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Barbara Burns is in charge of mall renovations that will see Westmount Square become more affordable.

Back to square one

Westmount Square's new watchword is 'affordable,' a European-style food market will open by spring

By J. MARION FEINBERG

Get ready for the renaissance of the new 90s-edged Westmount Square.

Retail development consultant Barbara Burns was hired about a year ago to turn the centre around. She has been involved in everything from eclectic marketing strategies to construction plans for the new shopping gallery.

Extensive renovations were conducted in the centre about four years ago, causing decreased traffic and water damage that resulted in the centre losing its focus, she said. This time around, renovations will be conducted behind barriers so as not to inconvenience shoppers during the demolition and construction.

"Westmount Square has to be a happening type of place to give it back its life," said Ms. Burns. "The mood of the mall will show that we understand that the consumer needs to be entertained. The consumer dollar is still out there, we just have to be smart about how to go out and get it."

The energetic consultant said she's been working about 100 hours a week to find ways to do just that. Gone is the image of Westmount Square as an elitist and over-priced centre. The new slogan will be "For the Active, with Style."

"Westmount Square will always be a community-type centre addressing affluent baby-boomers but the new orientation is affordable," she said. "Not cheap, but good dollar value will be offered.

That's what the consumer of the 90s wants."

Five new stores and a splashy European-style food market will likely be in place by the completion of phase I in the spring, said Ms. Burns.

Two merchants closed up shop and moved out of the centre on Nov. 28; Celine Soria and Arda (formerly Rodier). A couple of others will follow suit by Christmas.

Arda Boyaroglu, owner of Arda, said his everyday men's wear store closed its doors and moved out of the mall after two and a half years by mutual agreement with the management.

"They have a plan and we didn't

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Two locals win literary awards

By JANET COUTTS

RAY SMITH was frankly nervous. He was having difficulty remembering names that went with familiar-seeming faces across the room.

Margaret Meigs was probably a little nervous, too. But she was in Australia, so we don't really know.

But there was no doubt they were jubilant after the QSPELL literary prizewinners were announced and they both won \$2,000 awards. Out of 25 non-fiction books submitted to a secret jury, Ms. Meigs' *In The Company of Strangers* took the prize. Her account of making a NFB film directed by fellow Westmounter Cynthia Scott, starring herself and eight other unlikely movie stars over 65, was a popular winner.

Ms. Meigs, 75, was a painter and writer before she became a movie star. Her earlier books, however, were emotionally heavy going — accounts of her childhood and the difficulties of living with Marie-Claire Blais. In the prizewinning book, the magic and light that bound the women together come through and make this her most accessible book.

Ms. Meigs is on holiday in Australia, but she is giving a number of readings. The film, *The Company of Strangers*, was a smash in Australia, says Ms. Scott, who accepted the award for Ms. Meigs.

"I called her as soon as I got home, but she had already had the news and was happily celebrating with friends," says Ms. Scott.

Ms. Meigs' friend Judith Adamson feels the film and the book are very strongly tied together, as indeed they are. In a review for the *Toronto Star* she wrote: "Demand that *The Company of Strangers* be brought back, and read Meigs' marvellous book before and after you see it. Read it anyway."

The book, like the film, is full of Westmounters. Both Ms. Meigs and Ms. Scott live here, and so do two of the other of the film's stars: Winnie Holden and



MARY MEIGS won for *In the Company of Strangers*.

Constance Garneau. They and another of the women in the film, Beth Webber, were present at the Ritz Carleton last Friday to see their friend's award presented.

Mr. Smith, 50, pronounced himself surprised at winning the fiction award for *A Night At The Opera*. But he gathered himself well enough to thank his wife, Anja Mechielsen, in Dutch, for her support from the platform.

According to Mr. Smith, the prize money has already been spent on a new computer — his old one died recently.

"After nearly 30 years as a writer, this is my first real award. It's nice to get something from your peers."

But then he remembers that a grant from Canada Council and the Scottish Arts Council gave him a year in Scotland once. "That year in Scotland was in a sense an award."

Teaching and parenting duties are keeping him too busy to do any serious writing, he says, "until the spring, when school is over."

A Night At The Opera was Mr. Smith's fourth novel. He has a number of short stories "that may be a novel, or may be a collection of short stories" in the works.

No tears shed for Arts Westmount

Local artists look to a future of year-round activities

By ALISON RAMSEY

Year-round plays, concerts, readings, photography and painting exhibits; this is the shape of culture to come in Westmount.

As a first step, the Committee for culture in Westmount — formed a week ago Wednesday — is taking a survey of municipal and other buildings which may be suitable for such events. Its second priority is to gather ammunition to lobby city officials for a cultural centre Westmount can call its own; members are surveying other communities to see who has one and who hasn't. Committee president Doreen Lindsay suspects all but Westmount do.

"A cultural centre — there's a power and a strength in that," she said, adding that all committee members are eager to see such a centre, in the future.

The committee was formed at the end of an arts summit held by the city. Artists from the community were invited to share ideas on how the arts should be promoted, what is wrong with how things are done now and how they can be improved.

The summit signalled the end of Arts Westmount, an annual cultural bonanza, somewhat tarnished by increasingly poor publicity as the years have gone by.

There was no grief for the festival exhibited at the summit; artists

were eager for a new, fresh approach.

Each of the six people on the new committee was asked to write what events they would like to see, art-wise, for the city, and bring the list to the next meeting Dec. 10. They have already agreed on a mandate of sorts, according to Ms. Lindsay.

"The city is prepared to give help in terms of developing budgets. (But) they don't have anybody on council who has expertise in the arts, to know what should be done," she said. "So they want a group of bodies to tell them what should be done."

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Art exhibit: at Galerie Westmount, 4912 Sherbrooke St., of the acrylic and sand paintings of Sophie Zahlan de Cayetti. The exhibit continues until Dec. 13. 484-1488.

Christmas cards: Grenfell Association cards are on sale at Bel-Air Travel Inc., 1373 Greene Ave. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday until Dec. 11.

Bake Sale & Book Fair: At Roslyn School, 4699 Westmount Ave., from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Book fair: From 1 to 3:30 p.m. at St. George's Elementary School gym, 3685 The Boulevard.

Fashion show: at 3 p.m. in the commercial concourse at Westmount Square. Same time and place Friday and Saturday.

Arts and crafts: 50 artisans will sell all kinds of crafts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Victoria Hall. Admission: non-perishable food or cash for Sun Youth.

Open house at the fire department, 19 Stanton St., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring a donation of toys, clothes or tinned food.

For kids: Samedi Greene presents "Holiday paper and gift-making" from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at 1090 Greene Ave. \$1. Children under six must be accompanied. 931-6202.

For kids: Crayola craft window wonders; come and create dazzling window designs at Oink! Oink! at 11 a.m.

Vernissage: at Galerie Art et Style, 4875A Sherbrooke St., from 1 to 5 p.m. for recent paintings of St. Gilles. The exhibit continues to Dec. 22.

Sunday, Dec. 6

Carols: Carols by candlelight at 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church with choral and instrumental music for brass and organ.

Panel discussion on menopause from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Shalom, 395 Elm Ave. \$50. Refreshments. Reserve at 695-2742.

For seniors: Tea at 1 p.m. (note unusual time) at Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim. Pharmacist and pharmacologist Victor Sumbly on "Seniors and Their Medication." Members \$2.50, others, \$3. Please bring small bills. 937-9471.

Open house and sale: Palmistry centre, 351 Victoria Ave., noon to 6 p.m. Visit the handprint museum. Reservations 488-2292.

Art sale of 80 donated works by former Soviet artists now living in Montreal to raise funds for immigrant families, at Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington Ave., from 3 to 9 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 7

Carols: Lunctime holiday concerts from 12:30 to 1:30 daily except Dec. 13, 14 and 20 in the commercial concourse of Westmount Square, by four singers, a pianist and violinist.

Carols: Singing with Hanukkah candle and Christmas lights ceremony at city hall at 4:45 p.m.

Budget meeting at city hall at 7 p.m., followed by 8 p.m. council meeting.

Montreal Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd. Third print competition and slide presentation by Jack Rothenberg, "A Lesson in Wildlife Photography." Guests welcome. Rear entrance.

Tuesday, Dec. 8

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

Wednesday, Dec. 9

Christmas tree: Lighting of the "jeunes de la rue" tree at St. Léon de Westmount Church, de Maisonneuve and Clarke, at 7:30 p.m. Bulbs are \$1.

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A ridge of land instead of a sound barrier?

Mayor puts forth notion of a berm

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent has a new idea: build a berm along the Canadian Pacific railway tracks instead of a sound barrier attached to the Ville Marie Expressway.

The berm, a ridge of landfill covered with topsoil and trees, is expected to be considerably cheaper than a \$3 million barrier, more sound absorbent and considerably more esthetic.

"I think it's wonderful," said Norah Flaherty, a representative of citizens petitioning for a sound barrier.

"The big stumbling block is whether or not Canadian Pacific would allow it," said city operations manager Bruce St. Louis. "For all we know, they may want to widen the rail bed."

It's also not yet known whether the Quebec transport ministry would help finance a berm, as it would a sound barrier.

At the moment it's just an idea proposed by Mr. Trent at the Nov. 12 meeting of city council's operations and environment committee attended by Ms. Flaherty and three other petitioners; Susan Evans, Virginia Elliott and Jan Kuilman.

But the plan met with so much enthusiasm that city officials are working full steam ahead.

Mr. St. Louis has been trying to arrange an on-site walk along the tracks, maybe this week, for council members, city officials and rep-

resentatives of the sound barrier petitioners.

As an engineer, he wants to walk the line to look closely at the land, check for possible problems and carry out a photographic survey before the snow flies.

"The more we can do ourselves the less we'll have to pay in fees for a feasibility study," he said. The city is allocating \$20,000 to a sound barrier study in the 1993 budget being tabled Monday, he said.

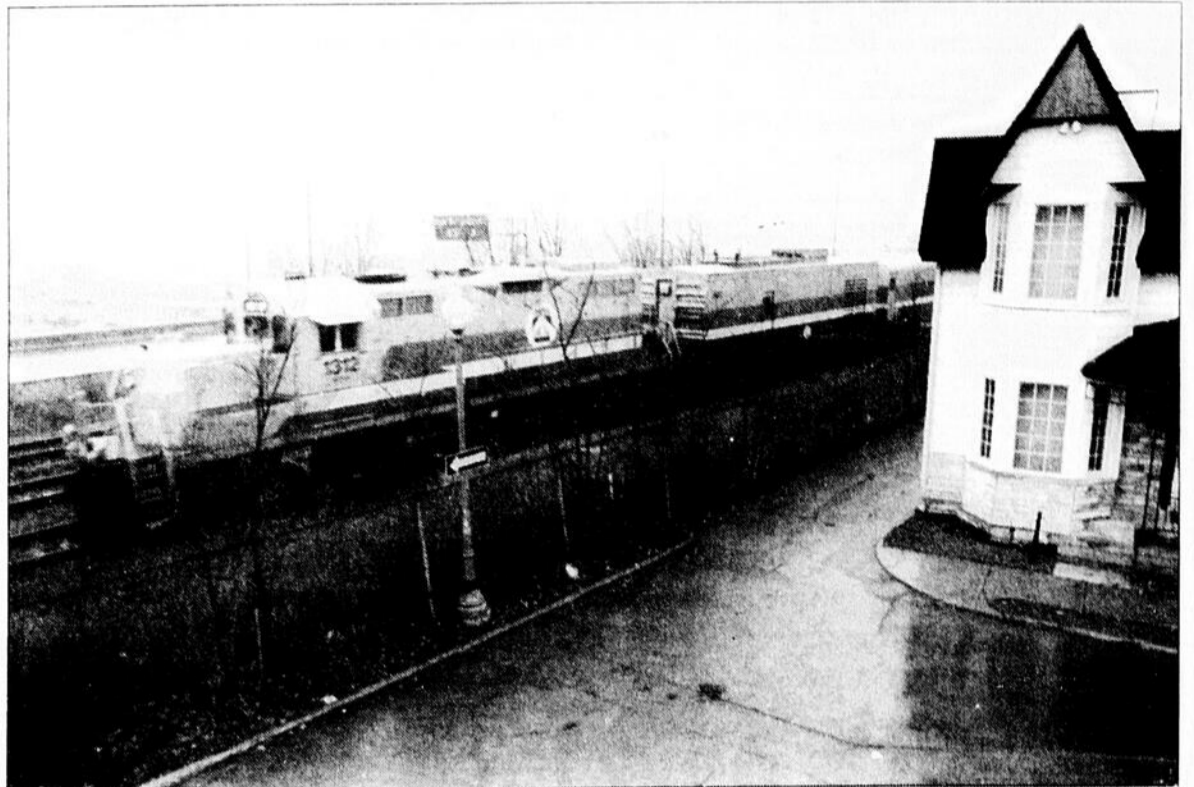
It is already obvious that such a berm could not be built in the two stretches of track at Greene Avenue and The Glen where the tracks create overpasses, he notes. Some sort of sound barrier might have to be considered at those locations.

