

A chance for youths to see the Rockies

By ALISON RAMSEY

Westmounter Daniel Loucks had to go to a remote mining town in the Rocky Mountains to meet people his own age from St. Henri.

As the first group from St. Henri-Westmount riding sent to Revelstoke, B.C., for the Voyageurs Canada 92 program, Mr. Loucks and eight people from St. Henri canoed together, went horseback riding, hiking and almost walked on a glacier.

All the others knew each other from school, Polyvalente St. Henri. Mr. Loucks is from Marianopolis College.

"I got to know them fairly fast," said Mr. Loucks. "I will probably keep in touch with three or four of them."

The federal exchange program, intended to draw young Canadians closer together by showing them how their neighbours live, aims to send about 38,000 people between 16 and 21 to different regions. Each MP has twinned with another riding.

The first group from Revelstoke came here the first week of July; the local group arrived back from Revelstoke at 8 a.m. Sunday.

It was the first trip most of the St. Henri youths had taken by airplane. "They were holding the handrests tightly, looking like the plane would fall apart," said Mr. Loucks, a practiced traveller who has taken one plane trip to New York.

Mr. Loucks heard of the program through his mother. "I assume the government didn't do too much advertising, or it was advertising where I wasn't looking."

Volunteer Harvey Blackman, co-ordinating the program for St. Henri-Westmount MP David Berger, said they are three people short for the next group, leaving Aug. 19, and four people short for one leaving the next day.

But, he added, that situation can

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Teen drop-in centre on its way to fruition

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Although it's not clear yet where it will be or what it will cost, it looks like Westmount teens might have a drop-in centre to call their own sometime next year.

City councillor Karin Marks is spearheading the effort with the help of representatives from the city, the community, the Westmount Y, the Greene Avenue Community Centre and the MUC police.

"We've met twice to fine tune priorities and some of the ideas that came up were that the centre would be geared toward Westmount teens and their friends and that it would be well-organized and supervised by two staffers," said Ms. Marks.

The centre would be a joint project of the city and the Y with the aim of giving local teens something to do and a place to meet people. The idea is to give young people an alternative to hanging out at a nearby pool hall or in downtown bars.

Ms. Marks visited a successful centre on Park Avenue recently with city program and community services co-ordinator Jane Dafoe and parent Barbara Drury. They found the centre bustling with activities, where teens can watch a movie on the VCR, play ping pong or just chat.

The key element is that most of the programs are devised by the teens themselves who sign in to the centre

and have membership cards. One of the impressive projects initiated by the Montreal teens was the adopting of a Beluga whale. Another is that the centre contracts out its space to teens involved in rock bands who need practice space. The contract that the would-be rock stars sign reinforces the philosophy of responsibility and trust, according to Ms. Marks.

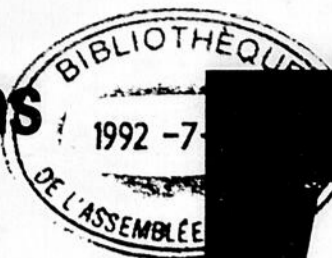
Now that some of the priorities for Westmount's teen drop-in centre have been nailed down, the next task for the city is to look at the financial angle.

"One of the wonderful aspects of the timing is that the Y has informed us that right now there is money available for teen centres from different levels of government. We're hoping to look to corporate donations for equipment as well," said Ms. Marks.

The idea has been endorsed by the city's community services committee, so the next phase will be for the city to put together a budget. Whereas Westmount will be responsible for the cost of renting a new facility or using an existing facility, the Y will staff the centre.

The board of directors will likely be composed of representatives from

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Dealing with the unusual



Marvin Zimmerman and Maisie Cheung tore up conventional shrubbery in their small front yard at 100 Sunnyside replacing it with almost every type of flower imaginable. Their front garden won the semi-detached category.

Wily gardeners do their best with not much

Gardening in Westmount can be a special challenge if your property's buried beneath the trees or reduced to the size of a postage stamp.

But some of this year's 40 *Maisons Fleuries* winners proved that nothing is impossible when it comes to beautifying the front of the house, a back lane or an apartment balcony.

"It's amazing to see the variety of plants that people are managing to grow in Westmount," said Sarah Stevenson, one of those who judged the smaller row house gardens.

The gardening competition is held by the city's beautification committee to encourage Westmounters to spruce up their yards, mainly the front and rear lane gardens visible to the public.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Sharing typical problems of too much shade or too little property, four of the more unusual winning entries proved that just about anything can be grown with a little imagination and a lot of hard work.

"It's taken 35 years of trial by error," said Diana Scott proudly as she surveyed the lilies in her narrow lane garden behind 68 Columbia Avenue that won her first place for lane row gardens.

Marvin Zimmerman, who planted another unusual garden with his wife Maisie Cheung at 100 Sunnyside, admits "we don't have the ideal location, but we've tried to make the most of what we have." They picked up tips from gardens they saw in France last

spring as well as some small gardens in Outremont.

Beverly Sofin, whose even smaller plot of ferns, bushes, rocks and ground cover thrives in the deep shade in front of 434 Elm, said she turned the entire area into garden when she became fed up with trying to grow grass.

Sun was not a problem for Ann and John Linnell who live at 225 Olivier. As apartment dwellers, theirs is a lack of land. Nevertheless, they've managed to recreate an English garden on their small apartment balcony, calling it "a real oasis."

All four shared their gardening experiences with THE EXAMINER during a search for the more unusual of this year's winning gardens; see page 10.

Travel brings spice to Sunnyside garden

THE HOUSE at 100 Sunnyside takes up most of the property. But every inch of the small what's left, front and back, has been transformed into a splash of bloom arranged in minute detail by a couple that gardens together.

Marvin Zimmerman and Maisie Cheung pick up ideas wherever they go to incorporate in their own garden.

"For the first three or four years we just had shrubs," Mr. Zimmerman recalled. "But one day we were walking in Outremont and saw some small garden people had planted. We decided to try it ourselves and approached it with a great deal of zeal."

A springtime trip to France this year inspired the couple to experiment with climbing roses, planting small flowers around roses and other tall plants.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A northern exposure and a large tree on the front lawn limit the amount of sun the garden receives, "but I guess that's the norm in Westmount," Mr. Zimmerman says.

That's where his wife's planning pays off, knowing what flowers to plant where, he says. On one side of the front walk, small decorative stones cover the area beneath small well-pruned trees and a few bright shade-loving flowers. On the other side is a variety of almost every type of garden flower one can name with unusual color combinations of reds and oranges mixed with purples.

"It's a labour of love," explains neighbour Lawrence Reich as he passes by the garden. "They deserve to win."

The finishing touch is a presid-

ing family of robins nesting with three babies in one of the trees that's closely monitored by Mr. Zimmerman.

It's the front garden that took first prize in the semi-detached category: the rear garden was never entered in *Maisons Fleuries* because it's not visible to the public.

But an invitation inside the high walled yard cannot go unreported. The area, which measures about four meters deep across the back of the house, has been made into a small court yard. Ceramic plates from Spain are fastened on the whitened brick of the house. Roses climb against it growing out of patio stones. Koi swim among water lilies and other plants in a small goldfish pond beneath.

"We don't have an ideal location," he says. "But we've tried to make the most of what we have."

We are on vacation

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Today, July 23

Reach Out, a support group of the Montreal and Laval Chapter of the Learning Disabilities Association of Quebec Adult Committee meets weekly at 340 Victoria Ave. from 7 to 9 p.m. 847-1324.

For seniors: Swim at Westmount Y from 1:30 to 3 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. No charge.

Saturday, July 25

For children: Dog Day Afternoon. Stories, poems and homemade lemonade to fight the heat at Oink! Oink! at 11 a.m., 1361 Greene Ave.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday at 3:30 p.m. at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St. Non-smoking.

Sunday, July 26

For seniors: Tea at Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim at 1:30 p.m. presents a musical program with Shayna Palevsky on flute and James Higgins on piano. Members \$2.50, others \$3. 937-9471.

Concert in the Park at 2 p.m. features the Mount Royal Saxophone Quartet with Harvey Geisbrecht, Pascal Veraquin, Debbie Summerlin and Pam Homzy.

Sacred music: Teenage Chapel Tour Choir of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, performs with the Chapel Handbell Choir at Westmount Baptist Church, Sherbrooke and Roslyn, at 7:30 p.m. Free.

Adult Prisoners of Childhood anonymous support group meets at 7 p.m. every Sunday in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St. \$1.

Tuesday, July 28

TOPS, a dieting support group, meets at Greene Avenue Community Centre from 7 to 8:30 p.m. weekly. \$1.

Wednesday, July 29

On Danse Au Westmount Square presents Soul Impact Production Studio at 12:30 p.m. Greene Avenue Plaza of the centre.

COMING UP

Aug. 2: Tea at Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim at 1:30 p.m. presents Col. Joel Wolfe, past president of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, on *Update on Happenings in Israel*. Members \$2.50, others \$3. 937-9471.

Aug 4: City council meeting at 8 p.m.

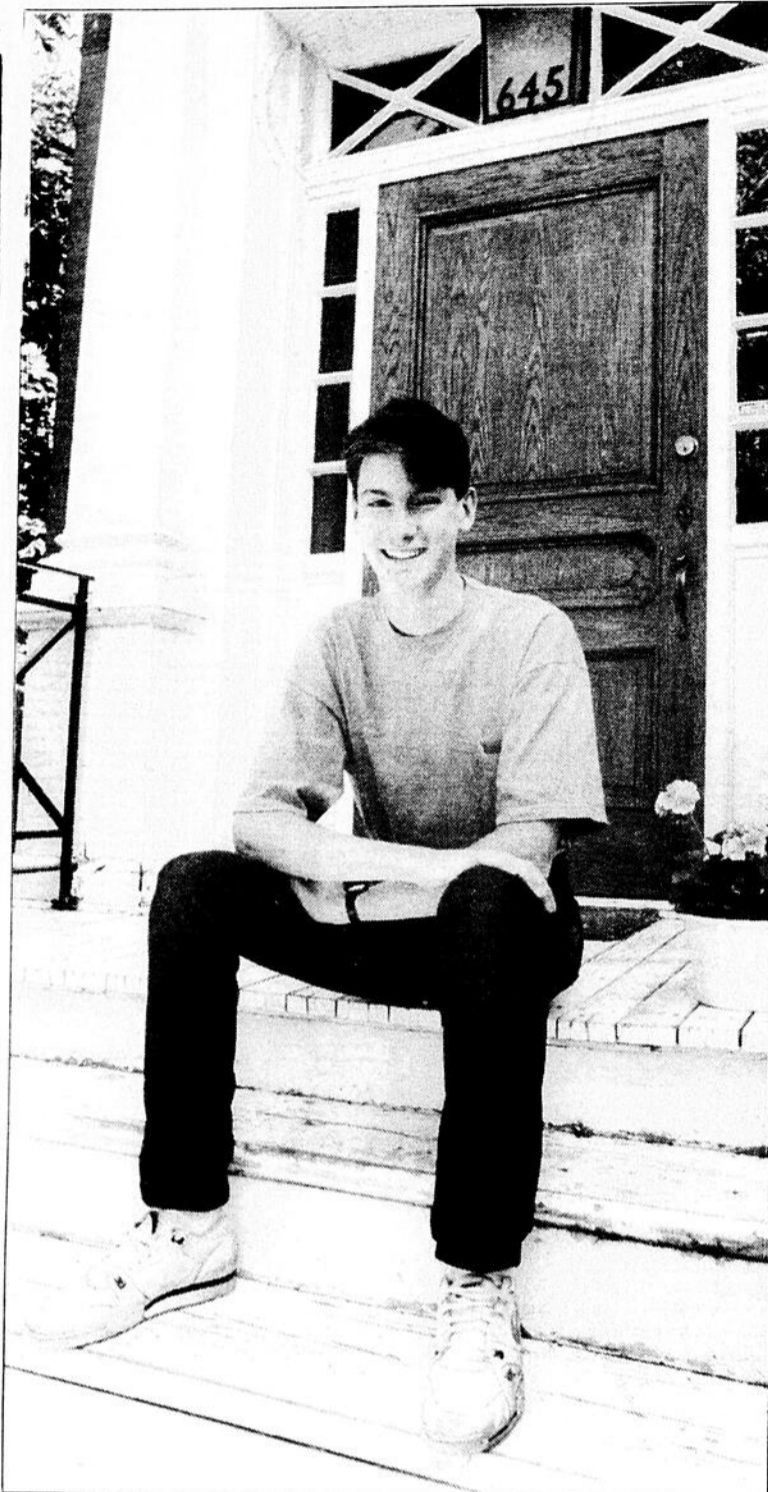
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Aug 5: On Danse au Westmount Square presents Special Blend in their second appearance at 12:30 p.m. Greene Avenue Plaza of the centre.

