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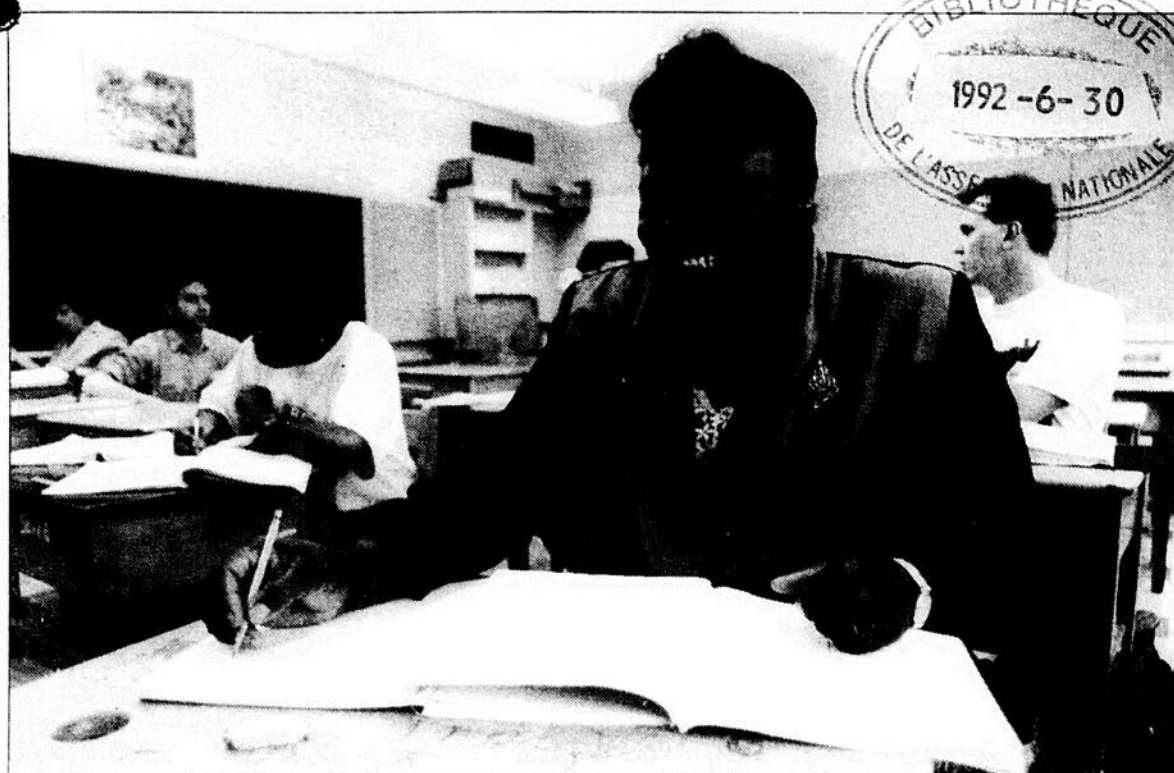
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**We'll be 1 day late**

The offices of THE EXAMINER will be closed on Wednesday, June 24, for the St. Jean Baptiste holiday. The newspaper will be one day late, arriving in your mailbox and in newsstands on Friday, June 26. All deadlines are the same, except for classified ads when the deadline will be 10 a.m. Thursday. The same schedule will be in effect the next week for the Canada Day holiday.

## The solution was school



Merine James cares for an elderly woman from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., then picks up her school books and heads to Westmount High from 4 to 10:30 p.m. This mother of three is determined. Learn more about this tour de force on page 24.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

## City seeks aid to get \$400,000 taxes owed by condo builders

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount is seeking legal assistance to try and recover nearly \$400,000 in back taxes and interest it claims developers of Château Westmount Square owe for a nine-month period in 1989.

The period covers Jan. 1 to Sept. 24, before the new building was subdivided into condominiums and modification certificates were issued by the Montreal Urban Community evaluation department.

This is the period before most units were occupied.

Building owners at that time — Anjar Investments, Ludev Investments and Construction Molibec — still own between them about one-third of the units in the highrise building located on the northeast corner of Greene and St. Catherine. This is the unsold portion.

Of 110 condos and 104 garages in the building, 32 condos and 48 garages remained unsold in May, city records reveal. The city is claiming the 1989 taxes on the entire building.

The city has not yet exercised its right under the Cities and Towns Act to sell property for non-payment of taxes, preferring instead to settle the issue otherwise, according to city

director-general Manley Schultz.

Since the matter is under negotiation, Mr. Schultz said he was unable to comment further.

The city recently retained the law firm of MacKenzie Gervais to collect the outstanding taxes.

The issue of 1989 tax bills at three major condominium projects generated much controversy in May 1990 when the city discovered valuation certificates had still not been issued by the MUC though the buildings appeared complete and some already occupied. These were Château Westmount Square, 1 Wood and 200 Lansdowne.

By law, however, Westmount cannot issue tax bills on new construction until valuation certificates are issued, showing the effective date.

When certificates finally were issued for Château Westmount Square in August 29, 1990, they bore an effective valuation date of Jan. 1, 1989.

MUC evaluation chief Gilles Racicot was quoted at the time in an EXAMINER story as saying though developers might initially delay paying taxes on condo units before certificates were issued, they eventually have to pay.

## City puts dibs on cream of legal crop

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Will a new city legal policy block Westmount residents from using big-name law firms in actions against the city?

Resident Marie-Anne Myers asked city council at its June 1 meeting if its plan to sprinkle business around five well-known law firms did not create conflict of interest for citizens wanting to consult these firms when going up against the city.

The five firms named at the council meeting were: Heenan and Blaikie, Bélanger Sauvé, MacKenzie Gervais, Desjardins Ducharme, and Donovan and Donovan.

Councillor John Lehnert, a lawyer, said the specialty firms gave the

city "a great deal of flexibility."

Mayor Peter Trent said there were numerous other firms residents could consult and asked who could fault the city for going to "the best?"

But after the meeting, another citizen was quick to support Mrs. Myers' concern.

"She's absolutely right," Dr. Maureen Kiely told Mrs. Myers. "At first it sounded great, but on reflection, these law firms are now out for citizens."

Dr. Kiely, a director of the Westmount Municipal Association and a member of the Citizens' Traffic Ad-

visory Committee, was one of the Boulevard residents who took the city to court over the narrowing of Cedar Avenue last year.

Both women reasoned that the city is "a much bigger client than any one of us." They also noted that the "big gun" law firms with which Westmount expected to do business were also those many Westmounters might also choose.

Heenan and Blaikie was named to handle labour relations, personnel and pension matters.

The city selected the giant municipal law firm of Bélanger Sauvé as its legal advisor and representative for

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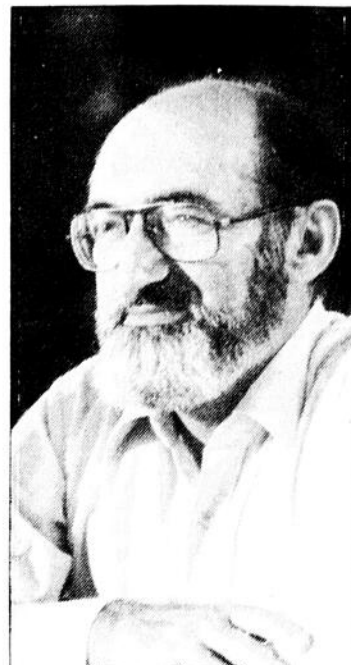
WHEN Paul-Émile Cardinal Léger gave Dr. Henry Morgentaler his diploma at Université de Montréal, "he didn't know what a black sheep I was going to become. Neither did I."

But the doctor best known in Canada for the abortions he performs, who says he has "no personal enemies," adds, "I never wavered in believing I was right. Women are entitled to health, life and dignity."

"When women have a choice, it is good for society in general. Their children will not build concentration camps."

Dr. Morgentaler, himself a concentration camp survivor, is the subject of the first in a new series of interviews with Westmounters of note. The series, which begins this week on page 9, will run once every two weeks.

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et  
mercredi, le 1er juillet 1992

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**Riding extended 4 streets east**

The new provincial riding of Westmount-St. Louis has been extended from St. Laurent Boulevard to Sanguinet Street so that Chinatown will not be split in two.

The riding boundaries were unveiled June 4, and has since roused both the Equality Party and Liberals to protest. The change was agreed to after hours of debate in the National Assembly.

**City put dibs on legal firms**

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general municipal matters. It chose MacKenzie Gervais to handle collection of unpaid taxes regarding Château Westmount Square, 4175 St. Catherine St.

It reconfirmed the appointment of Pierre Bourque of Desjardins Ducharme as special counsel in the city's \$3.5-million suit against the Montreal Urban Community regarding the 1988 valuation roll.

As well, John Donovan, of Donovan and Donovan, was reconfirmed as crown prosecutor in Westmount municipal court. His law firm also was named "for matters already referred and for specific matters as determined from time to time."

Mr. Trent said it was likely the city would eventually cut the number of law firms to two or three after a trial period.

These firms were named as those with whom city clerk Marie-France Paquet is authorized to consult up to \$100,000.

Ms. Paquet, herself a lawyer, has been named to co-ordinate the city's legal services in-house, seeking outside consultation for special cases from the authorized firms only as required.

City council announced last month it would implement the new policy aimed at reducing the 1991 legal costs of \$280,000 by eliminating the position of city solicitor effective July 1, long held by Kevin Donovan.



**Today, June 18**

**Art exhibit:** *Ethnomosaïque* at McClure Gallery, 350 Victoria Ave., until July 4.

**Display:** Westmount Square participates in Montreal's 350th birthday with displays pertaining to *The Spirit of the Mountain* inside and outside until Tuesday.

**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, June 20**

**Seminar:** "How to Start Your Own Business" seminar at Westmount Y. From 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$50 plus GST members; \$60 plus GST others. Register at member service desk.

**For children:** Face painting; you can be a lion, bunny, cat, clown or anything you want to be 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, June 21**

**Concert in the Park** at 2 p.m. features L'Ensemble du Carré St-Louis — Robert O'Callaghan, Sydney Vrana, Jean-Marc Beauchamp and Mario Giroux play flute, guitar, piano and cello. It moves to Victoria Hall if it rains.

**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.

**Monday, June 22**

**Bridge:** The Westmount recreation department is recruiting players for tally games every Monday and Wednesday at Victoria Hall from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. 935-8531 ext. 212.

**Lecture:** Allan Raymond on *A Trip Through History: The Lives and Loves of Quebec Jewry* at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom at 1 p.m.

**EXAMINER columnist wins Canada-wide award**

EXAMINER columnist Kathleen Hugessen has won the Canadian Community Newspaper Association's 1992 award for Outstanding Columnist.

The award, one of the top in the association's Better Newspapers Competition, is open to columnists in all of the association's almost 700 newspapers. In most years there are about 150 entries.

Ms. Hugessen was news editor of THE EXAMINER from February 1988 until June 1990, when she joined *Concordia University Magazine* as editor. She started her EXAMINER column in September last year; it appears every two weeks on page 5.

She has been a Westmount resident most of her life. After growing up here, she moved out at age 19, then moved back at age 30 and has remained here ever since.

The award will be presented at CCNA's annual convention to be held in Edmonton in July.



KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

**Clarifications**

The name of a new art gallery which shows work by the handicapped was mistakenly left off a "Beyond Westmount's Borders" item last week. It is called A Part Égale.

A business brief last week was entitled "Help for young entrepreneurs" when the Concordia Small Business Consulting Bureau, as the story reflected, deals with all sizes, and all ages of business.

**Allergies drive man to shoplift Seldane**

A man was arrested for shoplifting allergy medication at the Pharmaprix store in Place Alexis Nihon Monday last week after he was seen taking Seldane tablets out of a package and putting them into his pocket, police said. The man was stopped by a security agent on the way out of the store about 1:10 p.m. A 37-year-old Montreal man is to be charged

**Tuesday, June 23**

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

**Wednesday, June 24**

**Happy St. Jean Baptiste Day:** Most stores and offices, including THE EXAMINER, closed. Enjoy it safely!  
**Garage sale:** Greene Avenue Community Centre sale from noon to 9 p.m. with informal dance following the sale. 1090 Greene Ave. 931-6202.

**Thursday, June 25**

**Don't look for your EXAMINER today.** Because of the St. Jean Baptiste holiday it will appear Friday, June 26.

**For seniors:** Annual general meeting of Contactivity at noon in Webster Hall, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Open to everyone.

**COMING UP**

**June 28:** Concert in the Park at 2 p.m. features jazz with the Robert Burman Trio — Mr. Burman, Marek Semeniuk and Paul Leger play guitar, bass and drums.

**July 5:** Tea at Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim at 1:30 p.m. presents a lecture by Prof. Graeme Decarie of the Concordia University history department on *A Unique Look at the History of Montreal*. Members \$2.50, others \$3. 937-9471.

**July 5:** Concert in the Park at 2 p.m. features Quintette de cuivres Haëndel — two trumpets, French horn, trombone and tuba played by Gaëtan Chenier, Sloane Levitt, Jean-Jules Poirier, Gordon Simms and Sylvain Picard.

**July 12:** Concert in the Park at 2 p.m. features the return of Trio Ambiance — Danielle Bourget, Nadia Francaville and Iona Corber play flute, violin and cello.

**July 12:** Tea at Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim at 1:30 p.m. presents a lecture by Sandra Paikowski, curator of Concordia University Art Gallery and publisher of *The Journal of Canadian Art History on Landscape Painting in Canadian Art from the 19th to the 20th Century*. Members \$2.50, others \$3. 937-9471.

**July 12:** Seniors will picnic beside the lagoon during the concert (see above). Picnic tables provided, participants bring food to share.

**July 14-19:** Shakespeare in the Park with Repercussion Theatre: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Pericles* at 8:30 p.m. on alternate nights. Bring your own lawn chair.

**July 19:** Concert in the Park at 2 p.m. features jazz with the Tricia Pope Trio. Ms. Pope plays flute and sings.

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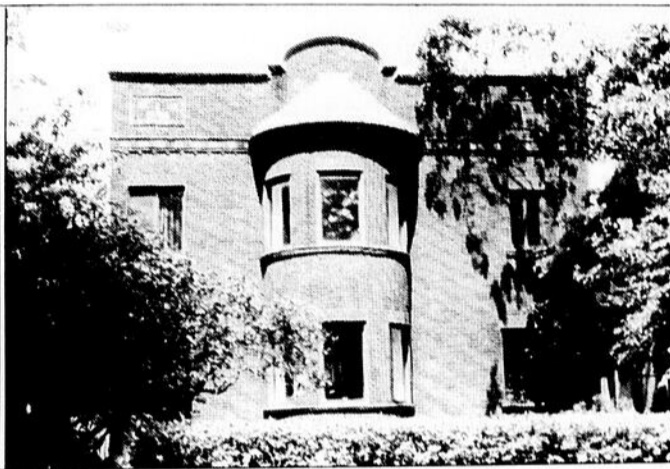
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These three houses, side by side on Rosemount Avenue, "The Cradle of Westmount," received a high ranking in a new heritage study done by the city.

## Your roof line and window design are under observation

Picture a big flashy smile with a tooth missing.

That analogy is used to describe the effect of inappropriate renovation on certain Westmount streets by Architecture and Planning Commission architect Mark London.

If the city's original 1988 heritage study focused on each of the city's exceptional houses with important heritage value, a new study now under way will look at the distinct features of Westmount's streetscapes and character areas.

The eventual aim is to design policy that will help preserve Westmount's character by guiding would-be renovators.

"When you decide to preserve a particular area, the number one way of doing it is to make sure the zoning

corresponds with the existing situation in terms of the heights, setbacks and lot sizes you allow," said Mr. London.

This removes the incentive for demolition and, in the cases where new houses are built, it ensures that they'll fit in, he said.

### Seeing what fits in

"The purpose is not to define 'good' or 'bad' architecture," said Councillor Karin Marks, who also chairs the city's planning committee. "It's more a matter of what fits in with the general ambience of a given street. We're looking for consistency."

The city approved \$20,000 at the last council meeting to pay for the

By **J. MARION FEINBERG**

services of architect Amita Marjara who will conduct the study of approximately 38 character areas. She studied two trial areas, known as Rosemount and Hallowell-Weredale, in March to find the glitches in the methodology of the study, according to Mrs. Marks.

"The study will help property owners and their designers as well as the city and the Architecture and Planning Commission to understand what characterizes a particular streetscape, whether it be the roof lines, construction materials or window shapes," said Mr. London.

"After the study is completed, the next step will be the development of policy," said Mrs. Marks. "We'll determine what can and cannot be done and why. In general we operate on the premise that what you do to the exterior of your house has a spinoff effect for the rest of the street."

Colour-coded and detailed maps will be produced for each of the 38 areas, rating the houses as a group in terms of their heritage value but also pointing out which are exceptional, significant, fairly good or not particularly noteworthy.

It will also identify architectural "ensembles" which is when more than one building is designed by the same architect or developer at the same time as part of one project, such as a group of row houses, said Mr. London.

"Many people don't notice they are part of an ensemble," he said. "This study will help in a case where five houses are all identical and one of the owners wants to change the type of windows or vestibule. These kind of changes really stand out."

By having these information maps available for citizens, it will help point out the important features and details found on their streets.

"Some people are extremely curious about this sort of thing, a few people couldn't care less," he said. "But most people appreciate being

in a streetscape, they just can't put their finger on what it is exactly."

One of the reasons why people like living in Westmount is because they know they are protected to a certain extent, said Mr. London. They will make every effort in developing the policy to balance the needs of the property owners with those of the

neighbours.

"Just from the simple act of looking at their respective maps, citizens will have a better idea of how they should be designing their renovation projects," he said. "We already have renovation guidelines but this will let us refine those guidelines considerably."

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## You Say

### What was a pleasant laneway now makes for sadness

I and my husband are tenants in Westmount. We live here because it is a clean, friendly, relatively safe place to live.

We moved into our present apartment one year ago. The balcony we have lets out on a lane. This is no average lane. It is filled with trees, birds, squirrels, crickets and, until recently, 20 stray cats.

Last summer when we moved in we would sit on our balcony and all these cats would come to visit. We would share our supper with them and through the summer named them all: Whitesocks, Chewy, Tabby etc. They were never a bother or nuisance. They never asked for anything but gave our lane a feeling of warmth as they played and ran around. On my way to work every morning we would see them all over the lane and I'd point them out to my husband. We'd both feel happy they'd had a good night.

Winter came and I worried for their warmth and shelter. These cats were fighters and each and every one survived the long, cold nights. As spring came we saw the mother of one of these cats proudly bringing home her babies, "four little kittens." The kindness and care she showed her babies was far beyond what would be expected of a lane cat. We walked over daily and peeked with joy and excitement at the newborn kittens. Asking daily had any homes been found for them. But I guess no one wanted the kitten of a lane cat.

A few days ago disaster broke and the fight for life by these cats was destroyed. I stood on my balcony and cried. You see there is a tenant who has now put a cage in the lane. It offers protection and food for a cat. What our friends don't know and we can't tell them is that this will be their last meal. After they enter it, the door will close. The truck will come and they will be brought and gassed. In 30 seconds their fight for life will be over.

The memory of their screaming cries for help in that cage will live with me forever. The man in the truck (SPCA) says it is better for them. They carry disease and sickness and would die anyway. I am a nurse. Thank God I do not treat my patients with this belief. I believe where there is life there is hope.

I spoke to my neighbours only to find out this one fed them, that one sheltered them. The church across the circle sheltered the kittens until they were strong enough to leave. Everyone did their part to help their survival.

In another apartment at the same address, one of the tenants let his cat out to play with the other cats. His cat was accidentally caught in this cage, thought to be one of

### Staff at Metro wonderful

The regular shoppers at the Metro (formerly Steinberg) store at Sherbrooke and Victoria should know about the wonderful staff they have at their service.

I have been a regular patron of the Steinberg store for many years and have always found the staff very friendly and helpful. But yesterday (June 8) I found out just how special they are.

My 15-year-old daughter cut her head while we were in the store. (Nobody at the store was at fault.) Her head bled profusely for several minutes and I was rather shaken, not to mention hampered by also hanging on to a lively two-year-old and an 11-week-old baby. Moments later several of the staff were there with water and paper towels giving me all kinds of help.

Mr. (Graham) Fletcher, the manager, was also there. I asked if he might call for a taxi, but he would hear none of it. Instead he called for his assistant, Anita, who very kindly drove me first to my home to pick up the needed hospital cards, and then to the Children's Hospital. She wanted to stay to make sure we were all right, but I assured her that it would not be necessary.

This being the first day of the transition from Steinberg to Metro, Mr. Fletcher and his staff were more than preoccupied with all sorts of problems. Yet they never hesitated to take plenty of time to help me and ensure that my daughter was properly looked after, far beyond what might be expected.

I am one very grateful customer. I was sorry to see Steinberg go, but I was most relieved to see that Mr. Fletcher and his able staff are still there. All the customers should be, too.

Phyllis Galbraith

439 Grosvenor Ave.  
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the strays and was brought to the SPCA. The tenant was fortunate to get his cat back. This cat received a cut on its eye and nose. The owner feels this was in an attempt to get out of the cage. Both he and my superintendent are horrified as to what has been happening.

Now the lane is empty. I hear the birds, crickets and see the squirrels but the empty, cold feeling I get inside when I look around and don't see my 20 stray cats.

The memories I will always remember as I sit on my balcony. Please write an article to let people know to neuter and care for their pets and to remember the 20 stray cats.

Sharon Sonderkirst

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### Kudos for bike path, Tour

I wish to acknowledge and thank the mayor and the city for their decision to reopen the bicycle path through Westmount.

I would also applaud their decision to allow the Tour de l'Île to pass through Westmount. I would like to point out to Laureen Sweeney that the Tour is not a race.

Elizabeth O'Connor

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### The Tour de l'Île made prisoners of residents

Well done, Westmount! We put out the welcome mat to thousands who may never have seen our city before, even though they are only a bicycle ride away. And we hear that they are to be invited back next year. May I suggest that unless a new format is found that the riot squad should also be standing by.

