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Another Family Day success for Westmount

PHOTOS AND STORY BY WAYNE LARSEN



Even though the temperature didn't reach record-breaking levels, children at Westmount's annual Family Day still managed to enjoy a few water games including a long, carpet-slide (above).

It was a beautiful Saturday in Westmount Park—sunny, but not too hot—and when it was over many kids may have been a bit forlorn: they now have to wait another year until the next Family Day.

The 23rd annual event went off exactly as planned, with an estimated 3,000 people attending throughout the day.

"There were a lot of smiling faces, and seeing everyone having a good time was very rewarding," said organizer Mike Deegan of the Sports and Recreation department.

From a petting zoo and pony rides to field games and information booths set up by Westmount's many different organizations, there was something for everyone.

As in previous years, one of the highlights for kids was a thrilling slide along a rope across the horseshoe pond, courtesy of Westmount's Third Field Engineers Regiment. Many hit the water before reaching dry land, but none seemed to mind.

The annual tug-of-war contest, which traditionally pits kids from the south side of Sherbrooke against those from the north, ended in a quick, surprising upset. This year the north side pulled their way to an easy victory—the first time anyone could remember the south side ever losing.

Later in the afternoon, the southern part of the park took on a midway atmosphere with a series of carnival booths featuring games of skill.



Plenty of entertainment and activities filled the afternoon with laughs and good times for all.

But while most of the planning and coordination were the responsibility of the Sports and Recreation department, Deegan was quick to point out that it was truly a city-wide effort, with all the other municipal departments having had a hand in making the day a success.

Deegan also gave much of the credit to the Sports and Recreation staff—Dave Lapointe, Bruce Stacey, Claude Danis, Ena Pouni, Esther Chamberland, Sonny Gavin, Terry Stubbs and Karine Carlevaris. "Without the help of these people, as well as the many volunteers, Family Day could not have happened," he said.



Apron bylaw withdrawn until late summer

By WAYNE LARSEN

In an unexpected move, the City of Westmount has put off passing Bylaw 1231 for two months, allowing all those wishing to apply for a parking apron permit to do so until August 3.

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The announcement came at last Monday's city council meeting, during which the City was expected to pass the bylaw. Instead, Councillor Karin Marks said the bylaw would be withdrawn until the August council meeting and that permits for new aprons would be issued until then—provided they conform to the existing law.

"I'm really, really relieved," said Susannah Prince of de Maisonneuve. "It'll make such a difference in our day-to-day living." Prince and husband Michael Finkelstein had recently been fighting for the right to install a parking apron in front of their home, and were at the forefront of

the campaign against Bylaw 1231. "We told our kids the good news—that we'll soon be able to park on our front lawn," Prince said on Tuesday. "I'm going to call City Hall about a permit first thing tomorrow so we can get this show on the road."

The City has also included a grandfather clause in which many existing illegal aprons will be allowed to remain. But Marks insisted the City still won't tolerate aprons on which a vehicle blocks a building's entrance. "We've made a mistake—we should have been enforcing this long ago," she said of these serious violations of the fire code.

Once issued a permit, Marks said residents will have 12 months to construct their parking apron.

She added that when Bylaw 1231 comes back in August, the city will submit a motion requiring 70 per cent landscape surface on lawns—to avoid having a continuous paved space of aprons along front properties. "That we have to stop," she said firmly, "because we really are destroying our community with it."

The current law requires that aprons be constructed according to the following guidelines: that there is a physical impossibility of parking behind the building line; that it be on a streetscape with lit-

tle heritage value or that a third of the houses already have aprons; that there is an unobstructed space at least 10 feet wide by 19 feet deep, not including the walkway; that the slope of the land not exceed five per cent; and that no mature trees have to be cut down to clear a space.

Immediately before Marks's surprise announcement, Claremont Avenue resident Flora-Lee Wagner demonstrated that there are still many residents still opposed to parking aprons. "To show council that there is support for Bylaw 1231, I ask all supporters to rise," she said. In response, a dozen people stood up.

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Thursday, June 4

Westmount Secret Garden Tour: Tickets now on sale, available at the Westmount Library and City Hall. You will discover 12 prize-winning back gardens in our community. Tickets are \$25. The tour is on June 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Info: 989-5226.

Westmount Public Library presents a reading from the letters of Krystyna Wituska, 7 p.m. 4574 Sherbrooke W.

Shayne Gallery, 5471 Royalmount, presents recent paintings by Mary Pavey and Anne Mierlo, and ceramic sculpture by Caroline Benchetrit and Jerry Geier. Continues until June 13. Info: 739-1701.

From Bubble Gum to Black Box, a photography exhibition by Montreal students from grades 1 to 11, at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Cote Ste. Catherine. runs through June 11.

Contactivity for seniors will hold its annual general meeting at 12 noon at 4695 de Maisonneuve W, followed by a lunch at 1 p.m. Info: 932-3433 or 932-2326.

Time to Heal Community Centre presents the lecture 'Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder' with Wendy Clifford, NHC. 7 p.m. at 4242 Girouard. A donation of \$3 to \$5 is requested to keep the Centre in operation. Registration not required. Info: 487-1442.

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Choral concert featuring the Yellow Door Choir, directed by Eleanor Stuble. Tonight and tomorrow night at 8 p.m. at Unitarian Church, 5035 de Maisonneuve W. (corner Claremont). Tickets \$11, \$7 for students, seniors, and unemployed, available at the door. Info: 398-3475 (day), 277-1149 (evenings).

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Friday, June 5
First Friday Cribbage League at the Scottish Centre of Montreal,

IN BRIEF

Canada Day
Parade

Dr. Roopnarine Singh, president and organizer of Montreal's annual Canada Day parade, has announced the details of this year's event.

The parade will begin at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, at the corner of St. Denis and Sherbrooke. It will proceed westward to Peel, then south to Place du Canada and Dominion square. The traditional cake ceremony will begin at 1 p.m.

With the theme 'Making bridges of friendship among Canadians', this year's parade will feature 30 floats and 15 cultural groups.

Exceptional
seniors wanted for
annual awards

Nominations are being sought for the annual Golden Age Association's Prix des Aînés award. The prize recognizes seniors who are challenging others to reconsider their assumptions about aging.

Candidates must be from Montreal, actively participating in a significant activity and serve as a role model to inspire others to achieve their goals.

People who wish to nominate a senior should write a letter explaining why the person deserves the award and submit it by June 15. Nominations can be sent to Le Prix des Aînés, 5700 Westbury Ave., Montreal, Quebec, H3W 3E8. Info: Ursula Feist at 739-4731.

McEntyre Essay winners honoured at City Hall



Mayor Peter Trent presents awards to winners of the 1998 McEntyre Creative Writing Competition.

By WAYNE LARSEN

Westmount City Hall played host to 50 special guests last Monday evening—the young winners of the 25th annual McEntyre Creative Writing Competition.

In a brief ceremony on the north lawn before the monthly council meeting, a beaming Mayor Peter Trent presented each winner with an envelope as Councillor Jim Wright called out their names.

"It astounded me how many people could fit on the north lawn," Community Events Coordinator Linda Stern said of the estimated 100 proud parents, grandparents, teachers and friends who crowded onto the small piece of land to watch the ceremony.

