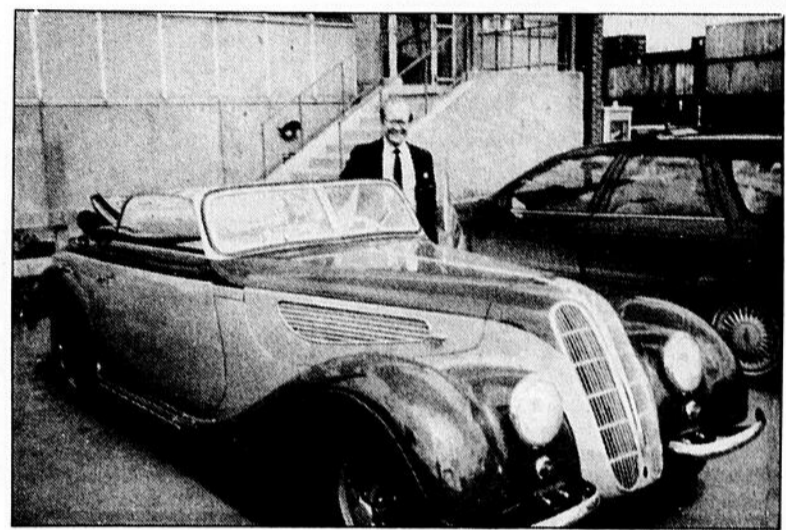
The Bentley chassis was referred to as the "silent sports car," with a 4 1/4-litre engine, twin carburetors and high lift cams. The aluminum body is over a light metal frame and the dashboard, instead of being made of wood, is finished in metal.

Mr Laidley's 1939 BMW 328/28 was one of just 500 made, and was also found in a sorry state.

"I found it as a complete wreck. It had been disassembled by someone with the idea of restoring it," said Mr Laidley. "It was in bits and pieces in a basement in Boston."



Phil Chartrand and his Pininfarina.



David Laidley's 1939 BMW took a total of 9 1/2 years to restore.

He spent five years attempting to identify the bits and pieces, sometimes succeeding, sometimes failing. "It was like the biggest jigsaw puzzle you ever saw. Because I hadn't disassembled it, I was not sure what pieces went where, or what they were," he said.

In frustration, he then sent it off to

England for a restoration job that lasted another 4 1/2 years.

The green-and-gray car came back like new, with some parts re-tooled and others found and restored. Many of the molds had been lost during the Second World War.

His car is in the show because

BMW Canada called Germany, asking for a model to be flown to Montreal to couple it with the most recent sports model, the two-seater BMW 850.

Why do that, they responded, when there is a car of that type in Montreal?

**Written guarantee sought by MNA Holden if Quebec separates**

There is nothing surprising in MNA Richard Holden's brief to the Parti Québécois task force on the place of English Quebecers in a sovereign Quebec.

What is more surprising, considering a boycott by both Alliance Quebec and the Equality Party, is that he made a submission at all.

"I will feel better for having told them," said Mr Holden. Though his submission may carry little or no weight, if Quebec does separate, "I've been on the record. It's a moral thing."

Alliance Quebec refuses to participate for two reasons; it doubts the sincerity of the effort, considering its co-chair and leader of the party have made donations to Action Québec, a group that reports violations of the sign law, and it does not accept the premise of the task force in the event of a sovereign Quebec.

It would prefer to be consulted "not from a constitutional point of view, but of anglophones as full-fledged Quebecers," said executive-director David Birnbaum.

The Equality Party, to begin with, agreed the donations to Action Québec were insulting, then added more reasons. According to party president Martin Segal, "The PQ doesn't have to research the future, it just has to recognize anglophones being equal contributors to society... We don't need a task force to see how anglophones can better participate. What do they think we're now doing?"

Not only did Mr Holden, newly independent, send his nine-page submission on Dec 18, he plans to address the task force at the end of the month.

"I was going to tell them that if they really think they want to have a

By ALISON RAMSEY

separate Quebec, they better announce it well in advance that they will be understanding of the minority," said Mr Holden.

Just to make sure that understanding is unshakeable, he wants the Parti Québécois to promise to adopt a charter of rights for minorities and negotiate a treaty with the rest of Canada ensuring the historic rights of francophones outside Quebec and anglophones in Quebec.

It's a way of making people respect their word," Mr Holden said. "It's a lot more sure if it's written down someplace."

ance, after citing the fact that many institutions accessible to all were built by anglophones.

"Instead of thinking of Quebec as a 25 percent participant in Canada, we will be obliged to look at the local English community as a 12 percent partner in a sovereign Quebec," he wrote. Refraining from mentioning dismally few anglophones are currently in the Quebec civil service, he wrote, "Please assure us that 12 percent of the public service will be anglophone."

Anglophones seek "to live peace-

fully in our community without being discriminated against."

In conclusion, "because sovereignty implies a loss of many of the protections afforded under existing laws, it is important that the task force state clearly what they believe the future should be for our institutions, our language, and our individual and collective rights and freedoms.

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**Fairness and tolerance**

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He pleaded for fairness and toler-

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## You Say

### PSOs' response found reassuring by witness

I would like to express my admiration and respect for the speed and efficiency shown by Public Security officers who answered an emergency call Jan 10 to help an elderly man (Montague Willis of Prince Albert avenue) found lying beside his car in the snow opposite 564 Grosvenor avenue.

A call radioed by parks department worker Clément Garin, who happened to pass in his truck, was answered within 60 seconds by Sgt Greg Cockerell who came on the run and began administering CPR. He was followed quickly by fellow officers Jim Novak and Tim Wilson in another car. Police and

fire department paramedics also arrived with impressive promptness.

Theirs was a smooth, fast, professional operation. Unfortunately they were unable to save the patient. However, their swift and compassionate action was reassuring, renewing my sense of security of life in Westmount. I would like to think that all communities could benefit from such a responsible and skilled team.

Linde Howe-Beck

572 Victoria avenue  
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 278

### No decision needed in Rex vs Murray

Yet another instance of attempted toponym-tampering! Yours is an utterly unnecessary, potentially seriously divisive editorial proposal ("Let it be Murray Park," last week) that would see King George (né Murray, admittedly) Park divested of its regal designation.

Furthermore, for you to imply that being a Canadian is incompatible, somehow, with continued, present-day loyalty to the Crown is highly disturbing; the Crown is still the historical cornerstone of our our institu-

tions, your trendy assault notwithstanding.

Whether you wish it or not, Sir, the Westmount tradition has patently proven to be flexible enough to combine an official "King George" with an informal "Murray" in everyday usage. The two designations, after a few decades of happy coexistence, should be allowed to live on alongside each other.

Rex vs Murray. Let the matter rest, I say.

Andrew Cook-Jolicoeur

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## We Say

### Why council pensions?

INCREDIBLY, despite the straightened circumstances of so many persons in many walks of private and business pursuits, government continues to pile on benefits for those in public life.

Because it eventually will bear on the Westmount municipal taxpayer — who last week learned how the Quebec government and the Montreal Urban Community is hitting him or her this year through the city's budget — we take special cognizance of what is described as the "Rolls-Royce of pensions" scheme for municipal politicians detailed earlier this week by a provincial spokesman.

From our local point of view, until only a few years ago the opportunity for and privilege of service to the community were the sole and sufficient rewards for being mayor or city councillor of Westmount.

It was an honor to represent your fellow citizens on city council and no one asked or expected any monetary reward along with it.

True, we used to hear odd grumblings from individual solons about the hours they put in on city business and, for their pains, seemed to receive only grumbling and abuse from some citizens. There may even have been some otherwise well-qualified citizens who declined to run for office for fear of not being able to afford it.

Even so, it was not until a centralizing, uniformity-minded bureaucracy at Quebec — itself even then coddled and often overpaid — convinced the government

that elected municipal officials throughout the province should be paid according to a scale based on population. This was whether the local citizens or the officials themselves wished it. The thin excuse ventured was that the solons of some cities or towns had a propensity of paying themselves extravagantly.

Since then, starting in the McEntyre years, Westmount's council members have been paid. We and they had no say in the matter. Then pensions became available.

The new pension plan lowers minimum qualifying service to two years (previously four), cuts substantially the councillors' contributions, provides generous buy-back provisions for previous service, and requires the municipalities to kick in 3.36 times the politicians' share of the cost.

The spokesman for Quebec's Commission Administrative des Régimes de Retraite et d'Assurances oversees pension plans, including this one. Only an outfit with such a pretentious name could come up with such generosity at the already overburdened taxpayers' expense.

We trust our new council will continue the policy adopted in 1989 of opting out of such schemes, if at all possible. For Westmount, we way, it is unconscionable.

There is no reason whatsoever why the ratepayers should subsidize the retirements of their chosen but willing representatives.

However diligent and devoted, they remain part-time and usually short-term public servants.

row provincial political considerations.

It well may be that the Alberta premier's local ploy won't work and on the federal scene he will be written off as unprincipled, unthoughtful and in the end unable to influence national affairs.

His remarks were so outrageous that even Quebec's partisans have failed to react by taking him seriously. A good thing.

