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New party will remove Equality's 'fringe': candidate

EP's Tyler wants moderate approach

By BERNIE O'NEILL
The Examiner

The new CANADA! party may be just the thing the rival Equality Party needs to strip away the EP's less savoury components, says Equality's candidate in Westmount-St. Louis.

"It takes away a certain fringe element," said lawyer Brent Tyler, 38.

"I'm looking for a mainstream, more moderate approach," the Grosvenor Ave. resident added, in reference to some very hard-line members some accuse of leading the party to the brink of extinction in recent years.

Tyler adds that he believes he's the only candidate who has a chance of beating Liberal incumbent Jacques Chagnon.

Tyler said he is friends with Tony Kondaks, the former Robert Libman aide who quit over Libman's support for the Charlottetown Accord and formed CANADA! earlier this year.

Any riding that votes for CANADA! will remain part of Canada, even if Quebec separates, Kondaks promises.



BRENT TYLER
'Less savoury components'

It's one of various scenarios of the "partition" theory — separating from Quebec should Quebec separate from Canada.

"I consider any question of partition to be hypothetical and really unworthy of discussion in this

(See, TYLER, page 2. Also see "Tyler loses sign case," page 2)

New restaurant rules on the menu at Monday meet

Zoning bylaw amendments that will put a stop to new terraces, restaurants and bar-restaurants — and limit the hours of outdoor terraces — will be the subject of a public consultation meeting Monday at 7 p.m. at Westmount city hall, 4333 Sherbrooke St. W.

Under the proposed bylaw, terraces would have to close by 10 p.m. Also, a terrace close to a sidewalk would have to be enclosed by a railing. Terraces could not be adjacent to residential streets and permits for terraces would be good for one summer only.

The city council is expected to hear from a number of restaurant and property owners in the city on the terrace restrictions and the ban on new establishments, which the city says is necessary while a study is undertaken.

On June 6, Westmount put a freeze on the opening of all new

restaurants, bar-restaurants and terraces after complaints by residents of Prince Albert Avenue about noise from Marcos and Pepe's, a nearby bar-restaurant on Sherbrooke.

Their concerns were prompted by word of another establishment, to be called The Mess Hall, set to open in another locale on Sherbrooke.

— Bernie O'Neill

Man attacks woman under Glen bridge

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

A man attacked and threatened a 23-year-old woman as she was walking under the Glen bridge between St. Catherine and St. Antoine streets in Montreal last Saturday.

The attack occurred between 5 and 5:06 a.m.

According to police, the man

followed the woman as she was walking along St. Antoine Street. He grabbed the woman's buttocks from behind as she walked under the bridge and he told her, "I have a gun. I'll hurt you if you resist."

The woman managed to get away from the man when a car passed by and she ran to the MUCTC bus garage nearby.

A driver there tried but failed to

catch the suspect.

The suspect is described as being white, about 25 years old, French-speaking, brown-haired. He is about 5 foot six and weighs about 155 pounds.

He wore a white T-shirt and blue shorts.

Police say no gun was seen in the attack.



Going for a spin

Westmouter Lyne Saylor gives young Erica Deuschman a spin around the wading pool in Westmount Park on Sunday afternoon. The pool has a lifeguard, supplied by the city during daytime hours.

Photo by PETER McCABE

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Community Calendar is a listing of happenings in Westmount. Please mail announcements to THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER, 210 Victoria Ave., Westmount, Que., H3Z 2M4 or fax: 484-6028.

Compiled by Yvonne LeBlanc
Thursday, July 26

Visual Arts Centre; Registration now on for Summer Camp, Art and Drama (ages 6 to 12) until Aug. 19, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday to Friday. Price: \$140 per week. Early drop-off from 8:30 a.m. and late pick-up until 5:30 p.m. The centre is located at 350 Victoria. Info: 488-9558.

Visual Arts Centre; Registration on now for summer courses. Youth Program (4 to 17 years). Two-week courses given three times a week starting July 26, Aug. 9. Choose from the following courses: Explorations (4-5 years), Look & Learn (6 to 7 years), Painting & Drawing (9 to 12 years), Glorious Mud (12 to 17 years). The Centre is located at 350 Victoria. Info: 488-9558.

Saturday, July 30

Repercussion Theatre; Shakespeare-In-The-Park Festival presents *Twelfth Night*, 8:30 p.m. Westmount Park. Pay what you can donation, bring your own lawn chair. Info: 485-6000.

Sunday, July 31

Summer Concerts in Westmount Park presents Uni-Civres. Two trumpets, French Horn, Trombone and Tuba. Latin, Popular and Jazz Music. Info: 931-8046.

Monday, Aug. 1

Westmount Recreation Dept.: Walking Club, Strollers,

6:30 p.m. Meet in the arena. Every Monday. Info: 989-5212.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

Chess Club in the library at Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave. 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Special section for children 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Info: 931-6202.

Westmount Recreation Dept. Walking Club, fitness walkers, 6:30 p.m. Meet in the arena. Intermediate Ballet Classes, Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Info: 989-5212.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

The Film Society presents Guest Pianist: Lenore Alford. Topic: David Wark Griffith, a pioneer. Screening: *Intolerance*, D.W. Griffith - 1916 (185 min.) at 7 p.m. 4450 Sherbrooke St. West. 2nd Floor. Info: 938-5252.

Westmount Swim Team; Hudson at Westmount. Warmup starts at 6:30 p.m. Meet begins at 7 p.m. Swimmers not present by 6:30 p.m. are disqualified.

Tyler loses in sign-law case

By BERNIE O'NEILL
The Examiner

An Eastern Townships realtor who was being represented free of charge by Westmount lawyer Brent Tyler, the Equality Party's candidate in Westmount-St. Louis, has lost in his bid to challenge the province's notwithstanding clause.

Jacques Dupont had been charged under Bill 178, Quebec's sign law, for having the words "real-estate broker" on his signs in the towns of Stanstead and Rock Island. However, the charges were dropped after the Liberal government adopted Bill 86, which made English on signs legal.

Dupont pursued the case, hoping to prevent the

notwithstanding clause from being invoked in future.

In court, Tyler cited a 1993 decision by the UN Committee on Human Rights declaring the notwithstanding clause to be in violation of human rights under the international covenant on civil and political rights.

But this month, Superior Court Justice Paul-Marcel Bellavance ruled against Dupont and Tyler, saying he could not apply the international covenant as a domestic court judge.

"Judge Bellavance is a judge of highest calibre," Tyler said. "He gave us a fair hearing. Unfortunately, I think he's wrong."

Tyler said he and Dupont have no plans to appeal.

Tyler says he wants to go mainstream . . .

(Continued from page 1)
election," Tyler said, noting that this is a break from the party line.

"I think, from my own viewpoint, there are many more important issues people in Westmount-St. Louis want to hear about.

"But talking about partition gives the whole separation issue more credibility than it deserves.

"In Westmount-St. Louis they don't want to hear an Equality candidate talk about partition."

Said Tyler: "I like Jean Chrétien's attitude," referring to the prime minister's reaction to a vote by the Liberals and the PQ stating that Quebec's borders are inviolable. If you want your borders to remain as they are, then stay in Canada, Tyler says.

While Tyler said the polls may show that Quebecers want to "throw the Liberals out," the polls also show that a majority are not in favour of separation.

"Quebec voters regularly throw out governments after two terms," Tyler said. "It keeps them honest."

Tyler said he will campaign on a platform of better funding for En-

glish universities in Quebec, English-language services, and greater access to education in English.

"These are issues that have a present, immediate effect," Tyler said.

Tyler is one of the founders of the Parents Support Group, which appealed to United Nations to pressure the Quebec government to open access to English education.

He has also done *pro bono* work in a number of language rights cases. He argued the case of Jacques Dupont, an Eastern Townships real estate broker who was charged under Quebec's sign laws for having the words "real estate broker" on his signs in Stanstead.

According to a Parti Québécois spokesman, the PQ will nominate Francois Dagenais at a meeting Aug. 3, and open an office on Prince Arthur Street downtown.

"I don't care who the PQ candidate is," Tyler responded. "He's not going to win. If anything it will help me. Chagnon is going to have to pretend to be a federalist."

When contacted for a response, Chagnon aide Sophie Gagnon quoted the minister as saying Tyler "must be sick in the head" to imply he is not a federalist.

"He was very surprised by Mr. Tyler's declaration," Gagnon said from Quebec City.

Gagnon was non-committal when asked about Tyler's challenge to debate the education minister one-on-one. She said Chagnon has made his position clear on various educational issues to date.

When opening his committee room last week, Chagnon noted that he will be spending a lot of time travelling through the province in his role as a cabinet minister.

He also suggested Westmount volunteers will be asked to help out in other ridings, seeing as Westmount-St. Louis is considered "safe" by the Liberal party.

Chagnon represented the downtown St. Louis riding for two terms, and is effectively the incumbent MNA now that St. Louis and Westmount have been merged.

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Summer storm wreaks havoc with trees, property

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE
The Examiner

City workers and residents are still picking up this week after last Thursday's storm slammed with tropical fury through Westmount and neighbouring municipalities, toppling trees, power lines and traffic lights.

Some city estimates put the cost of the cleanup on public property at more than \$50,000, although city officials say it's still too early for a final tally.

Clean-up and repair at about 45 sites throughout the city is expected to take a few more weeks, city officials.

Meanwhile, private property owners are still assessing damage to their homes, cars and driveways from fallen trees and ripped electrical conduits from their homes.

Power lines went down in about 12 locations with sporadic power outages occurring in mostly central and lower Westmount. These included the Montrose and Côte St. Antoine area, down to St. Catherine and Dorchester vicinity

as well as in the area around Victoria and Clark.

Homes on Springfield Avenue, Sherbrooke West, Metcalfe Avenue and Mount Stephen Avenue on Church, Grosvenor, Aberdeen and Anwoth avenues were also affected.

Light and power crews worked "non-stop from 4 to 10 p.m.," said director Danny Ponzio Monday, adding that the department had received more than 200 calls.

Everyone got their power back by 10 p.m., he added, except for one home where the electrical conduits had been torn off by fallen trees on the lines.

City horticulturist Claudette Savaria was also out Monday assessing the wreckage, determining whether damaged and fallen trees — some rotten, other healthy — needed to be cut down or simply pruned.