Relatives of the late Mayor Peter McEntyre (who established and funded the competition) were present, as well as Westmount Public Library director Caroline Thibodeau and

several judges.

Holding the event outdoors proved most efficient for all concerned.

In previous years the awards were handed out in a very hot, crowded council chamber, and the resulting confusion of so many people filing out afterwards usually delayed the council meeting. On Monday, the councillors went inside right after the ceremony and the meeting got underway only a few minutes later than usual.

"It's one of those wonderful events that happens each year," said Stern.

Coordinator Deborah Adler said that this year's competition drew an unprecedented 647 entries from local schools, including Westmount Park, Roslyn, Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's, Selwyn House, École Internationale, The Study, Villa Ste. Marcelline and Westmount High.

This year's essay topic was a community's

response to a crisis—something fresh in everyone's mind when the competition was announced this winter.

Adler said that the judges had a wonderful time reading through the entries, but choosing winners was no easy task. They finally managed to narrow it down to 50 winners:

Grade one students James Gutteridge and Justin Jackson each received honourable mentions, while grade two students Franca Vinicius Quariguasi, George Cheaib and Christina Colosino won first through third prize respectively, with an honourable mention going to Sarah Chau.

In grade three, Christina Clark, Zoé Hurtado and Sarah Beattie were the top winners, with honourable mentions going to Martha Chertkow, Bianca Gabriel, Cody Gero, Alison Henderson, Nathaniel Miller and Jessica Tiel-Casas.

Grade four winners were Philip Clark, Carmen Bodmer-Roy and Meaghan Evans, with Brianna Gibson and Elise Kramer each receiving honourable mentions.

Emma Reitman, Lee Rovinescu and Moses Tannenbaum won in the grade five category, with honourable mentions going to Félix Bélisle-Renouf and Shawn Errunza. In grade six, Kate Siemiatycki, Zofie Zysman-Colman and Angie Ip were the three winners.

At the high school level, Maia Giesbrecht, Sophie Trudeau and Sara Schlemm topped the grade sevens, with Blake Adams, Alexandra Cabelli and Andy Rosenhek receiving honourable mentions.

In grade eight, Nadejda Kirillova, Astrid Beauduin and Stephanie Laughlin were winners, with honourable mentions going to Francis Nixon and Julie Steele. Grade nine winners were Le Zhang, Diem Bao Ngoc Ngo and Lisa Abramowicz, and Jake Dee-McKoy took an honourable mention.

Lisanne Morcos, Yuqian Li and Carolina Nguyen won in grade 10, and grade 11 winners were William Martin, Kathryn Tait and Jennifer Hebert, with the honourable mention going to Andrea Batsis. The winning essays are currently available for the public to read at the Westmount Public Library, 4574 Sherbrooke West.

Advance polling for school elections this weekend

To allow some people to vote before the upcoming school elections, advance polling stations will be open on Sunday, June 7 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Chief Electoral Officer François Casgrain has stated that the following people will be allowed to vote in the advance poll: an election officer on duty on election day, a handi-

capped person, and anyone who will not be able to vote on June 14. The latter people must first declare under oath that they have reason to believe they will be absent or unable to vote on election day.

Casgrain also said that this year voters will be using a new ballot paper. To vote, electors must blacken the small circle opposite the name of

the candidate of their choice, using the pencil provided by the returning officer.

Addresses of advance polling stations will soon be published in daily and some weekly newspapers.

Any other advance poll information can be obtained by calling the Information Centre at 1 800 461-0422.

Jewish Arts and
Performance
Festival gets set
to entertain

Breakthru Creations is holding its first Jewish Arts & Performance Festival called CHUTZPAH, which will take place within the grounds of McGill University as part of the International Montreal Fringe Festival.

CHUTZPAH features a variety of Jewish musical acts and artists including the Bagg Street Klezmer Band, Lisa Gamble, Jordi Rosen, Marshall Young among others.

Stan Asher will also be giving a walking tour, Tales from the Urban Shtetl, Sunday, June 14 at 1 p.m. starting at the Bagg Street Synagogue.

Shows are on Saturday, June 6 at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, June 11 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 14 at 3 p.m. Donations are welcome.

Westmount to receive Municipal Merit awards

Two out of three nominees
will receive provincial
awards next week

By WAYNE LARSEN

Two of Westmount's three nominees for this year's Mérite Municipale award have won in their respective categories—Barbara Moore for outstanding citizen, and the

Westmount Civil Protection unit for best community organization.

"It's very nice to be recognized in this way," said Moore. "The reason I do volunteer work is because I believe in what I'm doing." The Lansdowne

Avenue resident was singled out for her work with the Westmount Healthy City Project, as well as her annual contribution to October's Smart Living Day.

"I think the Westmount Healthy City Project is the most satisfying volunteer work I've ever done," she stated.

Moore also had praise for her fellow winners. "Those men and women were rather extraordinary

during the ice storm," she said of the Westmount Civil Protection unit. "I heard that they went to outlying areas once things calmed down here."

Westmount Fire Chief Jim Adams was pleased to hear of the unit's win. "It's a very well-deserved award," he said. "They are there for us 24 hours a day, for fires, floods, scout-a-thons, Family Day—you name it. And they're all strictly

volunteers."

Adams added that of the 21-member Civil Protection unit, special recognition should go to platoon leader Abe Miller as well as section leaders Shawn Mooney and Brian Hughes.

The Mérite Municipale awards are scheduled to be presented in Quebec City on June 12, in a ceremony with Rémi Trudel, the provincial minister of municipal affairs.

Fire calls



From the fire hall

Monday, May 25

10:42 a.m. 418 Claremont: Alarm activated due to alarm company doing tests.
 1:02 p.m. 4515 St. Catherine: Alarm activated due to alarm company doing tests.
 3:05 p.m. 4 Westmount Square: Peat moss in flower pot smouldering; firemen used a pressurized water extinguisher on the peat moss.
 4:49 p.m. 1500 Atwater: False alarm.

Tuesday, May 26

10:49 a.m. 525 Mount Pleasant: Alarm activated due to defective sprinkler system.
 11:20 a.m. 10 Cleve: Cancelled en route.
 11:39 a.m. 364 Kitchener: Alarm activated due to alarm company doing tests.
 12:41 p.m. Front of 481 Argyle: Small oil spill from oil company delivery truck; spill was cleaned up using Absorboll.
 9:03 p.m. 19 Lansdowne Ridge: Peat moss in flower pot smouldering on an outdoor deck; firemen used inch-and-three-quarter line on the pot.

Thursday, May 28

10:08 a.m. 4999 St. Catherine: Report of strange odor turned out to be primer and sealant being used by company repaving second-level garage floor in adjacent building.
 2:58 p.m. 225 Melville: Defective alarm.
 4:16 p.m. 4800 de Maisonneuve: Pot handle on fire in kitchen; the resident put the pot in the sink to extinguish it before arrival of firemen.

Friday, May 29

4:00 p.m. 4450 de Maisonneuve: Fire in oven due to malfunction with element; carbon dioxide extinguisher used on fire; power shut off to oven and owner advised to call a repairman.