In Westmount, where we know first-hand the true value of language and cultural diversity, we also know of and can feel the divisiveness and mischief-making inherent in intolerance.

We prefer the Quebec variety, sincerely held even though regrettable, to the lightweight Getty type.

### Getty the lightweight

ALBERTA's Premier Getty has given us an insight into why the critics of Meech Lake were right about not entrusting the future constitutional arrangements of Canada solely to the politicians.

Some are totally unreliable. Statesmanship is not guaranteed when someone ascends to become the head of government of a province or even a country.

As in Mr Getty's case.

Just how damaged the pursuit of constitutional peace will be is yet to be seen. His ill-timed remarks about bilingualism, multiculturalism and Senate reform were obtuse and obviously motivated by nar-

our Mayor  
Peter F. Trent  
says...



### Living off our capital (Part I)

I ALWAYS make a point of going in the front door of city hall. I try to avoid that mean little door around the back. My silent protests notwithstanding, the campaign for dignified entry has been lost ever since the reception desk was hustled off downstairs.

Anyway, as you enter the back door you are confronted with a panel listing all the city departments and their many addresses — Bethune, The Glen, Stanton, St Catherine, Sherbrooke. It reads like a Lowell's directory of Westmount.

We have nearly two dozen municipal buildings scattered all over our 1,000-acre city.

Now, while we have been pretty prolific in creating buildings, we have mostly left them to fend for themselves. And that's the subject of this and next week's column.

Fact: the average age of a public building in Westmount is about 60 years. The last time we did a thorough (though questionable) renovation anywhere in the city was more than 25 years ago, when city hall was just about gutted.

our PSBGM  
commissioner  
Joan Rothman  
says...



### Hagiwaro-cho in Westmount

EACH weekend Westmount Park School becomes the educational centre for the Japanese business and consular community. Paul Saunders is the principal of Westmount Park School, the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal's largest English program school. Paul has been supportive of the Japanese centre and has often helped its administrators with his pedagogical and administrative knowledge.

The Mitsui Canada Foundation recognized Paul Saunders' contribution to the Japanese community in Montreal and last November he toured Japan as one of six members of the Canadian Educators' Tour with teachers, school board officers and department heads from across Canada.

Paul Saunders has become convinced of the importance of international exchange to international understanding and is now working toward an exchange with a Japanese community that will involve students, schools, families and perhaps the City of Westmount itself.

According to Paul, Mitsui & Co (Canada) Ltd, through the Mitsui Canada Foundation, established the concept of the Canadian Educators' Tour at a meeting of Japanese

and Canadian business executives in Calgary seven years ago. Their mission was to develop positive relationships with Japan's main trading partners and since then, the tour has taken place each year.

The members of the Japanese weekend school at Westmount Park were concerned that this active principal not only be prepared for his trip, but that he enjoy himself. To that end Mr Arita of Mitsui brought the families of children who had attended regular school at Westmount Park together so they could renew their Montreal friendships in Japan. Mitsui company personnel that Paul had met in Montreal came to see him in Japan. Mr Saunders was able to discover how his students had adjusted to life and school in Japan after spending a few years abroad. This return to academic life is of deep concern to most Japanese parents because of the competitive structure of Japanese education.

While in Japan, Paul visited the village of Hagiwaro-cho and met a young Westmounter, Nick McConnell, who is there teaching English to high school students. Nick, after discussion with school and municipal officials, proposed the idea of an educational, cultural exchange with schools in Westmount and last year had even mentioned a municipal exchange of sorts with his uncle, former councillor Peter Duffield.

Now that the principal and English-language teacher have met, I know the exchange has become an exciting project that needs response and support from the community to make it a reality. Global village, here we come!

The Westmount Examiner  
**EXAMINING THE FILES**

**Forty-five Years Ago**  
 January 10, 1947

The Rotary Club heard from Kurt Swinton on electronics. "The speaker assured the club that by electronic means all human senses can be duplicated, and that this duplication is more accurate and better than the human senses can do... the newest wrinkle in radio is an application of electronic principles, electric doors such as those at Windsor Station, which open automatically make use of an electronic cell and amplifiers... Electronics, the speaker pointed out, has many other uses, such as inspecting bottles for cleanliness. A machine already in use for testing soft-drink bottles can handle 120 bottles per minute... In his closing remarks, Mr Swinton warned his audience not to be over optimistic about what electronics can and will do, and not to be led astray by over optimistic salesmen who tend to exaggerate its possibilities."

**Thirty-five Years Ago**  
 January 11, 1957

"A local woman 'gave herself up' to police last week, admitting that she had escaped from a prison farm in Oakalla, B.C. two years ago. Det.-Lt. Bill Phillips of the missing persons' squad, said the woman claimed she was surrendering to police because her husband had threatened to 'turn her in.'"

"Fractured skulls, broken limbs and eye injuries are repaired daily by Mrs. Dean Cotton, 1318A Greene avenue. And she performs these surgical feats without a medical degree or any aid from nursing assistants. Her patients are dolls. At the Westmount Doll Hospital, forceps, pincers, goose-necked pliers and even drills and hammers prod, squeeze, pinch, bore and thump at favorite dolls to repair them for excited 'mothers.' Dolls are as popular as ever, says Mrs. Cotton, despite new electrical toys now being produced."

**Twenty-five Years Ago**  
 January 12, 1967

"Socio-economic future of Quebec: There is no need to dwell at any length on the changing face of Quebec. Forces of a new nature, instilling fresh vitality in the life of the Province, are seen on every hand. A largely agrarian society has yielded place to one which seeks to gird itself for the struggle to master the natural resources of the land. An industrial society now dominates the scene."

Westmount Library Rules, circa 1900: "Each member may have but one book at a time. A book may be kept out two weeks. Children are not allowed to lend library books to one another. All are cautioned to speak low and be as quiet as possible in the Reading Room."

**Ten Years Ago**  
 January 14, 1982

"The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal is currently undertaking a cost study to determine the feasibility of restoring the school signs which have been removed from Westmount High School and obscured at Westmount Park School. The changes to the signs were made by the PSBGM in an effort to comply with Bill 101. But after complaints from school committees, the board admitted that such a move was not necessary."

**One Year Ago**  
 January 17, 1991

"A telephone survey of recreation and culture in Westmount indicates residents may be ready to pay some user fees."

"The Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal made a gutless move by voting to keep West Hill High School open, according to local commissioner Joan Rothman. The school should have been closed but 'the board is dreadfully afraid of the French sector increasing,' said Mrs Rothman."

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**our M.N.A.**  
 Richard B. Holden  
 says...



**Writing on wall for anglos**

THE charitable explanation for Alberta premier Don Getty's outburst on official bilingualism in Canada would be the fact that he took more than his share of sacks while quarterbacking the Edmonton Eskimos during the late '60s. I feverently hope it had nothing to do with the fact that he and his family originally hailed from Westmount. The more likely answer lies elsewhere.

Getty trails even Mulroney in the polls. He's desperate. When Ray Speaker, one of Getty's senior ministers, quit the provincial scene to go with the Reform Party, Mr Getty said that his friend was not deserting to the enemy but was rather joining a group that spoke for the majority of Albertans at the federal level. That statement confirmed what federal Tories have suspected for some time, that Getty has deserted what he perceives to be a sinking ship.

I'm assuming that readers know what Getty suggested about scrapping the Official Languages Act and getting rid of official multiculturalism. Thankfully, only the Preston Mannings and the Lucien Bouchards of this world have given thumbs up to Getty's nonsense. The zealots like *The Gazette's* William Johnson believe that a poisonous debate on language could somehow lead us out of the constitutional morass in which we currently find ourselves. I am constantly mystified by Johnson's tenuous hold on reality.

The sad truth is that Getty's attitude reflects widespread rejection, outside the Montreal/Ottawa/Toronto triangle, of the fundamental lodestone of Canadianism, our bilingualism. Even in New Brunswick the rise of CORE spells trouble for those who hoped that language hostility was a thing of the past.

As for us, the anglophones in Quebec, the writing appears to be on the wall. We are on our own; and perhaps that is as it should be. I intend to keep pushing for recognition of

our place in Quebec, no matter what Getty or Parizeau or Libman might say or do to

dissuade me.

Is anyone out there prepared to help?

**Merchants find their own ways to cope in tough times**

THE heart of Westmount is still beating. The shops along Sherbrooke street, between Claremont and Grosvenor, are all still there. They survived an anaemic Christmas season. The economic sclerosis that just isn't getting better has cut the flow of money down to a trickle. But the merchants are getting by.

They're coping. It's a wonderland for consumers, with sale prices slashed by as much as 70 percent and more than a handful of merchants bearing the burden of the GST. The idea is to attract customers and an infusion of cash which will allow shop owners to hold off creditors, move old stock and invest in what they hope will be a bright future.

It's a survival strategy, and right now that's all that most Sherbrooke street merchants can ask for.

The problem is their potential customers are dependent on businesses which are facing the same problems. If there's no money going into businesses, there's no money going out in wages, which would then go back into the businesses. It's the kind of vicious circle that makes financial planners go cross-eyed.