Contractors hired by the city to remove trees and branches disposed of them in the Miron dump.

The storm also wreaked havoc with fire alarms, set off by lightning striking close by.



The wind was enough to knock over even this traffic light at Claremont Avenue and St. Catherine Street in last Thursday's storm, but the lights continued to flash anyway.

Photo by CLIFF SKARSTEDT

Bylaw to control tree-cutting may be revived

Got a tree on your property that bothers you? You may be able to cut it down now, but you may not in the future.

A city committee is looking at reviving a draft bylaw that would restrict private and public property owners who may want to cut down trees on their property. The draft died on the table about a year ago.

The idea surfaced again at a recent Healthy City project meeting after a member noticed that one of her neighbours had cut down a mature tree that had shaded her own property. She felt there should be a law against the cutting of some mature trees.

Councillor Herbert Bercovitz will be bringing the idea to the planning and services committee, one of many committees that draws up bylaws. He admits he has some reservations, however,

including how to enforce such a bylaw.

"That's a problem I have," Bercovitz said, adding that the idea nonetheless still has a lot of support.

The city can regulate what private property owners do in the same way an owner would need a permit to build a garage, he said.

The law could stipulate that a permit would be needed before cutting a tree.

Bercovitz added that there will likely be changes to the draft bylaw, including a clearer definition of "mature" tree.

Such a bylaw isn't so unusual, according to Bercovitz.

"I think we want more green space," he said, adding that he has also promoted the idea of selling saplings to residents at a subsidized price.

Helmets for skaters heads council meeting agenda

In-line skaters and cyclists may be forced to wear helmets at all times soon in Westmount if city council passes a bylaw making the gear mandatory at the Monday night council meeting.

If an amendment to the city's parks bylaw goes through, in-line skaters will also be prohibited from skating on all paths in all parks. An amendment to the traffic bylaw, however, will allow in-line skaters on the bicycle path. The amended bylaw, if passed, will also prohibit skaters from in-line skating on city sidewalks.

• City council is also expected to

adopt an amendment to its zoning bylaw to allow renovations at Dawson College to go ahead.

An amendment to the zoning bylaw in district C5 for regulating restaurants is also on the agenda.

• The public may soon be able to use the taxis at the Victoria Hall stand, according to a resolution up for adoption at the meeting.

• Other items include the list of accounts, approval of purchases and the list of tenders.

The Westmount city council meeting starts at 8 p.m. Monday.

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STATION 23 LOG

By CAROLINE KUTSCHKE

Thieves hold up store and bank

Police made one arrest following two hold ups in Westmount last week.

The first hold-up occurred at a store on Victoria Avenue at 2:22 p.m., when a man walked in and pointed a gun at an employee,

telling her: "This is a stick-up, I want all your cash."

The employee, who was alone at the time, gave him the money. The man then told her to lie on the floor while he left. The suspect fled north on Victoria.

The suspect, who had entered the store earlier, but left when deliverymen arrived, was described as being about 30 years old, white

and English-speaking.

He weighed about 150 pounds and was about five foot seven. He wore blue jeans, a beige shirt and a blue baseball cap. He had black hair, a beard and moustache.

Police later arrested a man in connection with the hold-up. The man appeared in court this week.

A hold-up also occurred later that day at the Toronto Dominion

Bank on Sherbrooke Street. At 5:24 p.m., a man approached a teller at the bank and told her several times that this was a hold up and to open the money drawer. After she handed over the cash, the man demanded that she open a second money drawer. The teller refused, saying she didn't have the key.

The man then fled west on foot along Sherbrooke West.

The suspect is described as being white, English-speaking, about five foot five and weighed about 145 pounds. He had brown hair, brown eyes and wore a dark blue T-shirt with HOYAS written in yellow. He carried a black nylon bag.

The suspects are in their late twenties or thirties, English-speaking and black. They are both about six feet tall. One weighs about 150 pounds while the other weighs about 170.

Break-in at Roslyn Ave. home

A resident returned home to her house on Roslyn Avenue last Saturday evening to find that someone had broken in through a screen door and window at the back. The thief stole money and a bellboy.

• A solidly locked inner front door at a home on Prince Albert Avenue averted a break-in attempt sometime between midnight July 18 and midnight July 22. The resident had been absent during that time.

• On Monday, thieves also broke into homes through back doors at a home on Willow Avenue between 2:45 and 3:45 p.m. and at two homes on Lansdowne Avenue between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and 1:30 and 9:35 p.m.

• An door left ajar and three missing ceiling tiles in the Bell Canada offices in the Alexis Nihon office towers alerted a security guard on night patrol to a break-in that occurred sometime between 10:15 p.m. July 22 and 8:10 a.m. July 23. Police are investigating fingerprints that were left behind. Nothing was reported stolen at the time.

I still believe in the kids, Met director says following robbery

The director of The Met youth centre says he is standing behind the kids who use the centre despite a suggestion from police that a robbery last week was an "inside job."

Bruce Cameron said the break-in and police suspicion "doesn't enhance" what some see as a poor image for the centre, but added that no other incident has been reported since The Met opened.

"It's unfortunate if it was an inside job, but I still believe in the kids," Cameron said.

Cameron said that teenagers and staff at The Met, located on Sherbrooke Street at Metcalfe Avenue were disappointed to find out about the break-in and theft.

The thief or thieves stole Nintendo video games, not computers, as was incorrectly reported last week.

"I talked to almost all the kids and people are upset about it," Cameron said. "The staff and kids are disappointed and they're asking why would anyone want to do this, because it's an important place, it's our place."

Cameron said a sign was posted asking that if anyone knew about the theft or whereabouts of the stolen objects to say so or return them.

The most important thing is to get the items back, he said.

The director added that during the heat wave, part of window at the

rear of the building had been left open, but "we're rebarring the window for sure."

The petty cash will also no longer be left in the centre overnight and a filing cabinet will be bought to secure belongings, he said.

Cameron added that while the goal is to try and prevent another break-in, he doesn't want to go overboard on security and cautioned that no matter what, "if someone wants to break in, they can break in."

Police suspected an inside job because there was no sign of a break-in.

—Caroline Kutschke

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Thursday, July 21

2:25 a.m. 21 Stanton: first responder for medical assistance for officer who strained lower back while lifting typewriter.

7:50 a.m. 4300 de Maisonneuve: first responder for medical assistance.

10:37 a.m. 342 Elm: first responder for medical assistance.

4:21 p.m. 4435 Sherbrooke: fire alarm activated, suspected caused: power outage.

4:25 p.m. 4932 Sherbrooke: flood at outside foyer, caused by heavy rain and blocked drain, blockage removed, water drained.

5:09 p.m. 538 Argyle: smell of smoke caused by defective exhaust in hot water tank.

5:31 p.m. 90 Hillside, rear: sparking wires due to storm: city light and power department attended.

5:34 p.m. 520 Argyle: wires down, light and power department to attend.

5:34 p.m. 528 Argyle: tree on entrance of electrical panel, wires ripped off from house entrance. Light and power department to attend.

6 p.m. 4891 Sherbrooke: basement flood, caused by heavy rain and backed up drain.

6:02 p.m. 596 Grosvenor: unnecessary call.

6:02 p.m. 1040 Atwater: fire

alarm accidentally activated by building manager.

6:06 p.m. 4932 Sherbrooke: unnecessary call.

6:09 p.m. 83 Hallowell: flood through ceiling caused by blocked drain on roof.

6:16 p.m. 215 Redfern: fire alarm activated by blocked water drain on roof.

6:24 p.m. 1394 Greene: basement flood caused by backed up drain.

6:25 p.m. 4000 St. Catherine: basement flood (about 3 inches) caused by backed up drain.

6:31 p.m. 534 Mount Pleasant: basement flood (about 8 inches) outside garage.

6:45 p.m. 4875 de Maisonneuve: leaking roof through wall down to basement due to heavy rain.

7:04 p.m. 4898 de Maisonneuve: fire alarm activated by leaking roof.

7:46 p.m. 531 Grosvenor: leaking skylight due to 12 inches of water on roof and blocked drain.

8:05 p.m. 25 Aberdeen: service call caused by complaint of noisy exhaust fan powered by diesel generator on power outage.

8:16 p.m. 4466 St. Catherine: smoking air conditioner found defective.

8:36 p.m. 418 Metcalfe: tree on wire, police and light and power department on scene.

9:14 p.m. 4338 Montrose: wire on fire on top of electrical pole; extinguished while waiting for light and power department to attend.

9:19 p.m. 503 Argyle: wire sparking; light and power department to attend.

9:25 p.m. 215 Redfern: false alarm.

9:30 p.m. 528 Argyle: wires down, light and power department on the scene.

(See FIRE LOG, page 5)

Six of the 'best doctors in America' live in Westmount

Sounding of physicians says 32 Quebec specialists are tops

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

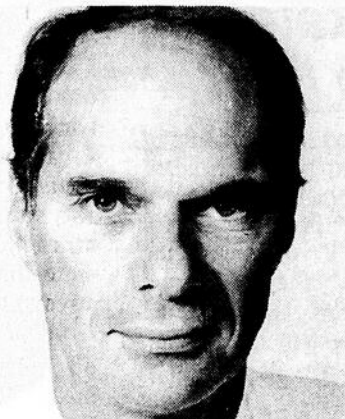
If you're going to get sick, a good place to do it might be right here in Westmount.

Of the 32 Quebec doctors listed in the 1994-95 edition of "The Best Doctors in America," six of them live in the city, or an even 20 per cent.

To compile the directory, physicians in the United States were asked this question: "If one of your loved ones needed a specialist, and you could not treat them yourself, who would you send them to?"

Authors Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith contacted 3,850 U.S. doctors and asked them to name the best in their specialty based on that question alone.

The Westmounters the doctors named were Dr. Richard G. Margolese, chief of the department of oncology at the Jewish General Hospital; Dr. H. Bruce Williams, a micro surgeon at the Montreal General Hospital; Dr. Ronald Guttman, a kidney specialist at the Royal Victoria Hospital; Dr.



DR. RICHARD MARGOLESE



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Jack P. Antel, a specialist in infectious diseases at the Montreal Neurological Institute; Dr. Harry Bard, a neonatologist at St. Justine's Hospital; and Dr. Apostolos Papageorgiou, chief of the department of neonatology at the Jewish General.