Your reporter, Laureen Sweeney, gave excellent advice before the rally when she wrote, "If you are planning to go anywhere Sunday morning, don't." The mayor had said the race would definitely cause impediments to traffic. What an understatement! Those who ignored THE EXAMINER's advice were in a fury and the thought of a return engagement causes further anger. People who did stay in were enraged that they were prisoners in their own homes.

The two Westmount senior citizens I usually chauffeur to church on Sunday decided to stay at home. I myself found my way through the Metro tunnel under Atwater, helping along a couple of less able citizens who had trouble negotiating the non-functioning escalator.

The night before, two visitors from England, who were planning to visit me Sunday, changed their minds when I told them of the obstacles and they decided to visit Quebec City where they enjoyed the day seeing the sights and spending tourist dollars.

They were incredulous when I told them of the barricade. Who would permit that, they asked in wonder.

I was ashamed that I couldn't answer. I believe we should have some answers (and some input) before another grand event is inflicted upon us. THE EXAMINER is in a position to ask questions.

Honor Barrett

250 Kensington Ave.  
WESTMOUNT H3Z 2G8

### Thanks for day in park

The board of directors of A World of Dreams Foundation Canada would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to the Westmount fire department, the mayor, the police and all its citizens for having helped to raise enough monies to grant the dreams of terminally, critically and chronically ill children.

Our day in the park, Sunday, June 14, proved to be enormously successful for all of us who participated.

The funds raised shall go towards the granting of Wayne's dream. Wayne, an 11-year-old boy chronically ill with spina bifida, will be able to take his family to Disneyworld.

It is very difficult to put into words our appreciation and gratitude to all who gave up a lot of time to help put this day together. However, we would like to give a special thank you to Oldies 990, all of the Westmount firefighters who worked double shifts or came in on their day off. Chief Jim Adams, all of the fire departments in and off

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## We Say

# No haven for dogs

WESTMOUNT got the kind of mention it may not appreciate on CBC Radio this week.

Reporting on Montrealers agitating on the steps of city hall Sunday to let their dogs run free in certain parks, the journalist announced that some dog owners drive across the city twice a day to Westmount, to make use of its dog runs.

"Until Westmount hears about it," the announcer put in.

Westmount's image is that of a haven for dogs and dog owners, a place where the beast is held in such high esteem it is given its own fenced-in runs to run free.

There are seven dog runs, two of which are enclosed, which were instituted (originally unfenced) around 1975.

When the Westmount Park dog run was abolished in 1987, it created a furor and dog owners took up the fight. Dressed in black, they held a mock funeral in Westmount Park and the city was taken to task during council meetings for breaking its promise to fence a replacement run at Lansdowne Avenue and St. Catherine Street in compensation.

Dog owners had to fight for their fence, which they eventually got, despite the city's desire to keep the space a park for nearby condominium dwellers.

The city may not always put dogs first, but the default image of Westmount is that its

residents — dog-lovers all — do. It is assumed they will not see an animal in distress or pain without taking it in and caring for it.

Why else would three dogs in the past two weeks have been abandoned in Westmount?

All three were simply left, two tied to poles, one to a bench. It took two days before one, tied outside on Melville Avenue, was recognized as abandoned. Another had a note attached, begging for a good home.

Choosing to abandon unwanted animals in Westmount instead of bringing them to the SPCA is based on the notion that the dogs will find "good homes."

In fact, two of the dogs were turned over to the SPCA and put to sleep. The third's fate is as yet unknown, as the animal hospital it was tied up outside took it in hopes of finding a home.

Much as Westmounters do love dogs, they cannot always take them in. Even if they wanted to care for an abandoned dog, they would assume a tied-up pet has a caring owner. It is inconceivable to a dog-lover to believe anyone would tie a dog up, so it could not even seek food or water, and leave it there.

Westmount is not a haven for unwanted animals. They just serve to make Westmounters angry and sorrowful when they later read about the animal's fate.

## The problem with poles

HOW long will it take before someone — a drunken driver, a driver who fails to be alert enough, a cyclist who veers out of control for a second — to wrap themselves around one or more of the slender poles demarcating the new bicycle path on de Maisonneuve Boulevard?

These ill-advised poles are meant to keep car and cycle apart.

Bicycle paths are a familiar concept. Solid white lines are not foreign to drivers. The dual signal of a solid white line plus bicycles imprinted on the road surely signals to all responsible drivers that a path is present.

Irresponsible drivers, on the other hand, are just as likely to mow down the poles as ignore the road paint.

Imagine an accident between car and bicycle. Potentially horrible. Now imagine an

accident where a car rams a metal pole which, being slim, not only bends and smacks into a cyclist but fails to appreciably slow the car, which also hits the cyclist.

Presumably the poles are intended not only to keep cars off the path, but to keep cyclists on it. A barbed-wire fence might keep cyclists off the roadway, but the poles have not. A walk down de Maisonneuve is proof.

Cyclists use the path as a guideline, not a barrier. If traffic is light, if there are a few cyclists vying for the same terrain, they veer off into the road, even ride along the opposite side.

The poles are simply not serving any purpose, though they pose a potential threat to property and limb.

They should be removed.

## I Say!

WHO ever walked behind anyone to freedom? If we can't go hand in hand, I don't want to go.

— Hazel Scott

The Westmount Examiner  
**EXAMINING THE FILES**

**Forty-five Years Ago**  
 June 13, 1947

Editorial: "Young folks, at least those who have not yet been infected with the idea that their parents are 'old fogies' who belong to ancient times, and fortunately they are still in the vast majority among the intelligent thinking young men and women, are planning to celebrate the one day in the year specially dedicated to father. It is only right that the young people should, on Father's Day, remember the sacrifices Dad made for them from the day they were babies until they reached the adult state and were able to take over where the old man left off."

**Thirty-five Years Ago**  
 June 14, 1957

"Value of property destroyed by fire in the City of Westmount during 1956 amounted to \$83,083 — a jump of almost \$50,000 over the preceding year, the city's annual report shows. It pointed out the value of buildings and contents endangered by fires in the municipality during the year totalled more than \$8,000,000. The per capita loss for 1956 was \$2.86, compared to the last five-year average of \$2.01."

**Twenty-five Years Ago**  
 June 15, 1967

Cutline: "A fire set with gasoline at the Westmount dumping grounds burned furiously until attacked with the new high expansion foam. In minutes it was under control, the Fire Brigade happy with their experiment." Story: "Westmount's Fire Brigade has added an important aid to its equipment to fight fires more effectively. It is the new high expansion foam generating equipment, which after a period of training the department is now ready to put into use."

**Ten Years Ago**  
 June 17, 1982

"Like it or not, it's 1982 and you are surrounded by computers. Micro-electronics are becoming integrated into the economic and social fabric of society to such an extent that they must find applications in public education. And just as parents lobbied for French immersion programs in the '60s and '70s, they will be pushing even reluctant school boards into applying computer technology in classrooms. Too little discussion has been presented on the psychological and sociological impact of computers in children's intellectual and social development. There seems to be little information available on the health and safety factors relating to computer use."

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



**Murray's always appealing**

IT struck me last weekend that, in spite of the winds of change which I alluded to in my recent ruminations, some Westmount rituals don't vary.

My grandson Jacob is the fourth genera-

**our M.P.**  
 David Berger  
 says...



**My Réaction is to laugh**

DIRECTOR Albert Nerenberg's timing was perfect. On the day (June 4) that MPs voted to pass the federal referendum bill, Nerenberg's film *Réaction Québec* was viewed by over 200 persons in a special screening on Parliament Hill. Midway through the film, a parody of a federal government ad is aired.

**our Mayor**  
 Peter F. Trent  
 says...



**What's a decent wage?**

IT was a strange mélange à trois. Here I was on a French radio phone-in program with André Nadon of the Canadian Police Association, along with the host, Monique Simard.

Simard favours separation, unionism and women's rights. I favour federalism, merit pay and equal rights. I expected a virago; I think she expected some Westmount nabob, complete with top hat and white moustache, like the little man on the Monopoly board. In the event, I liked her and found her very balanced and gracious.

The topic we discussed was the lavish 9.4 percent two-year increase in MUC police salaries. This largesse comes after eight

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tion of Holdens to give the traditional answer to the question, "Where will we go for Sunday lunch?"

"Murray's," he lisps.

When we arrive at the venerable establishment on Sherbrooke at the corner of Claremont, we are greeted by one of the members of the Staveris family who have been the owners since 1982. No matter where we sit, our waitress treats us like kin. Probably the most stable workforce in town, our friends Hilda and Rose, Marjorie and Madeleine as well as Pauline, Jean and the others, welcome us and inquire as to our health.

In 1923 when Murray's opened its doors

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Words on a black screen appear and a voice reads, "In October Quebec will hold a referendum."

The next screen reads, "We can hold one too."

Followed finally with "Nyah, Nyah, Nyah."

Only a few hours after the federal referendum bill was passed in the House of Commons, Nerenberg was already poking fun at it, and in the very room where the Beaudoin-Dobbie committee met.

A rather irreverent look at the politics of language, *Réaction Québec* portrays the ups and downs of Quebec's language vigilantes who report violations of Quebec's notorious sign laws. The plot thickens when the film's stars, Nerenberg, Suzanne Leduc and James

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FERG 6-18-92  
 Westmount Examiner

**Swaying wheat on bankrupt land fails to stir the heart**

THERE is a fine line between advertising and propaganda. When Pepsi hammers the phrase "gotta have it" into your brain, or when Molson brewery tries to convince you that Coors Light will ignite your sex life, it's advertising. When the government does it, it's something else.

With the beginning of the St-Jean Baptiste/Canada Day marching (parade) season less than a week away and the constitutional situation being in the mess that it is, the federal government has decided to launch a nationwide sales pitch for Canada, just in time for the country's 125th birthday.

One ad features astronaut Roberta Bondar's observations about Canada's geographic integrity. Another offers Canadians self-congratulations on winning the annual United Nations popularity pageant, which rates Canada as the country with the highest standard of living in the world. Neither are particularly moving, and they're hardly going to get Jacques Parizeau to chant "I love Canada" in his sleep!

The most frequently played spots feature a pre-pubescent girl — a dead ringer for Mila Mulrony — singing the praises of Canada. "So beautiful," she trills, "so green and free/where we can grow/you and me." This makes Canada sound like the suburban home she wants her parents to buy. But it's no small coincidence, since the purpose of these ads is to literally sell Canada to Canadians.

The commercial, in its English and French versions, features the Best of Canada, seen as a series of tourist postcards. Significantly, however, most of these images, besides the obligatory shots of mounties and Terry Fox, are out of date, bankrupt, or defunct.

The hockey image is of Team Canada playing in the 1972 Canada-Russia series — 20 years ago. There are loving views of golden prairie wheat fields, where bankrupt farmers are being forced off their farms every day, and of the Maritimes, where outports are dying and where unemployed fishermen can't raise the money to pay the mortgages on their boats.

It's hard to be moved to patriotism by images that we know are merely masks for hardship and suffering. Instead, they leave us feeling slightly nauseous and vaguely cheap.

**Between the Lines**



MATTHEW FRIEDMAN

But Brian Mulrony, Joe Clark, and the rest of our government's ministers cling to tired, impoverished symbols of Canada's nationhood, and this may be, in a small way, a root of our national malaise.

Ottawa is out of touch. Instead of constructive efforts to mend Canada, we are offered the smoke and mirrors of television sentiment. Instead of divining the causes of Québécois discontent, Mulrony's media mandarins are content to crow that the U.N. says Canada is the best place in the world to live.

As a result, these efforts at propaganda, though slickly produced and nicely packaged, are about as genuine as a three-dollar bill. No Québécois nationalist will be won over by these efforts, and committed federalists may start looking on the red-and-white bunting of Ottawa's cavalcade with disgust.

Propaganda is merely political advertising. It uses images and emotions in ways as calculated and as cynical as anything used to sell Calvin Klein jeans.

But anyone who has ever drunk a beer knows that choosing one brand over another will not ensure romantic success or guarantee an exciting fun-filled summer. At the heart of every advertising campaign is the crassest kind of lie and, in this respect, the government's latest media crusade is no different. They promise us everything but give us Arpege.

If this country is going to survive another marching season intact, we are going to have to find the symbols and images that tie the diverse facets of the Canadian identity together. Canadians, as always, will have to rely on themselves for this one. The government, naturally, hasn't a clue.

# Who's doing what?

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

- June 8**  
 227 Melville: for Mr. Taylor by Groupe Anteo Inc., gas conversion, \$2,900;
- June 9**  
 503 Mount Pleasant: for Marie Poirier by Construction Norca, solarium, \$15,000;  
 621 Clarke: for Balzit Chalka by Groupe Plomberie Lasalle, five fixtures and one sewer, \$3,000;
- June 10**  
 687 Roslyn: for St. Andrew's Dominion-Douglas by self, panic bars, \$500;  
 39 Stayner: for G. Kelly by Plomberie R. Blais Inc., powder room, \$2,200;  
 89 Arlington: for A. B. Doyle and Stan Shapiro by Chisolm Products, windows, \$750;

50 Columbia: for Mr. Farrell by contractor to be announced, brick painting, \$1,000;  
 482 Grosvenor: for R. Hobart by Salvatti Construction, stairs repair, walkway, parking area, retaining wall, \$5,500;

**June 11**  
 446 Lansdowne: for G. Couteau and D. Malo by self, alteration to kitchen and bathroom, \$15,000;  
 418 Mount Stephen: for P. Slinger by R. Aylett Cie., porch repairs and renovations, \$12,000;  
 55 Hallowell: for J. Paciti by Plomberie Classique A. Masciotia, two bathrooms, \$6,000;  
 21 Aberdeen: for M. Beaudoin by Quegeco Inc., retaining wall, \$5,000;

**June 12**  
 417 Mount Pleasant: for S. Vachon and P. Pearson by contractor to be announced, bathroom, \$5,000;  
 417 Mount Pleasant: for S. Vachon and P. Pearson by Plomberie R.L., installation of three fixtures, \$1,800;  
 393 Roslyn: for Stephen Lazarus by contractor to be announced, replace fence with hedge, \$1,000;  
 4840 Sherbrooke: for Metro supermarket by Enseignes Trans Canada, sign, \$15,000;  
 18 Thornhill: for Marie Josée Vadon by contractor to be announced, demolition of garage, \$2,000.



Samuel Eichenwald, 10, and Adam Hart, 8, get a good hosing by Adam's mom, Caroline Hart on their front lawn on Roslyn Tuesday. Photo by OWEN EGAN

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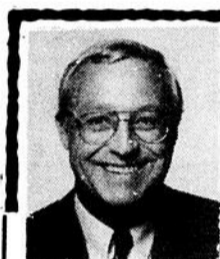
## Eggs hurled at open convertible

Eggs were smashed inside a car parked overnight Wednesday last week with the convertible top open outside 114 Upper Bellevue Ave., police said.

Special attention was put on the area on the chance that other places might be targeted for shenanigans. They were, according to public security reports. Two nights earlier, eggs were splattered on a grey Toyota parked at 616 Grosvenor Ave. and large staples used to hold electric cable were put under tires of parked cars on Forden Avenue as well as Upper Belmont Avenue. At least one car got a flat tire as a result.

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## Real Estate

By Reg Morden  
 \*\*\*  
 Condo Corner

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Try a water-base paint. It's extremely easy to apply, does not leave a strong odor, dries rapidly (within two hours) and washes out of equipment with soap and water.

Buy a medium to high-priced brush (never a cheap one) for cutting into corners and on woodwork. Add to this a roller frame and medium pile roller, a paint pan, and a five-foot extension pole to attach to the handle of the frame.

To prepare the walls, chip off any loose or bubbled paint. Fill nicks in the woodwork with vinyl spackle. Prime mended areas before painting.

Walls and ceilings should be dusted before any paint is applied. Surfaces that are dirty - covered with grease, hand prints, smoke - must be washed. If not clean, paint will not adhere well. In a bathroom, surfaces require scrubbing with a disinfectant such as household bleach to kill mildew caused by excessive moisture.

132 Arlington: Sunny upper duplex with 2,000 prime sq. ft. on one floor. Elegant and traditional, this well located flat comes with garage and is offered at \$329,000.

316 Kensington: Exceptionally spacious 2 level flat is larger than most houses. The 2,850 sq. ft. offers 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 fireplaces, 2 large decks, all on a fine street. Great value at \$295,000

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# Westmount sellers take less than valuation for homes in March

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Markdowns in the realty market were still the norm in March as Westmount homes continued to sell for significantly less than their new valuations, an EXAMINER analysis of Westmount property transfers shows.

The recession and shaky political climate are two factors that have had a major impact on prices and mark-ups in the local real estate market.

The situation is highlighted when comparing March's mark-up of average price over the average 1992 Montreal Urban Community valuation which hobbled in at -10.5 percent compared to a whopping 42.8 percent mark-up over the old valuations recorded in March of 1991. The adjusted mark-up sinks even lower, to -11.3 percent, after the two highest and lowest mark-ups are eliminated from the calculations.

Only three sales out of the total were marked up from their evaluated levels with the highest mark-up at 13.3 percent for the sale of 4684 Westmount Ave. The lowest mark-down was -32.8 percent for 625 Cote St. Antoine Rd.

Twelve homes sold for a total price of \$5,756,000 in March, which is down by over \$2 million from the total sold



515 ROSLYN Highest price in March, \$1,175,000 (based on transfer tax paid)

last year at that time. While the volume of sales is about average, the typical price dropped to \$462,346 from \$495,202 for the two previous months.

The adjusted average price for the month's transfers showed a bit of promise as it bounced up \$24,741 to

\$415,750 from January and February's average of \$391,009.

The highest-priced sale of the month was 515 Roslyn Ave. which went for \$1 and considerations with transfer tax paid on \$1,175,000. The home was assessed at \$1,145,700.

The least expensive house sold was 41-43 York St. for \$145,000.

Three condominiums changed hands during the month of March for a total of \$800,001, an average of \$266,667.

### March details

Following are the details of Westmount's property sales for the month of March 1992, in alphabetical order by street address:

- 3234 Cedar: (buyer and seller identities not available) sale price \$311,000, (MUC 1992-94 valuation \$359,200);
- 3284 Cedar: from Sherif Inc. to the Banque Canadienne Imperiale de Commerce, \$760,000 (\$922,600);
- 285 Clarke, condo 301: (buyer and seller

identities not available) \$535,000 (\$500,000);

399 Clarke, condo 1A: (buyer and seller identities not available) \$80,000 (\$2,400);

625 Cote St. Antoine: from Henri Castillo to Isabelle Lajeunesse and Guy Francois, \$390,000 (\$580,200);

4216 Dorchester: from Michel Durocher, Jean Desmeules, 170103 Canada Inc., Katherine Berg and Mireille Skelling to Michel Rodier and Therese Morin, \$500,000 (\$692,400);

309 Elm: from Alan George Wilson and Pamela Lucy Wilson to Josette Lise Dugas \$300,000 (\$360,700);

355-57 Melville: from George Shirley St. John Simpson Succession to Jacopop P Mortola and Irene Marconi, \$305,000 (\$398,500);

54 Oakland: (buyer and seller identities not available) \$850,000 (\$795,200);

515 Roslyn: (buyer and seller identities not available) \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$1,175,000 (\$1,145,700)

638 Roslyn: from Louis H. Lafontaine and Jennifer Mercer to Andy Weinman \$260,000 (\$320,200);

3754 The Boulevard: from Jaime Jose Caro to James Madon and Sophie Fejervary, \$295,000 (\$435,000)

750 Upper Lansdowne: from Lieba Shell to Tomasz Nowicki and Clydie Decroix, \$390,000 (\$457,100);

4684 Westmount: from Kenneth Harold Shore and Matila Alter to Lieba Shell, \$575,000 (\$507,300);

472-74-76 Wood (one-third of building): from Tiiu Tammist to Kumar Jain Arvind, \$133,000 (valuation of total building \$360,700);

41-43 York (50% of building): from John Davidson to Agnes Durbet, \$145,000 (valuation of 50% of building \$146,900)

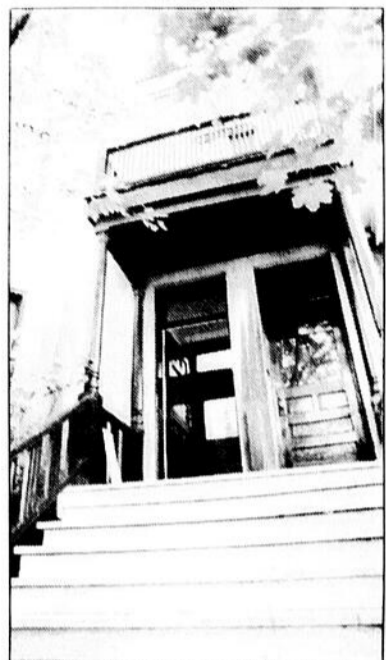


Photo by OWEN EGAN

41-43 YORK Lowest price house sale recorded in March, \$145,000

## MARCH HOUSE SALES

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

- Total sales: 12 (16)
- Total price: \$5,756,000 (\$7,664,500)
- Total valuation: \$6,428,600 (\$5,368,600)
- Markup of average price over average valuation: -10.5% (42.8%)
- Markup of average price over average valuation (adjusted\*): -11.3% (34.4%)
- Typical price based on adjusted mark-up of typical valuation\*\*: \$462,346 (\$511,982)
- Average price for month's transfers (adjusted\*): \$415,750 (\$368,125)

\*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.

## Driver escapes in park after hitting cars

A 17-year-old car passenger was arrested in Westmount Park Saturday after he and the driver tried to run away following a collision involving their car and two other vehicles at Sherbrooke and Metcalfe, police said.

The driver outran his companion, who was slowed by leg and shoulder injuries.