Saturday, May 30

12:23 p.m. 202 Côte St. Antoine: False alarm.
 4:33 p.m. 4873 Sherbrooke: False alarm.

Sunday, May 31

5:36 a.m. 250 Clarke: Defective smoke detector.
 1:25 p.m. Rear of 382 Grosvenor: Transformer sparking; Westmount Light & Power on the scene to do repairs.
 4:26 p.m. Rear of 639 Belmont: Branch on electrical wire; Westmount Light & Power said they would respond to do repairs.
 5:17 p.m. 4300 de Maisonneuve: Alarm activated by tenant testing heat detector with a lit match.
 10:27 p.m. 519 Claremont: Defective smoke detector.

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 By the Park: Courtyard townhouse, secluded end unit with garden, 2 garages, 4 bdrms, 2+2 baths, fireplace, great potential. \$379,000.
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Station 12 police files

By DAVID GOLDBERG

Police on lookout for middle-aged flasher

Station 12 are asking parents to be on the lookout for a middle-aged man who has exposed himself to young girls in the Westmount area, and who may have also flashed young girls in NDG and Côte des Neiges.

The police say they aren't sure exactly how many incidents have occurred in Westmount, but the man has been spotted at least three times in the upper west section of the city. One time he flashed some students at the Villa Ste. Marcelline school on Upper Belmont. He has also been seen on Roslyn Avenue.

On May 25, between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m., the suspect was sitting on the steps of a residence on Roslyn, adjacent to Roslyn School. He said hello to a grade two student as she walked by and invited her to come over. The girl asked some of her friends to come along, and when they approached the man, he pulled out his penis and began masturbating.

Similar incidents have happened recently in Côte des Neiges and NDG, with descriptions in those cases matching the description of the man in Westmount. He is described as a white male, 40-45, 5'5", with a stocky build and pot stomach. He has salt-and-pepper hair, is quite bald on

top and has a moustache. While on Roslyn, he wore blue or violet shorts and a gray T-shirt with a violet circle on the front. He is also believed to be driving a small red car, possibly a Dodge Neon.

Anyone witnessing the suspect in action is advised to call 911 immediately.

Teen pays skateboard 'tax'

A 16-year-old boy who let a suspect take his skateboard for a test drive ended up losing his board for good.

The boy was walking along Ste. Catherine near Dorchester at 10:10 a.m. on May 25. He told police he felt he was being followed, and when he turned around he saw two young men behind him.

The first one asked if he could try the victim's skateboard, and after taking it for a spin, he told the boy, "I'll keep it."

When the boy said he wanted the skateboard back, the second suspect said to his accomplice, "Okay, give me my gun."

When the boy heard that, he relented and let the suspects take his board. Before leaving, the first suspect

turned to the boy and said, "If you try to follow us, I'll kill you."

The first suspect is described as a white male, 14-15, 5'10" and 155 lbs. He had curly brown shoulder-length hair and sideburns. He wore glasses, a beige Polo shirt and camouflage army pants.

The second suspect is a white male, 5'9" and 140 lbs. He wore a white and blue shirt and blue jeans.

Police holding information session

Station 12 police will be in an information kiosk in the Alexis Nihon Plaza on Friday, June 5, from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The police will be offering information on police work, crime prevention, and home and personal security. They will also answer citizens' questions.

Today, the police are holding an autograph session to etch security numbers into cars. It takes place on the P1 level of the plaza, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Both sessions are free, but the police are asking visitors to make a donation to the Special Olympics.



Real Estate

By Reg Morden

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Israel honours Hoppenheim

By AMANDA JELOWICKI

Film industry executive and Westmount resident Mel Hoppenheim was recently honoured with the State of Israel Bond's most prestigious award for service to the Jewish community.

In a ceremony at the Ritz Carlton Hotel on May 11, which also marked Israel's 50th anniversary, Senator E. Leo Kolber introduced Hoppenheim to a crowd of about 100 people. Kolber spoke about Hoppenheim's contribution to Montreal as President of Cité du Cinéma, as well as his philanthropic endeavors and business accomplishments in Israel.

Hoppenheim, has established numerous scholarships and bursaries for students in Israel, and has been instrumental in the development of the Canadian film industry, Kolber said.

On receiving the award, Hoppenheim said he had started to reflect upon what Israel meant to him, and about his own sense of heritage.

Of the current Israeli situation, Hoppenheim said, "In the end it is so easy to do what we have to do to ensure Israel remain a land of our future."



Mel Hoppenheim

After accepting the award, Hoppenheim announced on behalf of his family that he was committing to a \$1 million investment in the State of Israel Bonds.

"This is an example for my contemporaries, for my children, that as a Jew the highest honour you can do is to give charity."

In 1965 Hoppenheim founded Panavision, a film equipment company that has now set the standard for film-making in the world. In 1988 he built the Cité du Cinéma. Last fall he donated \$1 million to Concordia University to found the Mel Hoppenheim School of Cinema.

Recipients of the 'La Société' award are determined by the International Israel Bonds Association in New York. In conjunction with Hoppenheim's award, Senior Vice President of the Toronto Dominion Bank Robert R. Laverdure was honoured the same award.

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EDITORIAL

Family Day inspires pride in what can be done

After 22 years, the City of Westmount certainly has the formula for a successful Family Day down pat. Once again, this year's event proved that preparation and organization are everything, and the people who pulled it off deserve our recognition and thanks.

Robert Aiken, Mike Deegan and all the other members of the Sports and Recreation team who were out there all day coordinating the activities have given Westmount's citizens one more reason to be proud of their city. What's even more admirable is that they made it look easy. Clichés like "they worked tirelessly" and "they gave 200 per cent" are often used in cases like this, but rarely so appropriately.

Fred Caluori and his staff at the Public Works department also deserve high praise for their prompt and thorough clean-up after the event. By Monday morning, Westmount Park was cleaner than Lucien Bouchard's 1999 agenda book. One tent still standing near the western entrance and a few stray pieces of straw from the hayride on the football field were the only clues that close to 3,000 people had been partying there just 48 hours earlier. Even most of the shell fragments from the very messy egg-toss event were gone.

It was also good to see so many local organizations with information booths placed along the main pathways. The average Westmount resident may not have time to find out very much about all these excellent groups, but this provided them with the perfect opportunity.

It's hard to top Westmount when it comes to civic-minded communities, so the usual large turn-out for Family Day is hardly surprising. Until next year...

Buyers are real victims of townhouse delay

Nearly a year has passed since developer Jerry Winikoff stood in the parking lot of the old Westmount station, enthusiastically outlining his plans for a townhouse development on that site for an Examiner reporter. If all went well, he said, construction would begin in October. If all went well...

The ongoing struggle between Winikoff and Westmount's Architecture and Planning Commission is familiar to most Examiner readers, as it was being covered weekly until both sides got wedged into a bitter deadlock over the details of Winikoff's plans. Each side has an equally valid argument, but neither will budge. Their mutual fortitude is admirable.

But now, as the weeks and months continue to slip by and no progress has been made in either direction, one burning question persists: what about the people who bought into Winikoff's plan?