Aug 11: On Danse au Westmount Square: Roxanne Mihalescu brings ballet at 12:30 p.m. Greene Avenue Plaza of the centre.

Aug 12: On Danse au Westmount Square: Arthur Murray dancers at 12:30 p.m. Greene Avenue Plaza of the centre.

Aug. 16: Tea at Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim at 1:30 p.m. presents Arnold Bennett, tenants' right guru, on *Protecting Your Rights*. Members \$2.50, others \$3. 937-9471.



The furthest west Daniel Loucks, 18, travelled until this month was Niagara Falls. He just came back from Revelstoke, B.C., as part of a youth exchange run by the federal government, open to anyone age 16 to 21. Photo by OWEN EGAN

Young traveller returns

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change day to day. More worrying is the lack of an adult supervisor to accompany the local group leaving Aug. 20 and, more importantly, to arrange billeting and such for the group from Revelstoke coming the beginning of August.

Mr. Blackman urges anyone interested in the job to contact Mr. Berger's office as soon as possible at 939-3452.

"I was expecting more or less what I got," said Mr. Loucks. "A small town in the middle of a very scenic area. It's the main pass to get from

one side of the Rockies to the other."

Strange to say, for people who live amid the tallest peaks in Canada, when the Revelstoke people arrived, "they were awed by the sheer magnitude of everything," said Mr. Loucks. "Their tallest buildings are two, three storeys."

He took his two billetters to the top of Place Ville Marie for a view of the city, and they were simply amazed by the urban sprawl.

Eleven more groups of people, adding up to 125 in all (it's Canada's 125th birthday, remember?), will travel to Revelstoke between now and Oct. 29.

Correction

The name of one *Maisons Fleuries* winner was inadvertently left off the list of 40 published in last week's EXAMINER. She is Marissa Nuss, of 626 Clarke Ave., who tied for second place in the category of container gardens at private residence (other than apartment balconies). THE EXAMINER regrets the omission.

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Academy Road now one-way for safety

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Motorists used to taking Academy Road as a shortcut to access de Maisonneuve Boulevard will no longer be able to do so.

"We've been looking at the prospect of making this change since 1988," said city operations manager Bruce St. Louis.

The city's administrative traffic committee recommended changing Academy Road from a two-way street to a one-way eastbound street for a two-month trial period effective July 20.

If the change becomes permanent, the stretch of roadway between the pool and the tennis courts will be turned into park space, said Mr. St. Louis.

Promoting safety is another factor since it will mean one less intersection for the bike path to cross and it will help eliminate the bottleneck effect where the tennis courts, pool and bike path all meet.

"This measure is being undertaken as a means to restrict the area to local traffic only," reads the notice sent to local residents. "This experiment will be conducted for a period of two months after which all residents affected will be solicited for their opinions."

Parking is now only possible on the south side of the Academy Road.

"Initial concern was expressed over the possibility of the redirection bringing more traffic by the arena parking lot, but in the long run it will be a lot safer as it was often difficult to make a left-hand turn on to St. Catherine from Arena Drive. I think it will be a positive change."

The experiment is also being carried out in preparation for the reconstruction of de Maisonneuve Boulevard scheduled for later this year.

Teen centre

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council, the recreation department, the Y, the Greene Avenue Community Centre, parents, professionals and, of course, teens, she said.

There are an estimated 700 to 1,000 teenagers in Westmount. (The 1986 federal census found 845 Westmounters aged 15 to 17.) Various ways to capture and keep young people's attention and imagination have been tried over the years. This latest effort follows on the heels of a failed teen council, a Y drop-in centre and other attempts to reach teens, said Ms. Marks.

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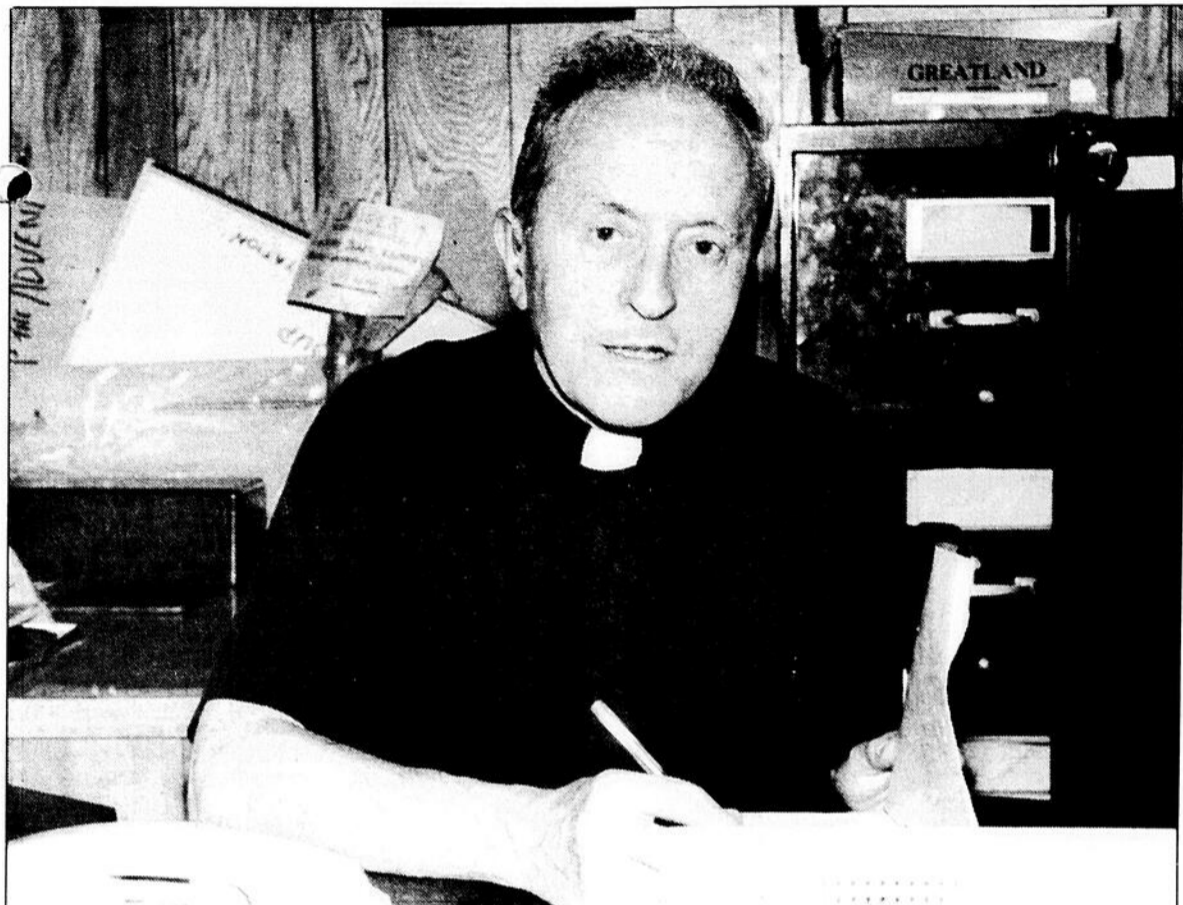
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Father Eric Dungan always found it boring to say "I hope you'll be as happy as we've been" to newlyweds and preferred "I hope you find married life as much of a riot as I do" but he had to stop when one day a new bride gave him a funny look and said "I'm not afraid," thinking he was offering a warning.

Father Dungan retires to Kingston after 22 years at the Advent

One of the things that moved Father Eric Dungan most about his Church of the Advent parishioners when he first met them almost 22 years ago was that they lived their Christianity in a quiet way.

"I was tremendously impressed by the atmosphere of the church which spoke to me of years and years of dedicated worship," he said.

The little church tucked into a corner of de Maisonneuve Boulevard at Wood Avenue is stately yet unassuming. So unassuming in fact, that Mr. Dungan walked right by it on his first day as minister.

Mr. Dungan shared some of his memories this week as he prepares to retire from his position of rector of the church at the end of the month and move to Kingston with his wife Margaret.

"Most of the time you wouldn't know what they (his parishioners) were doing unless you stumbled across it," said the gentle and young-looking 68-year-old minister. "The more I got to know the people, the more I came to respect them."

He said he finds people fascinating and this rings true when he recounts the story of how he was perplexed by the fact that an influential Westmount couple was perpetually broke.

"I was puzzled because they had good-paying jobs. Then I discovered, quite by accident, that the reason they were always broke was because they were always helping anyone that was stuck or in need. Their house was always full of two-legged as well as four-legged refugees," he said smiling at the memory. "It does one's heart good to come across people like that."

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Born, bred and educated in Dublin, Ireland, Mr. Dungan has served in parishes from Ireland, South Africa and the Maritimes in his 43 years as a priest.

One of the phenomena he delighted in while serving Westmounters was the young people, often CEGEP or university students, who came off the street looking for something more than what was offered to them by the rat race. They would often engage him in discussions about spiritual matters but drew the line when it came to actually attending church.

"When discussing religion, it is not just quoting from the Bible but often more a matter of talking about innermost feelings," he said. "I'm going to miss that tremendously."

One of the things Mr. Dungan decries most about modern society is rampant materialism. He said he doesn't find the mess the world is in depressing, but rather he sees it as an exciting challenge. He said he hopes to continue his ministry in retirement.

"I want to be able to do the things I was ordained to do which is deal with people," he said. "What with all the form-filling and paper-shuffling I've done, I would like to someday be able to funnel that tremendous hunger and thirst for knowledge about spiritual matters, particularly among young people."

He said he met someone a few days ago who said they had no faith in anything and didn't want any either. This person said they thought faith was a weak concept. Mr. Dungan said he took the man up on the topic.

"I asked him how he knew his wife wouldn't poison him when he went home for dinner. I asked him to prove to me that she wouldn't," he said with a glint in his kind blue eyes.

Mr. Dungan said he is slightly disappointed that he will no longer be living in Westmount when the church celebrates its 100th anniversary next year. But he said it would be unfair to expect his successor to begin in November, less than a month before Christmas, together with the fact that he wouldn't relish the thought of moving in the dead of winter.

Music, rally-driving and traveling are what he names as his hobbies. One of the most outstanding trips he ever went on was a year-long 36,000-mile trek with his wife from Africa to Europe in a Volkswagen camper.

"We were ambushed in the Congo, stuck in swamp country, and walking through the Sahara desert, our feet sinking into the soft sand or tearing at our shoes with jagged edges," he recounted. "I only sold that truck three weeks ago. It looked like a tin envelope but was made like a tank. Looking back on that trip now, I think we were crazy."

He said he particularly enjoys working with young people and only wishes they would come to church more.

"When you look at the whole ghastly mess the world is in, mainly because of materialism, it helps to guide your whole direction of life beyond the material," he said. "I do find that people are turning away from the material and turning to spiritual values."