Both fled apparently because the car's licence had not been renewed. Public safety officers, who spoke to a witness, said the pair made a quick try to remove the plate before running to the park.

The car was not reported stolen and no charges were laid against the passenger. He was taken to hospital by Urgences Santé from police Station 23.

The 1983 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by the missing man was registered to a resident of Granby near the youth's home town. It was reported to have run through a red light about 7:05 a.m., hitting a Volkswagen then swerving into a Chevrolet.

All three cars sustained considerable damage. One driver came from Wolfville, N.S.; the other lives in Montreal north.

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# Buckets of firefighting fun in the park

Sirens drowned out peeling church bells Sunday morning as 19 fire vehicles from eight municipalities paraded through eastern Westmount to launch a day-long centennial celebration by local firefighters.

Children spent the rest of the day clamouring over the polished trucks in Westmount Park and watching in delight as firefighting teams competed in a series of games using water buckets, hoses and other skills of their trade.

Volunteer firefighters from Philipsburg emerged as champions of the day with the Westmount team running a close second.

But the real winners were sick children; the event was also a fundraiser for the World of Dreams Foundation.

Though a final tally has not yet been made, event organizer Graham Morrison, Westmount's deputy fire chief, claimed the event was a resounding success.

"We're thinking of making it an annual competition," he said. That idea is supported by a request to do

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

so from the Côte St. Luc team in a letter received Tuesday.

In addition to the six firefighting teams, two teams competed from Westmount civil protection volunteers and local Venturers (Scouts aged 14-17) who are associated with the fire brigade.

Some that didn't field teams entered vehicles in the parade of firefighting apparatus dating back to 1825. These included Hampstead, Montreal auxiliaries, Ville St. Pierre, Brossard and St. Constant.

The sirens brought waving residents onto balconies and started dogs barking as the trucks went east from Sherbrooke and Metcalfe, south on Atwater and back east along St. Catherine to the arena and park.

One of the main attractions was a 1925 stirrup pump, a hand pump entered by St. Constant. An 1864 steamer from Montreal was exhibited in the park instead of going in the parade when horses to pull it

failed to show up.

The highlight of the afternoon was a water ball game in which teams tried to score goals by using hose streams to push a ball along an overhead cable. The Westmount crew led by Yves Thèberge won handily after defeating two other teams in a round-robin type tournament.

"You all win the prize for sportsmanship," said Hib Puduah, a fire officer from the Highgate fire department in Vermont, one of four judges.

First, second and third place winners in each of the four games are, in descending order:

**Scott man:** Westmount firefighters, Civil Protection and Bedford.

**Midnight alarm:** Philipsburg, Bedford Township and Two Mountains.

**Bucket brigade:** Philipsburg, Bedford Township and Côte St. Luc.

**In truck judging,** Ville St. Pierre won top prize for the best entry of a vehicle currently in service, followed by Brossard and Côte St. Luc.



Wearing his own red plastic fire helmet, Jesse Boretsky, 2, came to the centennial parade and games well-equipped for climbing on an 1864 steamer, one of many fire vehicles displayed in Westmount Park. The steamer was used by the Montreal Fire Department which ran calls in Westmount before 1892.



It's called midnight alarm. When the hose stream hits the bull's eye, bells go off. A firefighting team from Deux Montagnes connected their lines and carried out the feat in 31 seconds Sunday during Westmount's centennial firefighter games in Westmount Park. Philipsburg did it in 22.75, Bedford in 30.1.

## OUR MAYOR...

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years of settlements above the rate of inflation, and against a background of the 1992 salary freeze going on in Quebec and, one hopes, in Westmount.

Just before the show, I asked Nadon if he truly felt that \$51,400 a year — nearly \$70,000 with benefits — for a constable with five years' experience made sense. He responded by saying he would love to know how much I made. I challenged him to ask me that question live. He never did. However, he did ask me, on air, what the politicians' pension benefits cost the city of Westmount and I was happy to respond, "Not a cent!"

He mumbled something like, "Well, you rich Westmounters don't need the money," and quickly went on to something else.

Cut to our February council meeting. Paul Creighton quite reasonably asked why we spent \$500 each for five garbage cans. He then asked whether we would opt into the elected officials' pension fund. To the latter question, we said no. Just about unique on the island, we refuse this perk that would cost the city some \$15,000 a year (\$25,000 if we paid ourselves more normal salaries). My fellow mayors think we're nuts, but this is Westmount. Did this make headlines? Not on your nelly. But we got a picture, a story, and a cartoon on the \$2,500-worth of garbage cans.

Oh well, pensions are not very sexy. (It would appear that garbage cans are — in Westmount at least.)

The Gazette has recently been going on about mayors' salaries, pointing out that Jean Doré pulls down some \$116,000 a year. And that the mayor of Hull (pop. 61,000) is paid \$99,000.

Let me answer the question that M. Nadon was afraid to ask. I make \$30,000 a year as mayor. The average salary paid to mayors of MUC cities with similar budgets to Westmount's is more than \$50,000, including pension costs.

We all get \$5,000 as members of the MUC, plus another \$5,000 for those of us on various

committees. Plus pensions, except Westmount.

So, MUC mayors (except Westmount's) make on average about the same as a policeman, "all in," as they say. The policeman's lot is a much happier one, however, as he can earn this amount while still in his 20s.

Yet a police officer's job is probably the most stressful one in our society, and that would include air traffic controllers. But there are compensations. Quite a few. They have gold-plated job security and an unsurpassed early retirement package.

A mayor faces an abrupt early retirement every four years at election time. And we're not exactly strangers to stress.

Who do you think is well treated?

## OUR MP...

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Douglas, set off to find the missing referendum question, which mysteriously disappears from the high-security Office de la Question.

When Montréalité Productions set out to make this comedy, they looked around at what politicians were doing and saying and realized that they could not possibly write a funnier script. When they looked for actors to play Joe Clark, Robert Bourassa, Jacques Parizeau, Mordechai Richler and Lucien Bouchard, they were unsuccessful. Rather than cancel the project they decided to let these people play themselves. The Réaction Québec crew attended press conferences in costume and let the cameras roll.

The result is a movie that has surprisingly been equally praised by both the francophone and anglophone press.

The film also features an all-star willing cast including Nick Auf der Maur, Robert Libman, Chief Joe Norton, Agnès Gruda and my legislative assistant, Mitchell Bellman.

Albert Nerenberg has a message for MPs, cabinet ministers, journalists and others. If you are invited to be in one of his movies, agree to play a cameo role. If you refuse, you will probably end up the star.

Montréalité Productions is already work-

ing on its next movie, called *The Sellout*. It is a take-off on *The Terminator*, where a native person comes back from the future with a receipt for the sale of Canada.

Brian Mulroney. Beware of people wearing sunglasses.

## OUR MNA...

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for the first time, I suspect that my parents were there. During the dirty '30s, my father took us out on the town by heading for Murray's with my two siblings, my mother and yours truly in tow. It became a family joke that I always chose the most expensive item on the menu.

After the war, there was a hiatus for the

years when I was studying and travelling; but my mother used to write me about her afternoon tea with her friends.

Mother's favourite was the English scones with strawberry preserve. My brother went for the steamed fruit pudding while I loved (and still do) the roast beef with Yorkshire pudding.

Of course I continued the family tradition with my wife and children during the '60s and '70s and now my son Arthur joins us with his two boys most weekends.

Recently their other grandfather, a judge of the Quebec Court of Appeal, stopped into Murray's with Jacob and was amazed that the waitresses kept saluting them with "Hi, Jake," and "How's Sam?" (that's his brother). It was somewhat like Dustin Hoffman in *The Graduate*. Well, not exactly.

## YOU SAY...

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the island of Montreal and all of the sponsors who were so generous to us.

Thank you all so very, very much and we hope to see everyone again on Aug. 30.

Deborah Sims, President  
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## Fire Brigade gives thanks

On Sunday, June 14, the Westmount Fire Brigade held its 100th anniversary Firefighters' Games in Westmount Park.

To put something like this together requires many, many long hours of hard work from numerous people usually on a volunteer basis.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the citizens and volunteers who took part in making the day a huge success.

We all appreciate the efforts of Deputy Chief Graham Morrison, who organized the day's events. This was done to raise money for the World of Dreams Foundation. This worthwhile charity to help terminally ill children is directed by Deborah Simms, who

also deserves special mention for all the hard work contributed to the event by her group.

On behalf of the Fire Brigade I would like to thank Mayor Peter Trent, city council and all the city managers, without whose backing and support this day would not be possible. So, to you ladies and gentlemen, we thank you.

J.R. Adams  
Fire Chief  
City of Westmount

## Repairs cancel trains

Maintaining your usual reputation for reporting news, you listed my building permit in "Who's Doing What" in your June 11 edition.

To keep you right up to date, I thought that you would be interested to know that the entire amount estimated for the work was spent on the balcony.

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# Morgentaler's dream as a youth was to become another Pasteur

Henry Morgentaler's parents always intended he would make a contribution to the world. But his parents, whose teachings shaped his life, could not possibly have foreseen he would become a notorious Canadian.

"The dream of my life as a youth was to become another Pasteur," he says.

Born March 19, 1923 in Lodz, he grew up as part of the Jewish minority in Poland in a family of social activists.

"There was an atmosphere of approval for universal humanist values," he says. "We were taught we had a responsibility to the world and to our community."

"My parents also taught me that people are basically good: if you are good to them, others will respond. I have kept those values all my life."

It wasn't easy to continue to believe in humanity. His parents and sister did not survive the concentration camps, but he and a brother were young and strong. When the Jews were separated into two groups, one for death and the other for forced labour, they survived, through Auschwitz and Dachau, until they were liberated by the Americans, when the future physician was 22.

"It made me want to fight against injustice. It is a common factor among survivors, the desire to do something worthwhile, to be a benefactor of mankind."

He arrived in Montreal in 1950, after having received four years of medical training in Brussels.

After three years at Université de Montréal, Dr. Morgentaler set up a family practise at the site of his present clinic in Montreal's east end.

As president of the Montreal Humanist Fellowship, he presented a brief to the Commons Health and Welfare Committee in 1967 urging a repeal of the law against abortion.

## Women begged for help

"It caused so much publicity it was necessary for me to start performing abortions. Women across

## This week's Westmounter

by Janet Coutts

Canada and the U.S. begged for help."

So after 13 years of legal practise, during which he was one of the first Canadians to perform vasectomies, insert IUDs and give birth control pills to unmarried people, Dr. Morgentaler embarked on a path that was, in his words, "highly illegal."

In 1973, he publicly announced that he had performed more than 5,000 abortions. Taken to court six times, "I was acquitted by four juries."

Nonetheless, the Quebec Court of Appeal sent Dr. Morgentaler to prison. He was freed by the passage of a new law after serving 10 months of an 18-month sentence.

During that time, he suffered a heart attack. "I attribute it to the pressures of the trials and maltreatment by the guards at the Waterloo, Que., prison."

"I try to keep my heart healthy. I exercise, avoid stress and keep my weight down. Things seem to be working. I'm 69 and I feel 45 or 50."

Dr. Morgentaler has lived mainly in Toronto for the last six years, but keeps an apartment here and returns at least once a month. "I love the French. I love the city. It's home."

Dr. Morgentaler cites as his own heroes Louis Pasteur, Bertrand Russell, Martin Luther King, Erich Fromm, Mohandas Gandhi and Andrei Sakharov.

Russell and Fromm he considers his "spiritual fathers."

Ghandi and King, he says, "practised non-violent action that brings results. I abhor war and violence, and admire their persistence, tenacity and courage."

While many ordinary Canadians may think the same as that of the

juries at Dr. Morgentaler's trials, his work remains a political hot potato. For that reason, Dr. Morgentaler has not been named to the Senate, nor to the Order of Canada. Neither has he collected an honorary university degrees.

He has, however, been given awards that mean a great deal to him: the Distinguished Humanist Award ("The same one they gave Andrei Sakharov," he says proudly); the Margaret Sanger Award in 1989 from Planned Parenthood in the U.S.; and from the Humanist Association of Canada and the National Abortion Rights Action League in the U.S.

## His perfect day

An ideal day for Dr. Morgentaler would be pretty close to the way he spends his time anyway. "I would get up, do my exercises, and go to work for three hours. I was taught that I must be useful to society, and I need to feel useful."

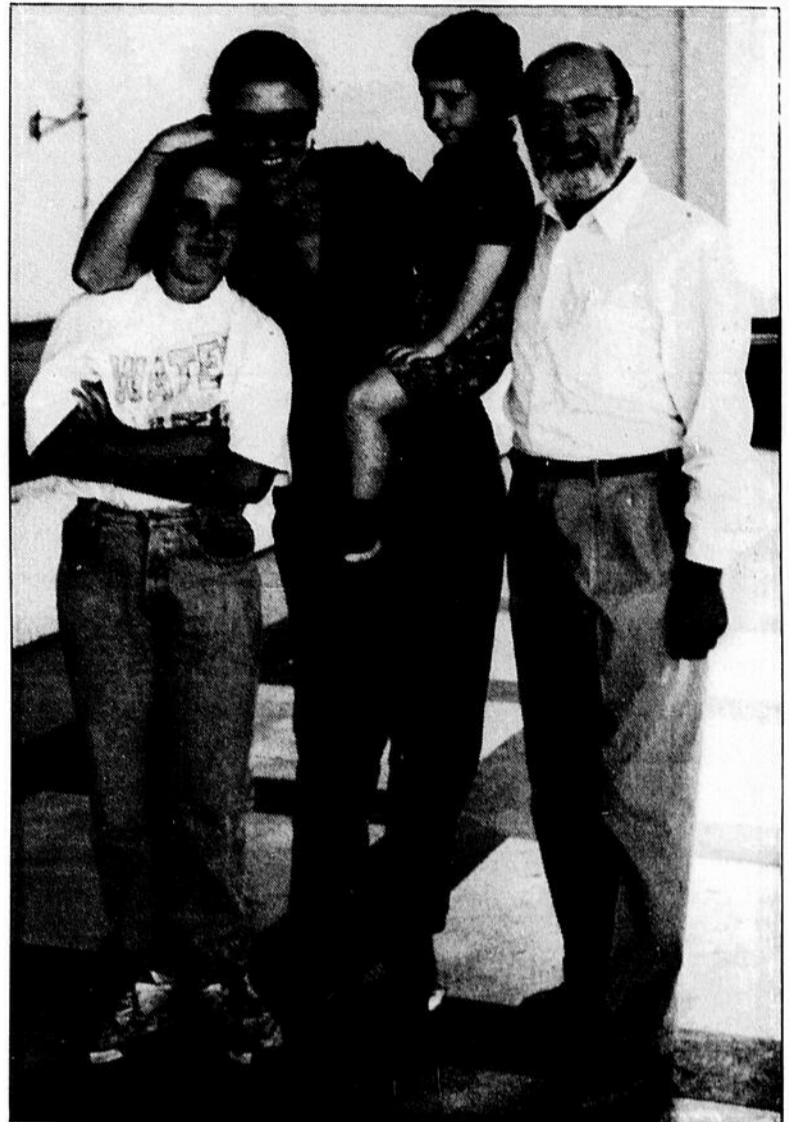
"Then I would lunch with friends or collaborators, take a swim and play a game of Ping-Pong." (Chess and table tennis are his favourite sports, he says. He also enjoys skiing and walking, theatre and movies, and "vacations to get away from the pressure cooker" at Club Med in the winter, in the mountains in summer).

"In the afternoon, I would answer media requests and write a chapter of my book or an article for a newspaper. I'm getting ready to write an autobiography. Then I would go for a drink with friends."

"I would next spend time with my family at dinner, read the newspapers, watch the news, listen to some music — cello and violin are my favourite instruments — then go to bed."

It is hard, says Dr. Morgentaler, to be in the middle of the storm of controversy, "to deal with hate and hostility. Inveective and insults are not my style."

"But people don't hate me personally. It is easier to take when I know that if they got to know me personally they would realize I am a nice,



Henry Morgentaler with partner Arlene and children Yann, 12, and Benjamin, 4.

friendly guy.

"I have the satisfaction of having accomplished a lot. I have saved many lives of women condemned to die or be injured and improved the quality of hundreds of thousands of lives."

"Fortunately the law, which was cruel and restrictive, was abolished

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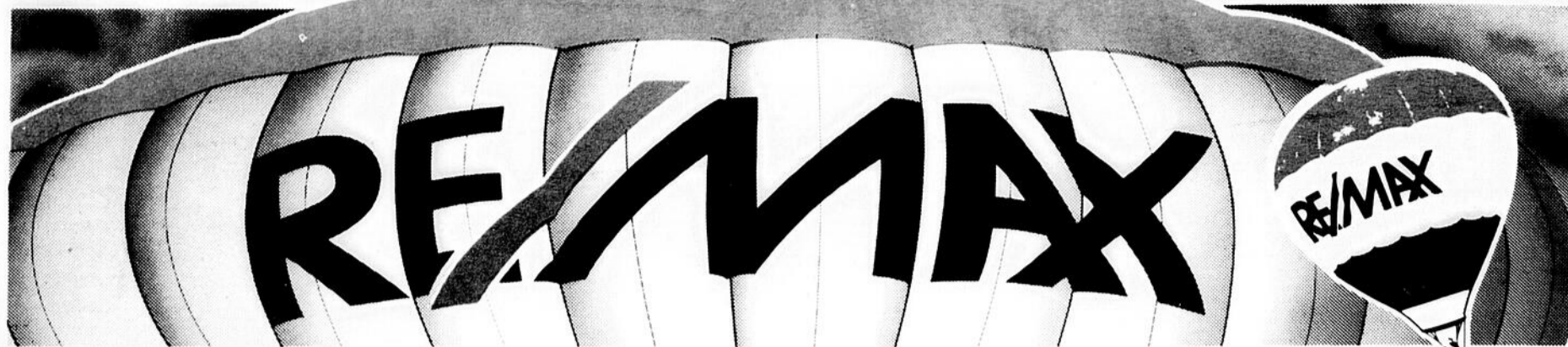
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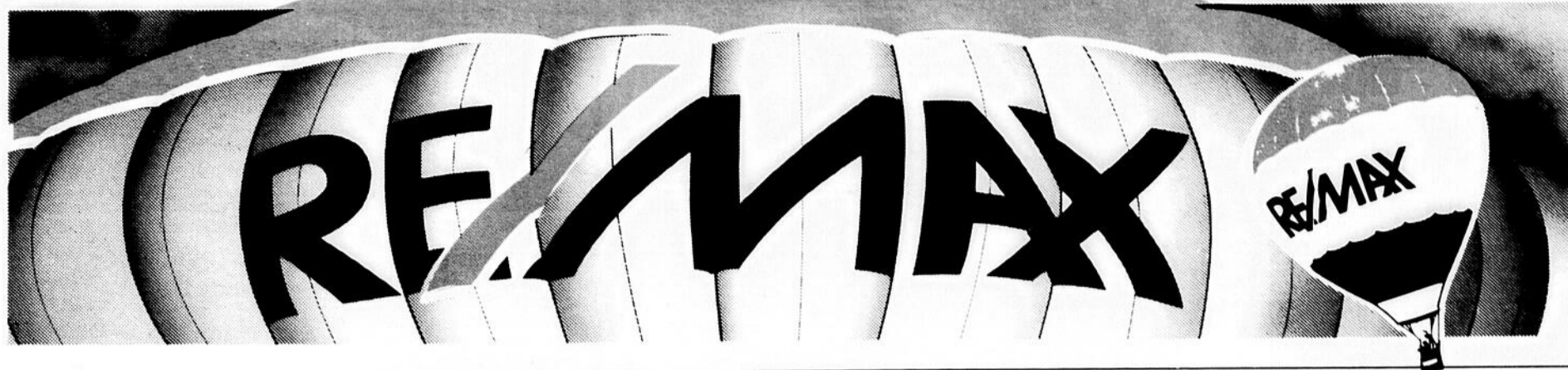
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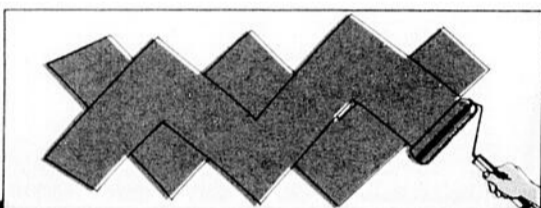
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### Card fraud stopped

A vigilant cashier at the Toronto-Dominion bank, 1281 Greene Ave., foiled a man's attempts to get \$950 using a Visa card that did not belong to him, police said. It was believed to have come from a wallet he left under the counter after fleeing in a panic when the cashier started to verify the card. It had not yet been reported stolen. The incident occurred Friday.

### Camcorder stolen

A Sony Camcorder video camera with accessories was stolen Tuesday last week along with some cash from an eighth floor apartment at 4998 de Maisonneuve Blvd., police said. The front door was found closed but unlocked at 7:30 p.m., though the occupant recalled locking it before leaving that morning at 6:45 a.m. The balcony door had been left unlocked but was deemed not very accessible.

### Offices burgled

Three suites were broken into at 4036 St. Catherine St. over the weekend June 6-8 as burglars continue to hit local office buildings, police said. Access was gained from the back lane by prying open the back door, removing hinges from a second-floor door and poking a hole through the wall to unlock it.

Eight offices were searched at Toulon Development Corporation where a petty cash box was taken. From offices of Montreal Driveaway, two packages of cigarettes were stolen along with a lighter and a recording machine. At Hillcrest Construction, two gold pens and some petty cash were taken.

### Sales clerk spooked

A saleswoman at Place Alexis Nihon called police Tuesday last week when she feared a man wearing sunglasses and wandering around the plaza with a knife visible might be about to commit a crime. A 46-year-old Montreal resident of Sherbrooke Street at Atwater Avenue was arrested for carrying a knife without reasonable excuse. He is to receive a summons to court for violating municipal bylaws. The description of the knife makes it appear to be a Swiss army type.