In fact, two of the doctors are named the best in two of the 34 specialties listed for Quebec. One is Westmounter Dr. H. Bruce Williams for microsurgery of the hand and peripheral nerve surgery.

Drs. Margolese and Papageorgiou's high-calibre work was noted in the most recent issue of the *JGH News*.

The "Best" directory is 1,100 pages, with reports listing doctors by specialty and by state - or by province in the case of Canada.

The authors, who won a Pulitzer prize for a biography of Jack Pollack in 1990, list more than 7,300 names in their directory in all.



Moving next door

The sign for the Westmount Public Library gets dug out by its foundations on Monday by public works employee Richard Bessette. The sign was replanted about 100 feet away in front of Victoria Hall, temporary home of the children's and AV departments. The adult and reference sections have been moved to the old post office building at Olivier and St. Catherine to make way for a \$7.5 million renovation and expansion.

Photo by BERNIE O'NEILL

Fire log . . .

(Continued from page 4)

9:38 p.m. 4351 Montrose: smell of gas; origin: extinguished candles.

10:55 p.m. 4951 de Maisonneuve: tree on house, window broken, skylight leaking, civil protection unit on the scene; plastic temporarily put over window, skylight.

11:37 p.m. 11 Edgehill: fire alarm activated, no cause found.

Friday, July 22

12:15 a.m. 4924 Sherbrooke: fire alarm, no cause found.

10:56 a.m. 1355 Greene: water leak caused by flood on roof due to heavy rain and blocked drain. Water drained, electrician to attend.

1:13 p.m. 1 Wood: smoke detector accidentally activated by technician.

5:08 p.m. 5 Burton: water leak caused by blocked drain.

5:34 p.m. 236 Redfern, outside: water leak caused by broken water main, Montreal Waterworks to attend.

6:20 p.m. 4458 de Maisonneuve: smoking electrical fixture, electrician to check wiring.

10:15 p.m. 1 Rosemount: first responder for medical assistance.

Saturday, July 23

6:24 a.m. 2 Surrey Gardens: branch on wire, city tree department to attend.

9:20 a.m. 1 Wood: defective alarm.

3:51 p.m. 5150 MacDonald, CSL: Automatic mutual assistance code 3.

4:03 p.m. 4000 de Maisonneuve/outside: first responder for medical assistance for

three-year-old child locked alone in car found by Public Security and apparently unconscious. Father arrived soon after saying he had been gone for only five minutes and

that the girl had been asleep. Child checked and all in order.

5 p.m. 4626 Sherbrooke/Victoria Hall: service call to check sprinkler system, alarm company to repair problem found in the ground fault.

5:54 p.m. 1100 Atwater: first responder for medical assistance.

9:02 p.m. 110 Sunnyside: call for child locked in bedroom.

9:25 p.m. 112 Sunnyside: smoke scare caused by exhaust from fire trucks nearby.

Sunday, July 24

9:32 a.m. 4695 Sherbrooke: service call for flood caused by broken pipe on basement pump.

6:04 p.m. 4675 St. Catherine: first responder for medical assistance for boy, 17, who injured right ankle while playing basketball.

8:19 p.m. 21 Stanton: first responder for medical and police

assistance for aggressive male prisoner, 37, injured in cell. Blood found on prisoner's hands, knees and nose.

9:20 p.m. 873 Outremont, Out: assistance rendered to cover station.

Monday, July 25

6:31 a.m. 336 Metcalfe: smoke detector activated, no cause found, possibly caused by humidity.

7:44 a.m. Westmount Park: first responder for medical assistance for woman found in washroom dazed and confused. Woman refused treatment, call cancelled.

8:42 a.m. 4695 Sherbrooke: flood caused by broken exterior water pipe, Montreal Waterworks to attend.

10:58 a.m. 4141 Sherbrooke: first responder for medical assistance for driver slightly injured in minor car accident. Elderly patient transported to Jewish General.

10:58 a.m. 4141 Sherbrooke: to remove car off stairs, stabilize car, disconnect battery, assist Urgences Santé.

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Emphasis on sovereignty not enough to pull it out for Johnson this time

They're finally off and running. The provincial election has been called and the worst-kept secret in Quebec is finally out.

Liberal Premier Daniel Johnson, the uninspiring "leader" of the province, is banking his hopes of pulling out a victory Sept. 12 on one word: sovereignty.

He's going to use that word often in an attempt to convince Quebecers that a vote for the PQ is a vote to leave Canada.

Unfortunately for him, the population seems to be unimpressed by the governing skills of the incumbent Liberals and they are ready for a change.

Scaring the voters into re-electing the same bunch won't work this time. Johnson needs more.

He will also have to convince people that the party's record is defensible - even worthy of praise.

To do this, Johnson will have to campaign on his record. If he can do this successfully he might have a chance.

One thing we can say about PQ leader Jacques Parizeau is that he is even more unpopular than Johnson. But people seem ready to elect him and his party anyway.

They are willing to put up with an unappealing leader in order to get a change from the Liberals.

Public opinion polls have shown repeatedly that a substantial number of those who have said they will vote PQ are not necessarily in favour of Quebec separating from Canada. We've also seen that many believe sovereignty could be achieved while maintaining a common dollar, military and even continuing to send federal MPs to Ottawa. These are myths that Johnson will certainly try to debunk.

If there is one thing federalists can take some solace in - that majority support for the PQ doesn't necessarily mean support for separation. A future PQ government may just find itself doing what the last PQ government did: administering the province within Canada and becoming just as unpopular as the Liberals had been previously.

But one thing is clear: that Daniel Johnson would rather be an unpopular premier than an unpopular opposition leader. And most federalist Quebecers would like to see the same thing.

— Craig McKee

Tyler makes more sense than his party

Westmount lawyer Brent Tyler, the Equality Party's candidate for the Westmount-St. Louis riding in the Sept. 12 provincial election, seems to make a certain amount of sense when he talks about language issues.

One then has to ask the obvious question: what is he doing in that party?

What seems clear from what he has said, including statements made in THE EXAMINER this week, is that he may not be entirely comfortable with his own party - or at least with what the party has become.

Tyler said very candidly this week that he sees some benefit coming from the creation of the CANADA! party because this new group will syphon off some of the more, shall we say, reactionary elements of the Equality Party.

This, presumably, will make the EP

more what he would like: moderate. This would undoubtedly do the party good.

In the hands of Keith Henderson the party has lurched to the right (or rather farther to the right) and in the process has lost a lot of credibility with moderate anglophones.

Tyler wisely shrugs off talk of partitioning Quebec in the event of separation. Besides being a pipe dream, partition talk plays into the hands of the Parti Québécois because it makes separation seem inevitable.

Tyler may be wise to fashion a more sensible and intelligent approach to language matters than we've been hearing from his leader but one senses it won't be enough.

— Craig McKee

our Mayor
Peter F. Trent
says...



Should skaters be kept in line?

Have you ever stood in the middle of Summit Park and been persuaded you were surrounded by a forest of almost pre-Columbian purity? Probably not for long, mind you. Even if you ignored the interlopers, both of the two- and (particularly) four-legged variety, you are jerked back to the modern by the constant thrum of traffic that wafts its way up to our mountain top sanctuary. When you come out of the forest at the Lookout, the noise increases and you can occasionally see the ochre pall of smog spewed out by traffic.

Up to one-half of our cities is given over to vehicles. Because of a particularly virulent strain of man-made madness, we have allowed the infernal combustion engine to dictate all patterns of urban growth.

Actually, rumours to the contrary, I don't dislike cars. They have their place. The trouble is, that place seems to be everywhere.

This little jeremiad about cars was prompted by the recent controversy concerning in-line skates - or "Rollerblades".

By wanting to get them off sidewalks, council might have created the impression that they just want them to go away. This is not the case - at least as far as I am concerned. If we wish to reduce our

dependence on the car, we *must* support other means of transport.

So in the territorial war between the car and muscle-driven forms of locomotion, the car should give ground. We should make room for bicycles and rollerblades by reclaiming some of the asphalt now exclusively given over to cars. Allowing rollerbladers on sidewalks - at least busy sidewalks - would be elbowing out the very form of transportation we should be encouraging the most - walking.

If cars and rollerblades don't mix, surely pedestrians (especially the elderly) and skaters don't mix, too. Already, the cowboys on bikes that mount up on sidewalks (and go the wrong way on streets) have given bicycling a bad name. Both bicyclists and bladers must show discipline if they want to be taken seriously. (God, I'm beginning to sound *old!*)

Because the flat areas of Westmount are mostly below Sherbrooke, bladers will naturally choose this area, which is only one-third of our total city. We will soon allow them on the bicycle path along de Maisonneuve, but how do they get to it? John Udy has suggested we give over one sidewalk per street to them. I think this is going too far, but perhaps this might be a solution for certain north/south feeder streets to the path.

We might also allow skaters under sixteen on some residential sidewalks. The real solution is to convert street pavement for bike and blade use. For example. There has been talk of narrowing The Boulevard throughout its length. I've been lukewarm to this idea, unless it can be proven traffic won't go elsewhere in Westmount. If we did do it, a protected centre median for bicyclists and bladers would be a showcase of co-existence.

You Say

SPCA management on the wrong track

My wife and I have for a number of years financially supported the SPCA and adopted our cats through this organization. We feel that we have a stake in the SPCA not only financially but through the furry persons who share our house.

We are distressed to find out through various news reports that the takeover of the SPCA by Alex Wolf and his associates has confirmed the worst fears of a number of friends of that organization.

One of the principal tenets of the Wolf group is that the former management of the SPCA used euthanasia excessively to eliminate a surplus of stray cats and dogs. The new policy of keeping as many animals as possible at the shelter has led to dangerous overcrowding and in the opinion of qualified veterinarians also the possibility of fatal diseases among the animals.

The SPCA story has an interesting Westmount angle, which I have verified with our PSU. The city has a contract with the SPCA which in part covers wild animals such as raccoons and skunks, which the SPCA is required to (when possible) take from Westmount homes and gardens and to liberate in the wild.

When a raccoon was recently taken from a garage by the PSU to the shelter, we were told that the raccoon should be returned to the same vicinity and that we (ie. Westmounters) should learn to live with these animals. This may be an interesting position from a philosophical standpoint, but coming from a contractor with the city, it is totally bizarre.