Trafficking charge laid against 17-year-old boy

A 17-year-old Westmount boy drove a motorcycle through a red light at Sherbrooke and Lansdowne Sunday afternoon and ended up facing charges of possessing narcotics for the purpose of trafficking.

Police said the driver was ticketed for driving without a permit and failing to stop at the light.

A "good quantity" of substance presumed to be hashish was turned over to the Montreal Urban Community's narcotics squad to be weighed and analysed.

An amount of money described only as "substantial" also was found.

The boy was sent to a detention

centre.

Crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron said police stopped the westbound motorcycle at Roslyn Avenue about 4:40 p.m. When the driver could not produce a permit, police became suspicious. They noticed the ignition was broken and that it could only be started by hot wiring.

The alleged narcotics and money were found in a bum bag.

The driver insisted the bike was not stolen but belonged to a friend. It was taken to local Station 23 where police confirmed the driver's story. The owner, a resident of Ontario Street East, was notified to pick it up.

Library springs two leaks

Wet weather has added a new wrinkle and crinkle to Westmount Public Library's art department.

A box of art magazines were found, half-dry and curly, after being soaked while stored in the basement of the library. The next week, city files stored in a room at the other end of the basement were found on a wet floor.

Both the east and west walls of the library were responsible for the leaks.

The magazines were not up against a wall, meaning the leak had to travel from wall to ceiling, then dripped on the box. Library staff gently eased the pages apart when the 12 half-wet issues were discovered.

The second leak was discovered much sooner because, for some reason, the room stank when the water soaked in, said head librarian Rosemary Lydon.

"We had to put drop sheets on shelves," said Ms. Lydon.

The same thing happened to the north side of the basement several years ago, said Ms. Lydon, and the city quickly installed a French drain, by digging a trench beside the wall and putting in an impermeable liner.

But, with massive renovations to the library being contemplated, Ms. Lydon is unsure if the city will move on repairs to the walls at this time.

"It may not be worthwhile," she said, adding that the leaks are "an indication there are a lot of problems with the old building."

As a stop-gap measure, the city has provided the library basement with a dehumidifier. The only problem is, if the leakage recurs, "we have to close all the windows and doors" to properly use the dehumidifier, said Ms. Lydon. With no air conditioning in some parts of the building, dependent on windows for air circulation, "that would be hard," she said.

Purse pulled away

"Give me your money. Hurry up!" ordered a robber recently as he tugged on a shoulder bag worn by a 65-year-old woman leaving Place Alexis Nihon, police said.

He pushed the woman until he was able to pull the bag free, then fled along de Maisonneuve Boulevard. He was described as in his early 20s. The victim is a resident of Côte des Neiges Road.

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We Say

Ways and means

ONE form of democracy is taking a back seat to a new democracy that gives residents greater power than ever at city hall. The new form is being applied to create a traffic plan for Westmount.

Shunning professional consultants, from whom it usually seeks help in decision-making and to bolster opinions, the city asked four ordinary citizens to help develop a traffic plan for the east-central sector.

They joined with Public Security Unit director Richard McEnroe and committee chair, Councillor Nicholas Matossian. Later, deciding four was not enough, three other residents were asked to join.

Traffic plans for the other sectors of the city will follow, with similar resident-heavy groups in charge.

The technique of asking residents to take such an integral part in decision-making broadens the pool from which ideas, good and bad, come. These people have their axes to grind and, perhaps, some innovative and far-sighted solutions.

One benefit is that residents live with their local traffic day in and day out. They have intimate knowledge of patterns and problems.

One difficulty will be overcoming pettiness; one part of the city making unreasonable demands on another, one street sending its traffic on to other streets.

It has another drawback of reflecting the concerns of a small group of people who were neither elected to represent the whole nor take responsibility for decisions.

The city has addressed that concern by polling residents in the area to be affected by a new traffic plan. It is hard to judge the effectiveness of the poll, as few details are known. Were they given options to choose

from? Were they asked to come up with problems and solutions, with no bias built in to guide their responses?

It is known that 10 percent offered feedback, significantly less than the 39 percent turnout at the last municipal election.

It is no easy task to develop a traffic plan, which has to handle effectively present and future needs without sending the community into shock. One sector of the city has to meld happily into the others; there cannot be sections of road two lanes in width suddenly becoming four, then narrowing again to two.

The challenge for these groups of residents is forming a workable plan. The new, self-defined job of council is to make sure that plan is cohesive, and help guide it to fruition.

By using this new method, they hope to avoid another Cedar Avenue fiasco, when lack of consultation led to threat of lawsuit and countersuit because the street was narrowed. The city was embarrassed when the narrowing, which it had deemed permanent, was ripped up.

Talking to some residents is no guarantee this will not recur; the city has still avoided one integral step. It should have presented the plan to all residents at a public meeting before implementation.

Though the new traffic signs and such will be temporary, until residents see and approve the changes, no community is so small its traffic does not affect other areas — as was seen during the Cedar debacle, when Montreal residents joined the fray.

It will be fascinating to follow this new form of democracy, to see if it produces workable compromises and happy results, and to see if it will be expanded to other city decisions.

In doing so, it became truer to its premise.

The point is not to best your neighbour, but to add spice to a friendly rivalry that results in neighbourhoods that are a pleasure to live in, work in or just walk by.

The point is to let gardeners know their creations are enjoyed by many. (That is why the contest focusses on front gardens.) Your garden may be the one the employee watches develop with interest each day on her way to work. It may be the one that scents the air and soothes the jangled nerves of the student taking a break from studying for his final. It may be the one the apartment dweller leans off her balcony and pretends is hers.

Westmount without its gardens, without those sprigs of red and bursts of yellow enveloped in green growth, would be a duller, uglier, less hospitable place.

You Say

Nothing but good can come of weekly garbage pickup

I was encouraged to read that the city of Westmount is considering moving to a once per week garbage pickup. This is a long-overdue move which will save the city money (\$100,000 per year according to preliminary surveys quoted by Mayor Peter Trent) as well as setting an example to the other member municipalities of the MUC which are currently lagging behind in their commitment to environmental awareness.

T.M.R. Mayor Vera Danyluk was the first to make this move in the Montreal area, though most other municipalities outside the Montreal area have already seen the writing on the wall by now. The city of Kingston, for example, moved to once-per-week garbage pickup more than two years ago and has found it to save a great deal of money while causing minimal inconvenience.

Reports from T.M.R. indicate that those few individuals who do whine about garbage piling up in their garage are clearly those who have been slow to learn the habits of reducing waste at source, reusing and recycling. Clearly, we have now come to the time when municipalities cannot afford to waste millions of dollars on redundant garbage pickups just because there are a few whiners who don't want to be responsible in

their waste production habits.

I personally find garbage pickups to be offensive and annoying. The trucks in the Montreal area are like ancient behemoths that belch acrid stinking smoke into the air, and make incredible amounts of noise, a noise that can be heard for at least four hours twice a week throughout my neighbourhood. Any move to reduce the number of hours per week I have to hear that racket and breathe that smoke is a welcome relief. The recycling trucks, by contrast, are far quieter, cleaner and faster; one hardly notices them.

Ian Richie

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Croquet story 'slanted'

Your article about lawn bowlers and croquet players in THE EXAMINER July 16 was a most slanted piece of print. Your headline using the word "grudgingly" is unfortunate and misleading. The word "reluctant" would have been a better choice, reflecting more accurately the feelings of the Westmount Lawn Bowling Club members.

Your opening sentence "holding its breath and hoping for failure" is offensive. Nothing could be further from the truth. Having agreed to a trial period we do not expect nor wish for a failure. We shall assess the situation on its results, both from the croquet players' view and our club's feelings as to whether or not we should extend the use of our facilities and greens.

Concerning greens, this past winter was a killer for all greens at lawn bowling clubs and golf courses. We have been and are still nursing our greens to bring them back to good playing condition. It takes a great amount of money to maintain greens so we cannot allow any action that may damage them. At this writing we report that the trial period is progressing satisfactorily.

F.G. Carey Foster
President

Westmount Lawn Bowling Club
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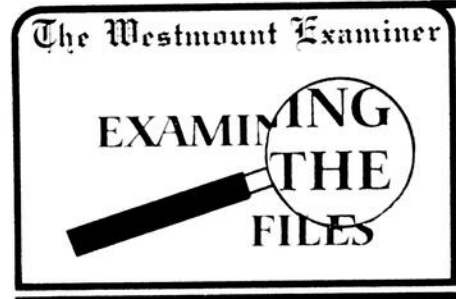
A ribald power play

Our society continues to struggle against prevalent gender bias. This week we have been exposed to demonstrations that women ought to have the same legal right as have men to appear in public with torso bared.

In what was otherwise a most entertaining production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in Westmount Park, we were repeatedly subjected to the spectacle of a woman or a man seizing another man by his genitals in order to exercise power over him. Our audience reaction was that the gesture was ribald, perhaps authentic. I wonder what our reaction would be if a woman's genitals were similarly used?

Ken Flegel

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Forty-five Years Ago

July 18, 1947

"Prof. John Garstang, Archeologist, has unearthed what is believed to be one of the most ancient settlements ever discovered, dating back nearly 8,000 years, in the prehistoric village of Mersin in southern Turkey. He said the site lay astride the historic trade route linking east with the west, between the Taurus Mountains and the Mediterranean."

"The price of soap has been going up — and that's one thing that won't come out in the wash."

Thirty-five Years Ago

July 19, 1957

"Unless the Church regards itself as directly involved in the effort to abolish poverty and secure economic freedom for the people and end war," said Dr Robert, "nothing the Church may say on these matters will carry conviction."

"Cosmetic queen Rose Lairds, aged 80 plus, flies into London from America and declares that middle age is the best time of a woman's life. 'Forty is the first year of middle age,' she told me. 'After that come 20 good years of development in poise, charm and talent.'"

Twenty-five Years Ago

July 20, 1967

"Westmount Park School is having a new sign carved over the main entrance. It is not known what the inscription is, but one might guess — Westmount Park School."

Headline: "Charges of monopoly for Murray Hill are unfounded." Story: "It's a monopoly. 'It's a cartel. 'It's terrible...' and the words faded away in an expression of utter desperation as some newly-arrived air-borne visitors tried to get a taxi at Montreal's thirty-million dollar airport. They were visitors on their first visit to the city. 'All I'm trying to do is to get a taxi to bring me into the city,' said one. 'I've never experienced a situation like this before and I've done a bit of flying in my day.'"

Ten Years Ago

July 22, 1982

"The Reddy Memorial Hospital is presenting social affairs minister Pierre Marc Johnson with a lengthy brief with correct financial figures indicating that it would be a mistake to convert one of the most efficient hospitals in the province of Quebec to a long-term and chronic care institution."

"A seagull became entwined Saturday afternoon in a kite string hung up in a tree in Westmount Park. The bird's wing apparently had become entangled in the string which stretched between two trees about 70 feet off the ground near the playground."

One Year Ago

July 25, 1991

"Two female employees of H. Goldenberg pharmacy were attacked by a knife-wielding assailant early Monday morning as they were opening up for business."

"Businesses along Sherbrooke Street which do not have a regular clientele are taking it on the chin during the city's construction work in front of their stores. But those with regular customers seem to be holding their own in the traditionally slow July month."

I Say!

ARRANGE whatever pieces come your way.

—Virginia Woolf

our M.P.
David Berger
says...



Financing social change

AT a time when there is much public cynicism about politics, last week's U.S. Democratic Party national convention was particularly inspiring. Not just for me and Canadians whom I have talked to who lean to that party. More importantly for the Democrats, record numbers of Americans are impressed and the party enjoyed the largest ever post-convention increase in public opinion support.

The \$64,000 question, of course, is: Will it last? Can the Democrats sustain this lead to a presidential victory in November? I wish to focus briefly on just one matter that will help answer that question, namely, the Democratic platform.