At the foot of some streets such as Abbott and Lewis where the tracks pass very close to the existing fence, a concrete retaining wall might have to be erected to support a berm, Mr. Trent noted.

"It has to be at a 45-degree angle," he explained. "I have no idea how much it would cost, but I'm sure it would be only a fraction of the cost of a sound barrier."

Mr. Trent said the idea came to him during the operations and environment meeting when city officials were discussing the difficulties and high costs involved with building the type of lightweight sound barrier that would be required to be mounted to the elevated highway.

Berms are used in about 10 per-



City officials and interested residents will be walking the CP line this week to look at the feasibility of having a berm, or hillock of land, act as a sound barrier between the railway tracks and houses to the north side. The berm is a possible replacement for a concrete barrier mounted along the Ville Marie Expressway.

Photo by OWEN EGAN

cent of sound barriers in the United States and Europe, he said.

The disposal of construction waste is a problem that has come up at meetings of the Waste Management Board, he said. "If you tear up a road, what do you do with the material?" he said. "I put two and two together and came up with the idea of a berm for Westmount."

He envisions a ridge about 4.5 to 6 metres high along the track.

"It would be much more effective than a sound barrier in sound absorption, esthetics — we could call it Westmount's second little mountain — and it would require less maintenance."

Councillor Nicolas Matossian, who chairs the operations and

environment committee, told THE EXAMINER "there was a distinct possibility a berm could be put up." He said he was hopeful Quebec could help with funding because of the "dire need for disposal of construction material."

He said a berm near Oshawa, Ont., caught his eye on a recent trip and it was "very attractive."

City says tax burden will be far lighter than Montreal's

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount homeowners and business people may thank their lucky stars they don't pay taxes in Montreal when the city's 1993 budget is brought down Monday night.

Both the general tax rate and the commercial surtax will be 60 per cent lower than in Montreal despite expected increases in both, Mayor Peter Trent told THE EXAMINER Monday.

Refusing to reveal the exact amounts of each, he said the general property tax rate will be "a few

cents more" than this year's \$1.07. In Montreal, it's \$1.78.

Though council had considered raising the commercial surtax to the maximum allowed by law, it has decided on a more modest increase.

"What I can say at this point is that in view of the increase accepted by merchants this year and the quasi-depression, council has decided not to go to the full ceiling on the commercial surtax," he said.

In 1992 the city was permitted by law to apply a maximum surtax of \$1.33 but chose to ease the burden

with a rate of \$1.24.

For 1993, Montreal has established a commercial surtax of \$2.06 plus Olympic tax of \$0.9 for a total of \$2.15, he said.

"This does not even include Montreal's water tax," he pointed out. In Westmount there is no water tax. The Westmount surtax will be approximately 60 per cent less.

Comparisons of the Montreal rates with the anticipated West-

mount rates is particularly significant to properties straddling the border on streets such as de Casson and Atwater.

"It means someone in the Xerox

Tower (in the Montreal section of Place Alexis Nihon), for instance, will pay 60 per cent more in taxes than a business in another section of the building," he explained.

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We Say

Art's new face

Arts Westmount has splintered into pieces — and the pieces are being flung throughout the city.

The intensive festival, which has lasted up to a week in one location, is no longer. Events throughout the year will take its place, and they will be in different places.

Westmount does not have one cultural centre suitable for all events. That need not be a handicap.

It would, admittedly, be a boon to have one building, surrounded by plenty of parking spaces, known as the place for cultural events. There are benefits, however, to staging plays in Westmount High School, poetry readings at Dawson College, art exhibits at the Visual Arts Centre and on and on.

Several locations need not necessarily confuse; they can draw people who live nearby, who might not come otherwise.

Diehard fans will find their way to the locale nonetheless; nowhere in Westmount is so out of the way as to be inaccessible. But there are places unfamiliar to Westmounters.

That is another reason to favour

several locations. Westmounters would get to know their city and its resources better. Once you get a resident into Dawson for a book launch, you might draw them back for a lecture or a course. Once you get someone to visit the Visual Arts Centre gallery, you might interest them in the nearby stores.

Also, each location is tailor-made for the type of event envisioned for the space. In other words, the arts crowd would be getting the best of what is locally available.

What Arts Westmount has been in the past will be mourned. What it became will not. It is time to try something new, and the arts committee formed last week is a solid first step.

To be known as the Committee for Culture in Westmount, the six-member group has an awesome challenge ahead.

Not only will it assess buildings for future events, it must strive to be the voice of the artistic community. Diverse, independent and large, that community will be difficult to pin down and even tougher to represent.

Getting to know you

Vanguard students, newly arrived on Metcalfe Avenue, are hanging about the neighbourhood.

They always were nearby, but they blended into the hundreds of teens at Westmount High School and were not distinguishable as a separate group.

Now, situated a block away from the school, they are aware they are more visible in these new surroundings. Grouped outside the door on breaks, they studiously ignore the curious looks of passersby, or call out a hello.

There is nothing wrong with simply being there. Young people, not known for great independence, usually travel in packs or small sets. It is to be expected.

However some people, unused to dealing with youths, are somewhat nervous about this addition to their neighbourhood. Some seniors at Place Kensington have apparently expressed some distress over the sight of groups of students coming down the sidewalk.

The best solution is one school principal Kay Dila has already thought of — getting to know each other.

She has planned an open house at the school on Dec. 18 as a start, and is thinking of other ways to integrate the students with a neighbourhood she calls "rich" in terms of expertise, age range and activities.

The school is growing, which is partly why it moved out of Westmount High. (Westmount High is also expanding, and Vanguard students now have access to a gymnasium at the Royal Montreal Regiment, another reason to move further west.) Therefore the reality of students in the area is not likely to go away.

Residents who are nervous and unfamiliar with the school have a wonderful opportunity to learn more on Dec. 18, as do those who are simply interested in this more visible addition to the area.

The opportunity should not be missed.

You Say

WMA supports library project

A copy of the following letter to Mayor Peter Trent has been received by THE EXAMINER:

The executive of the WMA have studied the proposals, as outlined in your booklet, and are unanimously in favour of the project. We comment as follows:

1) Surveys carried out by the WMA over the past four years have shown the Westmount library to be our most popular recreational facility. In fact, our 1990 survey showed that 89 per cent of respondents made use of it. Our 1992 survey question on what would be the preferred order of fund investment by the city showed library facilities rated No. 1 by 59 per cent of respondents, followed by parks with 18 per cent and Victoria Hall with 12 per cent.

2) We are concerned that the cost be kept within the budget estimates. In view of the present economic climate this could perhaps, be appreciably lower. There should be careful control over expenses, as the construction proceeds, so Westmount does not fall into the "over-run" situation of some of Montreal's undertakings.

3) Should the project be accepted by the citizens, tenders should go out and work should start as soon as possible. The normal library budget and contingency in the new project should cover alternative services for the library while construction is under way.

4) There must be no loss in parking space — if anything it should be increased, particularly near the new entrance, where 20 to 30 minute parking should be permitted.

5) The new construction should blend with existing architecture. The Heritage Room should have design and function so that it does not sit idle, but good use is made of it year-round.

6) The campaign for corporate and personal donations to the new library should be energetically undertaken by an appropriate committee. Monies so collected would help defray the project cost and reduce the proposed tax burden on Westmounters.

You have our full support and should you wish to discuss the project further, please contact me.

Stanley Baker
President

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Convenient roadblocks

The historic Meech Lake agreement was stopped in its tracks two years ago by failure of a legislature (Manitoba's) to give unanimous consent to proceed. The move to introduce year-round shopping in Quebec was similarly stopped in its tracks by the failure of the National Assembly to achieve unanimous approval.

I wonder if the two distinguished legislators who contribute to THE EXAMINER's pages can tell readers whether these archaic roadblocks were ever put into place to stop the passage of a pay increase for politicians?

If the answer is yes, please pass the smelling salts!

Ned Barrett
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our Mayor
Peter F. Trent
says...



Mayor Trent is taking a vacation from his column this week.

We need to vote on garbage issue

How is it that Westmounters are being consulted for opinions about a paltry \$7.5 million library upgrade, when there has been no public consultation on a \$60 million (Westmount's share) garbage disposal plan? Mayor Trent is voting yes to the Régie's plan without asking us. This five percent of the \$2.2 billion being misappropriated on burning and burying waste over the next 20 years (700,000 metric tonne/yr at \$80/tonne x 2 for inflation).

In Weact households we've educated ourselves to reduce our garbage to about 25 percent of its volume, so the rest of the public can be educated to do so too. Think what \$60 million of education in Westmount alone over 20 years would do. And we're not being given the chance. Instead, Westmounters are being quietly allowed to poison their own air, water and soil by ignoring the waste reduction emergency.

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Three cheers for Nancy Nelson

Congratulations are in order for Nancy Nelson, perhaps best known to your readers as city council aspirant in the last civic elections. She has recently succeeded in arranging for more adequate parking facilities for users of the Westmount arena.

When an arbitrary decision was made to restrict automobile access to the arena, coupled with strict enforcement of rules governing the meagre parking space available, many parents of children in the Westmount hockey program and other arena visitors faced extreme logistical problems.

Nancy quickly found a workable solution. She organized a petition, presented options to the council, and then followed up with the proper authorities to ensure that residents and their guests could enjoy hockey without the worry of parking fines.

Ms. Nelson also organized the Westmount (Atom) Wings parents' food contributions to the Cape Ann Invitational Hockey Tournament held here successfully this past weekend. About 100 American visitors were thrilled to visit Westmount for this sports and cultural exchange which has become a pleasant tradition.

So three cheers for her, for coaches and other enthusiastic parents, and too, for our recreation department and arena staff who cheerfully worked well in hosting and managing this popular event.

Robert Joyce
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Questions on library plan

Now that we have been asked to vote on the proposed changes to the library and the preliminary designs are on display, I hope I may be permitted a few comments and questions.

At present the most popular area is clearly the main floor reference department, which has 52 chairs for those who wish to work or read there. While I understand the need to divide that department into two sections (as it is now) with closed stacks and the books less in demand on the new ground floor, does it make sense to reduce the number of available chairs to 28, with a corresponding reduction in table space? Also, who will supervise the lower ground floor area? From where? As there is more than a fair chance that books will be taken from the reference library, with its 20 chairs, on the south side of the new wing, will this not create extra work for the staff?

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A tree concealed a new wing in the city's library plan



The reason why

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Another bang-up Christmas is on the way

You know Christmas is just around the corner when North American toy manufacturers bring out their big guns. Just look at the Nintendo bazooka, or the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle bomber. If there is any sure herald of the coming of the Christmas season, it must be the astonishing proliferation of weapons in television ads and in toy stores across North America.

This Christmas probably doesn't seem much worse than last year. Sure, G.I. Joe, that venerable symbol of American imperialism, is back in all his pre-Vietnam era, camouflaged glory. There are probably more stealth fighters on the toy store shelves this year than are in service in the United States Airforce, but that's all pretty normal.

And there's the problem. The annual proliferation of toy weapons and violent games has become a normal part of the Christmas season. Here we are, preparing to call for peace on Earth, while we blithely waltz through the aisles of the toy departments of Eaton and the Bay, picking out arsenals our children have begged for.

It's difficult to take some of these toys seriously. They are, after all, just toys. The Ninja Turtle plane drops smoke-filled "bubble bombs," and Nintendo systems merely bring the excitement of video arcade games into our living rooms. It's just good, clean

fun.

Indeed, children of many cultures make games out of war and violence. The Yanomamo of the Brazilian rainforest fire off toy arrows at one another, in imitation of their parents on the hunt and at war. Children learn through play the skills they will need to survive.

Our children, too, learn valuable social skills through play and toys. Building blocks teach younger children about the spatial relations of their environment. Finger paints are an outlet for creativity. Team sports help socialize children, and word games teach them to verbalize.

But what do violent toys teach? Violence.

For hunting cultures like the Yanomamo, weapons are a necessary part of every day life, and children must learn, through play, how to use them effectively. Our children have no such need.

Three years ago this week Marc Lepine clearly demonstrated just what real weapons are in our society. They are implements of destruction, pure and simple. They are instruments of death and pain. They serve no purpose other than murder. With no quarry or prey to catch in our sights, we can only turn our guns and other weapons on each other and ourselves.

Every time a child unwraps a toy gun or a model tank on Christmas Day, he or she is being prepared to

Between the Lines



MATTHEW FRIEDMAN

acquire the skills of destruction. Every time a child switches on a shoot-'em-up video game, he or she is enacting a pantomime all too similar to the rampage of Marc Lepine.

By giving our children violent toys, we are, in effect, endorsing weapons, and encouraging our children to learn the ways of hunters and killers, in a society that has no use for either.