### Cars collide

Two cars sustained more than \$500 damage each when they collided in the intersection of Metcalfe and St. Catherine Tuesday last week about 6:30 p.m., police said. A 1990 Toyota driven by a 50-year-old Brossard man was struck in the right side by a 1992 Nissan. It was driven by a 29-year-old man from Hampstead.

### Apartment break-in

Someone kicked open an apartment door at 4560 St. Catherine St. Wednesday last week to steal a VCR, computer equipment and cash, police said. A Nintendo game also was taken. The amount of cash stolen was not released by police.

### Curtain-ripper was under the influence

A man who was admitted to the Reddy Memorial Hospital Tuesday last week about 6:10 a.m. became so aggressive that he walked on curtains surrounding his bed, pulling the rod out of the ceiling, police said. Damage amounted to \$800. The man, an epileptic, was described as under the influence of alcohol. The 40-year-old Montreal man was arrested and taken to Station 23.

### Pellet gun spree

Three windows on the second and third floors of the office building at 376 Victoria Ave. were broken by someone shooting a pellet gun overnight Monday last week, police said. The shooting spree occurred at the back of the building. A number of other windows in the area have been broken the same way over the past few months including those at Beau Soir, twice, and offices at 210 and 214 Victoria several times. Police said they did not know if the incidents are related.

### Bike hit-and-run

A man on a bicycle collided with a car Wednesday last week at Clarke and St. Catherine but the cyclist failed to stay at the accident scene, police said. The driver, a 41-year-old Laval woman, had asked him to wait while she moved her car out of traffic at which time he had told her the bike was worth \$400. He was not believed to have been injured.

The woman told officers she was going south when the west-bound bicycle hit her in the intersection. The hit-and-run accident at 6:05 p.m. caused less than \$500 damage to the woman's 1992 Mazda.

### Uneven paving trips

An 85-year-old Westmount woman caught her foot on some asphalt paving on the sidewalk outside 232 Redfern Ave. last Thursday morning. She fell, injuring her elbow and right arm, police said. Also suffering scratches on her face and knee, the pedestrian was taken to the Montreal General Hospital by Urgences Santé. The city's public works department was advised about the condition of the sidewalk where repair work seemed to be defective, police said.

### Thief wishes to make contact

A Sony nine-band shortwave radio was stolen from a duplex on Abbott Avenue Tuesday last week along a pair of Nike running shoes, police said. The place was believed to have been entered through a basement door possibly left open by a realtor.

### Watch that ozone

Two men who shoplifted four bottles of suntan lotion from the Cumberland store on Greene Avenue Saturday managed to outrun a security agent and escape in a car, police said. The lotion, which had a 22 UVA rating, totalled \$39.

# Ridding city of drugs is top priority for all ages Police Week survey reveals

The main neighbourhood concerns of Westmounters are break and entry and traffic, according to a questionnaire filled out by 87 citizens who visited a kiosk staffed by officers during Police Week at the YMCA last month.

Most said drugs and crime prevention should be police priorities.

"People want to see more foot patrols, more police in parks at night and they are concerned about bicycles riding on the sidewalk," said

## Hot's garbage strewn in lane

Ten bags of garbage were found strewn around the lane behind the Café Hot, 4104 St. Catherine St., Friday night, torn apart by either man or animal, public safety officers said.

Food scraps and styrofoam containers led officers to bring the matter to the attention of the restaurant where personnel stated there was no space in the lane to keep a garbage container.

They were told a solution would have to be found.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron in summarizing the survey.

Constable Bergeron, who prepared the questionnaire for local Station 23 to solicit citizens' comments and opinions of police, said concerns varied among the different age groups.

Citizens were asked to name the problems in their neighbourhood, what they would consider to be police priorities, how they view police and what a community relations officer means to them.

Many replied that local residents already had noticed Station 23's two foot patrollers, had spoken to them and were pleased to see them on the beat.

"Good job," wrote one person. "Police just keep the neighbourhood safe for my children," wrote another.

"Hard job," commented another in answer to what he thought of police work.

One woman felt delinquency could be prevented by showing children what jails are like and people do when they go there.

Of the 87 respondents, 13.8 percent had been victims of violent crime.

The questionnaire did not ask where the crime had occurred.

A third of the respondents were in the 31-40 age category, followed by 22 percent aged 61 and over, 20 percent aged 41-50, 17 percent aged 20-30 and 8 percent aged 51-60.

Though getting rid of drugs was listed as a number one priority in almost all age brackets, it appeared to be a paramount concern among those 31-40, Constable Bergeron said. Most respondents in this category were women.

Concerns among younger respondents were car thefts, bicycle safety, violence at night, highway code enforcement, police in parks and more crime prevention.

Older respondents, those over 61, mentioned bicycles on sidewalks, vandalism, armed robbery and patrolling the Metro tunnel in Westmount Square. The tunnel was singled out only in this category.

The questionnaire was available in English and French during the three days, May 11-13, that the kiosk was either inside the YMCA or outside on Sherbrooke Street. Those who took the time to fill it out were largely business people walking past at lunch or people going into the Y.

# Students expelled for end-of-year book-burning

## Mattress set on fire by smoker

Two students have been expelled from École Internationale for burning books and papers Wednesday last week to celebrate the end of classes, fire investigators said. Identities of the culprits were not revealed.

The papers were set on fire about 3:46 p.m. in the schoolyard behind 11 Côte St. Antoine Rd. where firefighters found a group of students aged 10-12. Names were written in some of the books that only partially burned. The students attend classes in the St. Paul Centre.

Careless smoking in bed was responsible for setting a mattress on fire on the second storey of a house at 319 Redfern Ave. Saturday, fire officials said. A 28-year-old woman was given oxygen as a precaution.

The victim, who was awakened by eye irritation from the smoke, was lucky to be alive, said fire investigator Lieutenant Barry Coates.

The mattress was found smoldering at 7:53 a.m. when firefighters arrived and was put out using an extinguisher. The mattress was taken outside and the house ventilated. Damage, estimated at \$100, was contained to the mattress.

Fire officials said a smoke detector did not operate.

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### June 9

9:13 a.m.: 821 St. Croix, code 3 automatic mutual aid to St. Laurent cancelled at 9:21 a.m.;

9:32 a.m.: Under Ville Marie Expressway, old mattress burning, extinguished and disposed of;

6:44 p.m.: St. Catherine and Metcalfe, first responder unit for medical assistance at car accident, not required;

8:11 p.m.: 60 Summit Cres., two people trapped in private elevator, released;

### June 10

1:29 a.m.: 516 Victoria, first responder unit for medical assistance;

5:16 a.m.: Greene and Dorchester, first responder unit for medical assistance, intoxicated person taken to police station;

2:08 p.m.: 1346 Greene, smoke detector activated by spray painting;

3:46 p.m.: Rear of 11 Côte St. Antoine, papers on fire (see story this page);

6:15 p.m.: 5891 Centennial, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 6:22 p.m.;

### June 11

12:10 p.m.: 744 Upper Lansdowne, burglar alarm set off accidentally by cleaner;

4:50 p.m.: 5011 Sherbrooke, odour from broken overhead drain;

10:08 p.m.: 7920 Côte St. Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 10:12 p.m.;

### June 12

12:30 a.m.: 250 Clarke, service call;

9:24 a.m.: 30 Sunnyside, flood in basement from broken pipe;

4:11 p.m.: Opposite 4282 Dorchester, car stuck, possible electrical problem;

8:00 p.m.: 59 Windsor, first responder unit for medical assistance;

### June 13

7:53 a.m.: 319 Redfern, fire in home (see story this page);

11:16 p.m.: 615 Hudson, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 11:27 p.m.;

### June 14

5:07 p.m.: Westmount Park, first responder unit for soccer player who injured ankle;

### June 15

2:34 p.m.: 414 Mount Stephen, fire alarm accidentally activated by workers welding pipe.



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# Court collection of unpaid business tax found effective

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A new procedure instituted by Westmount last year to collect smaller unpaid business taxes through municipal court appears to be paying off, judging by rulings obtained last week.

Five firms paid the court some \$30,000 in taxes, interest and costs either in lump sums or by postdated cheques after their cases were heard Tuesday last week. Another nine were postponed for a few weeks for a variety of reasons.

The payments bring the total amount for this year to \$64,000 in 16 of 23 business tax cases being pursued in court, according to finance director Luc Ménard.

Under the new procedure, the city is using its own legally-trained court clerks to prepare the complicated documents required to institute court action against companies.

Previously the city used a legal firm to carry out the work, making the high cost of collection worthwhile for larger debts only. Smaller business taxes and electricity accounts were often written off as bad debts.

"The new system now makes it worth pursuing smaller accounts through court," explains court official Alan Kulaga. "It's cost efficient and effective."

It's also faster. The city had already begun court action against some firms for business taxes 120 days after the March 31 due date last year, according to court records. By then, the finance department already had issued four notices.

In some cases, initiation of court action is enough for some firms to pay up, Mr. Kulaga said.

A.H. Campbell Gallery at 4910 Sherbrooke St. settled its 1991 business tax account of \$1,071 immediately prior to its appearance in court Tuesday last week.

Appearing before Judge Keith Ham the same day, three companies admitted they owed the money claimed by the city. When ordered to pay, they made special arrangements with the court collector.

Investissements Peniche Inc., at 4999 St. Catherine St. failed to keep its court date and was ordered in default to pay the accumulated amount of \$1,117.

One account, listed as Manuel Radbord, at 4010 St. Catherine St., paid \$613 with interests and costs to be assessed June 30.

Once a judgment has been rendered against a company, execution of the judgment becomes the responsibility of court collectors.

"It's keeping us very busy," Mr. Kulaga said. "None of it is computerized. Each case has had to be researched and designed according to the type of corporation."

This year to date, there are more collection cases in process than Mr. Kulaga has seen in eight years.

After unpaid business taxes are cleared up from 1991 and earlier, the city will no longer be concerned with having to collect unpaid accounts since the business tax was replaced this year by a surtax on commercial property.



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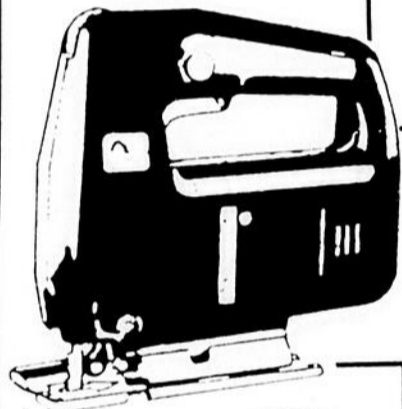
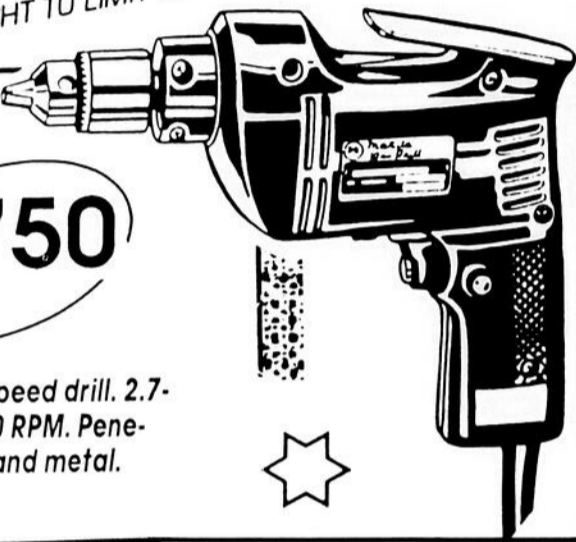
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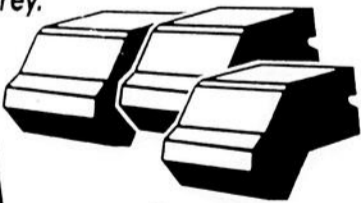
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# Accident mars opening of bike path

Westmount's fledgling bike path claimed its first victim and was tied up in bureaucratic red tape by the time it officially opened last Thursday.

Snipping the ribbon at Clarke and de Maisonneuve, Mayor Peter Trent inaugurated the de Maisonneuve route with his wife Francine riding their bicycle built for two bearing a 1973 Montreal bike licence.

The day before, a 27-year-old Montreal woman cycling east on the de Maisonneuve route collided with a car going north on Grosvenor when both failed to make a complete stop as required, police said. She was taken to hospital for treatment of "minor injuries" to the right leg.

A moving truck blocking the bike path that same day was brought to the attention of the public safety officers.

The truck had been parked in front of the house on the south side of de Maisonneuve with the blessing of city operations manager Bruce St. Louis and the public works department after residents obtained clearance ahead of time.

But public safety officers wanted one of the movers to be posted at the ramp to ensure cyclists would not run into it.

"Not at \$90 an hour," vowed the annoyed resident who told THE EXAMINER he was caught in Westmount bureaucracy.

Murray Marchant called public works. They promised to work it out with public security, he said. But the only thing that happened was that the cycling public safety officer told



Mayor Peter Trent and his wife Francine brought out their rarely-used tandem bicycle to inaugurate the de Maisonneuve bike path last Thursday. With them is Councillor Karin Marks riding along in the background.

him he'd have to move everything away for 30 minutes to allow the mayor to ride past during the official opening of the bike path at 10 a.m.

A very frustrated Mr. Marchant repeated, "Not at \$90 an hour."

Only moments before the opening, public security director Richard McEnroe remained insistent that

everything had to be cleared for the opening.

Between that time and the mayor's ride-past, however, matters seemed to be resolved. And the mayor happily rode around, followed by a cycling entourage which included Montreal cycling activist "Bicycle Bob" Silverman.

# Canada Day being fêted here

Westmounters and Westmount will be front and centre for this year's Canada Day celebrations.

Residents will be marching in the parade wending its way around downtown on July 1, and that evening, at Victoria Hall, the Equality Party holds its own barn-burner.

"It's Our Country — Let's Talk. C'est notre pays — parlons-en," a group formed by Westmounter Molly Frupp, will be joining the Canada Day parade with banners, participants holding both Canadian and Quebec flags.

Anyone who is interested in joining the group is asked to meet them at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of St. Denis and Sherbrooke streets.

Joan Rothman, PSBGM commissioner, is thinking of organizing a lane barbecue behind Thornhill Avenue for July 1.

"There's a feeling it (Canada Day) ought to be marked," said Mrs. Rothman, who is also part of "It's our Country — Let's Talk," and will be marching in the parade.

The Equality Party event was to be hosted by three riding associations — N.D.G., Westmount and D'Arcy McGee — but Westmount withdrew from the actual organizing and it will be hosted just by D'Arcy McGee and N.D.G.

Though Westmount riding president Betty Shannon-O'Connell questioned the practice of another riding organizing an event in hers, D'Arcy McGee was guided by price, and Victoria Hall was relatively inexpensive, according to organizers.

Admission is free to the evening, which starts at 7:30 p.m. with Scot-

tish pipers, than Geraldine Doucet will sing O Canada. The party is recruiting 125 people to carry tiny flashlights to simulate birthday candles, then party leader Robert Libman will say a few words.

A children's choir from Little Burgundy's Union United Church will sing Expo/Centennial favourites *Hey Friends, Say Friends* and *Canada*. Then Mr. Libman will introduce guest speaker and Westmounter Laurier Lapierre, a federalist and television journalist and host of the controversial news show from the '60s, *This Hour Has Seven Days*.

Bowser & Blue will perform (they were told to keep the raunchy material at bay) and the evening will end about 9 p.m. when a cake is cut and served.

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# Man 'locked out of house' now locked up

Quick action by a suspicious Westmount resident and public safety officers early Saturday resulted in nabbing a man suspected of fraud.

A 48-year-old N.D.G. man on probation has been charged in connection with three incidents on Roslyn and Grosvenor avenues in the past three weeks, police confirmed. All three times, the suspect rang door-

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

bells very late or very early, asking for money to pay a locksmith to get back inside his house.

Police were called by safety officers when they answered a call at 5:36 a.m. from a man living on Roslyn south of The Boulevard saying someone had rung his doorbell

claiming to be locked out and needing money to pay a locksmith.

On arrival, officers Greg Cockerell and Louis Leger spotted a man fitting the description at another home on Roslyn near Westmount Avenue. They said the man appeared nervous when they asked him if he had been soliciting and that he appeared ready to leave when hearing them call MUC police.

At that point he was handcuffed and turned over to police on their arrival.

Neither of the two residents had handed over any money, police said.

However, on May 29, a resident of Grosvenor near The Boulevard shelled out \$50 for a man with the hard luck story. Another on Victoria is known to have handed over the \$35 which was requested.

At that time public safety officer Robert Hryciuk asked Westmounters through THE EXAMINER to be on guard for any sob story and not to open the door to a stranger in the middle of the night.

## Purse-snatchers rob two women

Two women were robbed of their purses as they walked on the sidewalk last week in two separate incidents. One injured woman was sent to hospital, police said.

The injured woman, a 55-year-old N.D.G. resident, was pushed from behind last Thursday outside 100 Hillside Ave. by a young man who escaped over the railway fence.

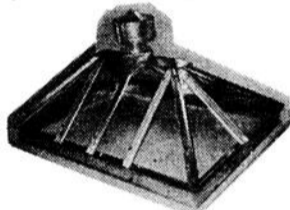
The woman was transported to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, suffering a sore shoulder and knee. Her purse contained keys, cosmetics and an undisclosed amount of money.

The second theft happened Saturday when a cyclist grabbed a woman's purse outside Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom on Sherbrooke Street.

It happened so fast she was unable to provide a description for police. The thief pedalled east and then south on Wood Avenue.

The 61-year-old Outremont resident was unhurt. Her bag contained cash and keys.

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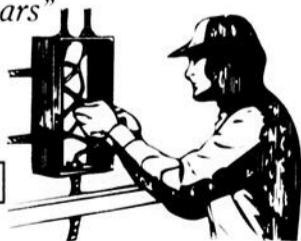
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# Roundup of roadwork this summer

The Surrey Gardens facelift, scheduled to begin June 29, includes reconstruction of the sidewalks as well as the road base.

The city put aside \$715,000 for the work and the contract was recently awarded to Francon-Lafarge Inc., according to public works director Fred Caluori.

De Maisonneuve Boulevard is also up for similar reconstruction but it won't get under way until the fall. Tenders will be opened at city hall on Monday, June 22.

Both streets will undergo road base work that involves reconstructing the base with granular stones, reinforced concrete and wire mesh and then a layer of asphalt.

Concrete pedestrian crosswalks will delineate the road surface from the crosswalk more clearly and the better definition means more safety for pedestrians, said Mr. Caluori. Wheelchair ramps and new street lamps are also planned to go along with the work.

"The sidewalk reconstruction will be done one side at a time so the pedestrians will always have somewhere to walk," he said.

During the road reconstruction, residents may call public security to obtain a parking permit that will allow them to park on the street during the time their driveways are inaccessible.

Other work slated for this summer includes the reconstruction of 46 catchbasins to be carried out by Salvex Inc. in July at a cost of \$46,400.

The work might mean the loss of a few parking spaces, according to Mr. Caluori.

Les Entreprises Nord Construction (1962) will reconstruct and replace sidewalks to the tune of a \$128,300 contract. Sherbrooke Street, Hillside Avenue, St. Antoine Street, Somerville Avenue, Delavigne Street, and Tupper Street is where the bulk of the work will be

By J. MARION FEINBERG

done. King George (Murray) Park's walkways will also be redone.

Mr. Caluori said the idea is to replace damaged or unsafe sidewalks and that the work should be done by the end of July.

Tenders for asphalt resurfacing will be accepted Monday June 22. In this case, the work is to replace badly deteriorating road surfaces.

## Westmount housing bureau earns francisation badge

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Quebec's language watchdogs approve.

The Office de la langue française gave its seal of approval to Westmount's Municipal Housing Bureau after 10 years of inspections meaning the Hillside housing project conforms to Quebec's French language charter.

"I feel like a side of beef branded with a government stamp of Grade A," project manager Mary Lefebvre said Tuesday.

Now she hopes, after 10 years of having language inspectors poking through all her files, correspondence and office material, she's finished with the inspections that took up to two days at a time.

"They go through everything. For me, it's cost-efficient to conform. We're saving money."

The francisation certificate was presented to Councillor Herbert Bercoff and Mrs. Lefebvre at the April 28 meeting of the housing bureau's board of directors.

Because the housing bureau is a

"infiltration of water is a major source of road deterioration, especially during the thaw periods of winter and spring," said Mr. Caluori.

Three lanes will be reconstructed this summer: one that runs between Metcalfe Avenue and Melville Avenue, north of de Maisonneuve Boulevard, another is between Greene Avenue and Clondeboye Avenue, north of Prospect and the last is between Bruce Avenue and Hollowell Street, south of Dorchester.

## Locks cut off two bikes

Locks were cut off two bicycles left in a stand outside the Westmount YMCA last Thursday between 4:30 and 7:45 p.m. by N.D.G. residents, police said.

One was a 15-speed Crossroad Cruise valued at \$450; the other, a \$130 18-speed Black Jack. Earlier that day, a Bobcat bike was discov-

ered missing from the side of a house on Roslyn Avenue where it had been left unlocked overnight.

Two other bicycles found Wednesday last week behind 4445 St. Catherine St. were taken to local Station 23, police said. One is a Schwinn Aerostop; the other, a Precision five-speed mountain model.

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# Award-winning design modified to create new Concordia library

It's 10 storeys high (at its tip), has been 20 years in the planning, has cost \$65 million and has yet to be christened, but Concordia's new library complex is already being hailed as a development that will "change the very fabric" of the institution.

The complex will certainly change the look of the block it occupies on de Maisonneuve Blvd., between Bishop and Mackay streets. Westmount architect Michael Werleman, who's been involved with the project since 1981, says making sure the building was in tune with existing buildings was one of the designers' major concerns. The original design served the purpose so well, it won an award from Canadian Architect Yearbook Magazine.

"They had nice things to say about the way we organized the building with its neighbours," says Mr. Werleman.

