# Longtime merchants on Sherbrooke out after rents soar

By THOR VALDMANIS

Some longtime Sherbrooke street storefronts in Westmount, east of Prince Albert avenue, appear set for radical changes beginning May 1.

Three venerable institutions — Warren's Men's Wear, Westmount Stationery and Flower and Green Decorations — are packing up shop after failing to negotiate leases with their new landlord, Cervino Coin Company.

Early last November, Cervino paid a reported $1.95 million to Sybil Rosen for five buildings between 4868 and 4898 Sherbrooke and one at 393 Prince Albert. Cervino also guaranteed the Rosen family's Popular Shop, 4872 Sherbrooke, a lease for an unspecified number of years.

Faced with rent increases of some 300 percent and additional "open-ended" clauses, merchants affected by the sale found lease renewal more arduous than did the Rosens.

"I don't hold it against Cervino, they're trying to make a buck like everyone else," Ron Hunter, owner of the displaced Westmount Stationery and its adjunct gift shop, said Tuesday.

"I just think they're trying to make too much of a buck."

Privately, some uprooted merchants claim Cervino made offers they knew would be refused, in hopes the aging row of historic grey-stone, two-storey buildings would be vacated, facilitating overdue repairs and renovations.

Cervino manager Desmond Soltendieck admitted yesterday that "the buildings cannot go on as they are," but denied his company forced anyone out.

"We offered them all the same options," Mr Soltendieck said in an earlier interview, "and we left it up to them." He refused to specify what the options were.

"Store for rent" signs are now posted outside the soon-to-be vacated premises.

### New zoning coming

The November sale came just a few months before the unveiling Feb 15 of Westmount's major rezoning plan to preserve the "village character" of the Victoria-Sherbrooke commercial area (see story Feb 18).

The proposed zoning amendments, the focus of a public consultation meeting April 5, reflect city council's desire to protect the status quo in the area. Westmount has issued a freeze on building permits in affected areas, including the recently sold stretch on Sherbrooke — buildings which are expected to be listed in Westmount's soon-to-be released heritage property preservation study.

"When we looked at the (Sherbrooke) property originally," Mr Soltendieck said, "it was zoned for (a possible) six storeys, then four storeys and now two. Obviously, that affects our plans."

The manager refused to say what

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## *Drugstore bandit grabs $400 deposit*

**A young man armed with a gun snatched $400 out of the hand of a cashier in the Pharmaprix store at Alexis Nihon Plaza Saturday afternoon and fled out the Atwater exit, police said.**

**The robbery occurred at 2:05 pm as the woman had prepared bills in denominations of $10 and $20 for deposit.**

**As the victim made a move to call for help over the microphone, the man threatened her with a gun, warning her against calling.**

**The robber was described as a white man aged about 18, French speaking and wearing jeans, a black leather jacket and sweat shirt.**

## *Doesn't stop and won't co-operate*

A 45-year-old driver who refused to produce car papers after going through a stop sign on Westmount avenue Monday last week at 9:40 am, changed her tune after being arrested and taken to local MUC station 23, police report.

The woman finally decided to produce the papers rather than be charged with interfering with police work.

She was ticketed instead for failing to obey a stop sign as well as for refusing to produce car registration and insurance papers as requested. Both were apparently in order.

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**CARNIVAL ROYALTY:** The Queen of Westmount's Winter Carnival, **Holly McIntyre**, left, is shown with loyal subject **Mayor May Cutler** and with His Highness, King of the Carnival **Jay Waldron** after the figure skating show Friday evening which kicked off the "Frosty Fun" events. For more photos and a list of carnival contest winners, see page 30.

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# Liberal convention adopts Gales' taxation resolution

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Quebec Liberal Party voted overwhelmingly at its convention Sunday to adopt a resolution initiated by Westmount delegate Robert Gales asking the provincial government to look into correcting the municipal taxation system.

Support for the resolution, which stemmed from Mr Gales' 107-percent valuation increase on his home at 316 Grosvenor avenue, was seen as indicating widespread concern for the taxation problem.

It also provided Municipal Affairs Minister André Bourbeau with the support of the party in his efforts to look into the tax system.

"I think it's a critical issue that's affected a lot of people," Mr Gales told THE EXAMINER. "We're all screaming."

The resolution asked the government "to urgently study means to replace the current municipal taxation system based on market value of properties by a system that is fairer, more stable and equitable."

Mr Bourbeau, in speaking on the motion, was reported to have reiterated that the MUC evaluation system was not working properly and that his committee was working at full speed to deliver its conclusions as soon as possible.

### Given third place

Mr Gales, a director of Westmount Municipal Association, who lobbied the resolution through various political stages, said the resolution received third place on the prioritized agenda of some 80 other issues.

"I think it's a fairly decent achievement," he said. "Democracy only works if you get involved."

Westmount MNA Richard French, minister of communications, who attended the convention, said Mr Gales deserved "the lion's share" of the credit for the success of the resolution.

Asked what impact the resolution might have on Mr Bourbeau, Mr French replied, "Mr Bourbeau participated in the debate and I think he heard the concerns of a number of people, not just from Westmount but from other ridings, and that was heartening."

Mr French said that for the first time in his seven years in politics "we are at least getting out the information necessary to make an enlightened judgment about the desirability of the present tax system. The battle is not won, but the momentum is clearly there."

Mr Gales, who works at McGill as alumni and development officer, said he started work on the resolution when he received his own tax bill. "I thought, we just can't sit around and let this happen."

He said he was surprised to hear at the convention how much discontent

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*"That reminds me — the Whipples and their six children are coming to visit this weekend."*

## *French supports Liberal language policy*

Westmount MNA Richard French, Quebec communications minister, told THE EXAMINER Tuesday he is supporting the government's language policy concerning signage and that recent statements by him on the issue are not at all aimed at his re-election.

"We'll see what the government does after the Supreme Court ruling and I might have to weigh my future then," he said.

In the meantime, Mr French explained, he would fight for the Liberal government's commitment on signs which is to maintain French as the priority language allowing for the addition of other languages.

"Right now I'm fighting for it. It's a question of principle. Not a question of getting re-elected."

Mr French has been quoted recently as indicating his political career might be at stake if the Bourassa government did not live up to its sign commitment.

The question of language was brought to the fore at the Liberal party's convention last weekend when Alliance Quebec, the English rights' group, protested lack of formal agenda discussion of the issue.

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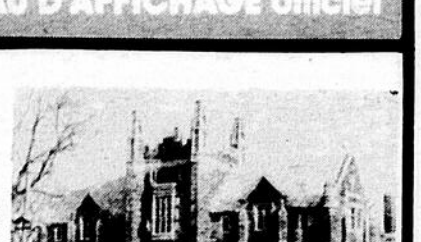

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## WESTMOUNT Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

### Today, March 3

☐ **Exhibition**: Contemporary textile murals are on display at the Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, until March 5

☐ **Exhibition**: Jill Hannaford Beaudin's original stencilled patterns may be seen at Ruth Stalker Antiques, 4447 St Catherine street, until March 31

### Friday, March 4

☐ **Theatre**: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare will be performed at Victoria Hall by Rathbone Theatre, 9:30 am (sold out) and noon; for tickets and information call 636-5248 $

☐ **Prayer service**: To mark the World Day of Prayer around the World; guest speaker Sister Kay MacDonald, associate director of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism; at the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord, corner Clarke avenue and Sherbrooke street, 2 pm

☐ **Theatre**: A play, *Twelve Angry Women*, is being performed by students at The Study, 3233 The Boulevard, 7:30 pm, one night only

### Saturday, March 5

☐ **Two-day writers' workshop**: Led by free-lance journalist Adrian Waller, Victoria Hall, continues March 6; for information call 634-2020 $

☐ **Caribbean Pot-Pourri**: Presented by West-Can Caribbean Canadian Folk Performing Co at Westmount High School, 4350 St Catherine street, performances 3 pm ($8) and 8 pm ($12), special rates for children under 14 and groups; information, 482-6406 $

### Sunday, March 6

☐ **Lecture**: Everyone is invited to hear McGill anthropologist Pierre Anctil on "Franco-Jewish relations: history of the past, prospects for the future," at the Breakfast Club Forum of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 365 Elm avenue, 10 am; breakfast $3

☐ **Piano and dance recital**: Andrea Milinkovich, pianist, and Martha Randall, dancer, are presented at Victoria Hall by the Emissary Foundation International, 3 pm - 5 pm, $10 admission, 487-0093

### Monday, March 7

☐ **Chess club**: Sponsored by the Westmount recreation department, Victoria Hall, 6:30 pm

☐ **PC riding meeting**: The St Henri-Westmount Progressive Conservative Riding Association invites all members to a meeting at Victoria Hall, 7:15 pm; Association registration 6:30 pm, with membership open to those 14 and older

### Tuesday, March 8

☐ **WIP meeting**: Sponsored by Westmount Initiative for Peace, a workshop led by Dr Lanie Melamed will decide "What we would want to see in a white paper on defence," Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm

☐ **Slide show and demonstration**: "Spinning yarn and dyeing to tell you" is Susan Heller's topic at the Westmount Public Library, 7:30 pm; registration for the talk at the library desk

☐ **Lecture series**: "The Bible in the Arts" with Stephen Crisp on music, St Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill, 8 pm - 10 pm, preceded by a service of evensong at 7:15 pm

### Wednesday, March 9

☐ **Luncheon meeting**: Rotary Club of Westmount, Victoria Hall, 12:30 pm

☐ **Jewish song festival**: "Zimria," Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, 450 Kensington avenue, 7 pm; for tickets and information call 735-3541, ext 355

☐ **RCAFA meeting**: Mayor May Cutler will address the monthly meeting of the 306 (Maple Leaf) wing, 4450 Sherbrooke street, 8 pm; all members and veterans are invited m

### COMING UP

☐ **March 10**: The Royal Montreal Regiment Armory is the site of the first annual invitational competition of rhythmic gymnastics, 4625 St Catherine street, 6 pm

☐ **March 10**: Our MP Don Johnston will talk about "The Meech Lake Accord," at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, 450 Kensington avenue, 8 pm

☐ **March 15**: Clinical psychologist Dr Mordechai Glick lectures on "From Moses to Skinner — Psychology and Judaism" in the community hall of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, Elm at Sherbrooke, 8 pm $

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# Taxes, other business on Monday council agenda

Westmount property owners who face tax increases are getting another extension on tax bill moratoriums, according to the agenda for Monday night's city council meeting.

The latest delay offered by city council is a month's deferral of interest charges on the unpaid first instalment difference between 1987 and 1988 tax bills, city officials said yesterday.

This means that anyone who has not paid the difference due March 31 will not be charged interest on the outstanding remainder until April 30.

The moratorium is included in a further amendment to the real estate tax by-law 997 announced at the Feb 15 council meeting. This is regarding the city's traditional practice of piggybacking the second instalment onto the first if not paid on time.

Council moved to eliminate this forfeiture of term to provide additional time for the MUC to review some 728 Westmount property valuations without penalizing victimized taxpayers whose taxes might be lowered by the review.

Other items of business on Monday's agenda include:

- Adoption of by-law amending electricity rates;
- Adoption of zoning draft by-law regarding antennae and satellite dishes to be submitted for public consultation March 28;
- Adoption of zoning draft by-law to permit occupancy of the Makivik building, 4898 de Maisonneuve boulevard, by Kells Academy to be submitted for public consultation March 28;
- Adoption of zoning draft by-law for Sherbrooke-Victoria downzoning for public consultation April 5;
- Annual membership fees for Westmount in the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors in the amount of $14,293.02;
- Tenders for repair of a fire truck;
- Tenders for the vehicle purchase of three Plymouth Reliants to replace two older ones and to add one for inspections;
- Tenders for two Dodge 1988 Voyageur vans for the Public Security Unit to be painted yellow and equipped with red flashers (see story last week) and one van to be added for the parks division superintendent;
- Tender for one mini-Ram truck for light and power dept meter maintenance;
- Approval of purchases of: 600 metres of 1/0 aluminum triplex 600-volt wire and 600 metres of 4/0 aluminum triplex 600-volt wire;
- Updating of appointments to the city's Emergency Measures Organization rescinding and replacing resolution of Oct 1, 1984;
- Cadastral operation to amalgamate two lots to allow for extension of building at 348 Victoria avenue;
- Cadastral operation to permit construction over the building line at: 348 Victoria for extension of second storey; 360 Victoria for ramp, steps and free-standing sign; and 3107 St Antoine street for handicapped access ramp;
- Grants to non-profit organizations to compensate for business taxes;
- Acceptance of MUC evaluation roll back for city's snow melting plant property located on portion of land in Montreal;
- Addition of a stop sign at Upper Bellevue and Devon; and
- List of accounts for month ending Feb 29.

# Woman arrested here twice within week for similar incidents

A woman who was charged with assaulting two public safety officers and stealing a purse from the Kinh Do restaurant here Feb 20, was arrested again Friday, Feb 26, in connection with another theft in a restaurant nearby in Westmount Square, police said.

This time the woman, well known to police, is charged with possession of a stolen wallet and fraudulently trying to use a credit card.

In relating the latest incident, police said the woman was arrested soon after the theft of a wallet at the Deli Vert and an attempt was made at the Toronto-Dominion Bank at 4355 St Catherine street to withdraw funds using a Visa card.

The wallet theft occurred about 1:45 pm as the victim, a 48-year-old woman, was having lunch with two friends.

The trio noticed two suspicious-looking women seated two tables away who suddenly got up to leave, passing by them as they departed.

About 15 minutes later, the victim discovered her wallet missing and immediately headed to the Toronto-Dominion Bank at 4355 St Catherine street to notify them that her Visa and bank cards had been stolen.

As she entered the bank, police said, she suddenly spotted the woman from the restaurant and sho[illegible]d that the woman had just stole[illegible] wallet.

An arrest was made of two suspects, one of whom was released without charges, while the other was sent downtown to police headquarters.

Police identified the suspect as a 22-year-old who had been arrested Feb 20 by public safety officers near the Kinh Do restaurant at 4022 St Catherine street.

She had been identified at that time as aged 34 (see story last week).

In that incident, a friend of the victim followed the suspect outside and alerted a public safety officer who happened to be nearby.

## Pays up

A 25-year-old Montreal man paid up $212.60 in unpaid traffic warrants Tuesday last week after being stopped in front of 663 Grosvenor avenue, police said. He was reported to have been investigated routinely at 8:30 am when the fine was discovered.

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**Feb 23**

**8:13 am:** 468 Strathcona, first responder unit;
**2:46 pm:** Gladstone and Dorchester, first responder unit (see story);

**Feb 24**

**8:51 am:** 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 8:57 am, alarm activated by leaking water (see story);
**9:45 am:** 525 Mount Pleasant, ECS, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 9:53 am, defective alarm;
**8:39 pm:** In front 455 Strathcona, car leaking gas (see story);

**Feb 25**

**2:10 am:** Rear of 399 Clarke, possible broken electrical wire, no problem found;
**8:18 am:** 1236 Greene, strange odor from dried out bathroom drain, flushed;
**10:09 am:** 7915 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 10:13 am;
**10:50 am:** 11 Hillside, prank call;
**6:41 pm:** 390 Grosvenor, infant locked in bedroom (see story);

**Feb 26**

**3:46 pm:** 463 Victoria, defective alarm;

**Feb 27**

**4:09 pm:** 350 Victoria, Visual Arts Centre, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:20 pm, short circuit in light switch;
**5:01 pm:** 601 Roslyn, child locked in bedroom (see story);
**7:14 pm:** 3055 Sherbrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 7:34 pm, fireplace problem (see story);
**9:19 pm:** 4276 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit;

**JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS:** Westmount's 22nd annual junior firefighters' course kicked off its first of 10 classes Wednesday night last week at the fire hall. Among the 50 boys and girls from six local schools and groups who signed up to learn about fire prevention from instructor **Lieutenant Barry Coates** are, from left: **Wade Colborne**, Westmount Park School; **Karen Sadegursky**, St George's; **Alex Lal**, Selwyn House; **Marc Rozon**, Roslyn; **Christina Birks**, Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's, and **Jodie Jonas**, Girl Guides. The course, which was started by the Westmount Fire Brigade, has become a model for other fire departments.

## Mirror, mirror on the ground

Four parked cars on Somerville avenue were found with side mirrors smashed off at 4:50 am Saturday, public safety officers report. Someone had tampered with the mirrors on three others.

The damaged cars were described as a grey Buick wagon, a blue Nissan, a black Chrysler New Yorker and a blue Buick.

The vandalism was referred to MUC police.

## Woman falls

A 93-year-old woman was taken to hospital Monday from Manoir Westmount after falling, fire officials report. She was believed to have suffered a fractured hip. The woman was taken to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé.

**Feb 28**

**9:00 pm:** 201 Metcalfe, car leaking gas in garage;
**10:58 pm:** 440 Mount Stephen, first responder unit;

**Feb 29**

**5:48 am:** Clarke and St Catherine, first responder unit;
**1:21 pm:** 4646 Sherbrooke, Manoir Westmount, first responder unit (see story);
**6:18 pm:** 50 Arlington, smell of smoke, burnt paper in toaster oven;
**10:26 pm:** 509 Argyle, smoke detector activated by burnt food in oven.

## No way out for tiny tots

Firemen were called to two local homes last week to free children trapped in locked rooms, fire officials said.

The first rescue effort was reported last Thursday when a baby was locked in a bedroom at 390 Grosvenor avenue. Firemen forced open the door and found the infant in bed under covers, appearing frightened.

Two days later, another child was unable to get out of a bedroom at 601 Roslyn avenue where the doorknob had fallen off. A screwdriver was used to open the latch and rescue the child, who was found "in good condition."

Public safety officers identified the victim as an 18-month-old boy.

## Cash 'n' carry

An envelope containing $22 in cash was stolen overnight Friday-Saturday from the apartment building at 4488 St Catherine street when the administration office was broken into, police said. The burglary was discovered at 5 am.

## Screwdriver found after burglars chased

A resident of the condominium building at 4476 St Catherine street attempted to follow two suspected burglars as they left the sixth floor Saturday but lost them as they fled outside, police report.

A screwdriver that police said had been used to force open an apartment door on the sixth storey was found in the snow nearby.

It was not immediately known if anything had been taken.

In relating the incident, police said the witness had taken the elevator to the sixth storey at 12:30 pm to visit someone when he spotted a man holding open the door of the fire exit stairwell.

At the same time a second person ran from an apartment to the stairs and the two started down as the man attempted to follow. They were described as white men aged about 20.

## Reddy drip fools detector

When firefighters were called to the Reddy Memorial Hospital Wednesday morning last week, they found a smoke detector had been activated by water from the humidification system dripping over the lip of an air duct, fire officials report.

The incident occurred about 8:50 am. Once the cause of the alarm was determined, an automatic call for mutual aid help from firemen in Côte St Luc and Outremont was cancelled.

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# We Say

## Westmount and the MUC

THE significant thing about the Montreal Urban Community Transit Corporation monthly meeting on Feb 18 was that it was held in Westmount — in Victoria Hall in public as part of the board's perambulations around the constituent communities of the MUC.

We should thank the directors and management for that. It is in sharp contrast to the long-standing indifference toward this city and its people, an indifference which at times has appeared studied.

It was particularly so in the planning of the Métro system and has emerged from time to time in disregard for representations from this community regarding shortcomings of bus services serving Westmount.

Even the other evening here, Mr Abe Limonchik, an MUCTC director, chastised a local citizen for her single-minded devotion to Westmount in her suggestions and comments. If the Montreal councillor does not believe this is proper for a resident of a constituent municipality we suggest that he has put a finger on precisely what is wrong with the corporation. Indeed, we wonder why he and any of his like-minded colleagues bothered to come here.

One clue may lie in a meeting next day that MUC Chairman Michel Hamelin had with Westmount city council. It appears that he was soliciting support at city hall for financing Métro extensions and commuter rail refurbishing. He did not get the *carte blanche* he boldly elicited — something which would have cost this one city alone some $5.5 millions.

Mayor May Cutler and the three other councillors present were right, specially when Westmount has some demands to make of the MUCTC. Maybe both the MUC and its transit corporation are beginning to realize that they need the suburbs after all. The time has come to bargain.

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FIRST some background. When the Métro was planned, there was little objection here to the location of the Atwater station. It was an established junction for bus services and thus a logical subway transfer point. Well and good, even if the station was in effect outside our southeastern border, of direct use to only a minority of Westmounters.

However, with that we might have expected a little extra consideration with the next stage of development, the line running northwest to St Laurent. Again, instead of the obvious traffic-generating area of Victoria avenue and Sherbrooke street west for a station, it was planned for the St Catherine - de Maisonneuve - Claremont intersection, again just outside our southwestern border.

Finally it was moved further west to N.D.G.'s de Vendôme avenue and de Maisonneuve boulevard. Not only was this another considerable hike away for most Westmounters; this scheme also resulted in the closing of our only railway station and the construction of a new depot on the CP Rail tracks at Vendôme.

In the long range this might mean a better redevelopment of the CP property on our southern fringes. But the fact remains that Montreal-centred planners, studiously we think, managed to freeze out Westmount.

The final blow came, after the Vendôme Métro facility was open, when rerouting of buses left Westmount served abominably. We had to fight for any kind of service linking the Victoria and St Catherine areas, which has proved indifferent, and the representations of the Westmount Municipal Association, under now-Councillor Sally Aitken, were largely ignored.

All of this despite the fact that over the years we have shouldered our full share of MUCTC costs and deficits. We also have suffered from the effects of patently poor management, including recurring strikes arising from appalling labor relations which repeatedly have been papered over with money — ratepayers' money.