In his acceptance speech, Bill Clinton repeated an excerpt from the platform: the most important family policy, urban policy, labour policy, minority policy and foreign policy America can have is an expanding entrepreneurial economy of high-wage, high-skill jobs. The Democrats have dusted off Franklin Roosevelt's statement that the best social program is a good job. That is a truism, a lawyer friend of mine said. That may be so, but this statement is the credo of a comprehensive program of economic and social change. A lengthy policy paper has been prepared for each plank in the platform.

One evening last week, the MacNeil-Lehrer Report analyzed the platform in some detail and featured interviews with persons like Robert Reich, of Harvard University, who was identified as one of Clinton's economic advisors. I happen to feel somewhat partial to Reich. One of the leading political economists in the U.S., he is the author of a number of books, including *The Next American Frontier*, *The Resurgent Liberal* and, most recently, *The Work of Nations*, subtitled *Preparing Ourselves for 21st Century Capitalism*.

I read *The Next American Frontier* when it was first published in 1983. Reich described the important changes taking place in the global economy and their effects on the U.S. economy. The U.S., Reich believed, could choose between shielding itself from a changing world economy and adapting to change, to engage the new realities of international competition. But adapting to change would require that American institutions, both public and private, support the social changes that must accompany economic change.

What is significant about the Democratic platform this time is that the party seems to have come around to Reich's thinking and is prepared to support the economic and social changes he has advocated. Clinton and Gore seem to have thought through these questions and seem to be prepared to reply to the attacks from the right and the left.

As for me, I am not only hoping the Democrats succeed. This summer I am working on a policy paper which also leans heavily on Reich's thinking. Incidentally, Gérald Tremblay, Quebec's minister of industry, commerce and technology, read *The Work of Nations* last summer as he prepared his industrial policy, entitled *Moving Toward a Value-Added Society*.

MAYOR PETER TRENT :

"It's an unwritten rule of the city to narrow streets... Often reducing asphalt means increasing green space which helps reduce global temperatures and reflects the heat less."



FERG
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In summertime, for Shakespeare, the park's the thing

I'M a purist. I like my pheasant under glass under glass, and my Shakespeare in the Park in the park. Which is why I didn't go to our local seasonal "theatre" on Tuesday night. That was the night the weather drove Shakespeare in the Park into Victoria Hall. Not at all the thing.

But on the next two evenings, Shakespeare was back where he belonged. 'Struth! I can't get over how fortunate we are to have this delight brought, free and gratis, to our own neighbourhood green space, year after year.

The bill of fare for Wednesday was *Pericles*. Not one of the Bard's better-known works. And with reason. As one friend effused after the performance, "It's really an awful play!" Well, yes. But it's slightly less awful if you're prepared to think of it as Shakespeare's soap opera — or a forewarning of Gilbert and Sullivan operettas to come.

At any rate, the performance in the park (its proper place) was delightful. I laughed. I cried. And I stood up through the whole thing, which is probably a more telling testimonial than any I can write, seated.

Poor old *Pericles*. He loses his beloved wife, then he loses his beloved daughter. He believes them both dead so, despite being a king with a lot of responsibilities, he stops talking and won't eat and goes sailing about being morose. Then it's sort of like *Awakenings*. His daughter

tells him her name and he has a moment of epiphany. One revelation leads to another and then there's a cosmic dream complete with deity. Unlike Robert de Niro, *Pericles* manages to stay awake and even finds his wife who, surprise of surprises, isn't dead after all! Everybody does lots of hugging and that's the end.

A *Midsummer Night's Dream*, on Thursday, was all Oberon and Titania and Bottom and Puck and a collection of very confused lovers. It's silly and farcical, but not bad like *Pericles*. It was a delightful rendering — certain crowd-pleasing touches in particular. Helena (I think) runs out of breath and hauls out an inhaler. Theseus (I think) asks who's putting on the play and is told it's a group of men who work in Westmount. Puck has a nice whooshing noise associated with his rapid departures. Stuff like that.

After the Tuesday performance, I had the pleasure of meeting Fred and Mary Anvar. Their son, Cas, dreamed up Shakespeare in the Park and has given himself, body and soul, to making a success of it. His parents, in turn, have become deeply involved in the project.

"You couldn't just stand by and watch that struggle," said Anvar Père.

Anvar Mère admitted they were less than pleased when their son applied to and was accepted at the National Theatre School. They saw no future in a life in

Beside the Point



KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

theatre. But that hasn't prevented them from pitching in with a will to help make a go of his dream.

They told me the program is nearly breaking even this year. Much of the financing comes from government, they rely heavily on volunteers, and there is an appeal for donations after each performance. But Mr. Anvar said they're lucky if they collect 25 cents a head.

There were more than 1,000 people at the play on Tuesday, more than 1,200 the next night. I was obscurely embarrassed to see how many people just walked away. Many did the distinctive head-bowed eyes-unfocused donation-avoidance walk, reminiscent of the waiter-not-seeing-you stride. Surely, I thought, citizens of affluent Westmount could afford a couple of bucks, a few cents, for pleasure received.

Well, it's advertised as a free show and free is free, so why should they? Why indeed. Pick a reason. For my part, I made my donation because I'm a purist. I want to be sure that, next summer, I see Shakespeare in the Park in the park.

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



Perot evades a fishy life

"IF you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen." So said Harry S. Truman when, as in the case of his firing General Douglas MacArthur, he faced the fallout from some of the momentous decisions of his presidency.

Ross Perot couldn't stand the heat and he was only in the butler's pantry.

Big businessmen are accustomed to throwing their weight around with a minimum of public scrutiny, a minimum of criti-

cism, and a maximum of "Yes sir, three bags full... sir!"

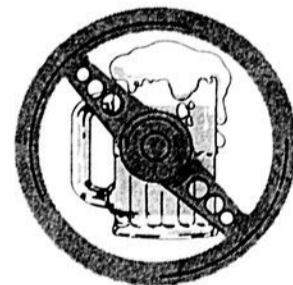
Politicians and politics are under attack these days because "the people" feel left out, abandoned and ignored. I'm frequently told that if there were more people with a business background in government, things would be different; fewer lawyers and more entrepreneurs.

What they never tell you is that business people seldom want to take the plunge into politics unless they are assured, in advance, that they'll be nominated without opposition, will be given a top cabinet post if elected, and won't have to take part in the dirty work. They also loathe the prying press, are hostile to opposition, and decry the indifference of the electorate.

Psychologically, and by experience, business men and women are not easily able to make the necessary adjustments imposed by politics; to adapt to life in a fishbowl. They look down on politics as a game played by lesser beings.

Ross Perot is a perfect example.

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Youths being charged with theft attempt

Charges of attempted car theft are to be laid against two downtown boys aged 16 and 17 in connection with an incident last Thursday in front of 333 Grosvenor Ave.

Officers were called to the street at 2 a.m. by two citizens who provided a description of two males who were reportedly trying to break into a car. Two youths were arrested walking south. A backpack containing a knife, hammer, shirt and pieces

of ceramic floor tile used for breaking car windows was found nearby. So were three gloves and a slim jim.


Police said witnesses told them two youths were making a lot of noise trying to open a black 1991 Volkswagen Passat. At one point they stopped and walked along Sherbrooke Street only to return and try again. The car remained locked and sustained no damage other than to the rubber pushed in around the window.

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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Burglar in bedroom startles sleepers

A couple awoke in a house on Belvedere Road about 4:30 a.m. last Thursday to find a man in the bedroom wearing a black stocking on his head, police said. The burglar fled as soon as they woke up.

The startled residents called 911. The burglar stole jewelry, a handbag and a briefcase containing three pricey pens and an undisclosed amount of cash. He got into the house by removing a screen in a kitchen door.

Untied terrier nips neighbours

Two Westmount residents are taking another to court over a dispute involving a terrier that allegedly terrorized their dogs on Saturday, police said.

The two women said they were walking along Rosemount Avenue about 7:45 p.m. when the terrier ran off the porch of a house, darted out to the road and bit their dogs.

The complainant reported the incident to police at 11:30 p.m. and the owner of the dog was questioned soon after. She is to be summoned to Westmount municipal court to answer charges of allowing her dog to be off leash in a public place.

Drunken woman a driving danger

A Westmount woman is to appear in municipal court Sept. 23 to face charges of impaired driving and refusal to take a breathalyzer test, police said.

A 50-year-old woman living in the apartment complex at 4300 de Maisonneuve Blvd. was arrested last Thursday at 3:50 a.m. after a taxi driver and another motorist managed to stop her car on Sherbrooke Street at Grove Park. A police patrol stopped when it spotted the car pulled up on the sidewalk and was told it had been swerving from side to side. Other cars and a bus narrowly missed hitting it. Citizens had removed the keys from the ignition.

Story a sham

A woman was sitting on her back porch on Westmount Avenue near Belmont Avenue Sunday night when she heard the sound of breaking glass. She confronted two men trying to break in through a back window of her house. One claimed to be looking for a briefcase he said he had left in the home when it belonged to someone else. The pair fled when the woman questioned the reason and said she would call police. Damage to the window was \$100.

Boy, 3, hit by car

A three-year-old boy from Gatineau was hit by a car on St. Catherine Street west of Atwater Avenue Sunday about 5:45 p.m. when he darted into the street, police said. His father grabbed the boy in efforts to prevent the accident but the car mirror clipped the side of the boy's head. He was taken to the Montreal Children's Hospital as a precaution but was not believed to be hurt. The 25-year-old driver from Bedford, N.Y., braked suddenly but could not stop in time. The boy had just been removed from his car seat by his mother who was tying her shoelace when he started into the street.

Shopping for cash

A customer paid for his shopping in the Metro store at 4840 Sherbrooke St. Tuesday last week and, while awaiting his change, robbed the cashier of an undisclosed amount.

"Give me your money," he ordered, displaying what appeared to be the butt of a gun, police said. He then put the cash in a bag and walked calmly out of the store with his groceries and headed west.

Selby vandalized

Someone pitched bricks through four windows at the Selby campus of Dawson College over the weekend July 10-13 causing \$1,200 damage, police said. The vandals used loose bricks from a wall. Windows of three offices and one in the students' entrance hall were smashed.

Stolen seat turns up as an antique

A stolen white wicker love seat was recovered recently by its owner in an antique shop on Notre Dame Street soon after its disappearance from her home on Columbia Avenue, police said. The Victorian-style seat was given back to the woman who reported the incident Tuesday last week. The seat had been taken from her back porch. The woman was able to identify it as hers by ribbons and some damage.

Yen for clean hair turns sour for man

A man arrested on suspicion of shoplifting shampoo Sunday at the Cumberland store on Greene Avenue was found to be wanted on a warrant for failing to keep a court date concerning a previous theft, police said. The 31-year-old Montreal resident was detained and sent downtown to police headquarters. Other charges are pending a full investigation of the case. A number of identification cards made out in different names were seized after the suspect was searched. They are believed to concern the theft of books from various libraries.

CDs a common link

Compact discs were among items stolen from two apartments broken into last week at 4775 Sherbrooke St. on different days, police said. One apartment had the front door forced open between Monday and Wednesday. Two bottles of wine were also taken. The other was opened by removing a window screen over the weekend when the disc player, sterling silver flatware, camera and sunglasses were also stolen. Two attempts to break into another nearby apartment building at 4656 Sherbrooke were reported last week. Nothing was stolen.

Car broken into

A car parked in the apartment garage at 4330 Sherbrooke St. overnight Friday was stripped of a cellular phone, garage door opener and 25 compact discs, police said. The red 1988 Subaru was locked but was forced open by pushing a piece of metal through the door.

\$500 in lingerie stolen by cheque

A local merchant who accepted a cheque for lingerie amounting to \$499.92 recently discovered that the customer neither had an account at the bank in question nor worked at the place of business offered, police said.

