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Possible arson link in rash of local fires

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Fire investigators yesterday were examining the possibility that a recent outbreak of suspicious fires in Westmount, highlighted by two deliberately set blazes overnight Tuesday-Wednesday, might be related.

MUC arson squad personnel have been called to look into fires at both the Atwater campus of Dawson College and the Ville Marie Social Services Centre in Weredale Park. Local fire officials say they consider the incidents to be a "strange coincidence."

"It's too early to tell if a pattern is being set," Fire Director William Timmons said, "but it's strange how they should occur."

The fire at 5 Weredale Park at 3:40 am broke out only hours after Westmount and mutual aid firemen fought fires set in six different places in buildings at the rear of the former Mother House (see separate story).

A fire Sunday in a roof sundeck of the apartment building at 235 Metcalfe avenue where malice has not been ruled out, will also remain under investigation, Dir Timmons said.

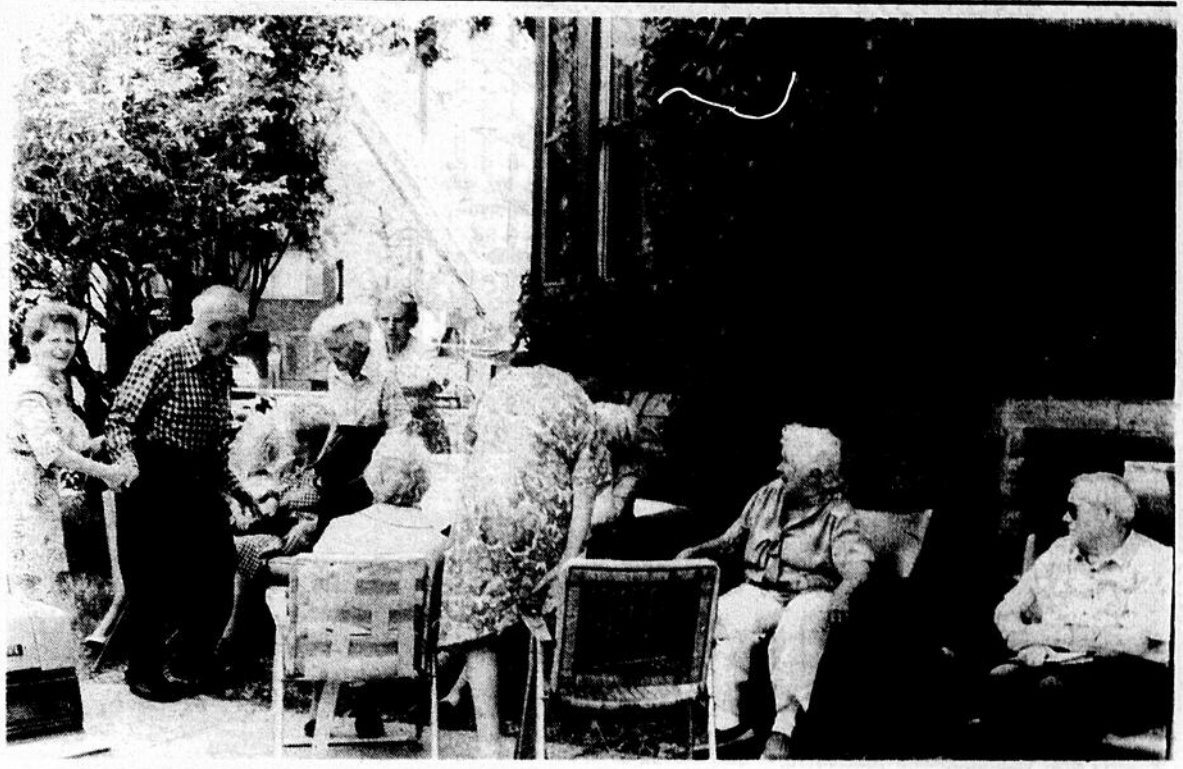
The Weredale fire, which sparked concern that a possible arsonist might strike again, was discovered by nuns from the Anglican order of St Margaret who were awakened by the sound of breaking glass next door in a ground-floor window. It is believed that someone threw a package into the building to cause the fire.

"There was so much breaking glass and then I saw flames," one of the sisters told THE EXAMINER. She quickly dialled 911, bringing local police constables Sylvain Lauzon and Gérald Gelinas to the scene first.

The blaze was knocked down by firefighters and confined to the one room which was sealed off for investigation.

Smoke damage was reported in the building and preliminary estimates put the fire loss at more than $10,000.

