Firefighters hampered in fight to save houses

Spectacular fire may lead to fireplace inspections

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A FIRE which ravaged two heritage-rated houses at 64-66 Rosemount crescent last Thursday has sparked a city council inquiry into ways of improving fireplace safety in Westmount homes, Mayor May Cutler announced Tuesday.

The blaze was believed to have started when a living room hearth at 64 Rosemount ignited wooden supports beneath after the fireplace had been in use, fire investigators said.

Two persons asleep on the third storey managed to escape onto a balcony with only moments to spare as the large home filled with smoke.

For more photos and stories, see pages six and seven.

The fire brought 70 mutual aid firefighters to the scene before it was declared out 10 hours later. It was Westmount's most spectacular blaze since the Alexis Nihon Plaza inferno in 1986.

Extreme cold hampered firefighting operations as hydrants froze, equipment iced over and water from battling the blaze rendered the hilly terrain almost impassable.

Five firefighters and one public safety officer were reported to have suffered minor injuries related to the fire. Residents of several threatened homes were evacuated as Mayor Cutler arrived on the scene.

Estimators said this week they were only beginning to assess the amount of fire loss.

The blaze burned out the roofs and third storeys of both homes as flames rolled high above. It all but destroyed much of their interiors causing concern for structural safety.

Advanced when detected

"The fire was too far advanced into the structure by the time it was detected," said Fire Director William Timmons. "Its magnitude, combined with the effects of frigid weather, hampered firefighting operations."

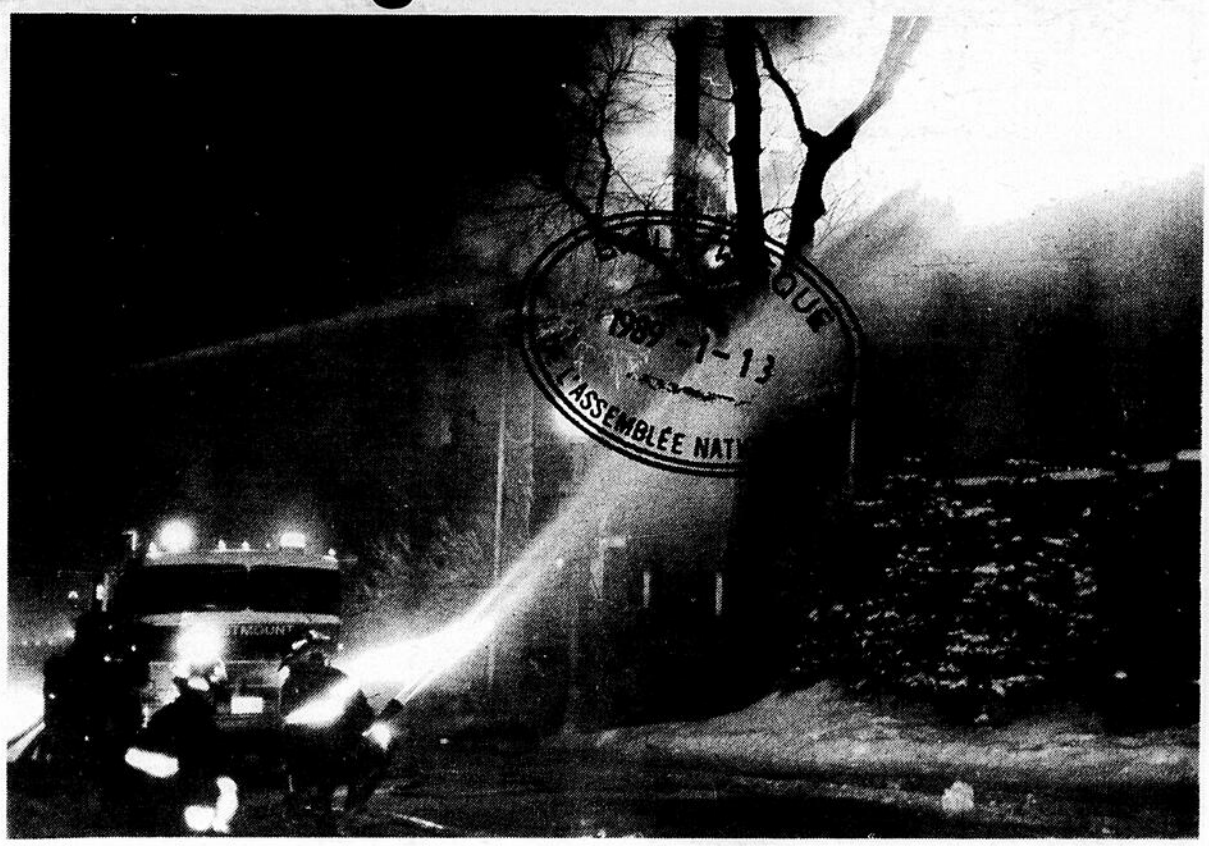
More than 40 firemen from Westmount and five mutual aid cities fought the blaze and another 30 worked throughout the day overhauling pockets of fire and de-icing trucks.

The fire was believed to have been burning for a considerable time in the structure of 64 Rosemount before smoke in a third-floor bedroom finally awoke Nicole Parent about 3 am. She then awakened Paul Ortenberg who led them onto a balcony off the room and had firefighters called at 3:05 am.

"I saved his life and he saved mine," she told THE EXAMINER.

Mr Ortenberg, who owns the

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Firefighters were forced to retreat from inside the burning buildings at 64-66 Rosemount crescent soon after their arrival early last Thursday. The fire was attacked from Rosemount crescent, Rosemount avenue and Mountain avenue. At the height of the blaze firefighters were pouring some 3,000 gallons a minute on the flames.

Robber takes cash instead of hostage

A 54-year-old resident of 3 Westmount Square refused to be forced into his car by a lone gunman last Thursday but handed over $50 instead, police report. The robbery was listed as taking place in front of the building at 6:15 am.

The incident occurred as the victim went outside to get into his car and was approached by the man asking for information. When he was directed to the doorman, he produced a revolver and ordered the victim into the car. The victim handed over money instead and the robber fled.

He was described as a 35-year-old white man wearing a black leather jacket.

Gunmen hold up liquor store

Two men armed with a gun made off with about $700 from the liquor store at 1 Westmount Square last Thursday evening, police report.

The holdup occurred about 6:30 pm after the pair had asked an employee for a bottle of Jamaican rum which they took to the cashier. When it came time to pay for it, they produced a revolver and asked for money.

The two then ran off toward Greene avenue with their loot. Both were aged about 20.

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Committee 178 to meet again soon:

Nowell plans next move after successful rally

By CHARLES MAPPIN

The telephone rings at Westmount's Magnus Books. Owner Stephen Nowell picks up the receiver.

"It's actually about book business," he says with a surprised tone.

He's been spending most of his time in recent days talking about language and individuals' rights.

It was Mr Nowell's posting of a sign in his store window the week before Christmas urging civil disobedience in response to Quebec's Bill 178 and a story about it in THE EXAMINER on Dec 22 that started the chain of events leading to Sunday's Victoria Hall language rally.

Mr Nowell said the turnout at the meeting was "beyond my wildest expectations." It made him realize anglophone Quebecers care about their rights and gave him the encouragement to carry on with his efforts.

Another meeting is planned for the weekend of Jan 21-22. Mr Nowell said he hasn't yet found the appropriate venue, one that will hold considerably more people than Victoria Hall. At the second meeting, suggestions made last weekend will be discussed and a plan of action will be formulated.

Westmount Fire Director William Timmons was on hand Sunday to make sure all went smoothly. He estimates a total of about 1,400 persons entered Victoria Hall for the two sittings.

Those who attended heard Mr Nowell and the panel of speakers label Bill 178 an "immoral" law. Mr Nowell said he favored the predominance of the French language in Quebec and on commercial signs, but

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"Look, Ed, there goes one of those ski nuts."

Parking under bowlers among topics at council

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council members mandated Mayor May Cutler Monday night to study the feasibility of developing an underground parking garage at the bowling green next to city hall.

The idea is considered to provide a solution to the parking problem in the area and follows receipt of a petition from residents concerning noise emanating from events at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

Council members also agreed in their general committee meeting to limit snow dumping off Summit Circle, to budget $100,000 for garbage recycling, to look into reducing the city's greenhouse operation and to conduct a study to improve the library/greenhouse/Victoria Hall complex.

As a result of the latter decision, no more bookings of Victoria Hall will be accepted after 1989, explained Mayor Cutler in announcing the news.

It was also decided to seek recommendations on ways and means of implementing safety inspections of all fireplaces in Westmount, she said (see separate stories).

"The public council meeting certainly was dull compared with what was going on behind the scenes," Her Worship said.

Council's closed committee session started before the statutory

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GIVEN at Westmount this 10th day of January 1989.

Robert C. Wilkins
City Clerk

WESTMOUNT

BUDGET 1989 – PROGRAMME TRIENNAL D'IMMOBILISATIONS 1989/90/91

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QUE, lors de ladite séance spéciale, les délibérations dudit conseil et la période de questions porteront exclusivement sur ledit budget d'exploitation et ledit programme triennal d'immobilisations.

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Study wants crossing guard after two students struck by car

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City officials and MUC police are being asked to improve the safety of students crossing The Boulevard at The Study school after two Grade 7 girls were hit by a car last Thursday afternoon.

The school has long sought addition of an MUC crossing guard at Braeside place and now will press more vigorously for the protection, principal Eve Marshall told THE EXAMINER Tuesday.

Bruce St Louis, who heads the city's administrative traffic committee, has already retimed traffic lights at the location to provide a delayed green signal as a result of the mishap, Mrs Marshall said.

A special school safety committee was expected to be set up at a parents' meeting yesterday.

Both 12-year-old victims of last Thursday's accident are reported to be recovering from their injuries, Mrs Marshall said.

One, a resident of Anwoth road, has been released from hospital. The other, who lives on Côte de Liesse road, was still in intensive care.

Police said the accident is under investigation in attempts to determine how it occurred. Conflicting versions of witnesses concerning whether or not the car was proceeding on the green light were recorded by police.

The girls had been going down the hill from the school to cross The Boulevard southbound at the northeast corner about 3:40 pm, police said. The hill was described as slippery.

As they were part way across the street, they were struck by a westbound car that ended up on the other side of The Boulevard after impact. Police said the driver, a 43-year-old LaSalle man, spoke little English or French.

Both victims were taken to the Montreal Children's Hospital. One was reported to be suffering head injuries; the other, injuries to the neck and hand.

CKGM's turn to get threat

A bomb threat at radio station CKGM Saturday last week warned that the place was "the next one on the hit list," police said. The caller was reported to have identified himself as a member of a Quebec separatist group.

FM station CHOM, in the same building at 1310 Greene avenue, received a fire bomb threat Jan 2 (see story last week).

Lips get hurt in radio robbery

A 16-year-old boy sustained sore lips after being pushed around by one of four youths who stole his Walkman radio in Place Alexis Nihon Wednesday last week, police said. The radio was valued at $60.

The victim, a resident of Rivière des Prairies, refused to go to hospital. The young robbers were aged about 16 or 17. The incident occurred about 9:55 pm.

Edgehill crash

Three cars sustained over $500 damage each when they collided Sunday on Edgehill road near The Boulevard, according to police reports. Two were southbound and the other, which belonged to a resident of the street, was listed as going north. No injuries were reported. The accident occurred about 4:10 pm.

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public meeting for January session and resumed afterward.

Only two questions

Only two local residents attended the formal session and both were invited to pose their questions at the start rather than the end.

Norah Plenderleith, 6 Park Place, asked for greater adherence to one-way traffic on the lane behind Westmount Park School, naming both Westmount public safety officers and MUC police among offenders.

She also asked the city to look into the driving of military vehicles over the grassy median in Park Place.

Architect Michael Ellwood, 463 Mount Stephen avenue, again requested the removal of some stop signs on Côte St Antoine road, claiming traffic volume and speeding not to be a problem.

He was told that his request was the only one council had received. It might be considered if Mr Ellwood could find others of similar opinion, Mayor Cutler said.

Both questioners then departed, leaving council to conduct its first meeting of 1989 in the presence of a handful of city staff and journalists.

Routine business included approval of purchases, tenders, a two-year collective agreement with firefighters giving four-percent wage increases and announcement of the 1989 scholarship trust fund competition (see separate story).

Two items were directed specifically to regular attenders who failed to show up.

Gerald Glass was told that the bus shelter he had requested many months ago would be installed by March (see separate story).

Ramzi Ferahian, who had asked about earthquake-resistant construction in Westmount, was given details of the city's requirements.

City council also announced a special meeting to be held Jan 23 for presentation of the 1989 budget.

Two-for-one deal on Lansdowne: car gets towed twice, hit twice

A PARKED car sustained over $500 damage in two accidents last Thursday after it was towed to a no-parking zone on Lansdowne avenue during city snow removal operations, police report.

The grey Chevrolet had been moved from in front of civic number 547 on the east side to number 536 on the west side.

The next day, a city-called tow truck returned to tow the car back to the legal side in front of civic number 529 following a complaint that the car was obstructing a driveway, said public safety officers. They appeared unaware of the previous incidents. Both towing reports were accompanied by bills.

An MUC police report of the accidents said the vehicle's owner could not be reached.

Both accidents last Thursday occurred within minutes of each other, about 5:15 pm, when slippery pavement caused a Honda to slide into the Chevrolet. A GMC truck then came down the hill and plowed into the Honda, causing additional damage to the two cars.

Police said they requested the city salt the street.

WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Jan 12

☐ **Toddler workout**: Hour-long weekly workout for two- to five-year-olds and their parents at 2:30 pm in Victoria Hall. Free. For more information, call sports supervisor Lana Romandini at the Westmount recreation department at 935-8531, local 212.

☐ **Anniversary exhibition**: *African Heritage* is the display that celebrates the 10th anniversary of La Galerie de 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, to Saturday. A catalogue is available.

☐ **Art exhibit**: Landscapes and children's cartoons by Sonia Cutler at Westmount Public Library until Jan 22.

Saturday, Jan 14

☐ **Gospel concert**: By Lloyd Mallory singers at Seventh Day Adventist Church, 571 Victoria. Doors open 6 pm, concert at 7 pm. 486-5096, 481-9554.

Monday, Jan 16

☐ **Vernissage**: For the recent works of Sindon Gecin at 7 pm at Dan Delaney's Artlenders Gallery. The exhibit continues to Jan 30.

Tuesday, Jan 17

☐ **Art exhibit**: Oils and pastels by Eva Prager at La Galerie de 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, 931-3174.

Wednesday, Jan 18

☐ **Story hour**: Today and every Wednesday, a 20-minute story hour for two- and three-year-olds, followed by a 20-minute story hour for children four to six years old and, after that, 20 minutes of French stories. Story hours begin at 10:30 am and at 3 pm at the Westmount Library.

☐ **CPR course**: Offered by YMCA from 6 to 10 pm. 931-8046.

☐ **Information meeting**: On the "whole language" concept at Roslyn School at 7:30 p.m.

COMING UP

☐ **Jan 19**: Contactivity course registration for members from 10:30 to noon and from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

☐ **weekend of Jan 21**: Bill 178 meeting. Time and place TBA. Info: Magnus Books, 4932A Sherbrooke street west.

☐ **Jan 23 to 25**: Babysaver CPR cou offered by YMCA from 6 to 9 pm. 93 8046.

☐ **Jan 23**: Special meeting of City Council to table the 1989 operating budget and the three-year capital expenditure program at 8:30 pm at City Hall.

☐ **Jan 28 and 29**: Feather and fur appliqués on knits workshop with Sosi Garybian at Visual Arts Centre. 488-9558.

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

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12:01 am: 1310 Greene, firebomb threat (see story last week);
11:39 am: Front of 60 Aberdeen, car on fire (see story last week);
4:31 pm: 437 Victoria, burst plumbing;

Jan 4

11:55 am: 7905 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled;
2:21 pm: 4351 Westmount, defective smoke detector;
2:41 pm: 32 Belvedere, fire alarm sounding;
4:43 pm: Atwater Métro station, code 4 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 4:52 pm, garage can fire (Montreal sector), already extinguished;
5:21 pm: 400 Lansdowne, apt 208, first responder unit;
10:55 pm: 4998 de Maisonneuve, automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11:07 pm, strange odor (see story);
11:57 pm: 4000 de Maisonneuve, for fire alarm previously activated (see story);

Jan 5

3:05 am: 64 Rosemount crescent, mutual aid fire in house (see story);
5:30 am: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, smoke scare (see above);
2:12 pm: Rear of 127 Abbott, Bell Canada wire down;
6:24 pm: 4998 de Maisonneuve, woman and child stuck in elevator, answered by Côte St Luc mutual aid crew covering at station after Rosemount fire;

Jan 6

Nil;

Jan 7

5:51 pm: Front of 4333 St Catherine, car on fire (see story);
9:43 pm: 594 Lansdowne, burglar alarm sounding;

Jan 8

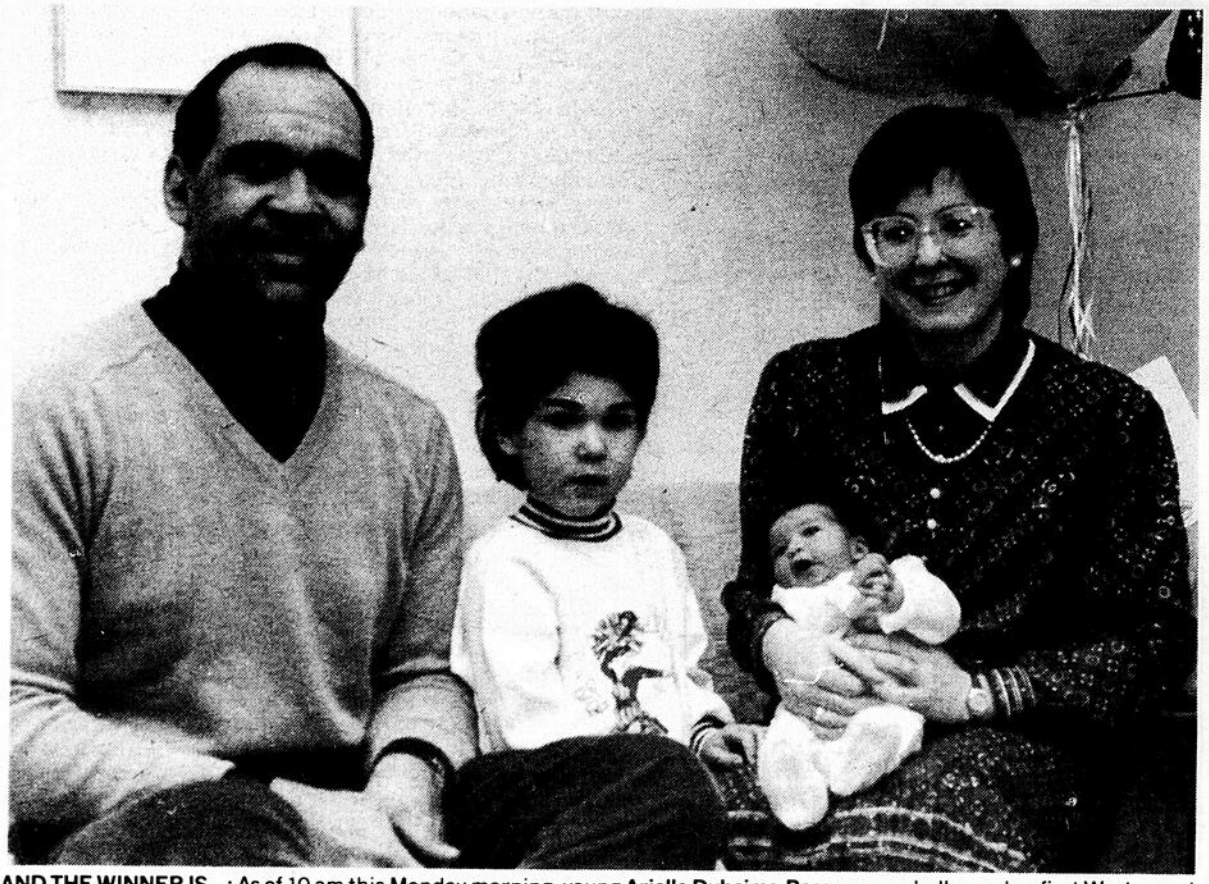
9:36 am: 1300 Alexis Nihon, code 3 automatic mutual aid to St Laurent cancelled at 9:40 am;
9:47 am: 591 Argyle, water entering basement from exterior by uncaulked electrical conduit;
9:55 am: 680 Victoria, No 2 fire station, first responder unit for injured firefighter (see story);
11:32 am: 454 Mount Stephen, burst water pipe from freezing;
12:46 pm: 19 Sunnyside, problem with oil-fired furnace;
2:44 pm: Front of 549 Lansdowne, small amount of oil spilled on sidewalk after removal of oil tanks from nearby home;
3:12 pm: 4115 Sherbrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 3:20 pm, false alarm, service door bell;
5:32 pm: 594 Lansdowne, burnt exterior electrical supply cable;
8:35 pm: 389 Clarke, skylight blowing off home (see wind story);
8:50 pm: 330 Kensington, water leaking through roof, blocked drain;

Jan 9

11:38 am: 11 Springfield, first responder unit (see story);
12:56 pm: 645 Lansdowne, leak from broken water pipe in basement;
5:31 pm: 5800 Cavendish, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 5:39 pm;
6:27 pm: Outside 507 Roslyn, water seeping through pavement;
10:59 pm: 7151 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 11:00 pm;
11:28 pm: 23 Barat, water leak in basement from disconnected pipe;

Jan 10

1:11 am: 1 Westmount Square, code 3 automatic mutual aid from St Laurent and Outremont cancelled at 1:34 am, alarm activated by water from broken pipe in heating system leaking into electrical room.