Before the next annual meeting of the SPCA, we better get ourselves organized

to return this very important community resource to reasonable leadership. We owe it to ourselves and to the animals in the SPCA's care.

John H. Lehnert
117 Lewis Ave.
WESTMOUNT

Keep pedestrians safe from skaters

I have followed the in-line skating debate with interest, and should like to offer the following comments. Firstly, I believe that all citizens of Westmount have a right to use Westmount sidewalks without fear of injury or intimidation. This is particularly important for those who are elderly and fragile, as well as for small children, all of whom are particularly vulnerable to any accidents, collisions or near misses, which may result from rollerblading (or bicycles).

In short, no Westmounter should be placed at risk in order to accommodate those who wish to use our sidewalks as an extension of their recreational activities and, by so doing, inhibit and make fearful their fellow citizens.

If in-line skating is adjudged to be a worthwhile activity, then it is for, the city council to somehow incorporate it into Westmount's admirable recreational program. But not, I repeat, to allow it to flourish unchecked on our sidewalks.

Peter Rinsley
44 York Street •
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The Westmount Examiner

EXAMINING THE FILES

50 years ago
July 28, 1944

MARLER DEFENDS RECORD: A spirited defence of the Godbout government's record on education was made recently in a radio address by G.C. Marler, MLA, and Liberal candidate for Westmount-St. George.

The most notable achievement, Marler said, was adoption of legislation providing for the compulsory attendance at school of children aged five to 14.

For years, educationalists had urged the importance of making it obligatory for parents to have their children attend school, but the adoption of such a measure was opposed on the grounds that the upbringing of children was exclusively a parental responsibility and that the state should not, in these circumstances, intervene into the family circle.

40 years ago
July 30, 1954

CHAMBERS LEADS TEAM IN RIDING: Egan Chambers, official Conservative candidate in the local federal riding, and who will probably find himself opposing Transport Minister George Marler in a by-election here in November, is leading his team on an all-door canvass.

The task, especially in the summer heat, appears to be a large one, but Chambers says that he personally called at some 4,000 doors before the last federal election, in which he made a creditable showing against former finance minister D.C. Abbott.

30 years ago
July 31, 1964

DORCHESTER GIVEN GO-AHEAD: The Quebec Legislature has given the City of Westmount final clearance to proceed with expropriation and redevelopment of the area fronting Dorchester Boulevard, west of Greene Avenue to Halloween Street.

Redevelopment will coincide with the widening of Dorchester to 90 feet, with a tree-lined mall dividing the roadway.

20 years ago
August 1, 1974

10 FLATS LEFT AT HILLSIDE: Interiors of Hillside Place public housing are completed - the contractors are finishing up outside landscaping - and there now are only 10 or so apartments vacant, manager Martin Overland said.

New leases have been signed over the past several weeks, he said, and he is very pleased with the new tenants. These have been chosen from applicants with priority given to length of residence in Westmount and to more senior persons seeking accommodation.

Ten years ago
July 26, 1984

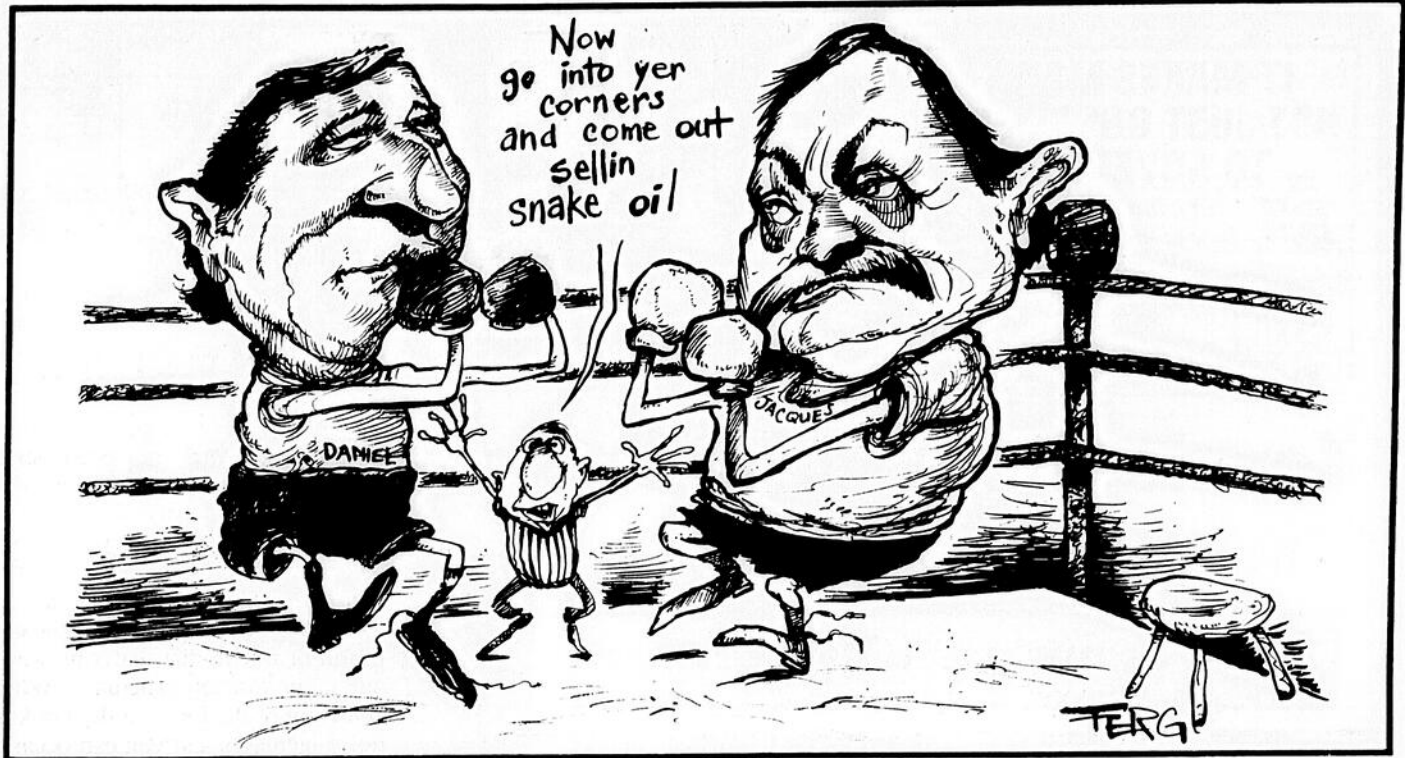
THEATRE FLOODED: A major flood in the five-storey Westmount Medical Building, which houses the Piccadilly Theatre, closed the theatre as well as numerous doctors' offices and other suites.

The flood was caused by a broken water pipe on the top floor.

One year ago
July 29, 1993

CITY TO MUZZLE NOISY NEIGHBOURS: This may well be the last summer for deafening leaf blowers, grinding air conditioners and blaring stereos.

City council is expected to unveil stringent controls for noise in Westmount at its September meeting, including a ban on leaf blowers except for spring and fall clean-ups.



It's about time I said my War and Peace

The big difference between New Year's resolutions and summer resolutions is their humour quotient.

New Year's resolutions are simply depressing. By February, at the latest, you've broken the diet, or started smoking again, or given up on the 100 situps every morning. Summer resolutions, by contrast, are standing jokes.

In order to qualify as a true summer resolution, several criteria must be met. Summer resolutions are always improving. Their achievement will make the resolver a better person - physically, culturally, mentally. Summer resolutions are never achieved. The true summer resolution has to have been around for at least seven years to qualify. Summer resolutions always begin with, "This summer I will . . ." The classic is, of course, "This summer I will read War and Peace."

This has been proven, time and again, to be impossible. After working happily through the first 600 pages, the next thousand or so start to look kind of daunting. All those "-evitches" and "-ovnas" are confusing to North Americans used to Smiths and Joneses. It's hard to keep track of the innumerable princes and countesses, let alone the peasants, that keep wandering in and out of the story, even given a (seven-page fold-out) cross-referenced list of leading characters. It is unrealistic to expect to remember who has married whom, had an affair with whom, killed whom or died. Except the dead people tend not to reappear.

A friend of mine tried, yet again, to read War and Peace one summer. She got through a couple of hundred pages and then she went camping. She took a tent and a sleeping bag and a knife

and matches for lighting her cooking fires. She took some candles to read War and Peace by. She took War and Peace. On her very first night, however, she discovered she hadn't brought any paper for starting her campfires. So she had to improvise. That, of course, wasn't really a anguishing problem. She sacrificed Tolstoy, secure in the knowledge that she would read War and Peace next summer.

I have a cluster of summer resolutions, some dating back a decade or more. There's my reliable old standby: this summer I will learn the constellations. I have even gone so far as to buy one of those little glow-in-the-dark cardboard wheels that let you rotate the heavens as the seasons change and compare the little glowing dots on the circle with the little glowing dots in the sky. The problem is, when I get outside the city, where the stars are more visible, there are too many of them. It's far too daunting a prospect. In the city, the metropolitan glare drowns out all but the brightest stars. Though I think I might once have located Orion, I have to confess that in more than 20 years I have yet to master more than the Big Dipper. But I'm really good at the Big Dipper.

Then there are clouds. This summer, I tell myself, I will learn the types of clouds and what they mean. Is that cirro-cumulo-strato-nimbus I see? That, plus the aching in my bones must mean a 70-per-cent chance of showers or thundershowers late in the afternoon. That sort of thing.

And finally, the one I cherish as the summer resolution most likely to be with me for the rest of my days (after all, constellations and clouds are within the realm of a distant possibility): this summer I will learn to use the chainsaw.



Beside the Point

KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

I have the heavy jeans, work boots and even a hard hat. I have glasses to protect my eyes. I have a little gas-powered chainsaw. Each year, for as long as I can remember, it has regarded me in its orange glory and dared me to pick it up. For two years it sat unmoving on its perch until I had convinced myself it couldn't possibly be in working order any more. Best not to try. Unfortunately, a neighbour started it up with no difficulty at all just a few weeks ago.

When I'm not living with it, I promise myself that, this time, I'll do it. When I'm living with it, I try to ignore it. I explain to it that I will not even attempt to use it unless there is someone nearby to keep a watchful eye on my efforts and to pick up the body parts and me for transport to the hospital. I spend a lot of time alone with my chainsaw.