The MUCTC attitude again is exemplified by Mr Limonchik. To quote him directly at the meeting here: "The owner of a home valued at $400,000 pays $520 in annual taxes earmarked for the MUCTC."

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HE might as well have said "only $520" for he in fact prefaced the remark by saying: "Number one, nobody pays a fortune to the MUCTC."

It all depends on what is meant by "fortune." Perhaps it isn't much to a councillor of the City of Montreal, where millions slip away so easily in Olympian projects without regard to capacity to pay.

But to all but the most affluent Westmounter, this kind of money is just the sort of thing we have been complaining about for so long. Together with the MUC police bill and the burgeoning bureaucracy of the MUC itself, local ratepayers are being strangled by the cumulative effect of the urban community levies, to say nothing of the trauma from the MUC valuation department's incompetent, careless and unconscionable assessing of properties.

Well done, Mayor Cutler! Give Mr Hamelin more of the stern treatment for which you deserve your citizens' appreciative praise.

Take every opportunity to assert, in the name of Westmount, your independence and rights as an MUC councillor.

# Something I Want to Say

Harry Mayerovitch

WESTMOUNT

# You Say

## Liberals, MNA French not honoring promises

*A copy of the following letter has been sent to THE EXAMINER:*

Mr Richard French, MNA
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Dear Mr French,

You were elected with Mr Bourassa at the last election in Quebec, based on two major campaign promises, among others.

The first was improved medical facilities. The second was easing of the Bill 101 language law.

It's quite apparent that you have no intention of honoring either of these commitments.

We are starting to have 1976 all over again: entire wings of Montreal General Hospital are closed because there is no staff to service them; doctors, technicians and nurses are leaving the province again; people and companies are leaving the province again.

I hope people in this riding will find somebody to vote for in the next election who will honor their campaign promises.

**Dick Meyer**

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## our M.P.
*Hon. Donald J. Johnston*
## says...

### *Provincial barriers*

IT IS ironic that while the so-called free trade agreement with the United States is intended to eliminate trade barriers between our two countries, major interprovincial barriers still exist.

While Americans can buy Moosehead, it is available only in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. "The Moose is loose" in New York but not in Montreal or Toronto.

And while Montrealers buy property on the ocean frontage of U.S. states, they cannot in Prince Edward Island.

And while we extol the job creation benefits of U.S. trade, they would seem to pale against the 500,000 new jobs the Canadian Manufacturer's Association estimates would be created by eliminating our internal protectionist measures.

As Meech Lake moves us toward a looser form of confederation it is logical to expect more interprovincial restrictions, not fewer. But perhaps the proposed arrangement with the United States will prompt at least some provinces to reduce these absurd restrictions.

# Editorial Notes

THERE is businesslike and there is businesslike. Supply and Services Canada is of both kinds. First the good stuff. Early in January they ran an advertisement in our sister paper, *Town of Mount Royal Weekly Post*. The other day they paid for it. But they ran 27 days, by their reckoning, over the 30-day due date. Then came the silly bit. There followed a separate cheque which said they were paying interest on those 27 days at 9.83 percent. The cheque was for $1.00! Estimates of the cost of issuing that second cheque run from a low of $10.00 upward....

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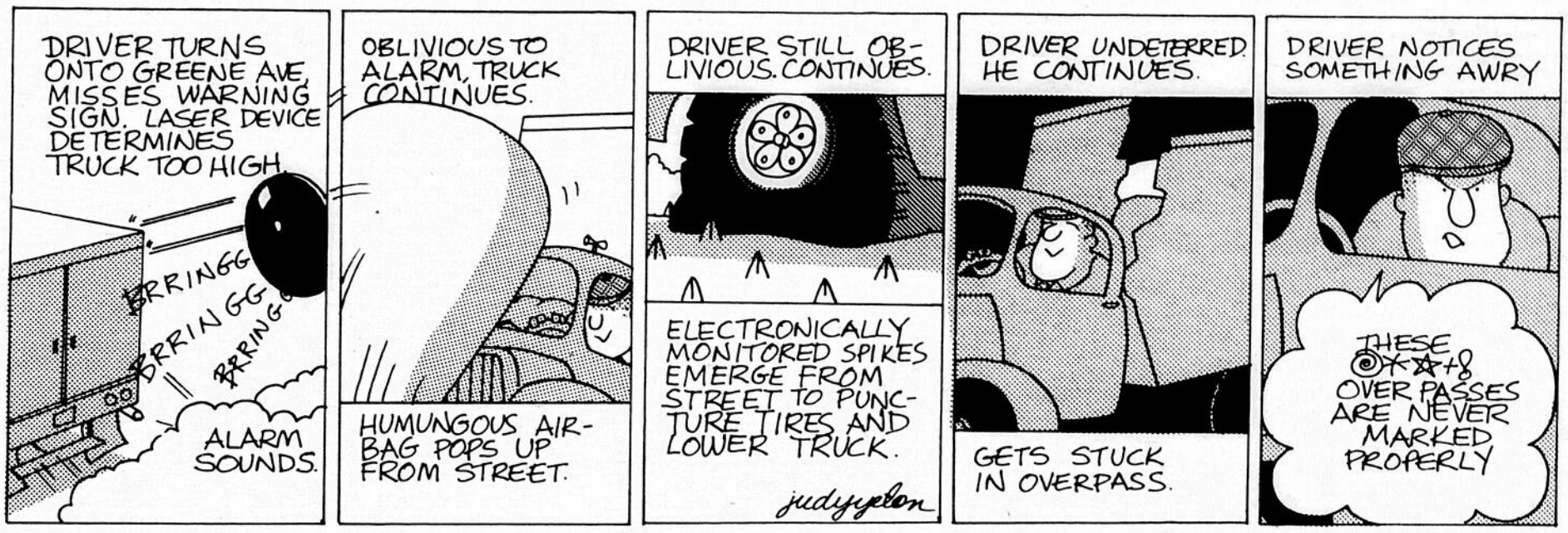
WE have been unable to resist this one after first hearing of something similar last week: The editor of this newspaper is considering declaring publicly next week that he is a heterosexual....



**Forty-five Years Ago**
*March 4, 1943*

"The music of Wagner, Hitler's 'inspiration' and spur to action, had exactly the opposite effect on one Westmount woman last Saturday — it made her so dreamy she forgot the 'deadline' for collecting her new ration book at Victoria Hall. Coming out of the building about five minutes past six, THE EXAMINER representative noticed a well-dressed woman sauntering slowly towards the entrance. 'Do you know the door is shut at the offices?' she was asked. 'Oh I couldn't help it — I just couldn't leave the house' she replied. 'I was listening to the *Valkyrie* on the radio — I adore Wagner — I could not miss him.' So she turned and walked home realizing that her musical moment meant a car ride to Montreal — but she was quite happy."

**Thirty-five Years Ago**
*February 27, 1953*

"Three members of the National Hockey League Canadiens were the centre of attraction at the Westmount Municipal Hockey League presentation night last week. Doug Harvey, Floyd Curry and Dickie Moore answered a barrage of questions thrown at them by eager young members of the league. Earlier in the evening, the hockey stars presented trophies and crests to the bantam and peewee champions. His Worship Mayor Roy L. Campbell, in his address to the gathering said that he and the City Council 'are wholeheartedly behind all programs of a sporting nature in Westmount'."

**Twenty-five Years Ago**
*March 1, 1963*

From an editorial: "There can be little doubt that the Westmount Public Library is this municipality's most popular civic institution. According to the annual report, issued this week, membership in 1962 totalled 16,344 with 625 non-resident members. These figures indicate that at least half the population of Westmount uses the library. This is a high proportion, as libraries go, one in which we can take great pride. The library also receives heavy use from people living in all parts of Montreal who come to use the reference room or the much-valued picture file."

**Fifteen Years Ago**
*March 1, 1973*

"Sufficient suitable housing, as an alternative to the Hillside Place project, should be available for ex-Selby street people in the Greene- St Antoine -Atwater-Dorchester area according to the Urban Renewal Implementation Advisory Committee. This was the response by a majority vote of URIAC members last Wednesday night to a letter from the city indicating that Westmount was proceeding with the disputed Hillside avenue public housing scheme. In a new resolution last Wednesday, URIAC determined that it would be both financially and physically advantageous to the Selby people to be resettled in their original area, making reference to forthcoming federal grants to be available for refurbishing existing buildings."

**Five Years Ago**
*March 3, 1983*

"The Office de la langue française (OLF) has notified Westmount that effective April 30 the city's name will be 'Ville de Westmount.' It also has ordered eight other changes regarding language of work or signage. The city, however, intends to stand firm on its use of the single word 'Westmount,' according to Mayor Donald MacCallum. This is one of nine 'correctifs' issued to the city by the OLF as a 'prescription' for the francization of Westmount under the charter of the French language, Bill 101. Measures already taken by the city, or proposed for the future, were judged 'insufficient' by the OLF, according to a letter received by the city last month."

# You Say

## Council responds to comments of Minister Bourbeau

*The follow reply to the recent letter of Municipal Affairs Minister André Bourbeau ("You Say," Feb 18) was issued yesterday as a collective statement by members of Westmount city council:*

Much has been said and written recently on the implementation of the so-called "new generation" tax roll for the Montreal Island community and the many inequities which have resulted therefrom. The resulting outcry moved the minister of municipal affairs to "go public" on this dilemma and to offer some suggestions for its solution.

The minister chose to discuss the situation in Westmount "for reasons of continuity in how the information is dealt with." Thus, Westmount should make public the reasons for the initiatives it has taken on this important matter.

Westmount's budgeted 1988 costs for its municipal services reflect an increase of 8.3 percent as compared to an increase of 9.5 for non-Westmount services. If a number of special items which have been provided for and fully described to the taxpayers is excluded, the actual dollar increase in operating costs for 1988 over 1987 is $891,800 — or four percent. However, Westmount's share for MUC services in 1988 reflects an increase of 13.1 percent.

The annual valuation roll is required by law to be deposited by the MUC evaluators with each municipality by Sept 15. However, the 1988 roll was deposited more than a month late. After receipt of this roll, it quickly became apparent that there were serious errors in a large number of property valuations. By mid-November, city staff had compiled lists of "irregularities unknown to the MUC valuation department."

City council arranged a meeting with the director general of the MUC on Dec 7 and presented him with a list of some 60 properties that had experienced increases of over 200 percent. On Dec 9 a second list of 460 properties burdened with increases of between 100 and 200 percent was submitted for review. Since that time a further 208 properties with increases hovering near the 100 percent mark have also been submitted for review. These three lists totalled 728 properties on a roll comprising approximately 4,300 properties. To date, the valuations of some 169 properties have been revised downward by in excess of $47 million in total, while the MUC valuation department has maintained the original valuations on a further 29 properties.

**Carefully considered**

City council carefully considered the impact on individual citizens of these major and obvious aberrations in valuations. Council seriously considered the possibility of refusing to implement the 1988 roll because it knew how upsetting this would be to a large number of taxpayers. After much discussion and debate, city council decided to issue tax bills based on the new roll — that is, to follow the city's established procedure of issuing tax bills in December with instalments payable semi-annually on Jan 31 and July 1 of the following year. In fact, the full impact of the multitude of valuation errors was not then fully realized.

In the process of establishing its mill rate for 1988, the city studied the possible benefits of draft Bill 82, amongst other solutions. But Bill 82 deals only with valuation increases 1.5 times the average valuation increase throughout the community. In the case of Westmount, where the average increase in municipal valuation was slightly over 40 percent, only those increases in excess of 60 percent would benefit by the application of Bill 82. If implemented in Westmount, approximately 30 percent of single family dwellings would have benefitted while the remaining 70 percent of property owners would have been faced with an additional tax bill of approximately $440 per household. This seemed to city council an inequitable way of solving the dilemma. After a careful analysis of several possi-

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

## *Perils of solidarity*

AH, THE perils of solidarity! My anglophone cabinet colleagues and I are coming in for some rough treatment in the press over the language policies and proposals of the government. As ministers, we try to respect the fundamental principles of cabinet government, notably that of cabinet solidarity. If ministers feel free to criticize government policy whenever and however they wish, then backbenchers will start doing the same. When backbenchers exercise their rights of dissidence, the governing majority crumbles. That is why we may seem less public in our advocacy than some could wish.

It is of course comforting to read a ringing declaration of principles from a politician in the pages of your newspaper. Each time a politician does so, however, he or she must weigh the impact of what they say publicly against their effectiveness in caucus or cabinet. That is the difficult choice which all of us in Quebec City must consider before we open our mouths.

Our defence of our constituents' interests takes place essentially and inevitably within the boundaries of cabinet and caucus secrecy. I have always said — in this column and elsewhere — that I support the Liberal Party's position on signs: French required, with the possibility of other languages beside it. That, however, is not news. Secondly, I support the government's decision to wait for the Supreme Court judgment because I believe that there is no reasonable possibility to achieve my objective without that judgment.

That isn't much in the way of column inches. But, as Winston Churchill said, "The politician who is afraid to be unpopular isn't worth his salt."

# I Say!

AS late as the 1890s children were taken for picnics on Greene avenue; there they gathered strawberries in the fields.

—*Edgar Andrew Collard*, The Gazette, *Feb 27, 1988*

## YOU SAY . . .

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ble solutions, a reduction in the mill rate from $2.00 to $1.70 per $100 of valuation, coupled with the implementation of the heritage/preservation program (which is *not* a tax credit) produced the least catastrophic position for the majority of taxpayers.

This "horror story" has forced us all to ask some hard questions about the present system of municipal taxation. For example:

1. Is a determination of "real market value," however defined, the fairest method to raise revenues for municipal purposes?

2. Should variable tax rates be permitted?

3. How can the owners of single-family dwellings be insulated against the ever-increasing shift in the burden of municipal taxation onto their shoulders?

4. How equitable is a taxation system which can result in tax increases in a single year of up to 400 percent?

5. Can the present appeal procedure which involves annual appearances before the Bureau des Révisions d'évaluation foncière be improved to spare property owners much aggravation and expense pleading revisions that had been agreed to for prior years?

The minister has rightly affirmed that "greater stability is required for property values and tax bills." We are in full support of this position. The city has made a number of representations (most recently to the Parizeau Commission) for proposed changes to mitigate what is becoming increasingly obvious to thinking citizens, namely that the continuing shift of the burden of municipal taxation to residential property owners has reached the breaking point. If present trends continue, it will soon become impossible for large numbers of property owners to continue to live in their own homes.

The minister has announced that he has ordered "an inquiry into the operation of the MUC assessment service." Let us hope that this will result in some improvements to the process. However, this review is unlikely to help in dealing with the immediate problems. The fact is that the 1988 roll was introduced in haste and without sufficient computer field testing. Its implementation for the MUC municipalities should have been deferred at least another year.

A number of municipalities, including Westmount, suggested a reversion to the 1987 roll which, while perhaps not perfect, had a much higher level of acceptability than the 1988 roll. This seemed like a reasonable and simple solution to the nightmare spawned by a roll riddled with errors. We remain hopeful that the minister might yet accept this alternative for 1988.

The costs of running the MUC are apportioned to the 29 municipalities exclusively on the basis of valuation of real property. Under the law, no allowance is made for a reduction in the original valuation roll for the "corrections d'office" agreed to by the MUC valuation department which now exceed some $47 million and which may well exceed $150 million before the remaining 537 cases currently under review have been finalized. This will result in Westmount's bearing "excess" MUC costs of somewhere between $330,000 and $1 million.

The minister appropriately acknowledges that Westmount has taken four initiatives to assist taxpayers in their present dilemma. City council has also permitted its ratepayers to defer payment for several months of the increased taxes in the hope that by that time the majority of the errors will have been corrected.

**Westmount City Council**
WESTMOUNT PQ

## Time has come for nuclear gesture

Sir: In a letter to the editor in the fall of 1987, voters were asked to comment on two issues likely to come before the council in 1988. They were water fluoridation and a possible resolution making Westmount a nuclear weapons free zone. I would like to address the latter issue.

Making Westmount a nuclear weapons free zone is an idea whose time has come. It is true that a municipality has absolutely no power or jurisdiction in foreign or military affairs. We are talking about a gesture, an expression of sentiment which badly needs to be made.

This is not a proposal in favor of unilateral disarmament. We are talking about policies that cause warfare spending to reach $900 billion U.S. worldwide each year. The corresponding sum spent on economic development assistance is minuscule. No question about it, much of the military expenditures make the world less safe because they divert scarce resources from other purposes including the struggle against hunger and poverty.

Two examples come to mind. With the amount of money the United States wastes (e.g. cost overruns) on each major weapons system, it could put a country in Central America or the Caribbean on the economic map. Instead, the economic and social problems are allowed to fester. Millions have been spent on guerrilla "freedom" fighters in Nicaragua. Equivalent sums used to put the Haitian economy on its feet would surely have yielded better long-term strategic results.

In Canada, the government proposes to spend $10 billion on nuclear submarines. This is a totally outrageous plan in a country threatened by continuous deindustrialization with an urgent need to increase civilian research and development spending. Our principal insecurity for the foreseeable future is economic. This does not imply that the Canadian navy should be abolished or that we should not establish Arctic earth stations to fortify our presence in the North. But the submarine proposal mirrors much of the U.S. military expenditure: a thinly disguised method of pouring large sums of taxpayers' money into the pockets of special interests.

Canada obviously cannot afford $10 billion for nuclear submarines given its precarious economic condition. But words like "defence," "sovereignty," etc produce a curious psychological/physiological reaction making rational thought difficult. I urge the Westmount city council to pass a resolution making the city a nuclear weapons free zone.

It would not be a zany, kooky act, but to the contrary, a small voice raised on behalf of sanity.

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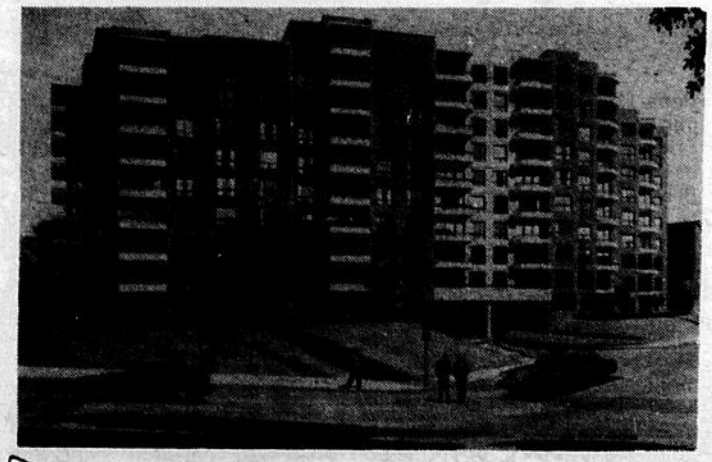

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# Braemar owner upset by 'injurious' access route

By THOR VALDMANIS

Litigation threatens to disrupt the usually tranquil confines around the Braemar mansion on the The Boulevard just east of The Study.

Controversy surrounds access from a winding country road behind the historic white-framed home.

Developer George Syrovatka began digging the foundation for a new home on an adjacent lot, a few feet north of the Braemar property last week.

When a power shovel arrived last Tuesday to begin excavation, Braemar owner Gerald Benjamin was steaming, claiming it ran over his rock garden and trees to get to the work site.

"Mr Syrovatka, in his wisdom, says that his plans call for a road (leading from the existing road to his lot) at an immediate 90-degree angle in front of the Braemar front entrance," Mr Benjamin's lawyer Gordon Zellman said Tuesday. "It creates an absolute mess."

When former Braemar owner Tomka Gazdik began selling off his property several years ago, he created a servitude providing access to Mr Syrovatka's lot.

"The servitude never specified where the right of access would be exercised," Mr Zellman said. That is where the problem lies.

In such cases, Mr Zellman claims, provincial law states the right of access should be exercised in a way that is "least injurious" to the existing property.

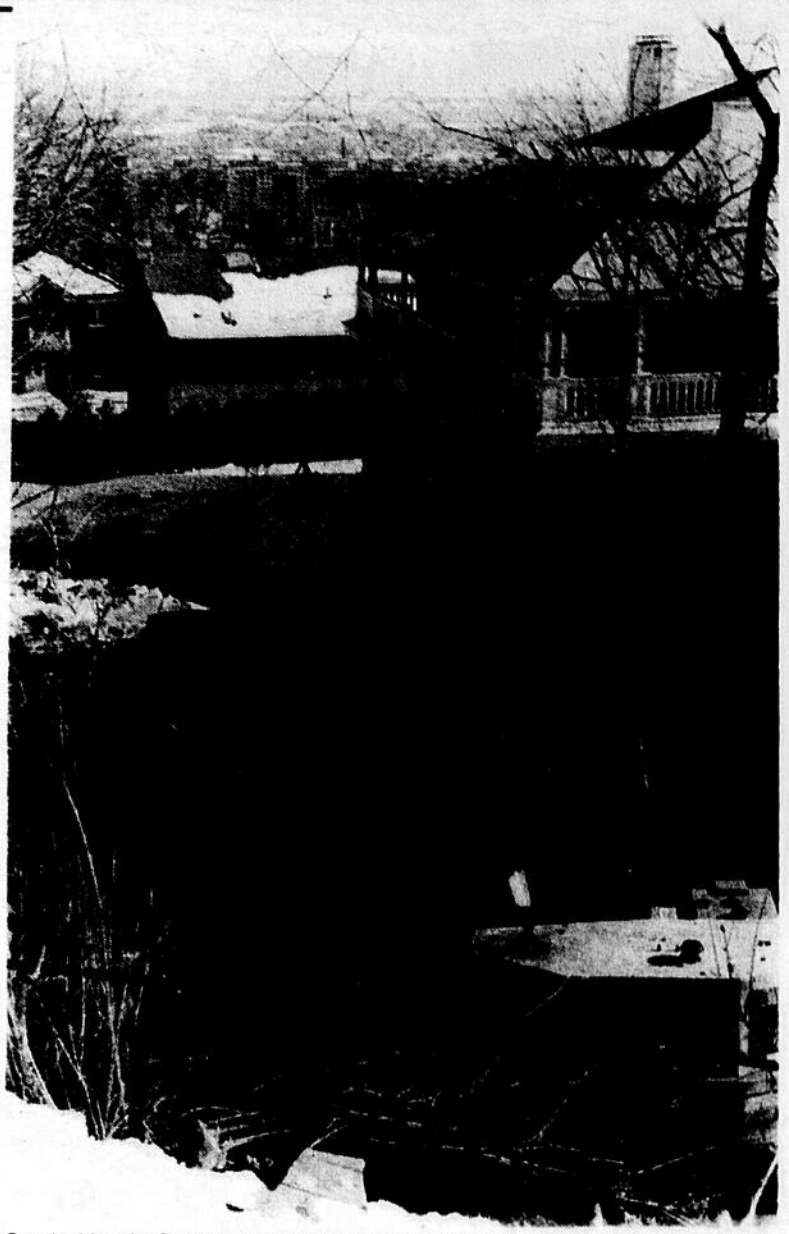
Quebec City has listed the white Braemar mansion — marked by its distinctive second-floor, full-length balcony — as an historical site, Mr Zellman added.