The switchboard operator at the office said the merchant's enquiry was the fourth one received concerning the phony employee. The suspect had written the cheque at Silhouette in Place Alexis Nihon. He paid for items bought by a woman accompanying him July 2. The fraud was uncovered when it was returned by the bank two weeks later.

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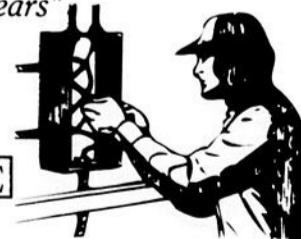
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Sellers finally let go of houses, for buyer-happy prices

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Lower house prices in Westmount continued in April as they did throughout the beginning of 1992, but the month's property transfers also featured a big surge in the number of homes sold.

Twenty-one properties changed hands for a total price of \$7,662,200 compared to only eight in April 1991, according to a study of the property transfers registered at city hall.

The high volume might be a result of a clearing out the big supply of lower-priced houses that had been on the market anywhere from eight months to a year prior to the new evaluation roll, said Pauline Vickers, assistant manager of Montreal Trust's Westmount branch. The roll took effect in January.

"People who were trying to sell finally realized that the new market was down 25 percent from 1989," she said.

Royal LePage's Westmount branch manager James Quinlan had a similar view.

"Some of the vendors were not willing to fully accept the softness of the market, but with more supply and less demand the prices are always softer," said Mr. Quinlan.

This can be seen when looking at the adjusted average price, which dropped from \$415,750 in March 1992 to \$346,129.

Tough market conditions during the first half of 1992 were a result of political and economic uncertainty as Quebecers ponder the referendum vote in the fall and Premier Robert Bourassa's refusal to participate in constitutional talks, said Mr. Quinlan. But he says that recent signs are more encouraging as the Quebec picture has begun to brighten a little.

The fact that lower interest rates and softer housing prices coincided probably played a role in what Ms. Vickers says is the beginning of the market's stabilization process.



466 CÔTE ST. ANTOINE
Highest price sale in April: \$750,000

Sale prices continue to be consistently lower than assessed levels as markdowns of average price over average valuation rose slightly to -9.9 percent compared to -10.5 percent the previous month. The adjusted mark-down dipped to -12.2 from -11.3.

The most expensive house sold in April was 466 Côte St. Antoine which sold for \$750,000. The sale represents a substantial markdown of -26.9 percent over its MUC valuation of \$1,026,500 and is one of the three biggest markdowns of the month.

On the other end of the scale, the least expensive transaction was of half of 469 Grosvenor which sold for \$132,000.

Three condos were sold for a total price of \$731,000 in April. The condo market was even softer than the housing market due to the glut of luxury units available, according to Mr. Quinlan.

Following are the details of Westmount's April property sales, in alphabetical order by street address:

- 574 Claremont: from Paul Cowan and Katie Malloch to Eric Rich and Isabelle Millette, selling price \$422,500 (Montreal Urban Community valuation \$569,300)
- 285 Clarke, #202: from Bruce Tanner and Erita Olk to Harry George Fried and Harriet I. Star, \$379,000 (\$548,900);
- 517 Clarke: from Isbru Company Ltd. to Paul Cowan and Katie Malloch, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$740,000 (\$861,900);
- 98 Columbia: from Kenneth Reardon and Deirdre B. Stoker to Stephen Aikin and Robin Nish, \$1 and consideration, transfer tax paid on \$385,000 (\$323,700);
- 466 Côte St. Antoine: from Arthur Anderson Inc. to Guy Tordjman and Euphrosyne Casimir, \$750,000 (\$1,026,500);
- 478 Côte St. Antoine: from Esther Schwartz to Bronia Stermer, \$618,000 (\$529,200);
- 4212 de Maisonneuve, #101: from Patricia Glenys Leary to Daniel Laforte and Joanne Nantel, \$202,000 (\$185,000);

APRIL HOUSE SALES

Following is a summary of sales of single- and two-family houses in Westmount registered in a April 1992, with corresponding figures for April 1991 in parentheses. Transfers of properties due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are condominiums, commercial and industrial properties:

- Total sales: 21 (8)
- Total price: \$7,662,200 (\$4,029,000)
- Total valuation: \$8,505,087 (\$2,962,700)
- Markup of average price over average valuation: -9.9% (35.9%)
- Markup of average price over average valuation (adjusted*): -12.2% (28.6%)
- Typical price based on adjusted mark-up of typical valuation**:
- \$457,357 (\$647,662)
- Average price for month's transfers (adjusted*): \$346,129 (\$327,000)

*To counteract the statistical effect of extreme sales, the two highest and two lowest markups or prices are eliminated from the calculations.

**The City of Westmount calculates the average 1992-94 valuation of single-family homes in Westmount as \$521,300. The typical price is determined by applying the adjusted average markup to this average valuation.

- 4216 de Maisonneuve, #202: from Societe de Fiducie La Metropolitaine du Canada to Jamie Stalker, \$150,000 (\$236,900);
- 379 Grosvenor: from Ann Barton to Monique Tremblay, \$280,000 (\$260,500);
- 469 Grosvenor (50%): from Alan Belkin to Daniel Veilleux and Sylvain Gagnon, \$132,000 (\$261,000)
- 510-12 Grosvenor: from Frank Edward Cronyn Succ. and Alfred S. Keator to Constance L. Helme, Oliver Sugden and Mary Catherine Moore, \$227,200 (\$349,300);
- 45 Holton: from Serge Lacroix and Melanie King to Richard Pattee, Douglass G.

- McDougall, Sassoon Khazzam, Ivan C. Welan, and Alan J. Klinkhoff, \$395,000 (\$402,300);
- 87 Holton: from Elrie Christian Tucker to Warren Clamen and Guy St. Arnaud \$284,000 (\$333,700);
- 552 Lansdowne: from Sydney Martin Stone and Christopher Wright to Manfred Krull and Gesa Schafer, \$352,100 (\$300,000);
- 637 Murray Hill: from Ian Smith to Michael Finker and Marcia Gillman, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$392,500 (\$504,400);
- 220 Prince Albert: from Virginia Evelyn Brown to Victor L. Levee and Michèle Boileau, \$235,000 (\$271,700);
- 260 Prince Albert: from Norman Le Gallais and Margaret Elford to Paul Ahlgren, \$210,000 (\$293,900);
- 445 Prince Albert: from Andrew Anson and Jacqueline Bitton to Kenneth London, \$666,000 (\$436,000);
- 3 Severn: from the Corporation Trust Capital to Francois Gagnon, \$319,000 (\$418,800);
- 3123-25-27: from Immeubles Beneficial Ltée. to Charles Baumgarten, \$170,000 (\$235,400);
- 39 Thornhill: from Leonard Serafini and Elaine de Tonnancour Racotte to Carrol L'Italien and Claire Trotter, \$450,000 (\$481,000);
- 441-43 Victoria: from Eric Bornstein and Adam Cutler to Suzanne Drouin, \$280,000 (\$286,400);
- 464A-68 Victoria: from Richard Rochester to Marilyn Rappoport, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$250,000 (\$310,800);
- 472-74-76 Wood (37%): from Tiiu Tammit to Michael Frank Hallett, \$156,000 (\$345,100).



510-12 GROSVENOR
Biggest markdown in April:
-34.9 percent

Library expands to CD-ROM system

Westmount Public Library is positioning itself for the future, or "trying to step up our marketing," says head librarian Rosemary Lydon.

It is branching out into CD-ROM (having added the library of 1991 La Presse articles, with a periodical index and more to come), has approached special interest groups to

sell the library as a resource, and is reaching out to the community via a suggestion box, four notice boards in the city and a survey of its young adult library users.

While the CD-ROM system, spanking new, is just installed and has little to offer right now, it will be a fast-growing resource. It is cheaper

to buy encyclopedias on CD-ROM than in book form and, for instance, the Oxford English Dictionary will never be published in book form again, but will be on disc.

For now, material on CD-ROM must be accessed at the library, but when the new automated system is operational, it will be possible for people with personal computers to use the information on CD-ROM by using a modem.

The survey of young adults will comprise about 200 people; it will likely take until December to get that many, said co-ordinator Heather Halliday. The survey started about one month ago.

It asks how the respondent uses the library, for pleasure or study, probes what subjects the reader prefers and asks if the young adult should include study tables, lounge chairs and a notice board when it expands.

Where were they going?



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

July 14

4:12 p.m.: 6001 Côte St. Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 4:29 p.m.;

July 15

8:23 a.m.: 4310 Montrose, water leak from broken hose on clothes washer;
10:07 a.m.: 21 Stanton, city medical office, first responder unit for medical assistance to employee who fainted after cutting finger;
3:10 p.m.: 220 Olivier, first responder unit for medical assistance;
10:38 p.m.: Rear of 61 Holton;

July 16

8:02 a.m.: 7900 Côte St. Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 8:10 a.m.;

9:50 a.m.: 4333 St. Catherine, alarm problem;

July 17

10:28 a.m.: 4998 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;
5:00 p.m.: 6000 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 5:07 p.m.;

July 18

8:14 p.m.: 6000 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 8:25 p.m.;

July 19

8:45 p.m.: 5900 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 9:04 p.m.;

July 20

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An important element in determining the reasonableness of a unit's wear and tear is the length of the tenant's residency. For instance, if an apartment has been inhabited by the same renter for three years, it may be reasonable to expect that the walls need to be painted and the carpeting needs to be cleaned. A missing refrigerator door or gaping hole in the wall from an axe-throwing contest would clearly be construed as damages.

Business briefs

Awards for entrepreneurs

For the fifth year in a row, the Federal Business Development Bank is seeking nominees for its annual Young Entrepreneur Awards.

A total of 12 awards will be given to entrepreneurs under 30 in each province and territory.

Nominees are judged on operating success, innovation and community involvement.

Consideration will also be given to the entrepreneur's age at start-up, unique problems the company was able to face and overcome and longevity of the business.

Nominees do not have to be clients of the FBDB and can enter themselves in the competition or be nominated by others. Nomination forms are available at local branches of the bank. All submissions will be reviewed by a provincial committee comprising FBDB representatives, entrepreneurs, business leaders and business associations. Deadline is Sept. 18.

The FBDB is a crown corporation that promotes the creation and development of business in Canada. It pays particular attention to small and medium-sized businesses. The bank provides term loans and loan guarantees, venture capital and other services.