AND THE WINNER IS...: As of 10 am this Monday morning, young **Arielle Duhaime-Ross** was unchallenged as first Westmount baby of 1989 and thus was named winner of THE EXAMINER's seventh annual first baby contest. Arielle, who was born at 1:23 pm Monday, Jan 2, is seen here with father **Christopher Ross**, almost-four-year-old **Alix**, and mother **Carole Duhaime**. As winner the contest, Arielle will receive several hundred dollars worth of gifts donated by local merchants and businesses. And remember, Arielle, it's never too early to start sharing!
Photo by VALERIE TETLEY

Two women accosted in robbery incident

Two young persons were arrested Saturday at the rear of 1310 Greene avenue shortly after a purse was stolen from a woman on Sherbrooke street near Olivier avenue and another woman was knocked to the ground, police report.

A 15-year-old girl from Dollard des Ormeaux and a 21-year-old man from New York City have been charged with robbery in connection with the incident.

Relating the incident, police said the purse snatch occurred about 3:20 am as the women were walking in front of 4200 Sherbrooke.

One was approached from behind by a man who put his hand over her face while pulling away the purse. Her companion was pushed and knocked to the ground by a girl at the same time.

The two victims proceeded to a house on Clarke avenue to call police. After recording details of the incident, constables went to the scene of the robbery where they recovered the purse on Olivier, just south of Sherbrooke. It was missing the wallet containing $2 and personal papers.

Meanwhile, constables Jean Bergeron and Julie Santerre noticed two persons running into a laneway from Clarke and pursued them east to Olivier where they questioned them at the rear of Greene. A wallet was found on one and the pair arrested.

The woman whose purse was taken was identified as a 19-year-old resident of Dollard des Ormeaux.

Ice fall

An elderly woman fell on the sidewalk outside 11 Springfield avenue Monday morning, public safety officers report. The fire department's first responder unit was called to the scene at 11:38 am.

PSOs observe wiper transfer

A case concerning suspected theft of windshield wiper blades was referred Friday to MUC police, public safety officers report.

The incident came to the attention of PSOs about 3:05 am when unusual activity was noticed in the lane at the rear of the Royal Bank branch at Sherbrooke street and Victoria avenue.

Two men were followed to the front of 106 Somerville avenue where they were found installing blades on the wipers of a car whose licence plate number was recorded.

When PSOs returned to Sherbrooke and Victoria, they found a parked grey BMW facing 425 Victoria, minus wiper blades.

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We Say

Alliance of whom?

IT is arguable how well Alliance Québec has served the interests and the people of non-francophone Quebec.

It has had a succession of leaders who have been articulate, seemed mostly to have said the right things publicly (behind closed doors, to officials, we are not so clear) and given many anglophones the sense that at least someone is representing their interests.

This kind of performance fitted easily into the unclimaxed ferment which preceded the passage of Bill 178. Until then, just before Christmas, nothing seemed as resolved and as final as now — an unfeeling premier doing the unthinkable by settling his lack of resolve and unwillingness to lead by invoking the notwithstanding clause, suspending a key civil right of all Quebecers: the freedom of expression.

Alliance Québec undoubtedly has been useful in influencing various provincial government actions which might have been more inimical to non-French Quebec citizens than they have proved to be.

Also, we have been glad that common to its various leaders including Messrs Alex Paterson (who headed Alliance Québec's precursor), Eric Maldoff, Michael Goldbloom and, most recently, Royal Orr has been an even-handed control of temper despite extreme provocation from harsh nationalists and obtuseness in governments, both Parti Québécois and Liberal.

(It has, of course, held its tongue on the silence from Ottawa on the rape of Canadian citizens' rights in Quebec. What else when you are financed by Ottawa?)

Courteous consideration of the feelings, fears and aspirations of our French-speaking fellow citizens has been a hallmark of Alliance presidents and is as it should be.

Having said all of that, the time has come (because the situation has changed markedly) to say other things about Alliance Québec.

Where does it come from? Apart from the unstinting volunteerism at the top, we say it comes from Ottawa. It does not come from spontaneous support, blessing, inspiration, ideas or even upward pressure from the people it purports to represent. With generous federal government grants, it never has seemed hungry enough to turn to more than a handful of the 800,000 Quebecers who are its potential members — for financial or even moral support.

How many of the anglophone population can identify with Alliance Québec? What participation have they?

How do the government of Quebec and persons like Premier Bourassa perceive this organization? Is it taken as an authoritative voice of non-francophone Quebec? Is it listened to seriously? Are authorities influenced by Alliance positions?

Where is Alliance Québec going? If the underpinning of trust between government and people can so easily be destroyed by suspension of a fundamental liberty, can it be expected that the government of Robert Bourassa henceforth will listen to any other than the radical and the nationalist?

Here in Westmount over the past weekend we may have seen Alliance Québec overtaken by a popular expression of frustration and fear in attendance at the meeting in Victoria Hall at the call of local bookseller Mr Stephen Nowell.

That meeting, of course, could be little more than an immediate release of pressure, a spontaneously successful turnout on a sunny Sunday afternoon. Only passage of time can show whether "Committee 178" has any meaningful or lasting significance or is capable of effective action, peacefully we trust, in behalf of its ostensible supporters.

Alliance Québec was shown not to be quite on top of the new circumstances and feelings in the wake of the resignation of the three key anglophone ministers from the Bourassa cabinet and the passage of Bill 178.

At the minimum, the Alliance was shown Sunday afternoon that it has no monopoly in representing non-francophone interests. It also was shown that it just may be out of touch with those interests. Still further, it may have discovered that the situation has changed and it was not ready to embrace it, even though what happened in the Supreme Court - National Assembly drama might easily have been anticipated.

One thing is abundantly clear: Alliance Québec has not succeeded in wiping out of the premier's mind the idea that it represents a favored and pampered minority which fares much better than many minorities elsewhere. That kind of attitude, expressed yet again by Mr Bourassa on radio over the weekend, does nothing but infuriate.

The head of the government of all the people of Quebec still has not realized that the issue is no longer signs or even language.

It now is the basic question of human rights, equality and fundamental personal and individual freedom.

That is what Alliance Québec should be addressing, with fewer platitudes and more plain talk.

A feeling of warmth

NOTHING so enhances sense of community than tragedy or misfortune.

The spectacular fire which hit a heritage home on Rosemount crescent last week is an excellent example.

We've always regarded our firefighters as special. Westmount citizens, perhaps in part because there are so many individual homeowners among them, always have looked to their Fire Brigade as something to be admired, always there when needed.

This feeling somehow was epitomized by the first among our homeowners, Mayor May Cutler, on the scene actively encouraging the work, under extreme conditions, of the brigade.

At the height of the blaze one vignette stands out: a nearby resident coming out of his home bearing a tray of cups of steaming coffee for ice-encrusted firemen.

Never mind, as we learned later, that this gesture came after a suggestion from a policeman. We think it may have happened anyway.

Of course, the city itself might just as well have provided for just such an amenity on a regular basis; it is not the first time Westmount firemen, their mutual aid colleagues, public works and electricity department personnel, and policemen have found themselves out on a cold winter night serving the citizens.

But somehow, when citizens do such things themselves it decidedly goes down even better.

It gives you a warm feeling, and not just that provided by hot coffee.

They Say

The dangerous Bourassa

An editorial this week in the Town of Mount Royal Weekly Post

COME Sunday, a month already will have gone by since the Supreme Court judgment which unequivocably held as "guaranteed" the right of anyone to be protected from government prohibition of the public display of any language.

It also is three weeks since Bill 178, which removes that right from all Quebecers, received the assent of the National Assembly. In the interim, Premier Robert Bourassa has had time to lie in the Florida sun and contemplate what he has wrought.

And while he was doing that, someone was setting fire to the Alliance Québec offices and scores of others were giving an end-of-year boom to the spray-paint industry.

The message those vandals give is a clear and worrisome one for us all. They prove the danger in Mr Bourassa's policy of deciding the rule of law should not be paramount. If Mr Bourassa can go against the Supreme Court of Canada, the vandals clearly say, what is to stop others from going against constituted authority to get what they want?

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BUT EVEN more worrisome and dangerous is a comment from Mr Bourassa in his radio address upon his return last weekend. As *The Gazette* reported it, Mr Bourassa said, *"My government believes that its most imperative duty consists in protecting and promoting the future of Quebec's francophones."*

How's that again? The premier of the whole province says his "most imperative duty" — not "very important duty" or "major priority" but "most imperative duty" — is "protecting and promoting" one clearly definable segment of the population — francophones.

Let's see how it sounds in a more general context: "My government believes that its most imperative duty consists in protecting and promoting the future of one segment of the Quebec population."

In this case, Mr Bourassa chooses to define that segment by language. It could be by anything else for the principle is the same — one group is to be promoted and protected above the others.

There is no greater a priority than one which is "most imperative." Therefore we must conclude, and his actions on Bill 178 confirm, that Mr Bourassa's "protecting and promoting the future of Quebec's francophones" is to be at the expense, if necessary, of everything else. Including the rule of law.

We always believed the primary responsibility of any government in a democracy was to uphold the rule of law. Without it, we have anarchy or dictatorship. Without it, our "freedoms," no matter how gloriously "enshrined" in a constitution, are meaningless. No government can act with legitimacy if it does not first uphold the rule of law.

But Mr Bourassa does not want to uphold the rule of law. To be sure, he legally acted within his powers to enact Bill 178 contrary to the Quebec and Canadian charters of rights and freedoms. But doing so makes a sham of the rule of law because it clearly goes contrary to what no less a body than the Supreme Court of Canada said was the law.

And, as we have seen all too graphically, it gives the message to all that the law doesn't matter. The law becomes what one can get by sheer power — the power of intimidation, violence and numbers. The type of law which always favors the powerful, the majority, at the expense of the powerless and few.

Mr Bourassa's statement on the weekend also raises the spectre of what else he might feel is necessary to see that his government's "most imperative duty" is carried out. It clearly implies that any action is possible if it is for the imperative cause of protecting and promoting Quebec francophones.

This is a dangerous, dangerous business. It is an issue that goes far beyond what language is written on signs. That is a mere trivial detail against the incredibly scary message of the premier's words.

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WE WONDER what Mr Bourassa's minister, Mr John Ciaccia, now thinks of being a senior member of a government with such a philosophy. Mr Ciaccia has chosen clearly and consciously to continue to serve and carry out the "most imperative duty" of "protecting and promoting the future of Quebec's francophones." Every government action of Mr Ciaccia must therefore put that goal as paramount.

Can he continue to serve in such a government? We don't understand why. We always thought he put too great a value on law and principle.

Do his constituents in Mount Royal really want him to remain party to a government that not only expounds but puts as its "most imperative duty" such a discriminatory policy?

This is a time for all Quebecers, of whatever language, to speak up loudly against this dangerous slip away from the rule of law into an unknown abyss that can lead to nothing but violence, hate and anarchy. The foundation of our whole society is being put at risk by the scrambled thinking of a premier who has put his government, and himself, above the law.

A man like John Ciaccia should be having no part of it.

I Say!

MILDRED's always managed to confuse the duties of matrimony with its pleasures.

—Wallace Smith


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Forty-five Years Ago
January 14, 1944

"The snow-covered slopes and terrain of King George Park are receiving more attention from skiers this past week. With the last big snowstorm the snowy downhill runs are being patronized by sport enthusiasts who recognize this as a fine ski centre to practise slaloms on short downhill slopes. Here winter sports pervade in all glory with skiing, skating and sliding — little boys and girls on sleds shriek with excitement and juvenile rapture as the merry skiers flit by — and sometimes land 'other side' up."

Thirty-five Years Ago
January 8, 1954

"More than 100 men and a score of vehicles turned out to battle Westmount's first severe snowstorm of 1954 — to continue the local tradition that the city has the best-cleared thoroughfares on the island. Parked cars and the rush hour traffic hampered seven ploughs and a grader somewhat, but experience and ability added up to success as the peak of the storm showed the department with the situation well in hand.... The department, operating out of their headquarters at the Glen and St Catherine, sends out all vehicles with pre-arranged routes, an invaluable aid in getting all sections covered as quickly and efficiently as possible."

Twenty-five Years Ago
January 10, 1964

"Westmount, making a determined bid to recoup at least some of the estimated $4,000,000 cost of Dorchester boulevard work, will this month go into the parking lot business on a large scale. City bulldozers will follow demolition crews now tearing down homes on Dorchester as the way is paved for the widening of the street and redevelopment of the whole area. The city crews will push rubble into the open basements, levelling and grading the land. When demolition and clearing is complete, probably by the end of April, the city will have a possible 175,000 square feet available for parking."

Ten Years Ago
January 11, 1979

"Westmount is planning to experiment with one-way traffic and different types of parking arrangements on Greene avenue this spring and summer but will not actually reconstruct the street until next year, committee of council decided on Monday. The city solons agreed that such experimentation would give council a clearer idea of the best design for the street once reconstruction does take place. At that time the sidewalks will be widened and the street narrowed, and special raised 'bridges' — humps in the road — for pedestrians might be installed to slow vehicle traffic and allow safer walking on the street."

One Year Ago
January 14, 1988

"Residents of lower Roslyn avenue and area were to lodge their protest against wild property tax increases at a meeting at Victoria Hall last night. Rod Guthrie, an organizer of the meeting, had prepared a graph depicting the impact of 1988 tax bills on Roslyn avenue residents, some stung with valuation increases of well over 250 percent. Among the worst hit were 372, 359 and 361 which, according to Mr Guthrie's chart, form the 'epicentre' of the tax quake rocking lower Roslyn. The graph shows homes in the 300 to 400 civic numbers cluster in the 90 to 260 percent range of increase. Those above Sherbrooke are depicted as hovering above and below the 40 percent increase mark."





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

Three resolutions

THE winter of our discontent, cont'd. Let us hope that by the time you read this, things will have gotten back in hand.

First resolution, to lower the tone, and never forget that every day, hundreds of thousands of anglophones and francophones get along just fine in the streets and the offices, the stores and the restaurants of Montreal. It never occurs to them to suspect that the person next to them of the other mother tongue is sympathetic to arson as a means of political expression, or swears by Lord Durham as a solution to the language conflict. They simply relate as one human being to another, and this too is part of the fundamental reality of Quebec society.

Second resolution, keep our common interests in sight. There is a big, indifferent world out there whose entrepreneurs, investors, political leaders and technological innovators are going to keep pressing ahead to advance their economic and political objectives, regardless of what happens to six and a half million Quebecers.

They are our true competitors, not our fellow Quebecers of the language group opposite to our own. Their only information about Quebec is liable to come from the kind of internal divisions we are wrestling with today, and they will in the most natural way use it to our disadvantage. The issues at the root of our strife are fundamental and cannot be wished away, but let's not forget that we share other social, economic and, yes, cultural goals.

Third resolution, stop stereotyping the language groups. Stop speaking as if nearly six million francophones, or nearly half a million anglophones (leaving the allophones blessedly out of things for the purposes of the argument) had near-uniform views on the language of signs. Too many of us are appointing ourselves spokesmen for our own language group, and caricaturing the views of our fellow citizens in the process. Speak for yourself there, fella!

You Say

Local teen upset by French-English barricades

Sir: I am a 13-year-old anglophone and I would like to express my ideas about the recent developments concerning Bill 101. Although I am an anglo I think that the French-speaking community should be stronger than that of the English, but with the recent arson-related fire at the Alliance Quebec office it makes me wonder whether or not people are going to be able to live with the new language law that Mr Bourassa has set before the people of Quebec.

With all the vandalism occurring it just makes me mad to see that the people of Quebec have set up such large barricades between the English and the French communities. I don't mind walking down the streets and seeing French signs, but what I do mind is seeing spray paint spread over what English signs there are.

The English community also wasn't too pleased with the decision that Mr Bourassa made, but I haven't heard of any vandalism on French signs, only on English.

Tina Scherz

500 Prince Albert avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 3P8

Firemen, city workers congratulated for effort

Sir: I believe all of us on Rosemount avenue and crescent would like to send our deepest sympathies to all those families whose homes were gutted and disastrously damaged by the appalling fire that took place last week.

As neighbors, we would like to offer them any support and help we can, knowing how completely such events disrupt one's entire life.

Also, I feel our firemen should be congratulated for the magnificent job they performed under extremely difficult conditions. It is hard to imagine that they were able to work through the night in -24 degree weather. Thank goodness there were no real casualties.

We should not forget to thank Westmount's snow removal men either, and congratulate them, too, for cleaning up the streets from the sheets of ice etc that covered an enormous area, with such alacrity.

We are fortunate indeed that our community is so well served.

Carol M. L. Gault

41 Rosemount avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 3G6

Parents' habits big cause of school traffic danger

Sir: The accident on The Boulevard last week, which has caused severe injury to two students of The Study School, has spurred me to write to you. I hope you will choose to publish my letter so my appeal to parents who drive and pick up their children from school will be heard.

Today I have also written to the mayor with two suggestions to improve road safety: 1) delayed reaction traffic lights, ie synchronisation, which makes all directions red for a few seconds; and 2) no-stopping zones along the perimeters of all schools.

I wish to address my second suggestion in this letter. Around schools those drivers who jeopardize our children's safety the most are the parents themselves. They park, double park and stop illegally, swerve in and swerve out, and yell at children through open car windows while they attempt to

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our M.P.
David Berger
says...

For the second consecutive week, Mr Berger's efforts to send his column by facsimile transmission from his vacation spot in the Bahamas have been thwarted by unknown gremlins which refused to send more than one page of the text.

Awed by firefighters and flames, neighbors pitch in soup, shelter



Soon after fire broke through the roof of one home, it was discovered in the adjoining one.

The Rosemount crescent fire had an impact on the neighborhood that few will soon, if ever, forget.

Several nearby residents were forced out of their own homes for safety. Others braved the cold to watch and help as they could.

For most, the fire became a first-hand lesson in fire prevention as well as in the complexities of firefighting.

Former city alderman Peter Trent, who lives at 49 Rosemount avenue, said he had never realized "how much work" was involved in connecting firefighting equipment. "I'm amazed how many firemen it takes at the beginning."

"We'll have to inspect our smoke detectors and make sure they're all working," said a concerned Paula Gillett who lives across the street at number 69.

She and her husband, Dr Peter Gillett, were alerted to the fire when police arrived at their door. "We heard the trucks on the street but thought it was snow removal," Dr Gillett said.

Aviva Kastner, who was evacuated from her house for a while at 68 Rosemount next door to the burning building, said the occasion made her assess the real importance of her belongings.

"I looked around and asked myself what I had that really matters. And you know? There's nothing. Maybe a few photographs."



Mountain avenue resident **Diordje Jotic** was one of many residents who produced steaming hot coffee for cold and weary emergency workers.

Her son, Gil, 25, was one of those who helped prepare soup and coffee to sustain the weary and near-freezing firefighters.

Diordje Jotic, at 466 Mountain, was another who rallied to the cause as MUC police knocked on his door and requested his help to provide coffee for emergency workers.

Residents of several evacuated houses were sheltered with other neighbors. The Gilletts went to the home of David Mitchell, 470 Mountain, and the O'Briens, of 58 Rosemount, to Mr Trent's.

Victims Paul Ortenberg and Nicole Parent were helped by Kenneth Harrison, 478 Mountain.

FIRE. . .

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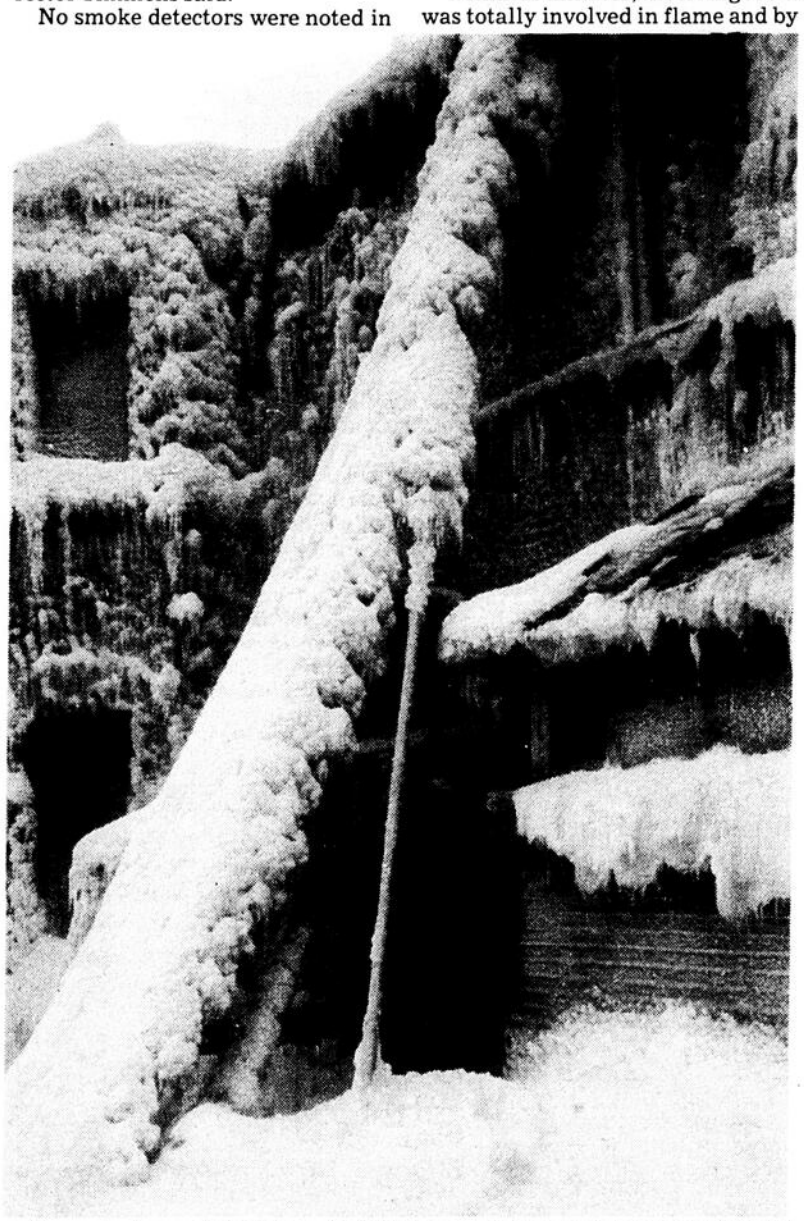
home, jumped from balcony to balcony down three storeys at the rear of the house, then led rescuers to her location (see separate story).