Both parties in the dispute have decided to postpone any further action in the hope a compromise can be reached by next week.

Mr Zellman said his client would like to see Mr Syrovatka alter his plans and build an entrance to his home further up the access road, away from the Braemar mansion. The change, he said, would likely require Mr Syrovatka to build a garage on the west side, rather than the east side of his home as originally planned.

Repeated attempts to speak to Mr Syrovatka Tuesday were unsuccessful.

Last Wednesday morning, police were called to the construction site after hydraulic hoses on the power shovel were apparently cut overnight, resulting in a reported $700 damage.



Overlooking the Syrovatka lot, power-shovel and the Braemar mansion Tuesday. All is quiet now as feuding parties attempt to reach a compromise over the construction of an access road to Mr Syrovatka's lot.

## *Traffic debts go back to '84*

A 24-year-old man who was checked out routinely Tuesday last week at St Catherine street and Dorchester boulevard was found to have accumulated $1,164.16 in unpaid traffic warrants, police report.

The resident of Montreal North was unable to pay them and was sent downtown to police headquarters.

The fines represented six warrants dating back to 1984.

## Triple whammy

Three cars were damaged Sunday in front of 4000 de Maisonneuve boulevard when one of them changed lanes colliding with a taxi, police said. The cab, in turn, struck a parked car. No injuries were reported and the cars sustained varying amounts of damage. No tickets were issued. The mishap occurred at 5:35 pm.

## *Suicidal man calls for help*

A 36-year-old Westmount man was reported to have been taken to hospital early Feb 21 after calling Suicide Action which in turn summoned police and Urgences Santé personnel.

The man, who claimed to have both diabetes and AIDS, said he had taken pills and liquor.

Public safety officers, who were dispatched to the call as well, said the man was armed with a gun.

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## Window ajar

A house was broken into between Feb 16 and 22 on Lansdowne avenue but nothing of value was reported missing, police said. Although no signs of forced entry could be found, access was believed gained by an improperly closed side window. The home is located just north of Sherbrooke street.

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Westmount Stationery manager **Jerry Bourassa**, left, and Warren's owner **Marc Barbieri** outside Warren's. At left is a sign that advertises their space is for rent.

## MERCHANTS . . .

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designs, past or present, Cervino has on its new property. He would only say Cervino is studying Westmount's proposed zoning amendments.

In the meantime, tenants on the second floors of the Sherbrooke property continue to rent apartments, Mr Soltendieck said.

Pom Canelle, the children's clothing shop, was the only tenant affected by the sale which negotiated a new lease. Their six-year deal involves a monthly rent of some $3,000. Previously, tenants including Pom Canelle paid approximately $1,200 per month to the Rosens — a rate all agree was quite modest considering what is paid by merchants nearby.

"I'm staying, everybody else is leaving," Pom Canelle owner Claudette Benoit said Tuesday. "For me, what can I tell you, I have no choice but to pay the increase... It's not fun, but $2,000 or $3,000 a month is about right for a shop around here."

Pom Canelle is the only store in the Cervino sale east of the Popular Shop. All shops west of the Popular Shop have failed to negotiate a new lease.

"If he (the new landlord) had come to me and said your rent is $4,000 or even $5,000, I probably would have stayed," Mr Hunter of Westmount Stationery said. "That's reasonable."

But Mr Hunter claims he refused the Cervino offer, not because of the proposed rent increases, but due to open-ended clauses such as one calling on him to absorb 15 percent of any repairs or renovations carried out by the landlord to any of the newly acquired property.

After occupying its Sherbrooke building for more than two decades, Westmount Stationery is moving across the street to the ground floor of the Elite Suede store July 1. Elite Suede is consolidating its operations on the second floor.

### Sought 12-year lease

Only days before the November sale, Warren's had expected to sign a new 12-year lease with the Rosens, with an option to buy at its termination.

Instead, the 60-year-old tenant is on its way out May 1. It is moving to the nearby Sarah Clothes building, 4972 Sherbrooke, on the corner of Claremont avenue.

"Knowing business around here," Warren's owner Marc Barbieri said Friday, "I don't think anyone could afford this (proposed rent increase) ... Warren's isn't a liquor store, we don't get that type of volume."

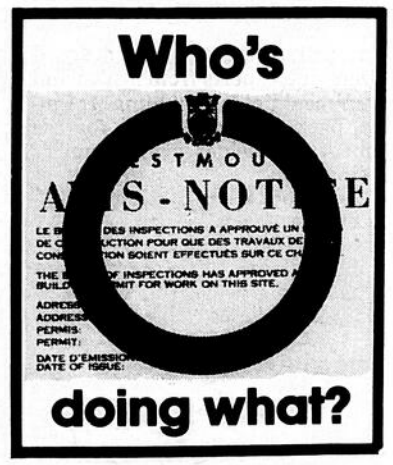
Flower and Green Decorations are still in limbo as their lease runs out April 30. A tenant since 1975, the flower shop is at a loss to find a suitable location near its carefully cultivated clientele, manager Isabella Pohlmann explained Friday.

"Who knows where we'll be?" she said. "Everything we've looked at so far is either too small or too pricey."

Some store owners feel betrayed. They claim the Rosen family knew they wished to buy their shops if they ever came up for sale. The merchants say they could have easily come up with the necessary $2 million paid by Cervino.

The Rosens were on vacation in Florida this week and unavailable for comment, according to an employee at the Popular Shop.

When this row of stores on the south side of Sherbrooke street was sold late last year, tenants began having problems arranging new leases. Stores in the row include, from left, Pom Canelle, The Popular Shop, Warren's Men's Wear, Flower and Green Decorations and Westmount Stationery.




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

**Feb 22**

**37 Stayner:** for M. Wilson by self, repairs, $6,000;

**Feb 23**

**327 Kensington:** for David Simham Construction by T.M. Briggs Plumbing and Heating, install plumbing, seven fixtures, $1,300;
**4587 Sherbrooke:** for Mr Salice by self, renovate façade, $3,000;

**Feb 25**

**65 Belvedere Place:** for Jacques Francoeur by John Watson Quebec Ltd, install plumbing, four fixtures, $10,000;
**4898 Westmount:** for F. Villefranche by self, new garage and windows, $8,000;

**Feb 26**

**47 Thornhill:** for J. Latimer by self, kitchen alterations, $29,000.

## Crane hose slashed

Someone cut the hoses for a crane's hydraulic system causing $700 damage to the vehicle parked overnight Tuesday-Wednesday last week in front of 3219 The Boulevard, police said.

The construction machine was reported to have been awaiting the start of work on a new house at that location.

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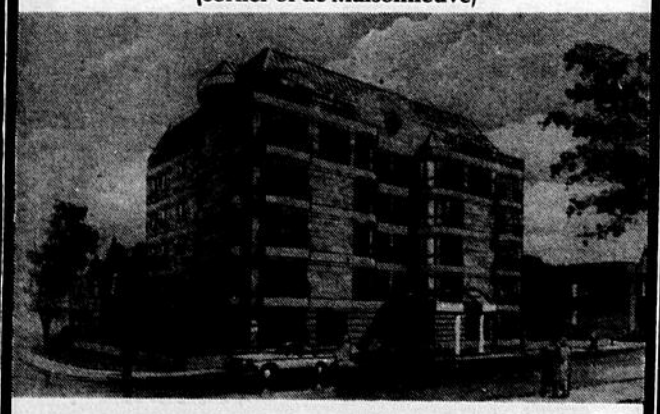

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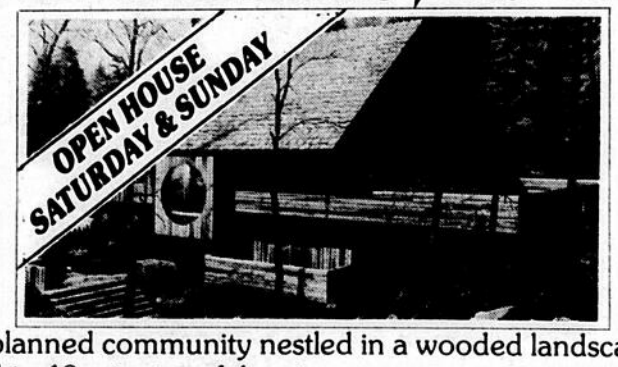


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# Westmount resident prepares for new pesticide symposium

By THOR VALDMANIS

As a follow-up to her highly successful symposium two years ago, Westmounter Esther Goldenberg has organized Info-Pesticides '88 for Victoria Hall next Sunday, March 13, at 1:30 pm.

Quebec Minister of the Environment Clifford Lincoln is returning as guest speaker to address issues surrounding environmental protection and pesticide legislation.

Workshops and displays are to be set up by various representatives from government, industry, the scientific and medical communities.

The event is being hosted by the Pesticides Task Force, a grassroots lobby group formed by Mrs Goldenberg almost three years ago after rising concern over the abuse and widespread use of pesticides in urban and suburban neighborhoods.

"We take a middle-of-the-road approach," Mrs Goldenberg, an artist, explained of her task force Tuesday. "We believe progress is best achieved through education and cooperation."

As founder and president of the Pesticides Task Force, Mrs Goldenberg assembled a number of leading experts from the medical and scientific fields to promote care and understanding in the use of pesticides. The Mount Stephen avenue resident has seen her movement grow dramatically since its inception in June, 1985.

In April, 1986, some 150 concerned citizens and experts from health and government fields, including Mr Lincoln, packed Victoria Hall for the first-ever pesticides symposium of its kind.

Mr Lincoln used the occasion to promise his government would soon introduce legislation governing the use of pesticides — a promise he kept in passing Bill 27 last June. Prior to that, Quebec and Nova Scotia shared the dubious distinction of being the only Canadian provinces without such legislation.

"Mr Lincoln is going to give us a progress report on how things are going and what still needs to be done," Mrs Goldenberg said of the upcoming event, billed as "an information exchange."

Westmount Mayor May Cutler is expected to introduce Mr Lincoln next Sunday, following opening remarks by leading research toxicologist Dr D.J. Ecobichon of McGill University.

Westmount has donated Victoria Hall and a set-up crew for the afternoon.

Everyone is welcome. A special program is expected to be set up for youngsters.

Admission is $2 for adults and $1 for children.

## Red Honda abandoned

A driver who was late for an important meeting abandoned the car she was driving Tuesday night last week when it broke down in the middle of the street in front of 4330 Sherbrooke street, police report.

The red two-door Honda was towed to the city pound since it blocked a lane of traffic.

The driver was reported to have borrowed it from a friend on Winchester avenue when the mishap occurred at 11:25 pm.

## Couldn't pay

A 26-year-old Montreal man was taken downtown to police headquarters early Friday when he could not pay $185.70 in outstanding warrants after being checked out at Sherbrooke street and Metcalfe avenue, police said. The arrest occurred at 3:55 am.

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# New daily tabloid will launch March 15

Montreal's new English-language daily newspaper, the *Daily News*, will publish its first issue on Tuesday, March 15.

The announcement was made Monday morning by publisher George Maclaren at a press conference and open house at the newspaper's offices, located at 980 St Antoine street west, ironically in the building immediately to the east of the building occupied for years by *The Gazette*.

In speaking to THE EXAMINER last week, Mr Maclaren would say only that the new morning tabloid would appear "before the end of winter," the last day of which is March 20.

Mr Maclaren last week also was reluctant to say what the minimum size of the new paper would be but on Monday he announced it would be at least 48 pages.

The paper will print 80,000 copies of its inaugural issue March 15, transmitting electronically made up pages from its downtown offices to the plant of Imprimerie Dumont in LaSalle, where the paper will be printed. The large press run for the paper's early issues is to accommodate the curious; Mr Maclaren says he is aiming for circulation to level off at 35,000 to 40,000.

The paper will sell on the newsstand for 50 cents. While home delivery will be available, Mr Maclaren said last week, it is "not being pushed" at present.

Among the senior editorial staff listed Monday are: James C. Duff, managing editor; Don Foley, executive editor; John Elder, news editor; Ian Mayer, features editor; Kevin Boland, sports editor; Bernard St-Laurent, city editor; Garth Pritchard, photo editor; Robert Gibbens, business editor; and Veronica Redgrave, fashion editor.

Columnists are Nick Auf der Maur and Westmounter Tim Burke, both formerly of *The Gazette*.

The paper will have two bureaus outside Montreal, one in Quebec City manned by Richard Daignault Jr and another in Ottawa manned by Doug Hamilton.

## Burglars try, try again

Although burglars tried to break into two apartments in separate buildings Monday last week on Dorchester boulevard, only one attempt proved to be successful, according to police reports.

That was in a building at civic number 4128 where a $450 video machine was stolen after a window was broken between 8:15 am and 6 pm.

Efforts to force a lock at 4216 between 11 am and 9:30 pm still did not yield access to the apartment despite causing $50 damage.

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# Council issues reply to Bourbeau criticism

City council has issued a reply to recent criticisms levied against Westmount by Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister André Bourbeau for its handling of the property valuation crisis.

It appears in full in this issue of THE EXAMINER, beginning on page five (see "You Say").

Mayor May Cutler said Tuesday that the answer is intended to set the facts straight rather than "continue the conflict.

"We feel we handled this brilliantly," Mayor Cutler told THE EXAMINER.

She maintained the position that the city had caught valuation errors "at the beginning," resulting in an MUC review of "wild and crazy" assessments.

Mr Bourbeau, in a letter to THE EXAMINER and other news media two weeks ago, accused Westmount of worsening the tax problem by refusing to apply Bill 82, by increasing its 1988 budget 17 percent, and by taxing to finance its heritage program payments.

The letter was called "inflammatory" by City Councillor Phillip Aspinall, Westmount's finance commissioner,

The city's reply to Mr Bourbeau, Mayor Cutler said, shows that the city came up with the "best possible solution to an impossible situation," she said. "People who thought we should have used Bill 82 to put a ceiling on valuations will end up paying less tax than if we had applied it," she said.

Reiterating her stand last week following a private meeting with Mr Bourbeau, Mayor Cutler said she remained confident the minister was trying to deal with the valuation problem. "We do feel some of the factual material (in his letter) needs to be explained," she said.

She said she planned to meet with MUC mayors from other largely residential suburbs as soon as she could organize a meeting to discuss their common tax problems further.

"I went to the Côte St Luc tax meeting and found it extremely lively and crowded," she said. "Everyone was very worked up."

Many municipalities are only now sending out their tax bills, she pointed out, noting that increased protests could be expected as citizens received the bad news.

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there was outside the MUC for the concept of basing property values on market value. "People were talking about how assessments had doubled in areas such as Rawdon and Manitou," he said.

**Talked to minister**

Mr Gales said he had discussed the matter with Mr Bourbeau and had the feeling that Mr Bourbeau was going to try to get the present system working before making any changes, adding "he may have a point."

In the meantime, he said, "There are some tremendous hardships so I intend to speak again to him."

Mr Gales said he felt the provincial government wasn't "entirely at fault" and said Bill 82 was extremely interesting and complex.

He also said he wanted to discuss Westmount's refusal to use Bill 82 with city council "to ensure they understand it."

"The next thing I think the city council has to do is take a look at their budget. That's my feeling. Why is it up more than inflation?"

## East-west Summit bump

Two cars collided on Summit circle at Summit crescent Feb 21 at 2:46 pm, police said. More than $500 damage resulted to both vehicles but no injuries were reported.

The impact occurred as a red 1987 Nissan, driven by a man living on Côte des Neiges, was starting up from a stop sign eastbound and crossed in front of a red 1987 Toyota, driven west by a resident of Belmont avenue.

# Taxe$ Action plans Sunday protest rally

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A proposal which calls for establishing minimum tax increases for all, rather than a maximum valuation ceiling for some, is to be outlined by Taxe$ Action at its protest rally Sunday afternoon.

The concept of minimum tax increases for all is seen as a way to ease the financial burden on homeowners by shifting some of it back to larger apartment and commercial buildings which are generally experiencing tax reductions, says Kathy Touchet, Taxe$ Action president.

The tax rally, she says, is expected to draw a number of Westmounters including finanical consultant André Laurendeau, who has prepared a special report on valuation problems (see separate story).

The rally takes place at Plâteau Hall, 3710 Calixa Lavallée avenue in Lafontaine Park, at 1:30 pm.

When so many taxpayers are so hard hit this year, Mrs Touchet says, "it is not fair for anyone to have a tax reduction."

She said Taxe$ Action will not only offer this proposal as a solution to André Bourbeau, Quebec minister of municipal affairs, but also is preparing to take a class action through lawyer Joseph Perlini against Bill 82 which provides for ceilings on property valuations.

Under the valuation capping provision, large discrepancies remain between some taxpayers faced with soaring tax increases and those receiving tax cuts.

"Why should Hydro-Québec, Bell Canada and the Queen Elizabeth Hotel have reductions when the little people have the tax burden on their shoulders?" she asked.

In Westmount's case, Mrs Touchet said, where the budget rose some nine percent (excluding the heritage payment levy) "if every tax bill increased eight or nine percent, it would be fair."

If such a minimum were set high enough, the concept could have the same effect as freezing the valuation roll at the 1987 level, as requested by Montreal suburban mayors.

Sunday's rally, according to Mrs Touchet, follows the recent issuance of tax bills by many municipalities, especially Montreal.

"We want loads of people from Westmount," she said, adding that she had just spoken to Mayor May Cutler who reiterated her belief that Minister Bourbeau would initiate tax changes for next year.

"We have to do something for 1988," Mrs Touchet said. "It is not acceptable."


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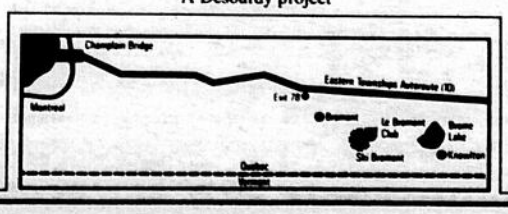


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# More homes get valuations rolled back

Twenty-four more Westmount properties have had their assessments rolled back by the MUC valuations department in the latest of its "self-confessed errors," city officials report.

The recent additions bring to 193 the number of local valuations rolled back representing $49,083,900 in reduced assessments and $834,426 in municipal taxes.

This works out to an average valuation roll back of $254,300 per property.

Another 29 Westmount properties reviewed by the MUC are unchanged.

In reporting the newest adjustments, city treasurer Jean-Luc Emond said all but one of the 24 dwellings involved are located at 4855 de Maisonneuve boulevard, the condominium building at the northeast corner of Victoria avenue. The other is 389 Roslyn avenue.

The 23 rollbacks in the one building, he explained, bear little relationship to each other.

"I can't understand it. There's no logic, no pattern. There are not even two that are similar."

One unit in the building, he said, had its valuation reduced from $146,000 to $115,000. Another went from $192,000 to $103,000.

The city has requested the MUC evaluation department to review 728 properties whose assessments appear to be mistakes, most bearing over 100 percent increases from last year.

## Cruiser bruiser

A truck backed out of a diagonal city hall parking space Feb 19 into a passing police cruiser, police report. The truck driver was issued a ticket. The accident, which occurred at 1:10 pm, caused less than $250 damage to the patrol car and no damage to the truck, reported as a Sanyo Canada vehicle.

**Suggests new system:**

# Westmount consultant wants tax equality for big and small

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The main reason why homeowners are shouldering a massively increased tax burden is because MUC assessors use different methods to evaluate different classes of properties for only one tax rate, says a Westmount financial consultant.

André Laurendeau, who has prepared a report for lobby group Taxe$ Action to show where the system failed, told THE EXAMINER that, to be fair, all properties should be assessed on the same basis.

"One valuation method should be used for one tax rate," he said, advocating a replacement-cost method as being both easy to apply and check out.

The current MUC system assesses single-family dwellings according to real estate market increases, apartments and commercial buildings by revenue increases and government buildings by a "first generation" roll method.

These methods, he says, have caused "a massive transfer" of the tax load from both commercial and government buildings onto single-family dwellings."

To prove his point, Mr Laurendeau studied 35 "prestigious" buildings and found all have reduced valuations and tax bills causing a massive tax shortfall to be made up by numerous small taxpayers.

Citing Westmount Square with a 12.9 percent tax reduction, as well as four other buildings in Westmount as prime examples, he also said the main Place Ville Marie tax bill was lowered this year by close to $800,000.