Shoe store newly open

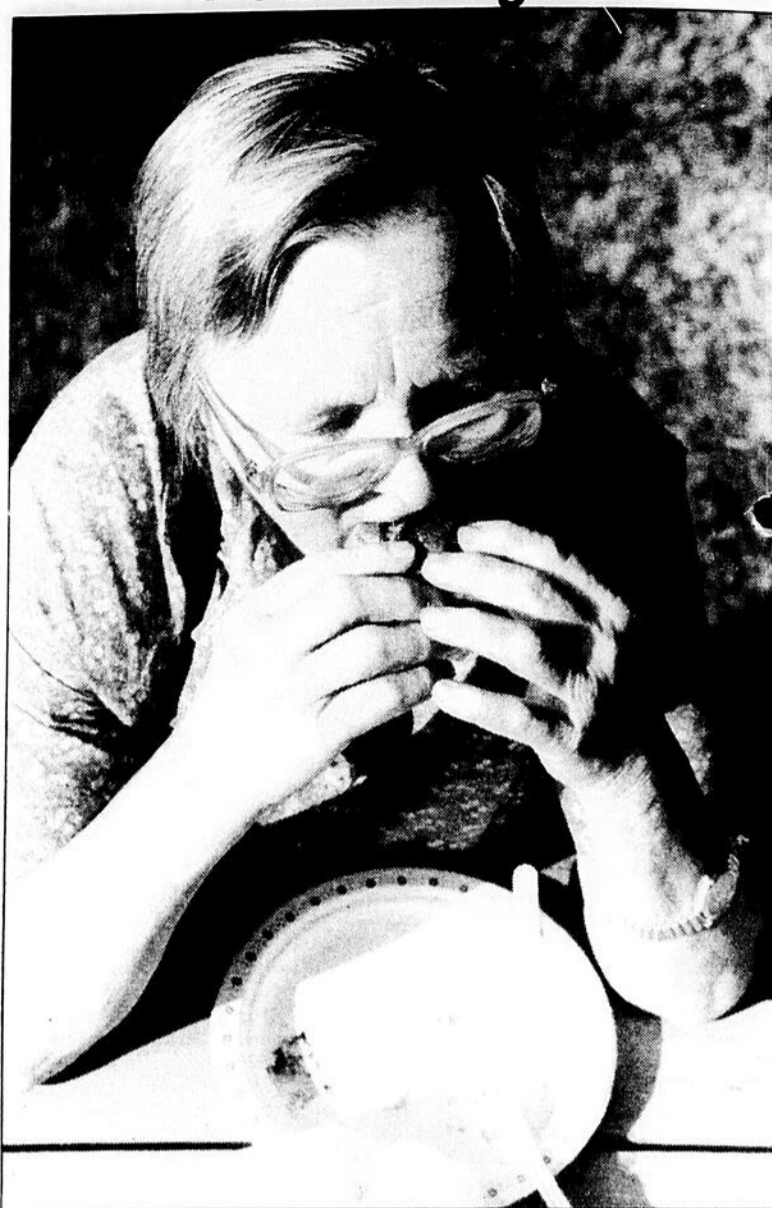
Quinto shoe store has opened at the corner of St. Catherine Street and Greene Avenue.

Quinto has had a varied existence during its 20 years in Montreal, starting on St. Catherine Street near Drummond, moving to Rockland shopping centre and, now, coming to rest in Westmount.

"The rent gets high, so we leave," said owner Quinto Rozzi.

The Westmount store has been open since early June, selling off its summer stock. It will have an official opening in August, when the fall shipments arrive.

Martha Vuolio takes a big bite of a hamburger fresh off the grill at Residence Belvedere on St. Catherine Street in Westmount. It was the first barbecue of the season, which took place last Thursday. Mrs. Vuolio just moved into the residence a week ago Monday. She has barely spent any time there, however, what with a trip of New York and another to Atlantic City, "where I hit the jackpot" on a one-armed bandit. The barbecue was the brainchild of new administrator Rusty Stewart.



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Visitors from the U.S. fail to take home city souvenirs

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A young Westmount man and three friends from New Jersey and New York face charges of theft and possession of city road signs, police said.

Four 21-year-old men were arrested Sunday about 3:25 a.m. after public safety officers spotted them walking along Sherbrooke Street with signs. As the security patrol approached, the four ran behind city hall where they reportedly dropped the road signs.

Signs for Sherbrooke Street, no parking and no left-turn at Kitchener Avenue were recovered in bushes near the bowling green.

The four suspects were turned over to Montreal Urban Community police.

A parking meter handle found on one was believed to have come from a meter at 4001 de Maisonneuve Blvd.

Police said each of the American visitors was released about 8 p.m. on

a \$200 bond. The local man was freed earlier at 10 a.m. on a promise to appear in court. All four were walking back to Westmount after attending a ball game and a party, police said.

In a separate incident Friday at 3 a.m., two Westmount youths were arrested at Mountain Avenue and Anwoth Road after they were seen carrying parking signs along the street by an MUC police patrol.

The signs had been ripped off poles on Rosemount, Mountain and Argyle avenues.

Police said it was decided not to press charges against the pair, aged 16 and 17, since the boys were "extremely co-operative" and "more than willing" to pay for damages. The father of one agreed to take responsibility for both in the absence of the other father who was out of town.

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Rotarians take them out to the ball game

Some Little Burgundy and St. Henri kids will be watching their first Expos game at the Olympic Stadium this weekend thanks to local Rotarians, according to Charles Pierce, who is organizing Rotary Baseball Day.

"We've already bought 200 tickets (for \$15.25 each) and we'll be busing the kids and chaperones to the game where they'll sit in box seats along the baseline," he said. "We're also throwing in vouchers for a hot dog, chips and a drink."

The Rotary Club of Westmount is challenging other Montreal-area Rotary clubs to see who can send the most children and teens to see the Expos play this Sunday.

"We're doing it for the kids who might not otherwise get a chance to go to the Big O," said Rotarian Christine Pickerell. "There will be several Rotarians going along with the kids. It's a great way to get them off the streets for a fun Sunday afternoon."

The tickets were purchased with funds raised from the club's garage sale, book fair and raffle. Many of

the children who will be stadium-bound are from Youth in Motion, a Little Burgundy drop-in centre for teens that Westmount Rotary has been helping out by furnishing them with office equipment, a computer and an alarm system. Rotary Baseball Day is part of the club's ongoing commitment to the community and to helping the less fortunate, according to Mr. Pierce.

"I think it's a great idea. It's the second year I've been involved and I know the children really enjoy it," said Faith Maxwell, vice-president of Youth in Motion. "It gives them a chance to see a game up close which some of them have never seen except on TV."

Three years ago, Rotary Baseball Day began as a fellowship event for Rotarians to enjoy an Expos game together. The next year, they decided to extend the generosity to handicapped and underprivileged kids. This year the focus is on youngsters coming from Youth in Motion as well as several church groups and the local CLSC day camp.

By J. MARION FEINBERG

The local Rotarians are aiming to send at least 150 kids and the challenge has gone out to the various clubs to send the most kids per capi-

ta. "The president of the club that sends the most kids will be on the field with the district governor to throw the first pitch of the game," said Mr. Pierce.

Rotary will accept any donations from those wishing to help send more kids to the game. Phone 935-3344 on weekday mornings to help buy more tickets or to contribute in other ways.

United States visa lottery recurring

Canadians born in Canada and natives of 35 other countries and areas adversely affected by the 1965 U.S. immigration legislation are eligible to join the 1992 visa lottery that would allow them to emigrate to the U.S.

Forty thousand visas will be issued during the fiscal year 1992, and similar lotteries will be held in 1993 and 1994.

The application period for registration for visas begins just after midnight on Wednesday morning and ends at midnight on Aug. 28. Applications received before or after these dates will not count.

Applications must be sent to AA-1

Program, P.O. Box 1993, Dulles, VA 21301-1993, U.S.A. by regular mail or air mail only, and may be mailed from any country, including the U.S. Only one application may be included in each envelope.

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Typed or clearly printed at the upper left corner of the front of the envelope must be the country or area of which the applicant is a native. Below the country must appear the name and mailing address of the applicant, which must also appear on the application.

The envelope in which each application is mailed must be of standard size (no smaller than 15cm x 9cm (6" x 3 1/2") and no larger than 24cm x 11cm (9 1/2" x 4 1/2").

Only one application per applicant may be submitted by or for each applicant during the registration period. There are controls placed to catch duplicates, and submission of more than one application means disqualification.

Each application must be typed or printed on a single sheet of paper.

List last name (which must be underlined), followed by first and middle names; day, month and year of birth; city, province and country of place of birth; the name, date and place of birth of applicant's spouse and children if any (these are automatically entitled to the status of the winner, and do not need to be born in the same country as the winner; children must be under 21 and unmarried. Parents are not entitled to derivative status); the applicant's mailing address (a telephone number is optional); and the United States consular office to which visa registration should be sent — normally the one nearest the applicant's place of residence. Persons who claim alternative foreign state chargeability should also include a statement to that effect on the application.

It is not necessary to include an offer of employment with the registration request. Applicants who are registered for AA-1 status will need to present an offer of employment in the U.S. at the time of formal visa interview.

There is no fee for submission.

Regardless of whether an application is submitted by an applicant directly, or by a relative, friend, attorney etc., only one application may be submitted in the name of each person. There is no requirement that an applicant sign the registration request.



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

July 13

4100 Sherbrooke: for Temple Emanu El-Beth Shalom by John Watson Que. Ltd., to install two plumbing fixtures, \$2,800;
73 Rosemount Cres.: for C. Cuello by contractor to be announced, repairs to garage wall, \$8,000;
45 Aberdeen: for Mr. Attia by contractor to be announced, extension, \$34,000;

July 14

36 Sydenham: for J.C. Levy by Broccolin Conci, repairs to roof and driveway, \$15,000;
53 Holton: for M. Adshead Hume by Sandor Renovation, windows, \$9,000;

July 15

No permits issued.

July 16

4515 St. Catherine: for Ville Marie Social Services by Arcon Canada, windows, \$89,400;
98 Columbia: for S. and R. Aitkins by Knitt Mills Plumbing and Heating, renovations to bathrooms, \$2,000;
519 Clarke: for Dr. Palayen by Levine Brothers Plumbing, water entrance, \$3,000;

July 17

6 Grove Park: for Mr. St. Germain by Leme Construction Inc., interior alterations, \$25,000;
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Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By JANET COUTTS

Highland games

Scots and their admirers will gather in St. Lambert's Seaway Park on Aug. 2 for the annual Montreal Highland Games. Hundreds of pipers, drummers, highland dancers and athletes will take part in various competitions. This is the 15th year the games have been held in St. Lambert, but the first games were thought to have been held in Montreal in 1856; at that time French Canadians and Indians from Khana-

wake also took part. Things start at 8:30 a.m., but the official opening is at 12:30 p.m. when a cannon is fired and massed pipes and drums sound. There will be Scottish boutiques and traditional Scottish food as well as a refreshment tent. Admission is \$6; \$4 for seniors and children 12 and under. Free parking. 474-3168.

Tour des arts

Until Sunday, visitors to the Eastern Townships can visit 30 artists'

studios in Knowlton, Mansonville and Sutton between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. The Tour des Arts provides a map indicating the 30 studios of painters, ceramists, engravers, sculptors, stained glass artisans, jewelers, clothing designers, weavers and needlecraft artists. You will see work in progress and learn techniques from demonstrations and, who knows?, you might decide to buy something (though that is not the primary purpose of the tour). Some artists will have work for sale as well. The pamphlets are available at the tourist bureaus in the townships, and they list other interesting cultural events in the region. Sounds like fun to me and organizer Maya Lightbody, a ceramist in Knowlton is enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the area. 1-243-6467.

House porcelain

The Canadian Guild of Crafts, 2025 Peel St., will exhibit 40 pieces of functional porcelain by Harlan House from July 31 to Sept. 19. House was the recipient of the 1989 Saidye Bronfman Award for Excellence in the Crafts and his works are included in the Bronfman Collection at the Museum of Civilization in Hull. 849-6091.

Canadian works on view

A lot of people who just didn't understand when the National Gallery of Canada purchased a half-price American work, who said the money should go to buy Canadian art, might want to see a couple of the current exhibitions at the gallery. (Not that ordinary art lovers won't enjoy them, too.) The special exhibitions galleries has a David Milne retrospective until Sept. 7, and 75 works from the permanent collection, *Made in Canada: Watercolours and Drawings, 1900-1950*, complements it. Milne's contemporaries range from the strictly academic to the Group of Seven to early abstrac-

tionists. While you're visiting, check out the new installations in the Canadian Galleries, which feature mostly art from before the First World War, including John Lyman's oil painting, "Westmount in Winter" (1912). There is also a large installation of Montrealers who explored abstract art in the '40s and '50s. (613) 990-7081.

The best films ever

The Conservatory of Cinematographic Art, currently in the midst of a festival called "Rediscovering French Film" is still a wonderful bargain at \$3 a showing. Part one of the festival runs to Aug. 12, and that's followed by a World Scottish Festival Aug. 13 to 23. In September the cinema will move to the theatre in the Library Building and plans to celebrate by showing the best films in the history of cinema. Visitors are asked to list their 10 favourite films — from any period, director or country. The results will be tallied, and the films most often mentioned on the ballots will be shown. There must be a film you think everyone in Montreal should see. Incidentally, you can pick up a program in the Hall Building, 1455 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W., or you can receive it by mail by sending a cheque for \$10 to Conservatoire d'Art Cinématographique, 1455 de Maisonneuve W., Montreal H3G 1M8.