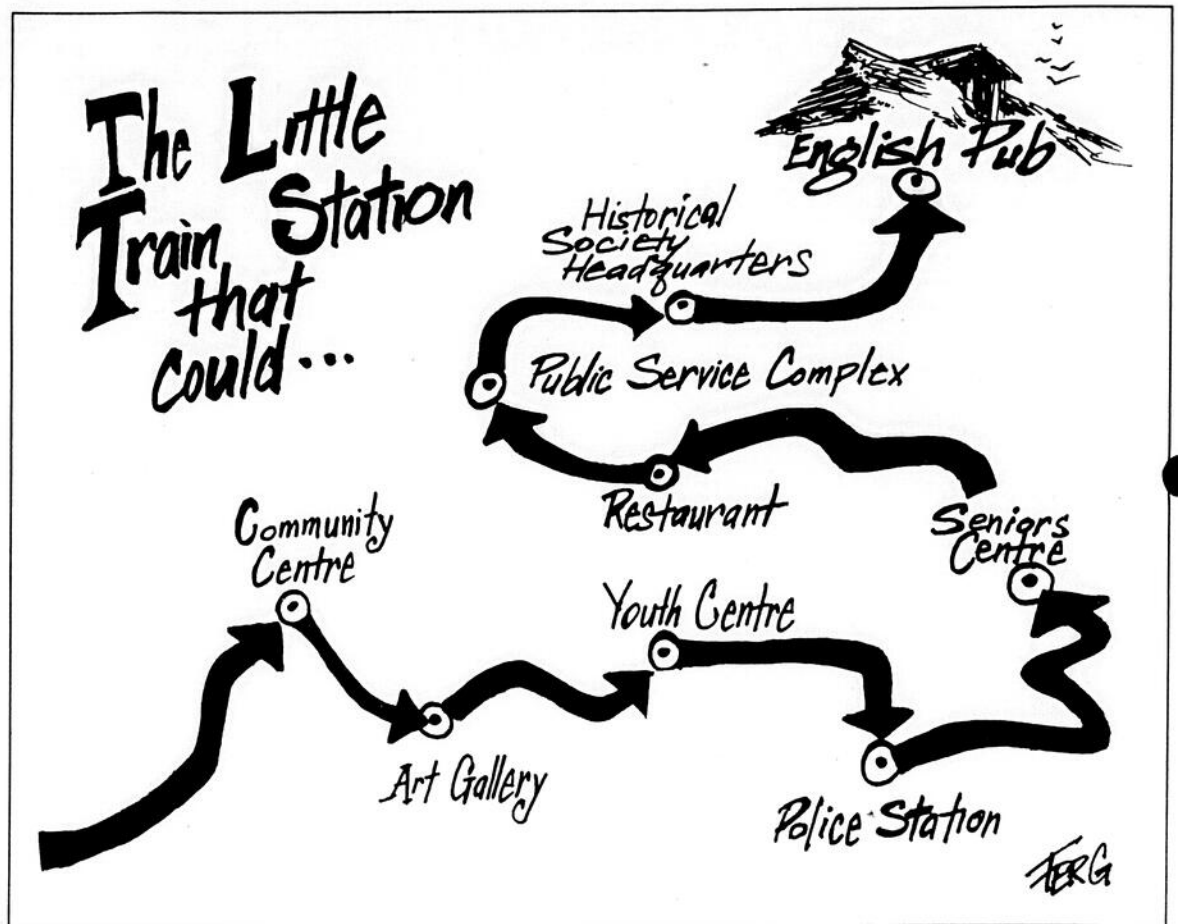
At last count, 18 families (from an original 24) were to be moving into their brand new Ste. Catherine street address, well... around now.

It must be a terrible feeling, knowing you've bought a place and passing by the site every day and seeing the same old vacant lot. Do you renew your current lease for another year? Or worse, what do you tell the people who have already bought your current home?

The struggle between Winikoff and the City has long been revolving around building permits, green space and architectural plans—but it can no longer be about that. Now it has to be about settling the matter one way or another, and quickly.

In the grand scheme of things, the City of Westmount will survive just fine whether or not there is an 18-unit townhouse development at the foot of Victoria Avenue. By the same token, Winikoff is an intelligent man fully capable of bouncing back if the project is scrapped.

This fiasco should be resolved as soon as possible so that the real victims—the buyers who have been floating around in real estate limbo for so long—can either make definite moving plans or try recouping their losses and get on with their lives.



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Mr. Tessier's nomination to the post is of no surprise to anyone familiar with his experience in public relations, both in the private and public sectors. His ability to fulfill the role of ombudsman is strengthened by the knowledge he gained during his tenure as head of government relations and communications for the corporation. In fulfilling this new role, Mr. Tessier is faced with the task of reviewing all sides of any dispute brought to his attention, in a fair and unbiased manner. It is impor-



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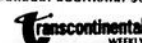
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Five Years Ago
June 3, 1993:

ARTS DIRECTOR: "An arts administrator is required to coordinate activities in Westmount, according to the first report by the Steering Committee for the Arts in Westmount. Hiring an administrator is top priority, says committee chair Doreen Lindsay. Mayor Peter Trent said he favours hiring someone part-time or temporarily, assuming residents show support for the idea."

Twenty Years Ago
June 1, 1978:

LEASE APPROVED: "Lengthy and complicated negotiations between the city and the Rotary Club of Westmount ended Monday evening with the approval by city council of a 42-page lease for use of Victoria Hall by the neighbouring senior citizens' residence being built under the sponsorship of the Rotary Club. The final version of the lease—which was being changed up to the last minute—was hammered out in time for the official sod-turning ceremony yesterday."

Thirty-Five Years Ago
June 7, 1963:

STATION DELAYED: "Approval by Westmount City Council of the new Police and Fire Station was delayed Monday as City Engineers recommended a number of last minute changes, the Examiner learned this week. Extensive plans and a scale model of the new building to be located on Stanton street were to have been considered by Council."

Forty Years Ago
June 6, 1958:

GRAD NIGHT: "A Gala Premiere of a 'surprise' movie of the Avenue Theatre will be the highlight of Westmount High graduation festivities tonight. Although the theatre management has not released the name of the show, according to tradition, it is the first time that this first-run movie will be seen in Montreal. Businessmen, from the manager of the theatre, W. Currie, to Seven-Up Co. Ltd., and the Philco Co., are pitching in to make the affair a memorable one for the teen-agers."

Fifty Years Ago
June 4, 1948:

STAMP CLUB BROADCAST: "Westmount Stamp Club is going on the air. At the usual meeting of the Club in Victoria Hall last evening, the proceedings and interviews were recorded for broadcast over the CJAD quiz program 'Did I Say That?' The airing is expected to take place on Tuesday evening."

When the trickster gets tricked

MNA
Jacques Chagnon



With a month and a half left before the end of the spring sitting of the National Assembly, the PQ government found itself with very little in terms of new legislation. This wasn't surprising, since Premier Bouchard had planned to call an election this spring and the legislative menu was quite secondary compared to election priorities. However, the resignation of Opposition leader Daniel Johnson thwarted the government's plans. Then the arrival of Jean Charest at the head of the Quebec Liberal Party gave our party a ten point lead in opinion polls. From that moment on, the government decided to wait until the fall before calling an election. In the meantime, looking for a clever plan to take up parliamentarians' time, the PQ government dreamt up the idea of holding a parliamentary commission on the Calgary Declaration. When Premier Bouchard announced this news, he proposed it as being a means of flushing out Jean Charest. Then his Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Jacques Brassard, added that "the parliamentary commission will serve to trap Jean Charest."