Personnel changes at the university, changing government regulations and some difficulties with tenants of the Royal George apartment block on Bishop Street who tried to have construction stopped all played a part in delaying the project. In the end, it was not the award-winning design that was built, but Mr. Werle-

By MARY CAMPBELL

man says they tried to incorporate its best elements into the new version. ("They," being the buildings' five principal architects, a merge of two firms — Mr. Werleman and his associate Jean-Eudes Guy, Jacques Plante, Paul Faucher and André Blouin. Three of the five are Westmounters.)

Also incorporated into their design, in the end, was the façade of the Royal George, which the university had intended to tear down, but which had been declared an architectural landmark by the Quebec government in 1980.

## Six-storey atrium

The new building is designed with a 24-foot wide "interior community space," — a first-floor walkway enclosed by a six-storey atrium. This provides the building with natural light, an important element in any design according to Mr. Werleman:

"You want to be conscious of light all the time in a building," he says. "You want to feel the orientation of the light, to know where you are... windows, skylights, atriums mean you're always aware of where the sun is, of what time of day it is and that's

important for people in a building — they don't want to feel blocked in, enclosed."

Known as "Place Concordia," the ground-floor space contains an art gallery, a bookstore, a student services area, a restaurant, a computer store and a 200-seat cinema.

The library itself will occupy floors two, three and four.

"Librarians," says Mr. Werleman, "ideally want lots of large, open spaces," something the architects kept in mind in designing this library.

The fifth and six floors, as well as the four top floors of the building's highest section (the building is designed in descending heights with the highest section along Mackay Street) will be used for academic departments now occupying over 30 annexes and rented buildings. The atrium is bridged by walkways on five floors.

## Colour-coded floors

Fittingly, for a library, the building is colour-coded: "We looked at the colours along the streets — lots of reds and browns and beige and of course the white of the Royal George — and decided to accent the ground floors with stronger colours, the reds, then lighten as you rise," says Mr. Werleman.

Less fitting, but nonetheless interesting, are the anti-earthquake aspects of the building's design. Promotional material explains that the complex features "the latest technology to minimize damage from earthquakes," adding that while Montreal is "not a high-risk earthquake zone, seismic activity is not uncommon."

The end result, says Jean-Eudes Guy, is a building "difficult to encapsulate in five minutes." This is probably why the university will be of-



The new Concordia University library complex which three Westmount architects helped design. This is the de Maisonneuve Boulevard view facing southeast.

fering guided tours to the public — to let the complex speak for itself.

The building's official opening will be in September, at which point its name will be announced. Unoffi-

cially, you might want to follow the example of University Rector Patrick Kenniff, who calls the building the "heart and soul of the Sir George Williams campus."

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## Tenants' group researching city/Régie responsibilities

By J. MARION FEINBERG

The Westmount Tenants Organization is working on a document this summer that will outline where the city's responsibilities end and where the Régie du Logement takes over in the area of tenants' rights.

"We had a preliminary meeting with Joanne Poirier (Westmount building and planning director) just to let the tenants know the city's role in terms of tenants," said WTO member Wade Allen.

The tenants are also hoping the maintenance bylaw can be beefed up, with shorter time delays for landlords to clean up their acts and stiffer fines.

"We've always felt the bylaw is not as strong as it could be," said Mr. Allen.

Mrs. Poirier said the meeting, which also included the board of inspection and some councillors with tenant-heavy wards, resulted in some guidelines for the WTO on the subject of safety, exits and codes.

"If you don't like the colour of the paint in your corridor, there's nothing we can do," she said. "But if it has to do with safety — including exits, lighting, fire alarms, smoke detectors and sanitation — there we have a role and that's what we were trying to clarify."

Anything relating to quality of the premises is usually the jurisdiction

of the Régie du Logement, she said.

Sometime it's difficult to figure out who to call. If the ventilation is not working in a building, that's the city's responsibility, but if it's too hot or too cold tenants have to call the Régie if they can't get anywhere with their landlords, said Councillor John Lehnert.

"Because the City of Westmount has a limited number of building and fire inspectors, they have to be used in the most effective way possible. If tenants feel that a particular building is not neat enough or that the janitor is not doing a good job, that is not the city responsibility and is not in our jurisdiction," said Mr.

Lehnert.

Mr. Lehnert wants to know why some landlords are doing a good job and why others aren't and suggests this might be something the Westmount Municipal Association should look into.

"It's frustrating because a lot of the things that tenants are dissatisfied about do not require huge investment," he said. "Maybe the landlords should have a forum too. Maybe they have something to say as well."

The city is prepared to work with the tenants on this issue, said Mrs. Poirier, they just need to know its limitations.

"There's just no way this is going to be a quick fix," said Mr. Lehnert.

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# Picks and advice (so far) at the Fringe

By JANET COUTTS

The Montreal Fringe Festival is just plain fun. And so successful that you can't get into the beer tent without proving that you are attending, by showing a ticket stub or program to one of the friendly young security staff. Once you're in, the point is to listen and to ask questions. You'll find out what's hot and what's not as well as enjoying free entertainment from some talented people (they do pass the hat).

Incidentally, no one will push you to buy beer at the tent.

Traffic will be closed on St. Laurent Blvd. at the festival site starting today, as the St. Lawrence Merchants Association holds its sidewalk sale — just adding to the colour of the event.

About those ticket stubs — hang on to them. Whoever attends the most shows this year gets a Superpass (access to all shows) for next year. Last year's record was 19.

The hits of the festival so far seem to be Montreal's Titters with *More Than a Handful*, England's Sensible Footwear, a joint Russian-Canadian-American production of *Animal Farm*, *Illusions* from Atlanta, Ga., and *Lies I Heard in a Bar* from Toronto.

Some of the other shows you can still see.

*Gulliver's Travels* at noon today, 2:30 tomorrow, and 2 p.m. Sunday in Venue 1, Théâtre La Chapelle, 3700 St. Dominique.

*Ka-Hanuka Pa-Koos* at 3 p.m. today, noon tomorrow, 4:45 p.m. Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday, Venue 1.

*Lil*, a dance/western adaptation of work by Montreal poet Ann Diamond directed by Johanna Mercer, at 5:30 today, 10:15 p.m. tomorrow, 7:15 p.m. Saturday and noon Sunday, Venue 1.

*Animal Farm*, at 9:30 p.m. today, 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, noon Saturday and 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Venue 1.

*Savage in Limbo*, a very nice take on the John Patrick Shanley play by a Montreal company that includes some Westmounters, at 2:45 p.m. today, 7 p.m. tomorrow, and midnight on Saturday at Venue 2, The Pink Building, 3745 St. Dominique St.

*Schrödinger's Cat*, a comedy presented earlier at the McGill Drama Festival, at 4:45 p.m. today, 12:15 p.m. tomorrow, 8:15 p.m. Saturday, and 5:15 p.m. Sunday, Venue 2.

*The Mosquito Man* (if you still haven't seen it) at 4 p.m. tomorrow, Venue 2.

*...jumping over fences*, a Montreal company's disturbing and provocative performance piece, at 9 p.m. tonight, and 12:15 p.m. Sunday, Venue 2.

*Lost and Found* by Montrealer Dan Daniels, who won lots of playwriting awards in the '60s and '70s, at 7:30 p.m. today, 4:15 p.m. tomorrow, 2:30 p.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday at Venue 3, The Green Building, 4040 St. Lawrence.

*Slice*, comedy by two Montreal



Westmounter Alyson Zel (bottom right) is studying theatre at Vassar College in the United States, but she's home to star in *Savage in Limbo*. Other cast members, clockwise, are Alethia Nall, Bob Palmer and Tim Post. Westmounter Jenn Engels, also studying in the U.S., directs.

Photo by CHRIS KRALIK

writers, at 8:30 p.m. Friday, 12:30 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday at Venue 3.

*Sensible Footwear Makes Out* at noon today, 7:45 p.m. tomorrow, 2:45 Saturday and 5:15 Sunday at Venue 4, the Hungarian Social Club, 3479 St. Lawrence.

*Spinning Still* at 2:15 today, 12:45 tomorrow and 7 p.m. Saturday, Venue 4.

*More Than a Handful* at 4:15 today, Venue 4.

*Lies I Heard in a Bar* a 70-minute comedy rant by Kids in the Hall writer Brian Hartt at 10:15 p.m. tonight and 2:45 p.m. tomorrow, Venue 4.

*Erections, Ejaculations, Exhibitions*. My opinion of Charles Bukowski is that he is a drunk who can write and, unfortunately, does. But he has his admirers, and this show, which carries a warning about its subject matter, graphic images of sex and violence and strong language, is one of the hits of the festival. It comes from Vancouver. Tomorrow at

10 p.m., Saturday at 12:45 p.m. and Sunday at 9:30 p.m. at Venue 4.

*Illusions*, which combines movement, masks, text and music, at 12:15 a.m. tonight; 10:15 p.m. Saturday and 4:15 p.m. Sunday in Venue 5, Movieland, 3740 St. Dominique St.

... And lots more. My advice is: go to the site. Buy a program. Sit down with a cold beer and talk to people.

## Drama-Rama, new theatre school for kids, starts summer session

Drama-Rama, a new theatre school for youth from seven to 17, is opening a summer session at Westmount Baptist Church, 411 Roslyn Ave.

Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m. from July 7 to Aug. 25. Cost for the course is \$260.

At the end of the session, students will present performance scenes and monologues from movies and plays, singing and original movement and mask/mime pieces.

Director Leslie Sellers, 21, is a student in drama in education at Concordia University. She teaches drama at St. Edmund's elementary school and at Kids in Action Theatre School, for which she has directed a number of performances.

She recently co-directed for Iona Players, an amateur West Island theatre group, and is co-directing for

Lakeshore Players' Café Theatre and Iona's Spring Fling.

She has appeared on stage in leading roles in more than 20 plays for Kids in Action, the St. Thomas Drama Society, John Abbott Theatre Workshop, and Lakeshore Players. She will be appearing at Centaur Theatre in Kids in Action's *Oliver!* June 25 to 28.

Assistant directors are Tracey Libben and Vanessa Slater, who are also both studying drama in education at Concordia.

Call 942-0874 to register for Drama-Rama courses, or to receive a descriptive brochure.

## Classical Russian benefit concert

## Cabaret to benefit the homeless

The public is invited to take part in a benefit cabaret with a light dinner to benefit Benedict Labre House tomorrow at St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Hall, 4455 West Broadway, near Sherbrooke St.

The show will feature a medley of music and entertainment. Headliners are the Sweet Adelines, a 45-voice women's barbershop chorus. Other entertainers are K-Square Plus with contemporary music, the traditional Irish group Emerald Express, and the Central American group Cuscatlan as well as skits and comedy routines.

Benedict Labre House has been feeding and clothing Montreal's homeless since 1952, and is suggesting a donation of \$10 to help continue its work.

To reserve a seat for the cabaret or to make a donation, call 937-5973.

The Beth Zion Synagogue and The Action Committee for Soviet Jewry will present a concert of classical Russian music on Monday, June 22, at 8 p.m. at 5740 Hudson Rd., corner Kildare, in Côte St. Luc.

The music, by Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Bloch, Glazunov, Ravel, Mehtner, Dinicu, Glick and Kodaly, will be solos, duets and quartets by six young gifted Russian-Jewish newcomers.

The musicians will be performing as volunteers to return help given them or their family and friends by the action committee. The proceeds from the \$10 tickets will go to the action committee for assistance to new Russian-Jewish immigrants and refugees.

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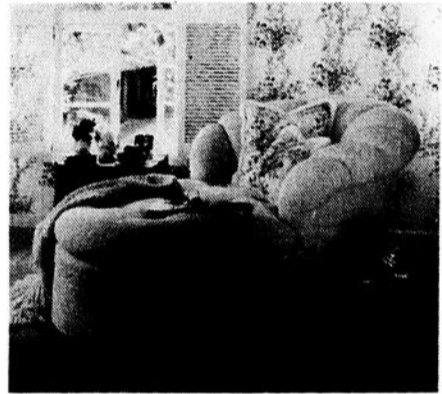
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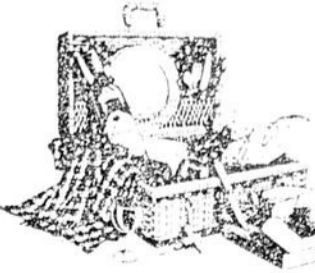
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## Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By JANET COUTTS

### Photos and poems

In the 1950s, Beat poets read their works to jazz. But now that the world has become a noisier place, poet *Gérald Godin* (yes, that *Gérald Godin*) has started hanging his poems on the wall, accompanied by the photographs of Gordon Sheppard. Gallery owner Pat Pink showed *Archives Personnelles* in her Gallery Pink last March. The show attracted so much attention that it is to be rehung at Complexe Desjardins June 22 to 29. The works are full of emotion and friendship and show that communication is possible, political differences notwithstanding. The show is luscious, and there is something to be learned from a federalist and an independantiste who can appreciate each other's viewpoint on the larger issues of life.

### Gardening advice

Michael Grenier will give a public lecture, "Composting in Your Backyard," at the Reginald J.P. Dawson Library on Wednesday, July 8, at 7:30 p.m. in English. The same lecture will be given in French on Tuesday, July 14, at 7:30 p.m.

### Wildlife museum

A touring wildlife museum exhibition of preserved North American animals and birds will be at Decor Decarie shopping mall, at the corner of Vezina and Decarie, one block south of Blue Bonnets, from Tuesday through June 29. The animals in the

show all died of natural causes or by accident — in other words, none was killed for the show. A bilingual tour guide and plaques explaining the background of each animal help out.

### Reunion in Vaudreuil

There has been an Anglican church in Vaudreuil for more than 150 years, and in August the congregations of Saint James Church in Hudson Heights and St. Mary's Church in Como will hold a reunion weekend Aug. 21 to 23. It is hoped that several hundred former parishioners will join the 400 Anglican families of the churches. They plan a choral evening and exhibit, boat cruises (the congregation was founded to serve the fur trade and Ottawa River boat traffic, so that makes sense), dining, dancing and sightseeing. The celebrations will wind up with a procession along the Main Road in Hudson, led by the Grand Master of Masons in Quebec, with the Masonic band and visiting masons taking part. The procession will follow the route taken in 1842 by the Masons and other settlers, and a reenactment of the ceremony of laying the cornerstone will take place, followed by an outdoor service and bring-your-own picnic.

### New blues club

The city closes one popular club (The Terminal) and somebody opens a posh venue. The Society Café in Hotel Vogue, 1415 Mountain St., won't attract the same crowd (they require a jacket), but they will

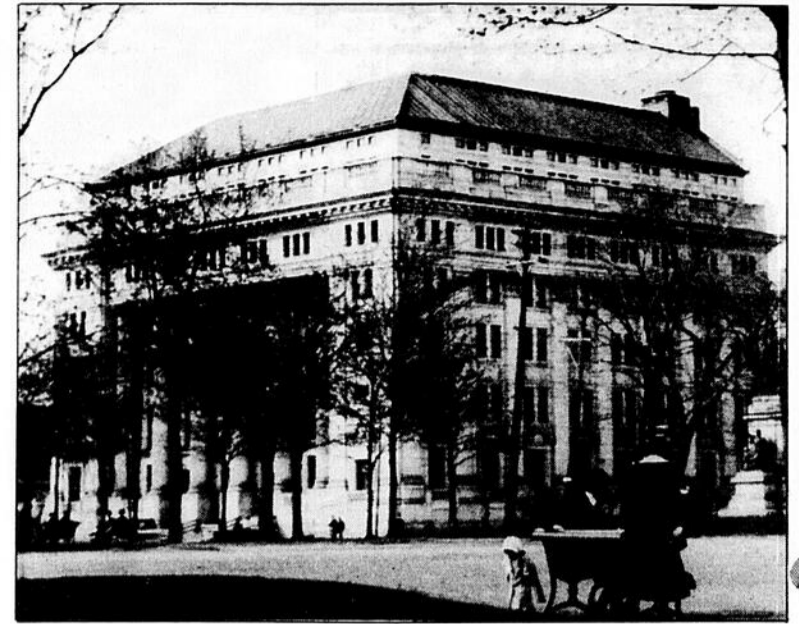
present some fine rhythm and blues musicians on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 10 p.m. The club is modelled after the New York club on Sheridan Square, founded in 1939, where Billie Holliday and Lena Horne performed. The Montreal club opens with Manon Brunet June 25 to 27. Also booked are such Montreal favourites as Stephanie Biddle, Liz Tansey, James Gelfand, Jerri Brown and Holly Cole.

### Israeli Folkdance

I'm an advocate of trying something new every now and then. So if you'd like to try something different, the YMHA at 5480 Westbury Ave. is offering Israeli folk dance classes every Wednesday for \$4 (\$3.50 to Y members). Beginners start at 7:45 p.m., intermediates at 8:45, followed by open dancing at 9:30 p.m. 683-4283.

### Antique auction

The Historical Society of Argenteuil County will hold its annual auction in Lachute on Saturday. The sale begins at 10 a.m. under the big tent at Manoir La Lorraine at 400 Bethany Street. Many items to be auctioned have been donated, and proceeds go to the Argenteuil Regional Museum in nearby Carillon, which the society founded more than 50 years ago. The museum will be open the day of the auction until 5 p.m. so visitors can see where their money goes. The current exhibition is of Victorian women's fashions. La-



Another event marking Montreal's birthday is an exhibition in the lobby of the Sun Life Building — "Sun Life: 120 Years of History." It reviews the history of the company and features photographs from the company's archives as well as such pieces as the first calculating machine used in the company's offices in 1888. The show remains until July 5, and is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day. Above, the Sun Life Building in 1918, before the central 26-storey tower was added to make it the tallest building in the British Empire.

chute is a one-hour drive from Montreal on route 148, and is the largest town in Argenteuil County. Carillon is on Route 344 between St. Andrew's East and Grenville. It can also be reached by ferry across the Ottawa River from Pointe Fortune, just before the Ontario border off Highway 40 to Ottawa.

### Canadian stage celebration

The Dufferin Players from Brantford, Ont., will be visiting Project Renaissance in Huntingdon July 1 to 5, and they have a show that sounds like a swell way to celebrate Canada Day. Their show is called "Something to Sing About," and it is a collage of songs and sketches from some famous Canadian plays and

original material written by the company. Sketches include some of the best moments from Linda Griffiths' "Maggie and Pierre," John Grey's "Rock and Roll," Rick Salutin's "The Farm Show," and Kenneth Brown's "Life After Hockey." And you can hum along to such songs as "I's the Bye," "Farewell to Nova Scotia," "Alberta Bound" and "Both Sides Now." The press release doesn't mention if they're singing Bobby Jimby's "Ca-na-da," but this certainly sounds like you might. Shows are at 8 p.m., except July 5, when it's at 3 p.m. If you go to that show, you could return after supper for a performance by the Alcan String Quartet at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for each performance; children get in half price. To reserve, call 264-6668.

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Friday, July 17	<i>Pericles, Prince of Tyre</i>
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### OTHER RECREATION AND CULTURE NEWS

ADULT EARLY MORNING SWIM from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Bathing caps (5.00) and sunscreen (5.00) are available at the swimming pool desk.

Watch for performances in the park during the summer by Westmount's community theatre group, Dramatis Personae.

Department of Recreation and Culture, Westmount

June 15, 1992

# Not your typical beach fare: here are reading suggestions for the summer

Is there such a thing as summer reading? Of course, everyone packs that copy of *Gravity's Rainbow* or *War and Peace* — those books we should read, that we want to read, that we've tried to read — along on a vacation, cheek by jowl with the latest airport book or Harlequin Romance.

But judging by what is selling in Westmount's bookstores and a small straw poll, Westmounters read the same rich variety of books year-round.

Carol Mosher at Double Hook says that their best-selling reading list is headed with Nino Ricci's *Lives of the Saints*, followed by Rhinton Mistry's *Such a Long Journey*. These two are books by writers from Canada's cultural mosaic, and hardly fit the sou-briquet "summer reading."

So Ms. Mosher herself is opting to read transplanted Montrealer David Homel's *Rat Palms*, a novel set in the south.

"A lot of people are reading *The Landlady's Niece*, Ted Phillip's latest book. He always sells well in Westmount, and Valmai Howe's *The Loneliness of Angels* is doing well."

Two other books that are doing well, according to Ms. Mosher, are Joan Barfoot's *Plain Jane* and Jane Rule's *See Jane Run*.

There's also the new mystery by Anthony Hyde, *China Lake*. And in the mystery paperback market there are two by Peter Robinson: *Hanging Valley* and *Gallows View*.

Westmounter Ray Smith's *A Night at the Opera* is also not "summer reading," but people are buying it. They're also snapping up Ronald Wright's *Stolen Continent*, which addresses the way Canadians have treated the first nations.

Taking one more look at Westmount authors, in case you want to be able to look your neighbour in the face when next you meet in Westmount Park, Ms. Mosher assures us that Hélène Holden's *Snow* (maybe perfect for a sweltering day) and

By JANET COUTTS

Daniel Richler's *Kicking Tomorrow* are still available at Double Hook.

Over at Nicholas Hoare bookshop, clerk Robert Sandiford offers a list of books that hardly cause you to laugh out loud on the beach.

His first pick is a thriller, which is sort of summertime fare, *Pelican Brief* by John Grisham.

But then he offers Carole Corbeil's *Voice Over*, a novel about the French question in Toronto; Gail Sheehy's book on menopause, *Silent Passage*; and A. Broyard's *Intoxicated by My Illness*, in which the author contemplates his impending death.

Sounds like a summer book, but likely isn't: *Summer Meditations* by playwright/president Vaclav Havel. This book has had customers coming in and asking for it, and has just arrived at the shop.

And, for something a little lighter, the novel *Jazz* by Tony Morrison.

Then there are the recently released paperback books: Amy Tan's *Kitchen God's Wife*; *Toujours Provence*, a travel book by Petter Mayle; and another Grisham thriller, *The Firm*.

Mr. Sandiford himself is looking forward to devouring Canadian Douglas Cooper's first novel, *Amnesia*.