Christmas is the one time of the year when most children's acquisitive desires are more than likely to be satisfied. Parents will pull out all the stops to make the little ones happy. However, we should all make a point of remembering the evil that violence is, and endeavour to not glorify it in the gifts that we give.

If Christmas is, indeed, to be a celebration of peace and brotherhood, then the Ninja Turtle Bombers and Nintendo Bazookas that crowd out our toy stores should be left to gather dust on the shelves.

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



Liberals have flip-flopped

My hairdresser, whose knowledge of politics is zilch, remarked that she, for one, would never work on Sunday.

"It's the only day my chum and I have to be together," she told me while she made my old grey head appear more youthful.

The root of the opposition to opening our stores and commercial establishments seven days a week stems from workers and from the small shops, which are the only operations entitled to be open Sunday.

The Bourassa government, having admitted its helplessness in the face of our economic problems, has flip-flopped on Sunday shopping and now pretends that it will create jobs and cut down on trans-border marketing. If they can prove that they're correct, the PQ may go along with the idea. So far, if we look at Ontario's experience, the case in favour of Sunday shopping is rather weak.

Solange, my spouse, holds the view that opening up for business on Sunday would not only be convenient, but it would not impose any greater hardship on workers than moving some of them to new shifts as she does with her employees at the Delta Hotel. As she also points out, lifestyles are changing and we're going to have to start looking at ways to help the consumer if they are to be enticed back into the stores.

In the long run, whatever we do will be a drop in the bucket compared to the effect of a real recovery in the U.S. of A. This Christmas they expect an average increase of 10 percent in spending over the past three years. With our dollar so low, perhaps we can attract U.S. shoppers.

Occasionally I bore my readers with specifics so, get ready. Between now and the Christmas break, the Minister of Justice wants to complete all the legislation related to the Civil Code. That means adopting a law entitled *An Act respecting the implementation of the reform of the Civil Code*. It contains 697 articles and covers the Code of Civil Procedure as well as 106 other laws. This will be my first chance to act as the official opposition critic and, while the bill is not highly controversial, my role will be to hold the government to its much vaunted high standard of fairness and efficiency in its approach to the code.

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FILES

Forty-five Years Ago November 28, 1947

A man described as "a prominent Muscovite and Russian statesman, confidante of Stalin and other leaders in Russia" addressed the Rotary Club. "Inside Russia, he said, the people live in one big happy united family, and they are quite free, outside opinion to the contrary, to do what they like, and say what they like —

most of the time... With an efficient and benevolent dictatorship there is no grafting or political slush funds."

Thirty-five Years Ago November 29, 1957

"Westmount's new ice rink is rapidly becoming a reality. Work on the \$580,000 project is right on schedule and completion should be by late April... The building will be partially open-air. Both the north and west sides will be completely open. The roof will rest on huge concrete pillars whose foundations are in some cases as deep as forty feet in the earth..."

Twenty-five Years Ago November 30, 1967

"Westmount Residents overwhelmingly approved City Council's Bylaw permitting the sale of liquor within city limits. The city charter allowed officials to close the

polls after one half hour elapsed without the appearance of one voter."

Ten Years Ago December 2, 1982

"Last week THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER carried a story about a house on Belvedere road being listed for sale at \$3 million, noting that it was probably the highest price ever placed on a Westmount residence. This week THE EXAMINER learned that an even more pricey dwelling is on the local market. The asking tab for the house at 78 Summit Crescent, built for Charles Bronfman in the late 1960s, is reported to be \$7 million."

One Year Ago November 28, 1991

"Skyrocketing rent has forced the closure of the main Westmount post office in April..."

Finance watchdog group urges library repair, not addition

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The city should make essential repairs to Westmount Public Library immediately and delay other proposed restoration and new building work until further study, states the Westmount Finance Action Committee.

It suggests that costs per household of the \$7.5 million plan have been understated and that insufficient information on costs has been made public.

"We're completely against the project," said chairman Roland Bénard yesterday after a special meeting of the watchdog group the night before.

He said the information package sent to all households did not contain enough details of the \$7.5 million plan on which to base a decision at this time "such as cost per square foot."

In a statement issued to the

press, the WFAC states: "The essential repairs to the basic building fabric should be separated, and repairs should proceed without further delay in the most cost effective manner."

"The proposal as it stands goes far beyond this, into a total conversion and rebuilding of the existing library at unwarranted expense unjustifiable in a time of recession."

Repairs to the library's roof, windows and drainage are estimated at \$2.3 million, restoration work at \$2.2 million and building of the new wing at \$3 million.

"The increase in operating costs provided by a 50 per cent addition in the size of the new facility have not been disclosed," the statement says.

It also states that \$500,000 worth of professional fees had been appropriated yet information made available was inadequate.

The group reiterates its call for a citizens' committee of experts to be set up to look into the feasibility of the project.

Mr. Bénard told THE EXAMINER that money spent to restore the main library building might better be used, if available, to further upgrade the electric utility or other more pressing items.

Comments on library being judged Monday

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

If Westmounters turn down the \$7.5 million building plan to rejuvenate the Westmount Public Library, city council likely will go ahead with badly-needed repairs, Mayor Peter Trent said Monday.

The extent of work would depend on the comments made by respondents, he said.

Preliminary results of the city-wide poll will be announced at Monday's city council meeting. Anyone who has not yet returned the questionnaire and wants to be counted has until tomorrow to do so.

By Friday, the city had received back 1,261 of the 9,949 questionnaires sent to all households three weeks ago, he said. This is a 13 per cent return.

Though council may not make a decision Monday night on the project, citizens' comments will be of particular value if the vote is not clear cut either way, he said.

"People may bring up things we never thought of," he said.

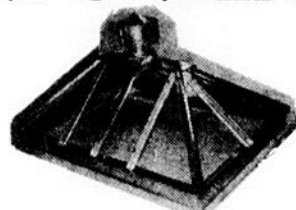
"If results come out negative, especially with the homeowners, our fall-back position would be to do the repairs, relying on the comments to guide us in how much to do without further consultation."

The repair portion of the project is estimated at \$2.3 million, with \$2.2 million earmarked for restoration and \$3 million for building a new wing.

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Petty theft

A 56-year-old Montreal man faces shoplifting charges over \$2.28 worth of merchandise he was seen putting in his pocket at the Pharmaprix store in Place Alexis Nihon Wednesday last week, police said. He had selected Wizard air freshener as well as a package of Renuzit.

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City building suffers from poor air quality

By J. MARION FEINBERG

The city hall annex at 15 Stanton St. is a sick building, according to the company that conducted air quality tests recently.

The main problems are overheating and a lack of fresh air circulation due to the fact that the buildings' equipment is very old, said Serge Moisan, supervisor for Honeywell Ltd.

The Public Security Unit and human resources department work in the building.

"Even after the recommended cleaning of the heating and cooling coils, they're only getting 53 per cent effectiveness," said Mr. Moisan, referring to a second set of tests conducted after some of the problems were isolated.

The test results showed that the relative humidity was slightly lower than normal and the heat was higher than normal in some places. Carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide levels needed some adjustment, but there was nothing to be unduly alarmed about, said Fred Caluori, public works director.

The first set of tests were done Nov. 9 and 10; the second set were done Nov. 25.

Bruce St. Louis received complaints about the air quality in the human resources office. People complained the air was stuffy, and Public Safety Sgt. Robert Hryciuk said he was suffering from headaches and fatigue.

The city's health and safety committee, after visiting his office, recommended a ventilation system be installed. The office was originally designed as an occasional conference room, not a full-time workplace.

The complaints led the public works department to recommend two of the air handling units be replaced next year, pending council approval. Although he said he wouldn't call the annex a sick building, Mr. Caluori said he admits the ventilation system has to be improved.

"We knew that we had to replace the units and we had it budgeted for the last couple of years," he said. "I believe now we're going to go ahead with the work because we have to be concerned with the

health and safety of the employees. The units date back to 1964 and are badly corroded. They're not working the way they were designed to work."

The city has already seen an improvement in the fresh air circulation of the building since it cleaned the coils on Nov. 21.

"They succeeded by gaining a 35 per cent improvement," said Mr. Moisan. "They went from almost no fresh air circulation to 53 per cent but I thought they'd get a better result."

The reason why nothing has been done prior to now has to do with the uncertain future of Montreal Uurban Community police Station 23 and the possibility of the fire station changing locations, said Mr. Caluori.

"Another factor is that the building is not being utilized the way it was designed to be used," he added. "One of the public security offices was only meant to be used as an occasional conference room, not an office."

Money has been allocated to replace two air handling units at a cost of \$30,000 each.

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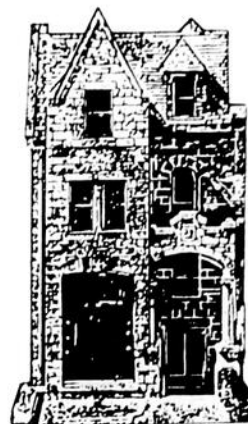


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STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Slick bank holdup

A bank bandit did not bother to wait in line Monday last week at the Laurentian branch, 4848 Sherbrooke St., police said. He simply walked to the back about 1:22 p.m., pulled a hood over his face and approached one of the tellers.

Pushing past a woman customer, he grabbed the money she was using to pay a bill and then pointed a gun at the cashier. Police did not disclose the amount.

The robbery occurred so quickly that neither woman was able to provide a description of the suspect while many others in the bank at the time were unaware a holdup was even happening.

Night cash stolen

An employee from the Mia store in Place Alexis Nihon was robbed of a night deposit bag Friday as she carried it to the nearby Bank of Montreal at 10 p.m., police said. Police did not say how much was stolen. The thief grabbed the bag out of her hands but did not threaten her in any way. The victim was 21 years old.

Visitors and cash missing

A resident of St. Catherine Street near Abbott Avenue took two Venezuelan immigrants into his home during October but found the couple gone last Thursday and \$1,300 missing from his bank account, police said. Four cheques that were drawn on the account were taken from the home. The resident had provided shelter for the man who later was joined by his wife.

Hospital patient unwilling to leave

A man who was waiting in the Forum line for tickets to the Metallica concert overnight last Thursday did not appear eager to leave the Reddy Memorial Hospital after he was taken there for an injured hand.

Police said the 32-year-old Ville Émard man asked to see a psychiatrist but refused to leave when told to come back when one was on duty. Becoming very aggressive, he allegedly threatened staff and had to be pinned down until police arrived to take him to local police Station 23. He kicked the car and banged his head but was released without charges after cooling down in holding cells. He was reported to have been under the influence of alcohol and possibly narcotics.

Rush hour ire

A cabbie punched and pulled a driver Friday morning at The Boulevard and Victoria Avenue, police said. Both had been driving west up the Côte St. Luc hill about 8:15 a.m. when the victim was believed to have cut off the taxi. "What did you do that for," asked the irate cabbie during the assault. The victim managed to record a licence plate as the taxi sped off.

Office theft

A mini-cassette recorder, CD Walkman, Mont Blanc pen and petty cash box were stolen from the Nutricom office at 4115 Sherbrooke St. over the weekend Nov. 20-23, police said. Total amount of the theft was not disclosed. No signs of forced entry were found.

Table manners bad

A thief carted away a wooden picnic table from the back yard of a house at 446 Mount Pleasant Ave. between Nov. 20-22, police said. There are no known witnesses and no suspects. The table had been in the garden for many years and had sentimental value to the residents, according to public security officials who also were informed of the theft.

Phone, jewelry gone from home

A cordless phone, VCR and jewelry were among items stolen from an apartment at 4775 Sherbrooke St. Monday last week, police said. The suspect forced open the lock on the door and was believed to have filled a hockey bag found on the premises with an array of articles including a portable radio with CD player and many compact discs.

Off to find Josephine?

Two art objects were reported stolen Wednesday last week from Connaisseur Antiques at 1312 Greene Ave., police said. A green box with a drawing of a woman was valued at \$400 while a bronze statue of Napoleon standing 26 centimetres (10 inches) high was worth \$700. A set of keys was also discovered missing about 4 p.m.

Bicycle found

A green three-speed bicycle was found Saturday morning in Westmount Park Saturday near Victoria Hall. It can be claimed at local MUC police Station 23.

Carvings from Thailand and Indonesia at new store

Original Thai wood sculptures are featured at a new artisan store called Safari Masque.

But that's not all. Owner George Heskia said he has just unloaded a new shipment of statues, sculptures, masks, carpets and antiques from Indonesia, Mexico, Iran and Thailand.

The store opened for business at 4435 St. Catherine St. about three weeks ago and will cater to Westmounters looking for original hand-made artwork that can be a gift or a decorative addition to a collection.

Mr. Heskia said he decided to open a store in Westmount because

of a combination of factors. "I was pleased with the area, with Westmount and with my store space," he said, adding that he is aware that Westmount businesses make it on their reputation and is eager to please.