With the government's true colours now clearly exposed, the opposition and the media each denounced the PQ's pure cynicism for disrupting the parliamentary process for partisan reasons. The whole process was already showing signs of losing steam, especially considering that the separatist government never had and does not have any intention of adopting the Calgary Declaration. Remember that while the Premiers were discussing the issue, Lucien Bouchard left the talks because he did not want to hear about the Constitution. And when the Calgary Declaration was announced, the Quebec government criticized it outright, saying that it was too little, too late.

Despite everything, the government undertook to invite around 30 intellectuals from

the Constitution industry, of whom the majority have sovereigntist leanings. However, ten or 11 of them refused the invitation. This had the effect of discrediting the process and the government's approach even more. But the icing on the cake came from Jacques Parizeau who declared before a group of PQ supporters in the riding of Saint-François in the Eastern Townships that the parliamentary commission on the Calgary Declaration was "truly a farce." With his statement, Parizeau unwittingly contributed to killing the process, undermining the credibility of his friends and the government.

Thus it was an easy decision for the Liberal Party and its leader, Jean Charest, to announce that they would not be participating in this commission where the dice were loaded.

Each and every day in the National Assembly we have demanded that a parliamentary commission be held to discuss the problems in the health sector, and yet the government seems to feel that this is not necessary. We can clearly see where this government's priorities are. Bring on the election!

FROM THE MAIL BAG



Provincial government's leftover self-indulgent dollars needed to rebuild our health system

To the editor:

Patients and healthcare providers find the present health system disorganized. Three years ago, our government, together with its regional health boards, saw fit to close a large number of community hospitals and encourage the disappearance of hundreds of general practitioners and internists.

Those hospitals provided cost-effective, organized and personalized health care right in the communities where their patients live. Since their closures, the health care teams have been dispersed. Some workers moved to other provinces or countries, some accepted government buy-out packages and retired, and the rest accepted jobs in the remaining hospitals.

The loss of these teams made the hospital closures irreversible. The resulting juggling of health care

workers in the remaining hospitals has caused great disorganization and fragmentation of health care teams there. In addition, instead of patients receiving care in one familiar hospital, they have since been forced to wander among the remaining hospitals while having partial medical records in many different institutions.

Patients depend on their own personal general practitioners and internists to be 'ports in the storm', to detect abnormalities early and to organize their health care. Through its policies, our government has reduced the presence of these doctors and made them less available in the system. Street clinics, with rotating doctors who are not familiar with the medical histories of many of the patients they see, have mushroomed, even though they were never meant to substitute for that small, consistent and familiar team approach.

By means of the Virage Ambulatoire, this government has funneled hundreds of millions of health dollars into the general budget in order to hastily balance it. The treasury has become the big winner, and common citizens the unfortunate losers.

Hopefully, our next government will understand the folly of such misappropriation of funds and get its priorities straight. In the health sector, the patient's comfort, health and welfare must always be prioritized above all else. The next government will need to consult with patients and health care professionals to determine how to rebuild our broken system. Then it will have to return much of those health dollars for rebuilding, which this government has taken to finance its own partisan agenda.

Dr. Jack Rothstein
Sherbrooke Street

Mayor's intention unclear after refusing to take a partition stand

To the editor:

Peter Trent is a marvellous mayor but a questionable Canadian. He rightly says municipalities have no jurisdiction to partition Quebec. No level of government can.

However, he cultivates the perception that partition legislated by Quebec is acceptable. Is he blind, a fence-sitter, a separatist or an anarchist?

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Church Hill

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Secret Garden Tour set to stroll June 19

Westmount's Secret Garden Tour, a day-long stroll through the top dozen prize-winning back gardens throughout the city, will be taking place on Friday, June 19.

The tour is considered secret because none of the gardens on the tour map will be known until the morning of the event, which begins at 9 a.m. at the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club. Ticket-holders can begin their tour at any time during the day. A box lunch will also be provided.

Proceeds from the tour will be used to refurbish the statue in the pond in the greenhouse next to Victoria Hall.

In order to prevent the trampling of gardens by so many people, only 100 tickets have been printed for this year's event. Tickets cost \$25 each and are available at City Hall, the Westmount Public Library, and Linda Stern's office at Victoria Hall. For more information, call 989-5226.

It's time to take school board elections seriously

Chief Electoral Officer François Casgrain is taking a lot of heat for mailing out information about the June 14 linguistic school board elections that some people mistake for junk mail and toss into the recycling bin.

Maybe it's because there are English words clearly printed on the outside and no one ever gets mail addressed in English unless you've just won the chance to win \$1 billion from a publishers' clearing house in Omaha.

Or maybe it's because 80 per cent of Quebecers have never voted in school board elections in the past so why would anyone pay attention to mail that says: "School elections 1998. Important message from the Chief Electoral Officer of Quebec."

Or maybe it's because the dog ate the envelope.

Whatever, some people are complaining of a government conspiracy to hide the registration rules from anglo voters.

The mail-out, however, couldn't be much more precise.

"Do you want to vote? Identify the group of electors to which you belong. A) Parents with children in a school board. B) Parents with children outside the school board. C) Persons with no children.

"You have the choice: 1) to vote at the French-language school board of your region, or 2) to vote at the English-language school board of your region..." etc, etc.

The real tough question is "Do you want to vote?" In the last school elections, only 20 per cent of people bothered (there were some exceptions where the turnout reached 60 per cent, but there were others where only 12 per cent of voters, likely members of the immediate family, cast ballots).

Worse, 70 per cent of board members were elected by acclamation.

Voilà the conspiracy, a conspiracy among voters to remain blissfully disinterested. And that's the hardest thing to break.

"We're trying to encourage people to participate," said Cyrus Journeau, Director-General of the new Eastern Shores School Board, incorporating the Gaspé, the Magdalen Islands, Sept-Iles and Baie Comeau regions.

"We have to make people aware, by stressing the importance of education, if not for their own children, then for their grandchildren," he said.

The creation of new linguistic boards "marks a fundamental change," said Walter Duszara, assistant director-general of the new Eastern Townships School Board.

"It means bringing together people of different faiths to control and manage our own school system. If people show active interest, it will send a strong signal about the level of commitment politically to the new structure and to English boards."

"This is the time to stand up and be counted," added Aline Visser, chair of the provisional council for the new Central Quebec School Board, covering Chibougamau, Saguenay, Quebec City, Thetford Mines, and Trois Rivières.

"If the interest doesn't manifest itself after saying we wanted an English system of education, then things may boomerang," she said.

The new school board structure officially takes effect July 1. Instead of 156 Protestant and Catholic boards, there will be 72, including nine English boards.

Of those, four are in the Greater Montreal area. The rest cover large geographic territories, such as the huge Western Quebec School Board. The biggest is the Central Quebec Board.

Jeff Polenz, Executive-Director of the Quebec School Boards Association, hopes the public will identify more closely with linguistic boards than they did with the religious ones.