"Another 10 minutes and they would never have made it out," Director Timmons said.

No smoke detectors were noted in the home after the fire, investigator Barry Coates said. None were heard by firefighters, confirmed Lieutenant Michael Boychuck, acting captain, who led the initial attack after arriving at 3:09 am.

"The house was filled with heavy smoke," he said. Although no fire could be seen "all it needed was oxygen."

Within 20 minutes, the living room was totally involved in flame and by 3:43 am it was going through the roof. It was first detected in the next house in a third-floor cupboard of the adjoining wall about 10 minutes later.



In the early stages of the blaze, firefighters actually used this ladder, which later became iced over with water from hoses.

Resident André Audet and his family were out-of-town at the time. The home is owned by Louis Salvas.

For some two hours, until the fire was finally reported under control at 5:23 am, the spectacular flames could be seen from Sherbrooke street and smoke was carried afar. At 5:30 am, a fire call was received for an odor of smoke in the Reddy Memorial Hospital and the ventilation system had to be closed down.

As daylight broke Rosemount crescent was almost knee-high in slush and ice. The buildings continued to smoulder. The fire was not declared out until 1:35 pm when the main clean-up job began.

The city's aerial ladder truck could be not released from ice until 4:40 pm after City of Montreal mechanics were called in to assist and a steamer was borrowed from the Town of Mount Royal to help melt the ice.

Westmount's truck blew a hydraulic hose during the fire, Dir Timmons said.

An aerial ladder truck from St Laurent covered at Westmount's number one fire station until Sunday when the city's own truck had been thawed out, tested and put back in service.

"At the peak of the fire, about 4:30 am, my main concerns were the possibility of the building collapsing or of the fire spreading to adjacent buildings," Dir Timmons explained.

3,000 gallons a minute

He calculated that at that point firefighters were pouring more than 3,000 gallons of water per minute on the fire from two aerial turrets, two water turrets, four 2½-inch streams and three 1¾-inch lines.

More than nine mutual aid trucks were in operation along with Westmount's pumper and aerial.

Dir Timmons said he was impressed with the teamwork displayed by all involved, including the mutual aid firefighters, MUC police, Public Security Unit, public works crews, Civil Protection volunteers and the many residents who made coffee and soup for the workers.

The advanced state of the fire required quick action by Lieut Boychuck and Fireman William Osborne, acting lieutenant, when they arrived on the scene, he said.

Westmount fireman Tom Hopkins was taken to hospital suffering chest bruises after being hit by a hose coupling, as was Captain Graham Morrison who was hit when a ceiling collapsed during overhauling.

Fireman Bob Cameron was listed as spraining his wrist and fireman Marcel Brassard injured a knee. Both St Laurent fireman Gaetan Allard and Westmount Public Security Sergeant Greg Cockerell reported frostbite.

The houses were turned back to their owners Saturday.

Mutual aid personnel responded from Côte St Luc, Outremont, Hampstead, T.M.R. and St Laurent.

Fire photos and stories by LAUREEN SWEENEY



Ice covered the inside and outside of the house at 64 Rosemount crescent where the fire started. The main hall remained relatively intact but the living room floor to the left collapsed, as did upper areas. **Lieut Michael Boychuck** was the first officer at the fire scene. Ten Westmount firefighters responded initially before mutual aid help arrived and others were called in.



As temperatures plunged below -17 degrees Celsius, water froze knee-deep on Rosemount crescent where pavement had been bare at start of fire. The aerial ladder-pumper truck could not be released from ice until late last Thursday, more than 13 hours after its arrival.

Survivors of Rosemount fire saved each other from blaze

Paul Ortenberg figures he'd be dead today if he hadn't built a third-storey balcony on his home recently.

"When people sleep on a third floor of a house they must have a second way out," he said after fire consumed his home last Thursday at 64 Rosemount crescent.

Snow on the balcony made it difficult at first to slide open the doors but he eventually forced them open as heavy smoke from downstairs filled the bedroom.

As he and Nicole Parent, the only other person in the house, escaped outside after calling a neighbor to summon firemen, Mr Ortenberg said they worried that rescuers might not go around to the back at Mountain avenue.

"I decided to jump down from one balcony to the next, and then another to get to the ground."

He made the jumps successfully and met up with firefighters, telling them that a ladder was needed to rescue his friend.

The ladder was hoisted up from level to level by Public Security Sergeant Greg Cockerell and MUC constable Stéphane Lemieux who helped the victim down.

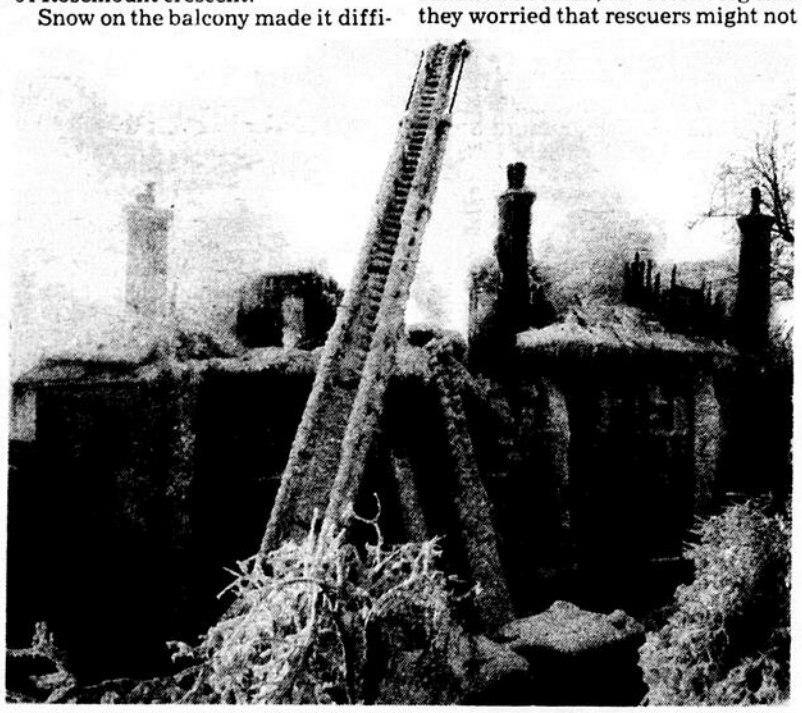
"I was so cold I was afraid I'd never make it down the ladder," explained Nicole Parent, who said smoke was pouring out of the bedroom onto the balcony at that point.

"I saved Paul's life and he saved mine," she said at the end of the ordeal. "I managed to take my purse. But he lost everything. He has nothing left to his name."

Only the jogging pants, sweaters and running shoes that he had managed to throw on before leaving, he said. Mr Ortenberg said he was "fully insured," however.

"An interesting side to the fire," he added, "was that around 6 am when the street was flooded with water and ice about a foot deep, it was unbelievable, we saw this old man with a cane trying to walk down the street.

"Someone told him he couldn't make it but he didn't listen and kept on going. I don't know what happened, but later we saw his cane standing in the ice in front of the house. He must have abandoned it."



Doorways and chimney pots were all that remained of the roof and third storeys as buildings continued to smoulder for many hours.

After seeing Rosemount fire, mayor wants fireplace inspections

THE fire on Rosemount crescent was an eye-opener to Mayor May Cutler.

"I'm astonished how long a fire like that can burn," she said. "And those poor guys (firefighters), what they had to go through."

Westmount's mayor braved the severe cold to turn out herself after being informed of the fire at 3:38 am. She walked some 10 blocks to get there and then returned home on foot as well.

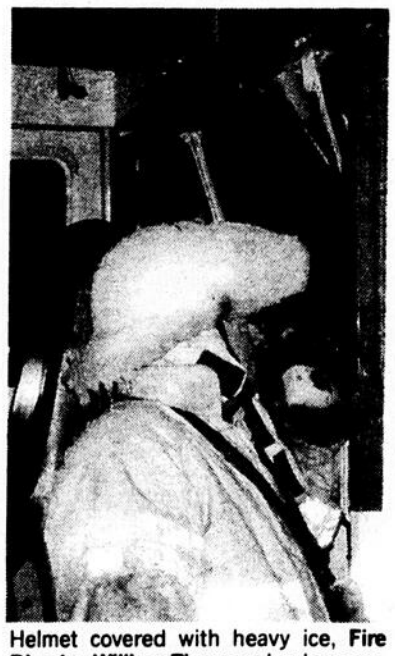
"I must say our fire department operated nobly and admirably under duress," she reported at Monday night's city council meeting in discussing "the dreadful fire."

Her Worship's presence at the fire scene showed her concern for the safety of the citizens affected as well as others, Fire Director William Timmons said. "It was also supportive for firefighters to know that she was concerned about whether additional assistance might be required."

Tuesday Mayor Cutler told THE EXAMINER she had asked at council's general committee meeting held in camera Monday night "that every fireplace in Westmount be inspected in the course of a year for safety, because of the recent fire."

As a result, she said, Councillor Paul Fortin, commissioner of public security, was mandated to submit a report on ways of implementing such a program.

The city at present licences a chimney sweep to clean flues.



Helmet covered with heavy ice, **Fire Director William Timmons** leads operations during the fire.

Gutted homes were on city heritage list

The preservation of two houses listed in Westmount's newly-published heritage study is uncertain this week following heavy damage sustained in last Thursday's major fire.

The semi-detached homes at 64-66 Rosemount crescent are classified in a 1C category (the third level of importance).

Somewhat ironically, their tall chimneys received special mention in the brief description. It was in a fireplace of the house at civic number 64 that the fire was believed to have started.

This home has changed hands four times since 1980, according to city records. It has undergone renovations and an extension at the rear and has an active work permit issued last August.

The adjoining houses are described in the heritage study as two buildings of brick façade built in 1896 by architects Gamelin and Huot for Horace A. Hutchins, who lived at 62 Rosemount, now owned by Peter O'Brien.

"The architecture of this pair of houses takes its inspiration in early Victorian eclectism," the study says. A "very irregular" layout of the homes was dictated by the land configuation.

The buildings had a high pavilion roof faced in slate characterized by dormers. "Only new windows have robbed the house of its orginal appearance."

The total 1989 valuation of civic number 64 is listed at $460,000 ($325,200 for building, $134,900 for land). The assessment for number 66 is listed at $312,700, consisting of $202,808 for building and $109,900 for property.

It is believed that both are worth considerably more on the real estate market.

City real estate transfer records show Paul Ortenberg, resident of 64 Rosemount, purchased the property in August 1985 from A.E. Lorenze and Karen Couvillon. They had bought it five months earlier from Canada Permanent Trust. The trust company had acquired the house in a legal judgment May 1984 against its owner of four years O. Silberstein.

Other proprietors inluded John Blandford and Mrs R.M. McCombe.

The house at 66 Rosemount, occupied by the family of André Audet, has been owned by Louis M. Salvas since July 1986 when it was sold by longtime owner Henry Isler.



As they were before the fire: these semi-detached homes at 64-66 Rosemount crescent are pictured in Westmount's heritage study. The top storey no longer exists.

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1988 development dominated by condos and delays

By CHARLES MAPPIN

One word sums up the Westmount development scene for 1988: delays.

Last year construction delays became routine at almost every one of Westmount's numerous building projects.

With construction workers back on the job this week after their annual two-week winter break, they have some catching up to do to meet even revised completion deadlines.

Delays were a particular menace at Westmount's condomimium projects, pushing occupancy dates further and further back. Residents were finally able to move into 200 Lansdowne, Westmount Park Towers, 285 Clarke avenue and Le Cacharel last year, but several other projects remain unfinished.

Westmount's director of services, Bruno Di Lenardo, says several factors explain the delays. As is typical in a construction boom such as the one Westmount has seen over the past two years, suppliers of plumbing and building materials have been running short of many items.

"Developers find it's a dogfight out there to get supplies. Everything is on back order," Mr Di Lenardo says.

A second reason for the slowness is the glut of available condos. "The market's not pushing the developers to go any faster. If the demand was there, you'd see the projects being completed more quickly," he says.

Developers are often unrealistic at the intial stages about the timeframe of their projects. Some may want to paint an optimistic picture to attract investors.

Château Westmount Square — the building that recently drew a great deal of attention when Imelda Marcos was rumored to have bought one of its units for $2 million — is now scheduled to take in its first residents in June, one year after the orginal occupancy date.

Not only have there been construction problems, but the sales office has also seen quite a turnover of staff. The current sales co-ordinator, Inger Holt-Sorby, says 30 percent of the building's 88 units are sold.

That same figure was quoted to THE EXAMINER by Château Westmount Square officials nine months ago, indicating that either sales have stalled or someone has the figures mixed up.

The entire ground floor commercial space of the building, located at the northeast corner of Greene avenue and St Catherine street, will be occupied by the Toronto-Dominion Bank, the project's financers.

The original intention was to have a retail area with a number of stores, but the space has now been sold to local developer David Schatia who is leasing it all to the bank. The TD branch is slated to open its doors in June.

Officials at the nearby TD branch on St Catherine street at Redfern avenue could not confirm yesterday whether the opening of the new branch would affect their operations.



The new Le Club du Village restaurant opens next month in the renovated building at the corner of Victoria and Somerville avenues. Mackay Smith Cleaners will be moving back into its old home.

When asked about the infamous deposed Philippine president and his wife, Mrs Holt-Sorby says, "We still believe the Marcoses are behind the Italian company that bought the unit, but there's no way to prove it. They are known to be buying up a lot of prime real estate."

A block away, sales at Number One Wood avenue are better, according to agent J.J. Jacobs who reports 85 percent of the 125 units sold.

The building is also almost a year behind schedule however. The initial occupancy target date was the spring of 1988. Ms Jacobs expects the first residents of the north tower will be received in February. The smaller south tower will be ready for a March occupancy.

Ms Jacobs says the opening date for the commercial space is still uncertain as no tenants have yet been found.

Work at two of the city's smaller condo projects is also in the final stages. Both Le Sherbrooke-Westmount, on Sherbrooke street just east of Greene avenue, and the Manoir Olivier, at Olivier avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard, will be completed in the coming weeks.

Le Sherbrooke-Westmount owner Salim Hejal says six of the 12 apartments have been sold. They will be ready in early February, but he expects the new owners all will spend a couple of months personalizing their units before moving in.

Manoir Olivier principle Steve Ngai says 10 of the 16 units in his building are sold and the first residents are expected next month.

"The market was dead in the period before Christmas, but it seems to be picking up again now," Mr Ngai says.

Besides the condo projects, a number of other new buildings are being built in Westmount and some well-established ones are undergoing major renovations.

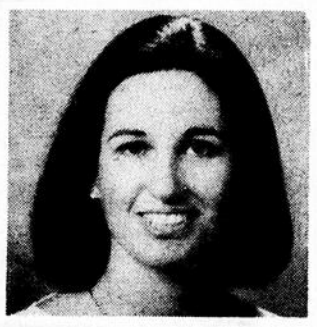
The 180-unit Place Kensington seniors' apartment building on St Catherine street east of Metcalfe avenue seems to be in the homestretch. The apartments on one of the building's six floors are virtually complete and the construction crew is working furiously on the remaining units. Finishing touches also are being applied to the lobby, the dining room and other common areas.

Place Kensington director Angela von Sender says the first residents will arrive March 1, despite the "opening August 1988" sign in front of the building.

The six-storey office building under construction at the corner of Gladstone avenue and St Catherine should be taking its first tenants next month, says developer Michael Sniatowsky.

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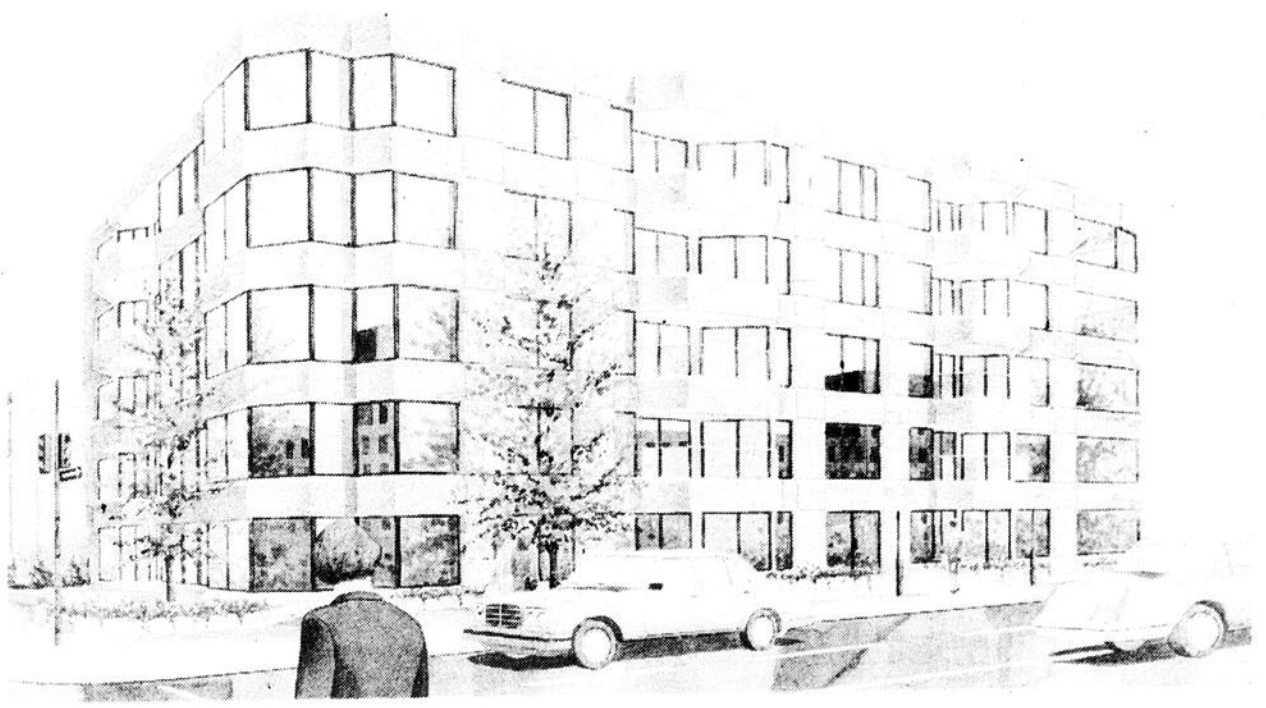
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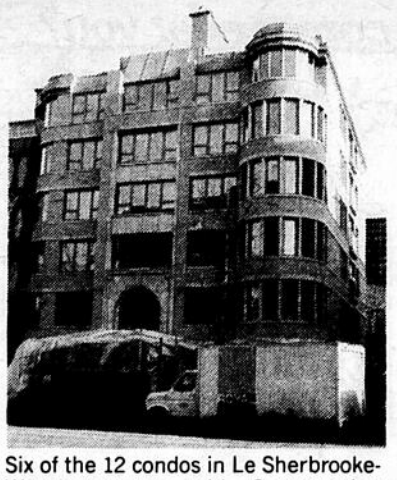


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Six of the 12 condos in Le Sherbrooke-Westmount are sold. Construction work is wrapping up and the units will be delivered to the new owners next month.

City will see yet more construction in 1989

After two busy years, Westmount's construction boom may let up only a little in 1989. Several new projects are in the works and expected to get underway soon.

Excavation for the Château Westmount nursing home at Victoria avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard is scheduled to begin next month. Developer Jean-François Roy anticipates the home be completed and in operation by early 1990.

Construction of the provincial government nursing home and seniors' residence on Hillside avenue may also begin in late spring or summer of this year.

Two new small condominium projects may sprout up in Westmount in the coming months. Developer Saul Ettinger is working out plans for the Westmount Emerald, an 18-unit building on the south side of St Catherine street just west of the CP Rail train station.

Another developer, Herbert Feifer, announced recently his intention to erect a four-storey condo building on the northeast corner of St Catherine and Victoria (see story last week).

Renovations of the row of stores in the heritage building on the south side of Sherbrooke street just east of Prince Albert avenue also is anticipated for later this year.

Developer Desmond Soltendieck says revised plans have been submitted to the city and he'll get started once they get approved.

Westmount director of services Bruno Di Lenardo says no other major projects are in the works as there is little vacant land remaining. He says his department will keep busy through 1989 monitoring the construction now under way.

Trust building, the structure's lower [illegible] floors will be occupied by that financial institution. It is expected to open in April.

The upper three levels have been leased by the long-established Westmount accounting firm of A. Chodos and Company. It moves in next month. One floor remains available.

Discussing the construction delays, Mr Sniatowsky says, "The banks just love it because it means we have to pay them more and more money."

Along St Catherine near Clarke avenue, at the Peugeot-Westmount, the first tenants are already in place. The Ilex Corporation and designer Jane Adams have moved in and the Omni billboards company will take over one floor soon, says developer François Simard. The ground floor commercial space is still vacant.

The building has been a long time coming. Initially, Mr Simard had planned to transform the old Peugeot car dealership into residential condos. Then he considered office condos. He has now opted to lease the space.

At the southwest corner of Victoria and Somerville avenues, Mina and Nazzareno Comodini have just about finished renovating their building.

Mackay Smith Cleaners will be moving back in by the beginning of February and a new restaurant will open on the Somerville side soon after. Le Club du Village will serve continental cuisine, Mrs Comodini says. The top-floor apartment has been rented, but the second floor has about 1,000 square feet available for office or commercial use.

The renovations and extension at the Westmount YMCA which began last March are progressing well. YMCA officials say the work is on schedule and the building will open in May as planned.

Public works boss happy with snowfall this winter

Fred Caluori has quite a smile on his face these days, but he knows it can't last forever.

As Westmount's director of public works, Mr Caluori is responsible for snow removal on the city's streets and sidewalks. Major snowstorms usually cause him headaches of one sort or another, no matter how prepared the public works crews are to deal with them.

Mr Caluori is smiling, of course, because there have been no major snowstorms to date this winter. What little snow has fallen has been sparse, most of it melting on contact.