Côte St Luc and Outremont firefighters, who also had assisted Westmount at the Dawson fire, were recalled for the Weredale incident.



EVICTED BY FIRE: Residents of the apartment building at 235 Metcalfe avenue Sunday noon were installed in relative comfort on Ingleside avenue when their rooftop sundeck went up in smoke, causing evacuation of the building. Seen in the background is the firetruck's ladder. Details of the fire are on page eight.

Council kills Kells Academy zoning plan

By CHARLES MAPPIN

The principal of Kells Academy says she's unsure of her next move.

At its meeting Monday evening, city council withdrew a by-law which would have allowed Kells to use the building at 4898 de Maisonneuve boulevard, on the corner of Prince Albert avenue, for its school and learning centre.

The withdrawal came in response to the large number of signatures registered against the by-law June 1 by residents and property owners in the area. The city's only other option would have been to call a referendum on the issue.

"They showed their strength and they won," Mrs Woods said Tuesday of the residents. "I didn't realize when I got into this that we'd have such a fight on our hands. It quickly became apparent it was the principle of the matter the residents were opposed to."

Many of the people living near the property, currently used by the Makivik Corporation, said they have nothing against the school or Mrs Woods. They were unhappy with the by-law since it went against the spirit of zoning changes made last year to

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1988 PRIZE WINNER CANADIAN COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS ASSOCIATION CCNA BETTER NEWSPAPERS COMPETITIONS

We win two awards

THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER has won two prizes in the 1988 Better Newspapers Competition sponsored by the Canadian Community Newspapers Association (CCNA).

In the general excellence competition for tabloid newspapers in its circulation class, the paper placed second for best editorial page and third for best front page.

The judging was based on sample issues sent from two different months during 1987. English-language community newspapers from all across Canada participated in the competition.

The awards will be presented at CCNA's annual convention to be held July 20-23 in Regina.

Stream of applications already received:

Heritage/preservation program enacted into law by council

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The scramble is on to collect long-awaited heritage payments.

By the time Westmount's much-discussed heritage/preservation program was enacted into law at Monday night's city council meeting, applications already were starting to flood into city hall after distribution of forms last week.

The program will provide automatic payments ranging from $400 to $800 to all taxpayers who apply as required and propose making some kind of improvements to their properties.

The work bears no relationship to the amount of payment expected and need not require a city permit, city officials report.

It may consist of gardening or other beautification or more major interior work.

Payment will be made solely on the basis of property evaluation and must be applied for by Aug 2.

Persons applying early can expect to receive payments starting in mid-July, City Councillor Phillip Aspinall, finance commissioner, told the Monday night meeting.

Application forms state that payments will be made within 30 days and that improvement projects must be completed by Dec 31, 1988.

The program, announced last December with the tabling of the 1988 budget, was presented as a means of shifting some of the property tax burden from homeowners to

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"Where did we go wrong?"

Family reunited after sudden demolition of comfortable home

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

A WESTMOUNT mother and her four small children were forced from their home Saturday when workmen, unaware of their presence, began demolition of their dwelling.

The big, dead poplar in the Ingleside garden of Fiona Timmins had its limbs removed and city workers had begun to fell the trunk when Mrs Raccoon finally fled the premises. Her departure, says Mrs Timmins, took place at about 9 am, within an hour after the work had begun.

Once down, the tree was being sawed into manageable lengths when whimpers were heard from a hollow in the bole. Examination of the cavity revealed the presence of four small raccoons. Mrs Raccoon had done an excellent job of lining her simple home and the babies, though shaken, seemed none the worse for wear. The smallest had cuts on three of its paws but it was not clear how these injuries had occurred.

A decision was taken to leave the residential section of the tree intact against the return of the children's mother. The rest of the tree was cleared away and a four-foot length, with babies, remained on the lawn.

Mrs Timmins reports that Mrs Raccoon returned to the scene at about midday. She quickly located her offspring and left soon after, bearing one in her mouth.

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INFORMATION FROM THE CITY – JUNE 1988

BUILDING PERMITS IN WESTMOUNT

Since the summer of 1986, the City of Westmount has witnessed and endured a peak in construction development. This peak in construction in Westmount is comparable to the development upswing experienced in the late sixties.