But these are tales of summers past. This summer, I will settle myself by a campfire in which I will burn the wood I have cut with my chainsaw. And, by the light of the Pleiades and Cassiopeia (over there, third constellation on the left) I will read War and Peace cover to cover as the cumulo-nimbus gather in the east.

Really I will.

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Tennis tournament organizer busy keeping things in check

Westmounter Monty Newborn chairing senior national tennis championships next week

This week's Westmounter

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

When the Senior National Tennis Championships take place next week at the historic Mount Royal Tennis Club, Westmounter Monty Newborn is hoping everything goes off without a hitch.

"And even if there is a hitch it will go off, and everybody will have a good time," says the 56-year-old university professor and tennis standout who's chairman of the tournament's host committee.

There will be more than 30 events in total, Newborn said. Women's singles and doubles in age categories from 35 on up to over 65; and men's singles and doubles in age categories from over 35 on up to over 75.

Twenty Westmounters are expected to participate, he said.

"It's a beautiful sight to see guys in their 70s really putting so much effort into having a good time," Newborn said.

Newborn is a computer science professor at McGill. He's also a heck of a good tennis player. He's ranked fifth in the 55-and-over category in Quebec.

Being good hosts

For the tournament, much of his work revolves around making sure the courts are ready, and the other arrangements are made to entertain the guests.

Next week's event should give the club, its members and the city the chance to show off as hosts, says Newborn, who has been a member of the club since the early 1980s.

The tournament is being staged by Tennis Canada, the national tennis association that organizes the annual Player's and Matinée tournaments at the Jarry Tennis Stadium.

The tournament takes place Aug. 1 to 7, with matches at the club on Grey Ave.

While 350 senior players are ex-

pected for the tournament in total, organizers had hoped for as many as 500. "So it's quite a bit down from what we expected," he says.

Newborn, who has been a professor in computer science at McGill since 1975, says it may be harder for people today to take a week out of their lives and pay for travel and accommodations to come for such an event.

He notes a similar phenomenon in tennis in general. For a number of reasons, new players are not taking up the game in sufficient numbers.

"In general the tennis membership is getting older here," Newborn said of the club.

"We're trying to get new people into the sport, but the economics of today are tough."

While he notes there is a waiting list of about two years to get a membership in the Mount Royal Club — partly because of the reasonable fees and the convenience of the location — young people are not taking up the sport the way they did in the past.

Perhaps it's economics, or that tennis has simply fallen out of fashion to some degree.

"It's losing a certain amount of something. It's not clear what's happening," he said.

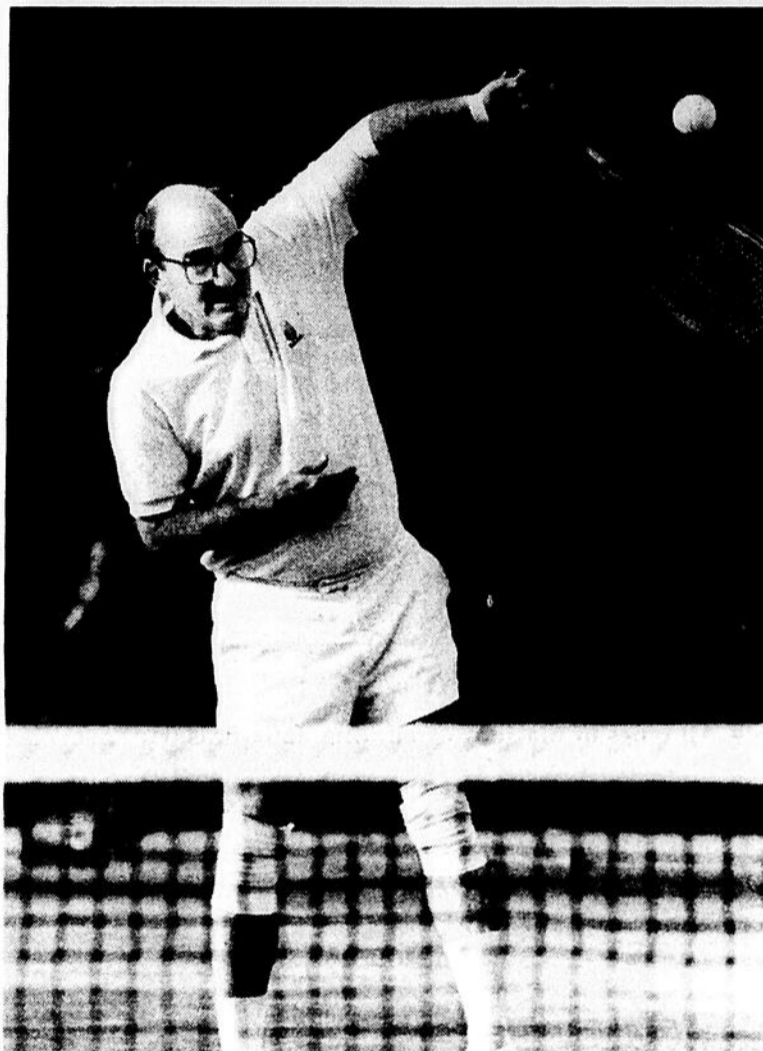
Nevertheless, as the older players take to the courts next week, Newborn says there should be some very good tennis to watch.

Stands will be up for the last couple of days, he added, noting that the event is open to the public for viewing, although he doesn't really expect a huge turnout.

Former Davis Cup players

"The good players in this tournament are the guys that are in very good condition. There are no couch potatoes in this event."

There also will be some "ex-Davis Cuppers" on hand, which



Monty Newborn works on his game at the Mount Royal Tennis Club.

Photo by PETER McCABE

Newborn says he is looking forward to.

"It's great to see them play and feel a little bit of their lives."

Among the names Montrealers might recognize, Newborn suggested Francis Godbout, an ex-Davis Cup player. "He used to be terrific," Newborn said.

"And our own club has Andrew Gaty, the national champ for over-65."

As for his own skills, and those of other players in their 50s, Newborn was more modest.

"At age 50, we're all converging to the same feebleness," he quipped, although being ranked

fifth among the feeble must not be so bad.

"I've typically done better in doubles than in singles," Newborn added when asked about his participation on the courts next week.

Newborn won his first title in 1952 in Cleveland, Ohio. "I was the city boys' champ in 14-and-under."

"I was also involved in playing baseball. I played both at college.

"I sort of gave up baseball at the end of college and stuck to tennis."

Newborn went on to earn his PhD from Ohio State University and later taught at Columbia.

After coming to McGill he developed a computer-chess program that computed in five World Championships.

"We did well, but never won," he says.

In 1974, he narrowly missed defeating the Soviet program for the world championship.

Newborn said the designers of the Soviet program looked like they were anticipating a quick trip to Siberia when suddenly their program turned things around.

The match gained some notoriety, and as a result he was invited to lecture and tour in the Soviet Union and around the world.

He has also written six books: four on computer chess, and two on theorem-proving by computers.

His recognition includes Who's Who in Canada, and Who's Who in the World.

Eventually, he also became head of the computer science department at McGill.

"I was the director of the department until about eight years ago, when I decided to get back to enjoying life," he says.

So what do chess and tennis have in common?

"They're different, actually," he says.

"The reason I didn't pursue chess as a pastime is that it keeps you indoors. It's probably destructive to your health in the long run."

Also, losing in chess can be a bit harder to take — it's an intellectual defeat.

"If somebody beats you in tennis at least you don't feel like a dumb dodo," he says.

He says he would like to keep playing tennis as long as he can. "There are some guys in their 70s and 80s that I really admire — for their fight to stay alive."

The Mount Royal Tennis Club is located at 2106 Grey Ave., adjacent to Westmount. Some matches will be held at the Côte St. Luc Tennis Club and also at the Town of Mount Royal Tennis Club. Matches will be held Aug. 1 to 7 and are open to the public.

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REAL ESTATE

Housing starts reach 18-month high

Stronger multiple construction activity pushed national housing starts to an 18-month high of 166,600 units in June, reports Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp.

On a seasonally adjusted annual rate (SAAR) basis, total starts rose 5.2 percent from May's 158,400 units.

Urban starts of multiple dwellings surged 19.9 percent to 70,000 units SAAR in June, up from 58,400 units in May. Starts of single-detached homes fell 4.6 percent to 70,200 units SAAR, compared with 73,600 units in

May.

"The surge in new construction was due to condominium starts in British Columbia recovering after two months of unusually low activity. As well, Ontario posted higher starts of multiple units, mainly apartment condominiums, semi-detached and row houses in Toronto," said Gilles Proulx, Chief Economist at CMHC's Market Analysis Centre.

"Later this year, new construction is expected to drop because of increases in mortgage interest rates that took effect during March and again in June. But, with the

current stronger levels of employment and economic activity, the drop should be limited," Proulx added.

Urban starts in Quebec fell to 29800 units (SAAR) from 36,100 in May.

Following a fairly active new construction season earlier in the spring, all segments of the market were hit by June's decline.

It was moderate for single-detached starts but more sizable for all types of multiple units. Montreal accounted for a large part of the decline.

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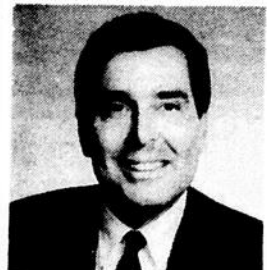
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Transfer total up a couple over May of last year

By **BERNIE O'NEILL**
The Examiner

Perhaps anticipating the hot summer ahead, house prices went for a dip in May.

Nevertheless, the adjusted average transfer price of sales finalized in the month (the actual closing dates were three or more months earlier) was about the same as in April, according to an analysis of transfer documents at city hall.

What's notable is that the total number of transfers for May 1994 was up two over May of last year, and the markups when compared to MUC valuations stayed relatively stable from month to month.

Total sales of single- and two-family dwellings for May 1994 numbered 18, compared to 16 last year.

That would mean 62 transfers were registered as of the fifth month of 1994, compared to 47 the year before.

The highest priced transfer registered in May 1994 was **74 Sunnyside**, which sold for \$1,350,000. That's over \$132,000 more than its Montreal Urban Community valuation of \$1,217,800.

The lowest priced sale was **1115 Greene**, which went for \$117,500 — quite a bit less than its MUC valuation of \$190,000.

Meanwhile, the condominium

market remained active, with eight transfers registered in the month of May.