And the straw poll turned up folks intending to read *Possession: A Romance*, the 1990 Booker prize winner, by A.S. Byatt; *Foucault's Pendulum* by Umberto Eco; Studs Terkle's *Racism*; and textbooks.

My own personal recommendation, as it has been for about 10 years, is a book that's not always easy to track down, but it's worth it. *On Being Blue* by William Gass is maybe the perfect summer book: You can



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## Supple gestures



The Greene Avenue Community Centre dance school held a recital for all classes on Saturday. Ballet, jazz ballet and flamenco dancers were on the program. These two women are part of the older students taking ballet at the centre.

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Twelve semifinalists will be showcased live at Montreal venues and will appear on the Black Label Presents CHOM FM/Yamaha Music Quest '92 compilation CD.

A winner will be selected at this level, and will be showcased again for the grand prize at the finals. Three runners-up will receive \$1,000 worth of Yamaha equipment from Steve's Music Store.

### Jewelry taken

Two pearl necklaces, a gold brooch, rings and earrings were reported stolen from an apartment at 52 Academy Rd. last Thursday, police said. Their value was not revealed. No signs for forced entry were found, indicating to police that either a key was used in the front door or its lock was picked.

The winning group will receive \$5,000 of equipment and will be flown to Winnipeg to compete nationally at Yamaha Music Quest '92, part of Sunfest '92, one of North America's largest outdoor festivals. The finals will be telecast and a national winner will be selected to compete internationally at the Yamaha Music Quest '92 world final in Tokyo.

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## Finishing high school puts pieces of life together 'beautifully'

By MARY CAMPBELL

Spend time with Merine James and you'll laugh. She'll make you. She makes everybody. It's a gift that becomes even more remarkable when you realize the woman laughing has a story that isn't always so funny.

Merine James, 33, came to Canada from Jamaica 10 years ago with a husband, two children and a Grade 7 education. She'd left school at 16, pregnant with her first child, and had never gone back. Life in this country became a succession of low-paying jobs — in a factory, in a nursing home, in private homes — until last September, when everything changed.

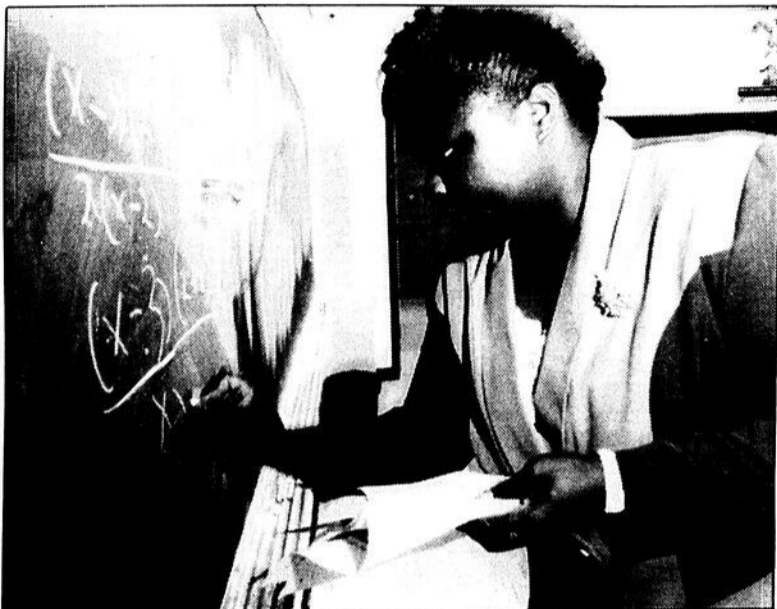
"I was at a very bad time in my life," says Ms. James. "I was in a church, crying, asking God for some guidance. There was a man playing the organ and he asked me what was wrong."

After listening to her story, the man — a teacher, whom she refers to simply as Mr. Brown — offered this advice: "I think you should go back to school."

Within the week, with the help of Mr. Brown and his wife, Ms. James was enrolled in the adult education program at Westmount High. What was it like, returning to a classroom after such an absence?

### A new, strange world

"I felt like it was a new world," laughs Ms. James. "I watched a movie on TV — *Aliens* — it was just like that! I'm in a classroom, I got a chair and a desk, students in front of me, students next to me, teacher at the front of the class writing on a blackboard, I said to myself, 'Merine, get a grip. What are you doing here?'"



Merine James tackles a math problem, a subject she was failing until a teacher stepped in and started tutoring her one day a week, from 11 p.m. to midnight.  
 Photo by OWEN EGAN

She really began to question what she was doing there after she failed two courses. She thought about giving up, but Mr. Brown had different ideas.

"I told him I was ready to give it up, he said, 'You can't.' I told him I was going to quit, he said, 'You can't.' I told him I was going to die, he said, 'Then die studying.'"

"Sometimes," says Ms. James, "you just need someone to give you a push."

Mr. Brown has become her math tutor, helping her once a week, and "The good marks have started rolling in."

But Ms. James makes no bones about how hard returning to school is.

"It's hard," she says, "when you've got family and church work and housework. I come home tired and I still have to do my housework, I still have to cook, I still have to sit with my kids and say, 'Hey, how's life, what's the latest in your life?' My son said to me the other day, 'Hi, Mom, haven't seen you in a while.'"

### Passes kids in hallway

If she hasn't seen as much of her children as she'd like, it's probably because they pass each other on their way in and out of school. Ms. James' daughter, Anne Marie, 17, and her son, Ian, 16, are students at Westmount High. They leave at 3:30 p.m. and pass their mother on her way to her 4 p.m. class.

While they miss her, they also support her in her decision to complete high school.

"When I first started and talked about quitting, they sat me down and said, 'Okay, Mom, it's like this. You quit high school; we quit high school.'" Their point was well taken.

Her husband, she says, "wasn't too thrilled," at first.

"He didn't say anything, but he didn't help me with my homework, he didn't ask about my day, but after a while he realized, 'Hey, this woman is serious.'"

This woman is very serious.

### Life fits together

"I'm picking up the pieces of my life," says Ms. James, "and fitting them back together beautifully."

"I've got a hold of my life for myself. I'm alive — I'm living — I'm

going to accomplish something I've always wanted. It's like Michael Jackson says, 'Look in the mirror.' I wish every housewife would look in the mirror, and if they don't like what they see — if there's something missing — do something about it."

Ms. James expects to graduate next spring and would like, eventually, to work as a counsellor — to help other women like herself.

"You've got to know some kind of pain to help someone who's in pain," she says. "How can you be a marriage counsellor if you're not married? How can you be a child counsellor if you don't have a child?"

For many people — neighbours, friends, family, classmates — Ms. James already is a counsellor.

"My phone number is like 911," she jokes. "I try not to give advice. I just try to act like that third ear. Somebody empties their soul to me and I don't have to give advice. I just say, 'Well, you say you want this, you want that, you like this, you don't like that — you know what you've got to do, you don't need me to tell you!'"

For now, she's fixing her sights on her graduation.

"I can't wait," she says, taking a moment to consider the guest list. "I'm inviting the prime minister, the mayor from my town — I wish I could get the Queen. I'm telling you, I'm inviting the city — this is going to be the graduation of the century!"

## Adults, out of a job, swarm to get high school diploma

WHEN the bells at Westmount High ring at 3:30 they have a double meaning: they mark the end of the day for regular students and the beginning for those in the adult education program.

Margaret Dobson, administrator of the Westmount Adult Centre, says it's one of three such academic centres within the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. Adult academic education has existed within the PSBGM for about 22 years, but it has never attracted more interest than it has in the past few years. An illustration: this year's graduating class (made up of students from all three centres) numbers 320 — or about 20 percent of all graduates within the PSBGM.

According to Ms. Dobson, hard economic times are responsible for their newfound popularity — people are losing their jobs and returning to school. A case in point is the valedictorian of this year's class. Ms. Dobson says he

has shared his valedictory speech with her and his story is like that of many others — he always had it in his mind to go back to school, but he had a job and financial responsibilities he couldn't abandon. Then he lost his job, which led him to the Canada Employment Centre, which led him to Adult Education (about one-third of their students come through the employment centre), and he now believes losing his job may have been "a blessing in disguise."

Adult education is open to all adults who are legal residents of Quebec. Courses are intensive — 45 hours over six weeks — and new students are admitted at the beginning of every six-week session (advertisements in *The Gazette* always announce the beginning of a session).

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# Roslyn vetos in-house grad dance

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The Roslyn administration decided that the dance is not technically part of the graduation exercises and therefore cannot not take place in the school.

"The staff and I decided it is a social activity that should be organized by the students and parents," said principal Marilyn Tobman. "When we looked into it we found that the school board regulations do not allow the school to be rented out to a group of children and parents for a dance unless it is a school-sponsored event."

A group of pre-teens who organized the Westmount Winter Carnival and spring dances along with the help of parent Nancy Nelson are organizing the Roslyn grad dance that will be held at the Greene Avenue Community Centre on June 20.

Although it is not tradition that the dance be held at the school, the organizers decided to look into the possibility of using the school to save the high cost of renting out Victoria Hall. Last year's dance was held there but it was decided the cost was too prohibitive for this year.

"The school committee passed a motion at the May meeting strongly recommending that the gym be made available," said Roslyn School committee chairman David Taylor. "But it was explained to us that some parents feel that a grad dance is not a suitable activity for the children."

It is a catch-22 situation, according to Mr. Taylor. Groups can lease the gym from the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal without going through the school, but in the case of a dance or party it has to be approved and chaperoned by the school. The school was not willing to give its approval, he said.

"I think it's a shame that the children can't have a grad dance at their

By J. MARION FEINBERG

own school," he said. "I expect that it would be something that will be raised again by the school committee maybe next year."

Mr. Taylor, whose son Michael is graduating, said that, stepping back from the situation, he still feels it's

too bad the kids have to have their dance outside the school.

Nancy Nelson said the school doesn't generally put on a graduation dance for the Grade 6 students but the idea surfaced last year and again this year.

"Some of the parents thought it would seem more like a school event

if it was held in the gym," she said.

"Maybe some of the shy kids might have felt more comfortable. But the school didn't want to be seen as forcing the kids into that kind of social situation or forcing them to grow up too soon. In this case, though, everyone is going because he/she wants to. It's casual and voluntary."

## Adults swarm to get diplomas

Continued from previous page

given placement tests to determine at what level they will begin. Besides the core subjects English, French and math, courses offered include physics, chemistry, biology, computers, sales and marketing and more. Adult students write provincial exams in all subjects.

For most graduates of the Adult Education program, getting a high school diploma is just the beginning. Many go on to professional courses, many to CE-GEPs, some to universities.

But the benefits of adult education are not felt by students alone — teachers benefit as well. Adult

education, says Ms. Dobson, "is a treat" for a teacher. Adults "tend to really appreciate just learning," and discipline, which can take up so much of a teacher's time in regular high school, is not an issue.

"You see lives change here," says Ms. Dobson. "I think it's the closest thing to the real meaning of education — drawing forth what's really in people instead of stuffing them full of information — no wonder there are no discipline problems!"

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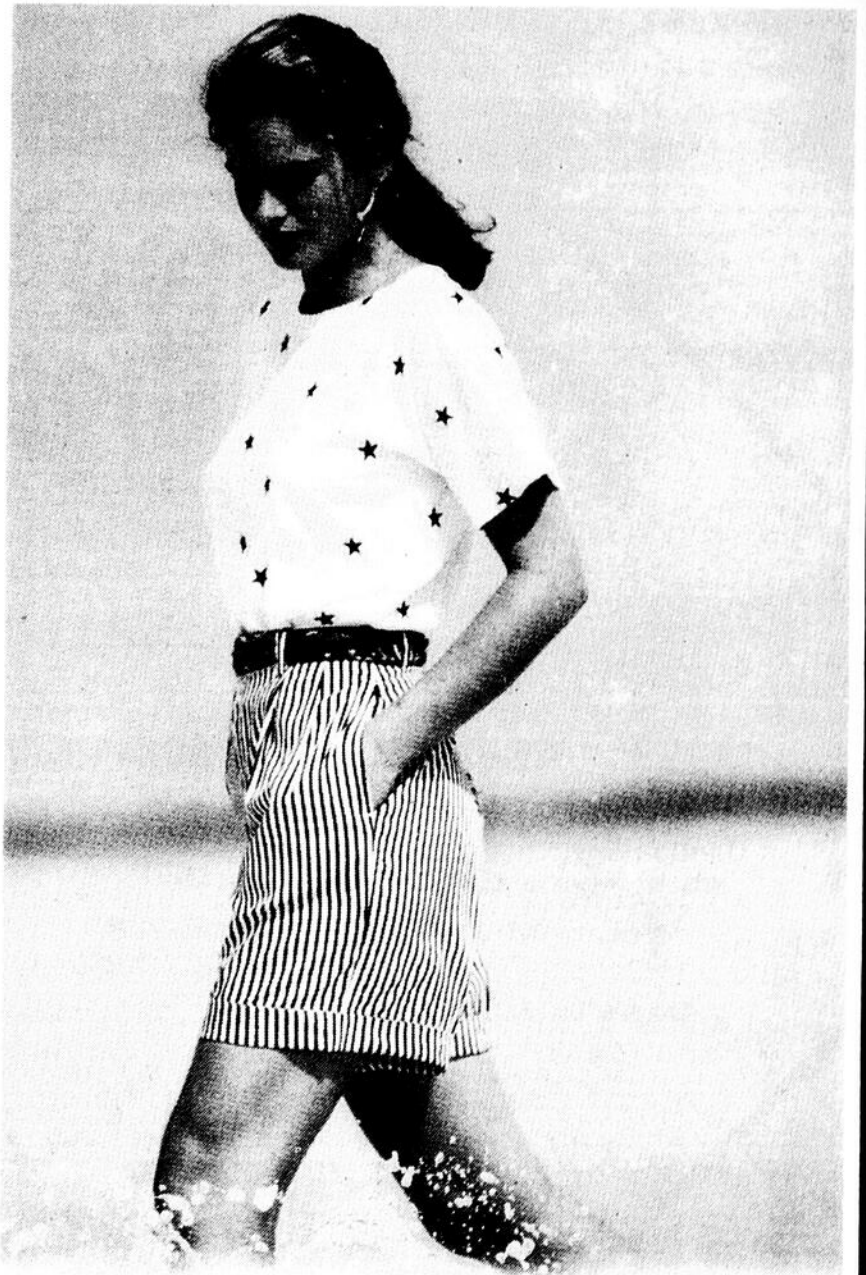
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# Columbia Avenue erupts into party to say goodbye and hello

All it took was a fine day, a good idea and willing neighbours.

That's how Charlotte Apedaile described the street party she organized to say farewell to the Reardon family on Columbia Avenue Tuesday night.

The tiny street was closed off to traffic so the 50-odd people could

By J. MARION FEINBERG

mingle, munch and muster their goodbyes to the family that had been part of the street for eight years.

"When I left my street in London, which was also a cul-de-sac, they gave me a party," said Mrs. Apedaile. "I had the original idea and there

were about four or five of us who prepared everything."

A huge bouquet of balloons was anchored to the sidewalk with a rock, two tables stood in the middle of the street heaped with chips, bread dip, shrimp, cocktail weiners and little eggrolls. Someone's barbecue was rolled out to the sidewalk to cook up the hot dogs the kids were munching.

The lively party was also an opportunity to welcome the three families that are new to the street, one of which is moving in to the house owned by the Reardons.

"One family with three kids is moving out and another is moving in," said Alison Marks, who said the party has been in the works for about two months.

"It seems like a very friendly street," said Stephen Aikins, who is moving from Montreal West into the Reardon house with his wife Robin and their three children. "There are lots of kids on this street so ours will have company."

"We love the idea of being closer to town and still having a family neighbourhood," said Mrs. Aikins.

An enthusiastic clown named



Ken Reardon helps his son Desmond, almost two, get the ketchup square on to the hot dog while at the Columbia party thrown in their family's honour.

Ishkabibble entertained the more than 20 children of Columbia Avenue.

"Whenever I say 'one, two, three' you all yell 'Ishkabibble,'" said the clown who was full of tricks. The children roared their approval.

"I've lived here 41 years and it's the first time we've ever done anything like this," said Diane Scott. "It's lovely, especially with all the new residents arriving. They'll get to meet our little community."

It's 6:30 p.m. and some of the neighbours are still drifting in to the party as they arrive home from work. One set of party-poopers stayed home and ordered St. Hubert chicken as is evident from the delivery person who has to park at the top of the street and walk down to the end while staring at the party in full gear.

One little two-year-old has his hands in the chip bowl, laboriously mixing the Doritos. Many adults are chatting amicably and sipping wine or a beer. Snapshots are being taken beside the bunch of balloons. A tiny chocolate point Siamese cat has joined the party, weaving in and out among legs.

"It's wonderful!" said Deirdre Reardon, gasping a little as she is shown the cute little invitation that went to all her neighbours inviting them to the event which was planned as a surprise. "Too bad it takes somebody going away to get a good street party going."

"We're very lucky," said Ken Reardon, who guesses the average family on the street has at least two children. "It's never easy to leave. We have so many memories. I'll miss it and the company and the friends of my children."

The Reardons are getting ready to head to Aiken, South Carolina, where they'll be near Mrs. Reardon's family. Mr. Reardon has made an investment in a small landscape architecture company which he plans to get going when he gets there.

"Our kids are at an age where we're mobile," said Mr. Reardon. "It's a time in your life when you can try and do something new and different. Even in these trying times it's nice to see all these neighbours and friends getting together."

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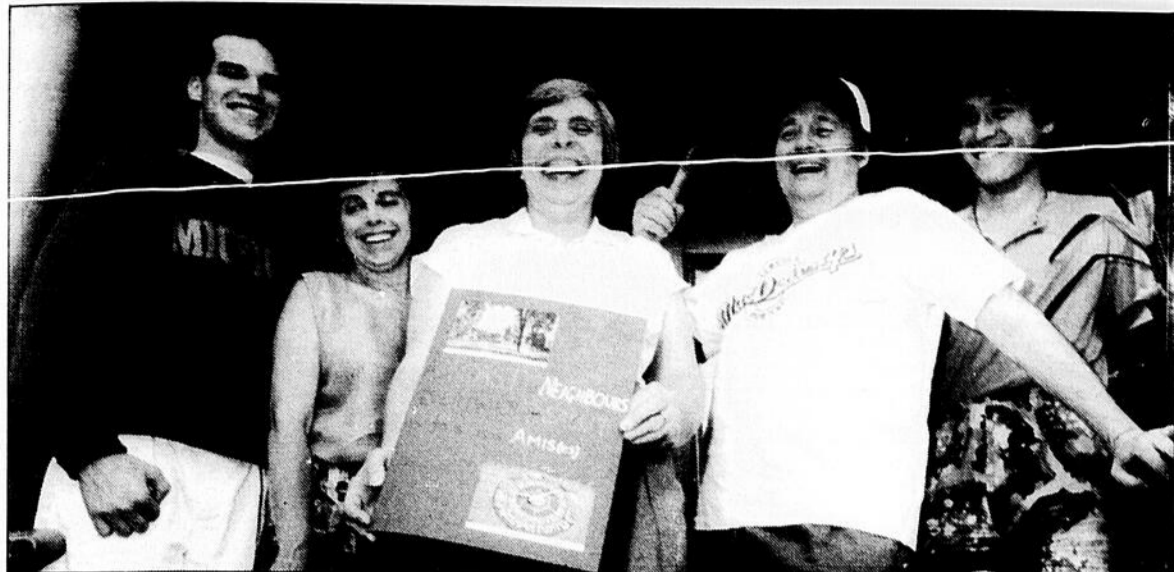
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From left to right, organizers Mark Shapiro, Susan Purcell, Carol McWethy, Michael Cooper (the ice cream man) and Swiss visitor Michael Fankhauser. Photo by OWEN EGAN

## Street party salutes all neighbours

A Canada Day celebration became apolitical when it turned, instead, into a street party by neighbours for neighbours.

About 150 people on Arlington Avenue came out of their homes and went onto their street Sunday to eat hot dogs, get their faces painted, chalk up the pavement with pictures and listen to Arlington resident Chris Dezordo and his band, The Dogs on the Run.

By ALISON RAMSEY

The party might have been July 1, except people were going out of town. Sunday was settled on when Ottawa intervened, suggesting neighbours celebrate each other on that day, as part of the 125th anniversary of Canada.

"We were all politically sensitive," said organizer Carol McWethy. "We tried to make it a neighbourhood

celebration. I would like to promote being good neighbours across Canada, but we felt maybe some people would object."

So, when the time came to design an oversized card to be sent to Winnipeg, embossed with postcards of Westmount Library and the floral clock, the words "to all Canadian neighbours" were rejected in favour of "to neighbours everywhere." A Winnipeg resident organized the Canada-wide neighbourhood activities, and asked for postcards from participants to be put on display.

Adults were charged \$2 for the street party, children \$1. Ice cream was donated by street resident Michael Cooper of MacDoherty's; \$45 leftover was sent to Sun Youth, and dozens of buns and condiments were passed on to Le Bon Dieu dans la rue, which feeds street people. About 20 dozen excess hot dogs were sold back to the residents.

Arlington has a tradition of neighbourly activism.

Neighbourliness has paid off. "A neighbour was attacked last fall, on her porch," said McWethy. "This gal screamed and she had six people out on their porches." The attacker ran away.

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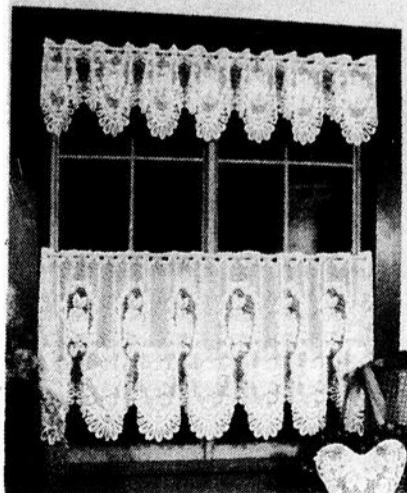


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## New renal centre opens at the Royal Victoria

There was to have been a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Tuesday at the Royal Victoria Hospital, when hospital president Phillip Aspinall and RVH kidney fund chair Peter Ferst officially opened the Renal Patient Centre in the hospital's Ross Pavilion.