New café is smoke-free

Guess how many different kinds of coffee are brewed at 21 Rue du Café?

Business briefs

If you logically deduced 21, you get brownie points.

The new concept in coffee features an espresso bar with soup, salad and sandwiches as well as flavoured espressos and latté, the Italian version of café au lait, said supervisor Pauline Worsoff.

Huge thermos-like containers called air pots are arranged on a long island and the restaurant has been completely smoke-free since the day it opened about a month ago.

"For every smoker who is turned away because of the rule, there are 10 non-smokers who love it," she said.

The staff at the café located at 5025 Sherbrooke is specially-trained to explain the various coffees to their customers.

"We've had an excellent response so far," she said. "Every-

thing is made without chemicals, mixes or powders."

She describes the design as modular with a European touch. Plants, porcelain tiles and custom-made rust and cream cabinetry give it a warm feeling, she said.

Palmistry Centre opens new museum

The Palmistry Centre has just opened its own museum featuring the palm prints of celebrities, millionaires and murderers.

Its a new feature for the Victoria Avenue centre that promises to be original and fun, according to vice-president Kathleen Kaogh.

Visitors can browse through introductory section that explains the basic principles of palm-reading including the left and right hand characteristics as well as the

major and minor lines.

Palm prints of people such as Joni Mitchell, Gino Vanelli, Ginette Reno, Karen Kain and Robertson Davies are available for perusal.

Also, a bazaar will be held Sunday Dec. 6 from 12 to 6 p.m. featuring mini-readings of 20 minutes for \$20, as well as holiday gift ideas such as foot massagers, massage oils and gift certificates.

Expansion for Xmas

Forget the elves, it's the 18 artists of the Farfelu co-operative gallery who've been hard at work creating Christmas gifts and your chance to see the results will be at their Holiday Show and Sale, starting Dec. 3.

The artists, who usually work out of the Visual Arts Centre, will move to the Centre's McClure Gallery for the sale.

Included will be woodturning, ceramics, jewelry, painted silk, dollmaking, weaving, papermaking, knitting, glass sculpture and more.

Spokesperson Don Goddard says prices will range from "\$10 to hundreds of dollars."

"They'll be some big ticket items," he says, "But I'd say about 90 per cent of our items are in the gift-giving range — that is \$100 and under."

The sale will run until to Jan. 2. The McClure Gallery is located in the Visual Arts Centre at 350 Victoria Ave. The gallery will be open on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., until Christmas.

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By Reg Morden

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Most of us take the upcoming holiday season in stride. Good food, lots of parties, and special presents. Truly this is a festive time of the year. However, not everyone is so lucky or as blessed. Tragically, there are thousands of Montrealers who will never experience the celebrating that the majority of us take for granted. These unfortunates must rely on others even for things as basic as food. This year, there are more families dependent than ever before. Now is the time to unleash your holiday spirit and share your good fortune. A basket to receive your donations for Sun Youth is now available at our office. Foodstuffs, particularly meat and fish are anxiously sought after. New toys are also welcome and if wrapped, please mark by age and sex. We will guarantee delivery for distribution to the needy in time for Christmas. A very sincere "thank you" in advance on behalf of the recipients.

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What do you think of the MUCTC bus system now?

We went out recently to ask Westmount residents what they thought of changes to the Montreal Urban Community Transit Corp.'s bus service. The MUCTC has added express routes and new schedules giving detailed information about the times buses can be expected at any given stop.



DONNA SINCLAIR
N.D.G.

"Yes, it makes a difference. Now, instead of coming out and wondering what time the bus will arrive I can kind of know when it will come, or if I've just missed it. I already have the schedule for the 90 (St. Catherine and St. Jacques streets)."



LEE JACQUES
Montreal

"Yes, I think it will make a difference, actually. I'll just know when the buses are going to be there; it will be more convenient. I come to Westmount every day."



CRAIG HIGGINS
N.D.G.

"I don't use the bus that often. I didn't know there were new schedules — they wouldn't really make a difference to me."



PATTIE GRUMAN
Westmount

"I use the bus every day — the 24 Sherbrooke — but I don't think the changes will make a difference personally. I'd like to say yes, but I don't think so."



MINNIE TOWN
Westmount

"I use the bus a lot — it's all I can do to get around. The 24 (Sherbrooke), that's all I use. Yes, I think it would be good to know when the bus will be at the stop."

City no slacker when it comes to theft from cars

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Ten cars were broken into in Westmount last week in a rash of thefts from vehicles, police said. There have been 12 others in November, as of Sunday.

In addition, thieves tried to steal one car and were successful at

taking another two for a total of 12 thefts of vehicles in the month.

Thefts from cars, widespread through the Montreal Urban Community, are occurring as police carry out a crime prevention push to encourage motorists to lock cars and hide merchandise from view.

Music cassettes, a radio, cellular phone, suitcase and school bag were among the items taken from cars, while some had nothing stolen. Fog lights were removed from the bumpers of another.

If victims think the car theft problem is bad in Westmount, said Station 23 crime analyst Jacques Blanchette, "Montreal is getting clobbered."

Two suspects were spotted Sunday night trying to break into a 1989 Dodge Aries behind 35 York St. They ran off when seen and it was not known if they might have been responsible for some of the other thefts.

A 1989 Mercedes valued at \$75,000 vanished from a driveway Monday last week at 432 Roslyn Ave. The thief had to know how the alarm system operated to not activate it, police said. Two other cars in the driveway were not touched.

A car alarm on a 1991 Lincoln was set off the same night about 8:45 at 776 Lexington Ave., scaring away a thief in the throes of removing the ignition.

A 1984 Dodge Aries was stolen Tuesday afternoon last week at Claremont and Sherbrooke while its owner went to a nearby restaurant. It was valued at \$4,000.

A thief who broke into a Pontiac Sunbird behind 4203 St. Catherine St. left empty-handed after finding only school work and some personal papers in a bag left inside. The incident, Monday night last week, resulted in \$300 damage to a win-

dow that was smashed to provide entry. The car belongs to a teacher from Pointe Claire.

Two cars were broken into behind the apartment building at 4270 Dorchester Blvd. Monday night last week. About \$1.50 was stolen from a 1991 Nissan Pathfinder where it had been left on the dashboard. A 1991 Volvo was searched but nothing taken. Both vehicles belong to residents of the building.

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think we fit into their plan," he said. "They need a high end men's store to cater to their clientele."

Robert Abner, owner of Celine Soria, closed his doors after 26 years.

"I've lost a lot of money," he said. "Before going bankrupt, I preferred to leave."

The combined effect of the renovations, the recession and the fact that not enough was done to attract customers led to his decision to leave and re-open shop at the downtown Cours Mt. Royal, he said. He was one of many tenants unable to pay more than half the rent for quite a while, he added.

Ms. Burns uses the analogy of freshening up a bouquet of flowers to describe the elements necessary to redeveloping or repositioning a shopping centre. She likens some of the merchants who did not fit with the new concept to wilted flowers that needed plucking. Some with potential just need to be rejuvenated, she said.

"Over the past year, we've tried to organize events to draw customers, we tried to get the merchants to serve coffee, offer jelly beans etc., but some merchants didn't cooperate," she said.

The mall redevelopment specialist used ideas emanating from Ken Dychtwald's *Age Wave* and Faith Popcorn's *The Popcorn Report* which discuss the impact of baby-boomers on the economy. This is one of the reasons why the muzak will be replaced with a new soundtrack that will focus on Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holliday, Stan Getz, as well as classical and New Age music. She said that being on the cutting edge of marketing ideas is the only way to go.

For the incoming tenants, criteria the management is looking for is positive-thinking. The new stores will include Duckies, a fun kid's



This is an artist's rendering of what the new food market will look like in Westmount Square. The market will extend from the Greene Avenue entrance, along one side of the mall (where Metro used to be) until the escalator. Fresh fish, breads, fruits, vegetable and flowers will be sold.

clothing store, two Hugo Nicholson stores (one each for men and women), Ma Maison, an elegant housewares store and La Compagnie de Paniers, which will offer gourmet and gift baskets for all occasions.

The food market will be called Marché Westmount Square. It will have on-site butchers, a fish monger, fruit and vegetable vendors, coffee specialists, bakers and more. The atmosphere will be theatrical, with piped in Pavarotti music or

maybe a little Dixieland to keep the shoppers happy, she said.

Ms. Burns said she is confident Westmounters will embrace the new concept since many expressed their desire in preliminary market

research to return to the centre if there was something to go back to.

"They unanimously said they loved Westmount Square and that there was still an emotional attachment," she said.

Arts summit

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In summing up the summit, Mayor Peter Trent said management for arts events could be helped along by "a cultural czar, or be contracted out. What was really missing in Arts Westmount was someone to number crunch. I think the city can provide that part."

Mr. Trent said the arts events in the city should be restricted to Westmount talent, of a professional or semi-professional calibre.

Many expressed frustration that there is no suitable site for exhibits, plays and the like.

"The city of Westmount is working on a very limited budget," said Councillor Jim Wright, who chaired the arts summit. "We'd like to revamp Victoria Hall, but that's not in the cards. For the next few years, all of our efforts will be spent on the library."

After that, who knows, he said. A report to then-mayor May Cutler outlining necessary changes to the concert hall was prepared in 1989, but never acted upon.

About 25 people attended the summit.

They included writers, photographers, painters, dancers, patrons of the arts, representatives from the Visual Arts Centre and even a woman from Dawson College. Christine Southmayd had come to tell people the college wants to become more involved in the community, and has an auditorium and a room with theatrical lighting.

The lighting at Victoria Hall is one reason why the building is reviled by performers.

Ms. Southmayd also said a gallery space could perhaps be included in an extension to the college, if it is approved by the city.

"Until we know what we want to do, how to get there or what we need, we can talk about the spaces, but for what?" commented Maurice Rhéaume, director of the Visual Arts Centre.

A mission statement will be developed by the committee. It is counting on word of mouth and enthusiasm, said Ms. Lindsay. She encourages artists in the community to realize the committee has been formed and offer input.

If you are an artist and wish to let the committee know of your comments and visions, call city hall at 935-8531 and ask for Angela.

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Where were they going?



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

- Nov. 23**
Nil;
- Nov. 24**
10:18 a.m.: 618 Belmont, smoke detector activated by welding pipe;
2:40 p.m.: 4675 St. Catherine, first responder unit for medical assistance to nine-year-old boy fallen on arena ice;
3:02 p.m.: Greene and St. Catherine, for smell of gas, no leak found;
4:33 p.m.: 107 Blenheim, strange odour traced to leaking aerosol can;
10:58 p.m.: 637 Lansdowne, smoke from fireplace entering adjoining home from chimney top;
- Nov. 25**
11:08 a.m.: 388 Olivier, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 11:14 a.m., alarm set off by workers in basement;
12:57 p.m.: 4914 Sherbrooke, problem with exterior electrical entrance;
7:29 p.m.: 4095 Tupper, unnecessary call;
10:32 p.m.: 4293 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;

- Nov. 26**
11:03 a.m.: 331 Clarke, first responder unit for medical assistance;
11:19 a.m.: Oakland and Summit Circle, first responder unit for medical assistance;
10:02 p.m.: Westmount and Forden, first responder unit for medical assistance at car accident, none required;
11:13 p.m.: 618 Belmont, defective fire alarm;

- Nov. 27**
9:40 a.m.: 4300 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;
7:21 p.m.: 25 Renfrew, alarm accidentally activated when changing smoke detector batteries;
11:24 p.m.: 426 Lansdowne, smell of propane gas, tap on exterior tank tightened;

- Nov. 28**
Nil;

- Nov. 29**
9:40 a.m.: 418 Claremont, code 3 automatic mutual assistance from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:46 a.m., alarm activated in apt. 58 after one corner of a cardboard garbage box ignited when left on stove, fire out;
2:16 p.m.: 7035 Côte St. Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 2:18 p.m.;