Fools' Shakespeare

You loved Shakespeare in the Park and you've been dusting off those books of plays to check how much the productions deviated from the text you remember reading in university. Now that you're in that frame of mind, you might want to drive down to Huntingdon (Route 138 off Mercier Bridge) this weekend (performances at 8 p.m. tonight to Saturday, at 3 p.m. on Sunday) where Project Renaissance presents The Company of Fools from Ottawa. The company fields requests from the audience for any Shakespeare play, and say they have at least one scene from every play in their repertoire. These people performed at the 1991 Montreal Fringe Festival and had people falling off their seats with laughter without changing the script (much). Tickets are \$7, half price for children. 1-264-6668.

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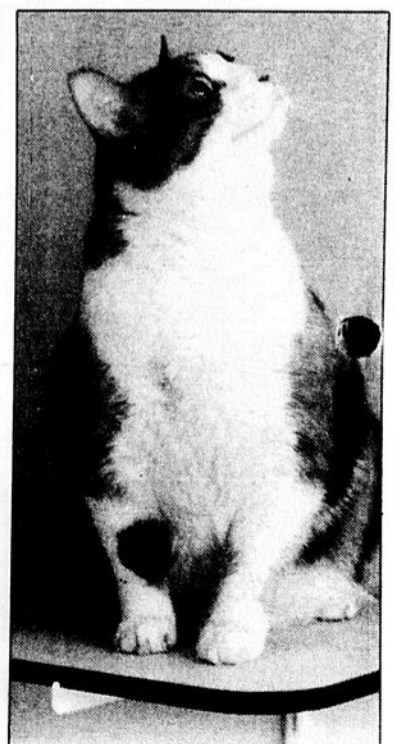
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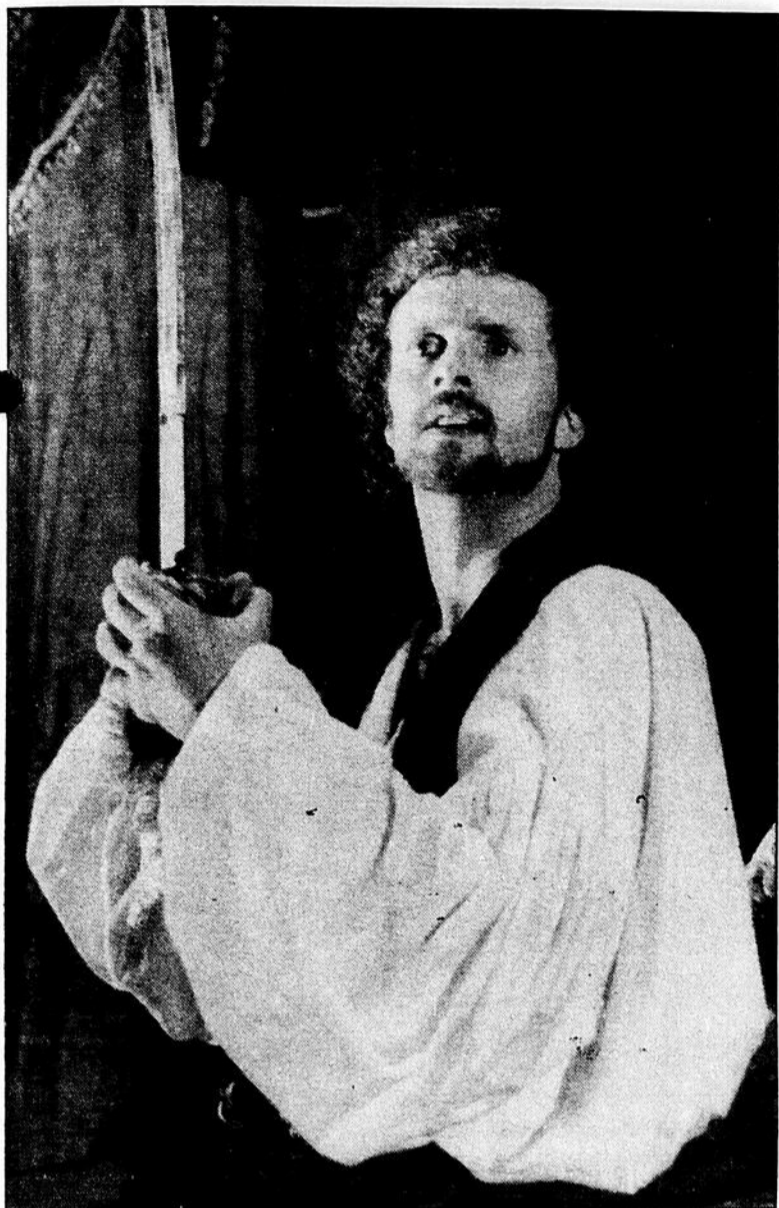
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Adele is an adorable four-year-old calico who was abandoned. She is cuddly and affectionate and has already been spayed. Her file number is 084618, and she can be adopted for \$50 from the SPCA, 5215 Jean Talon St. W.
Photo by BEVERLY COOK

Shakespeare in park getting better year by year



Des Gallant as Pericles in Shakespeare in the Park.

There are still chances to see the plays in nearby cities

At rehearsals for each year's Shakespeare in the Park festival, artistic director Cas Anvar admonishes his troupe, "Now, remember to have fun with it."

This year, he has hired four people to do jobs he was doing himself and concentrated on directing a single play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Pericles

He brought in an outside director, Jack Langedijk, to direct *Pericles*. He pared down the cast and crew and, wow!, does he have a winner in Repercussion Theatre this year. You thought they were great last year; so did I. This year they are at least twice as good.

Mr. Langedijk knows *Pericles* inside out, having directed his own company, APA, in a very successful production a number of years ago. This time he has completely redone the play, with amazing results.

Not by the Bard

Pericles is far from being my favourite Shakespearean play. In fact, the play, which dates back to about 1608, may only have been rewritten, not written, by the Bard. Mr. Langedijk, at least, believes the play was written by William Gower and rewritten by Shakespeare when he joined the Globe, which had the play in its repertoire.

It is full of unbelievable (even for Shakespeare) coincidences. But this production is so funny, so bawdy, so poignant, so moving that you overlook the flaws in the story line. The acting is wonderful and the music, directed and composed by Karen An-

gle, fits beautifully. Eo Sharp's gypsy camp set is perfect.

Midsummer's dream

A Midsummer Night's Dream is just that. Children (and adults) were amused by the animal antics of the cast before the play began in the park Thursday last and, at the end, when the travelling players present the play within the play, they were collapsed in laughter. Not everyone found this delightful — they drowned out much of the dialogue with their chortling.

I was far enough forward to hear everything and found their joy contagious.

The cast of eight performed with brio, passion and humour in both plays, and I am reluctant to single out some and ignore others. Eric Goulem (Puck, Cerimon and Thaliard) deserves praise for, if nothing else (and he did much else) making his broken hand and broken finger invisible. Kathryn Kirkpatrick (Titania, Bawd and Simonides) was cast with inspiration by both directors.

And I'm happy that Des Gallant (*Bottom, Pericles*) is back in town. The other actors are Paul Essiembre, Jessalyn Gilsig, Jennifer Heywood-Jackson, Tennyson Locherer, Jeff Clarke, Dean Marshall, Robert van der Linden, Ramona Katigbak and Lowell Gasoi. They are all terrific.

If you missed *Repercussion* in Westmount Park, you can still see these two extraordinary productions. They're in N.D.G.'s Benny Park tonight (*Midsummer*) and tomorrow (*Pericles*); in Centennial Park in Beaconsfield Monday (*Midsummer*) and Tuesday (*Pericles*). They go to Morin Heights with *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Aug. 2.

Aug. 5 (*Midsummer*) and 6 (*Pericles*) they are in the T.M.R. recreation ground, and Aug. 7 (*Midsummer*) and 8 (*Pericles*) they are at Beaver Lake. They mount *Pericles* at Beaconsfield's Centennial Park Aug. 9, and then move to N.D.G. Park at Sherbrooke and Girouard Aug. 11 and 13 (*Midsummer*) and 12 and 14 (*Pericles*).

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— Janet Coutts

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Pontiattack

Someone vandalized a car behind 250 Kensington Ave. recently splattering the roof, truck, hood and sides with black and orange paint, police said. The white Pontiac also was scratched on the door and mud flaps for a total of about \$800 damage.

Texas choir to sing at Westmount Baptist

The 34-voice Chapel Tour Choir from Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth is a group of high school students taken from the 51-voice Chapel Choir of the church, one of the church's 22 choirs and ensembles.

It will perform at Westmount Baptist Church, corner of Sherbrooke and Roslyn, on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Also performing is its sister organization, the Chapel Handbell Choir, a 14-member group that rings a five-octave set of English handbells.

In 1990 the twin choirs toured En-

gland and Scotland, where they performed at Westminster Abbey, the parish church of Parliament and on the BBC.

Last year they toured the western U.S. and sang at the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

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Interest in multi-ethnic wall hanging has stalled

Square Roots project seeks fresh blood

First things first: it's not a quilt. It's a point the organizers of the Square Roots project wish to make perfectly clear. What they hope to create is a wall hanging, each panel of which will represent a different Westmount resident's family background — and all of which, taken together, will illustrate the ethnic diversity of Westmount.

"We're trying to show the multi-cultural aspect of Westmount," says Sally Aitken, the project's founder. "We're saying, 'Look, we're one big family, let's get together and show this.'"

The road has been slow

Both she and fellow organizer Esther Williams admit the going to this point has been rather slow. Interest in the project, which began between 1989 and 1990, is always high when it's discussed, says Mrs. Williams, but transforming that interest into completed panels has proven difficult.

"We've had some misunderstanding — people who think it's an opportunity to learn to quilt, people who

By **MARY CAMPBELL**

say, 'Oh, I wasn't born here in Westmount so I can't be involved,' when that's just the point!" laughs Mrs. Williams.

Part of the problem, suggests Joanne Grosman, director of the seniors' organization Contactivity, is that the project is just too big.

"It's harder with the whole big city, when you're calling on everyone in Westmount to take part, it's a little too loose."

The Square Roots people might take a lesson from Contactivity's members, who created a wall hanging of their own to mark the group's 20th anniversary. The finished product, says Ms. Grosman, is the size of a quilt for a single bed and the secret of their success was "a solid committee," and one particular member who was "a real dynamo."

"I think when you're doing an actual physical project you have to have someone to take charge. We sort of assigned things — we let people come up with their own ideas for panels, but then had one woman

draw them all while others did the sewing."

Hoping for 60 panels

There is a link between Contactivity and Square Roots: the first panel the Square Roots project received was from Contactivity member Winnie Holden, who sent them a brightly coloured Union Jack illustrating her British background. It's one of the 10 panels the organizers have received so far — Mrs. Williams says they'd like to see 60 altogether.

The finished panels are impressive — and as varied as the histories they represent.

Evelyn Kelly, who came to Westmount from New Brunswick, used her panel (and ordinary felt-tip pens) to illustrate the farm she was raised on and to list the names of her father's and mother's families.

Aline Gubbay used photocopies of photographs to show her Westmount home and scenes from the countries in which she has lived — she also lists Georgia, Egypt, England, India.

Susan Bell illustrated the Bell family history with maps of the places in which they'd settled — the United Kingdom, North America and continental Europe and with — what else? — five bells to represent the family.

The panels already assembled make the point that really, with the Square Roots project, anything goes. Some participants drew directly on their fabric, some painted, some embroidered, some used photocopies — the last being surprisingly effective.

The only limit imposed is that of size: each participant works with a square of fabric the size of the average quilt panel. What they choose to illustrate — and how — is entirely up to them.