Yet the heart is still beating, and the merchants are getting by. But their health is more psychological than financial, more metaphysical than material. They've managed to stay in business because they're tough. These shopkeepers are the kind of bloody-minded independents who beat the odds by spitting in Fortune's face. Some are keeping their doors open despite facing bankruptcy.

One merchant consoles himself in a penetrating critique of government and corporate economic policy. January is always dead, he says, only it's more dead than usual after a decade of unregulated speculation. The middle class, his customers, has been cut off at the knees while the open market has enriched speculators. As for the future, he grins, shrugs and says, "I'm just a simple merchant."

The simple merchants have no trouble talking about economics, business cycles, and how, after a year, their clients

**Between the Lines**



MATTHEW FRIEDMAN

still complain about the "God-damned Stupid Tax." They've become experts in the subtle nuances of crisis economics. But they won't talk about the future, or the light at the end of the tunnel. It's as if they don't want to get their hopes up, or they've been toughened to the point that this state of affairs seems normal.

Some businesses have cut their hours — "It doesn't make any sense to stay open when nobody comes in." A few owners have gone on vacation in January, thinking that February can't be much worse. And everyone counts their blessings that they're in Westmount.

"We're part of the community here," says one businessman. "People know us, we're right around the corner. It helps us survive." What business there is on Sherbrooke street comes from a regular clientele that's come to depend on the local shops' merchandise and service.

The city's new surtax on commercial real estate will be a shock to the system. The merchants don't plan to like it. But many are simply resigned to the introduction of a new variable in the equation of economic survival. At this point it appears as just another challenge among a host of challenges. They are, as with everything else these days, philosophical. It can't get much worse, so if they can hold the line for now, they just might survive after all.

They're coping. The pulse may be slower, and the blood a little thinner, but the heart of Westmount is still beating. At a time when good news is so hard to come by, we can all at least take a little comfort in that.

**I Say!**

WORK is much more fun than fun.

— Noel Coward

# Vintage car buff home after nearly 3 months in hospital after fire

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A Westmount burn victim says he's lucky to be alive.

Phil Chartrand, an antique car collector, was released from hospital in time for Christmas almost three months after the garage of his house at 50 Oakland avenue caught fire as he was changing the gas line on one of his prize-winning cars.

He suffered third-degree burns to one leg and second-degree burns to an arm as fumes ignited while he lay under the 1932 Lagonda. It was at the back of the garage with a 1948 Riley behind a 1936 Rolls-Royce and a 1954 MG.

"It was an awesome experience to be under the car. It makes you reflect how lucky you are to be alive. There were people in the burn unit with terrible burns to their faces. I was very lucky."

Initially doctors said he would be in hospital about five days.

Five weeks later, he was released from the Montreal General Hospital to the Montreal Convalescent Hospital.

"I can't say enough about the care that everyone provided. The caregivers have so much empathy. They are so patient and positive."

Even now, however, Mr Chartrand says he cannot stand for long. The skin from grafts on his leg "is like Kleenex," but will toughen in time.

The fate of the two cars that were heavily damaged in the fire is unknown at this time, he says.

The Riley is rebuildable but he's uncertain about the Lagonda, an Aston Martin vehicle.

"It's a very unique, rare car. I'm looking at it, still trying to make up my mind. There's some good news, the motor turns over."

But he's not certain he can obtain necessary parts for its restoration.

### Thought of cars

As flames consumed the garage, Mr Chartrand, his pant leg on fire, thought only of moving his prized cars to safety.

"I managed to get my pants off and took the skin from the leg with them. Then I moved my van from the driveway. Then I sat on the side of the MG, put it in neutral and rolled it on to the street. I drove out the Rolls. I was going to pull the Lagonda out by the front end and my wife wanted to get involved but at this point the flames were at the ceiling. I was afraid the gas tank would explode, so I decided against it.

"What still amazes me, is that all that time I felt nothing. At a certain stage, after 10 or 12 minutes when I had done all I could, I went into shock."

# Car crash victim pried out

The drivers of two cars which collided Tuesday last week at Claremont and Prince Albert avenues were taken to hospital, police said.

One, a woman living on Northcliffe avenue, suffered neck and back pain. The other, a woman living on Chester avenue in Montreal, complained of pain in the left side. Both were transported to Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé.

The accident occurred about 10:30 am between a southbound Ford and a westbound Honda. Each driver claimed have a green light. Police said there were no witnesses.

The southbound Ford was spun around by the impact and ended up on the southwest corner against a traffic light. The 53-year-old driver was extricated by firefighters, who forced off the car door

# Meningitis vaccine to require prescription

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availability."

Even if it becomes available, parents will have to go to the CLSC Métro to obtain a doctor's prescription. It will not be distributed through the local office of the CLSC because there are no doctors there.

The cost of the vaccine is expected to be between \$40 and \$90 per dose. It takes 10 to 14 days for the body to develop effective antibodies for everyone over two years old.

### Mixed reaction

Westmounters' reaction to the meningitis scare has been mixed, but health and school officials are determined to stave off panic.

At Westmount High School, the daily bulletin and discussion with homeroom teachers were the mouthpieces used to spread the word about how to recognize symptoms of the disease.

"The first day back after the holidays," said WHS principal Richard Meades Tuesday, "the kids had a lot of questions, mainly about when they're going to be immunized. It's an issue for youngsters and they have a full range of opinions. Some are really concerned and others aren't as much and instead will quote you statistics about how rare it is to contract."

"We've had talks about meningitis in homeroom," said 12-year-old WHS student Kaye Yuen. "We've been given warnings about symptoms and advised to go to the doctor immediately if we feel sick. I'm worried a little bit but I'm not the kind of person to worry too much."

Principal Meades said absenteeism is not a problem at WHS since the end of the first semester is coming up on Jan 20. Exams held at that



WHS students have been given lessons in their homeroom classes on how to recognize meningitis symptoms.

time are crucial to graduating students.

He also expressed concern about the statistics that are being bandied about and whether or not the hype is media created.

"There are many unanswered questions," he said. "Why this age group and why so many (deaths) now? We're watching carefully. As a staff, we're aware that headache and high fever shouldn't go unnoticed."

Quebec teenagers are being advised to avoid crowds, such as at dances and in bars, to lessen the risk of exposure.

### Special report aired

CTV television's W5 aired a special on meningitis Sunday night. Reporter Elizabeth Cook said the fact that several teenagers have died from the meningococcal strain is an unexplained quirk of the disease. The report noted the unique aspects of this outbreak include the clustering (groups of people in a small area contracting the infection) and the relatively uncommon age group of teenagers being affected.

# Night work noise upsets residents

Westmount residents lodged three noise complaints last week generated by snow clearing work and dicing of railway control boxes along the tracks.

Public safety officers said they found two front-end loaders finishing work in the parking lot of the Atwater campus of Dawson College last Thursday at 11:25 pm when they checked out the first complaint made by a resident of 1 Wood avenue.

Soon after, at 1:05 am Friday, another loader clearing snow at 4898 de Maisonneuve boulevard disturbed residents on York street. It had just completed work when officers arrived.

At 1:23 am Monday, an anonymous caller complained of noise near 100 Abbott avenue. Sergeant Mario Testa found railway workers using a generator-operated steamer to thaw ice on control boxes. He deemed the work to be urgent enough to be permitted but workers were finished and ready to leave in any event.

Before health minister Côté loosened restrictions on vaccine supplies, 14-year-old WHS student Luwam Samuel said her parents would feel safer if they had access to the vaccine.

"We want the shots," she said Monday, "but they won't give them to us because no one in our school is infected and it's only for people who've come in contact with someone who has it."

The numbers are misleading, according to Dr Elaine Mills, director of the infectious disease department of the Montreal Children's Hospital.

"When we looked at the island of Montreal, we found fewer cases this year than last," she said. "There is definitely no epidemic, as has been reported, but it's noteworthy to mention the clustering of the four cases that went to the same party in St Jean. The public awareness was then heightened, which is why we then heard about the isolated incidents in Knowlton and Hudson. I think it was the close timing of the deaths that has made everyone so afraid."

### Mortality not up

Dr Mills added that the average mortality rate of 10 per cent has not increased overall in Quebec last year. She said it may seem that this is a more virulent strain of the disease, but it is in the nature of meningitis to ravage quickly. The bacteria does not spread quickly, but if a person contracts the infection, they get sick very quickly.

The infection traditionally occurs in all age groups, according to Dr Mills, but the bulk appears in the under-five category. She was unable to explain why so many teenagers have been stricken.

"There's no panic or fear here," said Beatrice Lewis, director of St George's elementary school. "I'm concerned about what's going on; there have been no phone calls from parents."

Normal hygiene procedures are being maintained at the school, she said.

"The children eat lunch together," she said, "but they know not to share food or drinks and we have them washing their hands frequently."

Ms Lewis said that because of the wide media coverage, parents are more informed and have been able to discuss the issue with their children and adequately warn them about symptoms.