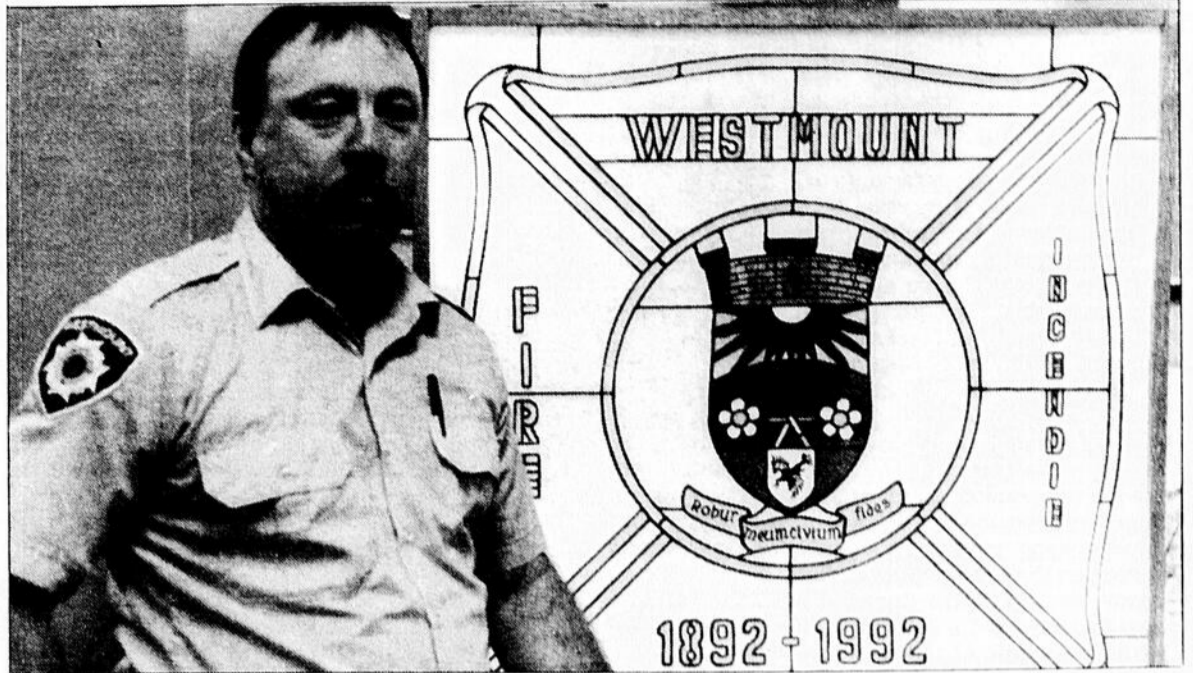
- Nov. 30**
9:46 a.m.: 636 Clarke, defective gas furnace;
10:37 a.m.: King George (Murray) Park, dog run, strange odour;
11:41 a.m.: 592 Côte St. Antoine, first responder unit for medical assistance;
3:55 p.m.: 18 Severn, smoke detector activated by cooking.

Two men arrested for driving while impaired

Two men were arrested last week for drinking and driving in Westmount, according to police and public security reports. A man who was found sleeping behind the wheel of a badly-parked car at Academy Road and de Maisonneuve Boulevard Friday at 3:25 a.m. was arrested on charges of being in control of a motor vehicle while impaired. The 43-year-old man was reported to be in such a deep sleep that he did not awaken when police shook him. The car was parked against the flow of traffic at an angle to the curb. It was spotted by public

safety officers who called Montreal Urban Community police. The driver was taken away to have a breathalyzer test. Sunday at 4:50 a.m., an erratically-driven red Nissan was noticed at Greene Avenue and Sherbrooke Street by public safety officers. It was followed while MUC police were called as it drove to Claremont and de Maisonneuve and back east to Fort and René Lévesque. There, officers flagged down a patrol car whose officers arrested for driver, handcuffed him and took him for a breathalyser test.

Completing a work of love



Firefighter David Cobb has spent 1,000 hours to create the badge of the Westmount Fire Brigade in stained glass to mark the department's centennial year. After official presentation at a later date, the work will be displayed publicly at the entrance of the fire station on Stanton Street. Mr. Cobb, who joined in the brigade 24 years ago, is the grandson of a former fire chief, William Cobb, who retired in 1956.

Wild driver faces charge of assaulting an officer

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A 19-year-old driver faces charges of assaulting a public security sergeant who chased him Saturday after the car nearly hit a pedestrian, police said. The man, a resident of Belvedere Road, was also ticketed for dangerous driving and for having a dirty licence plate. He was arrested but released on a promise to appear in court. The incident occurred about 11:50 a.m., soon after a woman told

Public Safety Officer Tim Wilson a grey Volvo was speeding along Côte St. Antoine Road.

As the officer was talking to Sgt. Greg Cockerell outside the city greenhouse in Westmount Park, they heard screeching tires and saw a grey Volvo going west on Sherbrooke Street.

"It was fish-tailing and narrowly missed a couple of cars and a pedestrian at the corner," Sgt. Cockerell said.

As it swerved around the corner

and into a parking pad at 25 Arlington Ave., skid marks were left on the street. The officers ran across the street, asked the driver to wait for Montreal Urban Community police and called for a security van to block the car until police arrived.


While the sergeant was describing the episode to another officer, the driver reportedly pushed him from the back, called him a liar and hit him in the chest. He was not reported to have been injured.

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Budget kicks off council meeting Monday

Citizens accustomed to attending city council meetings should note that Monday's session will start with 1993 budget proceedings starting about 7:30 p.m.

The earlier time was set to accommodate a lengthy agenda at the regular business meeting following the special budget session.

Among agenda items announced by the city clerk's office at press time yesterday are:

- Announcement of preliminary results of the library poll and other reports from the mayor and councillors;
- Sale of some 30 properties for non-payment of taxes, of which the majority are condominiums at 200 Lansdowne Ave.;
- Traffic changes: to create a loading zone on the south side of Cedar Avenue west of Clarke Avenue as suggested by the Citizens' Traffic Advisory Committee, to establish various loading and no-stopping zones on Clarke and Kitchener avenues around St. Léon's school and to allow parking on the west

side of the arena driveway after 6 p.m. weekdays;

- Notice of motion to increase fines at traffic meters to \$20 from \$10;
- Blue box expenditures to implement recycling for apartment buildings with nine units or more;
- Tenders and purchases: professional services of a management consultant as needed to assist in implementing the reorganization of city structure, heavy-duty rescue truck for fire department, diesel fuel, electrical distribution transformers, recovery of hydrocarbons, general insurance, rental of debris containers, ventilation for garages at Corporation Yard, 29 street light poles, repairs to Westmount Park footpaths, modification of 200 parking meters to accept \$1 coins, emergency generator for fuel pumps, installation of 32 trash cans in parks, automated library ser-

vices for the next six months, installation of electro-magnetic anti-theft system at library and two traffic-light controllers and renovations to employee lunch room at Corporation Yard.

- Statements of financial interests from members of council;
- Report that no protest signatures were registered concerning changes to building line bylaw and loan bylaw for integrated library system;
- Notice of motion to amend the Police and Firemen's Pension Plan;
- Re-appointment of Dr. Gertrude Robinson as a library trustee and an unnamed appointment to the Architectural & Planning Commission;
- Cadastral operations to convert 472-474-476 Wood Ave. to condominiums and to extend building at 28 Arlington Ave.

I Say!

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In the same way, why is the rearranged "Popular Library" on the main floor, another much-used area, to lose four of its present 12 chairs? I am not at all sure that its users will be pleased to seek space elsewhere.

It is odd, too, to place shipping and receiving at the south-east end of the ground floor of the new wing and the support services and work area at the south-west end of the upper floor at the other end of the building. This is poor planning. Would it not have been better to have the two areas adjacent to one another or one above the other? As proposed, deliveries will have to be transferred further and up two more floors than they are now.

The plans show what appears to be a ramp or staircase of wide, shallow steps between at least two of the floors. If the latter, is this wise? I understood this solution by Mr. Safdie in the extension to the Museum of Fine Arts has not

pleased the public.

The new red brick wing will be a most welcome addition to the original building but does it have to be so much of a rectangular box? Can anyone say it is an inspired design? Why are the windows on the south side so small? Their treatment, especially on the ground floor, gives new meaning to the term rose window. The city yard outside is certainly not attractive but that could surely be cleaned up. Why not let a little more light in on that side as well?

Two final but important questions remain. When the work is finished will be present staff complement remain the same or will it have to be increased? Do the architect's fees, which seem high, conform to the provincial schedule? Perhaps they do not have to, but if they should, wherein lies the exemption?

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Dawson vies for Phase IV

DAWSON College recently put in an appeal for funding to complete Phase IV of its mammoth construction project, said Patrick Woodsworth, director general.

The tail end of the long-term plan includes provisions for completing the de Maisonneuve wing with a gymnasium incorporated into it, he said.

"We haven't yet received an answer but it takes a long time

for these things to happen. It's entirely normal," he said.

The request for funding, sent to the Minister of Higher Education about one month ago, was in the order of \$18 to \$20 million, he added. But how much the actual completion of the work is likely to cost would be entirely speculative, he said.

"We hope this will be the final leg of the project," he said. "At this point, we have no indication of the minister's intentions."

Diamonds in the roughage

A Carlton Avenue resident is shy about having her name in the newspaper, but wants to trumpet the name of 5 Saisons after a harrowing incident Friday.

The resident was food shopping, diamond bracelet dangling from her wrist, when she noticed it had disappeared.

Frantic, she hunted among the vegetables and up and down aisles for the present her husband had given her on a birthday. Store employees got involved, but the expensive piece of jewelry was nowhere to be found.

Dejected, she drove home, parked in the driveway, went inside and the phone was ringing. Store manager Arnold Anthony was on the line, saying a cashier had found the bracelet at her cash.

"I shop there sometimes," said the resident, "but I think I will a lot more often."

Gun amnesty lengthened

The federal government's gun amnesty is proceeding so well that it has been extended by two weeks, police said Monday.

Residents now have until Dec. 15 inclusive to turn in unwanted firearms without fear of prosecution, according to local crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron.

Who's doing what?

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

Nov. 23

128 Arlington: for Lorne Wiseman by contractor to be announced, install satellite dish, \$1,500;

Nov. 24

626 Sydenham: for Mr. Benoualid by Borenstein Plumbing, install one plumbing fixture, \$220;

51 Holton: for Mr. Robin by M. Croteau Inc., install 11 plumbing fixtures, \$6,000;

753 Upper Lansdowne: for Evelyn Rosenbloom by contractor to be announced, windows, \$6,000;

Nov. 25

There were no permits issued on this day.

Nov. 26

4732 The Boulevard: for M. Beliveau by Plomberie Normand, replace stack, \$4,000;

580 Côte St. Antoine: for J. Pyun by Entr. S. Dufort Inc., install four plumbing fixtures, \$5,000;

Nov. 27

4160 Dorchester: for Mr. Ismail by Plomberie Normand, install one fixture, \$2,100.

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Grade 6 kids teach advanced math to high schools

By CHRIS FAIR

Dawson teacher one of just two academic mentors

It was too difficult for the student teachers to reach a chalkboard to write on so now they're using an overhead projector.

These math teachers, are only eight to 10 years old. They are all members of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal's mentor program and some have been speaking to high school students since they were six. Two weeks ago they visited Selwyn House School and lectured to 250 high school students.

"It was quite interesting to use an overhead projector because I can do a lot of different things in my talks now," said nine-year-old Josh Verrall.

The program was created 10 years ago by Michael Thomas, a consultant for the school board's instructional services division. Volunteers who have expertise in a field donate their time to the students to offer them enrichment beyond what is normally provided at their age level.

Eugene Lehman, a Dawson College math teacher, is the co-ordinator for the high school math presentations. Each week, he spends a full day with the young experts.

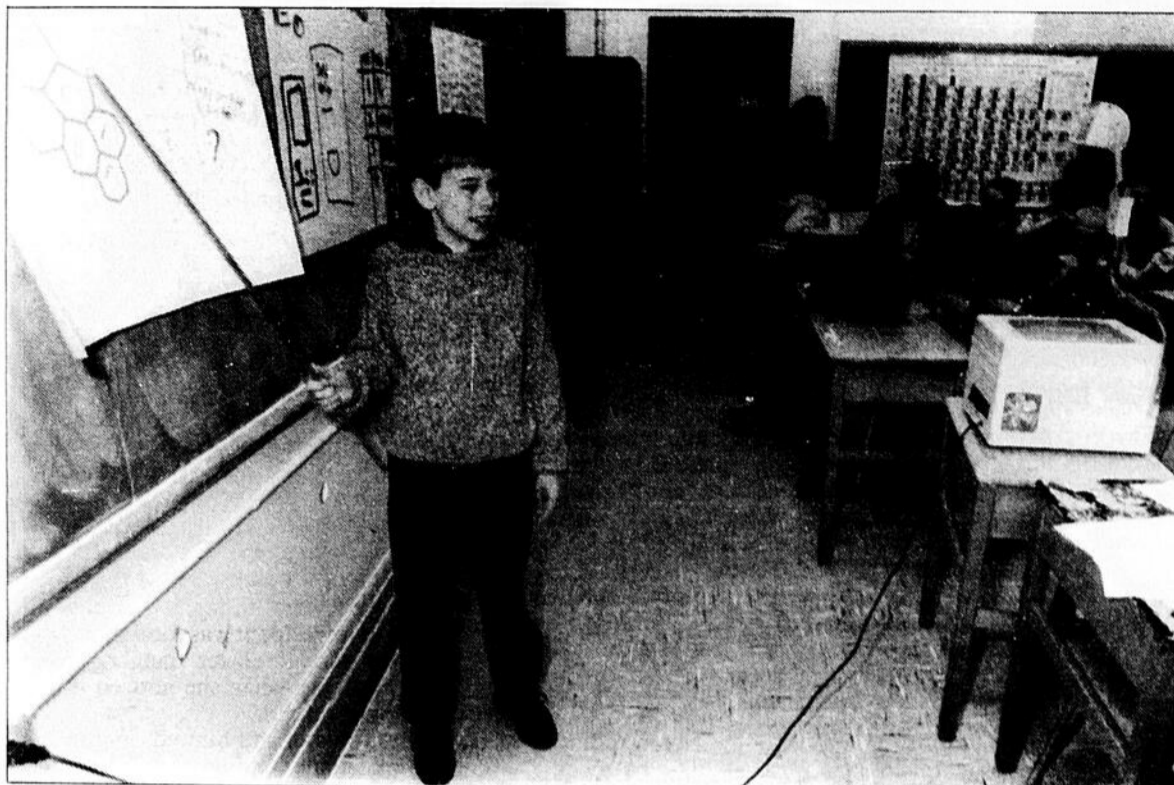
Mr. Lehman is one of only two academic mentors currently in the program.