Westmount's salt trucks have had to take to the streets only a few times so far this winter. The small snowfall New Year's weekend brought out the sidewalk plows and required a small-scale loading operation.

Environment Canada officials report 85 cm of snow has fallen to date. The usual snowfall to this point in the season is about 100 cm.

These figures are misleading since much of this year's snow melted immediately. During one "storm" in October, 21 cm of snow fell, but none of it stayed. The public works vehicles never had to leave their garages.

The biggest true snowfall accumulation was the 9 cm recorded on Jan 2.

If one has faith in the Environment Canada soothsayers, Mr Caluori can keep on smiling, for a few days longer at least.

Huge bough downed in wind crushes cars

High winds Sunday night caused a large tree limb to fall onto three cars parked in a driveway at 459 Strathcona avenue, crushing roofs and windows, police report. Each sustained over $500 damage.

The fallen tree limb was reported to have hit a 1981 Pontiac, 1987 Volvo and a 1984 Mazda parked one in front of the other. City crews were called to cut away debris from the tree, which is located at the front of the property beside the sidewalk.

Public safety officers measured the fallen limb at 25 feet in length and 12 inches in diameter.

Firefighters also were called to a home at 389 Clarke avenue to secure a loose skylight that was about to blow off.

Heavy hose

A 36-year-old Westmount fireman was taken to hospital Sunday when he collapsed from back pain while bending to lift hose at No 2 fire station, fire officials report. The mishap occurred about 9:55 am. The man was believed to have suffered a pinched nerve.

Smelly incident not explosive

A strange odor in the apartment building at 4998 de Maisonneuve boulevard Wednesday night last week was attributed to a stink bomb, fire officials said.

Firefighters had been called to the Château Maisonneuve at 10:55 pm to check out a possible odor of gas on the seventh floor.



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By Reg Morden

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Bus shelter waiting-list lengthened by one

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Well, Gerald Glass, you'll finally be getting that bus shelter you've been seeking from city council for so long.

But probably not before the spring sunshine returns to warm up the blustery corner of Metcalfe and St Catherine street.

And where are those other two bus shelters that were promised by Christmas time? The Montreal Urban Community Transportation Corporation is taking its sweet time installing them too.

A resident of Metcalfe avenue, Mr Glass has been a longtime proponent of having a bus shelter installed for those awaiting eastbound buses on St Catherine at Metcalfe. He has attended numerous council meetings and has repeatedly voiced his request.

When Councillor Stuart Robertson announced at Monday's public meeting the eventual arrival of the shelter, he addressed his comments to Mr Glass in his absence.

Motion passed

Council was required to pass a formal motion to allow the structure to be erected in front of the 10-foot building line specified in the city's zoning by-law.

"It's your standard 12-person bus shelter when it's crammed," Mr Robertson said, noting it would be located about 50 feet from the corner, just west of Haines grocery store. It should be in place by March 31, Mr Robertson said.

In December, Westmounters were told the long-awaited bus shelters at the northeast corner of Sherbrooke street and Metcalfe and the southwest corner of Sherbrooke and Wood avenue would be in place by Christmas.

Although council approved installation of the shelters at those two locations last February, they are still not anywhere to be seen.

Westmount public works director Fred Caluori says his department has had problems getting specific answers from the MUCTC.

"We've now received a letter from the transit commission indicating those two should also be installed by March 31," Mr Caluori said. He's not holding his breath in anticipation since "the Metcalfe one was on a list they sent last year of the shelters that were to be place by March 31, 1988."

Knife-waving man gets dryers

A man who helped himself to hairdryers Friday at the Cumberland pharmacy at 1222 Greene avenue threatened a cashier at knifepoint not to speak up, police report. He then fled along Greene.

He also took an unknown quantity of cigarettes that were on display at the counter.

The robbery occurred about 6:40 pm when the man was seen putting the items in two plastic bags. He was described as a black man aged about 24 wearing a blue jacket, jeans and a grey scarf. Total amount of the theft was not known.

Tries one smoke, steals 38 packs

A man claiming never to have tried Canadian cigarettes stole some 38 packages from a kiosk at Atwater Métro station Monday last week, police report.

The thief made off with the smokes after the salesclerk gave him a cigarette to try out and then started to serve someone else. She took chase but was unable to catch him.

The man was described as a black man aged about 24 wearing a long checked coat. He claimed to have come from New York.

The theft occurred at 6:50 pm and amounted to about $135.

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Anyone promenading through King George Park after dark these days will observe the results of the city's newly installed lights.

Westmount's light and power director Bruce St Louis says the new system not only provides better illumination on the paths, but is also more efficient. The number of lampposts has been increased from 30 to 36. Two previously unlit entrances off Murray avenue now have lighting.

The new fixtures use 70-watt metal halide bulbs in place of the 300-watt incandescent bulbs the old ones used. Mr St Louis says the new system will consume only one-fifth the electricity.

The metal halide bulbs provide better color rendition than the 100-watt high-pressure sodium bulbs used in the city's street lamps, he says.

The job is virtually complete except for sod repairs where new conduit and wires were installed. That will be carried out in the spring.

Contractors Neolect Inc have done the work over the past 2½ months. City council approved spending $150,000 on the job at the Oct 3 council meeting. The poles are of a similar style to those being used in the new street lighting program.

The old standards will be cleaned, repaired and fitted with new elements over the winter. They will be installed in Westmount and Summit Parks next summer.

French born here, educated in B.C.

In a Dec 22 article on Westmount MNA Richard French's resignation from cabinet over Quebec's new indoor-outdoor sign law, THE EXAMINER erroneously gave credit to British Columbia for being his place of birth.

In fact, Mr French was born in Montreal on Feb 25, 1947. Canada's most western province provided him with a university degree — a bachelor of science from the University of British Columbia in 1968 — as well as a Rhodes scholarship that year.

Truck hits car then drives on

A Toyota sustained more than $500 damage Tuesday last week when a hit-and-run truck backed into it on de Maisonneuve boulevard at Wood avenue, police report. The accident occurred as both were stopped westbound at the light.

The car's driver, a Montreal woman, managed to speak to the culprit as he was stopped at Greene, but the truck driver failed to remain on the scene. The mishap occurred at 7:20 pm.

Two break-ins on Burton

Two houses were broken into on Burton avenue Sunday, police report. In the absence of residents, it was not immediately known what might have been stolen.

One was discovered when a neighbor noticed the front door had been forced open, causing $100 damage. Access to the other was gained by breaking a front window, resulting in $500 damage.

Tenant's return surprises burglar

A tenant of 440 Mount Stephen avenue came face-to-face with a burglar in his apartment Wednesday afternoon last week, police said. The intruder beat a hasty retreat on being discovered.

The victim, a 41-year-old man, was reported as being certain the door had been locked. The incident occurred at 3 pm. The burglar was described as a white man aged about 29 wearing a beige nylon jacket. Nothing was reported stolen.

Who's doing what?



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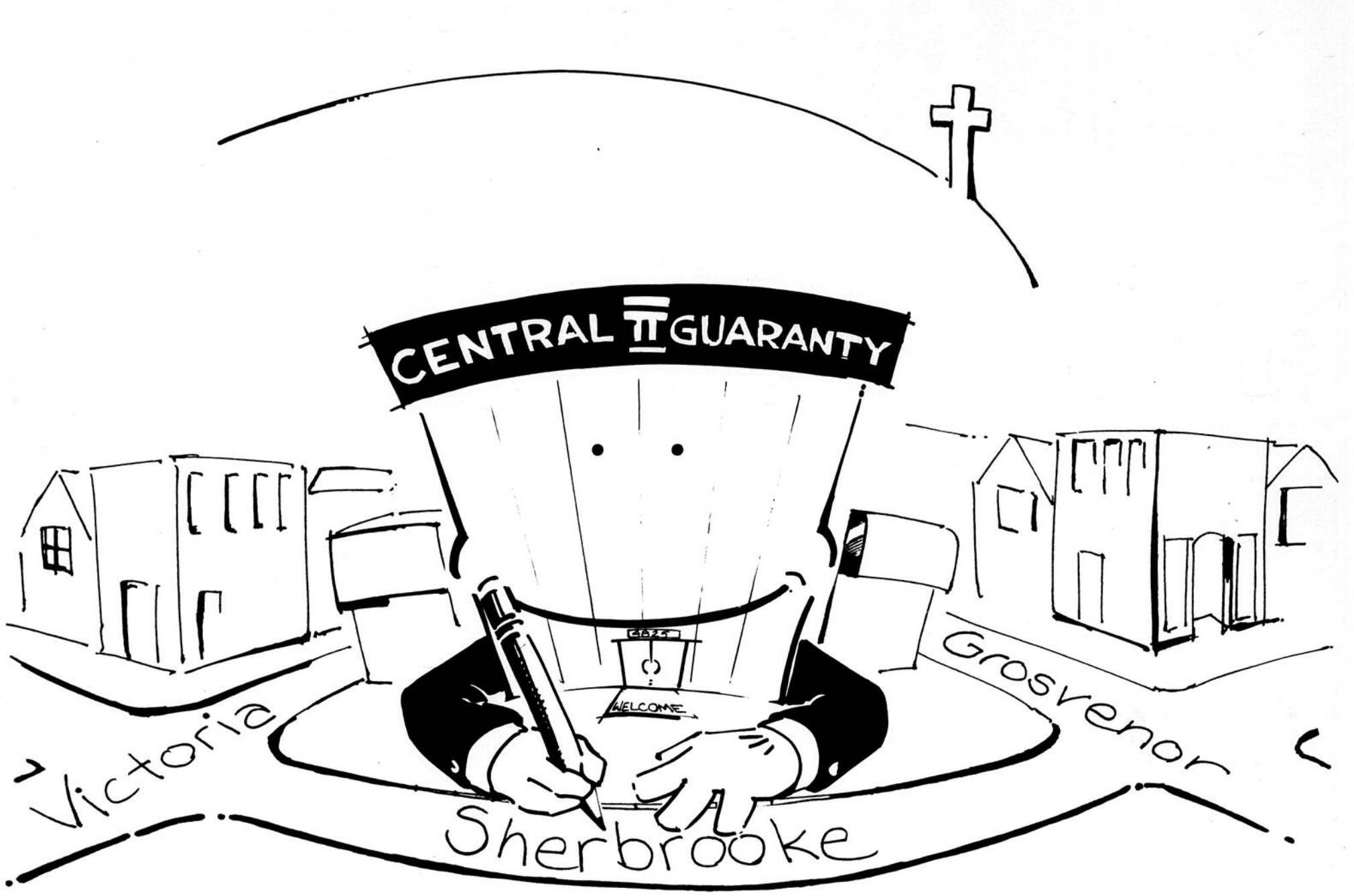
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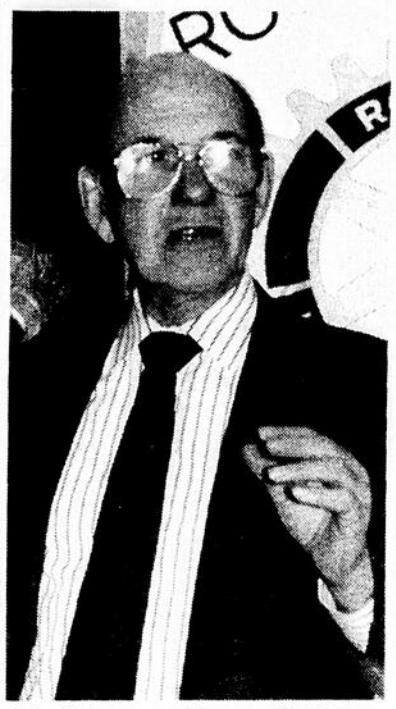
Continued growth predicted for national economy in '89

The Canadian economy performed better than expected in 1988 and should continue to do well in 1989 thanks to the re-election of Brian Mulroney's Conservative government, John Meyer told the Rotary Club of Westmount last week.

On the other hand, the former *Gazette* financial editor predicted the stock market will limp along a while longer as it has since the crash of October 1987.

Speaking to the local service club's weekly luncheon meeting, Mr Meyer gave his economic outlook for the year ahead, as he did a year ago.

By CHARLES MAPPIN



John Meyer speaking to the Rotary Club of Westmount last week.

"I would like to think you invited me back because I was right on last year," he joked in his opening remarks. And indeed he was right on, having predicted the economy would out-perform expectations.

"A growth of about 3.5 percent was anticipated for 1988, but it should be closer to four percent when the figures are tallied in March," Mr Meyer said. "The 1987 stock market crash had evoked fear the economy was going into a 1929 tailspin. There's a common notion the stock market is a mirror image of the economy, but the fact is the market went down with little respect to the state of the economy."

He said a combination of factors was responsible for making the market so oversold that it crashed, the most obvious being "greed compounded by monumental ignorance.

"In 1988, we had a year of rather good growth in the economy, the stock market notwithstanding. The self-correction process will still continue for a while yet. It's unrealistic to assume you can triple your money over five years," he said, adding that the crash has had a salutary effect.

Mr Meyer said the free trade deal with the U.S. and the shift away from a government-directed economy to a market-directed one should propel the Canadian economy forward in the coming years.

"For Canada, this particular free trade agreement will be beneficial, but Quebec and Montreal have the most to gain."

Mr Meyer said a combination of Quebec's location and the fact it exports less than other regions of the country, proportional to its population, mean the free trade agreement gives the province's industry potential for growth.

The inflation rate should remain low and interest rates likely will stay the same or even drop, giving a further boost to industry, he said.

Mr Meyer's forecast? Growth of at least three percent for 1989 and into 1990, despite the Economic Council of Canada's estimate of 2.2 percent for the coming year.

"I'm optimistic for one good year followed by another," he said.

Mr Meyer was introduced by Richard Miller and thanked by George Marshall.



CONDOLENCES: The Japanese people this week mourned the death of their Emperor Hirohito. Japanese consul-general Tsukasa Abe held a registration of condolences at his home on Summit crescent. Among those to visit and acknowledge Japan's loss was **Mr Mgana**, representative of Tanzania on the council of the Montreal-headquartered International Civil Aviation Organization.

Photo by VALERIE TETLEY

Two-ticket crash

The driver of a car was ticketed for failing to yield the right of way to an MUCTC bus Friday at Sherbrooke street and Roslyn avenue, police report. The resident lived on de Maisonneuve boulevard. He was issued a second ticket for not having proof of insurance. The collision occurred about 9:25 am, causing more than $500 damage to the car, less to the bus.

Cadastral changes get council's OK

Cadastral operations at two addresses were approved by city council Monday night. The operations, which consist of amalgamating lot numbers on paper, are required before a building's status can be changed.

At 42 Devon avenue, two lots were amalgamated and given a new lot number to permit owner Fredric Carsley to build an extension to his house.

At 4210 de Maisonneuve boulevard, five lot numbers were replaced with one new one. Undivided co-owners Danny, Joseph and Michel Battat plan to convert the three-unit building into condominiums, as permitted under provincial law.

City computers will be sold to top bidder

The City of Westmount is still looking to unload some of its old computer equipment.

When the city held a public auction Oct 5 to sell the equipment, no one showed up. Now, it plans to call for public tenders to get rid of it. Council passed a resolution to that effect at its meeting Monday night.

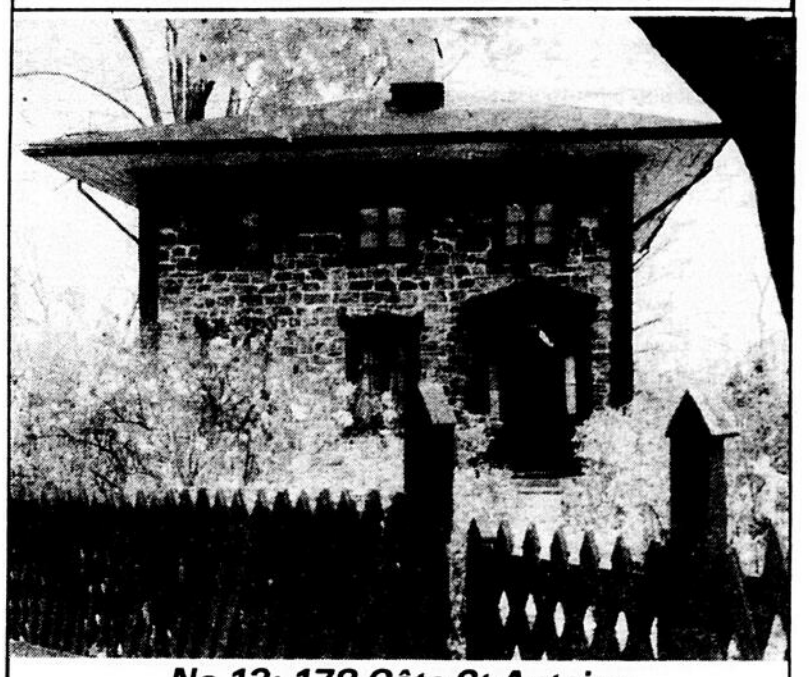
There are three packages: an IBM 5251 model-12 display station, a Micom 2001E word processor with accessories, and an IBM display writer.

City clerk Robert Wilkins said bids will be accepted for each item as a whole or for the entire lot. The date for the opening of the tenders has yet to be determined.

Someone might pick up a bargain. City officials say they are putting up no minimum price.

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WMA trying to define its role in city elections

By CARA MACNAUGHTON

The Westmount Municipal Association continued its ongoing discussion of the WMA's role in municipal elections at the January board meeting held Monday night.

Director Claude Bismuth submitted an eight-page memorandum on the electoral process, pinpointing several WMA by-laws that could be amended.

Founded in 1908, the WMA has historically recommended candidates for election to city council and the office of mayor in Westmount. In recent years, however, the strength of WMA endorsements has been diluted as more and more non-WMA-sponsored candidates not only run but win. Westmount's current mayor May Cutler is the most dramatic recent example of a candidate who swept into office without WMA endorsement.

Mr Bismuth's memorandum identified WMA by-law 7.1, which provides that the association's nominating committee "shall recommend one or more qualified citizens for nomination to each public office to be filled," as requiring reconsideration. An option would be for the WMA to recommend only one candidate per ward.

Director Heather McFarland questioned whether such a policy would result in a list of eight candidates for city council who would constitute "a party," an action she said is prohibited by the Cities and Towns Act.

WMA president Donald Ross said endorsement of only one candidate per ward would create "a slate, not a party."

Mrs McFarland said the WMA could also adopt a policy of making no recommendations at all. "Our role would be to encourage many to run and to provide information about the candidates," she said, adding the WMA would continue to host its traditional meet-the-candidates night.

The memorandum stated the WMA has not yet "reached a consensus on endorsing one versus many candidates per ward."

Ward committees

Another by-law identified by the memorandum as requiring reconsideration governs the selection of political candidates by the WMA ward committees. These comprise five members from each ward; their job is to select and encourage suitable candidates to run.

Mr Bismuth said ward committee selections, currently made by majority vote among the five, could be enlarged to include all WMA members resident in each ward who would attend the voting meeting. He asked how such a system of open voting would prevent supporters of one candidate from packing the house.

Director Lawrence Vatch said there could be a requirement that such voters would have to have held WMA membership for a predetermined period.

The electoral process memorandum also zeroed in on the confusion between selecting candidates in advance through the ward committee process and selecting candidates by vote at the general WMA membership election endorsement meeting. Current by-laws provide that candidates can bypass the ward committee process and present themselves at the general meeting provided they have the support of 10 WMA members who give five days' written notice.

Commenting on the introduction of new candidates to the WMA slate at the general election meeting, Mr Bismuth said he favored the ward committee approach. "I see absolutely no need to have their input at the last minute," he said.

No resolutions were passed concerning the electoral process memorandum at Monday night's meeting. Mr Ross stressed that the discussion was preliminary in nature, although it was the major item on the agenda and took up half the meeting.

Mr Ross said that, because of low attendance at the meeting, the memorandum would be immediately circulated to absent directors and presented again in February for discussion by a quorum.

In other business, director Tom Thompson submitted a slightly revised version of the four-page survey of services in Westmount that the WMA will be sending to 1,000 residents within the next few weeks. Results of the survey will be made available to city council.

Mr Ross said the WMA expects the city's 1989 budget to contain "the answers to several of our questions on costs. They (the Westmount finance department) have been working very hard to find out what certain costs are."

The president also said the WMA will continue to watchdog property taxation in the aftermath of Bill 90. "The concept of using market values for valuation purposes has to be looked at so as to allow families and longtime residents to remain in their homes."

Mr Thompson said that visibility of city street workers and their materials, an ongoing safety concern of the WMA, could still be improved.

Mr Bismuth suggested that the Westmount arena introduce a parent-and-child hockey period.

The removal and re-installation of the Queen Elizabeth park ice rink, future use of the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club facility, a recent traffic accident on The Boulevard involving two students from The Study and the problem of power outages were also discussed.

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Car's slow burn becomes a blaze

Fire caused $3,000 damage to a 1982 Dodge Aries Saturday across from Westmount High School, fire officials said.

The red car was reported to have been parked for about 45 minutes before the owner returned to find it going up in smoke.

Firefighters found the front end of the car engulfed in flame on their arrival after being called at 5:51 pm. A 1 3/4-inch hose was used to douse the blaze.

Overheated wiring was believed to have smouldered while the car was left unattended. It belonged to a Montreal resident.

Jimmy taken

A 1988 GMC Jimmy vehicle was reported stolen Saturday night from Gladstone avenue and Dorchester boulevard while the owner went to the Forum, police said. It is valued at $23,000. It belongs to a resident of St Laurent.

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Organizer **Stephen Nowell**, right, addresses the first of two sittings at the Victoria Hall language law rally Sunday afternoon. Other panel members who spoke were, left to right, Knowlton Chamber of Commerce president **Brian Timmins**, Entente Cordiale spokesman **Jacques Frenette**, and former Brome-Missisquoi Conservative MP **Heward Grafftey**.

NOWELL . . .

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couldn't accept the trampling of anyone's rights. He also made it clear that no "racist" attitudes or comments would be tolerated.

The panel was made up of former Brome-Missisquoi MP Heward Grafftey, Knowlton Chamber of Commerce president Brian Timmins, and Jacques Frenette from Entente Cordiale, the francophone group promoting better relations between Quebec's two linguistic groups.