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## Blue boxes' bottles tempt trash-pickers

A Westmount man picking bottles out of recycling boxes outside 65 Bruce Avenue was stopped Wednesday last week by public safety officers. He was reported to have returned home to a nearby rooming house on Dorchester boulevard.

The security unit was summoned to the area by a Hallowell street resident who complained about a man rifling through the blue boxes. He was found with a case of empty beer bottles and two bags of other bottles.

The practice is considered to constitute a nuisance, according to public safety officers who have stopped other garbage pickers on previous occasions.

One local resident reported spotting a man rummaging through blue boxes on Roslyn Avenue several weeks ago to collect bottles.



## Who's doing what?

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

**Jan 6**

No permits issued.

**Jan 7**

**4485 Sherbrooke:** for D & E Gruskov by contractor to be announced, refinishing exterior wall, \$4,800;

**Jan 8**

No permits issued.

**Jan 9**

**4515 St Catherine:** for Ville Marie Social Services by Plomberie G & G, conversion to gas, \$9,000;

**5 Weredale Park:** for Ville Marie Social Services by Plomberie G & G, conversion to gas, \$60,000;

**Jan 10**

No permits issued.

## Preventing roadside floods



City workers Bruno Raymond, left, and Ronald Bray, work during driving rain Tuesday to clear drains of ice and slush so the water will run off properly.

## Salaries, fringe benefits replaced by contractors

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Elimination of eight personnel positions in Westmount this year makes more of a dent in the books than in payroll savings, but it helps keep the city's controllable spending at last year's level, city officials said.

Cut salaries and fringe benefits are worth about \$385,000, according to city operations manager Bruce St Louis. But the saving in actual payout is expected to be between \$70,000 and \$80,000, he said.

The reason is that some of the work has to be contracted out. In addition, one of the positions was created but never filled, one has been vacant for two years and the others were held by workers who retired or left last year and in some cases the work already has been contracted out.

Positions cut from the budget are director of protective services (a position newly created last year but never filled), junior accounts payable clerk which has been vacant for some time, sanitary inspector and five positions in the city's labor pool.

As a result, salaries and fringe benefits of 317 permanent employees account for \$17.4 million in the 1992 budget including provision for a 1.5-percent salary increase for the year and increased fringe benefits. This represents 64 percent of the \$27.1 million budgeted to operate Westmount's services (less \$500,000 for tax appeal refunds).

By comparison, the city budgeted \$16.5 million for payroll in 1991, or 62 percent of the municipal operation budget of \$26.5 million.

City officials calculate they've been able to keep controllable ex-

penses in the 1992 budget at the level of last year's actual spending forecast at \$26.8 million. Only major increases over which they have no control have pushed the budget to \$27.1 million, they say.

These include a \$100,000 increase in the cost of buying water from the City of Montreal (to \$1.7 million from \$1.6 million), a \$200,000 projected increase in debt service and other financing costs (to \$2.8 million from \$2.6 million) and a \$307,000 increase in the city's portion of UIC, QPP, CSST and related contributions.

City director-general Manley Schultz said the inclusion of the \$500,000 for tax refunds as a city expenditure had been a controversial item in preparation of the budget from an accounting point of view. The mayor and Mr Laidley were of the same opinion that refunds should be deducted from tax revenues; auditors, however, wanted it shown as an expenditure.

City revenues from sources other than property taxes are budgeted this year at \$9.9 million, slightly less than last year due mainly to lower interest rates, according to Mr Laidley.

Some of these include amusement taxes of \$210,000, court fines of \$2.2 million, and the sale of No 2 Fire Station for \$450,500.

In addition to compensation in lieu of taxes on provincial government property tied to the mill rate for sites such as schools, Quebec will provide another \$481,000 in other compensation for the use of "air, surface and underground rights of way for public utilities."

## Lock your car or be ticketed

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmounters who leave car doors unlocked in winter to avoid locks freezing over have until Sunday to change their habit.

That's when local Montreal Urban Community police will start rattling door handles and locking up any parked cars they find insecure. Along with a frozen lock, delinquent drivers may also find a ticket on the front seat.

The lock-up campaign is scheduled to last until Feb 1 as a reminder to motorists that locking car doors and keeping merchandise out of sight in cars is one of the best ways to prevent thefts involving vehicles.

"We're going to ticket people who leave car doors unlocked as well as those who leave motors running or keys in the ignition with the engine off," said crime prevention officer

Gaston Bernier.

He said letting an engine idle not only is a good invitation to thieves, but letting one run more than four minutes contravenes a Westmount anti-pollution by-law.

Tickets for \$20 will be issued for idling engines, whether or not the driver is sitting behind the wheel. Fines of \$30 are given for vehicles parked with keys inside or left with doors unlocked.

Two similar police programs called Operation Hibou were carried out last year when thefts from cars in Westmount decreased to 149 from 203, Const Bernier said. "It's very hard to know what made the percentage go down, but we do know the reduction followed our two lock-up campaigns."

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# The Point may have changed, but Balconville still relevant

David Fennario's *Balconville* is back at Centaur Theatre, 13 years after it was first performed.

This was a play that set the Montreal theatre community on its ear back then — it was bilingual, had lots of raunchy verisimilitude, and was the first look that many Montrealers ever took at the working poor.

Perhaps things have changed in the Point since the play was written. Many of the sheds, like the one that smolders at the end of the play, have been pulled down; whole blocks have burned down. Fire is less of a threat now; unemployment a greater one.

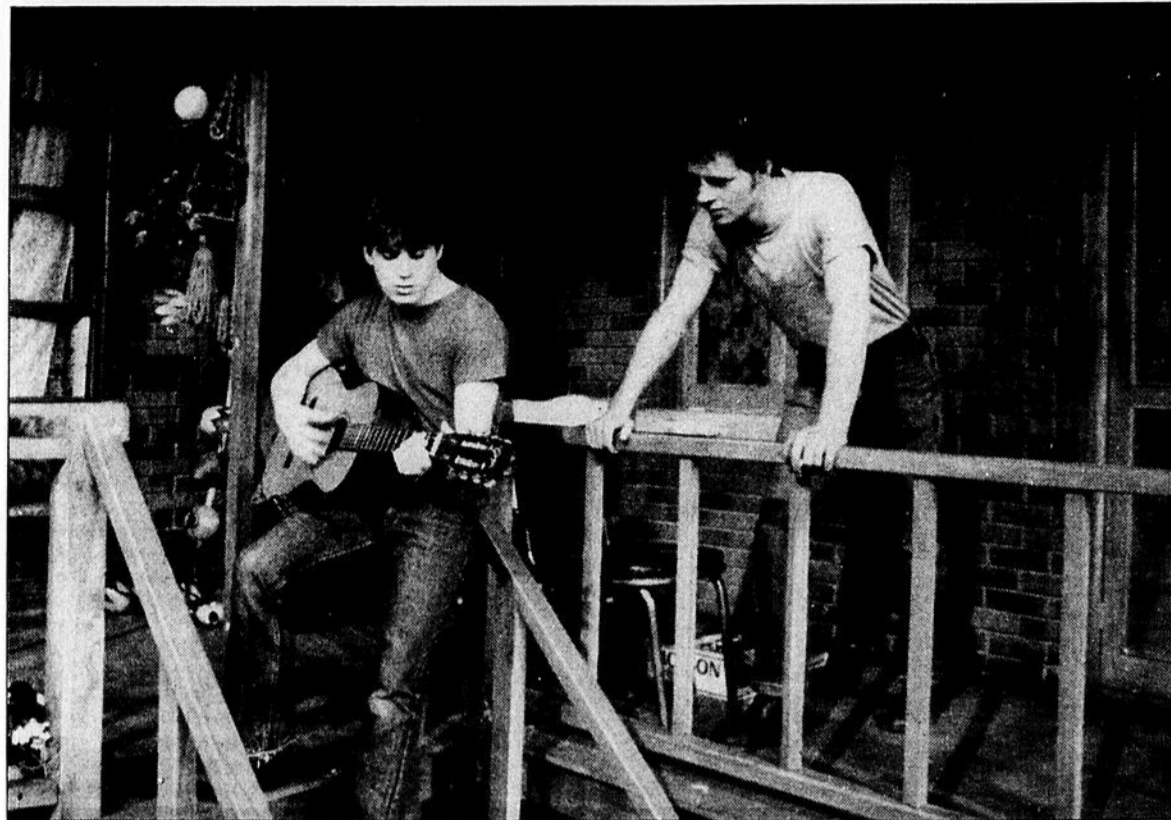
And perhaps the f-word, that so offended many theatregoers back then, has lost a lot of its shock value.

The incomparable Marc Gélinas and Jean Archambault are reprising their original roles, and the set by Barbra Matis has been recreated, but the rest of the cast, and the director, are new.

Among the new cast members is Daniel Brochu, a Dome Theatre graduate, who plays Tom Williams, the anglophone teenager who lives downstairs from the Thibault family, and who is counting on the determinedly unemployed Johnny Regan (Aidan Devine) to help him fulfill his dream of being a rock star — as soon as he learns to play guitar.