"It's wonderful dealing with these kids. You get high off their enthusiasm," Lehman, 79, said.

"I'd be miserable without them. Some people drink or do other things for enjoyment, but I just work with kids, it's the high point of my week."

Mr. Lehman used to be a mentor at several schools, including Roslyn, but has trimmed his time because he is being lured away by a similar position, but one that is paid, at Jewish parochial schools, said Mr. Thomas.

Also, "some principals like him, some say 'Get rid of the guy,'" said Mr. Thomas. "Some principals find he's too... adventurous."



One of Eugene Lehman's students takes the floor at FACE school last week.

Photo by: OWEN EGAN

There are two other types of mentors, said Mr. Thomas. There are those who read to children, accompany them on field trips and monitor them in libraries, whom he calls personal mentors. The other type are career mentors, who offer children interested in their field a peek at the profession.

Academic mentors, like Mr. Lehman, "are hard to get. These skilled, competent people usually have plenty to do" without being part of the program, he said.

Four of Mr. Lehman's students are from Willingdon school and the other three are from Royal Vale. The group is currently touring Montreal high schools to give their lessons on statistics, fibonacci, and non-communitive groups. They were teaching at FACE last

week, and were to be at Loyola high school this week.

The students say they learn a lot from the experience and that it doesn't bother them to be speaking to people who are much older.

"It's the first time we've done it in front of this many people, but we've done it before, so we weren't too nervous," said 10-year-old Noah Brender.

Josh Frankel, 10, is new to the program. The lesson he gave at Selwyn was his first. "I was pretty nervous, but when I got up there speaking I was O.K.," he said.

Since the program's inception, more than 25 students have taught as part of Mr. Lehman's program. This year's group has been invited to meet with the heads of Concor-

dia and McGill's math departments. They won't be teaching at Mr. Lehman's Dawson College this

year, however, because he said some teachers in the department think it would be demeaning to have children giving a lecture in college.

"Maybe next semester I can convince my colleagues to have them come in," said Mr. Lehman. "The kids really want to come to Dawson. They're teaching kids who are six grades higher, but they would like to try teaching to people eight grades higher."

The student teachers are quick to defend the value of their lessons when asked if the high school students learn anything from their talks.

"The ones who take good notes probably do," said Josh Verrall, who plans to become a doctor or computer programmer. Even though this is his third year teaching within the program, he said he wouldn't consider doing it professionally until he retires.

"I think all of it pays off, though. I find Eugene very interesting," he said.

Many students in the schools the group visits are very "impressed" by the lectures they give, said Mr. Lehman.

"They put a lot of hard work into the presentations," he said. "But the pressure to do well comes from them, not the parents and not myself."

Group trying to establish kids' museum

The Children's Enrichment Committee is looking for creative and business-minded volunteers to join in planning a community-based interactive museum with access for children of all ages.

The committee is fledgling. It has not decided where the museum will be. The first real meeting will take place Dec. 7. The committee is looking for people who will take the time and effort to create a hands-on museum, accessible to all income groups, for children.

If you can help, call the Children's Museum Project at 488-2045 and leave a message.

Getaway bike apparently gone

A black bicycle was nowhere to be seen when police arrested a woman allegedly seen stealing it Friday behind 361 Melville Ave., officers said. The suspect was detained in connection with the theft as well as breaching terms of probation. The 52-year-old is described as having no fixed address.

Donation adds imager to children's hospital

A private donation has made it possible for Montreal Children's Hospital to purchase a \$2.5 million magnetic resonance imager. Construction for its installation is under way and expected to last until May.

The high-definition images produced by the scanner can help in diagnosis, treatments and surgery. It is thought use of the scanner will be less frightening for children

than radiology, and it provides little or no discomfort for the patient.

Patients will begin to benefit from the use of the new equipment in July. They will no longer be transferred to adult care facilities to have access to a magnetic resonance imager. This is an added safety feature, since an adult hospital is unable to solve pediatric problems, should they arise during the visit.

Summer school

Registration forms are now available for Explorations '93 summer school at McGill University for the month of July. For information call 398-4252 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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By JANET COUTTS

Native centre sale

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baskets and the ubiquitous T-shirt with native designs. All the profits will go to throwing a party with Santa Claus for the native children on Dec. 12. The sale is from noon to 5 p.m. both days, and free coffee and tea will be served to help you keep up your shopping strength. 937-5338.

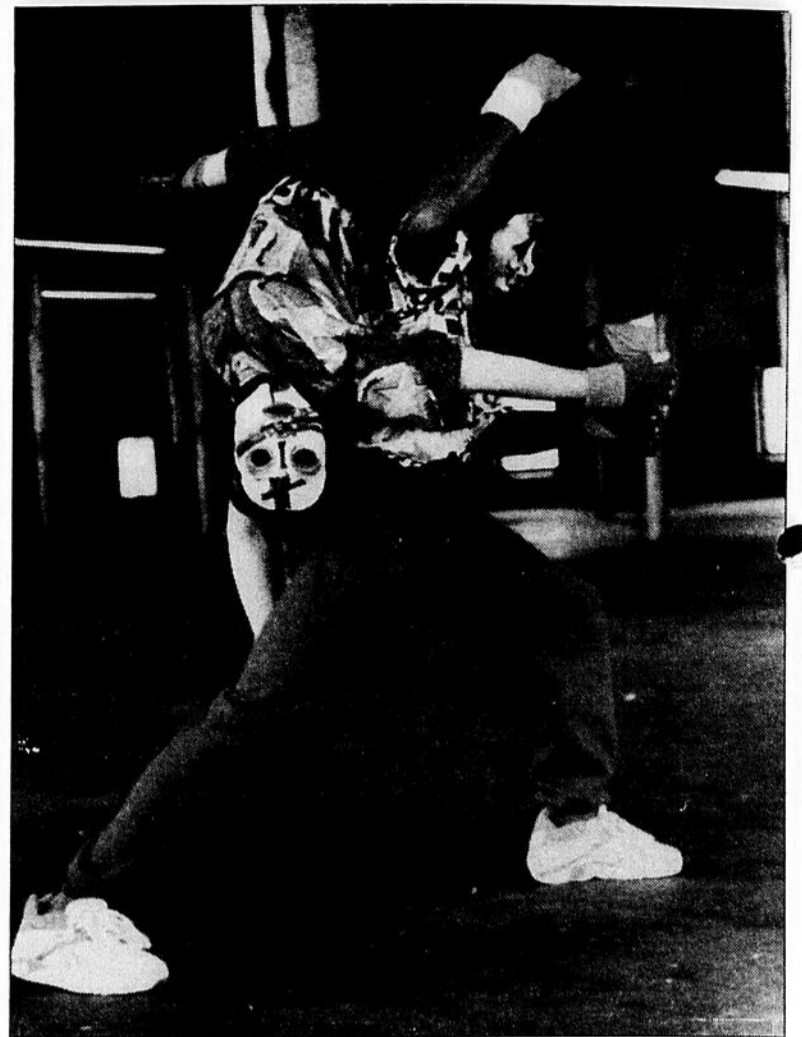
Super heros

There is a comic-book convention in the city on Sunday. Some time ago comic books moved from being bought out of your allowance and then swapped around the neighbourhood to the status of collecting rare china, say, or antique teddy bears. On Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Delta Montreal, 475 President Kennedy Ave., will have 80 dealers from Canada and the U.S. flogging their wares. Also on hand to meet their fans will be Dale Keown, the artist for Incredible Hulk and Pitt and

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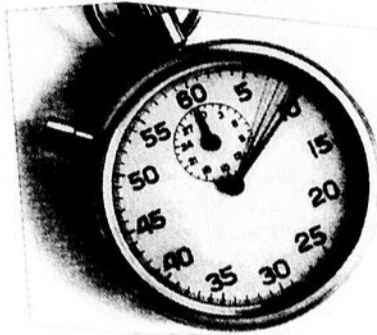
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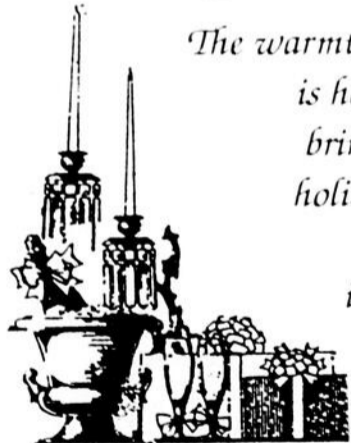
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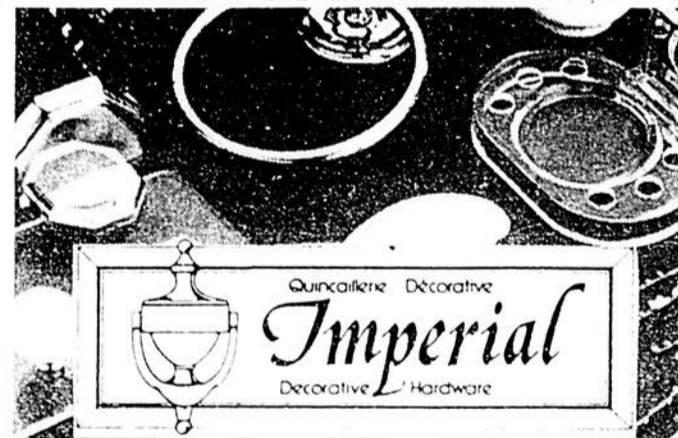
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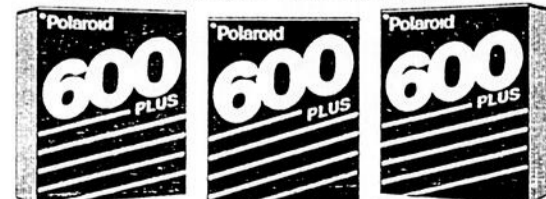
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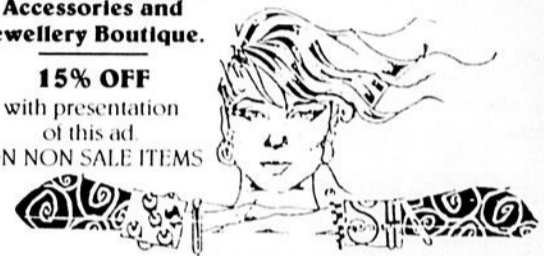
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By MARY CAMPBELL

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"She had already talked to me," says Santa (in real life, carpenter Bruno Grenier), "But she came back (looking worried) and said, 'Santa, I lied to you before — I'm not as good as I told you I was.'"

Santa's elf (and photographer) Bruno Fuizzotto, was struck by a more dramatic incident, "There was a little boy and he sat in Santa's lap and started screaming, 'I have to go to the bathroom! I have to go to the bathroom!'" He was hustled off — but came back later.

A chance to talk to Santa is a chance to talk to Santa, after all.

North Pole too far to go for sandwich

Mr. Grenier and Mr. Fuizzotto talked to THE EXAMINER during their lunch break Monday, during which they retire not to the North Pole, but to a small office hidden

away on the fourth floor of the plaza.

Mr. Grenier says this is his first performance as Santa — usually at Christmas he's employed constructing displays in various malls.

"This year, there were no contracts, and I knew Alexis Nihon needed a Santa Claus, so I decided to try it," he says.

Santa's aren't given any particular training. Mr. Grenier says he relies on his instincts — and the fact that he obviously likes children certainly doesn't hurt.

"The little ones, they believe — it's funny to watch the way they react. The older ones aren't so sure, so I ask them if they know about the real spirit of Christmas and I talk to them about sharing."

Some of the really little ones don't know what to make of the bearded man in the bright red suit: "Some of them want to see me, but then when it's time for them to come and sit in my lap — they won't do it."

Most children, however, are more than happy to sit in Santa's

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Santa's in town

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and tell him what they want for Christmas.