"It's very important that they do. The reason I say that is our school system and boards represent perhaps one of the few public institutions left which is under the control and management of the English community.

"It's an important and powerful message to send to Quebec City that yes, the English-speaking community cares enough about its school system that they will get on the voters list, pay their taxes to that school system, and take an active interest. Because if we don't, if there's a lot of apathy, that may provide fuel for some politicians to say, hey, these guys don't really care what happens to their school system."

Those elected to the new boards will have their work

cut out for them.

They will have to deal with another round of budget cuts, ensure far-flung schools feel connected to each other, resolve school busing issues, and implement measures contained in Bill 180, including new roles for individual schools and parents.

"It will be difficult to staff our schools and have the proper resources," said Aline Visser. "We're losing more and more—counsellors, psychologists, social workers. This part of the system is suffering badly. The boards will have to deal with this with the schools—do we want a full-time librarian or do we want consultants?"

Howard Simpkin, Director-General of the New Frontiers Board, says the first issue will be adjusting to new governing boards, created by Bill 180.

These boards will be set up in each school, giving parents a

greater role in establishing school priorities with teachers and administrators.

This marks a fundamental and dramatic change, said Walter Duszara, because it means "re-defining the mission of schools, where responsibility for student learning is shared. This whole dynamic will have to be negotiated."

Because of these new school governing boards, Polenz said, School Boards will take on the role of a "strategic planner, of vision-building."

They will also have to implement an overhaul to elementary and secondary curriculum.

"One problem the English system has faced is that we've always been behind, in terms of adapting our curriculum and getting appropriate textbooks and teaching materials. In my view, if you're going to introduce improvements, they ought to be

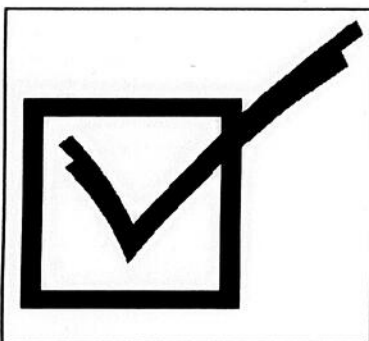
implemented at the same time as in the French sector."

Bill 180 also allows the new Boards to introduce board-wide exams to evaluate how students are doing in different subject areas.

"How the boards work with schools is going to be an interesting challenge. So the role of the boards will be that of a corporate board, establishing the long-term goals, distributing resources, and ensuring schools as a whole do the best job they can."

It seems there's a lot at stake in these school board elections. Now do you want to vote? If you haven't received any of the Chief Electoral Officer's material, or the dog ate it, call toll-free 1-800-461-0422.

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BY LEONARD J GERVAIS

Westmounters can rest easier now since the City has graduated several dozen new Junior Fire Fighters and Junior Public Safety Officers (PSOs) into its ranks.

The ceremony was held last Wednesday night, May 27, by the Protective Services Department at Westmount Park Church. Several members of the Protective Services Department were in attendance including Director of Fire and Manager of Protective Services J. R. Adams and Assistant Director Barry Coates, who was the instructor for the Fire Prevention Course. The graduates were boys and girls aged 9-12 who attend school or live in Westmount.

Mayor Trent welcomed the graduates, their parents and invited guests by saying "this is one of my favourite days of the year." He later assisted in the presentation of the certificates and plaques.

The Highest honour for the Junior Fire Fighters went to Kota Talla and Amanda Burstein, while Heather Coffey and Charmaine Christie Primo won the highest Junior PSO honours.

Director Adams, better known as 'The Chief' by his colleagues, says the Junior Firefighters "really learn how to be fire conscious. Their parents say the kids come back after the course and check their own houses thoroughly."

The Fire Prevention course was conducted between February 18 and May 6 this year, and consisted of weekly two-hour presentations for 11 weeks. The objectives of the program are to educate children in the various phases of fire prevention including:

- methods of detecting fire hazards
- proper use of portable fire extinguishers
- evacuation procedures in the home and public buildings
- basic first aid and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation

The Junior Fire fighters program was first introduced into the Westmount Fire Brigade in 1966. A total of 1,273 young citizens have graduated in the program. There were 15 graduates this year, and the class average was 82 per cent on the written exam. One student obtained 100 per cent.

The Public Safety Officers course was conducted between November 12 and December 17 last year and consisted of weekly two-hour presentations for six weeks. Community Relations Officer James Novack was the instructor.

The objectives of the program are:

- Junior PSOs will be informed of the role and activities of the Public Security Department within the community
- Junior PSOs will learn how to identify dangerous situations and know what to do in an emergency
- Junior PSOs will learn about crime prevention and neighbourhood security
- Learn about bylaws and how they affect the community they live in

Both courses consisted of lecture periods followed by live demonstrations and films on various subjects. Each lecture was followed by a question and answer period.

The Junior Public Safety Officers course was first introduced into the Westmount Public Safety department in 1993, and 113 Junior PSOs have graduated since then. In 1997 there were 21 graduates.

The following is a list of the graduates:

JUNIOR FIRE FIGHTERS

Highest Honours: Kota Talla and Amanda Burstein. Honourable Mentions: Maryam Anbari, Maxime Billick, Katrina Cherney, Danika Churchill, Gabin Diggs, Meaghan Ebans, Carly Fridhandler, Ariane l'Heureux, Monica Peters, Julie Quance, C.-Jay Rojas, Catherine Ruzius and Sophie Southmayd.

JUNIOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS

Highest Honours: Heather Coffey and Charmaine Christie Primo. Honourable Mentions: Salem Al-Olaimat, Kimberley Allen, Nell Beattie, Sarah Bernheim, Ariella Carolino, Stefania Carolino, Kimberly Chow, Danika Churchill, Lisa Hoffman, Angie Ip, Jaclyn Lindober, Monica Peters, Caitlin Prendergast, Julie Quance, Emma Reitman, Jeremy Banks-Robertson, Sharae Ruffin, Erica Shaded, and Mackenzie Snow.

For info on the two programs, call Executive Assistant Protective Services Angela Rivizzigno at 989-5313.

AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1236

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le Règlement 1236 intitulé «RÈGLEMENT CONCERNANT LA DÉLÉGATION DE POUVOIR POUR ACCORDER LE CONTRAT DE VENTE D'OBLIGATIONS» a été adopté par le Conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance générale tenue à l'Hôtel de Ville le 1er juin 1998.

L'objet et le but dudit règlement est d'autoriser le trésorier, ou en son absence, l'administrateur de la comptabilité, d'accorder le contrat pour un financement par émission d'obligations selon la procédure d'appel d'offres prévue par la Loi sur les cités et villes.

Ledit règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ledit règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier de la ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke ouest, Westmount, Québec, du lundi au vendredi, inclusivement durant les heures d'affaires soit de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30 (pour la période du 1er juin 1998 au 4 septembre 1998, les heures d'affaires d'été sont du lundi au jeudi de 8 h 00 à 16 h 30 et le vendredi de 8 h 00 à 13 h 00).

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 4e jour de juin 1998.
Me Marie-France Paquet
Greffier de la Ville



Westmount

NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1236

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1236 entitled "BY-LAW TO DELEGATE THE POWER TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF BONDS" was adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on 1st June 1998.