The highest priced condominium was **4700 St. Catherine #713**, which sold for \$350,000.

In house transfers, the total price was \$6,691,750. The total valua-

tion was \$7,735,184.

The adjusted average markup was -16.28%. That's in the same neighbourhood as the adjusted average markup of houses transferred in April, which was -14.41%.

Adjusted figures counteract the effect of extremes by eliminating

the two highest and lowest figures from the calculations.

The typical price is determined by applying the adjusted average markup to the average valuation of single family homes in Westmount, calculated by the city of

Westmount to be \$521,300. The typical price in May 1994 was \$436,441. That's down from April's typical price of \$486,215.

The adjusted average price of \$337,714 is pretty close to April's \$333,328.

HOUSE TRANSFERS IN MAY 1994

Address	From	To	Price	Valuation
1115 Greene	Simon Petzold	Thomas Nicoll	\$117,500	\$190,000
482 Wood	Robert Barbeau	Pierre Brais/Elizabeth McCallum	\$135,000	\$138,084
523 Prince Albert	Debra Rathwell	Sharon McDonell/Grant McDonald	\$185,000	\$159,450
550 Roslyn (50%)	Neal Grover	Morris Douek	\$198,750	\$209,550
72 York	Leila Sadikovic	Gordon Ball	\$220,000	\$306,700
3 Burton	Wolf Frenkel/Sylvia James	Fernando Toro	\$230,000	\$248,200
462 Argyle	Faraneh Vargha	Bruce Case/Patricia Riley	\$275,000	\$357,500
451 Clarke	Royal Trust Co./Peter Dale Scott	Jose Luis Rodriguez	\$286,000	\$429,900
1 Church Hill	Stanley Nemiroff/Greta Hoffman	Martin Roy	\$295,000	\$473,400
693 Victoria	Nicole Deziel	Yves Belanger/Christiane Corbeil	\$300,000	\$407,400
13 St. George's Place	Nicole Defoy	Rosalind Cosgrave	\$300,000	\$273,000
568 Claremont	Janet Deitcher	Wendy Higden	\$334,500	\$303,800
40 Anwoth	Charles Michael Drummond	Penny Westman/Paul Deutschman	\$350,000	\$381,300
3650 The Boulevard	Morton Spector	Marie-Kateri Goulet	\$500,000	\$668,800
209 Edgehill	Lina Maurice Delisle	Abraham Freedman/Sara Felsenfeld	\$510,000	\$509,000
709 Upper Roslyn	Marilyn Bernstein	Jack Levee/Lisa Stotland	\$545,000	\$864,100
757 Upper Belmont	Stanley Jablonski/Sheila Connolly	Emery Leblanc/Jane Fortin	\$560,000	\$597,100
74 Sunnyside	Astrid Tremblay	Eran Ronnie Gottlieb/Nelly Sebbah	\$1,350,000	\$1,217,800

CONDOMINIUMS

399 Clarke #1A	Mei-Hwei Sen	Monique Guay	\$78,000	\$82,400
4215 de Maisonneuve #4	Clifford Noonoo	Carmen Garcia	\$91,800	\$86,100
200 Lansdowne #209	Laurentian Bank	Ezmina Khanam Bhanji	\$105,000	\$258,900
4823A St. Catherine	Simon Elster/Patti Gruman	Barbara Gilbert	\$118,500	\$127,000
314A Kensington	Paul Deutschman/Penny Westman	Richard Allard/Margaret Barkman	\$200,000	\$218,700
200 Lansdowne #607	Laurentian Bank	Ben Shapiro/ Rosalie Wiesenfeld	\$230,000	\$337,100
4175 St. Catherine #304	National Bank of Greece	9004-7317 Quebec Inc.	\$255,000	\$385,400
4700 St. Catherine #713	Jacques Nadeau	Steve Wolf	\$350,000	\$423,800

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The following are building and plumbing permits issued the past three weeks in the City of Westmount:

Monday, July 4

54 de Lavigne: to Sergio Marchese, for bay window and

kitchen alterations. Cost of work: \$50,000 (contractor to be determined).

524 Victoria: F. Borgeat, finishing basement, renovating kitchen and dining room, and solarium, \$45,000.

315 Roslyn: J. Dealy, deck/door, \$8,000.

Tuesday, July 5

564 Lansdowne: Dr. Sylvio Caro, retaining wall and landscaping, \$3,000.

Wednesday, July 6

370 Wood: P. Sevigny, deck, \$2,000.

4380 de Maisonneuve: Ray Salomon Marchand, foyer, \$2,000.

217 Edgell: Mitsubishi Canada, two bathrooms and kitchen, \$4,500.

3 Westmount Square: SITQ, replace 13 plumbing fixtures, \$19,500.

622 Sydenham: Mr. Burnside, alterations and kitchen bay addition, \$50,000.

Thursday, July 7

4298 Dorchester: L.N. Moquette, installation of new windows at rear, \$1,500.

461 Lansdowne: V. McClure, ground floor and basement alterations, \$40,000.

27 Staynor: D. Wilson, windows on ground level, \$3,900.

2 Westmount Square #18A: SITQ, plumbing alterations, \$3,000.

4 Grove Park: S. Backman, replace windows, \$25,000.

250 Clarke: J. Brott, sign, \$1,000.

2 Westmount Square: Ann Lemire, alterations to penthouse, \$92,000.

Friday, July 8

784 Upper Lansdowne: Marcella Szel, sun-porch at rear, \$2,000.

112 Arlington: Ronda Every, plumbing renovations, \$4,000.

637 Carleton: Mr. Hallward, addition, \$50,000.

Monday, July 11

4010 Tupper: Royal Bank of Canada, renovations, \$704,000.

4055 St. Catherine: 3093-8013 Quebec Inc., alterations to sprinkler system, \$60,000.

Tuesday, July 12

5 Willow: Mr. Pilot, plumbing alterations, \$10,000.

1215 Greene: Lou Goldberg, plumbing work to powder room, basin, kitchen sink, \$2,000.

603 Lansdowne: S. O'Brien, renovation of kitchen, \$25,000.

576 Grosvenor: replacing stairs, railing, \$1,000.

Wed., July 13

57 Bruce: C. Straus-Chagnon,

windows, doors and balcony, \$15,000.

604 Cote St. Antoine: M. Fermen, sink, dishwasher, \$600.

46 Summit Cres.: Dr. Marauda, water entrance, \$1,000.

Thursday, July 14

100 Summit Circle: E.L. Kolber, new vestibule (extension), \$50,000.

57 Columbia: P. Chow, replace

(See BUILDING, page 12)

May transfers

Following is a summary of transfers of single- and two-family houses in Westmount registered in April 1994 (last year's figures in parenthesis). Transfers of properties due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are condominiums and commercial and industrial properties.

- Total sales: 18 (16)
- Total price: \$6,691,750 (\$5,962,500)
- Total valuation: \$7,735,184 (\$6,063,800)
- Markup of average price over average valuation: -13.27% (-1.67%)
- Markup of average price over average valuation (adjusted*): -16.28% (-5.97%)
- Typical price based on adjusted markup of typical valuation**: \$436,441 (\$490,159)
- Average price for month's transfers (adjusted*): \$337,714 (\$338,708)

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



At \$1.35 million this home at 74 Sunnyside was the highest-priced transfer registered in May.

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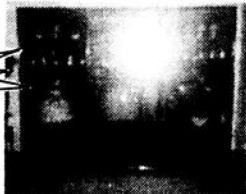


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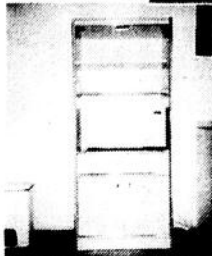
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Building permits issued . . .

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brick, \$7,000 (contractor to be determined).

20 Thornhill: Mr. Boivin, install 17 plumbing fixtures, \$4,000.

3 Westmount Square #911: SITQ, repairs, \$2,500.

3 Westmount Square #1101: SITQ, repairs, \$2,500.

815 Upper Belmont: Sisters of St. Marcelline, loft, \$40,000.

279 Melville: Dany Rousseleau, replace windows, \$7,500.

615 Clarke: D. Grosvenor, interior renovations (bathrooms and kitchen cupboards), \$25,000.

washroom and kitchen, \$2,500.

1336 Greene: La Vie en Greene, sign, \$200.

Tuesday, July 19

357 Melville: Irene Mortola, replace sink, \$500.

1367 Greene: Mr. Bellefeuille, alterations to ground and second floor, and sprinklers, \$60,000.

657 Roslyn: H. Cooper, 17 plumbing fixtures, \$10,000.

Thursday, July 21

9 Gordon: L. Stroll, demolition of facade, renovation and extension, \$800,000.

612 Belmont: L. Miller, interior modifications, \$50,000.

1 St. George's Place: A. Marley, front porch and balcony repairs, \$3,000.

Friday, July 22

357 Melville: Jacopo and Irene Mortola, alterations to bathroom, \$4,500.

Friday, July 15

55 Columbia: John Mossop, repairs to back wall, \$7,500 (contractor to be determined).

1232A Greene: "Kashima" (Japanese restaurant), \$20,000 (contractor to be determined).

1373 Greene: California Closet Co., repairs, \$25,000 (contractor to be determined).

Monday, July 18

229 Melville: D. Rousseleau, new

Poetry reading in the park

Members of the Dramatis Personae theatre company will present their annual "Poetry for a summer evening" in Westmount Park tonight at 7 p.m.

The public will be invited to walk through the park, starting at the Gazebo, to the various natural stages — places like the bridge by the pond and the flower banks,

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Seniors vulnerable in hot weather

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- Limit your exposure to the sun even if you're used to it. Seniors are cautioned to protect themselves with maximum protection sunscreens. They are especially cautioned against going out with unprotected skin on days with high readings of ultra-violet radiation.