"The youngest ones want dolls and doll houses and trucks," says Mr. Grenier, "The older ones want Super Nintendo, and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and that dog that has the puppies."

Teens visit Santa

Santa also has a surprising number of older visitors — surprising, that is, until you remember that Dawson College is right next door to the mall. These have slightly different requests for Santa; money, cars and boyfriends.

"One of the girls asked me for a sports car," laughs Mr. Grenier, "So I said, 'Do you want a boy to sit beside you?' and she said, 'No thanks, just the car.'"

About 50 per cent of Santa's visitors pay the \$6 or \$7 fee to have their picture taken with him, but the service, says Mr. Fuizzotto, is "completely optional — you don't have to have your picture taken to talk to Santa."

Arts and crafts fair at Vic Hall

The annual Westmount Arts & Crafts Fair will be held at Victoria Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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Westmounter Tamar Kozlov will be the envy of hundreds of little girls this year — she will dance Clara in Ballet Ouest's production of *Nutcracker* at Royal Vale Theatre (formerly West Hill High School), 5851 Somerled Ave., Dec. 5 and 6.

Enrolment in dance class goes up every year when five-year-olds decide they are alive to become Clara.

In the eight years Ballet Ouest has produced *Nutcracker*, more than 30,000 people have attended their production. This year, there are 15 Westmounters in the cast of 80, that ranges in age from seven to 70.

Tamar, 11, will not be alone on stage in representing her family. Her mother and teacher, Ora, who teaches all of the Westmount contingent, and her father, Ed, will play her stage parents.

Lily Russell, 10, Westmount's child star in *Les Misérables* in Montreal and New York, will be one of the children in the party scene, along with Anastasia Malowany and Molly Newborn.

When Tamar is a little older, she'd like to dance the role of the doll. This year it is danced by 14-year-old Anna Bussy. Lindsay Chapman, 15, will dance the Arabian girl. Soldiers are Robyn Rees, Ashley Baker and Natasha London-Thomson. Natasha's sister Alexandra, 16, is King Mouse. The little mice are danced by Maya Stern, Laura Pacitti and Fiona O'Conner.

Performances are Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Reserve at 697-7619.



Here are the Westmounters involved in the *Nutcracker* production. They are named in the story (left). Photo by OWEN EGAN

Open house includes four local artists

Westmount artists Friedhelm Lach, Ann McCall, Mary Ann Winterer and Ghitta Caiserman-Roth are among the 13 members of Atelier Graphia 3710 who are taking part in an open house on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the atelier, 3710 St. Lawrence Blvd.

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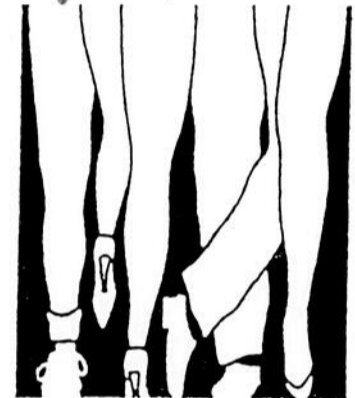
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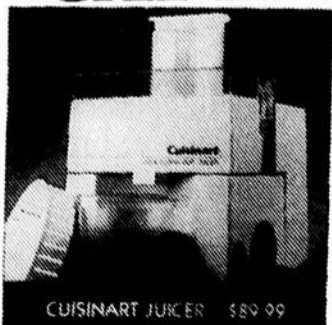
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Fashion and holiday music at the Square

Westmount Square will hold free lunchtime holiday concerts every day from Tuesday, Dec. 7, until Christmas Eve, with the exception of Dec. 13, 14 and 20.

The hour-long concerts at 12:30 p.m. will feature four singers, a pianist and a violinist from the McGill University Faculty of Music.

As well, the centre will host three fashion shows at 3 p.m. on Dec. 3, 4 and 5. Reserve at 932-0211.

All events are in the commercial concourse.

Panel on menopause

A panel will discuss menopause on Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 395 Elm Ave.

Dr. Morrie M. Gelfand and Dr. Barbara B. Sherwin, co-directors of the McGill University menopause clinic; Janine O'Leary Cobb, founder and editor of *A Friend Indeed*; and dietician Bettyanne Greenhaigh will make up a panel moderated by Sandy Eisan, RN, co-ordinator of Menopause Clinical Research Studies.

The panel will describe what happens at menopause, the symptoms, how they can be treated, the risk of cancer, osteoporosis and heart disease. Cost is \$50; refreshments will be served. Call 695-2742 to reserve.

day at 4 p.m. This annual event features choral and instrumental music with a generous helping of familiar carols of the season for all to sing. Instrumental music for brass and organ will be a highlight this year.

Nursery facilities will be available during the concert and all are invited to a reception afterwards. A freewill offering will benefit St. Columba House, a community centre in Point St. Charles.

At the worship service at 11 a.m., conducted by Rev. Bob Shank, the

congregation is asked to present Joy Gifts of non-perishable foods and articles for children. These will be delivered later to the N.D.G. food bank and St. Columba House for their Christmas parties.

The annual Christmas tea for church members at Griffith-McConnell residence will be held Wednesday afternoon, hosted by the pastoral care team.

The church's craft sale on Nov. 14 earned \$9,000; the annual event is a major fundraiser for the church.

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The seniors' club Christmas dinner will be all done up the way they do it down under this year.

That's right, Aussie-style. The dinner is slated for Sunday Dec. 13 at 5 p.m. at Victoria Hall.

The entertainment involves the singing of Australian folk songs and dancing, said socio-cultural director Beverly Adams-Coskun. Prizes will also go to the people who dress in Australian garb, she said.

There will also be door prizes

and the chance to win a stuffed koala bear, and of course, a traditional turkey dinner, all for the cost of \$10. Call 935-8531 ext. 212 to reserve.

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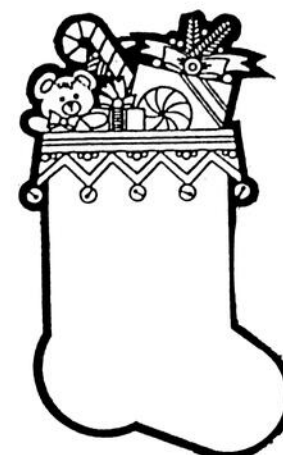
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Fire station open house gathers food, clothes

Westmount residents are invited to an open house at the fire station Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help make a one-day island-wide appeal for food, clothes and toys into a success.

Citizens are asked to tour the station and bring along any of above items, which are to be distributed to a number of agencies helping needy persons.

The Westmount station is located at 19 Stanton St.

The Dollard des Ormeaux fire department, organizers of the collection at 28 suburban fire stations, plans to distribute donations to a number of social agencies. Included are: Women's Centre, West Island Women's Shelter, Tynsdale, Société des Immigrants Catholiques, Sun Youth, Ville Marie Social Services, Dépannage Nord-Ouest and St. Vincent de Paul.

Cash donations for for the purchase of holiday food can be made

at banks with deposits reouted to HELP/AIDE Account at La Caisse d'Économie des Pompiers de Montréal, 2600 St. Joseph's Boulevard, Montreal, H1Y 2A4. The non-profit organization (Help Every Little Person/Aide Individual des Enfants) has been formed to help the fight against poverty.

Help fight cancer by giving to the Cancer Research Society, PO Box 183, Place Bonaventure, Montreal, H5A 1A9. Tel: 861-9227.

Rotary told that Camp Amy gets city kids to country

About 450 disadvantaged five to nine-year-olds will spend time at Camp Amy Molson next summer, said director Sandy Lovell who spoke at the Westmount Rotary Club lunch Wednesday last week.

Away from the alleys and streets that usually constitute the backdrop of their play area, the kids make friends and experience the feeling of acceptance over a two-and-a-half-week session.

"The counsellors eat, sleep and play with the kids 24 hours a day,"

she said. "With one counsellor for every three kids, they get a high degree of personal care."

Established in 1944, the camp offers a nurturing and caring environment where the kids can discover if their talent lies in swimming, nature studies, arts and crafts or cooperative sports.

Ms. Lovell told the story of the child who gobbled eight slices of toast the first day because he was usually limited to only one.

"Many of the kids we see don't have three square meals a day," she said.

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Hanukkah songs will be sung by the children's choir from the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue and Christmas carols by the Westmount recreation department's choir.

"We hope many people will join us this year," said organizer Marie-Josée Aubertin, executive assistant to Mayor Peter Trent.

The ceremony was initiated by former mayor May Cutler to officially mark the start of the festive season in Westmount.

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Oldtimers take to the ice for annual charity tourney

The annual Westmount Oldtimers Hockey Tournament takes place this weekend. Eight teams comprising two divisions will play at the arena to raise money for the Montreal Children's Hospital and Hôpital Ste. Justine. This is the fourth year for the fundraiser, which usually pulls in about \$10,000. Money is raised from local merchants, which sponsor the pro-

gram, and from the teams, which pay a \$420 fee each to play. A few items, such as Canadiens' tickets, a pair of roller blades and skates, are part of a silent auction which wraps up at 1 p.m. Sunday. Plus, there are always some anonymous donors. Other merchants supply carbohydrates to keep the players warm and moving; muffins, doughnuts, pizzas, chips and soft drinks are being donated.

"The excess weight will probably keep us going to the whole year," said one of the six organizers, Howard Hoppenheim, who is treasurer of the event. The city's contribution is free ice time, staff, ice preparation and cleanup. It was begun as a memorial to Nicolas Matossian, the son of Councillor Nicolas Matossian, who showed great courage in the face of a terminal disease. "I don't see why it would stop," said Mr. Hoppenheim. "They (the players) are committed to helping other people. We're fortunate; we

have a lot of things. We (merchants) can share our resources. They're very gracious. "By furthering the cause of young Nicolas, hopefully we're helping other children." The money goes towards equipment and research. Other organizers for this year's tournament are chairman Ken Sinclair, Marcel Guay (advertising), Nicolas Matossian (program), Dr. Barry Sternthal (refreshments) and Paul Beauchemin (visiting teams). The Westmount Oldtimers team this year is made up of:

Paul Beauchemin, defense; Ken Sinclair, defense; Jon Feldman, defense; Howard Hoppenheim, defense; Marcel Guay, left wing; Alex Bernstein, right wing; William Marsden, center; Doug Price, left wing; Ken Koury, right wing; Claude Bismuth, right wing; Richard Shadley, center; Barry Sternthal, goalie; Nicolas Matossian, right wing. Westmount plays back-to-back games at 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and another game at 6 p.m. on Saturday. The finals will be played at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday.

SPORTS STANDINGS

HOCKEY									
Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey league as of Monday, November 30, 1992:									
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.		
SENIOR A									
Jets	11	7	1	3	54	29	17		
Red Wings	10	5	3	2	36	27	12		
Blues	11	5	5	1	35	41	11		
Rangers	10	4	4	2	34	42	10		
Whalers	10	0	8	2	21	51	2		
SENIOR B									
Fathers	10	10	0	0	50	16	20		
Devils	10	7	1	2	48	23	16		
Sharks	10	4	3	3	29	32	11		
Flyers	10	3	4	3	27	34	9		
Oilers	10	3	7	0	23	38	6		
Hawks	10	2	6	2	29	43	6		
Kings	10	0	8	2	14	34	2		
EXECUTIVE									
Engineers	7	6	1	0	25	11	12		
Law	7	4	3	0	26	15	8		
M.B.A.	7	4	3	0	22	20	8		
C.A.	7	4	3	0	16	17	8		

Cape Ann-Westmount tournament more evenly matched this year

The sixth annual Cape Ann-Westmount hockey tournament was a success: everyone had a good time and, to top it off, the last game was a nail-biter. "Cape Ann was awarded a penalty shot with 12 seconds left in the game," said Bantam coach Bruce Stacey. A Cape Ann player had had a breakaway and a Westmount player was called for tripping. The game was decided when the Cape Ann player scored on the penalty shot.

"It was a tough way to lose," said Stacey, "the call could have gone either way, but it was a good call." In the spirit of co-operation, the local PeeWee team exchanged players with their Cape Ann counterparts when Westmount won the first game handily, 10-0. "It's a lot more fun for the kids when you know you're not going to be blown out of the water," said Stacey. Aside from the PeeWees, he said the teams were a lot better

matched than usual. "Normally, Cape Ann teams aren't as competitive. They year, they came with really competitive teams," he said. During their stay, there was a welcome reception at the Royal Montreal Regiment, Westmount and Cape Ann players went on a tour of the Forum and the Cape Ann players were given free tickets to the Canadiens-Canucks game by Westmounter and Canadiens' general-manager Ronald Corey. Coaches for the local teams, aside from Mr. Stacey, were Dave Lapointe, Bantam; Jim West and Howard Scheffer, Atom; and James Macauley and Lave Lapointe, Novice. The Atom and Novice teams that played were the intercity teams. The rest were house teams.