When Square Roots first began, says Mrs. Williams, they organized several workshops to show people what it was they wanted. These, she says, went well, attracted a lot of interest, but so far haven't produced a lot of results.

Not that she doesn't understand the gap that exists between coming up with an idea and actually seeing it through — her own panel, which



Esther Williams displays what she hopes will be one-sixth of a wall hanging, the Square Roots project. The first panel, a Union Jack, is noticeably and intentionally absent, because the hanging is to emphasize diverse origins.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

tells the story of her grandfather, a botanist who discovered a new fern on a marathon walk from Nova Scotia to Ontario — is in the final stages, but is not quite finished.

Mrs. Aitken also admits to having

procrastinated with hers. "I have a great idea, if I could just make myself sit down and get it done."

Once finished, the wall hanging will be presented to the city of Westmount to be used on appropriate civic occasions — like Family Day.

Later this month, the Square Roots organizers will take the completed panels to Centre d'accueil St. Margaret for senior citizens on Hillside Avenue, hoping to attract new interest in the project.

This doesn't let the general public off the hook, however. Anyone with any interest in the project — and especially anyone with any experience in crafts — is welcome to participate and can find out more by phoning Mrs. Williams, 932-1723; Mrs. Aitken, 932-6092; or Sylvia Wedge, 931-5754.

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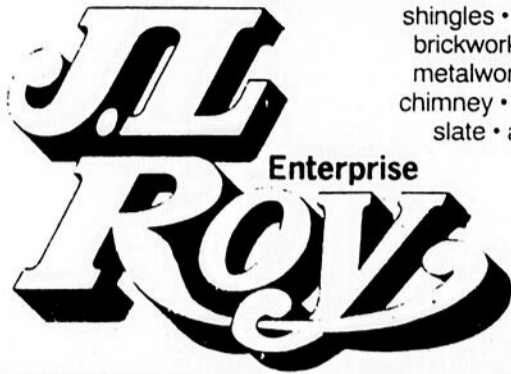
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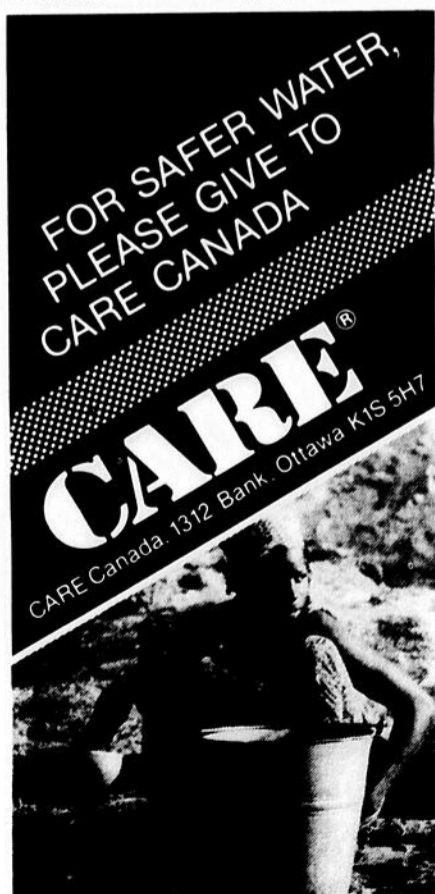
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Suzette Wilkinson

— ice cream server

Every time Suzette Wilkinson, 26, drives from her home in Châteauguay to her night job at Dairy Queen, she is another step closer to her dream.

She has been working full-time for Dairy Queen for six years, first in Châteauguay and now in Westmount. She finishes up her job in late October or early November, and doesn't start again until the warm weather comes back.

But that doesn't mean she does nothing in the interim.

The job at Dairy Queen is just part of her master plan that will lead to her becoming an independent and successful business woman who can provide everything she and her son want or need.

Summer off means one job, not two

This year she "took the summer off to watch my two-year-old son, Trevor Justin." That means that she is working only at her job of dishing out ice cream treats to up to 350 people a night, and doesn't have a day job as a secretary or receptionist.

But at the same time as she starts her last year of night classes, working toward a business degree at Concordia University, she will start a full-time day job as well. And, yes, she will continue working nights in ice cream.

But it's not just a matter of filling orders.

"We are happy to provide ice cream or water for dogs."

Her suggestion is that when you are buying ice cream for your pet, you order something not on the menu — a baby cone. That means the ice

cream is less artistically arranged, but it is placed deep into the cone so it is less likely to tumble off. (They fix cones that way automatically for your children.)

"When I work with Gerry Cloutier (another employee) we joke with the customers all night long. A lot of people don't know what they want, and he has a great way of making suggestions and making everyone laugh.

"Charlotte Bissonette, another employee, is like the Roadrunner when we have a lot of customers, zipping all over the place."

The biggest seller is the Blizzard. Order one, and Suzette and the other employees hand it to you upside down. "We have a slogan that they are 'upside-down right thick'," Ms. Wilkinson explains.

Her boss is Gerry McCormack. Ms. Wilkinson worked for his partner and brother-in-law in Châteauguay for five years before she moved to Westmount.

"We have a darn good staff. They are working out beautifully. Most of the employees are, surprisingly, university students, mostly from Westmount and N.D.G. It may look like just dishing up ice cream to you, but it is important each one represents Dairy Queen and maintains high standards," he says.

When asked what she does in her non-existent spare time, Ms. Wilkinson replies without missing a beat. "I go to sleep."

Skating career ended

She was a competitive figure skater for six years, but a skate blade in her knee 10 years ago ended that

career. But she does stay in shape by swimming.

At university, "I have completed one year already. I don't have time to communicate with anybody; I just go to class. I am just there to get my degree. I have a wonderful support system at home, my sister and everybody. My son would be part of the support system if he could talk.

"I don't own a computer, so I use the office computer on my day job to complete my class assignments.

"I don't apply for student loans. I am earning everything myself. When I am paying for the courses myself, I know I will pass, but if the government paid, it wouldn't matter."

With all she has on her plate, Ms. Wilkinson still manages to keep her marks in the 70s.

Plans to open her own firm

After she finishes her business degree, she plans to take a GCA (general certified accountant) course and open her own accounting firm.

"I'm trying to be able to do everything. Just because I am a divorced mother doesn't mean I can't provide for my son. Everything I had I want my son to have. I don't want to worry about scrounging for money."

In the meantime, she is clearly enjoying what must be an exhausting lifestyle. "I like serving people and making products," she stresses.

And whether you order a single small cone or a more elaborate product, Ms. Wilkinson will give it to you, whether right side up or upside down, with a genuine smile of pleasure.

In the neighborhood

by Janet Coutts



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Westmount firefighter Tom Hopkins hits a fly ball with bases loaded during a softball game Tuesday night last week between firefighters and local radio station Oldies 990. Photo by LAUREN SWEENEY

Benefit ball game a bust; rematch possible

IT was a softball rookie who turned out to be the star of a special softball game played Tuesday last week between Westmount firefighters and local radio station Oldies 990.

Alain Bergeron, a veteran firefighter who had never played softball before his team mates took him out practise the weekend before, ended up putting four men out in his position as rover.

"Alain caught all the balls," said firefighter Glenn Kipps. "He was our most valuable player."

The game, a fire brigade centennial event, was held at the Westmount Athletic Grounds to benefit the

World of Dreams Foundation, but rainy weather kept the audience low and little, if any, money was raised. The game was won 7-6 by the firefighters. A rematch is being considered.

Fire department players also included Mike Boychuck, Pat (Tex) McLaughlin, Peter Stuckey, Leslie Smith, Allan Cameron, Chris Cunningham, Tom Hopkins, Claude Gagnon, Steve Manktelow, Michel Godin, Jamie McAllister and Hugh Clarke.

Among those playing for the radio station were: Gary James, Ermelinda, Rita De Michelle, Thomas Kelly and Mark Hollywood.

Green Sox take pennant

In Westmount Senior B softball, the Green Sox captured regular season honours and the pennant for the second consecutive year with a 6-5 victory over the Bears on July 16.

Paced by the hitting and fielding of rookie Toby Richardson, the Sox led the league from opening day. Team manager Sheldon Morgan had nothing but praise for his team, "a ball club with the perfect blend of experience and youth, speed, power and pitching."

Veterans Jim "Doc" Snodgrass, Chris "Cool Papa" Walsh, Mike "Razzman" Laframboise, Steve "Fenway" Harms and Stefan "Kid" Moscovic have all made major offensive and defensive contributions en route to the squad's 14 victories. Outscoring the opposition by a wide margin in the early part of their summer campaign, the Green Sox have witnessed a marked improve-

ment in the competition as playoff time approaches.

The only formation to hand the Sox a defeat was the Bears, who were last season's champions.

"Tasting defeat in both 1990 and 1991 championship games has given the boys all the inspiration they need," said Coach Morgan. "In this league, upsets are the norm in the playoffs and, with all six teams participating, whoever stays healthy and hot can win."

Playoff games start the week of Aug. 3, Monday and Thursday evening, then continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays until the winners are chosen. The games are in King George (Murray) Park and the Westmount Athletic Grounds starting at 6:15 p.m.

The Senior B softball league invites the community to take in all the action.

Weredale Old Boys plan camp day

The Weredale Old Boys Association invites all past residents and employees of Weredale House to a camp day on Saturday, Aug. 1, at 9 a.m. at Camp Weredale on Lac L'Achigan.

Twenty-seven Westmounters attended last year's camp day. Tickets are \$10 for members, \$15 for others. To reserve or for information call 761-3278 or 274-7865.

Reserve for for Scottish variety show

The World Scottish Festival is holding a variety show on Wednesday, Aug. 19, and Aug. 20 at Pollock Hall, 555 Sherbrooke St. W. at Union, starting at 8 p.m.

The show stars the Alexander Brothers and features Scottish country dancers, highland dancers and other Scottish entertainment.

Tickets are \$15.50, including taxes. To reserve, call 484-9599.

Blood low during summer, Red Cross visits holiday sites

The Canadian Red Cross reminds readers that blood reserves run low during the summer, and they are running a campaign based on the theme, "I made up my mind: I'm giving blood this summer."

The Red Cross staff is moving into the countryside, to the vacation areas where potential donors can be found, such as campgrounds, beaches and shopping centres.

The responsibility for giving blood has been assumed by 5.7 per cent of Quebecers, who donate regularly between two and five times a

year. But polls show that 27.3 percent would give blood if the clinic sites and urgent need for blood were brought to their attention more often.

In Quebec, someone needs blood or blood products every 20 seconds. They are undergoing operations, were in car accidents, have blood diseases, are burn victims. They have cancer or are undergoing organ transplants. Therefore, daily donations by 1,450 volunteers in good health is literally a matter of life or death.

Anyone in good health between 17 and 60, weighing more than 45.5 kilos (100 lbs.) can become a blood donor.

Readers are asked to make a special effort to give blood before Sept. 15; you can make a donation every 70 days.

To find out where vacation clinics are being held, call 937-1941. The regular clinic is located at 2991 Sherbrooke St. East, and is open daily Monday to Friday.

SPORTS STANDINGS

SENIOR SOFTBALL

Following are the standings in the Westmount fastball league as of Saturday, July 17:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	RF	RA	Pts.
SENIOR 'A' SOFTBALL							
Angels	21	12	9	0			24
St-Ambroise	22	12	10	0			24
Magnum	22	10	12	0			20
Zazou Vidéo	21	9	12	0			18

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	RF	RA	Pts.
SENIOR 'B' SOFTBALL							
Greensox	17	14	1	2	307	163	30
Murray Hill	16	9	6	1	212	158	19
Bears	17	9	7	1	236	180	19
Wanderers	17	8	9	0	149	164	16
Reds	18	6	10	2	216	300	14
Untouchables	17	2	15	0	158	316	4

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