"You could spare 1,600 homeowners with that. Do you see the impact?"

Such buildings, he explained, have benefitted from tax reductions when they should all have had at least five percent increases to reflect municipal budget increases.

**Pays to both**

A resident of 21 Holton avenue, which straddles the Westmount-Montreal border, Mr Laurendeau pays taxes to both municipalities. He sees himself as an example of a double standard of evaluation.

The front portion of his house in Westmount increased 194 percent in valuation whereas the Montreal part rose "only" 43 percent and was subject to the Bill 82 ceiling.

"My façade has gone up more than my rear end," he says with a laugh.

Outlining his suggestion of assessing all real estate according to replacement cost less depreciation, the consultant said this method is based on the total square footage of a building.

"What we need is a method that is easily verifiable so the government can't play tricks. Any neighbor, any journalist can check out the cost method. Nothing can be camouflaged."

Among office buildings in Westmount showing 1988 valuation decreases this year, as listed by Mr Laurendeau and in addition to Westmount Square, are: 4150 St Catherine street, 4333 St Catherine, 4060 St Catherine and 4200 Dorchester.

A list of major apartment buildings also showing valuation and tax decreases was published by THE EXAMINER Jan 21.

Consultant **André Laurendeau**, author of a report made public this week on how MUC valuation methods failed homeowners, shows off his own home at 21 Holton avenue. Since the property fronts in Westmount and backs in Montreal, Mr Laurendeau pays taxes to both municipalities.

## Doggone, back again

Two German shepherd dogs which ran loose together were caught Saturday after being spotted at Claremont and Windsor avenues at 7:48 am by a resident of Willow avenue, public safety officers report.

The dogs were traced by one's identification tag and returned.

They turned out to belong to residents of Hampstead and N.D.G. who were friends.

## Wallet found with contents

A wallet belonging to a woman working at Westmount Square was recovered intact Friday morning in front of a parking lot on St Catherine street at Gladstone avenue where the woman had left her car, police said.

The wallet, which contained $15, was believed to have been dropped by the owner.

## Purse found in church

A purse was found Friday afternoon in the men's washroom of St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, according to police reports. The fifty dollars it had contained was missing.

No mention was made of how the owner, a 37-year-old LaSalle woman, had lost it.

## Theft in church

Someone stole a wallet left in the choir room of St Matthias' Church last Thursday evening, police report. The wallet contained $50 and personal papers. It had been left in a jacket pocket.


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# Invoices paid by Westmount up $700,000 in January

The City of Westmount paid out a total of $540,000 less in January than it did the previous month, but the total amount of invoices paid was up substantially, from $2.6 million in December to almost $3.3 million in January.

The overall drop in payouts from $6.35 million in December to $5.81 million in January came as a result of almost $1 million less being spent on short-term deposits and some $240,000 less paid out for payroll.

In total during January, the city paid out $5,816,966.20, made up of $3,285,930.42 for invoices, $1,985,440.00 in investments and $545,595.78 for payroll. The payments were confirmed by city council at its meeting Feb 15.

The investments consisted of two very similar deposits, one the first week of the month and one at the end. The first was a 30-day deposit with the National Bank for $992,960 at an annual rate of 8.63 percent while the second was for $992,480 with the Royal Bank for 32 days at a rate of 8.64 percent.

Two of the payments for invoices during January were to cover the cost of city festivities. A cheque of $7,789.10 was paid to René Pankalla caterers for providing nibbles and drink at the inaugural reception for the new city council after its swearing in last November. In December, the city provided a roast beef dinner for 200 at its annual Quarter Century Club gathering, for a charge of $4,287.50 from Dio Caterers.

Another cheque of interest during January was $2,096.96 paid to Mayor May Cutler and her official election agent Henry Finkel as reimbursement to her campaign of half of eligible campaign expenses, revealed on her official statement as $4,193.93 (see story Feb 11).

Included among the payments during January were 83 cheques for amounts over $2,000, the details of which follow:

**National Bank of Canada:** $992,960, purchase of banker's acceptance for the period Jan 5 to Feb 4, 1988 (principal: $992,960; rate: 8.63 percent; term: 30 days);

**Banque de Montréal:** $15,299.87, purchase of Canada Savings Bonds for Dec 1987;

**Beaver Asphalt Company:** $3,240.83; payment number 2 for reconstruction of Upper Belmont avenue;

**Bronstetter, Wilkie, Penhale, Donovan, Giroux & Charbonneau:** $24,641.75, professional services rendered for Nov 1987 — city affairs, $18,681.90; municipal court, $5,148.60; personnel, $811.25;

**Canadian General Electric Company Limited:** $3,658.15, 1/100 AMP, 120 volt, 2 element socket watt-hour meter for the light and power department;

**Canebsco Subscription Services Limited:** $4,799.40, purchase of various publications and books for the Westmount Public Library;

**Christie Plumbing Limited:** $4,282.79, to supply labor and materials re plumbing renovations at Fire Station No 1;

**Dieselrama Inc:** $6,855.89, to tune up rear motor for two snowblowers for the public works department;

**Denis Dubé Inc:** $4,116.57, purchase of battery charger (10 amp) and batteries (80 amp) for the light and power department;

**Echelles Aériennes C.E.T. Ltée:** $4,985, modifications done to the cable reel trailer for the light and power department;

**EconoCom Canada:** $7,030.50, purchase of IBM 3411 model 3 tape system for data systems department;

**Frink Canada:** $4,420.61, labor and parts to replace subframe and dumping system on V-260 re public works' dump truck;

**OMNI Ventilation Inc:** $4,190, to supply labor and material to replace the compressor at city hall;

**Safety Supply Co Ltd:** $4,492.20, purchase of Angus high volume hoses "Corru Grip" for fire department;

**Sanitaire Jacques Dubé Inc:** $18,916, removal and disposal of refuse for Dec 1987;

**Société Générale (Canada) Leasing Inc:** $7,697.72, rental of basic computer equipment and upgraded computer equipment for Dec 1987;

**Southam Paragon Graphics:** $4,122.75, printing services re three-part municipal tax bills for finance department;

**Tibotrac Inc:** $2,298.12, painting services re emergency unit truck for fire department;

**Les Entreprises Union Electrique Ltée:** $27,989.43, purchase of RW 90 type cable insulated with copper and three conductors for light and power department;

**Metropolitan Life Insurance Co:** $2,368.12, group insurance premiums for Jan 1988;

**Montreal Firemen's Credit Union:** $4,247, fire department salary deductions for Dec 1987;

**Westmount Firefighters' Assoc:** $6,028.38, association deductions for Dec 1987;

**Police and Firemen's Pension Fund Commission:** $40,895.72, Dec 1987 contribution to the police and firemen's pension fund to cover the actuarial deficit as at Dec 31, 1984;

**General Pension Fund Commission of the City of Westmount:** $89,390.71, Dec 1987 contribution to the general pension fund to cover the actuarial deficit (unfunded liability) as at Dec 31, 1984, plus employer's and employees' contributions for Dec 1987;

**Avenue Video:** $3,093.42, purchase of video equipment for the recreation department;

**Bronstetter, Wilkie, Penhale, Donovan, Giroux & Charbonneau:** $11,397.42, professional and legal services rendered for Aug 1987 (all city affairs);

**Dio Caterers:** $4,287.50, catering services for 200 people at the Quarter Century Club Banquet Dec 9, 1987;

**Entré Centre d'Informatique:** $37,804.47, purchase of office automation equipment in various departments;

**Federal Steel Equipment Inc:** $2,594.02, purchase of steel shelving equipment for public works department;

**General Pension Fund Commission of the City of Westmount:** $42,000, Jan 1988 contribution to the general pension fund to cover the actuarial deficit (unfunded liability) as at Dec 31, 1984;

**Warren Hale Ltée:** $28,750.60, contract to install electric heating in the library;

**IBM Canada:** $2,893.95, purchase of office equipment (feature 6301 processing unit) for MIS/DP department;

**Kompan Playscapes:** $3,844.65, purchase of playground equipment for recreation department;

**Pierre Larochelle & Fils Inc:** $2,781, purchase of various books for Westmount Public Library;

**Lumen Inc:** $2,914, purchase of cable wire reel for public works department;

**Mr John Moore:** $3,000, to reimburse Mr Moore's deposit for drain repairs. The work will not be carried out (location: 147 Côte St Antoine road);

**Morris & MacKenzie Ltd:** $488,745.18, insurance coverage for the city of Westmount for the 1988 fiscal year;

**P.F. Automatique Transmission Spec Enr:** $3,452.61, to overhaul transmission on a dump truck for public works department;

**René Pankalla:** $7,789.10, catering service for the inaugural session of council;

**Police and Firemen's Pension Fund Commission:** $16,000, Jan 1988 contribution to the police and firemen's pension fund to cover the actuarial deficit as at Dec 31, 1984;

**Ministère de la Justice:** $2,730, fines remitted for Dec 1987;

**Ministère du revenu du Québec:** $91,009.61, remittance of provincial sales tax on sales of electricity for Jan 1988;

**Ministère du revenue du Québec:** $230,701.64, remittance of employees' and employer's portion of provincial payroll deductions for Dec 1987;

**Receiver General of Canada:** $210,094.22, remittance of employees' and employer's portion of federal payroll deductions for Dec 1987;

**Services Sanitaires Boisbriand Ltée:** $13,291.67, collection and disposal of refuse for Dec 1987;

**Southward Tire & Supply:** $2,709.26, purchase of tires for various city vehicles;

**Texaco Canada Inc:** $2,093.52, purchase of gas for inventory;

**Transporbec Inc:** $71,716.45, rental cost of hired trucks (semi-trailers and 10-wheelers) for snow removal for weeks ending Dec 19 and Dec 26, 1987;

**Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre:** $2,163, grant remittance for Jan 1988;

**Bell Canada:** $6,707.70, account summary of telephone charges for Dec 1987;

**Entreprises A. & G. Campeau Inc:** $15,000.04, refuse collection for Dec 1987;

**Entré Centre d'Informatique:** $3,373.55, purchase of office automation equipment for city hall;

**Jean-Guy Lavallée:** $8,340, hired graders for snow removal for weeks ending Dec 19 and 26, 1987;

**Mines Seleine Inc:** $57,360.49, purchase of road salt in bulk for public works department;

**Montreal Trust:** $3,147, pension funds custodial fees for Dec 1987;

**Motorola Ltd:** $3,896.75, purchase of communication equipment for power house;

**Sedgwick Tomenson:** $3,510, actuarial services rendered Oct 1 to Dec 31, 1987;

**Xerox of Canada Ltd:** $3,264.55, purchase of one Xerox copier, including full maintenance contract, for the power house;

**Mr and Mrs T.C. Feise:** $2,665.72, reimbursement re duplicate payment of 1987 school taxes and 1988 municipal taxes;

**Mrs Jaqueline J. Ross:** $5,815.70, reimbursement re 1988 municipal taxes;

**Mrs Margaret Richards Nicolai:** $2,436.95, reimbursement re 1988 municipal taxes;

**Canada Post Corp:** $7,750, to cover the cost of certified mail;

**Ministère du revenu du Québec:** $88,536.56, deductions at source and city's contributions for QPP and Medicare for earnings from Jan 1 to Jan 15, 1988;

**Receiver General of Canada:** $70,515.08, deductions at source and city's contributions for UIC for earnings from Jan 1 to Jan 15, 1988;

**Mayor May Cutler and Henry Finkel:** $2,096.96, reimbursement claimed for election expenses re Nov 2, 1987;

**Royal Bank of Canada:** $992,480, purchase of banker's acceptance for the period Jan 29 to March 1, 1988 (principal: $992,480; rate: 8.64 percent; term: 32 days);

**Canada Post Corp:** $4,000, to cover the cost of regular metered mail;

**Gaz Métropolitain Inc:** $16,192.32, cost of natural gas for library, greenhouse and Victoria Hall for 38 days;

**J.B. Goodhue Co Ltd:** $4,826.58, purchase of overalls and pants for inventory;

**Guillevin International Inc:** $2,223.76, purchase of electric equipment (conductor cable) for light and power department;

**Hydro-Québec:** $780,235.76, purchase of electricity for 29 days (Nov 17-Dec 16, 1987;

**Investors Group Trust Company:** $257,218.99, second of three annual instalments re firemen's sick bank trust fund;

**Laidlaw Québec Ltée:** $12,900, refuse collection for Dec 1987;

**Lumen Inc:** $3,200, purchase of electrical equipment (polyethylene line) for the light and power department;

**Municipal Housing Bureau of Westmount:** $4,400, first quarterly instalment re 1988 budget deficit;

**Sangamo Co Ltée:** $14,144.68, purchase of electric equipment (meters, poles, etc) for light and power department;

**Standard Life Insurance:** $12,789.05, payment of non-insured pension payable as of Jan 27, 1988;

**Sumico Inc:** $10,800, maintenance service for various buildings in the City of Westmount for Dec 1987;

**Suncor Inc:** $27,961.56, purchase of regular gas for inventory;

**Utlas Inc:** $5,802.47, data-processing on-line services and standard charges for 30 days;

**Westinghouse Canada Ltd:** $17,787.60, purchase of transformers for light and power department;

**Ville de Westmount:** $72,971.82, managerial payroll transfer for Jan 1988;

**Xerox of Canada Ltd:** $2,144.47, basic equipment rental charge for Jan 1988.

## Moving car wasn't parked

Tickets were issued to the drivers of two cars which collided Friday afternoon on Sherbrooke street at Claremont avenue, police report. The drivers, both women, had been heading west when one, in the outer lane, turned in front of the other who she thought was parked.

One was ticketed for turning from the wrong lane, the other for not having proof of insurance.

The accident occurred at 2:25 pm causing between $250 and $500 damage to one car and less than $250 to the other.

## PSO helps in a jam

A woman was helped into her apartment at 299 Grosvenor avenue early Wednesday after the door was jammed by an inside cupboard door which had swung open, public safety officers said.

The officer managed to squeeze his arm inside and move the cupboard door away enough to provide entrance. The incident occurred at 1 am.

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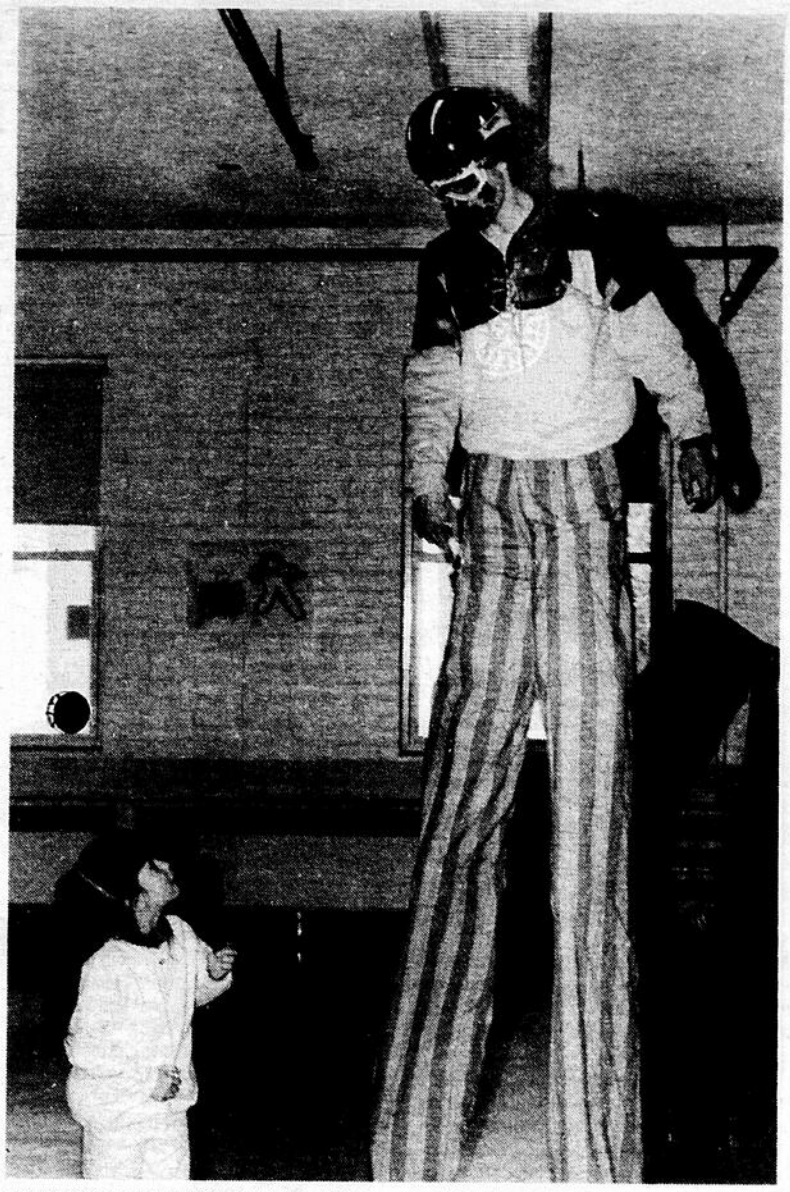

**OLYMPIC SUPERSTAR:** St Andrew's Nursery School celebrated Olympics Day last Friday. The tall fellow on the right was special guest star. He told the students all about different winter sports. He wore a helmet for the luge, pads for hockey and demonstrated speed-skating and cross-country skiing techniques. One of the students, Westmounter **Natasha Avrith**, really looks up to the big guy.

# Cabbie gets run around as fares take fares

A taxi driver was robbed of $140 cash early last Thursday on Hillside avenue. He also was forced out of the cab by three men who took off with the car, police report.

The cabbie, a 55-year-old Montreal man, found the car soon after at Metcalfe avenue and St Catherine street about 4 am. He was not injured.

The incident started when the trio entered the cab at St Catherine and Fort streets, asking to go to Longueuil. Once at their destination, they asked the driver to wait for them, which he did.

On their return to the car, they asked to go to 120 Hillside in the municipal housing complex. When the taxi pulled into the parking area about 3:45 am, two men in the back seat are reported to have held his arms over his head while the third man took his money.

The cabbie was then ordered out of the car and told to run to the rear of the yard. He complied and the men drove away.

He was spotted beside the recovered taxi at 4:05 am by public safety officers at the southeast corner of Metcalfe and St Catherine while awaiting MUC police.

The robbers were described as English-speaking black men aged 25 and wearing jeans and blue jackets.

## Smokey smell from fireplace

A slight odor of smoke in the garage of the apartment building at 3055 Sherbrooke street appeared to dissipate after a fire in a fireplace in apartment 24 was put out, fire officials said.

The problem was believed to have resulted from smoke entering a vent shaft.

Westmount firefighters were called to the building at 7:14 pm, resulting in an automatic call-out of mutual aid counterparts from Côte St Luc and Outremont. Both were released at 7:34 pm after arrival at the scene when the source of the smoke was found.

## Jeep job

A $900 Blaupunkt radio was stolen from a Jeep parked Friday night in the Alexis Nihon Plaza garage while its owner went to a movie, police report. The black 1987 Jeep was forced open through a window. Damage was estimated at $200.

## Anti-fluoride speakers on tap

The Common Front Against Fluoridation can supply informed speakers, free of charge, to any Montreal area group that wishes for one.

The CFAF especially welcomes groups in the 14 MUC suburbs, including Westmount, that are automatically affected if the City of Montreal decides to fluoridate.

Topics include the legal, economic and political history of fluoridation, total fluoride intake from all sources, the margins of safety, associations with cancer, enzyme damage and hidden costs in the mechanics and distribution.

The CFAF is an umbrella group of citizens, health and environmental groups.

For further information, call 935-7992.

## Coma victim hospitalized

A 43-year-old man was taken to hospital early Monday from Clarke avenue and de Maisonneuve where he was found lying face down and semi-conscious, fire officials report.

The man, described by public safety officers as a postman who works out of the nearby post office at Olivier avenue and St Catherine street, was believed to be in a diabetic coma.

He was found at 5:48 am and identified by a colleague.

## Johnston speaks at Shaar

Westmount-St Henri member of Parliament Donald Johnston will give a talk at the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington avenue, Westmount.

Mr Johnston will speak on "The Meech Lake Accord" on Thursday, March 10, at 8 pm.

Everyone is welcome.

## Break-in try leads to leak

A house on Strathcona avenue sustained about $25 damage Wednesday night last week when someone hurled a rock through a basement door window, police report.

The noise was heard at 8:15 pm by a resident who discovered the damage. The culprit could not be found and the incident was listed as an attempted break-in.

While on the scene, police noticed a car leaking gas nearby at civic number 455 and the owner was informed. The grey two-door 1977 Pontiac was taken to a service station and firefighters were called to hose down the street.

## Long binge leads to charges

An intoxicated man who was spotted in the eastbound lane of Dorchester boulevard at Gladstone avenue Tuesday last week at 2:46 pm by public safety officers was referred to a passing MUC police patrol, security officials report.

The fire department's first responder unit also was called but the man was taken away by police.

He was identified as a 60-year-old Verdun resident who had been arrested the same day at 12:25 am in front of 1 Westmount Square where he had been found lying face down on the sidewalk. He had subsequently been released.

The man faces charges of being drunk in a public place, police said.


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# Israeli student contingent visits schools and slopes

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

Neomi Nacasch and Ariel Genatt are two of 48 Israeli students who are visiting various parts of Canada and the United States for the six-week period from Feb 16 to March 29. Ms Nacasch and Mr Genatt are spending their six weeks principally in Montreal with some time scheduled for Quebec city and Ottawa.

The students are part of a program, now in its 15th year, which sends secondary school students to many different countries the world over. This year is particularly special since Israel is celebrating 40 years as a state.