In the late sixties, the deluge of applications received for building permits led to the formation of the Board of Inspections in 1967. The Board of Inspections is an administrative body responsible for the processing of all permits. The Board verifies an application's conformity with respect to all applicable by-laws. No permit for construction or occupancy can be issued unless and until it is approved by the Board of Inspections. The Board is made up of the entire staff of inspectors, the Director of Services, the Administrative Architect and the two Fire Inspectors from our Westmount Fire Brigade. Regular meetings of the Board of Inspections are held on Thursday mornings, at which time applications received during the week are reviewed. Applications which are received incomplete or which require in-depth analysis by the Plans Analyst may be deferred to the following week.

Over the years, the Board of Inspections has taken a stronger stand with our applicants in demanding better quality drawings. Unlike most other municipalities, the Board of Inspections in Westmount requires that full working drawings be submitted before a permit is issued. These drawings are the detailed drawings for construction which many developers would rather produce as part of an ongoing process. Developers who complain of delays in obtaining building permits from the City of Westmount more often than not experience these delays due to their difficulties in obtaining the required final drawings. The sooner a conforming application is submitted, the sooner a permit will be issued.

If a building permit application includes modifications to the exterior of a building, the approval of the Architectural and Planning Commission is also required. The Architectural and Planning Commission was established in 1916 and continues to pass judgment on the architectural aspects of each building permit application. The active members of the Commission include three architects appointed by the City Council, the Director of Services and the Councillor serving as Commissioner of Planning and Redevelopment. Regular meetings of the Commission are held on Tuesday mornings and every application is reviewed to ensure compliance with the city's published architectural guidelines. The booklet *Renovation in Westmount* outlines the acceptable architectural guidelines for renovations while the publication *Building in Westmount* sets forth the design criteria to be considered for new buildings. Utilizing these guidelines, the Architectural and Planning Commission reviews approximately seven hundred applications annually. Most applications are approved by the Commission with slight modifications, while a small percentage require greater modifications and a few permit applications are refused due to their failure to comply with the guidelines.

The processing of building permits leads to approximately two thousand building permits being issued per annum. Following the issuance of a building permit, the Inspections Department comes into play, inspecting the construction phase and following construction, inspecting the property for fire safety.

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RENSEIGNEMENTS FOURNIS PAR LA VILLE – JUIN 1988

LES PERMIS DE CONSTRUCTION DANS WESTMOUNT

Depuis l'été de 1986, la Ville de Westmount connaît et subit un essor sans précédent dans le domaine de la construction. Ce sommet se compare à la montée qui a caractérisé le secteur de l'aménagement à la fin des années soixante dans Westmount.

Au cours de cette période, le véritable déluge de demandes de permis de construction a entrainé la création du Bureau des inspections en 1967. Ce Bureau est un organisme administratif responsable du traitement de tous les permis. Le Bureau vérifie la conformité de la demande avec tous les règlements applicables. Aucun permis de construction ou d'occupation ne peut être émis tant et aussi longtemps qu'il n'a pas été approuvé par le Bureau des inspections. Le Bureau est constitué de tout le personnel d'inspection, du directeur des Services, de l'architecte administratif et de deux inspecteurs d'incendie du Service des incendies de Westmount. Le Bureau des inspections se réunit régulièrement le jeudi matin et passe alors en revue les demandes reçues au courant de la semaine. Il arrive que l'examen des demandes qui sont incomplètes au moment de leur réception ou qui exigent une analyse en profondeur par l'analyste des plans soit reporté à la semaine suivante.

Au cours des ans, le Bureau des inspections a adopté une position plus ferme à l'égard des personnes soumettant une demande et a exigé d'elles des dessins de meilleure qualité. À l'opposé de la plupart des municipalités, le Bureau des inspections à Westmount exige que des dessins de construction complets soient soumis avant l'émission d'un permis. Ces dessins sont les épures détaillés destinées à la construction que plusieurs promoteurs préfèrent produire au fur et à mesure des travaux. Les promoteurs qui se plaignent du retard de la Ville de Westmount à émettre des permis de construction éprouvent ces retards la plupart du temps à cause de leurs difficultés à obtenir ces épures finales. Plus tôt une application conforme est soumise, plus vite le permis sera émis.

Si la demande de permis de construction comporte des modifications à effectuer à l'extérieur d'un bâtiment, elle devra aussi être approuvée par la Commission d'architecture et d'urbanisme. Cette Commission a été établie en 1916 et continue de se prononcer sur le volet architectural de chaque demande de permis de construction. Sur cette Commission siègent trois architectes nommés par le Conseil de la Ville, le directeur des Services et le Conseiller qui agit comme commissaire à l'urbanisme et au réaménagement. Cette Commission se réunit régulièrement le mardi matin et examine chaque demande afin d'en vérifier la conformité avec les directives architecturales publiées par la Ville.