The new centre is designed to encourage patients to take a more active role in managing their health, and offers support services for patients and families living with renal

failure. They are meant to be able to better cope with chronic illness. The new accommodations will serve as a drop-in centre for patients, family members or friends, and will house a collection of reference materials, written in lay terms, on such subjects as renal disease, diet, exercise, travelling and sexuality.

The new centre will use a travelling cart that will move among the various renal and transplant areas. Patients will be better informed,

will share experiences and offer mutual support. Wherever possible, the support program will meet multicultural needs.

A part-time co-ordinator is developing a volunteer program for patients undergoing dialysis or kidney transplants. Volunteer work can range from bringing in magazines or running errands to talking with patients. Long-term goals include developing a peer counselling program.



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The children's department closes at 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday and at 6 p.m. Friday and 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Raffle to benefit the Jewish General

The Auxiliary of Jewish General Hospital's major fundraising event this year is *Raffle 2000*.

On July 13, prizes will be drawn. First prize is \$20,000; second, \$5,000; third, \$3,000; and fourth, \$2,000.

Proceeds will go to purchase non-invasive monitoring equipment and ventilators for the new nine-bed intermediate care unit, which is being set up to provide care for those not yet well enough for a general ward but no longer requiring intensive care.

Only 2,000 tickets, at \$100 each, will be sold.

For information on how to purchase tickets, call 340-8216.

## Looking for a home



Workers at the Animal Hospital of Westmount believe this young Shetland sheepdog was abandoned when they found him June 8 tied in front of the clinic at 349 Victoria Ave. by a piece of rope. Very upset at the time, he has calmed down and appears to be very friendly, says worker Sophie Blanchette. Anyone wanting to adopt him can contact the hospital at 487-5300.

## Helping the learning disabled

Adults with Learning Disabilities will hold their monthly meeting on Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Fraser-Hickson Institute, 4855 Kensington Ave. in N.D.G.

Guest speaker is Frances Ran-

dolph, who will speak on how programs like Preparation To Work can help the learning disabled. Ms. Randolph is the project officer for the Preparation to Work program.

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## Pet of the Week



Brisky is a four-year-old beagle/terrier mix. The mostly black neutered male is waiting for his new owner at the SPCA, 5215 Jean Talon St. W.

Photo by CHRISTINE PARENT

### Contactivity annual meeting

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### Project Genesis seeking volunteers

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If you would like to help, the Project Genesis office is at 5940 Victoria Ave., and information packages are available there or by calling 738-2036.

### Amité seeks rummage items

Amité/Friendship, a non-profit organization that offers services to people with chronic mental health problems, is organizing its financial campaign.

The organization will hold a rummage sale and is asking for donations of books, magazines, games, toys, jewelry, arts and crafts, records, decorative objects, furniture or any other object in good condition, including clothes in good condition only.

Those with items to contribute are asked to deliver them to 1550 de Maisonneuve Blvd., room 430, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. until July 2. For information call 934-0354, ext. 250.

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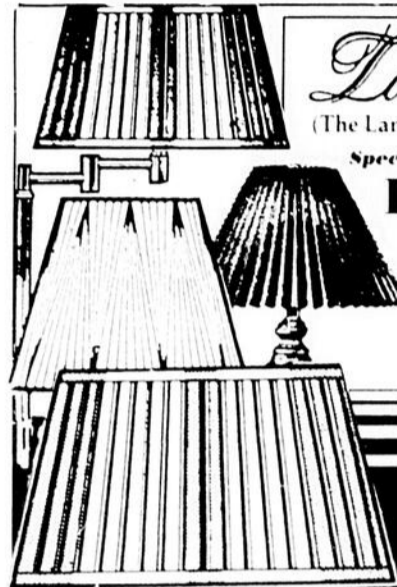
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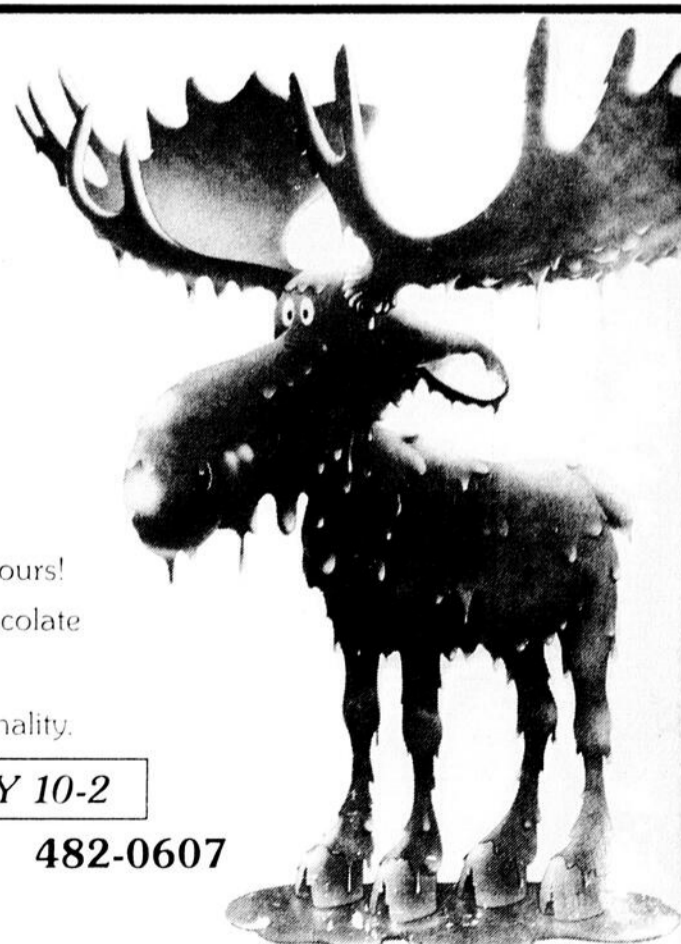
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# Being the 'other' parent

Parents get voluble during course on foster care at Ville Marie

Foster mom Geri Pickering is one of a dozen women taking a CEGEP course on fostering, a credit course intermittently offered by Collège Bois du Boulogne at the Ville Marie Social Services offices on St. Catherine Street in Westmount.

As the course draws to an end, she is being sent, along with one other Montreal mom, to a seminar in Winnipeg by the Canadian Foster Parents Association on teenage drop-outs.

But she has left her packing and arranging to attend class.

The other dozen class members seem to have lives that are just as busy. Many of them have children of their own as well as foster children. Some of them have grandchildren, and some of them are bringing up their grandchildren alongside the foster kids.

### No trouble talking

The only difficulty teacher Susan Oliver, who has her master's in social work, seems to have with the class is getting it to be less outgoing and communicative, rather than more. She has been a research worker for 11 years with Homes For Children, and is now on leave of absence.

These women have been meeting together since the introductory class on March 4. Everyone is known by first name only (with some exceptions like Ms. Pickering), at least officially. But many of the women have become friends since joining the class, and most of them knew at

least one other class member before they enrolled.

Classes offered have their genesis when the Foster Parents Association representatives meet with their liaison worker from Ville Marie in July to discuss such topics as fundraising and courses. At this point, the association suggests training that foster parents have requested. In September, Ville Marie announces what credit courses will be offered. The decision is based on perceived need and availability of teachers.

This is nearly the last class of this semester, and the topic is a hot one: *Culture and racial identity: Impact in foster placement.* But before they got this far, the mothers (oddly, there are no fathers in the course) have attended classes (and researched assignments) that defined the family; shown how foster care works; described the Youth Protection Act; described the rights and responsibilities of everyone involved — the child, the foster family, the natural family, the social workers; looked into modes of communication; and described the problems of childhood and adolescence.

Speaking of the problems of the children in their care, the foster mothers all have horror stories.

By JANET COUTTS

"Foster children are called 'you people.'"

One foster parent couldn't have foreseen one situation: "My daughter was excited about starting ballet class. But another little girl at school told her 'Blacks don't take ballet.'"

"People think foster children are bad."

"There was some money missing at a family party, and my child was accused of taking it. I couldn't believe my own family could be so prejudiced."

"They wanted to take a family portrait at Christmas, but they didn't want my child in the photograph."

"Foster children are not supposed to be dressed nicely at school."

The class agrees that there are two things at work. Prejudice is when one person pre-judges another. Racism implies a power imbalance.

### Lives and loves of Quebec Jewry

Allan Raymond, historian, lecturer and collector of almost anything pertaining to Montreal and Canadian Judaica will be the guest speaker at The Entre Nous Group of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, 395 Elm Ave., on Monday at 1 p.m.

His audio-visual lecture is titled *Journey into Our Heritage: The Lives and Loves of Quebec Jewry.*

Mr. Raymond, honorary archivist of Temple, chairs the membership committee of the Jewish Historical Society and is publicity director of the Westmount Historical Association. He is the public relations director of the St. James Literary Society.

There are some success stories. Ville Marie has a policy of placing children in homes that are "culturally and racially appropriate." Not everyone agrees what this means. To the social workers, it appears to mean that black children should be removed from white foster homes where they are happy if it is possible to find a black home for them, and vice versa.

To the parents, it appears to mean a home where the child is loved and appreciated and where the child can achieve his or her own goals, while learning more about people of other races as well as his or her own.

But it's a moot argument — there are many children and a limited number of foster homes.

### Learning how to deal with classic behavior

While the class seems short of solutions for what to tell a child who has been picked on or teased, let alone a child who has been persecuted for its differences, there is agreement that children see things clearly.

"I thought we were really different, but we're not," one child is quoted as telling her foster mother.

But the mothers all think the course has been wonderful. Most of them say they would like to learn more, and many express an interest in learning about other cultures.

"We learned how to deal with the system."

"We learned all about classic behavior and how to deal with it."

"We learned that there are some things we just can't deal with. One parent might not be able to deal with a child who has been into drugs, another may know she can't deal

with a kid who's been on the streets, another may have no difficulty with those things but won't feel up to helping a child with a learning disability."

"The course helped me with my natural children as well. There were things I would have done a certain way, especially discipline, that I have learned better ways in this course."

"Even if I don't have a problem, I learn how to handle it. Then two weeks later it comes up."

"We have become a support group for each other."

Class is over, but no one hurries home. The children are asleep by now, and these women have things to say to each other.

### Bilan à St-Léon

Le 3 juin dernier, les membres du conseil de pastorale de St-Léon de Westmount tenaient leur dernière réunion avec les responsables des services et comités.

Chacun présentait le rapport des activités de l'année, en faisait le bilan et présentait les objectifs à réaliser au cours de la prochaine année pastorale. Les résultats sont impressionnants et les promesses marquées d'espérance. Tous les participants ont remarqué une plus grande solidarité, la formation, petit à petit, d'une vraie communauté, fraternelle, riche de ressources humaines et de bonne volonté. Que tous soient remerciés pour ces actions généreuses.

Le 7 août, à 20h, les Petits Chanteurs à la Croix Potencée de Toulouse donneront un concert en l'Église St-Léon. Les paroissiens qui pourraient recevoir un ou deux de ces enfants (ils sont 36) pour la nuit et le petit déjeuner sont invités à communiquer avec le presbytère au 935-4950.

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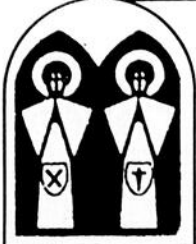

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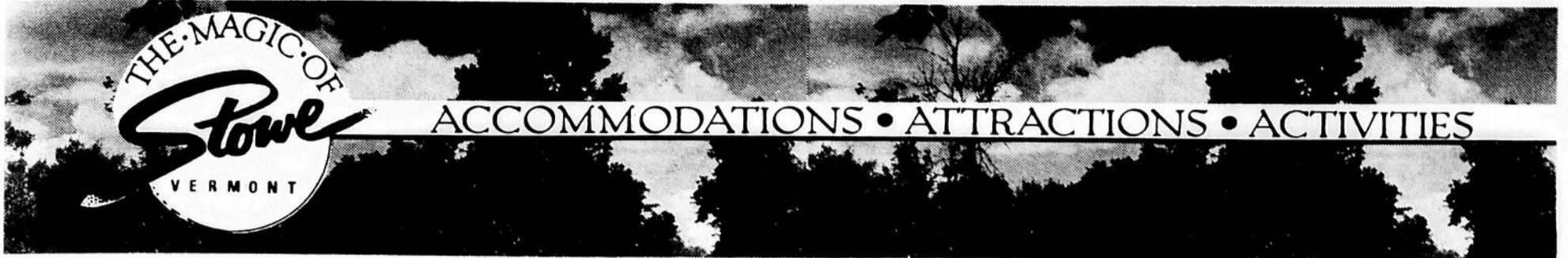
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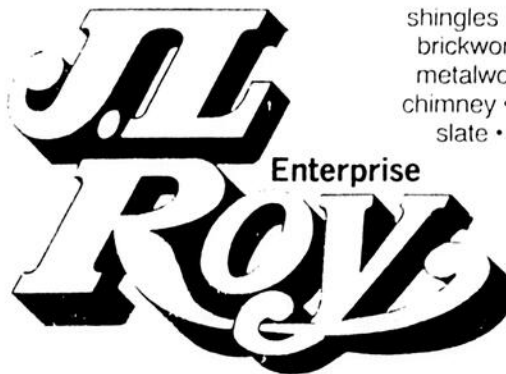
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# Amusing story about foreign tram the nugget of Smith's fourth novel

When Westmounter Ray Smith was a small child, he knew he wanted to be a writer. "I didn't know how you went about doing it," he says.

His family moved to Halifax from Cape Breton when he was 10, but he didn't meet anyone who could tell him how to become a writer at elementary school, high school or even at Dalhousie University, where he took an honours English degree. "They didn't have any creative writing courses," he says.

Eventually he discovered the secret. "I just started to write. Gradually the books got finished."

Mr. Smith recently published his fourth novel, *A Night At the Opera*. The first review has been published, in the *Saturday Globe and Mail*. And it was strongly positive.

The book made me laugh out loud while I read of the trials of Herr Direktor Einzelturn, the pillar of Waltherott bureaucracy, a man who has led an exemplary life.

"Once when I was in a city in German-speaking Europe, I noticed a funny thing about the tram system. Ten years later, I was in the same city with my wife and the same funny thing happened. She said, 'You've got to write a story about it.'"

"The story, which I started in the fall of 1987, got longer and longer..."

One of the things Mr. Smith enjoys most about being a writer is reading and lecturing, particularly in Europe.

So does this mean he has been translated and his books can be bought all over Europe? Not really. He's not sure if you can buy anything of his. "One story I know of was translated into French here in Quebec to be used in an anthology, but the anthology got cut. One story was accepted for publication in East Germany, and then East Germany ceased to exist. One story was to be published in Czech, in Prague, in September 1968. "So it didn't get published."

"There are records of something published in Polish, but I've never seen a copy, so I don't really know."

"The one translator that I know did say my language was more complicated than he thought."

I try to think of translating his work, and it seems to me it would be difficult. I offer an analogy, of an Origami bird, that looks simple, but is really complicated. Mr. Smith disagrees.

"It's more architectural. Like Alhambra, full of arabesques. The architecture is rather subtle and not easy to translate to, let's say, Lucite."

And what does he want to say in those subtle arabesques?

"I'm trying to write books about getting along in the world. Most people are just trying to get through it."

His first novel, *Cape Breton is the Thought Control Centre of Canada*, was published in 1969, and was re-published, with illustrations, in 1989 by The Porcupine's Quill.

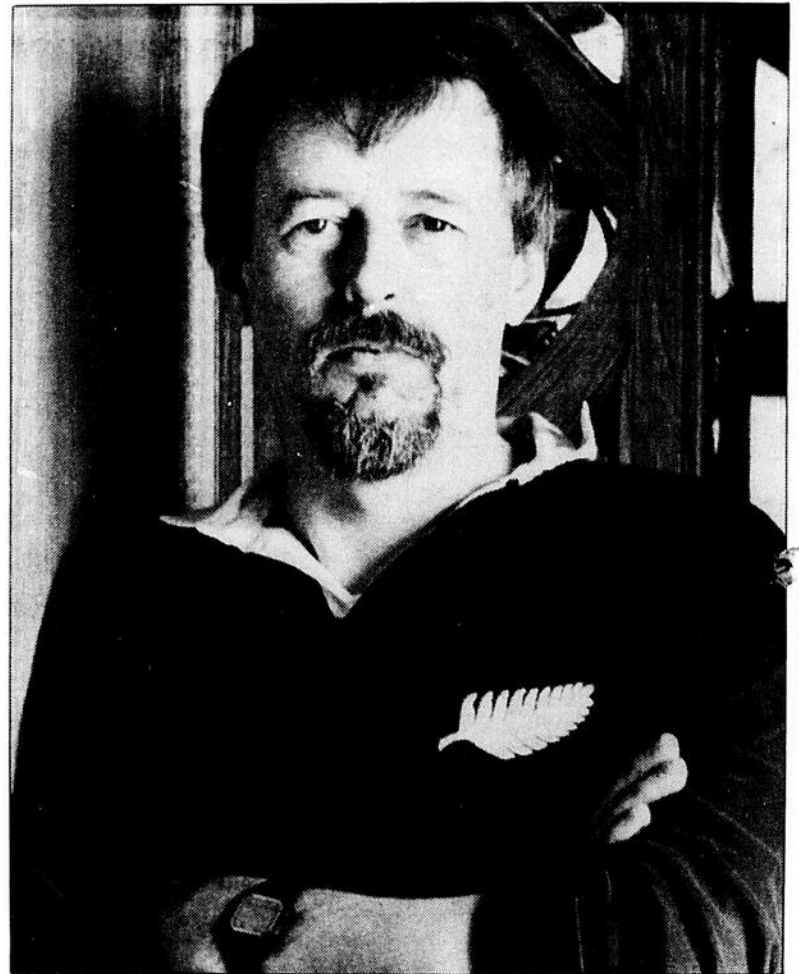
Before that, he published a few short stories and some critical essays. He supported himself by working as a systems analyst and an English teacher, "along with an occasional Canada Council grant," he adds.

Mr. Smith was one of the early member of the Montreal Storytellers Club. He taught a Loyola for a while before moving to Dawson in 1970, where he has taught ever since.

"I live a very quiet life," he says. "I make all my noise in my novels."

*A Night at the Opera*, by Ray Smith, The Porcupine's Quill, Erin, Ont., paperback, 234 pp., \$14.95, is available at Double Hook.

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Westmount author Ray Smith, who describes himself as "a writer's writer."

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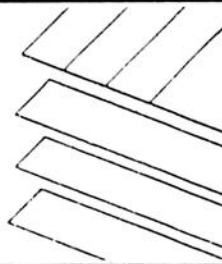
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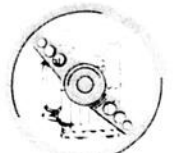
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# The Study wraps year with awards ceremony

At The Study School's Awards Assembly on June 12, the following students were recognized:

Birgit Debroye won the Grade 4 merit award; Nidhi Khanna and Marie Khediguian the Grade 5; Julia Carbone Grade 6; Allison Cobrin the Secondary I (in memory of Andrea Stewart); Sarah McCans and Kim Johnston the Secondary II; Olivia Li the Secondary III; and Zeina Kaedbey won the Secondary IV merit award.

Valerie Schoof and Heather Ternoway won The Study Board of Governors Secondary School Entrance Scholarships.

Lesley Moffat and Alexis Corrington were the graduating class speakers. Head Girl Ms. Moffat won the YMCA Volunteer Community Service Award. Sub-head girl Ms. Corrington won the Schweitzer Mathematics and Science Prize.

Jennifer Sterling won the SOGA Citizenship Prize.

Margot Yaphe and Daniela Flores won the Debate Cup and Books.

Linda Choi won the Yearbook Plaque and book.

Nicki Souaid won the Drama Plaque and book.

Margaret Malewski won the Baugnet Language Prize, the Vale Prize for academic achievement, and, with Carrie Pickett, the prize for academic promise.



The graduating class of The Study, 1992, picked up their diplomas and received awards on June 12. There are 20 students in the graduating class.

Heather Cassils won the Creativity Prize.

There are 20 girls in this year's graduating class.

## Language courses at the Y

The Downtown YMCA, 1450 Stanley St., will hold a summer session for languages and computer courses starting July 6.

The courses are offered year-round. Eight language courses, including English and French, are offered, as well as full-time French and English for UIC beneficiaries, foreign students and other students. There is also a Conversation Club for those who wish to practise their English, French or Spanish. The Y offers language studies abroad as well.

A variety of computer courses at all levels is offered; a maximum of 10 students per class is accepted.

In language classes, between eight and 16 students are enrolled.

To register or obtain information about individual classes, call 849-8392, ext. 712 or 732.

## Tree nicks BMW

A large tree limb fell on a car parked at 661 Belmont Ave. Friday, scratching the silver-coloured BMW in numerous places and breaking the antenna, public safety officers said. The branch had snapped off in heavy winds. City public works crews were called to clean up the debris. The front lawn was also damaged.

## Lansdowne Centre teaches study skills to students

The Lansdowne Centre, 5325 Snowdon Ave., is offering study skills training for Grade 5 and 6 students.

The 12-hour course is offered to help students become more organized, independent learners. Parents are invited to attend to ensure continuity and follow-through. There is no additional charge for parents.

### Flasher seen before

A man who exposed himself to a 12-year-old Westmount girl Monday morning last week on Claremont Avenue ran away as she boarded a northbound 124 bus at Windsor Avenue, police said. The girl had been sitting on the sidewalk when the man sat down near her and began masturbating. She reported the incident after friends told her they had seen the same person at the same place on other occasions. He was described as a white man, aged 25 to 30 with short brown hair, wearing a black jogging suit.