Longtime Westmounter Norah Plenderleith was among those who didn't make it into Victoria Hall at 1 pm for the first meeting. She waited patiently outside until the second group was admitted two hours later.

Miss Plenderleith was impressed with the civility of the meeting. "I thought the organization was excellent. Mr Nowell deserves a lot of credit for what he's doing. Premier Bourassa has let us down," Miss Plenderleith said, adding she was disappointed Westmount MNA Richard French wasn't there.

Local merchant on side

Marina Laker, owner of Greene avenue's Canadian Soccer Supplies, was one of the few local merchants at the meeting besides Mr Nowell. During the question period, she expressed her support for Committee 178 and said she would continue to post bilingual signs.

Councillor Stuart Robertson was among those in the crowd at the meeting. He said he was impressed with the turnout. Then he added: "Only at an anglophone rally would there be two formal sittings!"

Mr Nowell said enough money was collected to cover the expenses to date, but more is needed.

He is setting up an operating fund for day-to-day expenses and a kitty to help other merchants defray the costs of repairs after vandalism and to pay their legal expenses if they are taken to court for defying the law.

Committee 178 has grown bigger than he had anticipated, but Mr Nowell said he'll continue to fight for the community's rights since no other group is doing anything concrete.

Anyone with suggestions or wanting to help finance future efforts can write to the group at: Committee 178, PO Box 211, Victoria Station, Westmount, H3Z 2V4.

Mr Nowell said he can be reached at Magnus Books, but he suggests people drop by rather than phone. The store is located at 4932B Sherbrooke street west, between Prince Albert and Claremont avenues.

It's easy to place a classified ad in THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER. Simply call 931-7511.

Security tight at 178 rally

The City of Westmount was taking no chances last Sunday afternoon. It commonly rents out space at Victoria Hall to various groups and organizations, but this was a special case.

Security at the Committee 178 rally was tight.

In Victoria Hall, six Westmount public security officers and five uniformed MUC policemen were present, with at least one stationed at each entrance. Two undercover agents, one man and one woman, patrolled as well.

Outside on the neighboring streets, several more MUC police circled the area in their cruisers.

Another 50 policemen, including 17 members of the MUC riot squad, were on standby in case of any major problems.

The operations were directed from the Westmount police station by Dir Pierre Vézina and at Victoria Hall by Sgt Guy Desrosiers. Westmount Fire Director William Timmons attended to make sure fire safety regulations were followed.

It was only after the first session was well under way and the room began to get a little steamy that it became apparent the windows were all locked shut. "It's for security," one officer said.

When Mayor May Cutler discovered Victoria Hall had been rented out to Committee 178, she called a security meeting. She wanted to prevent any problems from occurring at the potentially explosive gathering.

Councillor Sally Aitken said she tried to prevent having the meeting take place in Victoria Hall at all.

"I did express concern. I think it's too easy for the media and the public to attach the label of civil disobedience to Westmount," Mrs Aitken said. "I don't think it was appropriate to have that meeting in a city-owned building."

Mrs Aitken had a point. The front-page headline in Monday's *Journal de Montréal* screamed "Westmount passe à l'offensive."



Waiting to get in: Some of the more than 1,200 persons who attended Sunday's Committee 178 rally funnel towards the doors at Victoria Hall.

Human-rights advocate Humphrey addresses ACAT

Fifty men and women gathered for the meeting of ACAT (Action by Christians for the Abolition of Torture) Monday evening. The meeting was held in the attractive hall of the Westmount Baptist Church. May Fournier, a daughter of the historic and aristocratic French Canadian Taschereau family, which numbers the first Canadian cardinal and a prime minister among its descendants, welcomed participants. Then, to a bilingual ecumenical audience, John Humphrey spoke on the United Nations Charter of Human Rights and the political use of torture. Mr Humphrey was dean of the McGill law faculty. He is now emeritus professor of law, although still teaching at McGill.

Mr Humphrey was director of the division of human rights at the United Nations from 1947 until 1967. A Canadian and, as he proclaimed at the meeting, "Je suis un WASP," Mr Humphrey was part of the UN in the early days of that institution. He was one of those who drew up the first draft of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. It was inconceivable to them then that their document would develop into such an international instrument for the protection of the individual.

Athough never adopted as a law by member countries of the UN, it has acquired the force of law through being constantly invoked against those who infringe human rights, especially through torture.

Called 'Magna Carta'

Eleanor Roosevelt, whose notes may be seen in the margin of the original draft now housed at McGill, called the UN Declaration of Human Rights "the Magna Carta of humanity."

1988 marked the 40th year of the UN Declaration of Human Rights. To commemorate this anniversary the UN issued *A Compilation of International Instruments*, from which Mr Humphrey read the UN definition of torture. It says in part, "...the term 'torture' means any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person... inflicted by or at the instigation of... a public official... acting in an official capacity."

This definition coincides with the definition given by ACAT to the abuse suffered in 80 countries of the world. ACAT is in touch with Amnesty International, from which it learns of interned and tortured prisoners in these countries. Like Amnesty International, ACAT mounts a letter-writing campaign to those public officials responsible, warning that their illegal actions have come under the scrutiny of the world community.

The U.S.S.R.'s new policy toward human rights comes in part at least from the pressure of such groups as Amnesty International and ACAT.

How is ACAT different from Amnesty International?

ACAT is a Christian fellowship that believes not only in political pressure but in the "sword of the spirit." ACAT follows a program of prayer for the tortured and the torturers. Each meeting has a time of

By FLORENCE DAVIS

prayer. Monday's meeting at the Westmount Baptist Church was a case in point. The minister, Barry Morrison, called on all present to recite the Lord's Prayer in their own language; the prayer was offered in English, French, Arabic, Spanish, Chinese and Italian. Each Friday ACAT members offer all their prayers, works and sufferings as a spiritual force to rid the world of the scourge of torture.

"Those we are working and praying for become our friends," said Mme Fournier. "When we read in the paper or hear on the television that one of them is released we rejoice, we are excited," she said. "But besides praying for the tortured we pray also for the torturer."

She says it is a mystery of evil that one human being can be so brutalized as to treat another human being in such a way. "We have had a girl from El Salvador here at our dining room table who could not speak of her experiences, they were so bad. She broke down and cried every time she tried. Finally she had to write it."

Here is part of what she wrote:

"They started to impose psychological torture on us: in front of us, on a table they had strapped down a woman of about 25, about five or six months pregnant. She was naked and attached by her arms and legs. There were eight men of the police forces, their faces covered by black netting... gripping my hair to force me to look... they cut open the woman's abdomen and ripped out her fetus."

Mme Fournier is available to help others start ACAT groups. She appeals to all in Westmount or beyond who would like to start a group. There are no specific membership rules. Small groups, as few as three, can get together. Mme Fournier is willing to help any group get started. Her telephone number is 933-2978 at the office of ACAT in the basement of St Leon's Church.

Ascension parish prepares season IV of RENEW

Ascension parishioners are preparing for the Lenten season by organizing the fourth season of RENEW. RENEW, a process of spiritual renewal, aims at making one's spiritual life an integral part of everyday living and encourages a sense of community in the parish.

The theme of this Lenten season is discipleship. Each week, participants will consider the following aspects of the theme: week 1 (starting Feb 5) invitation of discipleship; week 2, life of the disciple in community; week 3, nourishing discipleship; week 4, cost of discipleship; week 5, healing of the disciple; week 6, mission of the disciple.

To reflect on these themes and how they affect one's life, small faith-sharing groups will meet weekly for six weeks from Feb 5 to March 12. These groups will meet at the home of the group leader at a time suitable to most parishioners and will last one and a half hours. Each participant will have a booklet containing selected scripture readings for each week.

Participants in the first three seasons of RENEW at Ascension, as in other parishes, have been enriched by their involvement with these small groups. They have come to know fellow parishioners, who might otherwise have remained merely faces in other pews at Sunday services. They have been challenged to read, study and discuss the Gospels and their meaning for today's society. They have learned the basis of "praying with scripture" and in many cases, have achieved a more intense and adult experience of prayer and of faith. They have been motivated to commit themselves more fully to living the "good news" in their everyday world and to bringing that news to their brothers and sisters within and outside the confines of the parish congregation.

On the weekend of Jan 21 and 22, following each mass, all interested persons are invited to register for one of the small groups. If more convenient or for more information call Elizabeth Pilley at 933-3472 or Janet Macklem at 933-8202.

Shaar offers courses in Jewish studies, bridge

The Leisure Institute of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim will be offering weekly classes in Jewish studies and bridge.

"The sacred book of the Jews, part II" will be taught by Sheila Wiesenfeld, MA in Judaic studies, on Monday evenings from 7 to 9, for 10 weeks, starting Jan 30. The course will cover material from the Talmud to the Codification of Halacha, including the ritual in the Siddur and the Magic of the Zohar. The fee is $40.

Bridge courses include "Supervised play of the hand for intermediate players," which will be held Thursdays from 1 to 3 pm for eight weeks starting Jan 26. The instructor is Julie Faijgelon and the fee is $60.

Elementary bridge instruction is offered to those who have just completed beginners' lessons. The course will be held Wednesdays, from Feb 1 to March 22, from 10 am to noon.

For those with some experience, "Play of the hand and defence" will be given on Wednesdays, Feb 1 to March 22, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.

For the Wednesday courses, the teacher will be Sylvia Lebner and the fee is $60.

Contactivity courses are set

Registration for the Contactivity Centre slate of winter courses will be open to members on Thursday, Jan 19, from 10:30 am to noon and from 2:30 to 4 pm. Courses being offered include: tai-chi, current affairs and French conversation.

Guatemalan gala at Monchanin

Members of Montreal's Guatemalan community are inviting the public to come and meet with them for a friendly afternoon get-together on Sunday, Jan 15.

On the agenda are poetry, anecdotes, personal testimony on Guatemala and its people, the exile experience, and Guatemalan culture in general. Several Quebec residents who took part in a recent fact-finding mission to Guatemala will be present to share their experiences. In addition, there will be an exhibition of typical Guatemalan fabrics (the *hipiles*) and a light Guatemalan-style lunch will be served.

The activity will take place at the Monchanin Cross-cultural Centre, 4917 St Urbain street, starting at 1 pm. The whole family can share in the fun. Everyone is welcome.

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Best production of season at Centaur:

Little Shop of Horrors features local cast and newcomers

A couple of decades ago, Roger Corman and some of his buddies made a low-budget, quick film that was in the can less than a week after they started. (True. I know the man who edited it, and he went without sleep for three days in the cutting room, till he got it right).

In spite of its many technical flaws, the hilarious film went on to become a cult classic. When I first heard that aficionados Howard Ashman (book and lyrics) and Alan Menken (music) had turned it into a stage musical, I was sure I would hate what they did to one of my favorite movies.

But the reversal of the usual procedure (making a play from a film, rather than vice versa) was just zany enough to work.

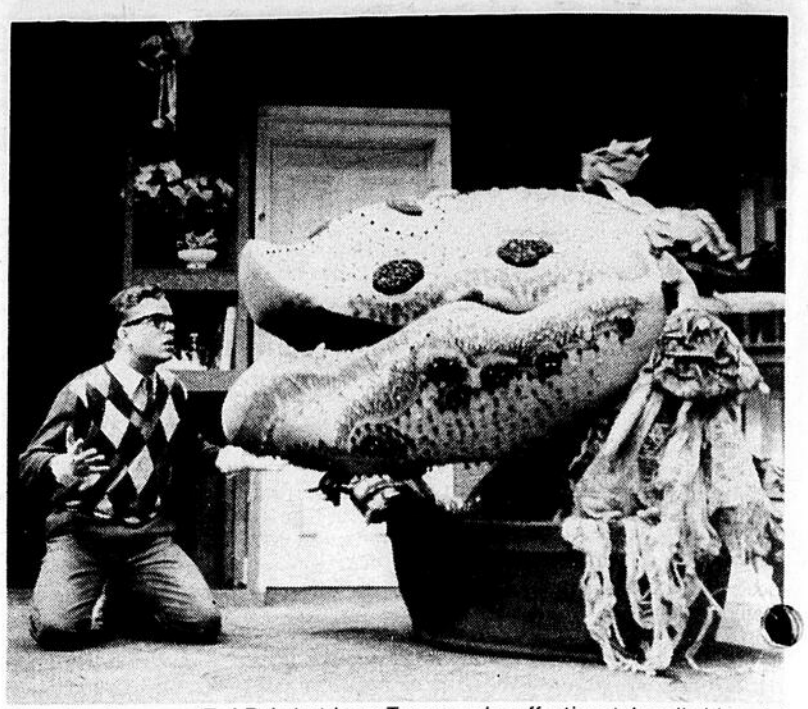
I never saw the New York production, but the Centaur version is terrific. Drag out all your superlatives, and the production will still surprise and delight you.

Ted Dykstra, a graduate of the National Theatre School who has returned to Montreal, plays Seymour, the orphan boy who does his best but is a congenital klutz.

He is in love with Audrey, who has a past, and a terribly unpleasant present. This role went to Sylvie Perron, a discovery who is worth her weight in gold. Ms Perron is a jazz singer by trade, and her mother tongue is not English (though she is perfectly bilingual). She is also a natural actor, and has audiences rolling in the aisles. To make it better, she can sing. I mean, she can *sing*.

Audrey's difficulties are in large part caused by her "professional" boyfriend, Orin, a sadomasochistic biker dentist, played by Jack Langedijk. Mr Langedijk relies heavily on the character he developed for *The Rocky Horror Show* here, but why not? It works. He also plays a variety of cameo roles, including a certain Mrs Luce.

During a total eclipse of the sun, Seymour buys a very strange-looking plant, which he names Audrey II. Suddenly business at the Mushnik's Skid Row Florist Shop picks up and suddenly Seymour is a hero. A hero who is rapidly becoming anemic, however.



Gormless Seymour (**Ted Dykstra**) begs Twoey, as he affectionately calls his weird plant, to accept rare roast beef instead of human blood.

The story is considerably embellished by the chorus of Debra Benjamin, Lorena Gale and Kim Richardson, who are also clearly having a lot of fun on stage. Montreal has unfortunately lost Ms Gale to Vancouver and we are glad to see her visiting in this production. Ms Benjamin and Ms Richardson are making their first appearances on Centaur's stage, and I look forward to watching Ms Richardson's, in particular, singing career. She has already won a Juno and Black Music Association of Canada awards.

Also helping to keep your toes tappin' and your hands clappin' are a quartet of musicians, under the direction of saxophonist Charles Papasoff.

Then, there's Audrey II, or rather, a set of Audrey IIs, designed by Martin P. Robinson, manipulated by David Francis and given voice by former Westmounter Dorian Joe Clark, who until the plant starts to talk has a cameo role as a Skid Row denizen.

The set, costumes, lighting and all are just fine.

Oh yes, Mr Mushnik is Les Carlson. We're not particularly anxious to hear him sing more, or anything like that. But he's adequate in the role and will probably start to enjoy himself a lot more as he relaxes into the general mayhem.

Go to Centaur. Take your kids to the matinées. Take your great aunt, too. This is something that is just sheer fun and a showcase for some very talented folks, who all owe a lot to director Allen MacInnis, who pulled it together brilliantly.

Note: If you've seen the film that was made from the musical that was made from the original film, the ending here is different.

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

By KARL JAROSIEWICZ

The Spaceman cometh

The Students' Society of McGill University and the McGill Programming Network present "It's Snowtime '89 Winter Carnival." This winter extravaganza will be launched Monday evening with an appearance by Bill Lee, alias the Spaceman. Lee's illustrious career includes his many years as a star pitcher for the Boston Red Sox and the Montreal Expos, and more recently, his candidacy for president of the United States under the banner of the Rhino Party. One of baseball's best known "flakes," Bill Lee is also the author of the autobiographical *The Wrong Stuff*. Lee will be speaking in the Leacock building, room 132, at 7:30 pm. This should prove to be a very entertaining time. Admission is $5 for the public, $3 for McGill students with ID. Bill Lee will also be presented in another Winter Carnival event, a pancake breakfast, on Tuesday morning between 8:30 and 11 am. Also featured are Terry Dimonte from CHOM-FM and members of the McGill athletic department. The admission price of $2 gets you six pancakes and juice, and all proceeds go to the Childfind organization. This event takes place at Gertrude's Pub in the Student Union building, 3480 McTavish street.

The fun never ends

The week continues with more events in McGill's winter carnival. On Tuesday at 8 pm in the Union ballroom, 3480 McTavish, catch Mike Mandel, a mentalist who uses the power of suggestion to entertain his audience. It seems that a Mike Mandel show involves a lot of audience participation. His press release says that he uses "his incredible powers of suggestion to persuade his audience to believe the most ridiculous things." Looks like this guy may have a career in politics or tele-evangelism cut out for him. Admission is $5 for the public, $3 for McGill students. Also this week in the Union ballroom, the New Music Night features Plasterscene Replicas, a Toronto club band, playing a set from their album *Glow*, released in '88. A DJ will play the latest and best in underground music. Admission is the same as the event above. On Saturday, a party will be held on the four floors of the Union building. Appropriately called Four Floors Party, this blow-out features Jerry Jerry and the Sons of Rhythm Orchestra, Swinging Relatives and a DJ with dance music. Doors are open at 8 pm, and admission is, once again, the same as above.

Back to school

Concordia University Students' Association is offering 10 mini-courses to the public and students. These courses, which do not involve credits, include public speaking, graphoanalysis, wine appreciation, real estate, bartending, photography, pet care, home renovation and the basics of painting (presumably as in painting rooms, not pictures). All courses are to be held in the evening, so choose one that complements your lifestyle and sign up. Registration ends Jan 23. For more information, contact the Cusacorp offices at 848-7430.

Chop schticks

The YMCA Guy-Favreau is offering a course in Shotokan-style karate, beginning Wednesday and running to March 27. A beginners' course will be taught Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights, followed by intermediate and advanced courses. Registration costs $55 for members and $80 for non-members. Contact 845-4277 for more details.

Family Sunday

The Institut des beaux-arts Villa Maria, 4237 Decarie boulevard, 2nd floor, presents a new visual arts pro-

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Resident Steinberg gives violin recital

Westmount resident David Aron Steinberg will be giving a violin recital on Jan 29, at 3:30 pm in the Chapelle Historique du Bon Pasteur, 100 Sherbrooke street east.

Mr Steinberg is a graduate of Westmount High School. He trained with Jan Bobak, former concertmaster of the Atlantic Symphony Orchestra. He then joined the Juilliard pre-college division under the guidance of Ivan Galamian. As a scholarship student, he received his bachelor's degree in 1986 and his master's of music from Juilliard in 1987.

While at Juilliard, Mr Steinberg studied violin with Margaret Pardee, and chamber music with Samuel Rhodes and Samuel Sanders. He was also a summer student at the Meadowmount School of Music, and participated in the Aspen Music Festival as a scholarship student.

Mr Steinberg played at Alice Tully Hall, Lincoln Centre, N.Y. in Brahms' *A-major sonata*. He has performed in the world première of the Steven Sacco Piano Trio, the Haydn *C-major violin concerto* with the Concordia University Orchestra under Sherman Friedland, and several solo broadcasts for CBC Radio in Montreal of works by Brahms, Ravel and Bartok.



David Aron Steinberg

Recent appearances include two performances of the Tchaikovsky *Violin concerto in D-major* with the Montreal Civic Youth Orchestra at La Citadelle, and recitals at Columbia University.

Mr Steinberg was concertmaster of the symphonic workshop of the 92nd street Y in New York City, 1985-86, and won the position of professional concertmaster in the New York City Youth Symphony, 1986-87 season.

Admission to the Jan 29 recital is free, but reserved tickets must be obtained at least one week in advance. For more information, the Chapelle Historique can be reached at 872-5338.

Help the community by giving generously to Centraide.

Entries accepted for Firstfruits

The Jewish Public Library and the Canada Council are calling for submissions to Firstfruits '89 contest.

Students in grades 7 to 11 are invited to submit works of art or creative writing (English, French, Hebrew or Yiddish), before Jan 20. These will be judged and winners will appear in the *Firstfruits* anthology. Top entries will be awarded cash prizes.

Entry forms and rules are available at the Jewish Public Library, 5151 Côte St Catherine road. For more information, call 735-6535.

Prager exhibit at 5 Continents

Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, will hold an exhibition of oils and pastels by Westmount artist Eva Prager from Jan 17 to Feb 4.

The current exhibition, "African Heritage," continues at the gallery until Jan 14.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 am to 5 pm. For further information, call 931-3174.

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Notice of 58th Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Montreal Children's Library will take place on **Thursday, January 19th, 1989** at **10:30 a.m.** in the Auditorium of the Atwater Library for the purpose of receiving reports, electing the Board, appointing the auditor, and approving revisions to the constitution and by-laws.

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DES JEUNES DE MONTRÉAL

Avis: 58ième assemblée générale

L'assemblée générale annuelle de la Bibliothèque des jeunes de Montréal aura lieu jeudi, le **19 janvier, 1989**, 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, de sélectionner les vérificateurs, et d'approuver les révisions à la constitution et aux règlements.

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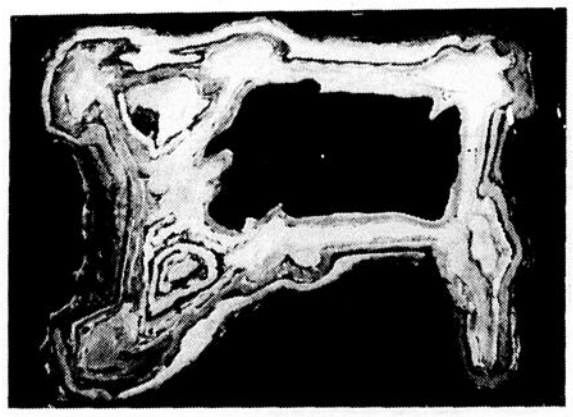
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JFS gears up for launch of volunteer internships

Jewish Family Services of the Baron de Hirsch is launching the new volunteer/study placement known as the "volunteer internship program." This is an innovative approach for rewarding volunteer experience.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to gain "hands on" experience. Additional knowledge will come from a series of lectures.