- Avoid dehydration by drinking plenty of liquids. Brault-Gilbert adds however, that seniors on various kinds of medication should consult their doctors, since (See SENIORS, page 19)



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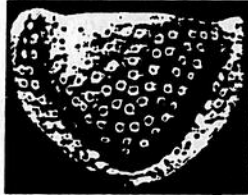
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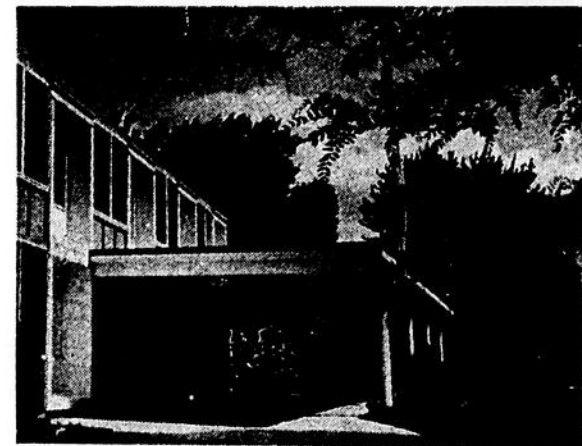


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He will speak on "The Political Landscape Now."
The following Sunday, Aug. 7, Dr. Marvin Kwitko, chief of ophthalmology at St. Mary's Hospital, will speak on: "What to do about your cataracts."
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The Senior's Examiner

Climbing the Summit: senior reveals his 260 steps to fitness

By JAN SPANIEL
Special to The Examiner

Every spring I used to be faced with the dilemma of how to train my old bones (I am a gent well over 50) for summer mountain hiking and cycling trips and again in the fall how to get into shape for cross-country skiing.

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The steps lead toward Summit Crescent in sets of 12 to 36. They are briefly interrupted by two streets; Edgehill Road and Sunnyside Avenue, but continue relentlessly up and up, very much like a staircase in an apartment building.

The flights of steps, called Summit Steps, are broken up by short stretches of concrete path,

but even these landings are well paved and constructed at an uphill incline so that the total equivalent of the steps and the uphill path must be well over 300 steps or some 1,000 steps if one repeats this "ascent" three times.

The first time I walked up the 260 steps I was thrilled with my discovery. The second time I did so I was dressed for jogging and I was able to walk up the steps very briskly in about six minutes with my heart pounding, the diaphragm, lungs and arteries (not to speak of my legs) getting a wonderful workout.

The third time I did the ascent was in a semi-jogging style in under five minutes and I intend to use my stopwatch in order to bring the time down to just under four minutes to reach Summit Crescent at Surrey Gardens. There is an option of some 75 metres of an uphill walk from that point to reach Summit Circle.

Of course, one could bring a packsack with weights inside to further increase the training value of this conditioning for many summer and winter sports. An alternative method without weights and not jogging would be to do the 260 steps three times up and

down in 35-45 minutes which can be done on the way home in city clothes and walking shoes.

Needless to say, this exercise is recommended only to people who are in good physical condition and who have been practising sports regularly. Anyone else should have a medical check-up first and get approval from his or her physician.

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The favourite subject at this school is soccer

Local kids get to learn the basics and have a lot of fun during week-long school in Westmount Park

By **BOB OLIVER**
The Examiner

This is one school kids don't mind rousing for early in the morning.

In fact, not only do they head to it with enthusiasm, they even enjoy the daily tests.

For the fourth year in its 14 years of operation, the National Soccer School has run a three-week program for children five to 14 years of age at in Westmount Park.

The NSS is into its third and final session in Westmount this week but due to its popularity it could expand to four weeks next year.

"We've had close to 100 kids out to the program this year and already we've received requests from

approximately a dozen more (Westmount) parents to enroll their children for next year," said NSS director Stacey Short.

Short oversees a quality instructional staff that includes Jane Shaw, head coach of the John Abbott College women's team; Roland Falasconi, former captain of the Lakeshore senior men's team of the Quebec Elite League; Nick Giannias and Heidi Bloomfield players on the McGill men's and women's teams; Darren Matthews, a goalie for the Dorval senior men's team; and Chris Dedicik, a member of the West Island Junior Lakers of the Quebec Elite League.

"The program just keeps getting bigger and better with each passing year," Short said.

"This is much more fun than regular school," said nine-year-old Leah Glassman, who's in her second year with NSS.

"We get to play soccer all the time and we don't have to do any (school) work."

This idea was common to other kids as well.

"We get to jump around and kick the ball all day and in (regular) school you have to sit there all day doing boring stuff like reading," said seven-year-old George Harrington. "You only get to play outside for a little while when you're in school and then it's back into the classroom and more sitting and boring reading."

The NSS program runs from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday with the instructors teaching the kids a variety of soccer skills each day.

Monday it's ball control; Tuesday, dribbling; Wednesday, passing; Thursday, shooting; and Friday they combine heading the ball, corner kicks and throw-ins.

Every day between 11 a.m. and noon, the children are given the Puma Soccer Skills Test to grade their abilities.

"The idea behind our program is to maintain their love for soccer, while improving their skill level without enforcing too much competitiveness," Short said.

"The most important thing is to instill the fun aspect. We want them to enjoy playing the game of soccer."

When children in the program reach certain levels they're given an NSS mail-away flyer. Through the past they can receive participation, gold, silver, bronze and excellence badges, depending on their acquired skill level. Each student in the NSS program gets a certificate, a Puma Skills booklet, an NSS T-shirt and a group photograph.

During the morning sessions they're divided up according to skill levels while in the afternoon they remain as a single group. An



Marco Salvo makes a lunging save on first day.
Photo by PETER McCABE



Anthony Triassi gets his whole body into the task.
Photo by PETER McCABE

hour: lunch break each day is a program highlight.

"It's great," Glassman said. "If it's a nice day we go into the park and have a picnic lunch. I really look forward to it, especially because we're all so thirsty by then."

In case of rain, the day's event is moved into Westmount Arena.

Short says soccer is the definitive sport for kids for a number of reasons. Two important ones are low cost and low organization.

"Equipment to play soccer amount to running shoes and shorts," she said. "And all you need besides that is two nets and a ball."

Short says that if proper facilities aren't readily available using

anything (i.e. two baseball caps) for goal posts and an old tennis ball will suffice.

Glassman and Harrington said they've learned a lot from the NSS program and look forward to doing it again.

"I've already asked my Mom to sign me up for next year," Glassman said. "I love shooting the ball and it feels so good when it goes in the net."

Harrington added: "I'm getting better and better at a lot of things, especially heading the ball. The instructors have been great."

"Would I like to come back next year? Yes. Y-E-S!"

For more information on the National Soccer School, contact Stacey Short at 695-1261.



Caitlin Taylor (centre) tries to contain her excitement while waiting her turn during ball control drills.
Photo by PETER McCABE

Westmount lawn bowlers come second in tournament

The Westmount doubles lawn bowling team of Blanche Senez and Irene Menear finished second in last week's St. Lambert Club's Ladies Double Tournament.

Beaconsfield took first place and St. Lambert came third.

Emily Bently won the Westmount Ladies singles in the A (skips and thirds) category with Blanche Senez finishing second. The consolation round was won by Renee Rideout.

The B section (leads and seconds) was won by Doris Branscombe with Marguerite Mackinnon taking second place. Amy Miyamoto won the

consolation round.

Twenty-eight ladies braved the stifling heat to play 210 end games on July 20 at the took place at the Westmount club at the Willie Brown Ladies Doubles competition. The top winners were: Cora Hackett (first), Dora Wimmer (second) and Blanche Senez (third).

Thursday's storm stopped all play at the Riverside Triples Tournament at the start of the third game. Westmount's team of Agnes Ramer, Ruth Flanagan and Marg Ross won their first two games but their percentages left them just out of the prizes.

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No no-hitter this time as Stubbs leads Bills over St. Ambroise

By BOB OLIVER
The Examiner

St. Ambroise didn't want history to repeat itself. Nor did the Westmount Senior A Fastpitch League team even want a reasonable facsimile.

So, when their first batter up, Pierre-Marc Asselin, greeted Direct Source Bills pitcher Deegan Stubbs with a bunt single the entire St. Ambroise team breathed a collective sigh of relief. History wasn't about to repeat.

In the first meeting between the two teams back on June 9, Stubbs was the league's only no-hitter as the Bills clobbered St. Ambroise 13-0. In Monday night's 8-5 victory over St. Ambroise, Stubbs denied he was even thinking about no-hitting them again.

"Absolutely not," Stubbs said. "It would be silly to think about such a thing. A no-hitter is something that happens once in a lifetime. Besides, I didn't do (or throw) anything different than I do any other night. It just happened that everything went right for me that evening and every time they hit me it was right at one of our players. Our defence had one of those perfect nights and that was the main reason for the no-hitter."

After spoiling a possible no-hitter early in the game, St. Ambroise had to pull off a late-game rally to spoil Stubbs shutout bid.

Heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, the Bills led 9-0 before St. Ambroise finally got to Stubbs and came to life with five runs to make a game of it.

Chester Darkowski got St. Ambroise on the scoreboard with a three-run triple that was followed by an two-run inside-the-park homer by Bill "the Hammer" Marler.

In the last half of the final inning, St. Ambroise had men on second and third with the tying run at the plate, but Stubbs got Ken Glance to pop up to shortstop Mark Hazen to end the game.

"Deegan's knuckleball wasn't moving around the way it normally does," said Bill's catcher Chuck Hughes. "But he still pitched one helluva game."

The win momentarily moves the Bills into sole possession of first place in the Senior A league, one-half game up on the idle Angels who hold two games in hand.

The Bills scratched out 13 hits off St. Ambroise pitcher Mike Smith while Stubbs allowed 11. Neither pitcher recorded a strikeout.

Smith, like Stubbs, says no-hitters never enter his mind.

"The last time I thought about a no-hitter was when I was in high school back in the '50s," he said. "and even then it was a pipe-dream."

Smith did give up a couple of



Bills runner Ricky Blair is just nipped at first as Bill Marler stretches for the throw.

Photo by PETER McCABE

homers in the game, a pair of solo shots in the third inning by Kevin Reynolds and Brendon Cowan.

Cowan's blast, which pushed the score to 8-0 came as a double surprise.

"I don't generally pull the ball," said Cowan, who bats right. "I usually hit it to right field similar

to my golf slice."

What bewildered fans more than the direction Cowan hit the ball was where it ended up. As the ball sailed over leftfielder Darcy Laurie's head it went through a tree, hit the fourth storey of the Westmount Elementary School

building and disappeared.

"No one heard a smash so we can only assume it went through an open window," said Stubbs, and added with a wink, "but one thing we are sure of, is the fact that the ball's been in the school longer than Brendon ever was."