*Balconville*, for those who have never seen it, tells the story of three families in Point St Charles; united in their poverty but with the men warring over language.

Their common enemy is the politician, given one face by Gaëtan



Dome graduate Daniel Brochu as Tom Williams, left, and Aidan Devine as Johnny Regan in *Balconville*.

Bolduc (Pierre Lenoir) who promises everything and does nothing as conditions grow worse.

Claude Paquette (Mr Gélinas) has worked unremittently since he was a

teenager, but that does him no good when the company he owns decides to move to Taiwan, "and they don't want to take Claude," his wife Cécile (Carmen Ferlan) tells the neighbors. The couple have a teenage daughter Diane (Catherine Lachance) who dreams of better things and briefly hopes she might find them with a biker.

"How do you stand it?" asks Irene

Regan (Brenda Bazinet) as Cécile helps her get her drunken Johnny into bed. "It's just life," is the reply of a completely dominated wife who manages to seem happy most of the time.

Irene works as a waitress and nags her husband to the unemployment office, but he clings to the dream of singing like Elvis.

While Irene and Cécile cling to hope, Muriel Williams (Joanna Noy-

es) has given up. She makes a practice of never being nice about much of anything. Her husband works far away and sends money only occasionally; she is afraid she is dying, and she pushes her son to take a job, any job.

The fool Thibeault (Mr Archambault) flits through the play on his bicycle, delivering beer, remembering the old days, underscoring the points made by the playwright.

Our own Mr Brochu, who himself grew up in the Point, finds himself on stage with some pretty formidable performers. But he brings a successful amount of vulnerability and naïveté to the role of a kid who tries to do as he's told while rebelling against his mother's control. He leaves town, but gets stopped at the border, and is almost able to laugh at his failure.

The play is a rollicking and angry look at lives lived in noisy desperation. The production, while less powerful than the original, is still worth seeing. It is not surprising that this play was Centaur's biggest hit; it may hold that position for another decade.

Tickets for this run of the play should be snapped up quickly, so plan to book for the show soon. If your only experience of Mr Fennario's writing is last season's *The Death of René Lévesque*, this play will show you why the playwright is held in such esteem.

*Balconville*, by David Fennario, directed by Paul Thompson, is at Centaur Theatre until Feb 2. Showtimes are Tuesday to Saturday at 8 pm; Sunday evenings at 7 pm, which are smoke-free; Saturday matinees and one on Feb 2 are at 2 pm and matinees Jan 22 and 29 are at 1 pm. Box office is 288-1229.

—Janet Coutts

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A sight reading of Vivaldi's *Magnificat* takes place Sunday, Jan 19, from 3 to 5 pm at St Matthias' Church hall, 12 Church Hill. All amateur vocalists and instrumentalists are invited to take part.

## Puppet show

Centaur's Saturday Morning Children's Series of visiting theatre companies opens 1992 with Picardi Theatre's puppet presentation, *Tales of Light from the "Dark Continent,"* adaptations of traditional folk tales from five African countries, which takes place at 10 am.

After the play, the puppeteers will demonstrate how the various kinds of puppets are made and worked.

Tickets are \$3 for kids, \$5 for adults. Box office: 288-3161.

## MONTREAL CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Notice of the 61st Annual General Meeting

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## BIBLIOTHÈQUE DES JEUNES DE MONTRÉAL

Avis: 61ième assemblée générale

L'assemblée générale de la Bibliothèque des jeunes de Montréal aura lieu jeudi, le 30 janvier 1992 à 10h30 à l'Auditorium de la Bibliothèque Atwater. Le but de cette rencontre est de recevoir les rapports, d'élire le conseil d'administration et de sélectionner les vérificateurs.

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## Local girl clears hurdle to become 'Teen cover girl, Maybelline model

A 17-YEAR-OLD Westmouter has mounted her first, and biggest, step on the way to becoming a cover girl for 'Teen magazine.

Hayley Semerjian is one of 480 regional semi-finalists, chosen from 24,000 girls who vied to become the 1992 Model Discovery of the Year, a contest run by the magazine.

Hayley, a Dawson College student, picks up 'Teen magazine on occasion. Last January, she saw the ad for the contest.

"My mom's friend is a photographer and took pictures of me. I already had the pictures, so I thought I'd try it," she said. "I just wanted to do it for fun."

It just so happened that the photo session with the photographer supplied Hayley with the required 10 photographs, all different, most of her face close up with two or three full body shots.

The Semerjians heard nothing — until about a month ago.

The magazine notified Hayley she'd cleared the first hurdle, and asked for more pictures.

Hayley is pleased with the result of the newest photo session.

"Last year I looked younger, and my hair's shorter," she said. "I didn't like my pictures much. I'm happy with them this year."

There is stiff competition yet. To win, Hayley must become one of 16 super semi-finalists, then one of 12 finalists.

All finalists are given an all-expenses-paid trip to California (the magazine is based in Los Angeles).



A sample from Hayley Semerjian's first photo session with Rhonda Sofaer. Hayley is the only 'Teen magazine regional semi-finalist from Quebec.

"The finalists get a huge case of make-up," said Hayley, who will turn 18 in August.

The winner will grace the October issue of 'Teen, receive \$5,000 cash from Maybelline and appear

in a national Maybelline ad.

"I'm not thinking of becoming a model," said Hayley. "I'm a bit short, five foot three. I'm taking social sciences at Dawson. I want to become a lawyer."

## Lectures on city history

To help celebrate Montreal's 350th anniversary, Marianopolis College, 3880 Côte des Neiges road, is offering a lecture series on aspects of the city's history.

This Monday, Patricia Simpson, CND, biographer of Marguerite Bourgeoys, will lecture on *Marguerite Bourgeoys and Ville Marie*.

Wednesday, Feb 19, Concordia University historian Graeme Deca-

rie will lecture on *Sport and Leisure in Victorian Montreal*.

Wednesday, March 18, McGill University architect Derek Drummond will speak on *Public Life in Montreal's Public Spaces*.

The series ends Thursday, April 9, when management consultant Manon Vennat speaks on *Women in the Montreal Workplace*.

All lectures start at 8 pm in room 119. Parking is available.

## Money sought for survivors

The friends of Muhammad Beydoun, the grocer murdered during a holdup in the West Island on Dec 7, have set up a trust fund to assist his widow and children.

Tax deductible receipts will be issued, and donations can be made to

the Beydoun Trust Fund at the National Bank of Canada, 795 Decarie boulevard, Ville St Laurent H4L 3L3, account number 3065908 or at Librairie du Moyen-Orient, 877 Decarie boulevard, Ville St Laurent H4L 3L3, telephone 744-4886.

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## Montreal Fête des Neiges opens tomorrow

Montreal's Fête des Neiges opens tomorrow and runs until Feb 2 with outdoor activities for everyone. The official opening is at noon in Complexe Desjardins, and at 7 pm the action moves to St Denis street for the gala of Boule de neige, an amiable polar bear, mascot of the fête. Vilain Pingouin, a popular Quebec band, will give an outdoor show at 8 pm.

For the 17 days of the festival, the city will be full of ice sculptures by artists from around the world. On Ile

Notre Dame, there will be theatre on ice weekends.

The Golden Age Association, 5700 Westbury avenue, will participate on Thursday, Jan 23, with an intergenerational sleigh ride and buffet lunch.

Participants will depart by bus from the association at 9 am for the Double J Ranch in St Lazare for the sleigh ride, then return for lunch with entertainment provided by guitarist Beverly Druizen.

Cost of the outing is \$6 for mem-

bers and \$7 for others. Tickets are on sale in room 110. For information call 739-4731.

Other events include competitions and barrel-jumping shows, the winter triathlon and a dog-sled race, lessons in Finnish luge and pocket ski, skating and cross-country skiing and (for the very young) pétanque, mini-putting and croquet all take place on Ile Notre Dame.

The Old Port is the site of many competitions — biathlon, canoe race on ice, mountain-bike, showshoeing, and more.

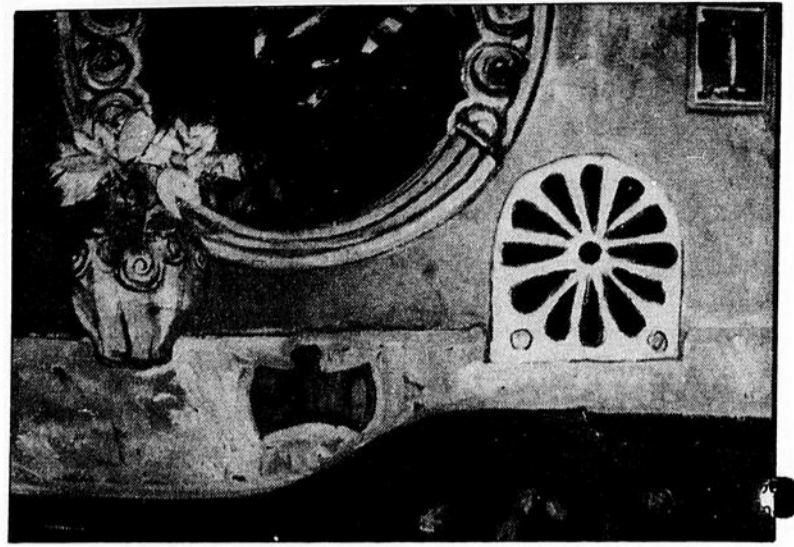
For more details, call Info-Fête at 395-1922 during the festival.