Westmount resident Suzanne Herscovitch, co-ordinator of volunteer services at JFS, says, "The academic portion of the program will comprise lectures on a regular basis dealing with many aspects of the helping professions. Guest speakers are from the staff of Jewish Family Services and have expertise in particular fields."

The volunteer internship program will be of interest for anyone ready to make the commitment of two days a week for a minimum of one year, starting this month. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria.

The internship program is ideal for those thinking of a career-change, retirees, or those who would like a deeper involvement in volunteer work. Upon completion of the program, interns will receive a certificate and will be reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses.

For more information or for an interview, please call Linda Wexler at 485-1112, local 316.

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BEARIED IN BEARS: These three youngsters, from left, **Natalie Finkelberg, Matthew Kaplan** and Westmounter **Jessica Shaanan**, had the pleasure of posing with a very herd of Beach Bears who are to be given away by the YM-YWHA, Sunday, Jan 15, from noon to 3 pm, when the YM-YWHA will hold its camp fair in the Snowdon Y's Grover auditorium. The giant bear will be given away as a door prize at the fair, which features continuous live entertainment, 10 colorful camp booths, balloons and audio-visuals. As well, each camper to register will receive a bear.

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New museum hours at Holocaust Centre

The exhibition "Children of the Holocaust" and the Memorial Room of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, 5151 Côte St Catherine road, will remain open to the public during the renovation of the main museum hall.

Museum hours are Sunday through Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm. Guided tours for groups of five or more people are offered on Sundays at 10:30 am. Reservations are required at all other times. Group tours are given in French and English and may be scheduled during the day or in the evening. Entrance to the centre and guided tours are free of charge.

The purpose of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre is to preserve and perpetuate the memory of Jewish life in Europe before and during the Second World War and to memorialize those Jews who died at the hands of Nazis and their sympathizers. This goal is realized through exhibits, educational programs, research, documentation and distribution of information about the Holocaust.

Centraide money helps the community in many ways. Please give generously.

Doell, Emery address WCC

Dr Donald Doell and Dr Allan Emery will be the guest speakers at the Women's Canadian Club meeting of Monday, Jan 16, in the Citadel, 2085 Drummond street.

Drs Doell and Emery will be speaking on "The acquisition of the William Pinch mineral collection."

Coffee will be served at 1:15 pm and the meeting will begin at 2 pm.

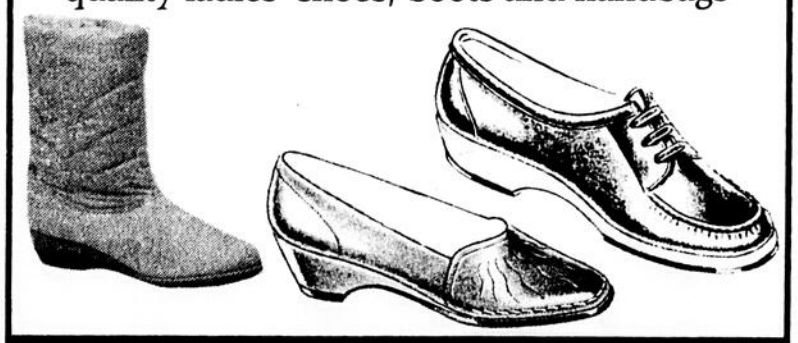
For further information, call Pat Senez at 465-2602 or 465-1684.

Arts topic for Council of Women

Pierre Théberge, director of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts; Madeleine Panaccio, assistant managing director of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra; and Colin McIntyre, director general of Les Grands Ballets Canadiens, will discuss "The state of our arts" at this month's meeting of the Montreal Council of Women.

The meeting will take place on Wednesday, Jan 18, at 1 pm in the Maxwell Cummings auditorium of the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts.

The public is invited to attend.

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Job-hunting help offered in workshops

Jewish Vocational Services is once again, offering job-search workshops for those wishing to improve their job-hunting techniques. The group sessions, led by JVS counsellors, will be held in January and February.

An expanded program includes a resumé workshop to help those starting a resumé as well as those wanting to improve one they have already. JVS is also holding a full-day workshop on the job interview.

Workshop titles are: job-finding strategies; introduction to resumés; improving your resumé; successful job interviews; and information-gathering interviews.

There is a nominal fee of $10 per workshop, $20 for all-day workshops. Group size is limited so early registration is recommended. For information about dates, times and registration, call JVS at 735-3541, ext 322.

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Florence S. Gross, who writes for AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), has a good recipe for having fun. "Have a party!" she says.

According to Ms Gross, a recent survey revealed that for most people over 50, entertaining at home is the most pleasurable of all leisure-time activities. She suggests that parties can be simple little get-togethers or more elaborate celebrations of special events.

Most of the people *I* know (I'm talking of seniors) tend to feel that entertaining is beyond them. "It's just too much work," they say.

I've never agreed with them because having a party, however small, creates a highlight of my week. I love the whole thing from planning, to food preparation, to having my friends in. But I know that for many people, it's too much.

Ms Gross has some good ideas of how to simplify by sharing some of the responsibilities of having a party. "Involve your guests in planning the party," she suggests. This is particularly effective if you want to honor someone. Let's say it's a birthday or an anniversary. Ask guests to share old snapshots or suggest that everyone write a note remembering a special time with your guest of honor. The note could be about a funny little situation or a happening that was joyful or loving or meaningful. Tell your friends that you'll put all the messages together into an album which could be a gift from all of you.

As for food, it all depends on how many people you're having. If it's just a few, you may be like me and want to do the cooking yourself. But if cooking for a crowd, even a small crowd, is too much, how about asking your friends to bring along a plate of something? You can organize the menu and make suggestions — remembering your friends' preferences, of course. It's a bit like a potluck supper, which I always enjoy, and gives everyone a sense of being a real part of the party.

A buffet is the easiest way to serve. People can help themselves. You just have to make sure that there's a place for everyone to sit. Music can set a mood for your party. Try a '30s theme and get the music for the period.

And do let Public Security know if you're having a largish party. They can be *very* co-operative about parking if you give them the chance. It might even be a good neighborly gesture to let your immediate neighbors know you're having a party. They'll appreciate your thought.

And have a good time!

Narcolepsy group meets

The Montreal chapter of the Canadian Association for Narcolepsy will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Jan 18, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, at Belmore House, 3500 Belmore avenue in N.D.G.

Anyone with excessive daytime sleepiness is welcome to attend the session.

For more information, call 697-5135.

Course to cover child nutrition

The Montreal Women's Network is offering a course in nutrition for parents of young children, "Feeding your child from infancy to age six."

The course will be presented by the Catholic School Commission on Wednesday, Jan 18, from 7:30 till 10 pm, at Marymount School, located just outside Westmount at 5100 Côte St Luc road.

The cost is $5 and participants should pre-register. Mail cheques to: Pointe Claire CPR program, c/o Marjorie Hine, 810 Place Val Royal, Brossard, PQ J4W 2B3.

For more information, call 681-5121.

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Westmounters win at benefit dinner

Three Westmount residents were among the lucky winners at a fund-raising dinner held recently for the Montreal Children's Hospital.

Susan Khan won a $100 gift certificate for children's clothing from Harley Childrenswear, which sponsored the dinner.

Gail Soltendieck won a handy Filofax while her husband, Desmond, won a leather jacket from Giorgio.

The dinner was held at Baci restaurant and the Westmount-based Elysian gymnasts presented the new Harley collection to invited press and guests.

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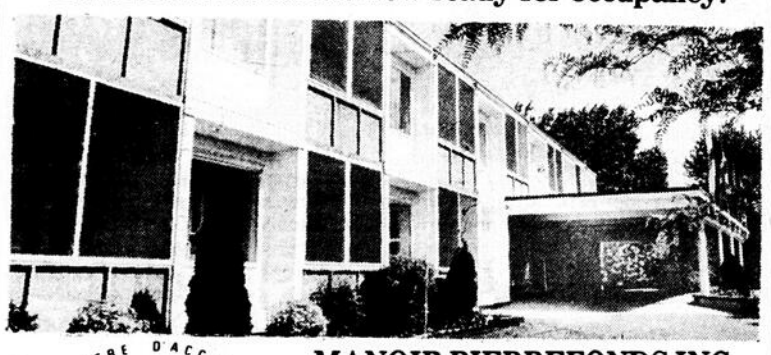
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gram featuring music, magic and mime. This is an invitation for children of all ages and their parents who would like to spend an entertaining afternoon listening to an unusual program this Sunday between 2 and 4:30 pm. Healthy refreshments will be served. For more information on this and other events organized by this non-profit group, call 484-1809.

Thrills on wheels

The Montreal Auto Show opens its doors at Place Bonaventure today through Jan 22. This year's theme is "Design and Technologies." The show features a "back stage" view of the world of automobile design presented by École de Design de l'Université de Montréal, a display on the role played by the science of ergonomies in designing cockpits and control panels, and many outstanding car designs from the industry's leading manufacturers. Of special interest to car buffs, a Quebec-designed sports car, named the Koundalini Artis, will be shown for the first time. The creator of this spectacular vehicle, Gaetan Cusson, is a resident of the Eastern Townships. Tickets for this show will be on sale from 11 am this morning.

Red planet

Montreal's Dow Planetarium presents "A Voyage to Mars," beginning today and continuing through April 2. This presentation will look at the early astronomers who studied Mars, as well as at the planet as seen from satellites and exploration vehicles sent to its surface. An interesting astronomical fact to note is that in the autumn of 1988, the planet Mars was as close to Earth as it will be before the year 2003. The reddish planet still can be seen clearly early every evening high in the southern sky; it is just to the right of the current brightest object in the evening sky, the planet Jupiter. Tickets are $3 for adults, $1.50 for ages 5 to 17 and for seniors, and free for children under 5. The planetarium is located at 1000 St Jacques street west. Call 872-4530 for more information.

Wind and strings

Musica Camerata will perform a concert at Redpath Hall, 3459 McTavish, on Saturday at 8 pm. The program will include pieces by Beethoven, Prévost, Debussy and Jolivet. Featured musicians are Robert Langevin on flute, Martin Foster on violin, Jutta Puchhammer-Sedillot on viola, Léo E. Grinhauz on cello and Manon Lecompte on harp. Tickets are $10, $8 for students and seniors. For more information, call 489-8713.

Amateur musicians welcome

CAMMAC (Canadian Amateur Musicians/Musiciens amateurs du Canada) is offering an eight-week course for choristers beginning tonight between 7:30 and 9:30 pm at St John the Evangelist Church, near Place des Arts Métro station. Call 678-4205 for more information. Also, the CAMMAC Orchestra, under the direction of Véronique Lacroix, begins its rehearsals on Wednesday at 8 pm at Ahuntsic CEGEP, 9155 St Hubert street. This orchestra features amateur musicians and is always happy to welcome new members, especially string players, oboists, bassoonists and horn players. If you need more information on participating, call 681-6950.

Northern art

The National Gallery of Canada will present an exhibition of Inuit drawings beginning tomorrow until March 26. Titled "Contemporary Inuit Drawings," this exhibition consists of 86 works from Canadian public and private collections. Unlike Inuit sculpture and prints, these drawings have not been given much exposure in Canadian galleries. The aim of this show is to highlight the major artists, themes and styles found in this milieu over the last 30 years. Also scheduled are related lectures and films presented by the gallery's education services. Call (613) 990-0571 for details on their education program. The National Gallery is located in Ottawa at 380 Sussex drive. The gallery's phone number is (613) 990-1935.

Modesty and exhibition

Galerie Powerhouse, 4060 St Lawrence boulevard, presents "La pudeur," an exhibition by Céline Surprenant, from Saturday to Feb 5. Pudeur, which translates into English as modesty or discretion, also implies prudishness or fear of self-display, making it an interesting and somewhat ironic title for a public art show. The gallery can be contacted at 844-3489.

Recent sculpture

Concordia Art Gallery is presenting the first solo exhibition by Toronto sculptor Robert Bowers. This show will feature nine works focusing on the artist's past five years. [illegible]'s enigmatic images represent his [illegible] of "sculpture as metaphor for the body/being," and highlight the psychological as well as the physical nature of humans. This display will be on view starting today until Feb 18, between 10 am and 8 pm Mondays to Fridays, and from 10 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. The gallery is located in the Hall building, 1455 de Maisonneuve boulevard west.

Exhibition tells of Chinese Jews

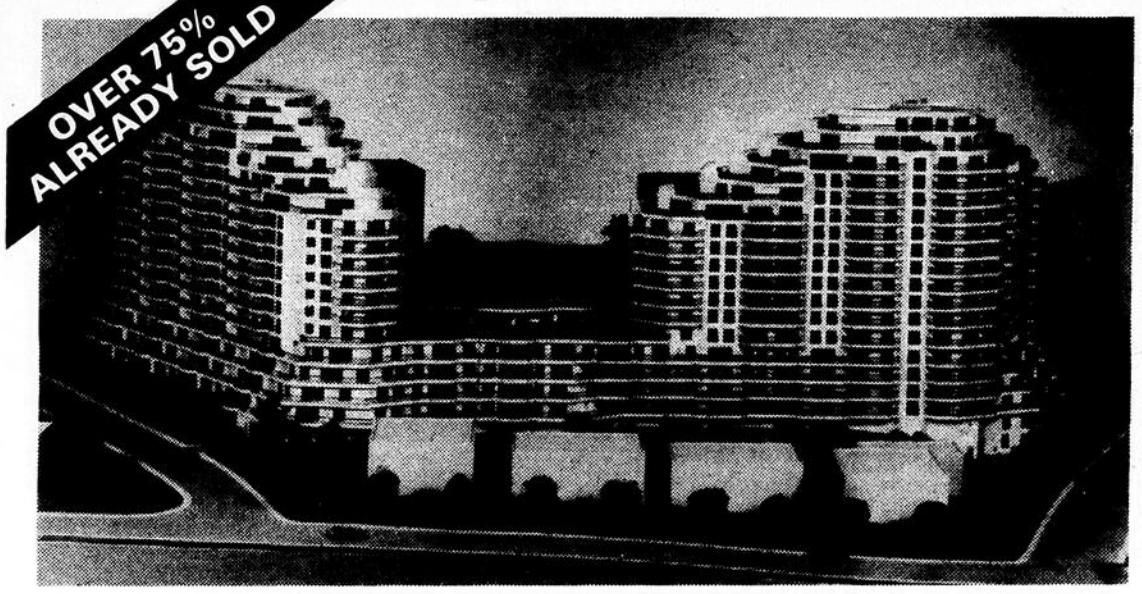
An exhibition titled "The Jews of Kaifeng" will open Jan 24 at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, under the auspices of the Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth.

Some 130 photographs, artifacts, drawings and manuscripts recount the story of a Jewish community which thrived in Kaifeng in central China from the 11th century when Jewish merchants arrived from the Mediterranean on the Silk Route.

The exhibition includes manuscripts from the Kaifeng synagogue that were purchased in the last century by Canadian and American museums and libraries. Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora in Tel Aviv, mounted and staged the exhibition in Israel in 1984.

The Canadian Friends of Beth Hatefutsoth is a national organization established in 1984 to support Beth Hatefutsoth, the Nahum Goldmann Museum of the Jewish Diaspora, located in Tel Aviv, Israel. The offices can be reached at 489-2524.

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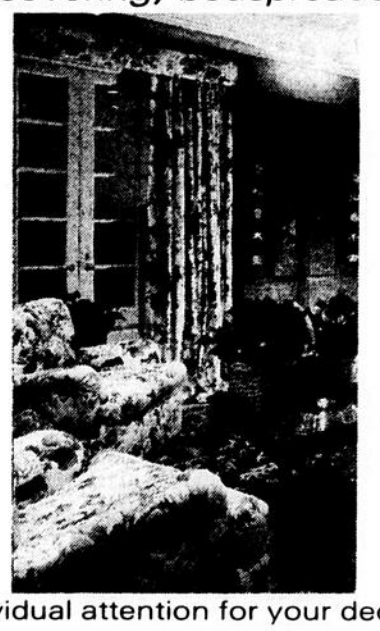
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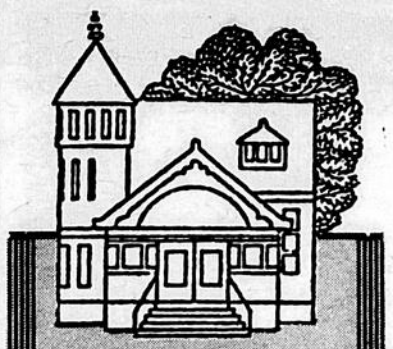
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Linda Barlow, *Leaves of fortune*; Gwendoline Butler, *Coffin underground*; Richard Cohen, *Say you want me*; Alfred Coppel, *A land of mirrors*; William Deverell, *Platinum blues*; Brian Freemantle, *The run around*; Gert Hofman, *Balzac's horse*; Elizabeth Lemarchand, *The Glade Manor murder*; Robert Maclean, *Foreign matter*; Bill Pronzini, *The last days of Horse-Shy Halloran*; Michael Underwood, *Dual enigma*; Margaret Yorke, *Speak for the dead.*

French fiction

Patrick Besson, *La statue du commandeur*; Marilyn French, *Telle mère, telle fille*; Susan Howatch, *Les belles apparences*; Catherine Rihoit, *Retour à Cythère.*

Children's books

English: Joanna Hurwitz, *Russell sprouts*; Jack Kent, *Joey runs away*; Robert Kraus, *Where are you going, little mouse?*; Margaret Miller, *Whose hat?*

French: Paule Alen, *Premier jour d'école*; Heather Amery, *La chasse au mammouth*; Véronique Chéneau, *Le mouton de mon pull*; Alain Grée, *Sacripan l'ours.*

Support group at Y for parents of teens

The Westmount YMCA is forming a support group for the parents of adolescents.

It has never been easy being a teenager, nor easy being a parent of a teen.

It is hard for parents to know how to guide teenagers in today's society. What was right during their adolescence may not hold true today. Parents are alarmed by much of the behavior of today's teenagers. It's helpful to know how other parents are dealing with crises in these intense years.

In a non-threatening, small group, participants will share feelings and experiences and exchange information, as well as gain insights and parenting skills. Parents will be provided with some reassuring primary resource material and some basic information about how to deal with adolescents.

The support group will meet Tuesday evenings, 7 to 9 pm, for six weeks beginning Jan 24. Meetings will be at the Westmount Y, 245 Victoria avenue, suite 220. Group size is limited to 12 participants.

Some possible topics for discussion include: styles of communication; emotional health; substance abuse (drugs, alcohol and eating disorders); sexuality; runaways; disrupted families; community indifference.

This is not a therapy group, but rather a support group for parents of difficult but "normal" teenagers. There is no membership or fee involved. A commitment for the six-week session is required. If the demand is there, further sessions can be arranged.

For registration or more information, call Micheline at 483-3247 or Kim at 931-8046.

The first session will begin with the introduction of facilitators and participants. Facilitators will briefly describe their backgrounds and personal experience as the parents of teenagers. At this point participants will be asked to introduce themselves by first name and mention the number of children they have.

An overview of the program will be presented, and the family life program and its philosophy will be explained.

If participants feel uncomfortable sharing information with the entire group, there may be pairing interviews. The other person would then introduce the partner to the group and give background information. This should increase the comfort level and allow individuals to make contact with at least one other member.

Needs and interests will be assessed, possible topics will be suggested and feedback, in the form of suggestions for topics, guest speakers, movies, role playing etc will be sought.

Group discussion will introduce some possible learning activities and approaches such as pamphlets and resource information.

At the end of the session, participants will be asked for an evaluation by questionnaire. They will also be asked what information they need by next session, special things they would like to talk about next time, and any changes they feel would make them more comfortable and increase the flow of information.

Tenders for paper and wire get nod from city council

Are Westmount city hall employees partially to blame for the destruction of the Amazon rain forest?

Anyone attending Monday's council meeting might be excused for thinking so as council approved the purchase of 1,175,000 sheets of Xerox paper.

The lowest bid from the eight companies submitting tenders — that of JCMD Distribution Inc in the amount of $9,339.34 — was accepted for the supply of 875,000 sheets of 8½ by 11 inch paper and 300,000 sheets of 8½ by 14 inch paper.

The losing bids ranged up to a high tender of $12,145.33 submitted by Pilon Inc.

Other purchases approved by council included two types of stock cable for the light and power department.

A $9,207.95 bid by Anxiter Canada Inc was accepted for the supply of 305 metres of type RW 90 XPLE insulated copper 1,000 volt cable, as well as a $14,989.59 bid by Guillevin International Inc for 309 metres of 4/0-3 conductor stranded 5,000 volt P.I.L.C. cable.

In the first instance, one of the seven companies from which tenders were sought was unable to bid, and three others did not meet the tender specifications.

In the second case, four of seven were unable to bid and one gave no reply.

Canada Day poster competition to test young artists' mettle

Secretary of State Lucien Bouchard has announced the launching of the 1989 Canada Day poster contest. The national winner, along with immediate family, will be guests of the government of Canada at the official Canada Day ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, July 1.

The contest is open to individuals 18 years of age and younger. The winning national entry, selected from the 12 provincial and territorial winners, will become the official poster for Canada Day 1989 celebrations across the country.

Contestants may submit only one entry. Posters should be 38 x 50 cm. Crayons, paint, pastels or pencils may be used. Three dimensional creations will not be accepted and photographs should not be used.

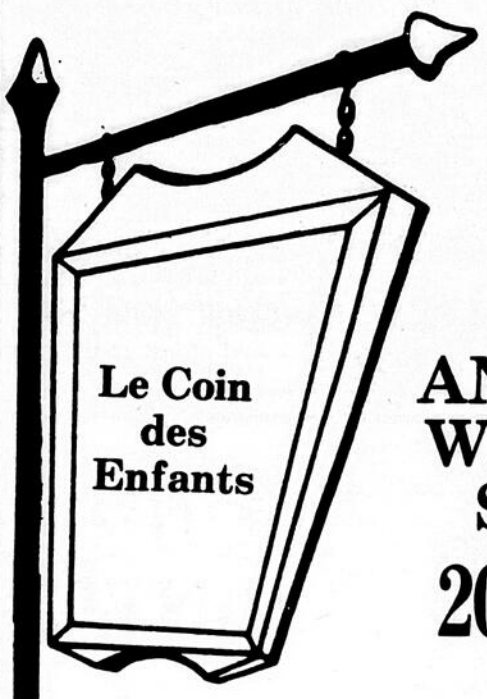
The artist's name, address and telephone number should appear in pencil on the back of the poster. A short explanatory note on the image or theme presented should be included.