Green Sox clinch pennant in senior softball action

The Green Sox clinched the pennant for the second time in three years with a convincing 16-5 win over the Twins in Westmount Senior Softball League action Monday at King George Park.

It was the team's 15th win against only three defeats.

The two top squads notched four runs apiece in the first inning followed by a scoreless second.

The Twins then took a one-run lead through the

fourth, but the Green Sox hammered in three runs in the fifth and sixth innings, and six more in the seventh.

Hitters Stefan Moscovic, Robert Ransen, Stephen Doherty and Sheldon Morgan provided the support as winning pitcher David Sklivas recorded his league-leading twelfth win.

The Green Sox will be going for their third consecutive championship once playoff action gets under way in August.

Tips for seniors on dealing with the heat . . .

(Continued from page 13)

some medicines restrict the amount of liquid intake. If there are no medical constraints, eight ounces of water every hour the senior is awake is a good idea, says the nurse.

Brault-Gilbert adds that medication alters the body's chemistry and balances and could interfere with the body's ability to adjust in a heat wave. Medication also reacts to the heat and high humidity and any exercise the person may do.

For example, she added, some medication for high blood pressure stresses high water intake, but also eliminates potassium.

"Half a banana will do," to counteract the loss, Brault-Gilbert said.

She recommended that seniors consult their doctors to find exactly how to cope, depending on their medication.

• Seniors also shouldn't avoid

eating, even in the heat. Brault-Gilbert recommends fruits.

- Bathe in tepid water.
- Stay in the shade.
- Sit in front of a fan.
- Wear light clothing.

• Some seniors should be aware if they are not sweating and should consult their doctor if their vision blurs or they faint or feel faint.

• If you're feeling faint, get out of the heat, loosen tight clothing and remove heavy clothing; massage your limbs to improve your circulation.

• Activity should be slowed down or restricted, if not avoided, to prevent heat prostration. Drink liquids if you must exercise. If you're shopping or carrying something, Brault-Gilbert suggests that taking a taxi home instead of walking.

• Watch out for blurring vision, headaches, lack of perspiration, an irregular pulse, persistent cramps,

continuous feelings of exhaustion, confusion, vomiting or convulsions. If any of this occurs, get out of the heat immediately. If it persists after 20 minutes, call a doctor.

• Some seniors have a bad habit of not telling doctors all of their symptoms for fear of ending up in the hospital, added Brault-Gilbert.

She cautioned against the habit, adding that the problem may only get worse or be mistreated.

If you have questions, call Info-Santé anytime at 275-7575.

Library closes next week

The Atwater branch of Montreal Children's Library will be closed to the public from Monday, August 1 to Friday, August 5.

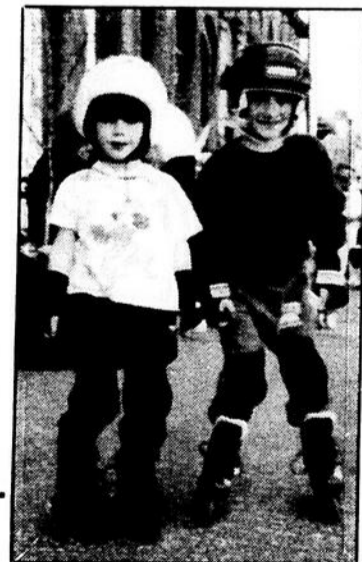
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Love Letters leaves something to be desired

By SUSAN GRAY
The Examiner

A. R. Gurney's *Love Letters*, an epistolary play based entirely on the correspondence of two lifelong friends, is almost a theatrical exercise. At least, this is the spirit in which Hudson's two-year-old Village Theatre has decided to present its production.

Director Mary Frances Moore has played only slightly with Gurney's stage directions, which include comments such as "Trust me on this. It works."

While not Grotowskian *poor theatre*, where production elements are almost stripped down to the bare essentials - i.e. minimal lighting, no makeup - Village's *Love Letters* comes pretty close.

The set consists of two desks and chairs, the lighting never changes, and the play's two characters spend their whole time seated, reading letters to one other.

They are never face-to-face, never mug to the audience. All of this - the text is deeply lyrical and psychological - demands top-notch performances. While Bryan Doubt as Andrew Makepeace Ladd III delivers a very fine one, Village's artistic director Heather Markgraf-Lowe (as Melissa Gardner) displays a lack of theatrical experience that seriously undercuts her performance. Given other production problems, I'd have to say it's a show that *almost* works, although it still manages to be moving theatre.

Friendship deepens

The play begins innocently enough, with an invitation to Melissa's birthday party, circa second grade. The year is 1937. Soon, the two upper-class children are exchanging letters when not

separated, and when apart because of camp or boarding school. It quickly becomes obvious that these are two diametrically opposed personalities. Melissa is nervy, creative, a *bon vivant*. Andy is more cerebral and serious. She gets thrown out of school, but eventually studies art in Florence; he serves in the navy, then goes into law and, what else? Politics.

Throughout it all, their relationship survives a mighty game of push and pull. While in college, they finally consummate it, but later marry separate partners. Still, an erotic undercurrent continues in their letters, and a meeting after about 25 years apart rekindles the flame.

Play about writing

Love Letters draws on two primary themes: friendship and writing itself. Melissa and Andy are nothing if not soul mates, and touchstones for each other. One of the play's strengths is its ability to convey their complex relationship without the benefit of a traditional dramatic structure.

To do this, Gurney, who has written *The Cocktail Hour* and *The Dining Room*, among others, employs some clever techniques. When letters go unanswered, the speaker/writer pauses, as if in conversation with the delinquent letter-writer. At other times, the rhythm speeds up considerably, reaching a rapid-fire pace during the most heated moments of Andy and Melissa's mature romance.

Likewise, tension is created via the friends' opposing views on letter-writing. For the reflective Andy, it's almost a sacrament, whereas the fast-paced Melissa often finds it a tiresome chore.

Some of the play's funnier mo-



Markgraf-Lowe and Doubt star in Village's dinner theatre production of *Love Letters* at Mon Village in St. Lazare.

ments surface around the whole issue of writing, as when Andy attempts the family Christmas letter, (many appreciative guffaws in the audience at this point.)

Still, *Love Letters* suffers from some stereotyping, notably Melissa as the self-destructive artist. And I'm even of two minds

about the way in which the sexual relationship reoccurs here, as an easy plot device.

Different approaches to text

On the acting front, both Doubt and Markgraf-Lowe convincingly

enact the many phases of their characters' long relationship. But where Doubt stays in character throughout the play, Markgraf-Lowe often seems to be herself playing Melissa, and she also flubs her lines far too often. (Towards the end, Doubt also has more than his share of flubs.)

More importantly, however, is the fact that the actors have approached the piece from two fundamentally different points of view. Doubt plays it consistently as if it's a letter-reading "exercise." What stands out about Markgraf-Lowe's performance, on the other hand, is her being in a letters-as-play mould.

Where director Mary Frances Moore should have stepped in to create a balance, she admittedly decided to allow the actors to do it their own way. Would that she had been more interventionist vis à vis Gurney's instructions as well.

The purity of approach she has adopted lends a certain ritualistic feel to the whole event. However, two hours is a long time to keep to one tack; a little more inventiveness could have served this production well, as it is not exactly a Grotowskian type of play.

Love Letters plays on alternate days with *The Gin Game* until Aug. 13 at Mon Village, Côte St. Charles Rd. in St. Lazare near Hudson. Take Highway 40 west to exit 22. Tickets are \$12 for theatre, \$15 on Saturday - \$33 and \$36 when dinner is included. Shows start at 8 p.m. There are no performances on Sunday or Monday. For information, call 458-5361.

Three Westmounters act in Manhattan Je Vous Dis

By YVONNE LEBLANC
The Examiner

Three Westmount actors will appear in the world premiere of Paul Dervis's new play *Manhattan Je Vous Dis*, presented by Theatre 21st Century.

The play is the story of three Montrealers and a recent immigrant from Italy who go to New York on Christmas Eve to sell stolen Christmas trees. They split up, the Italian immigrant gets lost, and they journey through the underbelly of Manhattan looking for each other.

This dark comedy comes from the playwright who brought *Making Tracks* and *Pokey* to the Quebec Drama Federation over the past two summers.

Vanessa Walsler, Michael Taylor, and Michael Shore are the Westmounters.

Walsler is a graduate of John Abbott College's Professional Theatre Program. She has been seen as Elsie in Arthur Miller's play *After The Fall* and as Heidi in Theatre 21st's production of

Making Tracks. After this production, Walsler will take the show on to the Fringe Festival in Halifax.

Taylor, who is referred to throughout the play as Musician because he does not give his name, works as a technician by trade for the Centaur Theatre and will be working on stage for a change in this production.

Michael Shore who plays Arnie, the Vietnam veteran suffering from shell-shock, is currently a student in John Abbott's theatre program. He worked along with Walsler in *After The Fall*.

Some of his many roles include the characters of Tevye in *Fiddler On The Roof*, Adam in *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers* and Riff in *West Side Story*. He has also appeared on film and television.

The other cast members include Bill Corday, Karen Marek, Michel Soucy, Donovan King, Antoine Duchastel, Jessica Mackenzie, Joanne Simonetti and Drogheda



Antoine Duchastel and Joanne Simonetti star in Paul Dervis's *Manhattan Je Vous Dis*.

Photo by THOMAS PATOUCHAS

Woods.

Theatre 21st Century is a joint venture between Canadian and American artists, now in its third year.

They have been workshoping this play in Montreal for a pending U.S. opening, scheduled for Boston in January.

Paul Dervis says; "You have a

great chance to see what works and what doesn't when you're workshoping. The cast members really contributed. There is a very large pool of talent here in Montreal." He is currently the artistic director at Theatre Redux in Cambridge, Mass.

Dervis is a playwright and director. His play *Making Tracks* won the 1986 New York One Act Play Festival. Another of his creations, *Pokey*, enjoyed a lengthy run on Theatre Row Off Broadway. Dervis has won Best Director for nine of the plays he has directed including David Mamet's *Edmund* in 1986.

He has produced and directed for television including directing "As The World Turns." He also founded the Alley Theatre in 1989 and is the co-founder of the New York Playwrights workshop.

The production runs July 28, 29 and 30 at 8 p.m. at the Quebec Drama Federation at 4001 Berri St. Admission is \$10 and tickets can be reserved by calling 842-2438.