### Courses at Contactivity

Contactivity Centre, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard, will offer classes in art appreciation, French conversation, *The Anatomy of the Detective Story* and intermediate bridge, starting Feb 3.

Registration day is Jan 23 from 10 am to 12:30 pm. The courses cost \$18 for 10 sessions.

## MacLeod's Interiors



The gallery of the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, is showing the paintings of Montrealer Scott MacLeod until Feb 8. The vernissage for *Interiors* is tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Mr MacLeod graduated from Concordia University in 1987 and works in photography, illustration and printmaking as well as painting. His work has been shown widely throughout Canada as well as in Germany, Mexico and Ireland. Some of his paintings are in major public collections, including the Musée du Québec, the National Gallery of Canada and the Consulate General of Morocco in Montreal.

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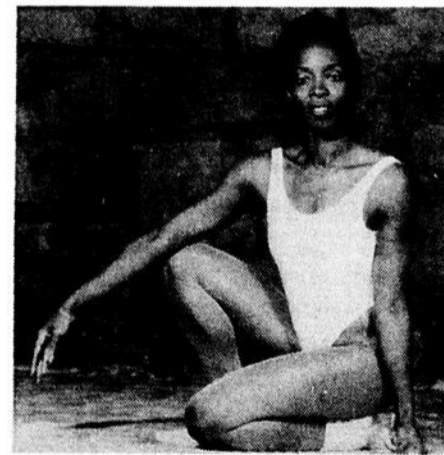
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### Jan 7

10:36 am: Claremont and Côte St Antoine, assistance to extricate victim at car accident (see story page 6);  
1:41 pm: 455 Stratheona, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
3:08 pm: 15 Park Place, Westmount Park School, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 14 pm, false alarm pulled by student;  
5:59 pm: Front of 4585 Sherbrooke, YMCA, car leaking gas;  
5:28 pm: 4421 St Catherine, first responder unit for medical assistance at fatal car accident (story last week);

### Jan 8

7:39 am: 25 Forden, sparking wall thermostat for electric baseboard heater in bedroom, disconnected;  
3:37 pm: 1 Rosemount, code 3 automatic mutual aid from St Laurent and Outremont cancelled at 3:44 pm, fire in pot of oil already out, no damage;  
5:00 pm: 596 Lansdowne, smoke detector activated by workmen taking down wall;  
8:06 pm: 50 Hillside, Centre d'Accueil St Margaret, first responder unit for medical assistance;

### Jan 9

9:55 pm: 4775 Sherbrooke, first responder unit for medical assistance;

### Jan 10

10:00 am: Front of 564 Grosvenor, first responder unit for medical assistance (see story page 3);  
3:09 pm: 5320 Macdonald, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 3:23 pm;  
11:15 pm: 630 Victoria, alarm activated by smoke from newly installed fireplace;

### Jan 11

11:40 am: 687 Grosvenor, alarm activated by burning food;  
3:09 pm: 383 Olivier, defective alarm;

### Jan 12

9:19 pm: 35 Church Hill, hot wall from fireplace caused by cracks and holes in mortar, wall opened but no fire found, repairs required;  
10:08 pm: 7905 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 10:15 pm;

### Jan 13

7:10 am: 710 Upper Roslyn, smoke detector activated by defective furnace;  
8:07 am: Front of 130 Hillside, burning smell from car, oil spilled on engine;  
1:52 pm: 736 Lexington, defective alarm;  
5:17 pm: 5800 Cavendish, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:21 pm;  
10:03 pm: 4360 Montrose, first responder unit for medical assistance.

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## Films on family life at Baptist church

A film series, *Turn Your Heart Toward Home*, will be hosted by Westmount Baptist Church starting Sunday at 7 pm and continuing for six consecutive Sunday evenings.

The films are produced by Focus on the Family, a U.S.-based group, and feature child psychologist and author James C. Dobson on *A Father Looks Back*, *Power in Parenting: The Young Child*, *Power in Parenting: The Adolescent*, *The Family Under Fire*, *Overcoming a Painful Childhood* and *The Heritage*.

Everyone is invited to attend. A freewill offering will be taken. The church is located at the corner of Roslyn avenue and Sherbrooke street.

## Drama, dance during service at St A-D-D

Drama and dance as part of the worship service is to be discussed at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church on Tuesday. A presentation in the sanctuary at Easter has been proposed.

On Sunday, Rev Bob Shank will conduct the service and present a sermon on *Water to Wine*.

The study series on AIDS continues from 12:30 to 1:30 pm after Sunday service. Speaker this week is Sister Thérèse of Nazareth House on *A Volunteer's Perspective: Caring for People Dying of AIDS*.

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L'instrument est splendide et relativement peu cher pour son importance et sa qualité. Une institution de Toronto était prête à offrir un plus fort montant, mais le United Church préfère que cet orgue demeure à Montréal, à cause de son importance historique. Les recommandations de John Grew, doyen de la faculté de musique de l'Université McGill et organiste de la Queen Mary Road United Church, et de Bernard Lagacé ont beaucoup pesé dans la balance.

Le milieu des musiciens est très sensible au fait que cet orgue reste à Montréal et son départ éventuel ferait scandale.

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**Space remains  
in gamut of  
city courses**

The deadline for registration for the following social/cultural courses has been extended until tomorrow, Jan 17: tai chi (all levels), ballet (adult), ballroom dancing (adult), tap dancing (two levels), bellydancing (adult), photography (adult), creative writing (adult) as well as cooking (children), magic (children), science (children) and cartooning (children).

Anyone interested in registering can come to the arena's recreation and culture office to see Beverley Adams-Coskun or call her at 935-8531.

**Temple offers Judaism class**

An introduction to Judaism class is being offered at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke st west.

The class begins Jan 28 and runs for 12 weeks from 5:45 to 7 pm. Those who wish to convert to Judaism at Temple are required to take this course as well as those who are plan-

ning an intermarriage under Temple auspices.

These two groups will stay past the 7 pm end of the regular class for small discussion groups centred on issues of importance to them.

There is no charge for Temple members, but there is a book fee. Register by calling 937-3575.

**St George's science fair**

The St George's High School science fair today from 1 to 3 and 6:30 to 9 pm will include exhibits on meningitis, kidney disease, the effect of acid rain on plants and metal alloy, breast cancer, three-dimensional image generators, superconductivity, paper recycling, steroids

and their effect on the human body, and beer-bottle concrete as well as an A-bomb model, taste tests of Nutrasweet vs sugar, and more.

The high school is at 3100 the Boulevard, and the fair is in the gymnasium.

**Courses  
at women's  
centre**

The Women's Centre, 3585 St Urbain street at Prince Arthur, is offering courses in assertiveness training starting Tuesday, Jan 28, from 6 to 9 pm for Assertiveness I and on Thursday, Feb 5, at the same time, for Assertiveness II. Both courses run 14 weeks and cost \$15.

A course called *Money Matters* covers stretching dollars and pennies, buying a house, getting credit, consolidating debts and tax breaks. This course starts Tuesday, Jan 28, and runs from 6 to 8 pm for six weeks if a minimum of eight women sign up. The course costs \$37.

A number of courses are offered in French — tai chi, dealing with menopause, literacy, self-defense, relaxation, assertiveness training, family law, carpentry and Wordperfect 5.1.

Registration for all courses is Jan 21 to 23 from 1:30 to 7:30 pm. The Women's Centre number is 842-1066.

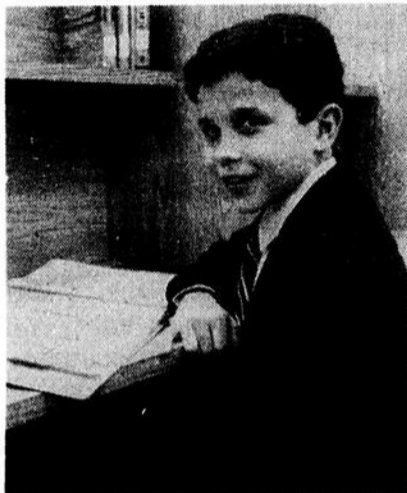
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# Montague Willis, dead at 82, remembered for gentle nature

A memorial service was held at St Matthias' Church Tuesday for life-long Westmount resident Montague Castle Willis.

The 82-year-old collapsed outside his daughter Nancy Gallop's home

on Grosvenor avenue Friday last week.

"Poppa" to his grandchildren, "Monty" to everyone else, Mr Willis was very active in many aspects of the Westmount community. His fam-

By J. MARION FEINBERG

ily has lived in Westmount since 1894.

Born in 1909 on Olivier avenue, he later lived on Grosvenor for 21 years and then on Prince Albert avenue with his wife Lorna for another 15 years.