Students have the choice of attending classes on the West Island or in Snowdon.

Four follow-up sessions will be held after the course to review, integrate and expand on the concepts taught in the course. The cost for two three-hour classes and four 1 1/2-hour follow-up sessions is \$225.

The course is offered Aug. 24 and 25, with monthly follow-up sessions until December.

Workshop leader is Carolyn Melmed, a founding member of the Lansdowne Centre. She has conducted workshops for parents, teachers and for McGill University's faculty of education. She has a BA and a secondary certificate in education as well as 25 years' experience as a teacher.

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### Kids seeking basket told to leave school

Some students may find excuses to leave school, but others seem to be trying to get in by whatever means they can find.

Four youths, ejected from Westmount Park School Saturday when caught playing basketball in the gym, swore they would return, police were told the next day when they were called to check out a possible break-in discovered by public safety officers. Someone had removed a piece of wood used to cover a previously broken window in a back door. A motion detector was not activated so it was not known if anyone had managed to get in.

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# Parents want to rejuvenate city's failed teen council

A renewed attempt to fill the void of teen activities in Westmount is being waged by local parents and the city.

"I want to put the idea out that we're looking to reform the teen council," said Virginia Kerr, a Healthy City Project member. "The teen council failed last year because of lack of financial support as well as adult support and direction."

Ms. Kerr said she believes a paid animator and an appropriate facility are integral to the plan. The Greene Avenue Community Centre and the Westmount Y are possible venues, she said.

"In most areas teenagers aren't

given much consideration; by the City of Westmount, they're just given crumbs," she said.

Recreation and culture director Bob Aiken praised the attempt to get things going in the teen department.

"It's a problem we've been trying to address for a number of years and we haven't been too successful," he said. "Maybe if enough pressure is put on by a number of people, we can do something."

The city, through the efforts of Councillor Karin Marks and recreation worker Jane Dafeo, is currently researching existing teen centres. They visited one on Park Avenue and another in N.D.G., to see if similar

By J. MARION FEINBERG

programs can be adapted here, he said.

Kit Finkelstein, who is Ms. Kerr's co-worker in the Healthy City Project, is working on the teen angle. She said one of the priorities will be to determine the needs of West-

## Four children six and younger need to be placed in one home

Ville Marie Social Services are looking for a foster family to care for four sisters aged five months to six years.

Jackie, 5 months; Marie, 15 months; Helen, three years; and Jenny, six years, have been placed in two different foster homes on a temporary basis. They have adjusted to their respective foster families but it is preferable that they be together during their foster placement, which will last at least a year.

All four are healthy, appealing children with brown hair, brown eyes and dimples.

Jackie, a premature baby, is developing well. She is described as a strong, alert baby, who sometimes fusses in the evening.

Maria is a bright and curious toddler who follows daily routines easily. She eats well and responds to a firm "no" when her curiosity leads her into danger.

Helen is quiet and affectionate; she was withdrawn for a week after her last placement. She likes hugs of reassurance, and being dressed up. She is gentle and interacts well with other children. *Mr. Dressup* is her favourite TV program; Barbie her favourite toy.

Jennie takes her responsibilities as the eldest seriously, reporting everything the other children are doing. She is sensitive and accepts affection readily. She can be stubborn. She is excelling in kindergarten and loves it. Colouring is her favourite pastime and she is skilled at drawing.

The four girls need a white, two-parent family with no children younger than adolescence. The parents should be experienced and have the time and energy required. They must also be demonstrative in order to meet the children's need for affection.

The children have ongoing contact with their family through regular visits; their foster family must be sensitive to their background and their foster home must be accessible by public transit. For more informa-

mount's 13- to 17-year-olds. She sees the group as operating with parental guidance and a support system.

"There is still more research needed, but we're on the verge of starting to co-ordinate something," she said.

Ms. Kerr said she has a list of at least six interested parents with more coming.

"What we want to see is teens

having something to do that will keep them from always going downtown and getting into difficulty," she said. "As it stands now there is no place for them to go and nothing going on for them. If you take Family Day for example, there's nothing for them to do aside from the organized sports activities."

There are many ways teens could be integrated into the community, said Ms. Kerr, such as hooking them up with seniors, starting some peer tutoring programs, the environment and anti-violence activities etc.

"I think it's going to snowball, there's a lot of kids in that age group," she said.

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### Annual service by The Study at St. Matthias'

On June 11, The Study School held its annual service at St. Matthias' Church. The service was led by Rev. Dr. Patricia G. Kirkpatrick, who is a graduate of The Study, class of '72.

She is associate professor, Old Testament studies, at McGill University, and assistant priest at the Church of St. James the Apostle in Montreal.

The address was given by Diana Harrison Wetherall, class of '52. Mrs. Wetherall was head girl in 1951 and could not attend the annual service because of an operation for a brain tumour, and thus missed reading the lesson, traditionally read by the head girl.

This year's class chose her to deliver the address, and she told them that giving the address was the fulfillment of a dream going back to the service she missed so many years ago. She went on to say that with will and determination, coupled with confidence, they would find their aspirations within their reach.



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## Women cycling across country to make people aware of abuse

Two Alberta women, Terry Smith, 33, and Alyson Lockwood, 32, and two of their daughters, are bicycling across Canada to raise public awareness of the horror of child sexual abuse. They will be in Montreal on Friday, June 19.

A rally will be held at Dorchester Square, René Lévesque Blvd. and Peel St., at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Smith was sexually abused by her father from the age of two to 18. She confronted her abuser at age 27.

Ms. Lockwood had no recollection of her abuse until she underwent brain surgery to relieve epilepsy; then the memories came flooding back.

The two have established the Break the Cycle Foundation, a national organization to raise funds for sexual abuse programs.

The women left St. John's on May 14 and expect to reach Victoria on Sept. 11.

## Display of balancing prowess



Akiva School held an afternoon show of its' students gymnastic talents Wednesday last week. Nathalie Cohen, 10, sailed above the balance beam with a helping hand  
Photo by OWEN EGAN

### Skateboard found

A black skateboard with yellow wheels was taken to local police Station 23 Wednesday last week after being found in Prince Albert Park at 1:40 a.m.

### Guide dogs on view at open house

Foundation Mira, which provides guide-dogs to the blind, will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Visitors can visit the kennels, the maternity ward and the training area of the foundation.

Foundation Mira is at 1820, rang Nord-Ouest, at Ste-Madeleine, several kilometres after Mont St-Hilaire on route 116.

### City plans bus trip to Mt. Mansfield

If you ever dreamed of enjoying a panoramic view from a gondola, consider joining a group of West-

mounters heading down to Vermont for the day on Friday June 26.

They're planning to visit the scenic Mount Mansfield Resort, home of Vermont's highest peak, according to Beverly Adams-Coskun, socio-cultural director.

Lunch is at the Cliff House for \$8.95 U.S. or bring your own lunch and enjoy the view.

"We're going to visit the Cabot Farmers' Co-operative Creamery for the grand tour to see how dairy products are made and to test the results," said Ms. Adams-Coskun. "Then later we'll go for tea in the Village of Cabot."

The group is leaving at 8 a.m. for the day of fun. The cost for the trip will be \$35 which includes bus, gondola ride and the tour. The tour will arrive back in Westmount by 7 p.m.

To register call Ms. Adams-Coskun immediately as places on the bus are filling up: 935-8531 local 212.

### Signs of campfires found on the summit

Piles of branches and stones placed in circles were found Monday last week in Summit Park when public safety officers carried out a preventive check of the area. The move came in wake of two recent fires, one which spread to a large area of dry leaves.

The telltale signs indicated someone may have been planning to light campfires, which are strictly prohibited.

Last week's check also revealed a makeshift shelter built on the south side as well as spray-painted trees.

## Register now for Westmount summer recreation program

Summer in the city doesn't have to be a jail sentence for local kids when Westmount has its summer playground program just around the corner.

Registration for the city's exploration and sports summer camps begin Monday, June 22, and will go on for two weeks, said socio-cultural director Beverly Adams-Coskun.

The cost is \$25 to get in on the fun and includes a Westmount T-shirt, she said.

The camp runs from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. but parents cannot register their

children for both slots.

"The sports camp will focus on group sports like softball and t-ball but it also will do some individual ones like tennis and swimming," she said. "Exploration camp involves a variety of arts and craft, music, theatre, science and nature."

Camp counsellors are in training as of next week and they are all qualified university students, she said.

"There will also be a half-day trip every second week," she added.

For registration information call Ms. Adams-Coskun at 935-8531.

### A fishy story

A nine-year-old Westmount boy was treated by public safety officers Sunday in King George (Murray) Park for a cut on his big toe and then driven to his home to Côte St. Antoine Rd. He had been playing barefoot on rocks near the fish pond about 4:30 p.m. when he injured himself.

### Take my calls

A Panasonic cellular phone was stolen from a car parked outside 754 Upper Belmont Ave. overnight Sunday last week, police said. The blue 1985 BMW was broken into through a small window in the rear. The phone was valued at \$2,000.

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# Venezuela kicks in 6 to win over Mexico in bantam play

By RICHARD VALDMANIS

In a Westmount bantam soccer game last Saturday, Venezuela beat Mexico by a score of 6-3 in an enthusiastic display of offensive prowess. The Venezuelans held this as their second consecutive league victory against Mexico.

The game began with a Mexican advantage as players Luis Arango, Alex Gardener and Daniel Gardener relentlessly applied pressure on the Venezuelan defense. Goalie Oliver Bowser, however, never ceased to amaze onlookers as he brickwalled Mexican advances with speedy reflexes.

This consistent defense succeeded in turning the tables as Venezuela stole possession.

## GAME OF THE WEEK

It was not long before Ricky Mezey of Venezuela scored a goal from within the Mexican crease on a corner kick to start the scoring for his team. Mexico made a few more attempts but were stifled by defenders Charlotte Davet, Scott Bailey and Jason Crelinsten.

At about three minutes left in the half, Venezuela scored two more goals in fairly rapid succession as Santi Garcia-Rezon and Hugo Boumfield, respectively, brought the score to 3-0.

The second half began with another quick goal by the Venezuelans as Davet put one past the unsuspect-

ing Mexican goaltender. It seemed as though Mexico had given up as they gave turnovers and made defensive errors. Ricky Mezey of Venezuela capitalized on this soon after by scoring two more consecutive goals within five minutes.

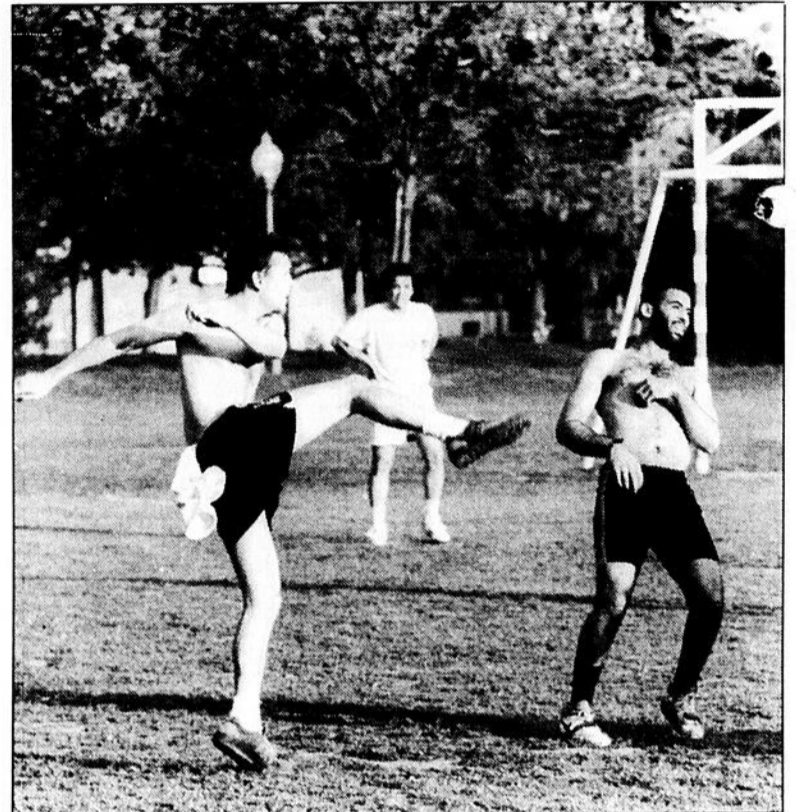
With the score at 6-0 and the time running out, the chance for a Mexican recovery was dim. But at about three minutes left, Mexico got its first goal as Jean-Nicholas Roy befuddled the Venezuelans on a perfect shot to the corner of the net. This goal had apparently got Mexico going as it was followed soon after by two more points by Arango and

## Rugby scores

Following are the scores for the Westmount Rugby Club:

On Saturday, June 13, Westmount 1st lost to Ormstown 3-0. Westmount 2nd defeated Ormstown 18-0. This week Westmount faces the West Island Barbarians in away games.

## Quick reflexes a bonus



A pick-up game of soccer was more like dodge ball for a moment there (see the ball in the upper, right-hand corner?). The pick-up game, held every evening at 6 p.m. in Westmount Park, was snapped on Tuesday. Photo by OWEN EGAN

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## SPORTS STANDINGS

### SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

Following are the standings in the Westmount softball and baseball leagues as of Saturday, June 13:

#### SOFTBALL (co-ed)

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
ATOM					
Angels	10	4	5	1	9
Tigers	10	7	2	1	15
Rangers	10	5	4	1	11
Astros	10	2	7	1	5
PEEWEE					
Cubs	5	5	0	0	10
Expos	3	1	2	0	2
Royals	4	1	3	0	2

#### BASEBALL

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
MOSQUITO					
Athletics	11	4	7	0	8
Orioles	11	1	9	1	3
Blue Jays	11	8	3	0	16
Yankees	11	8	2	1	17
PEEWEE					
Cardinals	11	3	7	1	7
Padres	11	5	5	1	11
Phillies	11	9	2	0	18
Giants	11	5	6	0	10

### SENIOR SOFTBALL

Following are the standings in the Westmount fastball league as of Saturday, June 13:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	RF	RA	Pts.
SENIOR 'A' SOFTBALL							
Angels	11	9	2	0			18
Phillies	10	5	5	0			10
St-Ambrose	9	3	6	0			6
Magnum	8	2	6	0			4
SENIOR 'B' SOFTBALL							
Greensox	10	8	1	1			17
Murray Hill	7	5	1	1			11
Bears	8	4	3	1			9
Wanderers	7	3	4	0			6
Reds	8	1	6	1			3
Untouchables	8	0	8	0			0

### SOCCER

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal soccer leagues as of Saturday, June 13:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
NOVICE					
Spain	5	2	3	0	4
Norway	5	2	2	1	5
Ireland	5	4	1	0	8

USA	5	3	1	1	7
Argentina	5	2	2	1	5
Canada	5	0	4	1	1

#### ATOM

Poland	5	3	1	1	7
Austria	5	2	3	0	4
Netherlands	5	0	4	1	1
Portugal	5	0	3	2	2
Bulgaria	5	4	1	0	8
England	5	4	1	0	8

#### PEEWEE

Japan	5	4	0	1	9
Greece	5	3	1	1	7
Brazil	5	4	0	1	9
Scotland	5	1	3	1	3
Italy	5	0	4	1	1
Sweden	5	0	4	1	1

#### BANTAM

Wales	5	4	1	0	8
Uruguay	5	1	4	0	2
Mexico	5	2	3	0	4
Venezuela	5	3	2	0	6

### GIRL'S SOCCER

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal soccer leagues as of Saturday, June 13:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts
NOVICE					
USA	5	3	2	0	6
Canada	4	1	3	0	2
Brazil	1	0	1	0	0
ATOM					
Tigers	6	4	1	1	9
Lions	5	1	3	1	3
Panthers	3	1	2	0	2
PEEWEE					
T-Birds	5	1	4	0	2
Falcons	4	2	2	0	4
Hawks	3	3	0	0	6

### BALL HOCKEY

Following are the final standings in the Westmount municipal ball hockey league as of Saturday, June 13:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
MITE DIVISION					
Rangers	5	4	1	0	8
Sabres	5	4	0	1	9
Red Wings	5	1	3	1	3
Whalers	5	0	5	0	0
SQUIRT DIVISION					
Flyers	5	2	3	0	4
Bruins	5	4	0	1	9
Oilers	5	4	0	1	9
Jets	5	0	5	0	0

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## Two Chief Scout awards given to Westmounters

Mayor Peter Trent, honorary Scoutmaster, attended the recent Westmount District Council annual meeting. He presented the Chief Scout Certificate, signed by the Governor General, to Jonathan Dunsmore and Adam Smith. This award is the equivalent of the former Queen's Scout award.

To be awarded the badge, Scouts must have attained proficiency in at least five achievement badges, played a leadership role, organized

## Suspects leave ball bat behind

A baseball bat was found by public safety officers on the ground behind an office building at 214 Victoria Ave. Friday at 2:45 a.m. when three suspicious men ran away, public safety officers said.

A security patrol had spotted the three in dark clothing at the rear of the row of buildings where a series of vandalism incidents has occurred recently.

and carried out a service project, provided voluntary service to the community and met with an adult group to discuss what can be done to improve the community.

It has been at least 12 years since a Chief Scout award has been given in Westmount.

Mr. Dunsmore and Mr. Smith have been in scouting since they were first-year Cubs. They are both active members of the St. Andrew's Fire Venture Company.

At the meeting, five-year pins were presented to Daphne Mitchell, who chairs the Westmount Park Group; Linda Bowes, Assistant District Commissioner; and Andrew MacDougall, Westmount Park Scout Leader.

Ten-year pins were given to Westmount District's executive treasurer Shirley Carreiro and district commissioner Don Dunsmore.

Karen Dunsmore of 2nd Westmount and Kathryn Arrell, 2nd Westmount's group chair, were given 15-year pins.

## Inspired by jazz at the lagoon



A women requested *The Swan* by St. Saens during the first of several Sunday jazz concerts at the Westmount Park lagoon and Amy Fujishige, delighted by the choice, began an interpretive dance to illustrate the strains. Ms. Fujishige was taking a last bow to Montreal. She hails from San Francisco and stepped on a plane to return home three hours after the concert began.

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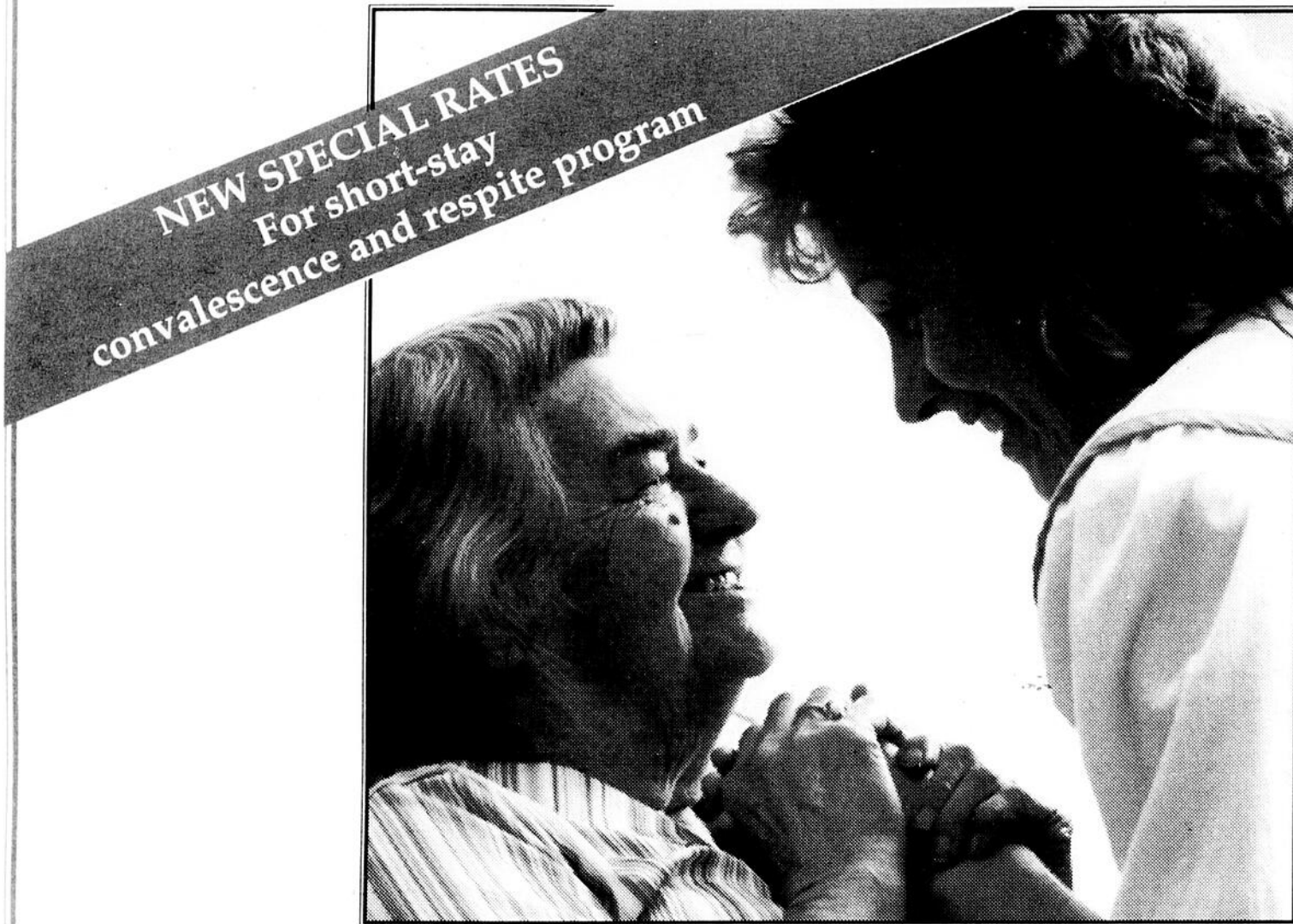
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