The two 17-year-olds are visiting local educational institutions and delivering talks and slide presentations on their life in Israel to the students. They leave plenty of time for questions.

They already have visited Wagar High School, Herzliah High School, a private school in Westmount and Dawson College. They will be at Marianopolis College on March 14.

Asked if they find the students here different from those at home in Israel, Mr Genatt replies, "Youth in Israel is more involved in what is going on, more political."

Ms Nacasch adds, "But we are the same ... interested in the same things."

They say that the students here ask the same questions: about the army, about how they spend their free time and weekends. They said that they addressed a group of political science students at Dawson who are studying the Middle East and that the questions dealt mostly with Middle Eastern politics.

### From Tel Aviv

Both Ms Nacasch and Mr Genatt are from Tel Aviv where they attend Alliance High School. The school offers high-level language instruction. Mr Genatt speaks Hebrew, Rumanian, French and English; Ms Nacasch speaks Hebrew, French, English and Arabic.

They are both studying mathematics and Mr Genatt studies physics while Ms Nacasch is in chemistry. As well as touring local schools, they must keep up with their own studies which represent some 30 to 40 hours a week.

While they are in Montreal, Ms Nacasch and Mr Genatt are being billetted for a few days with different families. Both will spend some time in Westmount homes.

Mr Genatt says he has stayed with "very nice families."

"Me too!" says Ms Nacasch.

It's not all work for the pair. They spent one weekend skiing at Smugglers' Notch in Vermont.

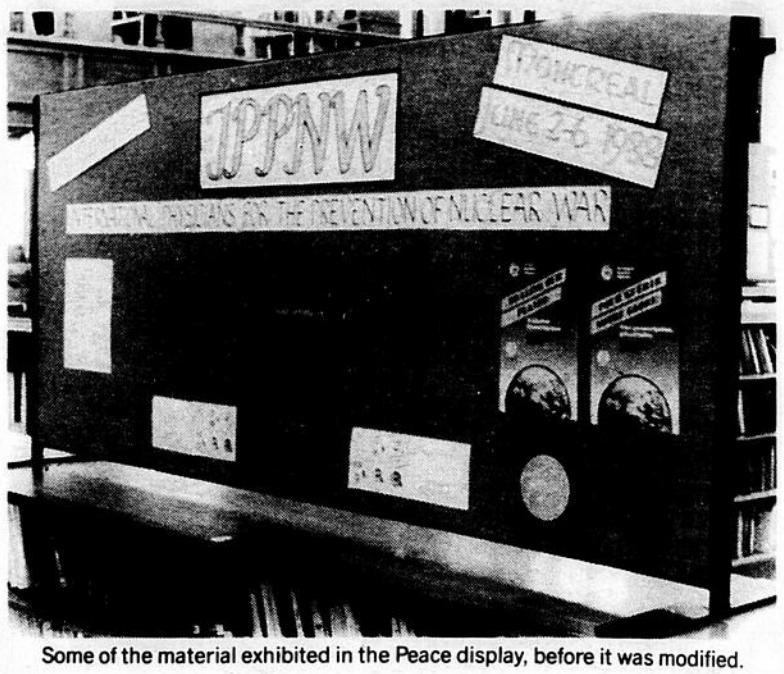
"It was our first time skiing," said Mr Genatt. "It was wild!"

"Yes, it was great!" said Ms Nacasch.

They also tried ice-skating for the first time.

"Skating was fun," said Ms Nacasch, "but a lot of hurting."

The two will visit Quebec over the weekend of March 17 and they will leave on March 21 for Ottawa where they will spend one week.




Some of the material exhibited in the Peace display, before it was modified.

# Not a peaceful start for 'Art for Peace'

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

A new "peace" exhibit was installed in the Westmount Public Library on Monday but it had to be modified to remain in place as it did not conform to library policy for such exhibitions.

Catherine Bates, a Westmount artist, originally wanted the exhibit to reflect the work she had done in preparing a logo for the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War congress to be held in Montreal in June.

After submitting a proposal, more than a year ago, and working on the show, Mrs Bates felt that more material from the IPPNW would make a more interesting display. She contacted the library and, again, received the go-ahead.

Mrs Bates describes the display as "a marvelous exhibit, a combination of posters from previous congresses, photographs, literature and information about the congresses."

Unfortunately, Rosemary Lydon, the chief librarian, did not feel quite the same way. The library has a policy "to provide local artists with an opportunity to exhibit their work," according to the application form artists must fill out before such a show.

Ms Lydon says, "It's not an art show, this is the problem. We did not understand that it would be this type of exhibit. If you give space to one group, you have to give it to others."

Mrs Bates says, "They feel it's a political statement. Of course it's not. Nobody's *for* war."

The exhibition consists of a collection of posters promoting peace in several languages; a beautifully crafted peace banner made by the students at Winston Churchill High School; poems and art work from children at Lachine High School, Gardenview School and WCHS; posters and literature from past IPPNW congresses; information about the Nobel ceremonies and the Peace Prize won by IPPNW; and some information about the up-coming congress.

Councillor Sally Aitken who is a member of the library committee says, "I feel the particular exhibit is very interesting and transcends political or partisan feelings. The majority of the library committee would like it to stay."

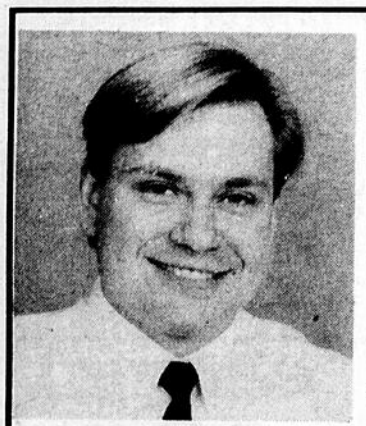
She adds, however, "Rosemary Lydon had every right to question it."

The fear seems to be that allowing one group to have such a display may lead to other groups expecting "equal time." But most of those interviewed agreed that there is no "other side" in this particular case. There is no group that is in support of nuclear war.

A compromise has been reached which will see the non-artistic portion of the displays removed from the boards, leaving an exhibit titled "Art for Peace." It has been suggested that the material taken down be used to make a scrapbook which would be available to library visitors.

## Not bookish

A man was escorted out of the Westmount Public Library Monday for disturbing the peace, public safety officers report. The man, described as well known to librarians and officers, departed at 12:35 pm voicing "the usual threats," they said.

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# Local students have a laugher in *From You To Us To You*

I had such a fine time at the theatre! I laughed till the tears ran down my cheeks. My young companion, Westmounter Daniel Wright, sang along lustily when the actors invited audience participation. And, before the show got under way, he was glad to tell the actor who asked the biggest lie he could think of.

The theatre piece was *From You To Us To You*, presented by Geordie Productions at the Saidye Bronfman Centre. Westmounter Elsa Bolam is the artistic director of Geordie Productions.

*From You To...* will return to SBC later in March, but you should arrange now to beg, borrow or buy a child to accompany you and make reservations. It will help make winter seem shorter as you travel from the frozen north to Pittsburgh with Colby the Penguin, who was my personal favorite of all the characters we met. He was created by Andrew Watson of Westmount's Priory School.

I also loved Fred the Genie, Minnie the Box, the girl who has to lie her way through an entire day and the Martians who were visiting Spain.

And I especially enjoyed the graphic demonstrations of how to kill mean Martians and dragons.

*From You To...* is based on writings by children from The Study, The Priory, and Roslyn Schools in Westmount as well as Mount Royal Academy, Akiva, Robert A. Jobber, Meadowbrook, Souvenir and St Brendan's schools.

Among those contributing are Jennifer Symansky, Lucy Kuilman and Selena Beattie of Roslyn with "Lies," "Lies!" and "A Look at Lies Through My Eyes" respectively; Mark A. Karin of The Priory with "The Bottle and the Map," a story with a moral; Jessie Finkelstein, another Roslyn student, with "Minnie Old Me," an exercise in imagination that has actor Maria Bircher become a rectangular white box.

Also from Westmount students were "Dreams" by Andrea Valenta, "Adventure of the..." by Nobu Endo, both also from Roslyn, and "A Trip to Mars" by Mary Garcia of The Priory.

Four terrific actors (Susan Bain, Ms Bircher, Glenn Roy and Steven Weller), director Corey Castle, musician Mark Hellman and choreographer Barbara Poggemiller interpreted the students' poems, stories and illustrations for the stage.

When the youngsters got writing too fast to worry about such niceties as syntax and number, their interpreters gave them artistic licence, and so we get the full drama inherent in such lines as "There were bloods all over the floor!"

The show is divided into three sections: Wishes, Lies and Dreams. It opens with an explanation of the title — the stories and poems come from the schoolchildren in the audience to the actors and back to the audience again through performance. The title song is also used as a reprise at the end of the show.

The song "Pollution" by Susan Chao of Mount Royal Academy turns up in all three sections, given four different musical treatments. By then, the audience knows the words of the chorus, and sings along.

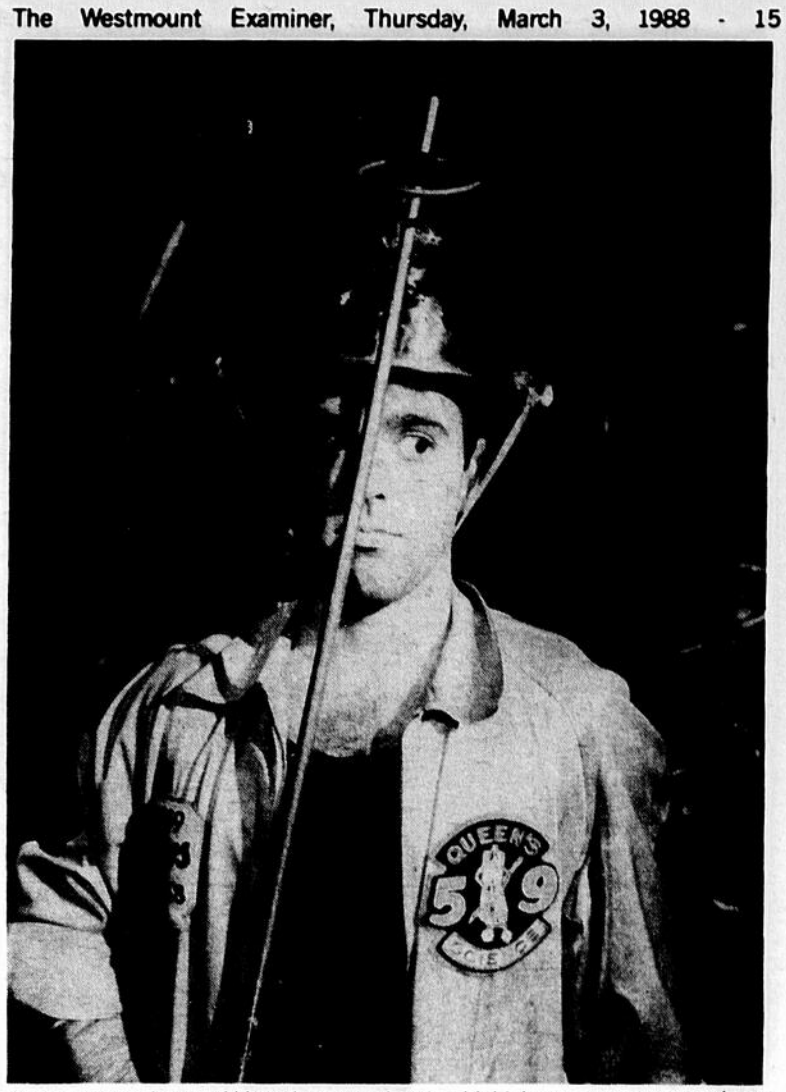
Mr Castle includes a note to children in the program: "When we started work on *From You To Us To You*, none of us realized how difficult it would be to decide which pieces we would include in the show. The imagination and insight shown in the stories and poems we received was astounding... I'd also like to thank all the students who submitted material to us. We had a great time reading all of them. Keep on writing!"

I hope that the kids do keep on writing, and that Geordie (and others) keep on bringing their work to us. The enhancement of the scripts by the professional theatre people served to show children how good their work can become. The encouragement of youngsters will bring a new generation with a fresh approach into theatre, and who knows where else it could lead?

After the show, not only did my companion resolve to start writing right now for theatre, he's firmly set on a career as an actor.

***From You To Us To You*, a musical by and for children, featuring Susan Bain, Maria Bircher, Glenn Roy and Steven Weller; directed by Corey Castle, with musical direction by Mark Hellman, choreography by Barbara Poggemiller, set and costume design by Jill Thomson and lighting design by Sabrina Steenhaut, will return to the Saidye Bronfman Centre, 5170 Côte St Catherine road, March 15-18, with performances at 10 am and 1 pm daily, and March 20 with performances at 1 and 3:30 pm. Admission is $3.50 for students 16 and under, and $6 for adults. Reservations: 845-9810.**

**— Janet Coutts**



"I went to the shop and I bought a sword and a shield. It was very strong and very light." **Glenn Roy** having an adventure in *From You To Us To You*.

# Mayor Cutler addresses Wing

Mayor May Cutler will be the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the 306 (Maple Leaf) Wing RCAF Association on Wednesday at 8 pm at their mess in the Frank McGill building, 4450 Sherbrooke street west.

Mrs Cutler will be the first political figure to address the Westmount RCAFA group since the late former prime minister, the Rt Hon John Diefenbaker in 1969.

The late Air Vice Marshall Frank McGill had raised No 1 Fighter Squadron in Westmount in 1935, a unit that was amalgamated with No 115 Fighter Squadron and became operational in 1940. One of the first groups to engage the Luftwaffe, No 115 was re-numbered No 401 squadron in 1941. The City of Westmount's 401 squadron was the only Canadian unit to see action in the Battle of Britain and that honor is inscribed on its colors.

The RCAFA Westmount 306 (Maple Leaf) Wing was established in 1950 in the Frank McGill building that had served as 401's armory. The 306 wing is active as a non-profit, community service organization that sponsors an air cadet squadron, ensures that veterans in hospitals (Ste Anne's) have regular visits, assists veterans with service and disability pension applications, organizes commemorative services and parades and has official liaison with No 10 Tactical Air Group at St Hubert.

Mrs Cutler will be officially received by Ron Rice, chairman of 306, and by Bob Regimbal, president of the Wing. All members and veterans in the area are invited. For further information, call Ron Rice, 486-8058 or the mess at 931-9939.

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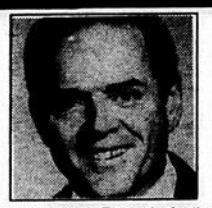
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# Visual Arts showing native art

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Works for this exhibition were selected on the basis of the artists' pursuit of contemporary art and applied art, and on evidence in their work of the incorporation of traditional Indian techniques and imagery.

Visitors will see, among the works being shown, weaving, blankets, multimedia sculpture, masks, painting on fabric and ceramics.

Some of the pieces will be on loan from the Centre for Indian Art in Hull.

The exhibit, in the centre at 350 Victoria avenue, is open to the public from Tuesday to Friday, 10 am to 6 pm, and on Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm.

**MUSIC AND DANCE:** The Emissary Foundation International presents pianist **Andrea Milinkovich**, above, and dancer Martha Randall, both of Toronto, in a program to be given Sunday, 3 to 5 pm, in Victoria Hall. Ms Milinkovich's concern is to offer an opportunity for people to experience the intimacy of listening not just *to* but *with* the performer. Ms Randall trained in dance at York University and was a member of the Judy Jarvis Dance and Theatre School. Tickets for the performance are $10. For further information, call 487-0093.

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# Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By KARL JAROSIEWICZ

## Lots of new music

From today to March 13, Montreal will be the setting for the New Music Festival (NMF). For nine nights, Club Soda and the McGill Union Ballroom will present 29 bands from Montreal and beyond. This festival provides a spotlight for some of the great rock'n'roll bands on the island, too many of which have been ignored by record labels and radio stations, despite huge local followings and acclaim from the underground press. The NMF, organized by Duncan McTavish, has helped provide these bands with the exposure they deserve. And, to the credit of the NMF, it seems that some people in high places may be paying attention. In only three years, the NMF has garnered enough credibility to attract some major sponsors and, for the first time, the festival will feature bands from outside of Montreal. The festival offers all types of rock and roll: the country-rock of Three O'Clock Train, the pop sounds of Sons of the Desert, roots reggae by Kali and Dub Inc, tough political hardcore from Failsafe, and much more. So put to rest the idea that all rock musicians in Canada have to work in Toronto and have their hair "moussed," and come see some of the best rock around. For only $4.98 (in advance, $5.98 at the door) you get to see three different bands per night. Multi-night packages are available at Club Soda, but are limited. For info call 270-7848. Club Soda is at 5240 Park avenue and the McGill Union Ballroom is at 3480 McTavish street.

## Gritty realism

**The McGill drama program presents Brian Friel's *The Freedom of the City*. Friel, who was raised in the depressed city of Londonderry, brings the "gritty reality" of modern Irish life to the stage. The play concerns the attempt to discover the truth about the deaths of three demonstrators at the hands of the British army. The issues raised in this portrayal of political authority and military force have made the author a centre of controversy. The play will be presented over two weeks, March 9-12 and March 16-19. All performances are at 8 pm in the Morrice Hall Theatre, 3485 McTavish street (rear door). Reservations are recommended and can be made by phoning 398-6578.**

## 'Warm Wind' in French

Free Fall presents the French translation of Kent Stetson's *Warm Wind in China*. The play, described as an intelligent and sensitive drama concerning a couple coming to terms with AIDS, was well received by both Montreal and Halifax audiences. This translation by Ronald Guèvremont will be given a reading by Free Fall at the Playwrights' Workshop Montreal Monday, 8:30 pm, at 4001 Berri street. For reservations, call 843-3685.

## Back Alley 'Epilogue'

**The Back Alley Players are presenting *Epilogue*, the second play by Rochelle Bruneau. This is a one-act play dealing with the difficulties faced by a young woman who is picking up the pieces of her life after the death of her child and the collapse of her marriage. Ms Bruneau's first play, *Jack of Hearts*, won the special jurors' award at last year's Quebec Drama Festival. *Epilogue* will be shown at the Chameleon Studio, 7141 Sherbrooke street west, tonight, tomorrow and Saturday at 8 pm. Admission is free, but best call for reservations at 487-0630.**

## Art for art's sake

From March 8 to 13, the 6th International Festival of Films on Art will take place in Montreal. Eighteen countries will be represented, and some 90 films and videos in five categories will be shown. The festival offers a look at painting, sculpture, architecture, design, museology, theatre, film, literature, dance and music. The works will be screened at the Cinémathèque québécoise (335 de Maisonneuve boulevard east), Montreal Museum of Fine Arts (1379 Sherbrooke street west) and at the NFB Cinema (Complex Guy-Favreau, 200 Dorchester boulevard west). For information call 845-5233.

## Women's Day march

**The annual Women's Day march will take place on Saturday, starting outside the Complex Guy-Favreau on Dorchester boulevard near Jeanne Mance. Participants are asked to arrive by noon since the march begins at 12:30 pm. Women and men are invited to participate but the march will be led by women. The march is made in "the spirit of solidarity with women worldwide." The march will end at the Hall Building of Concordia University but activities will continue inside with a presentation on the theme of women reclaiming control over their lives and bodies, especially in regard to reproductive rights. A discussion will follow. Contact 271-8480 or 844-0927 for more information.**

## Other women's events

Diane Heffernan and Suzanne Vertue present a three-hour video on the history of the women's movement in Quebec at the NFB cinema in Complex Guy-Favreau, 200 Dorchester boulevard west, Monday at 7 pm. Admission is $7.

On Tuesday, Concordia University Women's Centre presents a vernissage of photos from the 12th Michigan Women's Music Festival, 4-7 pm, 2130 Mackay street. Call 848-7431. The show continues to April 1.

## Lingering kiss

**The Elysée Theatre (35 Milton, corner Clark) has held over until Sunday APA's production of *Kiss of the Spider Woman*. Directed by Alexander Hausvater, it stars Jack Langedijk and Joe Cazalet. Original music is provided by the Montreal band Janitors Animated. After this closes, Harry Standjofski's *No Cycle* returns to Elysée for one week (March 8 to 13). Mr Standjofski was last seen by Arts Westmount audiences in *The Vacation*, which he also wrote. In this play he writes, directs and acts. Also starring are Louise Standjofski, Florence Figols, Robert Higden and Maria Bircher.**

## From harpsichord to piano

Henri Brassard, one of the foremost Canadian pianists, will perform at the Queen Mary Road Church, Queen Mary road at Finchley in Hampstead, Sunday at 3 pm. The program chosen by Mr Brassard illustrates the evolution of keyboard composition from harpsichord to pianoforte to the modern piano. Selections by C.P.E. Bach, Mozart and Schubert will be played.

## Tafelmusik at Redpath

**The Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra continues its year of extensive touring with a stop at Redpath Hall on Monday, 8 pm. Under the direction of Jean Lamon, the orchestra will perform a program of Bach, Handel, Corelli, Telemann and Vivaldi. Featuring baritone Mel Braun and Marie-France Richard on oboe, the concert will be a mix of vocal and instrumental selections.**

## Sweet harmony

The Montreal Chapter of the Sweet Adelines invites female singers 18 years of age and over to join their organization. If you like to sing four-part barbershop harmony, this may be the thing for you. Singers for all parts are welcome: tenor, lead, baritone and bass. For more information call 482-6888.