Mrs Gallop says her father was a good-natured and gentle person who loved to work on the family property on Lake Champlain, near Lacolle, Quebec.

"Last summer, he was still diving in the water and up on an extension ladder painting the barn," says Mrs Gallop. "He loved to curl in the winter and swim, sail and putter around the country house in the summer."

He graduated from Westmount High School in 1927 and did one year of McGill University before entering into the family piano business, Willis and Company.

"His father was a bit of a patriarch who wouldn't let him finish his university studies. Back then you only did that if you were going to go into the ministry," says Mrs Gallop.

He was vice-president of sales un-

til retiring in the early '60s. Mr Willis then worked as a representative of the Chamber of Commerce until he was 72. Mrs Gallop says that men in the Willis family either went into the piano-manufacturing or the ministry. Mr Willis' twin brother, Selwyn, was an Anglican minister.

Mr Willis became part of a group called the Westmount Thespian Group in high school and remained close with other members for decades. They performed plays in Victoria Hall and the all-male troupe would also perform female roles in the true thespian tradition. He was with the Montreal Executive Association in the '50s.

### Was church warden

When Archdeacon Jack Doidge presided at St Matthias' in the '60s, Mr Willis served as a church warden. He was also lay secretary of the synod of the Anglican diocese of Montreal for many years, according to Mrs Gallop.

A sports buff of sorts, Mrs Gallop says her father was a member of the Badminton & Squash Club for over 35 years although he didn't play. His

real passions were curling and baseball, she says. He was a member of the Heather Curling Club and, more recently, the Thistle Curling Club.

"He was the oldest active skip," says Mrs Gallop. "He was a leader and top player. He also was a great baseball fan, watching every game he could."

Mr Willis' mother's maiden name was Castle, a family well known in Westmount for their stained glass work.

"Many homes and buildings in Westmount have stained glass that was crafted by his uncle," says Mrs Gallop.

Mrs Gallop said her father was a devoted family man who was truly interested in the exploits and developments of his children, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

"My father was never a complainer," she adds, "and I never heard him say an unkind word about anyone."

Mr Willis is survived by his wife Lorna Herdman; his daughter Nancy (Gallop) and son Alan; his grandchildren: Mark, Liane (Congdon), and Keith and his great-grandchild Clara.

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## Longtime resident, artist McNeill dead at 74

Funeral services were held for longtime Westmount resident and artist Esmé Liebeck McNeill two months ago. Mrs McNeill passed away suddenly but peacefully at her home on Redfern avenue on Nov 19, 1991. She was 74.

Mrs McNeill was an avid commercial artist and devoted member of the Women's Art Society, the Montreal Art Club, and Art Group 80.

She lived in her Redfern family home for 29 years, since she arrived in Westmount from Los Angeles to live with her mother in 1963.

According to her friend and art colleague of 25 years, Gaetane Kerr, Mrs McNeill's personality was "a delightful mixture of grande dame and enfant terrible."

"She didn't take herself too seriously," says Mrs Kerr, "sometimes she didn't give two pins about rules and could be quite naughty, other times she was big on etiquette and was a real lady. But she could always be on everyone's level, which was her trademark."

Mrs McNeill's grandfather, G. Sweeney, was the archbishop of the Church of England in Toronto for many years. He was said to have officiated at the first religious service held for St Matthias' Church in a private home on Côte St Antoine road, according to Mrs Kerr.

Mrs McNeill was the last descendant of the Seigneurie d'Auteuil in Berthierville, awarded to the Bothwell and Cuthbert families, according to Mrs Kerr. One of Mrs McNeill's ancestors sailed back to England with the body of General James Wolfe and brought word of the victory at Quebec on the Plains of Abraham.

"My own ancestor, Pierre Marc-

Aurele de Lafeuillade," says Mrs Kerr, "came with Montcalm from France. Esmé enjoyed my teasing her about our ancestors fighting each other and wondering if hers had taken pot shots at mine."

Mrs McNeill was born on Dec 4, 1916 in Quebec City. She lived in Los Angeles, Toronto and Westmount. She was married twice in Los Angeles. She has no children and no

family left in Montreal.

"Her smile came first before any words," says Mrs Kerr, "and she was resilient and adaptable in her dealings with people, life and art. Because she was alone here and she loved family, she often borrowed the Kerr family. She brought warmth and praise to everyone she met. She was my best friend. Adieu Esmé."

## Strangers assist women when car catches fire

Residents rallied to the plight of a Westmount woman Jan 4 afternoon when her car caught fire on Claremont near Winchester avenue.

Four young adults helped the driver and her two friends out of the burning car while a passing motorist called firefighters and then drove one of the passengers home to the Town of Mount Royal.

"Can you imagine driving a stranger all the way to the Town of Mount Royal?" said car owner Veronica Cook, quite overwhelmed by the assistance.

She identified the passerby as Stuart Boa, of 602 Grosvenor avenue, but she did not know the names of the four young people, whom she believed to be local residents from the way they were talking.

"I would like them all to know how much I appreciated what they did," said Mrs Cook. "They were so kind."

Her car, a 1980 Dodge Aspen, was reported by fire officials to be a total

loss. It was not known what started the fire which broke out about 3:39 pm in the engine.

Mrs Cook said she remained relatively calm when she realized the car was on fire.

"Fortunately the car was stopped because I had just picked up my friend. It wouldn't start and suddenly I saw smoke coming from the bonnet. My friend in the front seat whom I didn't expect to react the way she did got into a panic and said, 'Oh, the door's locked. I can't get out. I can't get out.'"

Mrs Cook said the four young people, three men and young women, appeared to help.

"They were absolutely wonderful. They insisted we get out of the car and the girl took my arms and ushered us as far away as possible. They stayed with us for the longest time."

It was then that Mr Boa, a 28-year-old salesman, turned up in his red Jimmy and used his car phone to call firefighters.

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## Pre-teen dance, comedy night, sleigh ride at carnival

Westmount's "Frosty Fun" winter carnival this year will be better organized than in the past, according to recreation department co-ordinator Peter Wallace.

"Our organizing committee is bigger," he says, "with each person responsible for a particular event. Also, we managed to get an earlier start."

The annual event, geared to run from Feb 12 to 15, is a popular one

### Chaperone sought for teen bowlers

THE recreation and culture department is looking for a volunteer willing to chaperone a group of teens to Rose Bowl Lanes for the winter carnival.

The potential volunteer will have to have Saturday, Feb 15, available for an afternoon of teen bowling fun.

Call 935-8531 extension 320 to volunteer.

since Westmounters love to do things as a community, says Mr Wallace.

Although not every detail is nailed down yet, such as prices and ticket purchasing, most of the fun has been mapped out for the three-day extravaganza.

Things will kick off Wednesday, Feb 12, with a night ski trip for adults to Bromont in the Eastern Townships. A bus will leave the arena at 5:30 pm and return by 11 pm.

The next day, Feb 13, will be a seniors' luncheon, organized cooperatively by the Westmount Y, Contact

By J. MARION FEINBERG

tivity and the Westmount winter carnival committee. From 12:30 to 3:30 pm, a light lunch will be served with refreshments and entertainment will follow.

Later that night is an adult comedy event billed as "The Comedy Nest Road Show" which will be held at the Westmount Park School auditorium.

A pre-teen dance is featured for Friday, Feb 14, at Victoria Hall from 7 to 10 pm. Nine to 13-year-olds will

be hip-hopping to a deejay, and refreshments will be available.

Fans of traditional Westmount carnival events are in for a treat Saturday, Feb 15, since the sleigh ride — after a one-year hiatus — is back in the program due to popular demand. The sleigh, drawn by a horse, will go from the tennis courts, along Academy road, up Melville avenue to the north end of the soccer field and back. The rides will last from 10 am to 4 pm.

If a chaperone volunteers, there will be bowling for teens at the Rose Bowl from 2 to 5 pm.

According to Mr Wallace, the usual activities such as races, a costume parade, hot dog lunch and maybe

even barrel-jumping will be happening at the arena from 11 am to 4 pm. The family dinner, which puts the Children's Movie Night and the Adult Wine Party back-to-back following the supper, will begin at 6 pm in Victoria Hall.

"Some things are still up in the air," says Mr Wallace, "The prices have not been established yet but they'll be forthcoming."

Also coming up are nominations for the Carnival Queen, King, grand duchess and duke with details to be coming soon.

Carnival event tickets will have to be purchased in advance, so keep up to date on the details as they're made available in upcoming weeks.