The object and purpose of the said By-law is to authorize the Treasurer, or in his absence, the Accounting Administrator, to award the contract for the sale of bonds after following the tender procedure provided by the Cities and Towns' Act.

The said by-law comes into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said By-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk of Westmount, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, from Monday to Friday, inclusive, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (for the period of 1st June 1998 to 4th September 1998, summer office hours are Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 4th day of June 1998.
Me Marie-France Paquet
City Clerk

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AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1235

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le Règlement 1235, intitulé «RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 742 PRÉVOYANT L'ÉTABLISSEMENT DE TARIFS ET CERTAINES CONDITIONS APPLICABLES À L'APPROVISIONNEMENT D'ÉLECTRICITÉ» a été adopté par le Conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance générale tenue à l'Hôtel de Ville le 1er juin 1998.

L'objet et le but dudit règlement est de rajuster les tarifs de distribution d'électricité, à compter du 1er mai 1998, et d'apporter plusieurs changements administratifs mineurs au règlement.

Ledit règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi.

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Pour toute information concernant les tarifs, veuillez communiquer avec le service de l'énergie électrique au 925-1414

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1235

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1235, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 742 TO ESTABLISH RATES AND CERTAIN CONDITIONS FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY" was adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on 1st June 1998.

The object and purpose of the said By-law is to adjust the rates for the distribution of electricity, as of 1st May 1998 and to make several minor administrative changes to the by-law.

The said By-law comes into force according to law.

Any interested person may consult the said By-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk of Westmount, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, from Monday to Friday, inclusive, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (for the period of 1st June 1998 to 4th September 1998, summer office hours are Monday to Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.).

For information concerning the electricity rates please contact the Light and Power Department at 925-1414

GIVEN at Westmount, Quebec, this 4th day of June 1998.
Marie-France Paquet
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Summit expedition uncovers some rare birds

Bird watching group catches a glimpse around Westmount Summit.

By **ELSIE MITCHELL**

Spring melodies of newly-arrived migrant birds ring out across Westmount Summit these mornings.

Following up a persistent hoarse caroling a few weeks ago, our group came to the spot where everyone felt the bird had to be, as the song was so loud. Two men with chain saws about to begin their work agreed to hold off the noise for a few minutes while we found the bird.

Scanning the newly greened leaves of a maple, our bird watching group glimpsed a bit of scarlet. Then the whole bird—brilliant crimson with jet black wings and tail—came into view.

Binoculars zeroed in on the most brilliantly-coloured bird you find in this country—a scarlet tanager. Its crimson seemed to glow in the sun and the yellow from the leaves gave it almost an orange cast.

Jane Wylie, seeing it for the first time, termed it "incredible."

A bird from the tropics, the tanager flies all the way here from South America to breed. As we watched, it moved slowly and deliberately high in the tree, gleaning the leaves for food like green caterpillars.

It's not easy to observe because of its habit of sitting motionless for long periods, well screened by the leaves. But we always look forward to scarlet tanagers each spring as a benchmark of migration.

A bird from the tropics, the tanager, flies all the way here from South America to breed.

In contrast to the tanager, we had to work to glimpse the super active bright warblers. Flitting from twig to branch, they're never still. But a rapidly-ascending trill, with the last note seeming to trip and fall downward, tipped us off to the presence of another 'good bird' not often seen—a northern parula.

A quick view of a bluish-backed warbler, with a yellow breast crossed by a darkish band, clinched the identification. A magnolia warbler, also blue and yellow but with heavy stripes and a white tail band, clued us in to its presence along with its short song ending on a rising note.

Then there was no more song. Everything fell silent. A small woodland hawk with a long tail and rounded wings—a sharp-shinned hawk capable

of taking one of those small birds for breakfast—flew over with a rapid, nasal call.

Then the rich, rolling song of a rose-breasted grosbeak broke the silence.

Up in a spreading tree just above the Lookout, a rose-breasted grosbeak, perched on a bare branch left by the ice storm, held forth like a robin. He continued singing while we admired the carmine red bib on his white chest, set off by his black head and boldly-patterned black and white wings.

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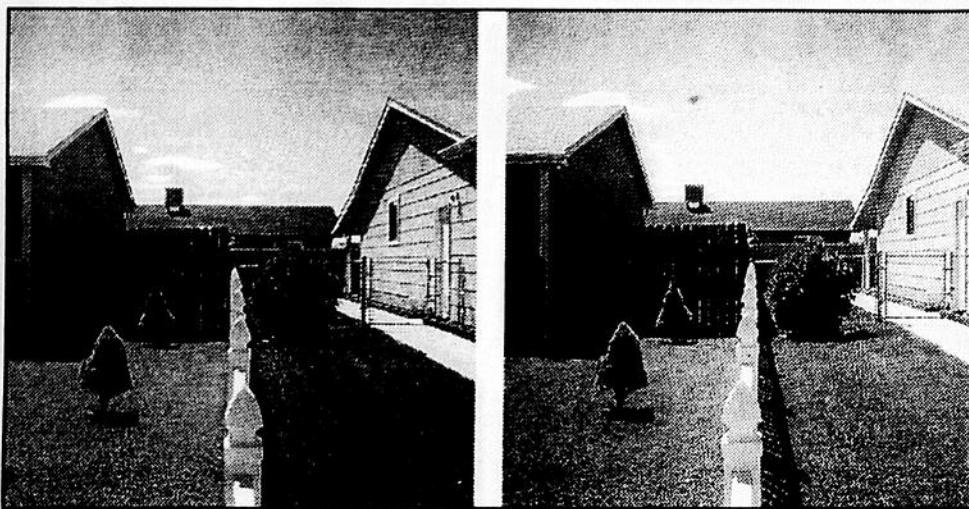
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Wykeham House was a local private school

During the past century, educational needs in Westmount have been served by both public and private schools. Early schools in Westmount which operated privately include Sunnyside, started in the dining room of Frances Brown at 26 Melbourne during the early part of the century and later moved to the first Victoria Hall; Wykeham House, a school for boys opened around 1900; and The Study, a girl's school founded by Margaret Gascoigne in 1915.



A 1910 boys' class on the steps of Wykeham House School, which opened its doors in 1900.

Wykeham School was situated on Clarke Street between Sherbrooke and de Maisonneuve.

It opened as a private school for boys and operated from about 1900 until the early 1930s. For most of this time, Mr. T. Holmes Orr served as the principal. After Mr. Holmes Orr passed away, his wife, Jessie Holmes Orr, ran the school for a brief period.

Other than the photo shown here, the Westmount Historical Association has little information regarding Wykeham House School and would welcome stories, photos, or other material regarding the school. They can be reached at 925-1404 or 933-5372.

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William G. Nicoll, at the Adler School of Psychology, 4823 Sherbrooke, suite 220. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. \$100, \$60 for students. To reserve call 935-0093.

L'Orchestre symphonique de la Communauté de Montréal performs at Salle Claude-Champagne, 200 Vincent-d'Indy in Outremont, 8 p.m. \$15. For info and reservations call 990-6726.