## Exhibitions etc

**Powerhouse is showing drawings by Ashley Miller, and an exhibition titled "Le visage des choses" by Ginette Legaré, both from March 20 to 27. . . . The Art Gallery of the Sam Bronfman Centre presents recent works by Montreal artist Marion Wagschal. The exhibition, titled "Accounts," consists of 15 drawings and 13 large-scale paintings. Ms Wagschal presents the "body as a map of experience." Until March 31. . . . Launching of *Parachute*'s 50th issue takes place at Lola's Paradise, 3604 St Lawrence boulevard, this evening, 5-7 pm. This magazine has brought many Canadian artists to world attention. To mark the 50th issue, 25 artists were given two pages each in which to engage in a project of their choosing. The result is a remarkable portfolio of art, typography, photography and ideas.**

## Wallet lifted

A wallet was stolen from the purse of a shoe store manager in Alexis Nihon Plaza Friday night, police report. The theft was discovered at 9:10 pm and had been done from the back of the store.

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## ★★★ COMING EVENTS ÉVÉNEMENTS ★★★

**WIP MEETING TUESDAY**

The Westmount Initiative for Peace sponsors the second in a series on Canada's Security and Defense. In a workshop with Dr Lanie Melamed the group will decide "what we would want to see in a White Paper on Defence. All welcome at Victoria Hall, 7:30 pm.

**OPEN HOUSE COUNCIL MEET**

Na'Amat, Montreal, formerly Pioneer Women, open house council meeting, Monday, March 21, at 12:45 pm. Members are invited to view our new premises. A representative from the Israeli consulate will give an update on Israel. New address: 7005 Kildare road, suite 04, Côte St Luc. For information, call 484-0252.

**ST MARGARET'S AUXILIARY**

The Famous Flower Auctions of Holland will be illustrated by Mrs Anne Matheson of the Diggers and Weeders at the general meeting of St Margaret's Home Auxiliary, Thursday, March 10, at 2 pm at 51 Sherbrooke street west. Tel: 845-2141.

# WHS classes of '62-'64 plan reunion

Westmount High will be filled to the rafters on May 21, Victoria Day weekend, when Reunion 25 Plus or Minus One will gather more than 400 graduates and their families from the classes of 1962, '63 and '64.

Saturday night will feature a dinner and dance in the gym where the graduates can reminisce, do the stroll and even stay out past midnight.

The dinner will recreate specialties from Ben's, the Orange Julep and other favorite hangouts of high school days, offered up by alumnus George Alevisatos of By George! catering fame.

On Sunday everyone will get a second chance to renew friendships with an old boys/old girls baseball game refereed by coach emeritus Bill Mingie as well as with a barbecue and games for the children.

These graduates are from the first three classes that opened Westmount High, a brand new school in 1961, and one of the premier schools in the province. The reunion comes at a time when Westmount High is fighting for the chance to make a comeback as a vibrant and dynamic community school.

Members of the WHS Reunion 25 Plus or Minus One. From left, **Arthur Rubin** '62, **Nancy Hausner Goldberg** '62; Westmounters, **Alice Becker Lehrer** '64, **Penny Turley Velan** '63, **Karin Austin** '63 and **Maggie Bruck** '63, chairman; and **Patrick Cavanagh** '63 and **Wendy Dayton** '63.

Ron Haynes, the current principal, and the officials from the Protestant School Board have been extremely co-operative and helpful in getting the reunion off the ground. Individuals and businesses in the community such as Labatt and Cott have also offered their support with generous donations to the weekend's fare.

A committee of '60s Westmount grads has been working for a year tracking down lost classmates and teachers. If you know anyone who graduated from Westmount High School between 1962 and '64, or who taught then, tell them about the reunion or send their address to WHS Reunion, 657 Belmont avenue, Westmount PQ H3Y 2W3.

Anyone wishing further information can contact the reunion committee at 514-931-6878.

# Course offered on Oriental rugs

Janice S. Herbert of Aberdeen avenue and Harold Bedoukian have announced an introductory six-week course on Oriental rugs. The course is designed for those who wish to learn about or pursue an interest in Oriental carpets.

Mr Bedoukian and Mrs Herbert bring a combined experience of over 40 years in Oriental rugs to share with their students.

The course will cover the structural and design aspects of Caucasian, Turkish, Persian, Turkoman, Chinese and Armenian carpets, which also will be considered in their historical and cultural contexts.

Collecting and investment considerations are among the topics to be discussed. Rug repair and cleaning techniques will be demonstrated. Lectures and slide presentations, as well as numerous rugs to be examined, will help develop and broaden experience.

Mrs Herbert has lectured internationally and is the author of three books and numerous articles on Oriental rugs. She has studied Oriental rugs in all the major rug-weaving centres of the world, and has been asked to study and evaluate the weaving industries of several nations.

Mr Bedoukian has lectured on Oriental carpets and presented papers before international Oriental rug societies, as well as having published several articles. Mr Bedoukian is treasurer of the Armenian Rugs Society.

The course will be held every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at Ararat Rug Company, 3457 Park avenue, beginning March 10 and ending April 14. Class size will be limited to 20. For further information call 288-2455.

## Library hosts yarn spinner

Susan Heller will present a slide show and demonstration, "Spinning yarn and dyeing to tell you," on the dyeing and spinning of wools. The talk will be given at the Westmount Public Library Tuesday at 7:30 pm.

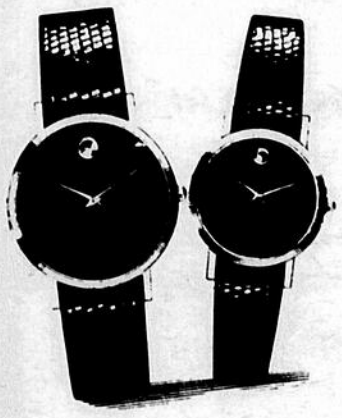
Please register at the library desk. For more information, call 935-8531 ext 290.

## Laughs, chuckles at Comedy Nest

The young adult division of the Allied Jewish Community Services presents a comedy evening next Thursday, March 10, at 8 pm.

The event will take place at The Comedy Nest, 1234 Bishop street. Tickets are $7 and space is limited.

For information, call 735-3541 or pick up tickets at the young adult division, 5151 Côte St Catherine road.



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I decided this week to make a list of lunch clubs that are available to seniors in Westmount. I have to admit that my list isn't very long. Maybe we have quality. We certainly don't have quantity. Do we need more? Some churches that I called were a bit apologetic, and wondered if there is a need that isn't being met. Let me know.

Now here's my list:

The Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre, a program of Contactivity, offers a lunch of soup, cheese and crackers, cafeteria style, on Mondays at a maximum cost of $1.50 and a full lunch on Thursdays at $2.50.

There's usually a program after lunch, and both lunches are offered to members. Membership in Contactivity is $6 a year, and entitles you to many activities at the centre. Call 932-2326.

The Leisure Institute of the Congregation Shaar Hashomayim has the Open Gate on Wednesdays, from 10 am to 3 pm. A terrific lunch is served at noon, and programs include bingo, bridge, current events, exercise and jewelry making, all at a cost of $3. Seniors from the Island of Montreal are welcome and transportation can be arranged at a modest cost.

On Sundays, the Leisure Institute offers a cultural program. Lunch is served every other week from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. On alternate Sundays a nice old-fashioned tea is served, along with a variety of cultural programs. Members of the Leisure Institute pay $2.50 for lunch and $1.50 for tea. Non-members pay $3 for lunch, $2 for tea. Membership in the Leisure Institute is $5 a year, and entitles you to their mailings of all activities. Call 937-9471.

If you don't mind travelling to N.D.G., I hear that St Thomas Church, 6897 Somerled avenue, has a very pleasant lunch every second Wednesday. Cost is $3 and you can call 866-3351 to reserve a seat.

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Seniors who are exploring alternative housing may get some help from two booklets that have recently been published by the Information and Referral Centre of Greater Montreal. One booklet lists private nursing homes for the elderly, and includes the description, phone number and approximate monthly rates of more than 30 such homes.

The second booklet is a listing of more than 90 apartments for elderly people with moderate to expensive rents. As with the other listing, this one includes a description, phone number, and the approximate monthly rates.

To obtain a copy of the booklets, call the Information and Referral Centre at 931-2292, or write to them at 1800 Dorchester boulevard, suite 332, Montreal H3H 2H2. There is a charge of $5 for each booklet, and they ask you to send your payment with your order.

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In case you missed it, you might like to make a note on your calendar. On April 10 *The Gazette* and Allied Jewish Community Services will host a conference called Seniors and the system: Knowing it! Using it! Changing it! Admission is free, and hours are from 1 to 4:30 pm.

And on May 24 to 28, the fourth international Show for the Fifty-Plus takes place.

Both conferences are to be held at the Palais des Congrès, 210 Viger avenue west, and will feature interesting speakers and workshops.

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Now to complete my bits and pieces. Two lectures that are free and open to the public will be held at 8 pm in room 232 of the Leacock building, McGill University: March 15, "Hardening of the arteries: taking research to heart"; April 19, "I've forgotten your name: it must be my Alzheimer's."

A discussion and question period will follow each lecture.

## *Watts talks on Korea*

The Canadian Institute of International Affairs will present Professor William Watts of the Johns Hopkins University school of advanced international studies who will speak at a luncheon on March 9. The luncheon will take place in the Château Champlain ballroom at noon.

Prof Watts will speak on "The changing face of Korea: prospects and problems." He was in Korea during the 1987 election and will provide a firsthand view of the country's new political realities.

Prof Watts, a graduate in Russian studies from Harvard, started his career as a U.S. foreign service officer with postings in Korea and in the U.S.S.R. He subsequently served at the office of policy and planning and at the National Security Council. Since 1970, he has been president of Potomac Associates, a public research organization based in Washington D.C.

## Associates hold elections

The Canadian Associates of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, which has offices in Westmount, recently held elections for its executive and board.

The elections took place during the annual meeting of the Canadian Associates, held in Toronto, Feb 19-21.

Harold L. Livergant of Toronto was re-elected national president. A Westmounter, Melvin C. Zwaig, is one of three past-presidents. Another Westmount resident, Martin Levine, is one of the vice-presidents.

Several board members are from Westmount: Gordon Brown, Michael Herling, Dr Marvin Kwitko, Allen Rubin and Harvey Wolfe.

# *Dr Phil Gold to speak at big dentistry meeting*

For most people, the subject of dentistry conjures up only two thoughts: cavities and fluoride. Moreover, unless they are actually suffering pain or having to pay dental bills, many Quebecers try not to think about their teeth at all.

The International Association of Dental Research, meeting in Montreal next week, March 9-13, will try to change that.

Hosted by the Canadian Association for Dental Research at the Palais des Congrès, thousands of dental research scientists and educators from around the world will announce the latest discoveries in their special fields. They will share research findings in over 2,000 papers. The subjects discussed will range from patient behavior, gum disease, cavities and dental materials to microbiology, toxicology, neuroscience and mineralized tissue.

Westmount resident Dr Phil Gold, an internationally known cancer researcher and physician-in-chief of the Montreal General Hospital, will be the distinguished speaker at the IADR annual meeting luncheon on March 11 at 12:15 pm. Dr Gold will review the history of cancer detection techniques, discuss current advances using gene-cloning and provide a glimpse of future developments in this area.

The IADR was founded in 1920 by a group of New York dentists and scientists. The association's main objective is to advance dental research on an international level.


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# Authors visit children's library

The children's section of the Westmount Public Library has two authors coming to visit this month.

Both Joan Clark and Tante Lucille will be in the children's section on Wednesday, March 16.

Tante Lucille is the nom-de-plume of Westmount resident Lucille Danis. She has written a number of storybooks, in French, for younger children, including *Mon album de sécurité* and *Contes et légendes du Canada français*. Tante Lucille will tell St Patrick's Day stories for children aged three to seven years between 3:45 and 4:15 pm.

Joan Clark, originally from Nova Scotia and now residing in Newfoundland, has written several books for older children. These include *The Hand of Robin Squires*, *The Wild Man of the Woods*, and her latest, *The Moons of Madeleine*. She will address children of 10 to 12 years of age between 9 and 10 am.

Those interested in attending either of these special programs must pre-register either by dropping in at the children's section or by calling 935-8531, ext 229.

Joan Clark will also be the featured speaker at a round table for adults interested in children's literature. The meeting will be held at 7 pm on March 16 in the children's section. Adults interested in discussing children's books are invited to attend. Pre-registration requested.

**BORDEAUX LOVERS WINED AND DINED:** The Commanderie de Bordeaux held a soirée and induction of new members at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel on Feb 4. Among the candidates inducted by Grand Maître **Charles Bédard** of Westmount, second from right, was Westmounter **Harry Bloomfield**, second from left. Among others in attendance were Westmounter **Richard G. Gervais**, left, a former grand maître, and **Jeannine Beaubien, OC**. Another Westmounter inducted was Manon Vennat, chairman of the Montreal Board of Trade. The induction was followed by a gourmet dinner accompanied by a fine selection of vintage Bordeaux. Other Westmounters who were present at the dinner included Mr David Culver, OC, and Mrs Culver, Mr and Mrs Paul Fortin, Mr Jean-Pierre Girouard, Mr and Mrs Guy Lord, Mr and Mrs Paul Lowenstein and Mr and Mrs Peter Trent.

# New director for Hebrew friends

J. Stephen Lipper, Montreal president of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University and a resident of Westmount, announces the appointment of Carolyn Steinman as the executive director, eastern region, of the Hebrew University.

Mrs Steinman brings with her a background of Jewish communal activities. Recently she was the executive director for Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation.

# *Genealogists meet for show and tell*

The Quebec Family History Society will be meeting Tuesday at 7:30 pm at La Maison du Brasseur, 2901 St Joseph boulevard, Lachine.

Several speakers have accepted an invitation to participate in the "Show and Tell" or "Bring and Brag" evening. They will tell an interesting story to do with family genealogy or a related subject.

Mr David McDougall will provide highlights of "William Van Felson, an irascible Dutchman and his descendants," the story of a bad-tempered Gaspé merchant of the 1700s.

Mr Hugh Banfill and Mr James Pearson will also present tales from their genealogical explorations.

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# War Amps warns it doesn't solicit by telephone

The Montreal office of The War Amputations of Canada wishes to advise the public that it is not responsible for telephone solicitations residents may have received and believed came from the organization.

Marlene Girard, Quebec services co-ordinator for the organization, says War Amps has received complaints that telephone solicitations are being made to raise funds using the name of the association.

The War Amps, however, does no telephone solicitation, Ms Girard said. Instead, the group raises money through donations to the key tag and return address label services for which they are well known. Contact for these projects is always made by individually addressed mail.

The annual key tag fund-raising campaign of the War Amps will begin in the Montreal area on March 7.

The War Amps depends on these programs for all its monies; it receives no government support. The money is used to support 1,200 youngsters across Canada through its "Champ" program and to administer a "Playsafe" program for children, along with its original mandate to assist veteran and adult amputees.

Further information about the War Amps is available by calling the Montreal office, 731-3795.

**BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL FUNDRAISER AT SAIDYE BRONFMAN CENTRE:** A spectacular Brazilian floor show à la Copacabana is in the works for the Saidye Bronfman Centre's nightclub fundraiser to be held at Club Metropolis on Wednesday, March 30. Two of the organizers of the soirée are **Alice Lehrer**, committee chair, and **Meredith Webster**, honorary co-chair. Both are Westmount residents. The soirée will have as special guests the consul-general of Brazil, José Mauricio Bustani and Mrs Bustani.

# Bible study alive in Jewish schools

Read any good books lately?

If the knowledge, enthusiasm and numbers of participants in this year's Bible contest from the Jewish day and supplementary schools are any indication, Bible study is alive and well in Montreal.

Of the 270 students who took part in the regional contest Jan 31, over 120 qualified to go on to the national Bible contest to be held at Montreal's Bialik High School and Congregation Beth Israel, March 20-21. More than 700 students nationwide, of whom 260 will be in the nationals, took the regional exams. The Montreal students represent 15 schools including Solomon Schechter Academy.

Rabbi Avrom Neumark of Hebrew Foundation School, who chaired the Montreal regional event, commended the principals, teachers, school co-ordinators and especially the students themselves for the success of the regional contest.


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# Seizures topic of meeting

Epilepsie Montreal's anglophone parents support group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, March 16, at 7:30 pm in the Ross Lounge of the Montreal Children's Hospital, 2800 Tupper street.

Dr Kenneth Silver of the neurology department of the Montreal Children's Hospital will speak to the group about the process of diagnosing a seizure disorder.

For further information call Epilepsie Montreal at 252-0859.

# Haitian culture topic at workshop

The Monchanin Cross-cultural Centre is organizing a six-evening workshop on Haitian culture.

Haitian resource persons will discuss Haiti's history, the Haitian community in Montreal, their world-view and family structures, perceptions about Haitians and Haitian youth in Montreal.

The workshop will take place from 7 pm to 10 pm, Wednesday evenings from March 16 to April 20, at 4917 St Urbain street. The workshop will be given in French.

The cost for the workshop is $40; $25 for full-time students and the unemployed.

Deadline for registration is Friday, March 11. For further information, call 288-7229.

# United Synagogue plans tours

The regional tour and travel program of United Synagogue, Eastern Canada Region, announces a visit to the Centaur Theatre on Wednesday, March 9. There will be a matinee performance of *The Road to Mecca*. Lunch and transportation are included.

On Sunday, March 13, a trip to the planetarium is planned. Lunch and transportation are again included.

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Westmount native runs Bébésecure:

# *Firm's products help make home safer for curious toddlers*

By TRACEY HESSE

Your home environment, cozy and comfortable as it may be, is often hazardous to its younger occupants.

Nancy Reynolds, owner and operator of Bébésecure, a childproofing company, suggests that adults get down on their hands and knees and see their homes from a toddler's perspective. Electrical sockets, lamp cords and table corners are some of the smaller hazards children face; larger ones include staircases, stoves and bathroom fixtures.

A graduate of Westmount High and a mother of three, Ms Reynolds and her partner, Line Maheux, started their company in April 1986, after hearing of a similar service being offered in the United States.

For a small enterprise, Bébésecure covers many aspects of child safety including individual home safety inspections, group lectures on child safety and child safety products. Ms Reynolds hopes her business will promote an awareness of home hazards and prevent needless and tragic accidents to children.

"These products need an explanation," she says, "which is why we're talking to people. We offer a service of going to the homes with a checklist that is practical for our use. We'll write it up for people and suggest different products available and a list of costs. If they choose, we will do the installation."

For individual safety assessments, there is a fee, but group lectures are free. Ms Reynolds has a slide show depicting hazards and is responsive to group needs, speaking with audiences ranging from prenatal groups to teenage babysitters.

### Variety of products

Bébésecure offers such products as bathtub spout covers, cupboard and drawer locks, doorknob covers, toilet locks and corner cushions to make your home a little safer. Ms Reynolds and her partner home tested many products for a year before marketing them.

"Magazines from the States showed products that we hadn't seen in Canada," says Ms Reynolds. "I went to the Juvenile Manufacturing Association's convention in Dallas to see what products there were, and what we could make available."

Ms Reynolds admits to some difficulties in importing these safety products.

"Part of the problem we have in Quebec is things are packaged in French," she explains. "Most people say the cost is too much. In a sense, they're uninterested. If not, they want someone major, not Bébésecure, to distribute for them."

Parents' attitudes may also provide obstacles to childproofing their homes. "I didn't think it could happen to me," or "I'm always there," are common excuses. Although products are a safeguard, Ms Reynolds stresses that nothing replaces parental supervision.

"All these devices are there to be helpful at the instant an accident might happen," she says.

A Canadian product Bébésecure distributes is the Plug Lock, which blocks electrical outlets from inquisitive little fingers. The lock covers the outlet and an adult needs two hands to take out a plug once the device is in place. Extension cords, says Ms Reynolds, also cause serious injuries. People forget they're connected to the wall, and children put the ends in their mouths and get burned.

**Nancy Reynolds** holds one of the tub spout covers offered by Bébésecure.

### Other hazards

**Pacifiers:** Often hung around the child's neck, they can get caught, strangling the child. In a stroller, a child can easily have his or her neck wrenched if the pacifier gets caught. Attach the pacifier to the child's clothing instead.

**Walkers:** The Canadian Pediatrics Society would like walkers banned after children were injured falling down stairs while using them. Ms Reynolds, whose own child fell while in a walker, says that contrary to public belief, walkers have no developmental advantages.

"You're actually allowing a child to be in touch with things he or she is not ready to handle," she says.

**Gates:** Accordion-type gates, while practical in blocking off stairs, are extremely unreliable. Children may be pinched and face a greater risk of being hanged in the gaps. Newer gates are more solid and stable once installed, says Ms Reynolds.

**Bathroom fixtures:** Children aren't the only ones at risk. Ms Reynolds tells of a client whose children were uninjured but where "Dad slipped and fell in the shower [redacted] had a six-inch gash that had to be surgically put together."

In addition to in-the-home safety products, Bébésecure offers a selection of car seats, replacement parts and car accessories, such as window shades and monitor mirrors, to protect children on the road. There are alternatives to buying car seats, which Bébésecure can help arrange, as some hospitals and the Quebec Safety League offer rental programs.

Ms Reynolds also maintains contact with the Infant and Toddler Safety Association, a parents' group based in Kitchener, Ont, which reviews child products and now publishes a quarterly newsletter on child safety in the home. Ms Reynolds also hopes to start a library of safety books in her boutique to compensate for their scarcity in regular bookstores.

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Planning for the World Day of Prayer observances at the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord are, from left, **Mary O'Neil**, **Elisabeth Heney**, **Janet Macklem**, and **Kate Sampson**.