## SPORTS STANDINGS

### HOCKEY

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey league as of Monday, January 14, 1992:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
<b>SENIOR A</b>							
Blues	16	12	4	0	80	49	24
Red Wings	15	7	4	4	48	35	18
Jets	16	8	6	2	49	40	18
Rangers	17	5	9	3	51	64	13
Whalers	16	3	12	1	42	82	7
<b>SENIOR B</b>							
Fathers	16	11	5	0	60	34	22
Flyers	16	9	6	1	63	54	19
Devils	15	8	7	0	31	38	16
Hawks	16	7	7	2	45	44	16

Oilers	16	6	7	3	41	39	15
Sharks	15	6	7	2	39	38	14
Kings	16	3	11	2	40	72	8

### EXECUTIVE

C.A.'s	11	6	3	2	40	33	14
M.B.A.'s	11	6	3	2	33	37	14
Engineers	11	5	4	2	47	34	17
P.H.D.'s	11	1	8	7	30	46	4

### NOVICE

Dragons	15	9	6	0	57	47	18
Canadiens	14	8	5	1	36	32	17
Guards	15	6	7	2	29	24	14
Bears	14	4	9	1	37	56	9

### ATOM

Penguins	15	12	3	0	79	55	24
Canucks	14	8	5	1	78	46	17
Canadiens	14	4	9	1	47	73	9
Nordiques	13	3	10	0	31	61	6

### PEE WEE

Seals	13	8	5	0	59	52	16
Canadiens	13	7	5	1	46	47	15
Scouts	12	6	5	1	43	39	13
Capitals	12	3	9	0	37	47	6

## SPORTS SCORES

### HOCKEY

Category	Date	Teams
Novice	Jan 7	Dragons 2 - Guards 1
	Jan 11	Canadiens 1 - Guards 0
		Dragons 7 - Bears 5
Atom	Jan 9	Canucks 6 - Penguins 1
	Jan 11	Penguins 9 - Canadiens 1
Pee Wee	Jan 6	Canucks 6 - Nordiques 0
	Jan 9	Canadiens 5 - Seals 2
	Jan 10	Scouts 4 - Capitals 3
Senior A	Jan 9	Seals 9 - Canadiens 6
	Jan 9	Jets 3 - Whalers 1
Senior B	Jan 6	Rangers 3 - Blues 1
		Fathers 3 - Oilers 1
		Flyers 3 - Sharks 1
	Jan 7	Fathers 7 - Hawks 1
	Jan 8	Flyers 5 - Devils 1
Executive	Jan 6	Oilers 6 - Kings 3
		Eng. 4 - M.B.A.'s 4
		C.A.'s 4 - P.H.D.'s 2

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# Three teens chased through back yards in dead of the night

*Suspects give up six hood ornaments when caught*

Two young men were arrested last Thursday after a chase at 2:15 am through backyards on Montrose and Thornhill avenues when public

safety officers spotted a car break-in under way, police said. A third suspect, a Westmount resident, turned himself in soon after.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

He was accompanied by his father. A cellular phone from the car, a grey Honda station wagon, was recovered in a yard nearby and six hood ornaments from a variety of cars were retrieved from two suspects.

The three suspects were freed on a promise to appear in Sessions Court in March on charges of vandalism and theft of more than \$1,000, police said.

One, identified as a resident of Côte St Luc, turned 19 that night. The other two, residents of Westmount and N.D.G., are 18.

The chase sent security officer Robert White to hospital with a knee injury suffered as he jumped over a fence. He is expected to be off duty for at least a month, putting three of the unit's 21 officers on the disabled list.

The car theft was discovered by PSO Dave Sedgwick as he patrolled Montrose avenue and noticed a man walk across the street from a parked car, Const Bernier said.

As he neared the car, he saw the driver's window was smashed and spotted two other young men getting out of the car carrying items. When they saw the patrol vehicle, one ran down a driveway at 4386 Montrose, the other fled west on the south side of the street and then returned to run down the same driveway. The officer called for backup as well as Montreal Urban Community police.

by a young man asking where he could get a taxi. The officer noticed he was covered with snow from the waist down and took him to nearby police Station 23 where he was also arrested.

"At 3:30 am, the third man showed up at the station with his father," said Const Bernier.

Later in the day, the owner of a Mercedes told police that someone had stolen the hood emblem from the car which was parked overnight at the rear of 3274 Cedar avenue. The ornament corresponded to one of the six seized in the arrest, police said.

## Proposed electoral map challenged by Liberals

By ALISON RAMSEY

Westmount Quebec Liberal president William Cosgrove and St Louis riding MNA Jacques Chagnon agree the census of downtown Montreal may be faulty, calling into question a proposal to merge the ridings.

Both will challenge the numbers during hearings by a committee proposing changes to the Quebec electoral map.

Both are trying to find out if the government count of 35,000 people downtown is accurate or, as is thought by Mr Chagnon, the number is closer to 50,000.

"It would have an important impact on the map," Mr Chagnon said. "As soon as you believe there are more people in Montreal, it changes everything. Your figures are no good anymore."

Merging the ridings would raise the question as to which Liberal, Mr Cosgrove or Mr Chagnon, would run in the next provincial election.

Mr Cosgrove said that decision will be amicably discussed and resolved, and that the two men talk regularly about issues affecting the party, which includes the question of who would take the riding.

(Mr Cosgrove was the unsuccessful

candidate in Westmount in the 1989 election and announced soon after that he would run again here. He has since become president of the Liberal riding association.)

The boundary of the Westmount riding was expanded to include downtown Montreal in the proposed new electoral map because the current riding contains barely enough electors to be legally acceptable under the Elections Act. A riding can have no fewer than 28,024 electors and no more than 46,707.

The proposed Westmount-St Louis riding would have 40,419 electors, according to current government statistics.

Unlike the local Equality Party riding association, Mr Cosgrove has no quarrel with linking Montrealers to Westmount in a new riding. He does not agree Westmount deserves special treatment, but does agree "the City of Westmount is largely different from the surrounding area."

However, he pointed out, much of the current Westmount riding — a full 15,248 of 29,927 electors — are from outside Westmount, to the west and north.

## PSU cautions owners of untied dogs

The first two Public Security Unit reports of 1992 involved loose dogs.

One concerned a Doberman that ran in front of a patrol van outside 3777 The Boulevard at 10:15 am New Year's Day. The dog was returned to its nearby home.

An hour or so later they caught a man throwing snowballs for his dog to chase on the property of Roslyn School. Both dog owners were cautioned.



## STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

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

### Cash and clothes forced from store

A robber outfitted himself with new clothes and then got enough money to go out on the town, according to police.

The 30-year-old man spent about 15 minutes Friday evening trying on clothes in Les Amoureux, a shop in Place Alexis Nihon Plaza, before he finally took them to the cash, displayed the butt of a silver-colored revolver and said: "Stay calm. I have a gun. Give me cash."

He was given an undisclosed amount which he put in a store bag along with a pair of pants and two shirts.

### Party pickings

Bottles of wine, a coffee maker and a crystal plate disappeared from a house on Renfrew avenue after the son of the owners had a party, police said.

### Shower aborts theft

A woman was showering in an apartment at 4516 St Catherine street Saturday afternoon when someone opened a rear window and propped it up with a piece of wood, police said. There were no indications that anyone climbed inside and it was believed that a burglar was either interrupted in the attempt to break in or heard the shower and reconsidered the plan.

### Doctor's bag in stolen Rabbit

A car containing a doctor's bag and a tennis racquet was one of two reported stolen in Westmount last week, police said. It was parked Saturday and Sunday, Jan 5 and 6, in a lot near Reddy Memorial Hospital. The bag contained instruments as well as medication. The 1982 Volkswagen Rabbit belongs to a Beaconsfield man working at the hospital.

The other vehicle was a \$58,000 BMW-735 which disappeared outside 455 Mount Stephen avenue between noon last Thursday and 6 am Friday. The 1990 model belongs to a resident of the street.

### Cabbie caught for outstanding fines

A taxi driver was arrested Tuesday last week at St Catherine street and Hillside Lane when he was stopped for a traffic violation, police said. He was found to be wanted on arrest warrants for non-payment of five infractions of taxi regulations dating back to 1986 and 1987. They included failure to display a pocket number. The cabbie, age 73, paid the fines and was released.

### Purse snatched

A 37-year-old legal secretary had her purse snatched last Thursday about 5:30 pm in the stairway leading to the tunnel from Westmount Square to the Atwater Métro station, police said. The victim, a LaSalle resident, was shoved but not hurt as the robber pulled on the purse.

### A Regal stroll

A 1991 Buick Regal sustained more than \$1,000 damage to the hood and paint when someone walked on it overnight Wednesday last week, police said. The vandalism occurred in the garage of the apartment building at 4444 Sherbrooke street.

### Shoplifter gives up box

A man, accompanied by a woman, was seen shoplifting a jewelry box Saturday afternoon from Galerie Opulence in Westmount Square, police said. When pursued and stopped by the merchant, he handed it over and disappeared. Soon after, the woman was spotted alone on St Catherine street and was pointed out to police. She was questioned but released when the shopkeeper refused to lay charges. She was identified as a 36-year-old resident of Henri Bourassa street east.

### Man upset by lack of expected cheque

A 29-year-old St Henri man was arrested as a last resort Friday when efforts to eject him from the Canada Manpower office at 4060 St Catherine street proved futile, according to police reports. He refused to leave the office without receiving a cheque he had expected. Officers were called initially to eject the man, which they did. When he returned soon after, police were called back and took him into custody about 10:40 am. The man was later released unconditionally.

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