SPORTS SCORES

LOCAL SCHOOLS	
GIRLS BASKETBALL (BANTUM)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 27	Centennial 48 - ECS 28
GIRLS BASKETBALL (MIDGET)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 27	ECS 45 - Argyle Academy 16
GIRLS BASKETBALL (JUVENILE)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 24	West Island College 31 - Study 28
BOYS BASKETBALL (BANTAM)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 23	Selwyn 46 - Argyle Academy 43
BOYS BASKETBALL (GRADE 7)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 26	Selwyn 70 - Hudson 33
BOYS BASKETBALL (MIDGET)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 23	Selwyn 36 - Bialik 36
Nov. 27	LCC 48 - Selwyn 47
BOYS BASKETBALL (VARSITY)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 24	Selwyn 72 - Dunton 43
Nov. 25	Selwyn 46 - Bialik 44
Nov. 27	Selwyn 52 - Verdun Catholic 49
Nov. 28	Selwyn 61 - Centennial 48
	Selwyn 44 - Boston 52
BOYS BASKETBALL (JUVENILE)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 24	Exhibition game: Roberval 84 - WHS 74
HOCKEY (BANTAM)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 23	Jean Eudes 10 - Selwyn 3
Nov. 25	Selwyn 4 - Royal West 4
HOCKEY (ELEMENTARY)	
Date	Teams
Nov. 26	Selwyn 3 - LCC 4
HOCKEY (JUVENILE)	

City concert an extravaganza

This year's Westmount Christmas concert will feature numbers performed by people in theatre, dance, karate and tap programs. The talent extravaganza will be held Thursday Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. in Victoria Hall. Admission is free and spectators will get a glimpse at original plays, dancing snowflakes and traditional Christmas songs, says Beverly Adams-Coskun. The Westmount Community Choir and Sheila Lawrence's dance troupe will also be performing. Classified ads may be placed in Thursday's EXAMINER up to 10 am Wednesday. Call 931-7511.

The children and adult tap classes have been practicing up a storm to present their joint performance, she said.

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Tundra racks up another award winner

Only a couple of days after two Westmounters won the OSPELL awards for fiction and non-fiction, there was more rejoicing in the literary circles of Westmount.

Author/illustrator Gilles Tibo, nominated for the fifth time for a Governor General's Award for illustration of children's literature, was announced as a winner on Monday morning.

Mr. Tibo's publisher is Westmount-based Tundra Books.

"I was very happy to win this important prize," Mr. Tibo said. "It's a big honour, and after five nominations, it's wonderful."

Mr. Tibo has won awards in the past in Japan, France and the U.S.A., "but this is the first big one in Canada."

His winning book, one in a popular series for young children, was *Simon et la ville de carton*. A fifth Simon book is to be published next spring, he says.

Alex Paterson to speak at Canadian Club lunch

Westmounter Alex K. Paterson, who chairs McGill University's board of governors, will speak on "A Healthy Future: Our University, its Hospitals, our Province and our Country" at the Dec. 14 meeting of the Canadian Club of Montreal.

Mr. Paterson was born in Montreal in 1932. He studied at Bishop's and McGill Universities and was admitted to the bar in 1957. He practised law with McMaster Meighen from the start of his professional career and acted as mediator in the province-wide labour

relations in education conflict of the 70s and was negotiator-in-chief for the provincial government during the Oka dispute. He has been connected with the McGill teaching hospitals for more than 30 years.

Mr. Paterson has been the president of both the corporation of Bishop's University and the Mackay Centre, and is now president of the Mackay Centre Foundation.

He was a participant in the con-

stitutional debates of 1980 and 1992. He is a founder of Theatre Lac Brome and once chaired the *Stanstead Journal*.

Reservations must be made by Thursday, Dec. 10, at 4 p.m. The price is \$31 for members, \$29 for retired members, and \$41 for others. Call 499-0333 to reserve. Those attending are asked to arrive at the Centre Sheraton Ballroom at noon for the 12:30 p.m. luncheon.

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The concert is organized in the framework of the National Day of Commemoration and Action

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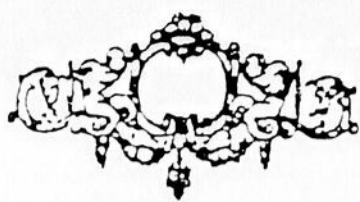
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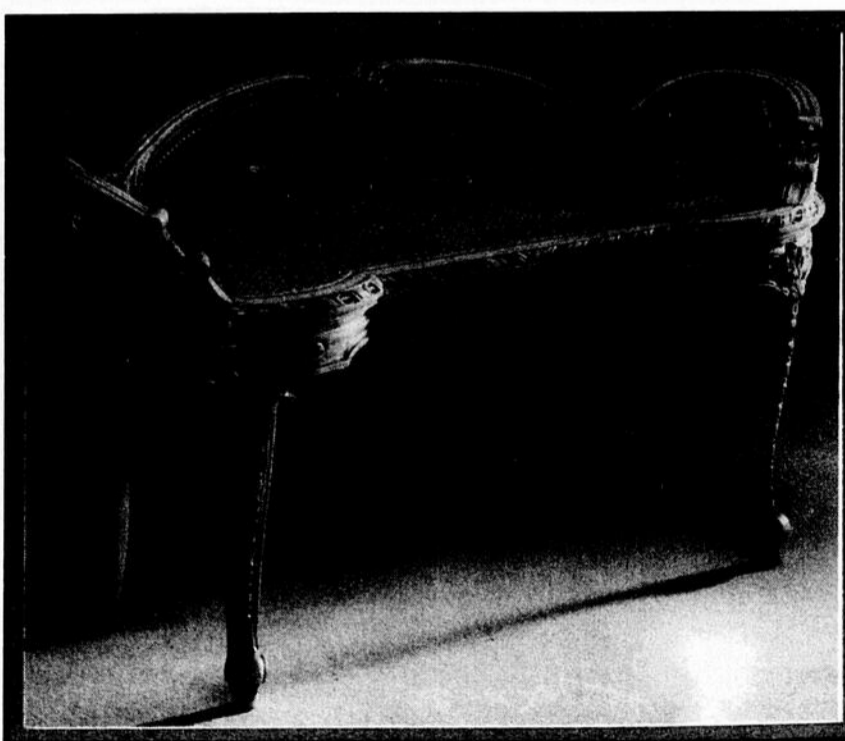
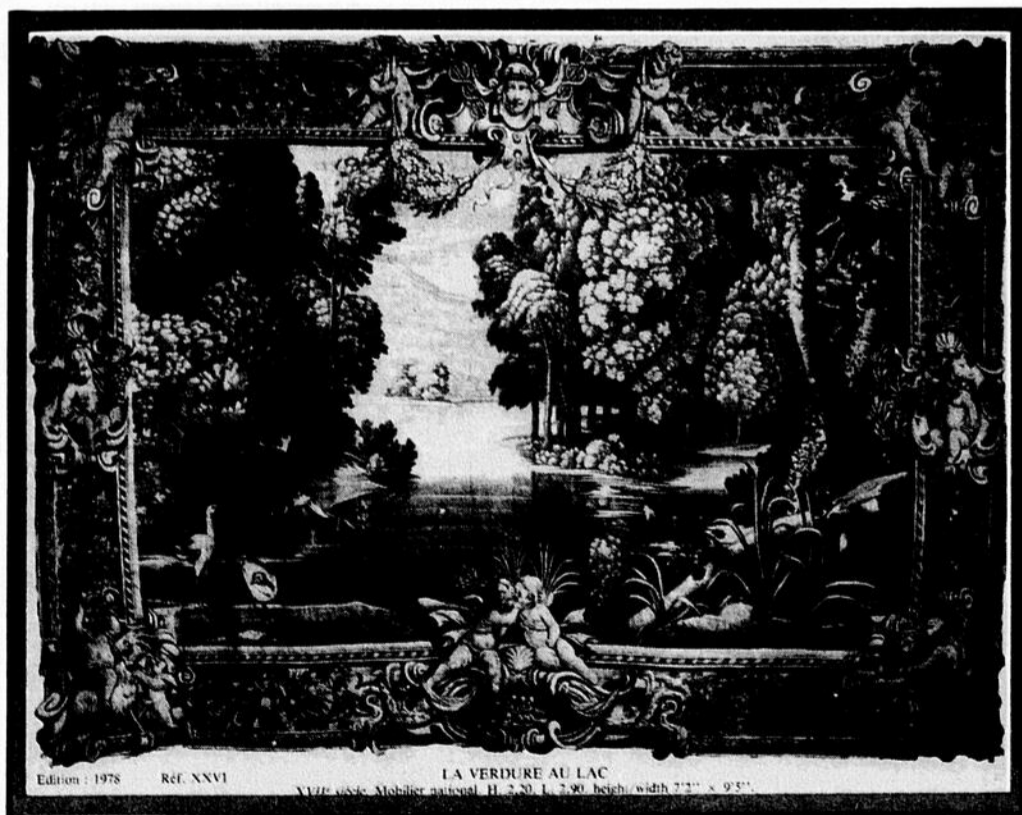
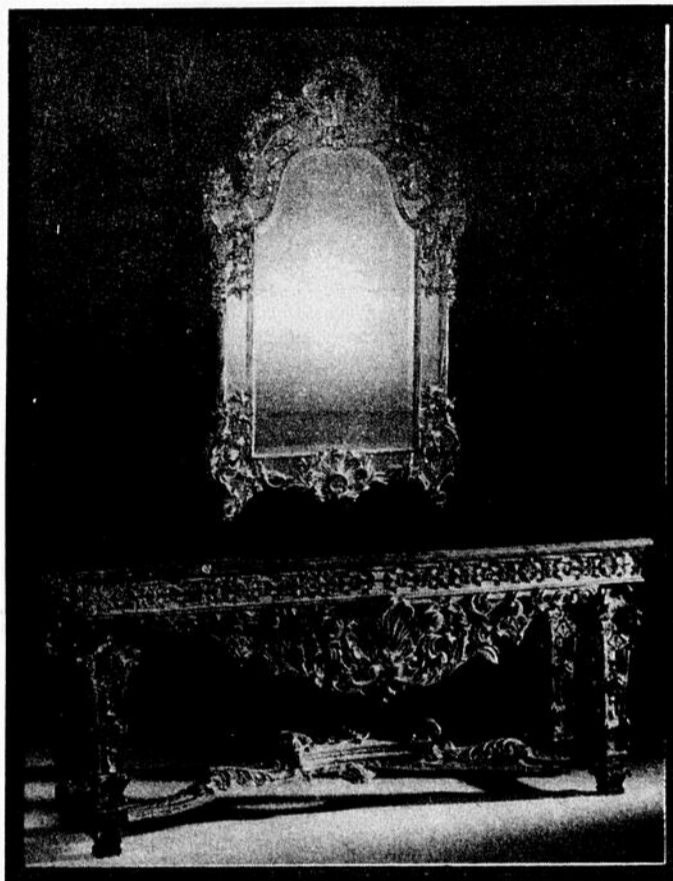
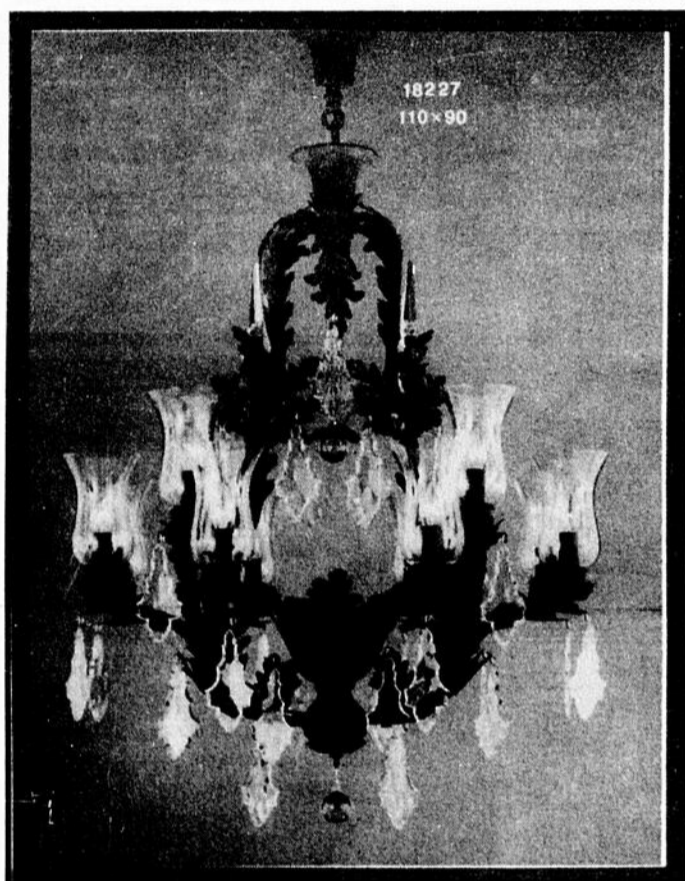




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