All entries must be postmarked before midnight, Jan 16. In Quebec, entries should be sent to Guy Favreau Complex, 10th floor, west tower, 200 René Lévesque boulevard west, Montreal, H2Z 1X4.

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Car break-ins at apartment garage

Six cars were known to have been broken into overnight Tuesday-Wednesday last week in the garage of the apartment building at 4444 Sherbrooke street, police said. Others may also have been involved.

Squash equipment valued at $500 was reported taken from a grey 1988 Toyota station wagon but it was not known if anything else was stolen.

A red 1986 Buick sustained $300 damage to the dashboard in an unsuccessful bid to remove the radio. A blue 1986 Chevrolet was reported to have sustained $1,000 damage from forced entry.

Art on show

An exhibition of works by Anne Greenstein and Bonnie Grunstein at Côte St Luc Public Library, 5851 Cavendish boulevard, will continue to Feb 19. The exhibit is on view daily from 10 am to 10 pm. For information, call 485-6900.

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



CANE WINNER: The Port of Montreal each year awards a gold-headed cane to the first ocean-going ship to arrive in Montreal harbor after midnight, Jan 1. The tradition dates back to about 1840. In the early years, the first ship to arrive was after the break-up of the St Lawrence river ice. Later the cane became symbolic of year-round navigation to Montreal. The Soviet *M/V Nikolay Golovanov* won the honor this year. At the presentation of the prestigious cane were, from left: **Dominic J. Taddeo**, general manager and chief executive officer of the Port of Montreal; **Captain Vladimir Pimushkin**, master of the *M/V Nikolay Golovanov*; and Westmount resident **Ronald Corey**, chairman of the board of directors of the Port of Montreal.

City will pay less this year to keep its vehicles in fuel

Westmount will start off 1989 paying less than last year for gasoline and diesel fuel to power its vehicles.

The city buys the gas and diesel fuel in bulk on a year's contract from whichever oil companies offer the lowest prices through a tendering process. The fuels are used to power every vehicle from the mayor's car to snowblowers and sidewalk plows.

Westmount assistant purchasing clerk John Camia says the prices are adjusted monthly from the tendered price based on fluctuations in the crude oil market. The adjustments are pegged to the Canadian terminal rack prices listed in *The Oil Buyers' Guide*, an industry publication.

Mr Camia says this guarantees the price the city pays will stay in line with the industry and leaves the oil companies no room to raise their prices without justification.

For the supply of 250,000 litres of regular unleaded gas, Sunoco had the low bid of 40.06 cents a litre. That works out to a projected total expenditure of $100,150.

Petro-Canada was the lowest bidder for the diesel fuel contract. The company will supply 200,000 litres of fuel at 36.45 cents a litre, for a total price of $72,900.

Mr Camia says the volumes are estimated maximum amounts, and that the city only pays for what it consumes. Esso, Ultramar, Texaco, Shell and Olco Petroleum Group also submitted tenders. All bids were within three cents a litre of the low bids.

In January 1988, Westmount paid 43.89 cents a litre for regular unleaded gas and 40.27 cents a litre for diesel. By December, the prices had risen to 45.04 cents and 40.29 cents respectively.

The new tenders reduce the prices for January 1989 from last month by 11 percent and 9.5 percent, respectively.

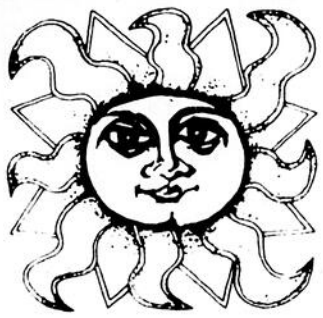
The tenders were approved by city council at its Dec 19 public meeting.

Burglars enter via patio door

It was not known what might have been stolen from a house broken into overnight Saturday-Sunday on Argyle avenue, police said.

The burglary was discovered when police received a call from a neighbor stating the home's patio door was wide open.

Two sets of footprints were found in the backyard and the house appeared to have been searched. The neighbor reported having seen a light on at 10 pm the previous day but assumed residents had returned from an absence.



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You Say

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If you really want to ensure the safety of your child and other children, park a block from the school and walk to meet your child.

Chris Bagnall

57 Thornhill avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Y 2E3

MNA thanked for gift to school festivities

A copy of the following letter has been sent to THE EXAMINER:
Richard French, MNA
4333 St Catherine street west
Westmount PQ H3Z 1P9
Dear Mr French:

Thank you for your generous gift to Westmount Park School to help celebrate its 75th anniversary.

This school, having served children in Westmount and St Henri for years, now is proud to include children from Point St Charles.

The most recent demographic map of the School Council of the Island of Montreal shows that families pushed out by upscale housing in southern Montreal are moving to the Point, thus concentrating poorer families in an already disadvantaged area.

Your concern for families and their children in our area is deeply appreciated.

Joan Rothman
PSBGM Commissioner, Ward 4
6000 Fielding avenue
MONTREAL PQ H3X 1T4

When is Santa Claus not St Nicholas?

Sir: In your Dec 22 coverage of Santa Claus taking a fire truck to the city party I note this: "St Nicholas also attended the party..." Should one remind you that Santa Claus is Saint Nicholas? Simply Santa is saint and Claus is Nicholas in a shortened form in German.

I do not know if this is mere ignorance or a plan to de-christianize Christmas. Christians were already deprived of their Christmas tree. Why? The argument generally used for this kind of anti-Christian attitude is that many Westmounters are of other faiths. Are they mutually exclusive? Does it hurt one to celebrate the other? Or is there an anti-Christian lobby?

By the way, for those who are interested, in French this is not possible. "Noël" come from "neos helios," the new sun in Greek, and has no built-in religious meaning. "Père Noël," by the same token, has nothing to do with St Nicholas.

Should we then adapt the English language and officialize de-christianization by replacing "Christmas" by "New Sun" and "Santa Claus" by Mr and Ms Bob and Suzy Newsun?

A late merry New Sun to all.

Jean-Pierre Matras
117 Greene avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2A1

Editor's Note: The reference was the result of neither ignorance nor a plan. There were two costumed figures at the party, one the traditional Santa Claus who, in North America at least, is known almost exclusively by that name, and the other, dressed differently as the more European figure who still is known popularly as St Nicholas, as he was described to our reporter by the woman who made the costume.



Legislators should review Supreme Court candidates

Sir: The vacancies on the Supreme Court of Canada must be filled by qualified jurists who have not exhibited any political bias during their legal careers.

This is why we desperately need a public hearing at which the prospective judges can be examined by representatives of the legislative branch of government. An interparliamentary committee could interview the nominees from Ontario and Quebec to ensure that those holding strong biases for or against any particular nationality would not be confirmed.

The suggestion made by a former Supreme Court justice, the late Douglas Abbott, to both PM Louis St-Laurent and Pierre Trudeau that one of the three nominees be chosen from Quebec's non-French sector should also be considered in lieu of the startling decision in the Singer case, a judgment that overturned 200 years of convention in Quebec.

While Mr Mulroney may never be re-elected, his nominees to the Supreme Court could exert a far greater influence than his own contribution to the future Canadian mosaic. Mr Trudeau's appointment of Justice Jean Beetz in 1974 marked a turning point in the decisions of the court and has had profound effects on the civil rights of every Canadian citizen and immigrant, particularly those in Quebec.

Jack Batten's book, *The judges*, credits Justice Beetz with the requirements for written charters to detail a citizen's rights rather than the traditional common law approach that "what was past was prologue." Of the present nominees, Justice Walter Tarnopolsky of the Ontario Court of Appeal could provide the kind of experience and balance required to deal with some of the unpleasant constitutional hurdles that Canada will have to surmount to preserve national unity and remain a federal union.

Let's hope he will be one of the two appointees.

W.A. Sullivan
4444 Sherbrooke street west
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1E4

Lethargic English Quebec getting what it deserves

Sir: It is all academic. Starting from the top, all the way down through a Supreme Court of Canada final decision, to all of the waffling acts of Parliament such as the Meech Lake accord, the Official Languages Acts 1 and 2, all of those dawdling media editorials and cowardly lawyers' briefs to government-appointed committees.

All of it is, and has been, merely academic since Aug 26, 1977 when the Assemblée Nationale du Québec legislated Bill 101. In protest or rejection nothing more has occurred than vacillating jargons attempting to ignore the similarities of strategies between what was employed only 50 years ago in Europe leading to debacles, and how a provincial premier with hardly any respect for the truth is being successful at emulating those previous destructive power-grabbing tactics.

Again, that "big lie" strategy went over real big, just as though the world never ever was subjected to it, and submitted to it with incredible costs in human lives and resources. Now, we have it where so very many Quebecers who were disgusted with a human rights violating, racist piece of legislation have become conditioned to being strong believers in that law. This conditioning process has been ably aided and abetted by a prime minister who insisted on betraying Canada by anointing Bill 101 with something termed the Meech Lake accord.

Eleven years after this law was legislated, long, long after it should have been declared unacceptable by all freedom-loving Canadians, the Supreme Court of Canada happened to finally judge it so. This much-belated and hollow decision is being treated with the contempt which Quebec believes it deserves. All things considered, this chapter of the country's unravelling history should come as no surprise to people who are capable of distinguishing night from day.

When elected English-language representatives at all levels of government hide away behind the skirts of a subsidized obsequious and cowardly surrogate such as an Alliance Quebec whose leaders have constantly been youngsters whose only records of distinction was that in the area of genuflecting to any and all voices raised against them.

When English-language school boards sit around meekly while language police chip the names off their school buildings to replace them with another language; when an Eaton's and a Steinberg's obsequiously, themselves, chip off their apostrophe S to accommodate those same language police; when religious, academic and all forms of community leaderships remain completely silent and keep as their sole principle the almighty buck — what should they expect?

When leaders proclaim quiet diplomacy as their weapon against a foe which wields love with passion, and also force, for their cause, what outcome can one expect? What is being experienced here in an already separated Quebec is not only what they are getting; it is exactly what such a lethargic, uncaring community such as they have been is entitled to.

Reuven Carin
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They Say

Notwithstood up

An editorial in The Stanstead Journal, *Dec 21, 1988*

IT'S "Speak White" time in Quebec again. Get your tickets early for the Paul Sauvé Arena. Canadian flags are being burned, students are saying they'll use bombs to protect the French language, unions are threatening general walkouts, ministers may resign.

All this because of a compromise?

Well, not just any compromise — a Robert Bourassa language compromise. There is really nothing else like it in the world. He calls this one "inside-outside." Commercial signs outside stores must be in French only. Signs on the inside may be bilingual, as long as French has predominance.

To pull this off, Bourassa has had to invoke the notwithstanding clause, which exempts the government from respecting the Quebec and Canadian charters of rights and freedoms. In this case, he needs the clause to override a Supreme Court ruling that says it is unconstitutional to ban a language from public view.

Bourassa argues inside-outside is a net gain for everyone: more English in some places, less in others.

If it was meant to appease Quebec nationalists, however, it's unlikely to work. For them, it must seem as though Bourassa is putting a fresh peel on a rotten apple. It's Quebec as theme park, made to look like a French-speaking province while behind the façade it is really a bilingual province, or worse.

If inside-outside was meant to appease anglophones by letting them read English signs in Zellers, it won't work either. Bourassa has chosen to ignore Canadians' constitutionally protected right to express themselves in the language of their choice anywhere they'd like — inside stores, outside stores, on top of stores and under stores. Why should anglophones be happy if they can't exercise their rights?

In some ways, it would have been preferable for Premier Bourassa to ban English on commercial signs altogether. He has taken the step of violating constitutionally protected rights, so why do half a job? That way, at least, no one would be accusing English Quebecers of forcing Bourassa to soften Bill 101. As it is, Bourassa has set up anglophones as a target for a lot of arena-anger.

What we've been handed is a policy on a largely symbolic issue that is itself too symbolic to work. Inside-outside violates the federal and provincial charters of rights and freedoms, two very powerful symbols in our democratic society. This is going to be a source of anger all across Canada, starting with Manitoba where the premier has withdrawn his support of the Meech Lake Agreement precisely because of inside-outside.

Bourassa's policy also sets up the English language as a threat to its French counterpart by allowing it to appear "on the inside," as if to say Quebec looks French but thinks English. That is a powerful image, one anyone who is concerned for the future of the French language must find very hard to accept.

The bottom line is that inside-outside is hypocrisy. It pretends to have virtues it doesn't possess; it does not protect the French language by banning English signs outside stores and it doesn't protect anglophone rights by allowing English on the inside of stores. It's a big lie. It does nothing but stir up emotions all across Canada and especially in Quebec.

Aren't compromises meant to be a way of avoiding that kind of trouble?

— Peter Scowen

Fundamental injustice

An editorial in The West-Quebec Post, *Buckingham, Quebec, Dec 21, 1988*

The Supreme Court of Canada ruled in a unanimous decision last week that the Province of Quebec could promote French by making it the dominant language on signs, but that it could not prohibit other languages.

Quebec has turned right around and, again, after just a few days of theoretical equal right of expression with the rest of this country, said that the other official language of Canada will be prohibited from appearing on outside signs.

What this means is that in one-quarter of the territory of Canada, Canadians will not be able to see the other official language of this officially bilingual country.

Premier Robert Bourassa, in an attempt to match the ruling of the court with the recommendation from the Liberal Party general council, has said he will allow French-only signs outside, and bilingual signs inside.

The council evidently thinks that if this "package" of signs is considered as a unit, someone might accept their hope that French-only signs outside is not the same thing as prohibition of English or other languages.

Think again.

Bourassa is a teaser; he has said that he might lift the "notwithstanding" clause that protects this bad bill from court challenges if the Meech Lake accord is ratified.

That smacks of something, the unlovely name of which I cannot recall. The premier does not need to stoop to such tactics.

After all, Bourassa has said all along that he wants Meech Lake ratified. We all have known that for a long, long time, ever since he and Brian Mulroney cooked up the deal.

So, it is no surprise that he will make every effort to get what he wants, particularly when it looks like Meech Lake is practically doomed.

But this, THIS, is too much.

The ban on English is absolutely unnecessary to promote French.

The ban on English is a fundamental injustice and that is WRONG.

— Joan Dickson-Smith



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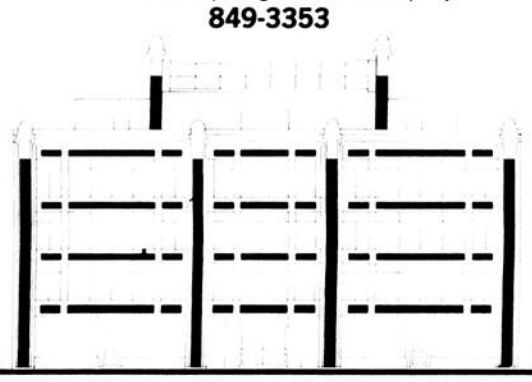
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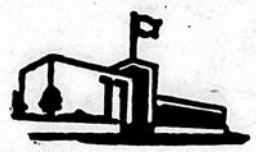
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by Kathleen Hugessen

Mark Shinder — restaurateur

A man with two young girls enters Le Restaurant Metcalfe.

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"Well hi! Long time no see!"

"Hi, Mark!" This time it is an older woman who settles herself on one of the stools at the eatery's counter.

"Hello, sweetheart! How are you?"

Another customer pushes through the coffeeshop's door. "Hi, Mark!"

Does *everyone* know this man?

Well, probably not *everyone*. But any given hour between 5:30 am and 5:30 pm on any given weekday, chances are that at least one of the people seated at this counter will have started their visit with two words: "Hi, Mark!"

And little wonder.

"As of January the first of this year," he says, "I'm here 20 years."

Mr Shinder, who will be 62 in March, says he decided all those years ago that he wanted his own business. An agent showed him the then Metcalfe Coffee Shop.

He says he watched all the people going in and out and decided it was a good buy.

The establishment, on the southwest corner of St Catherine street and Metcalfe avenue, is the quintessential greasy-spoon.

A counter covered in white Arborite arcs around the perimeter of the room. Red-vinyl-covered swivel stools are planted at intervals along its length. The menu is painted on the walls or set letter by letter in plastic plaques. The decor features ersatz wood panelling and 7-Up, Coca-Cola and Pepsi logos. Chrome and stainless steel gleam; a large mirror reflects one section of the counter and the window beyond.



Mark Shinder

The grills are in the back, tins of soups fill a rack on one side, a red soft-drink cooler (marked Pepsi, in keeping with the central motif) squats near the door — winning loto numbers are taped to its surface. Second-hand (or third-hand or fourth-hand...) books fade and collect dust in shelves in the front window.

Three cash registers

Three cash registers grace the counter facing the doorway: the original now used for "stuff," the shop's till and the lottery cash. Behind or beside them are rows of chocolate bars and packs of cigarettes. Funny cards, quotes and mottos are taped up hither and yon.

Mr Shinder says he hasn't changed anything in the 20 years he's had the business. "Not a thing."

He says most of his customers work in the area — at Reader's Digest, THE EXAMINER, shops and businesses on St Catherine, Metcalfe and Hillside. His busiest times are when the schools are in session. Then he gets kids from both Westmount Park School and Westmount High School grabbing a hot dog and fries at lunchtime.

"Hi, Mark!" A young man has come in. He asks about a loto ticket he bought in partnership with one of the coffeeshop's four employees. Mr Shinder and the man, Andrew Katz, exchange some friendly banter.

Mr Katz, now 18, says he was in Grade 5 at WPS when he first met Mr Shinder. He says he used to get caught by the crossing guard when he'd be running over to the coffeeshop.

"Me and Mark have a good relationship," he says. "He gives me advice sometimes. He's like a father to me... I'm like a son to him. It's like a second family here."

Mr Shinder says that one couple comes in now with their eight- and 13-year-old daughters.

"The parents went to Westmount High," he says. "They sat right there." He smacks the countertop in front of two stools near the cash registers. "They fought like cats and dogs. They're married now and come with those two girls. Isn't that somethi- ?"

Of his work, Mr Shinder says, "Work is work. I never found an easier way to make a living."

He says he's enjoyed the people. "I've had every kind that was ever made."

The part of the job he says he likes best is not a traditional favorite with many: "Getting up early. I love the morning. It's my best time."

He gets up at about 4:30 am and in at work by 5:30 am, setting soups and gravies and checki stock. He allows, however, that some mornings are better than others.

"It was hell today. The ca wouldn't start. I opened the hoo and got it going but my fingers we numb... that part isn't nice. In t summer it's nice. Mornings are te rific."

Mr Shinder was raised in Montreal's east end. He now resides in St Laurent. He married in 1949. His wife, Roslyn, died suddenly about two years ago. He has two children: Garry, who is a textile importer; and Barbara, an MBA working for IBM in Toronto. Mr Shinder has two granddaughters — both are his son's children — of whom he says: "The greatest!"

In his free time, Mr Shinder says he enjoys television sitcoms — *The Cosby Show* and *Night Court* being two favorites. He likes music of all kinds and is a fan of bowling, hockey and baseball. He spends as many weekends as he can at a friend's place in Prévost where he can indulge a passion for walking.

He still works five days a week at the coffeeshop but says the thought of retiring has crossed his mind more than once.

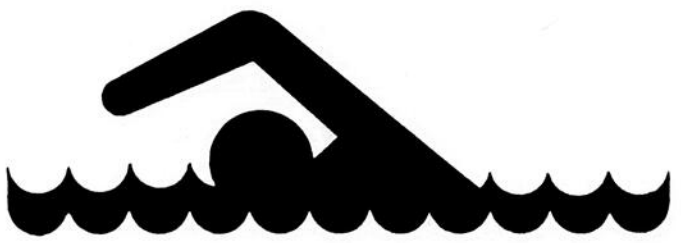
"I can see the end in sight," he says. "I would like to retire. I haven't given it much thought, but it's in my mind."

Later he says, "It's like the people waiting for the 6/49... they're waiting to win the 6/49.... You'll know, when the store's closed, I've won the 6/49 and I'm gone."

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In response to concerns of parents, teachers:

Pros and cons of 'whole language' to be examined at Roslyn meeting

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

The "whole language" approach to the teaching of English in elementary schools is to be the topic of an information meeting at Roslyn School next Wednesday, Jan 18, starting at 7:30 pm.

The "whole language" approach used in Quebec schools is outlined in the Quebec ministry of education's 1983 publication, *English Language Arts I-VI*. The basic premise is that children learn to read and write as they learn to speak — by trial and error, modelling from others, and as needed.

The government publication says that "findings from current research in language and language learning tended to emphasize that the language arts should be viewed as a whole (growth in any one area of the language arts reinforces and promotes growth in the other areas), and children should be engaged in the language arts as active language users."

But, as became clear at the December meeting of the Roslyn school committee, many parents are concerned about the program.

Committee member Sally Blyth, herself a teacher, suggested that someone be found to address the assembled parents on the style and on the preparedness of teachers.

Joan Rothman, local commissioner for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, attended the school committee meeting. She said that the program is part of the *régime pedagogique* and must, therefore, be used. However, not all of the board is in agreement with the policy, she said, and there has been a lot of discontent.

One parent who attended the meeting said that the program had been tried for a couple of years in France and Belgium and had been "a complete failure."

Very positive

Bertha Dawang, prinicipal of Roslyn, said that her experience with whole language has been very positive.

"The whole language approach isn't all that revolutionary," she said. "When you were reading to your two-year-old, when you put cloth books in the crib . . . repeat McDonald's every time you drive by one and soon your three-year-old can read 'McDonald's'," all these, she said, are the same approach to language teaching.