Sunday, June 7

On 2nd Avenue, by Zalmen Mlotek and Moïse Rosenfeld, opens at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Cote St. Catherine. Runs through June 25. Tickets \$ 25.65, \$18.80 for seniors and students. For more information call 739-7944.

Cultural Resistance: A Celebration of Activism through the Arts at Isart, 263 St. Antoine (Metro Place d'Armes) 8 p.m. \$5 donation. Info: 287-9838 or 731-6296.

Monday, June 8

Painting flowers with watercolour, an intensive week-long course at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Some previous experience with watercolour required. \$115 + materials. Info: 488-9558.

Fibromyalgia Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: support self-help group meeting at CLSC Métro, 1801 de Maisonneuve W, 5th floor meeting room C, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Physiotherapist, dietitian and chronic pain nurse from St. Mary's Hospital will speak. Info: Barbara at 938-0858.

Tuesday, June 9

Hope & Cope's 11th annual Cancer Survivors' Day celebration, at 6:45 p.m. in the Block Amphitheatre of the Jewish General Hospital, 3755 Côte Ste. Catherine

Rd. Special guest is Randy Tieman, CFCF sports broadcaster and cancer survivor. To register please phone 340-8255.

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom's Entre Nous program presents Anita David with a slide show "Galapagos Islands" at 1 p.m. Brown bag lunch at noon. All are welcome. 395 Elm Ave. Info: 937-3575.

Wednesday, June 10

The Magic Flute, performed by the grade 3 and 4 students of St. George's, 3100 The Boulevard, 7 p.m. Info: 937-9289.

Friday, June 12

St. Andrew's School 30th anniversary breakfast. The children and staff invite all alumna students, families and friends of St. Andrew's School and Daycare to join our 30th anniversary celebration. 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 151 Hillside Ave. RSVP: 932-4373.

Westmount 7th Day Adventist Church, 571 Victoria Ave, presents its inaugural Debutante affair with a consecration of 10 debutantes tonight at 7:30 p.m. Continues tomorrow with devine hour presentation of debutantes at 11 a.m. and a dedicatory service on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Donations accepted. Info: 486-1974 or 486-9915.

Ongoing...

E. Tschubarow, Russian abstract painter, exhibition at Galerie Brisson, 1472 Sherbrooke Street W, Monday to Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Continues through June 20. Info: 932-1319.

Calligraphy Exhibition by members of La Société des Calligraphes, at Christ Church Cathedral through June 12.

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SPORTS

Mosquitoes take huge bite out of opposition

Westmount Inter-city boys of summer cruise to league title

By **BOB OLIVER**

Pitcher Perfect.
Following their 23-14 win against TMR on Saturday afternoon at the Westmount Athletic Grounds (WAG), the league champion Westmount mosquito inter-city hardball team capped off a perfect 10-0 season.

Like their previous nine games, they did it with superb pitching and an all-out team effort. Every player in the lineup contributed with at least one hit, and defensively they made the big plays in the field.

"We have great depth," said Westmount general manager Sam Sabloff shortly after the final game of the league schedule. "All the kids learned the key fundamentals of the game this year and they kept demonstrating what they've learned on the field. One of our great strengths is our pitching staff. They've been superb this season."

On three occasions this year, Westmount pitchers stymied the opposition with no-hitters. Moses Tannenbaum kept TMR batters at bay in a 13-0 win in game 5. In a 23-0 whitewashing of Montreal West in game 6, Jamie Sabloff went to the mound to turn the trick. In their ninth victory of the season, a 10-0 win against Hampstead, Sabloff and Casey Auerbach pitched three innings each to frustrate opposing batters.

"It's possible we could run into hot pitching in the playoffs, but if we play up to our capabilities there's a good chance we'll bring a (playoff) championship to Westmount," said Westmount coach Mike Auerbach after the regular season finale.

While Westmount breezed to a relatively easy victory in Saturday's game, the team did experience a few tough moments and a couple of freak plays.

In the bottom of the first inning, Ryan Moxness ducked a pitch thrown behind him that hit his bat and squibbled into fair territory. He subsequently beat out the throw to first for a bizarre single. In his next at-bat in the same inning he also got to first base by a pitch thrown behind him, but this time he took it square on his back.

Andrew Reid-Workman sacrificed his body for the team on two occasions, sliding into the backstop knee-first after scoring from third base in the bottom on the second inning, and taking one in the back in his next at-bat in the bottom of the third.

Joseph Hoppmeier's double in the bottom of the third inning produced two legitimate Westmount runs, and then another one in a little more bizarre fashion.

Overrunning second base, he drew a throw over to second that sailed into left field. Hoppmeier pranced safely to third base and teammate Moxness, who was at third, scored easily. Hoppmeier then came home on Beno Schnitzer's inside the park homerun.

TMR's Michael Sutton hit the game's other home run, also an inside-the-park effort.

The defensive gem of the game belonged to Westmount shortstop Schnitzer. A throw from home plate by catcher Casey Auerbach eluded third baseman Sean Brophy, who was screened by the TMR runner. It threatened to give TMR an easy run but playing 'good fundamental baseball' Johnny-on-the-spot Schnitzer ran behind Brophy and backhanded the ball before it could skip into left field. The relay home nailed the TMR runner at the plate.

DIAMOND NOTES: Westmount will meet either Montreal West or TMR in the playoffs, beginning at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday



The Westmount Mosquito Intercity Baseball Team League champs include (left to right): (bottom row) Ben Schlisser, Thomas Morse, Ryan Jacobsen, Michael Sinai, Joseph Hoppmeier, Beno Schnitzer, Jamie Sabloff; (standing) David Zelnicker, Sean Brophy, Casey Auerbach, Andrew Reid-Workman, William Cundill, Chris Deruchie; (back) coaches Mike Auerbach and Sam Sabloff. Missing is Moses Tannenbaum.

at the WAG. League umpire-in-chief Ruby Goodman, who lost an eye due to a Basal tumor, recently had a prothesis eye surgically implanted in its place. Only a short time after his operation, Goodman stood courageously behind homeplate to officiate the game.

Westmount catcher Casey Auerbach led the inter-city mosquito league this year with five

home runs. The Westmount pee wee inter-city baseball team, coached by Fred Greenberg and Barry Engel, finished second to Côte St. Luc in the league standings with a respectable 7-3 record.

They'll meet third-place Hampstead in the first round of the playoffs on Saturday at the WAG. Opening pitch is set for 5 p.m.

In brief

Priory breaks ground tomorrow

The Priory's expansion project is scheduled to get underway tomorrow with an official ground-breaking ceremony for a new multi-purpose gym and an art/music room.

Representatives from the two families who founded the private school on the Boulevard will participate in the ceremony, along with the present Priory students.

Alumni, parents and former members of the board of directors and friends of the school have all been

invited to attend. The event will coincide with the school's Field Day and Spring Fair, and is scheduled to begin at 2:15 p.m. at the Priory, 3120 the Boulevard.

Horticultural Society to meet


After a successful inaugural meeting at which 76 new members were signed, the newly-formed Westmount Horticultural Society will be holding its next meeting at Victoria Hall on Tuesday, June 9 at 8 p.m.

Free wood for residents

The City of Westmount will be distributing free firewood to Westmount residents on Saturday, June 13.

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