# World Day of Prayer service at Ascension

Friday, March 4, marks the World Day of Prayer in 170 countries. In Westmount, a service will be held at the Church of the Ascension of Our Lord, corner of Clarke avenue and Sherbrooke street, at 2 pm.

The special guest will be Sister Kay MacDonald, a widely travelled and experienced speaker, who is currently associate director of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism.

Open Doors is the theme for the 1988 World Day of Prayer. The liturgy based on this theme has been written for worldwide use by the women of Brazil. It focuses on the economic and spiritual conditions in the world today. The World Day of Prayer is sponsored in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council.

All are invited to attend this celebration and meet the guest speaker over refreshments following the service.

# *Student choir festival marks Israel's anniversary*

The fifth city-wide *Zimria*, a festival and celebration of Jewish song, will take place on Wednesday at 7 pm at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim. This year's Zimria is dedicated to the 40th anniversary of the State of Israel.

Close to 600 students in seven Jewish day school choirs will participate in a program of Hebrew and Yiddish songs, ranging from Biblical to traditional to modern Israeli tunes and lyrics, including several songs performed in unison by all the students.

The Zimria is presented annually during Jewish Music Month, which is celebrated between Purim and Passover.

Rabbi Zev Lanton, principal of Hebrew Foundation School, is chairman of the organizing committee. Participating schools are Akiva School, Ecole Sépharade, Hebrew Academy, Hebrew Foundation School, Jewish People's & Peretz Schools, Solomon Schechter Academy and United Talmud Torahs.

To mark Israel's 40th anniversary, a souvenir *Shiron* (songbook) will be issued. It will contain the words of all the songs, through the courtesy of the Canadian Zionist Federation. Bank Hapoalim B.M. is also supporting the Zimria in honor of this milestone anniversary.

The Zimria is co-sponsored by the Association for the Advancement of Principals of Jewish Schools; Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec Region; Canadian Zionist Federation, Eastern Region; and the Jewish Education Council of Montreal.

Admission is by ticket only. For information and tickets, please call the Jewish Education Council, 735-3541, ext 355.

# *Anctil to speak at Temple breakfast*

Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom extends an open invitation to its Breakfast Club Forum, Sunday at 10 am, at 365 Elm avenue.

Pierre Anctil, anthropologist, will speak on "Franco-Jewish relations: history of the past, prospects for the future." Dr Anctil is a McGill University lecturer and author of several studies, including *Minorities in Quebec*, *Rabbi Harry Joshua Stern* and *History of Montreal Jews*.

Jack Jedwab, director of community relations for the Canadian Jewish Congress, eastern division, will also participate.

The charge for the breakfast is $3. Everyone is welcome.

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# Les grands projets à Saint-Léon

On vous fait part aujourd'hui dans le détail du projet d'ameublement du Centre de formation permanent au diocèse de Choluteca et de la lettre adressée aux paroissiens de Saint-Léon.

Au début de janvier, Mgr Corriveau, l'évêque de Choluteca, nous écrivait et nous envoyait quelques photos du nouveau Centre de formation pour les agents de pastorale de son diocèse qui comprend 25 prêtres, trois communautés religieuses... peu nombreuses. Sa paroisse cathédrale a une population de 70 000 personnes dispersées dans des centaines d'*aldéas* et qui reçoivent les services religieux par les délégués de la Parole, laïcs qui président les rassemblements du dimanche et la prière dominicale, et des autres agents de pastorale.

Un centre de formation a été construit avec l'aide de fonds venant d'Horizons d'amitié de Toronto pour les sessions d'étude de tous ces agents qui ont un ministère et service d'évangélisation dans l'Eglise et d'action sociale: délégués de la Parole, catéchètes, promotrices de santé et club des femmes de maison, religieuses et prêtres, etc.

Ce nouveau centre est à terminer et Mgr Corriveau nous propose de le meubler: un projet de 15 600$. 40 lits et matelas, 40 armoires, 40 tables, 40 chaises, 160 draps, 80 taies d'oreillers, 80 couvertures de laine, 40 oreillers, 80 serviettes.

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# Profs to speak for peace

Three professors will speak on "The Vatican and Israel, 1948-1988" from their different perspectives Sunday at 1:30 pm. The talks will be presented in the Salon Bersimis of the Queen Elizabeth Hotel, 900 Dorchester boulevard west.

The Canadian Professors for Peace in the Middle East are sponsoring the program.

The speakers are Professors Louis O'Neill, faculty of theology, Laval University; Jacques Zylberberg, department of political science, Laval University; and William Dunphy, St Michael's College, University of Toronto.

The chairman of the seminar, Professor Henri Habib of Concordia University, will introduce the session.


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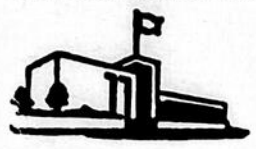

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**SPRING IS IN FASHION:** The St Mary's Hospital Auxiliary is planning a luncheon and fashion show, featuring the Jaeger spring collection. The co-conveners of the event are **Mary Chinn**, left, and **Elizabeth Martin.** The event will take place at the Montreal Badminton and Squash club on Wednesday, March 16, at 12:30 pm. Tickets may be obtained by phoning the Auxiliary office at 344-3031.

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Sephardi-Ashkenazi relations committee members include, from left, **Karen Rotenberg, Nelly Elbaz** and co-chairs **David Amar** and Westmounter **Libby Labell.**

# *Leadership program helps bridge Sephardi-Ashkenazi differences*

Transforming Sephardi-Ashkenazi relations into a "win-win" situation is the prime objective of a dynamic leadership development program chaired by Westmounter Libby Labell and David Amar.

The two groups developed separately following the Diaspora when one group went to Germany (the word Ashkenazi means German); developed their own language, Yiddish, which is a German dialect with the addition of Hebrew words; and gradually spread out over northeastern Europe. The Sephardim, on the other hand, flourished in Spain until the Inquisition. They, too, developed a language — a Spanish dialect with Hebrew words — Ladino, which means Spanish. The Inquisition caused them to flee to North Africa.

The mainly French- and Ladino-speaking Sephardim arrived in North America in the 1950s and '60s, where they found an English- and Yiddish-speaking community, organized somewhat differently from their communities in such countries as Morocco, well established. Thus the two groups had to adjust to each other's customs (European contrasted to Arabic) and languages. To a large extent, younger people educated in Quebec, who are French and English bilingual, have overcome many of the communication difficulties faced by their parents.

Twenty-five young Sephardim and Ashkenazim, men and women, are participating in a two-year intensive pilot program launched by the Sephardi-Ashkenazi Relations Committee, co-sponsored by Allied Jewish Community Services, the Canadian Jewish Congress and Communauté Sépharade du Québec.

**Firm commitment**

The participants, aged 25-35, have been selected from some 100 candidates. They were asked for a firm commitment to attend monthly sessions and, after the completion of the training, to be involved on the boards of various Jewish community organizations.

"Our program prepares a reserve of dedicated and well-informed young people ready to assume lay leadership positions. They will serve as role models and agents of change in the community," said Mr Amar, who brings to the program his professional expertise in long-term planning and strategy development.

The program comprises the development of leadership skills, Sephardi and Ashkenazi history, culture, community relations, chosen contemporary Jewish issues, community institutions and challenges as well as internship in community organizations, problem-solving and an Israel experience.

Ms Labell, program director at the Concordia University Centre for Human Relations and Community Studies, stresses the unique character of the Ashkenazi-Sephardi approach to leadership development. All the participants are bilingual and everyone speaks in the language of his or her choice.

"It is one of the most comprehensive Jewish leadership development programs in North America and probably the only bilingual one, with a particular sensitivity to the Sephardi-Ashkenazi issues," Ms Labell said.

A strong social component is built into the program. "Social events," said Nelly Elbaz, "help us strengthen the team spirit and learn about each other's culture in a more informal way."

Ms Elbaz, 28, is one of five program participants who have been hired by Jewish organizations since the program started last February. Moroccan born, fluently bilingual, Ms Elbaz holds degrees in law and international relations and, at first, planned to enter the foreign service. Through the program she became interested and attracted to the Jewish communal service and now works as an information officer at Jewish Family Services.

"The Jewish community was nebulous to me," said Ms Elbaz, who did not learn too much about those issues in the Protestant public school system. "Now I want to become an effective community leader."

Karen Rotenberg, 26, a social worker at Jewish General Hospital, enrolled in the program because she wanted to learn more about Sephardi history and culture. "We have many Sephardic clients at the hospital and now I am more aware of their particular problems."

Aside from that, the program gives her "an opportunity to get involved in the community on a broader level."

For more information concerning the Sephardi-Ashkenazi leadership development program call 735-3541, local 263.

Westmounters **Stacey Engels**, left, and **Borra Garson** as they debate the merits of the Greek god Bacchus.

# *Student-run Bacchus helps hosts enjoy own parties*

Why throw a party you can't enjoy?

In the spirit of the Greek god of wine and merry-making, young Westmount entrepreneurs Borra Garson and Stacey Engels recently opened Bacchus — a local student staffing agency for private luncheons, cocktail and dinner parties.

"Most people prefer to skip the expense of caterers and prepare the food for a party themselves," Miss Garson, a 21-year-old McGill University student, said. "But that is where the works should end.

"By hiring someone from the outside, the host or hostess can kick up their heels and enjoy themselves for a change."

Bacchus sports a steady line of recruits from McGill, all experienced in the subtleties of bartending and preparing and serving food.

Bacchus grew out of a catering contract Miss Garson and Miss Engels, both graduates of The Study, received for the seven-week shooting of *The Host* last fall. The Canadian-American production was filmed at various locations in and around Westmount, including St Léon's Church and Alexis Nihon Plaza.

"After that success," Miss Engels explained, "we decided to expand on it."

Bacchus staff now work an average of three parties a week and are fast developing a reputation for "effective and friendly" service, Miss Engels said.

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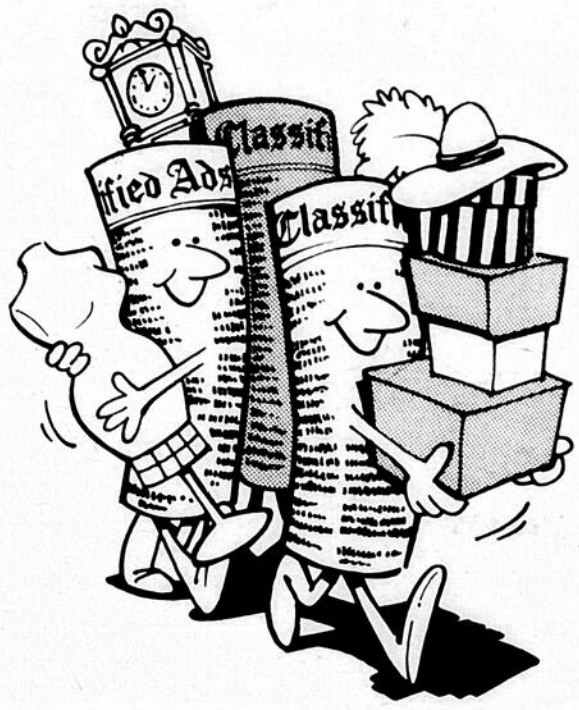


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# *Special Olympians draw inspiration from honorary head coach Bob Gainey*

By THOR VALDMANIS

Fifteen Quebec mentally handicapped athletes are off to the first-ever National Winter Special Olympic Games in Edmundston, New Brunswick, Monday.

The Quebec squad is expected to draw inspiration from the example of honorary head coach and Westmounter Bob Gainey.

"I act as a special motivator," the veteran Montreal Canadiens captain said with a smile over coffee at the Metcalfe Coffee Shop last week.

"When they see someone they've seen on television it gives them a kind of lift."

The Quebec Special Olympics squad will showcase its talents in cross-country skiing, speed skating, figure skating and snow-shoeing during the week-long games.

Mr Gainey, a resident of Belmont avenue, is unable to accompany the Quebec team as it vies for medals against some 300 of Canada's best mentally handicapped athletes because the Habs' hockey schedule takes Mr Gainey west for games against St Louis, Los Angeles and Edmonton.

In the off-season, Mr Gainey expects to continue his active involvement in NHL-sponsored floor hockey tournaments for the mentally handicapped along with Canadiens teammate Bobby Smith.

Mr Gainey has been involved with the Quebec Special Olympics in one form or another since 1981.

"There's a certain attraction to see people play purely for the fun and emotion of it. For anyone, but especially for a professional athlete, it's a refreshing change," said Mr Gainey. "It's quite a nice feeling to see them and be around them."

A couple of summers ago, the Quebec Special Olympics floor hockey team practised at the Westmount arena in preparation for a tournament.

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Westmounter and veteran Montreal Canadiens captain **Bob Gainey**, left, met Montreal mentally handicapped cross-country skier **Colette Racine** outside the Olympic Stadium and wished her the best before she left recently to represent the Special Olympics International at the Calgary Winter Olympic Games. **Michel Turcotte**, vice-president of the Royal Bank, stands at right. The Royal Bank sponsored the trip.

# Five missions to Israel planned by Jewish Appeal

Plans for five Israel programs have been announced by Westmounter James D. Raymond, general chairman of the 1988 Combined Jewish Appeal.

The programs will take scores of people to Israel for visits ranging from nine days to two weeks.

Mr Raymond himself will head up the prime minister's mission, departing for Israel May 3 for a 14-day program that includes a brief stopover in Stockholm, Sweden, to visit its Jewish community of 8,000 persons (there are 17,000 Jews in Sweden).

The second group, led by Gordon Schwartz and Edward Wiltzer, will make up the campaign leadership mission, July 7-17.

An international young leadership mission — called "Yachdav" — will go to Israel by way of London, departing Montreal July 31 and returning Aug 11. The four co-chairmen of the Montreal contingent of Yachdav are Jeffrey Mandel, Morris Maron, Laurence Paperman and Shirley Zimmerman.

The annual family mission is planned for July 31, returning Aug 11, and is co-chaired by Mayme and Richard Vineberg and Margo and Michael Wexler.

Dr Shimshon Hamerman is scholar-in-residence for the family mission.

The mission program will wind up with the fall study mission, Oct 5-13, co-chaired by Allyna and David Vineberg.

Doris Weiser is chairman of 1988 Israel programs for the Combined Jewish Appeal, which is the fund-raising arm of Allied Jewish Community Services.

Information on the various programs may be obtained by calling 735-3541.

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Five panelists from various backgrounds — Québécois, Sephardic Jewish, Bangladeshi, Cambodian and Mohawk — will discuss whether the school system can respond to their communities' educational expectations.

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**Coach Steve Etcheverry**, left, of Crossfield, Alberta, helps give Selwyn House cowhand **Peter Higgins**, 16, a rough ride on the manual-mechanical bull. Teammate **Mike Verchere**, right, also lends a hand as other down-easters look on. Peter managed to remain in the saddle the required eight seconds . . . just.

# Selwyn House varsity hockey team returns victorious from Alberta

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

The 1988 Winter Olympics are over. For many, though, gone is not forgotten. Their memories will last a lifetime.

One group fortunate enough to share recollections of the Calgary Olympics is the varsity hockey team from Selwyn House School. The 22 players, with coaches Steve Mitchell and Tom Nichol, were the guests of W.G. Murdoch High School in Crossfield, a town about 24 km from Calgary, from Feb 12 to 21.

Mr Mitchell says the whole thing was arranged when he met with an old university friend and ex-Westmounter, Steve Etcheverry. The two Steves are both coaches, one at Selwyn House and one at W.G. Murdoch. They started discussing visiting with each other's families and, as they talked, the plan expanded to team visits between their schools.

The W.G. Murdoch boys' and girls' basketball teams visited here last year. Hosted by Selwyn House, they toured southeastern Quebec, spending a couple of days visiting and playing basketball at four or five schools.

W.G. Murdoch High School does not have a school hockey team — all the hockey in the area is played at the community level. When the Selwyn House hockey team went out to Alberta, they were booked to play four games against different community teams.

Coach Mitchell says there were some things that made play more difficult for his team. For one thing, the games were made up of three 20-minute periods with a break between periods. Like a regular NHL game. The SHS boys are used to playing three 15-minute periods without any breaks.

The team has two co-captains, Mike Avedesian and Doug Naudie. Mr Avedesian says the different time-plans made it tough. "It made a big difference," he says, "going into the third period it was like we'd already finished our game."

**Altitude problems**

Another problem the team faced was the higher altitude which gave them trouble in adjusting to and recovering from exertion. These difficulties were reflected in the scores. The team won their first game 8-5 but they were leading 7-1 going into the third period.

"We had a hard time recovering late in the game," says Mr Mitchell, "We scored a lot of goals early and made our mistakes late . . . and that was using four lines. I usually use only three in league play."

Despite these problems, the team did remarkably well, winning three of their games and tying the fourth.

Of the teams they played, Mr Naudie says, "They were pretty strong . . . but not as good as LCC."

"All the teams played strong, hard, physical games," said Mr Avedesian. "We were faster — they used physical strength more than speed, but they passed really well."

The Selwyn House varsity team did more than play and win hockey games. They saw two Olympic hockey games and had tickets to the 90 metre ski jumping. Unfortunately, this last event was cancelled due to high winds. They shopped in and toured Calgary, which Mr Avedesian says is "a great city."

They spent a day at the dinosaur museum at Drumheller in the Red River badlands. "The glacier gouged out a basin and many rare dinosaur bones have been found there," coach Mitchell says. "We spent about two and a half hours in the museum."

Obviously the appeal of the massive, mysterious reptiles affects adults too. "There must have been 20 large dinosaurs in the museum, totally reconstructed," said Mr Mitchell. "They would fill four gymnasia."

Both captains agreed that the best day of all was the one that started earliest. The team rose at 6 am and were bused up to Lake Louise where they spent about five hours skiing. Then they went into Banff, lounged in the hot springs, shopped and took in the sights for a couple of hours.

"That was the same day Karen Percy won her first bronze medal," says Mr Mitchell, "so the place was hopping. She's from Banff and it was an excuse to party."

From Banff the team went back to Cochrane and played the Cochrane Midgets. "That's the game they tied," says Mr Mitchell, "and, as a coach, I couldn't have asked more of them."

Headmaster William Mitchell and his wife were in Calgary for an alumni affair and were able to get away long enough to watch their team play in Cochrane.

W.G. Murdoch High School held its carnival and its Valentine's Day dance on Friday, Feb 19. The carnival was a rodeo and, says Mr Mitchell, "really well organized and well run."

There were chuck wagon races, manual-mechanical bull riding, a branding race to name only a few. The hockey heroes showed themselves to be no slouches in other areas. The Selwyn House gang of down-easters placed second after the W.G. Murdoch senior team and ahead of the teachers and junior school.

Saturday was an open day for the boys, some of whom took in another Olympic hockey game while others shopped or toured Calgary.

On Sunday, Feb 21, the team and coaches and their mountain of equipment were loaded onto a plane. Homeward bound and full of memories.

**Mike Teryazos** and sabre-toothed friend at the dinosaur museum in Drumheller, Alberta.

# SHS Varsity to play in provincial tourney

The Selwyn House varsity hockey team, for the first time in its history, will be one of the six teams in the Quebec provincial invitational high school hockey tournament.

The tournament will be held Friday and Saturday at Bishop's College School in Lennoxville.

Selwyn House varsity goes into the tournament with a record of 19 wins, 12 losses and two ties. The team is one of two with the least number of penalties for the season and has not had a major penalty.

Team co-captain Mike Avedesian leads his team in goals (34) and assists (43) for a total of 77 points. Mike Verchere, with the second best numbers on the team, has 19 goals, 36 assists for a total of 55 points.

Goalie David Hinchey has a 3.74 goals against average per game; goalie Louis Drummond's average stands at 4.02.

Coach Steve Mitchell says the team had a rough start to their season because they had to play a number of games early in the season to make up for the time they would be absent in Calgary (see separate story). With little practice time behind them, the team lost their first five games. Since then, the team performance has been one of steady improvement.

## TV taken out window

A black and white TV set was reported stolen from a car dealer on St Catherine street west of Atwater avenue Friday night, police said. The place was broken into between 9:15 pm and 11 pm through a rear window.