The program was piloted in Quebec a few years ago in Grade 1, said Mrs Dawang. Over the years it has been piloted and implemented in all grades.

Mrs Dawang described watching one teacher correcting students' work. The writing was scribbles with occasional gaps and the odd word — frequently misspelled. Yet the teacher was writing comments on the sheets which made it clear that she understood the content and was not concerned about errors.

According to Mrs Dawang, scribbles become scribbles with gaps ("words"), then scribbles with letters here and there, then scribbles with a word or two which the child has sought out as needed. Finally the child is making whole phrases and then sentences. The spelling and grammar come later — as the child has need of them.

The program is intended to allow children to use language when and as they need it. According to a publication prepared for the Nova Scotia department of education (whole language is also being taught in that province), in whole language, "The emphasis is different. Children are encouraged to read books that have particular appeal for their age group, and to write messages and stories that have personal meaning. They are not asked to do a lot of separate phonics, spelling, punctuation or vocabulary exercises. They don't have to learn a whole set of rules before they feel they can read and write."

Parents' concerns

Katherine Snow is a Roslyn school committee member who has been instrumental in arranging next Wednesday's meeting. She says the whole language approach is hard on parents who want to help their children learn and who have not been informed about the way whole language works.

"The children write what they want. It doesn't seem to be corrected," she says.

Correction is certainly not emphasized in whole language. The Nova Scotia government's information pamphlet says: "As children read and write things that have meaning, that make sense to them, they learn *how* to read and write. Correctness comes with time and practice."

The whole language program calls for less correcting of errors and more positive reinforcement of the acts of reading, speaking, listening and writing.

A further concern with the program is that it requires teachers to make major adjustments in the approach to language teaching. This raises questions of teacher preparedness and of their willingness to adopt the new style.

Lynn Davies, teacher representative on the Roslyn school committee, said, "I don't think all the teachers are that excited and sold on it. But it's soon for them — people do best what they feel most comfortable doing."

The Wednesday meeting will provide a chance for parents and teachers to voice their questions and concerns.

Mrs Snow says PSBGM language consultants, Elizabeth Johnson and Charlotte Colson, have agreed to speak. Efforts are being made to have a teacher from Meadowbrook, which was one of the pilot schools, come and share her experiences. A Meadowbrook parent has also been invited but is, as yet, unconfirmed.

"We haven't really got anyone who's against the whole language approach," says Mrs Snow. "We think we'll get enough of that from the parents."

Knee injured in icy fall

A 32-year-old Laval woman slipped on a patch of ice Friday while crossing north on St Catherine street at Atwater avenue and was helped to Reddy Memorial Hospital, police report. She injured her right knee.

The mishap occurred about 4:30 pm near the northwest corner as the victim had almost reached the sidewalk. Another woman, a stranger, assisted her to hospital nearby.

Car hits pole

The driver of a 1983 Toyota escaped injury when the car he was driving hit a pole in front of 63 Belvedere road last Thursday, police report. The man, who lives on Surrey Gardens, was driving south about 5:50 pm when he apparently lost control of the vehicle. It sustained over $500 damage.

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Annual city essay contest to focus on the environment

THE topics for the 1989 Westmount Scholarship Trust Fund Essay Contest were announced by councillor Sally Aitken at Monday night's city council meeting.

This year's theme is ecology and the environment. The topics which have been selected are:

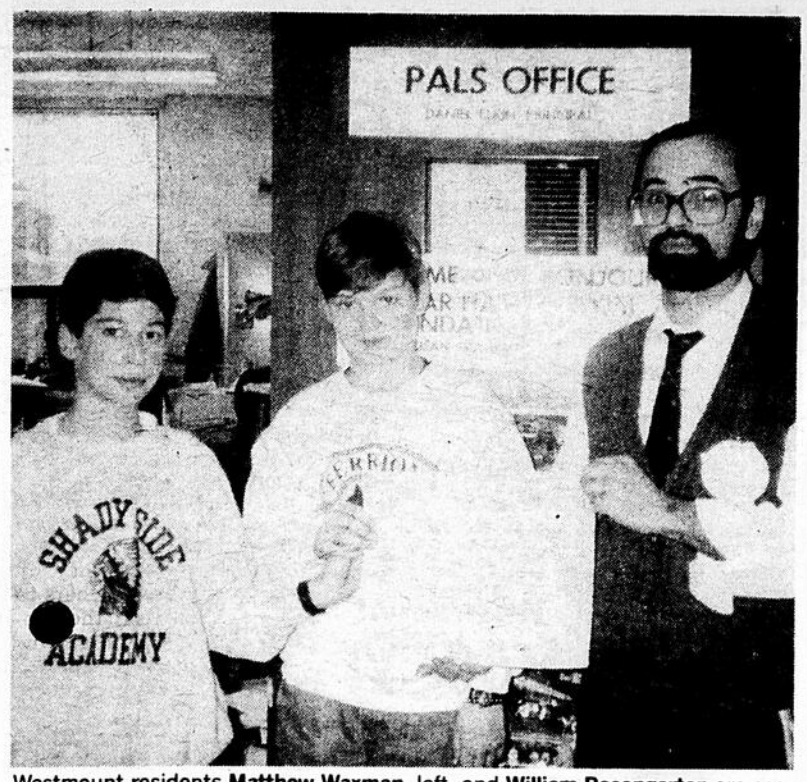
- I hear the environment calling for help;
- Waste as a resource (let your imagination fly);
- Trees;
- Keeping our city green.

The contest is open to Westmount residents in elementary or secondary school and to students of elementary and secondary schools in Westmount. Essays may be submitted by individuals or by groups. Essays should not exceed 2,000 words except in the case of group submissions where greater length will be permitted.

Essays should be taken to the children's department of the Westmount Public Library. The deadline for submission is 4:30 pm on Monday, April 3.

Winning entries are selected by judges from four categories: grades 1, 2 and 3; grades 4, 5 and 6; grades 7, 8 and 9; and grades 10 and 11. The top prize in the grade 10-11 category is $200, $100 for all other categories.

For further information, contact the children's librarian, Joanne Stanbridge, at 935-8531, local 229.



Westmount residents **Matthew Waxman**, left, and **William Rosengarten** are seen with PALS principal **Daniel Elkin**. They are holding a certificate presented to the PALS program in recognition of its efforts in raising money for the Jewish community through a chocolate bar campaign.

Shaar PALS program plans ecological term

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

Participants in the Shaar Hashomayim after-school program, PALS (program of active learning at the Shaar), will be learning more about ecology and the environment in coming weeks.

Daniel Elkin, principal of PALS, says they will be "teaching a sensitivity to our environment." This will be done in conjunction with the celebration of the Jewish tree-planting festival, Tu Bishvat.

The festival, he says, derives from a commandment in the Book of Leviticus: "When you come to the land, plant trees. . ."

Unfortunately, Tu Bishvat is in January — springtime in Israel. It doesn't pan out so well for tree-planting in Canada.

"Because we can't plant trees at this time," Mr Elkin says, "I have a cousin who's a farmer in Hemmingford and I asked if we could go there in the spring and plant trees. He agreed."

PALS will hold a Tu Bishvat celebration on Wednesday, Jan 18.

Mr Elkin, some staff members and parents have begun LIFE, a club of Loving Individuals For the Environment. The emphasis will be on education — disseminating information and on action — recycling etc.

Mr Elkin says he wants each participant in the program to choose one global issue to examine, and something in their own backyard.

Practical applications

"To me it's very important that kids become activists," he says. "They should learn Jewish values are not just for the synagogue — they have practical applications."

The first term of PALS was, he says, a success. Among other activities and achievements included: a Hannukah party, computer games with Judaic themes, two issues of the school paper *Shaar*, a bi-weekly seminar for teens on bio-ethics and a charity drive selling chocolate bars to raise money for the Jewish community.

Enrolment in September was about 50 students. It is now 58 or 59. Mr Elkin says he has room for 150 participants since the program uses the Akiva School classrooms.

PALS offers Jewish education to Jewish students attending regular private or public schools rather than a Jewish day school. It is a way for these students to learn about and understand the religion, traditions, history, festivals and language of their people.

Mr Elkin says two children who were enrolled in PALS became enthusiastic enough that they left their public school and PALS to join Akiva School, the Jewish day school located in the Shaar.

He says he's pleased they've opted for the Jewish education system. "I hope to put myself out of business," he says.

Kids' library has winners, new contest

The children's department of the Westmount Public Library has announced the winners of the Christmas bookmark paperchain competition.

Selected at random from the links making up the chain, the names on the winning links are: Matthew Holmes, Rebekkah Rigler, Augie Carbonetto, Maya Aubry and Krystal Shostak.

A new contest called "Name the Goldfish" has been started. Young readers are invited to suggest names for "two gorgeous goldfish," as children's librarian Joanne Stanbridge refers to them.

Library visitors can fill out two "name tickets" (one for each fish) every day they visit. Winners will be picked on Friday, Jan 20.

PSBGM offering job-find course

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Longtime WHS teachers recall days gone by

By RAJDEEP GILL

Teachers Brenda Comber and Terry Mills have a combined teaching experience of almost 50 years at Westmount High School.

Mrs Comber says what has kept her at WHS for so long are the students and the community. "I haven't had to go search for changes."

Mr Mills says when he first began teaching, the students came from culturally and socially more similar backgrounds. He remarks, "Teaching was substantially easier as a result."

Mrs Comber says there used to be more periods to teach and fewer spares; class sizes were larger — 36 students maximum per class (now 32) — and all classes were approximately the same size.

When Mr Mills and Mrs Comber began teaching at WHS, students were required to wear uniforms; jackets and ties along with dress pants for the boys, blue pleated tunics and white blouses for the girls.

Good points

When asked if having uniforms is a good idea, both teachers agree that uniforms avoid the morning hassle of "what to wear?" and undoubtedly save money over the school years. They also agree that uniforms are a mark of identification and put on a good show for the school.

Mrs Comber says uniforms help reduce the competition between people as to who is wearing what. She points out uniforms do prevent some individuality.

Both teachers miss the time when the school population was around 1,000 students. "With a larger population you can offer a wider range of elective courses, sports and clubs. We even used to have a football team and

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winter sleep-outs at carnival time. There were also German, Spanish, advanced chemistry and we had a marvellous band."

On the subject of scholastic achievement, Mr Mills says, "We have students today who perform as brilliantly as the best did years ago.

Leadership and teamwork

"School spirit is usually generated by a small group of keen 'doers' who infect others," he says. "It takes leadership and teamwork. Young people are enthusiastic and I suspect we'll see a rebirth."

Asked whether the students are getting away with more these days, Mr Mills's answer is quite simple. "Students are somewhat more vocal but they only get away with whatever the teacher allows them to."

"I think until the last year or so the community had gradually grown away from the school," Mrs Comber replies to the question of community involvement in WHS. "Westmount children began attending public schools outside the community or private schools, but recently the Westmount community has begun to take a renewed interest in strengthening the ties between community and school."

High points

The highlights Mrs Comber remembers over the years are graduations, grade 11 New York trips and band trips.

Mr Mills, on the other hand, remembers success in "breaking through" to students or "turning on the light.

"Sometimes you don't find out for many years. Then someone says, 'You changed my life...' It is heartwarming. It's also great when former students come back to reminisce."

Asked the greatest change he has noticed over the years, Mr Mills smiles and says, "My hairline."

Arrest follows mattress heist

A 28-year-old has been charged with breaking into an apartment in a rooming house where he lived at 4164 Dorchester boulevard last Thursday and stealing a mattress, police said. It was valued at $35.

The accused was identified as the same person who had set fire to a mattress in his own room New Year's Day before being taken to hospital for psychiatric examination (see story last week).

Westmount YMCA News

Hope Korytko
Executive director



The winter session preschool classes are off and running.

We have had a change in staff; Tammy is now working full time, Carol is expecting a baby in April and Molly has flown to England. We have a new team of experienced instructors who will continue to produce high-quality programs. Jill, who comes to us from the City of Westmount, will be teaching our motor learning classes. Angelica, a music teacher, is looking forward to the morning creative arts and playgroup and Sarah, a child-care worker, is planning for the afternoon playgroup.

At the end of January, the Westmount Y will be offering a preschool instructors' course to train adults on the delivery of various preschool programs. For more information, call Eileen at 931-8046.

CPR is a useful skill you can acquire in one winter evening. If you have anyone in your family with a history of heart disease, or if you are working with or close to young children, you may save a life with your knowledge of CPR and emergency procedures. The Westmount Y will be offering courses every month in Heartsaver and Babysaver. Our next Heartsaver will be given on Wednesday, Jan 18, from 6 to 10 pm, and the Babysaver on Jan 23 and 25 from 6 to 9 pm.

Winter training tips: Yes, the snow is beginning to fly along with the return of cold weather and uncomfortable winds but none of these means you have to stop training. Winter training simply involves a little planning and a lot of common sense. When you're outdoors following your favorite training activities, just remember:

1. Always wear colorful, bright clothing so that you are easily seen in poor visibility and easily found if you should collapse in the snow.

2. Go to layering, wearing several thin layers of clothing instead of one thick one. This preserves heat but also gives you the option of having something to remove should the temperature rise suddenly.

3. Clothing should be of breathable material that allows perspiration to escape while serving as a rain and snow repellent (some water-repellent jackets are great at keeping snow and rain out but are sealed on the inside so that the body can heat to dangerous levels).

4. Avoid wearing a Walkman, especially if you are a runner. You may risk being hit or gobbled up by a snowblower.

5. Make certain that you can go indoors as soon as you stop exercising outside. Suddenly stopping and staying in the cold can be detrimental to your health. In other words, you may chill out instead of cooling down.

6. If all this seems too complicated and you don't want to bother with it, you can join our fitness classes at St Matthias' Church and Victoria Hall. You can exercise while looking out the window at the blowing snow. Happy training!

Drilling needed on fire drills

Fire alarm procedures in the apartment building at 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard have been referred for investigation following an incident Wednesday night last week, fire officials report.

Firefighters were called to the building in the Place Alexis Nihon complex at 11:57 pm to be told by a tenant that the alarm had sounded about 10 pm without the fire department being called.

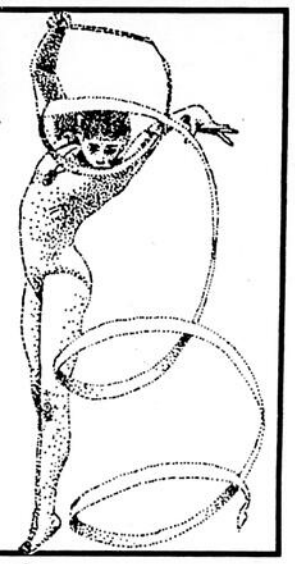
An employee was reported as saying he had been told to check out the alarm before summoning firefighters. No fire was found.

Radioless Rabbit

A Blaupunkt radio was stolen from a car parked at de Maisonneuve boulevard and Greene avenue Friday night, police report. The black 1984 Volkswagen Rabbit was broken into through a small vent window, causing $100 damage. Total amount of the theft is $410. The car's owner lives on Academy road.

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Dragons hang on to beat Canadiens

By WARREN VALDMANIS

The Dragons held on to a one-goal lead to win 3-2 after third-period heroics by the Canadiens last Saturday in Westmount's atom hockey league.

Right off the opening face-off, the Dragons established the dominance that was to remain with them for the first two periods. Forwards Charleton Snow and Daniel Glassman led the Dragons on rush upon rush until star centre Michael Durchak opened the scoring at 11:41 of the first period. On a pass from Robert Finkelstein, Durchak managed to break away from defenders and fired a high shot past Canadien goalie Wagner Santay.

The first period continued in this fashion until the siren, much to the dismay of the Canadien defence led by Ian Jarvis and Ivan Stern Plara. The Dragons, however, were unable to convert another opportunity.

At the onset of the second period the Dragon domination became clear on the scoreboard. Only a minute after the drop of the puck, Justin West put his team up by two on a quick shot from the slot, catching Santay off guard. Adding insult to injury, West scored another seconds later, this time on a pass from Glassman. The Canadiens, who have only one win this season, appeared to be in for another long day.

Began challenging

Despite their costly one-minute breakdown, the Canadiens were determined not to let the Dragons run up the score. The Canadien forwards, including Philippe Gauthier, began challenging the Dragon defence and goalie Greg Stutman. This aggressive attitude relieved the pressure in the Canadien zone. Santay was able to keep his net empty for the remainder of period two.

After killing off a penalty early in the final period, the Canadiens began controlling the play in the neutral zone and threatening Stutman. David O'Brien and other Dragon defencemen found themselves struggling, for the first time in the match, to prevent Canadien forwards from scoring. Finally, at 6:56, Thomas Simon put the Canadiens on the board, scoring unassisted on a shot from the top of the circle. André Smith, a Canadien winger, narrowed the gap to 3-2 after picking up his own rebound shortly after Simon's goal.

This last offensive was too little, too late. The Canadiens fell short with only two goals, and the Dragons hung on in the dying minutes to win 3-2.

Spaces open for volleyballers

Spaces are open for adults interested in playing recreational volleyball on Wednesday evenings from 8 to 10 pm.

Four teams made up of Westmount residents play volleyball each week in the Westmount High School gymnasium on an on-going basis.

For more information or to sign up call the Westmount recreation office at 935-8531, local 212.

HOCKEY STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey leagues as of Tuesday Jan 10:

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Guards	22	13	8	3	2	40	26	18
Bears	22	13	8	5	0	43	27	16
Dragons	22	12	5	5	2	26	33	12
Canadiens	22	12	1	9	2	13	36	4
ATOM								
Penguins	22	13	11	2	0	80	44	22
Canadiens	22	13	6	6	1	60	58	13
Canucks	22	14	5	9	0	41	56	10
Nordiques	22	12	3	8	1	36	59	7
PEEWEE								
Canadiens	21	8	7	1	0	37	16	14
Seals	21	11	4	6	1	48	46	9
Capitals	21	9	2	6	1	37	60	5
ALL STAR								
Novice	-	17	14	1	2	137	47	28
Atom	-	17	10	6	1	71	53	21
Peewee	-	10	4	4	2	39	37	10
S.W.A.T.	-	11	3	71		42	59	7
SENIOR B								
Hawks	25	14	9	2	3	60	39	21
Fathers	25	12	8	1	3	49	25	19
Devils	25	10	4	4	2	34	33	10
Flyers	25	12	3	7	2	37	56	8
Oilers	25	12	3	7	1	45	48	7
Aces	25	13	3	9	1	37	62	7
SENIOR A								
Wanderers	28	16	13	2	1	61	18	27
Flames	28	15	7	6	2	58	46	16
Stars	28	15	7	7	1	51	55	15
Bruins	28	16	5	10	1	60	75	11
Sabres	28	16	4	11	1	44	80	9

Sports celebrity dinner in aid of Tiny Tim Fund

Several sports superstars will be the prime attractions at the 22nd annual sports celebrity dinner to be held in aid of the Montreal Children's Hospital Tiny Tim Fund.

Carolyn Waldo, gold medalist in Olympic synchronized swimming event; speed skating titan Gaetan Boucher; Ryan Walter and Guy Carbonneau of the Canadiens; "Mad Dog" Vachon; and former Chicago Blackhawk Dennis Hull will be among the sports celebrities present.

The dinner will be held on Friday, Jan 20, at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. All profits will go to the Tiny Tim Fund, which is used to provide medical help for children in need, and to create a home-like atmosphere for hospitalized children.

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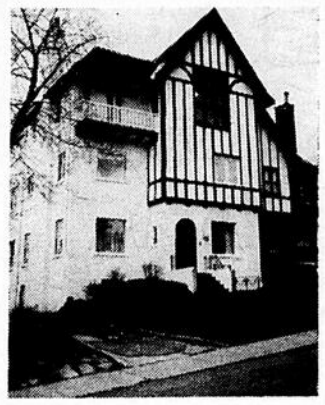
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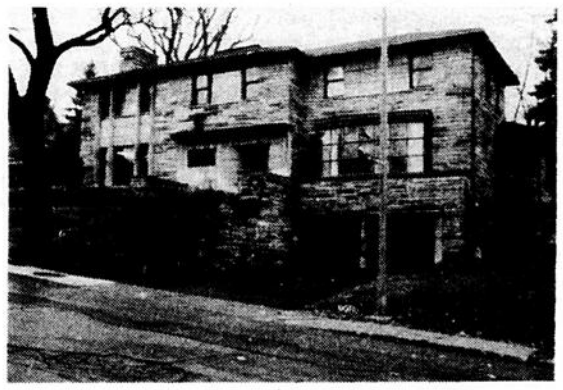
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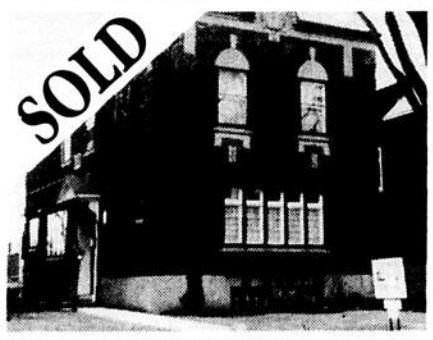
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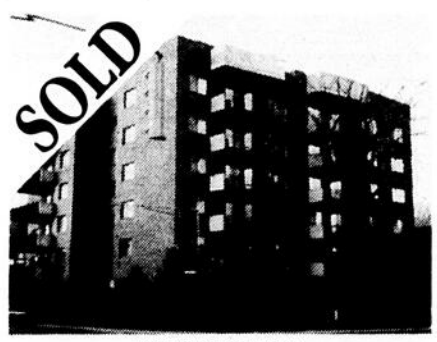


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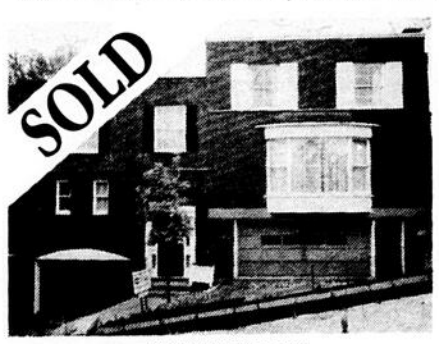
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