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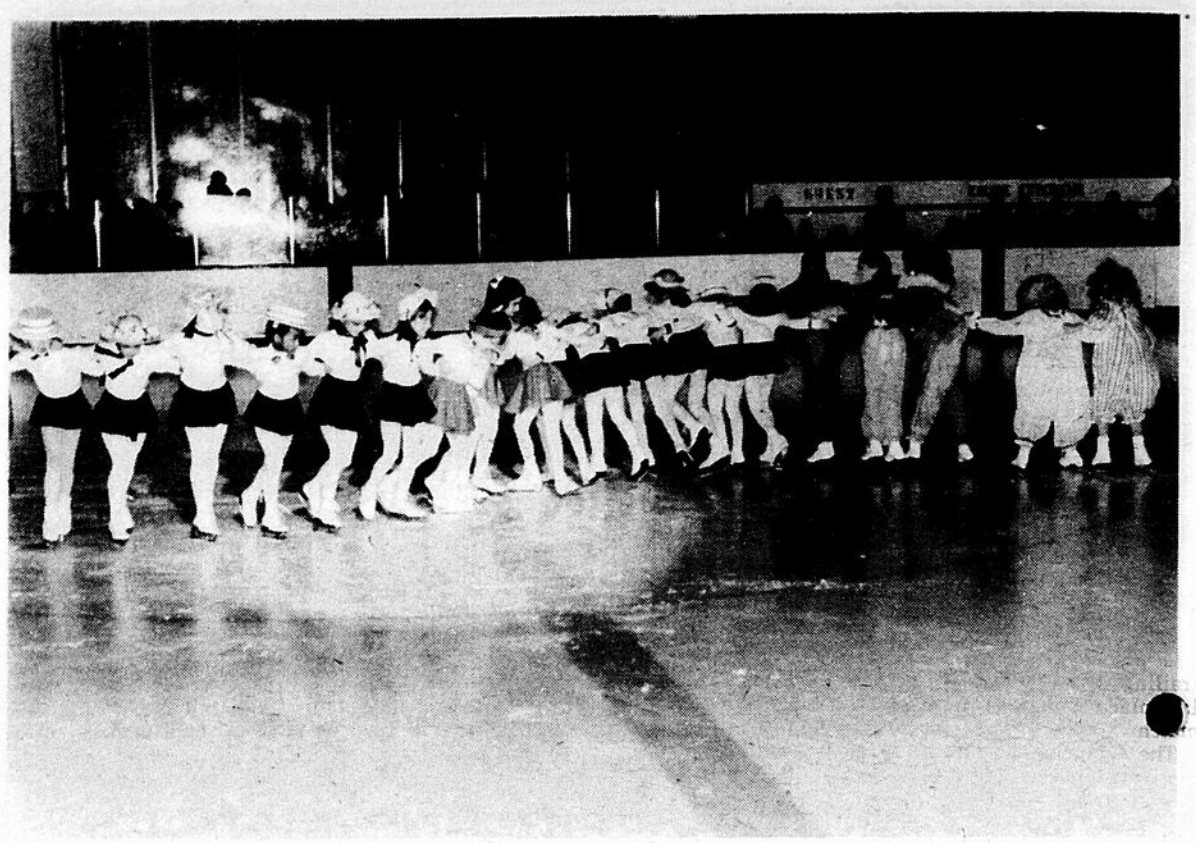
**A SNOWMAN CALLED "FROG":** Six-year-old **Tara Anderson** of Westmount and **Lindsey Obara**, 3½, of Detroit, are shown on either side of their first-prize-winning snowman. They built the "frog" with Benjamin, Gregory and Nicholas Harris.



A capacity crowd filled the Westmount arena last Friday to watch the recreation department's gala "Winter Wonderland" figure-skating show.

# Elysian rhythmic gymnasts to host tournament

Gymnasts from six rhythmic gymnastic clubs will gather in the Royal Montreal Regiment Armory, 4625 St Catherine street at 6 pm on March 10 to compete in the first annual invitational competition, hosted by Westmount's Elysian Rhythmic Sportive Gymnastics Club.

About 20 girls, aged six to 12, from as far away as Hull and Mascouche, will vie for medals in free, rope, ribbon, ball and club routines in levels I, II and III.

Founded by head coach Jane Schmidt three years ago, Elysian is the first club to host an invitational competition for younger Quebec gymnasts, whose only previous opportunity to gain experience in competition has been once a year at the provincial championships.

Elysian recreational gymnasts, who range in age from three to 12, will demonstrate the ball routine they performed Feb 27 on the Radio Canada television program *Les héros du samedi*.

Admission to the competition, organized by Ms Schmidt and a committee of parents, is free.

Montreal Canadiens' captain Bob Gainey and Quebec entertainer Yvon Deschamps, Westmount residents, will be among those distributing medals to the winners.

Combining the grace and beauty of dance with the dexterity and strength of hockey or basketball, rhythmic gymnastics, which is always performed to music, became an Olympic sport in 1984. A Canadian, Lori Fung, is the defending Olympic champion.

Elysian's competitive group, composed of nine girls aged five to ten, trains between six and 12 hours a week under Ms Schmidt and assistant coach Robin Fowler, a former member of the Canadian national team.

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# Carnival contest winners

Following are the winners in various competitions organized last weekend for the City of Westmount's "Frosty Fun" winter carnival:

**Costume parade:** Youngest boy, Joshua White, 3; youngest girl, Margaret Gales, 2; best national, Veronica Gavin; fairy tale theme, Timmy Prendergast; well-known TV character, Matthew White; well-known cartoon character, Jennifer Brooks; originals, Lia Lawee and Jared Lawee; funniest child, Bill Shemie (first), James Laird (second); silliest, Jonathan Stubbs; scariest, Jonathan Dankoff; best overall child, Kristen Taylor (first), Danielle Taylor (second); open, honorable, Jessica Brownstein and Sara Gales.

**On-the-spot snow sculpture:** 1. "Frog" by Tara Anderson, Lindsey Obara and Benjamin, Gregory and Nicholas Harris; 2. "Man jumping off diving board" by Lindsay and David O'Connor and Daniel and Teddy Wright; 3. "Snowman" by Vanessa and Gail Cavanagh.

**Straight race, girls 3-4:** Jessica West, Danielle Taylor, Katie Brooks.

**Straight race, boys 3-4:** Dean MacDougall, Sebastian Snow, Jared Lawee.

**Straight race, girls 5-6:** Andrea Taylor, Jennifer Brooks, Alison Prendergast.

**Straight race, boys 5-6:** Justin West, Jeffrey Gales, Matthew White.

**Straight race, girls 7-8:** Serena Gelinas, Theresa Rundberg, Lecia Mancini.

**Straight race, boys 7-8:** Thierry-Jean Gilles, Jonathan Mutch, Michael Gavin.

**Straight race, girls 9-10:** Charlotte Davet, Charlotte Evans.

**Straight race, boys 9-10:** John Brownstein, Kavi Puni.

**Straight race, girls 11-12:** Julie Desjardins, Andrea Fleiszer.

**Straight race, boys 11-12:** Thomas Bell, Paul Logothetis.

**Straight race, ladies, 16 and over:** Joan Taylor, Kathy Wells, Susan Brooks.

**Straight race, men, 16 and over:** Jim West, John Taylor, Brian MacDougall.

**Fill-the-glass relay, age 8-10:** 1. Douglas Hayami, Robbie Finkelstein, Patrick Cournane, Emily Kerner, Emi Hayami and Michael Gavin; 2. Serena Gelinas, Lecia Mancini, Howard Villaruel, Kavi Puni, Julie Pouling and Charlotte Davet; 3. Stephan Dietiker, Thierry-Jean Gilles, Thomas Aust, Bill Shemie and Scott Brooks.

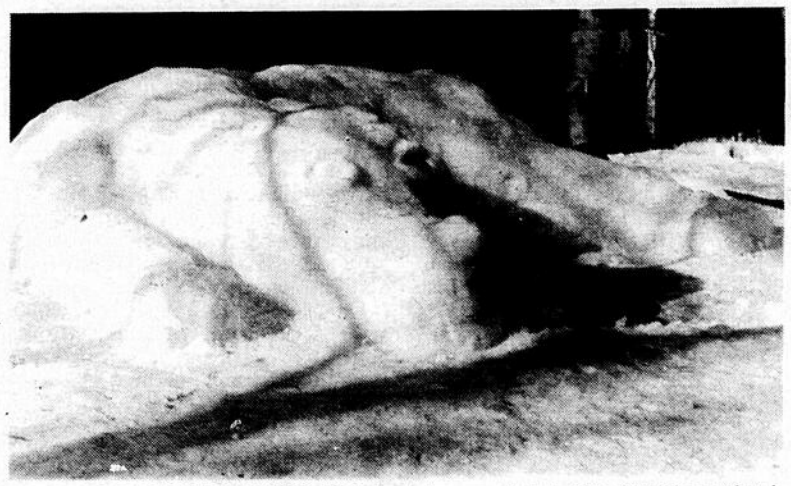
**Fill-the-glass relay, 11 and over:** 1. Lana Romandini, Ruth Fleiszer, George Hayami and Mary Stubbs; 2. Julie Desjardins, Andrea Fleiszer, Nishi Aubin, Katharine Evans and Kathy Wells; 3. Jim West, Joan Taylor, John Taylor, Janine West and Susan Brooks.

**Dress-the-goalie relay:** 1. Charlotte Davet, Tom Bell, Anthony Perzow and Richard Valdmanis; 2. Nishi Aubin, Julie Desjardins, Stephen Gainey, Katharine Evans, Karina Lauzon and Scott Brooks; 3. Diana Donnelly, Douglas Hayami, Robbie Finkelstein, Chris Rundberg and Charlotte Evans.

**Puck-shooting, age 6-8:** Oliver Bowser, Arianne Robinson.

**Puck-shooting, age 9-11:** Sarah Cooper, Diana Donnelly, Douglas Hayami, Robbie Finkelstein, Emily Kerner.

**Puck-shooting, age 16 and over:** Paul Spindler, Gerry Goodfriend, Ueli Dietiker, Mary Stubbs.



**SNOW SCULPTURE WINNERS:** This lazy dog, created by The Study's section I, won Westmount carnival's school division for snow sculpture. A sunbather by the grade 6 girls came second, and the grade 4's turtle placed third. Honorable mentions went to Giant Steps and The Study's grade 6 and grade 5. Winners in the residents' division were: 1. The Halmo family; 2. The Finkelstein family; 3. The Mutch family.

**Westmount YMCA News**

*Hope Korytko*
**Executive director**

A short course in history: did you know that the YMCA is a worldwide association with a presence in more than 90 countries? On the local level, the Montreal YMCA, founded in 1851, was the first Y in North America and our first building opened at Victoria Square, where Canada Steamship Lines now is located.

James Naismith, a staff member of the Montreal YMCA, invented basketball in the late 1890s, and Sir George Williams College was founded by the Montreal YMCA.

Currently there are nine branches of the YMCA in the Montreal area. They are in N.D.G., in St Laurent, on Stanley street, on Park avenue, on the West Island, in Hudson, in the Guy Favreau complex, in Point St Charles and in Westmount, of course.

The Westmount Y is gearing up for spring registration, which begins next week for discount card holders. We are offering an abundance of courses for the whole family. We can send you our brochure if you want information on our spring programs. Remember: we've moved our offices to 245 Victoria avenue, suite 220. Drop by because this is the time to start getting into shape for the summer!

**Nutrition tip of the week:** Contrary to popular belief, margarine and butter contain the same number of calories — approximately 100 per tablespoon. For breakfast, consider other low-calorie choices to dress up your toast: low-fat cottage cheese, homemake low-sugar jams or farmer's cheese.

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# Nordiques in playoffs after hard-work win

By JEREMY LEE JONAS

On the last day of atom hockey this year, the Nordiques and the Canucks were still fighting for the last playoff position. The Nordiques held a one-point advantage but were to face the first-place Canadiens, while the trailing Canucks were to play the last-place Penguins in the first match.

The Canucks were given a few motivating words before the opening faceoff, and the first shift appeared fired up. Less than two minutes passed before Chris Teryazos opened the scoring on a nice play with John Brownstein. Less than two minutes later, the line of Stephen Gainey, Stephan Dietiker and Julien Cameron combined to put the Canucks ahead 2-0. This line had a tremendous match, passing, forechecking, backchecking and killing penalties like players possessed.

The next shift, consisting of Henri Caussignac, John Brownstein and Kenny Minzberg, retained control of the play. Their efforts resulted in two goals by Caussignac, the second on a tremendous top-corner wrist shot. The Penguins replied with a quick rush by Jonathan Albright, whereupon Andrew Miller banged in an opportune rebound. The first period ended 4-1 Canucks.

The second period was more even, as both teams had good opportunities. Goaltenders Charlotte Davet and Pat Cournane were both strong, stopping some hard shots. The atom players have surprising skills, often blasting pucks like midget leaguers. Fifteen years ago in "Johnnie's League," it seemed that only two or three atom-aged kids could even ice the puck!

The Canucks' defence was very strong in the second period, as Emmanuel Drevon stopped a Penguins breakaway, and the blue-line pair of David Ray and John Brownstein held the Penguins back. Finally, the Penguins got back in the game, scoring one off the post on a two-or-none break. Parker Mitchell then notched another, extending his scoring streak.

Marty Ozolins replied for the Canucks, scoring one and assisting on Djata Weaver's goal. Paul Desbaillets was also notable on the line. The second period ended 6-3.

The third period saw the Canucks still energized and motivated. They went on to win 8-3, and then could only wait for the result of the next game. For the Canucks to be sure of the playoff post, the Nordiques had to lose to the favored Canadiens.

### Hard work for chances

The next game was another display of motivation and effort. The Canadiens were keen to end the season with a win and they came out skating very hard, playing sound positional hockey. A win for the Nordiques would not be easy.

The Nordiques worked hard for their chances. Tom Bell made a spectacular end-to-end rush, seemingly going back to circle around opponents he had missed deking out on the way up. His shot went off the goalpost, and then he fell across the goalmouth, blocking his own teammate's rebound!

Ricky Mezey combined with Bell on several nifty plays, but did not score. The Canadiens' Liam Mayes put a backhand over Richard Valdmanis and the Nordiques' net. He then almost scored, deflecting the puck off Valdmanis' pads from behind the net.

With less than two minutes remaining, Bell finally opened the scoring on another individual effort. David Haber, who earned a hat-trick for the Nordiques on the day, scored next after Sean Bower struggled for possession and made the set-up pass. Bower's line with Jonathan Stubbs and Michael Shanahan was dominant for the rest of the game, passing and skating with maturity.

The Canadiens could have got back in the game if not for number five of the Nordiques, Bill Shemie. He looked like Rick Green, planting himself in front of his net, covering opponents, blocking shots, clearing rebounds and displaying superb positional play. When Jonathan Brady, Sébastien Lajoie and Jamie McConnell mounted several consecutive attacks, Shemie held them back.

The Canadiens seemed frustrated, and took several undisciplined penalties. Although Louis Pearson and Brady scored for the Habs in the third period, the Nordiques were too strong to be beaten.

The Nordiques won the game 5-2, earning the right to meet the same Canadiens in the playoffs. Evidently, it will be no picnic for the favored Habs.

## HOCKEY STANDINGS

| | GS | GP | W | L | D | F | A | Pts |
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| **NOVICE** | | | | | | | | |
| Dragons | 16 | 16 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 59 | 38 | 21 |
| Guards | 16 | 16 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 48 | 47 | 18 |
| Canadiens | 16 | 16 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 49 | 53 | 14 |
| Bears | 16 | 16 | 4 | 9 | 3 | 38 | 56 | 11 |
| **ATOM** | | | | | | | | |
| Canadiens | 16 | 16 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 90 | 70 | 21 |
| Nordiques | 16 | 16 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 80 | 64 | 20 |
| Canucks | 16 | 16 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 66 | 55 | 19 |
| Penguins | 16 | 16 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 59 | 106 | 4 |
| **PEEWEE** | | | | | | | | |
| Seals | 17 | 17 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 59 | 45 | 22 |
| Canadiens | 17 | 17 | 10 | 7 | 0 | 74 | 60 | 20 |
| Scouts | 17 | 17 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 64 | 61 | 15 |
| Capitals | 17 | 17 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 34 | 65 | 11 |
| **SENIOR B** | | | | | | | | |
| Fathers | 28 | 25 | 19 | 4 | 2 | 122 | 66 | 40 |
| Devils | 28 | 25 | 13 | 10 | 2 | 99 | 75 | 28 |
| Aces | 28 | 25 | 10 | 13 | 2 | 64 | 86 | 22 |
| Oilers | 28 | 25 | 8 | 13 | 4 | 87 | 103 | 20 |
| Flyers | 28 | 24 | 6 | 16 | 2 | 63 | 105 | 14 |
| **SENIOR A** | | | | | | | | |
| Wanderers | 28 | 27 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 140 | 51 | 47 |
| Bruins | 28 | 27 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 99 | 88 | 30 |
| Stars | 28 | 28 | 12 | 12 | 4 | 111 | 98 | 28 |
| Flames | 28 | 27 | 12 | 13 | 2 | 94 | 85 | 26 |
| Sabres | 28 | 27 | 2 | 24 | 1 | 62 | 184 | 5 |

## Local hurdler aims for gold

By THOR VALDMANIS

Local track and field athlete Derek Covington has his sights set on gold as he completes his final season with the Quebec provincial junior (18 and under) team.

Competing in the Quebec track championships at the University of Sherbrooke recently, the 18-year-old Marianopolis College student shaved a tenth of a second off his own junior provincial record in the 60-metre hurdles. He also captured bronze in the junior high jump.

At the Canadian senior championships in Windsor last week, Mr Covington placed eighth overall in the 60-metre hurdles, split seconds behind top internationally ranked hurdler Mark McKoy.

Mr Covington, a resident of Strathcona avenue, is expected to capture gold in the 110-metre and 400-metre hurdles at the national junior championships this summer in Windsor. The wins would translate into a place on the Canadian junior team — an important step before graduating to the senior level in January.

"At this point, I'm taking one summer at a time," Mr Covington replied Tuesday, when asked about his future aspirations.

While striving towards an international standard, he shuns speculation as to how far his efforts will take him.

"My long-term goals are very vague," he explained. "My short-term goals mean much more."

One short-term goal is being eligible for the world junior track and field championships scheduled for Sudbury, Ontario, in July.

Mr Covington was first introduced to track and field before graduating from Lower Canada College last year. He currently trains at the Claude Robillard Centre and expects to attend McGill University or the University of Western Ontario next fall.

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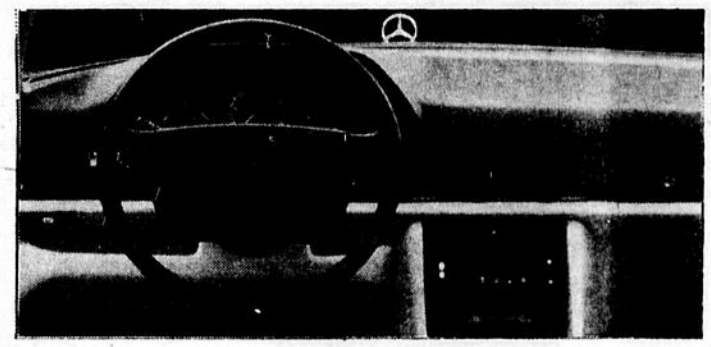

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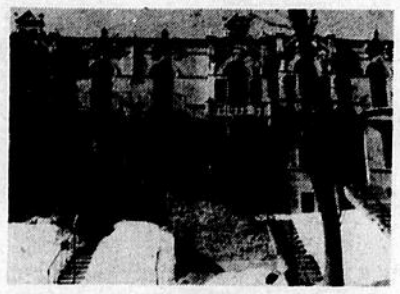

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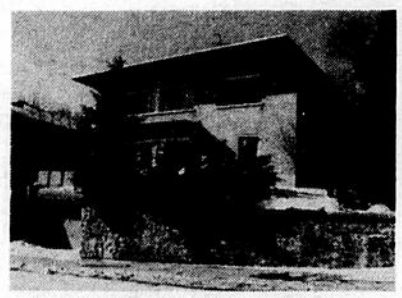

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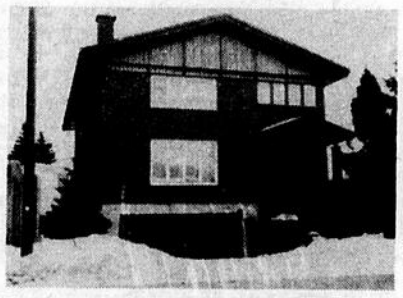

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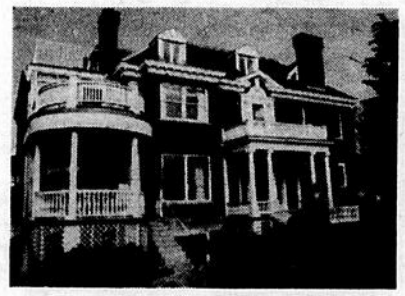

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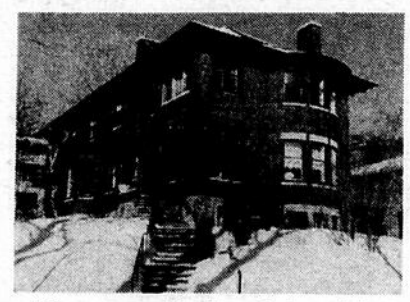

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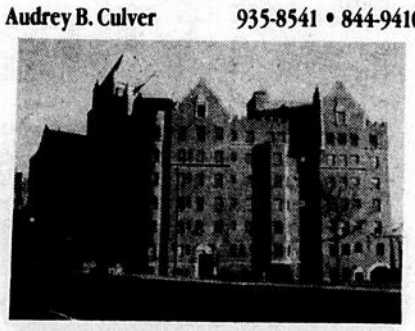

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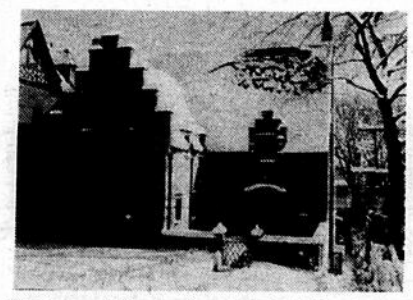

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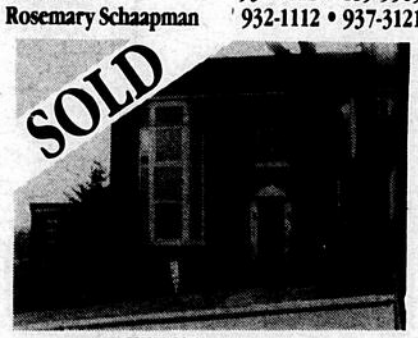


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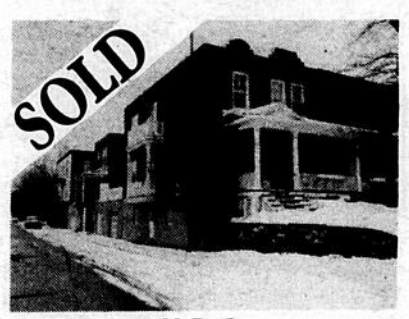


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