On trouve dans la brochure *La rénovation à Westmount* l'énoncé des directives architecturales acceptables en matière de rénovation tandis que la brochure *La construction dans Westmount* énonce les critières de design dont doivent s'inspirer les nouveaux bâtiments. À partir de ces directives, la Commission d'architecture et d'urbanisme examine environ sept cent demandes par an. La plupart des demandes sont approuvées par cette Commission sous réserve de modifications mineures, un léger pourcentage de demandes exige des modifications plus importantes et quelques demandes de permis sont rejetées lorsque l'on refuse de les rendre conformes aux directives.

Le traitement des permis de construction entraine l'émission d'environ deux mille permis de construction chaque année. Après l'émission du permis de construction, le Service des inspections entre en scène, effectuant l'inspection à l'étape de la construction même et après, vérifiant la propriété dans le contexte de la prévention des incendies.

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RÈGLEMENT 1006

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1006 intitulé "RÈGLEMENT CONCERNANT UN PROGRAMME PATRIMOINE/CONSERVATION" a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une assemblée générale tenue à l'Hôtel de ville le 13 juin 1988.

Les détails se rapportant audit règlement sont contenus au complet dans le Règlement 1006, lequel est ouvert pour vérification par toutes les personnes intéressées, au bureau du greffier de la Ville, Hôtel de Ville, Westmount.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 14ème jour de juin 1988.

Robert C. Wilkins
Greffier de la Ville

WESTMOUNT
BY-LAW 1006

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1006, entitled "BY-LAW CONCERNING A HERITAGE/PRESERVATION PROGRAM" was adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a general sitting held at City Hall on the 13th June 1988.

Details relating to the said by-law are fully set out in By-law 1006, which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Westmount.

GIVEN at Westmount, Québec, this 14th day of June 1988.

Robert C. Wilkins
City Clerk

WESTMOUNT
RÈGLEMENT 1007

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le règlement 1007 intitulé "RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 726 CONCERNANT LA CIRCULATION" a été adopté par le conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une assemblée générale tenue à l'Hôtel de Ville le 13 juin 1988.

Les détails se rapportant audit règlement sont contenus au complet dans le Règlement 1007, lequel est ouvert pour vérification par toutes les personnes intéressées, au bureau du greffier de la Ville, Hôtel de Ville, Westmount.

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Robert C. Wilkins
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WESTMOUNT
BY-LAW 1007

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1007, entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 726 CONCERNING STREET TRAFFIC" was adopted by the Municipal Council of the City of Westmount at a general sitting held at City Hall on the 13th June 1988.

Details relating to the said by-law are fully set out in By-law 1007, which is open for inspection by all persons interested at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Westmount.

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MAYOR'S BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

On Tuesday, June 21st, 1988, Mayor May Cutler will be hosting the 4th Annual Westmount Mayor's Blood Donor Clinic.

This clinic, held with the cooperation of the Canadian Red Cross, will take place in Victoria Hall, 4626 Sherbrooke Street West (corner of

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WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, June 16

☐ **Seniors' barbecue**: in Westmount park, sponsored by the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre.

Friday, June 17

☐ ***Music Hall IV***: A production by the Arcadians, at St Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill, at 8:30 pm nightly to Sunday, with a matinee 2:30 Saturday.

Saturday, June 18

☐ **Seminar**: From 10 am to 4:30 pm at Victoria Hall by Adrian Waller on "How to write a book."

Sunday, June 19

☐ **Oneg Shabbat**: For singles 20-40 at Shaar Hashomayim chapel, 120 Côte St Antoine.

Tuesday, June 21

☐ **Mayor's Red Cross blood donor clinic**: From 2:30 to 8:30 pm at Victoria Hall.

Wednesday, June 22

☐ **Roslyn School graduation**: At 7:30 p.m. at the school.

COMING UP

☐ **June 27**: Registration starts for week-long soccer clinics in July and Aug. Open to recreation permit holders.

☐ **June 29**: Canada Day tennis follies, run by the recreation department, from 10 am to noon.

☐ **July 4**: City Council meeting at 8 pm at City Hall.

☐ **July 10**: Concert in the Park, YMCA series held by the lagoon in Westmount Park. Entertainment by L'Ensemble Carré St-Louis.

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

June 7

7:41 am: 100 Summit circle, first responder unit;
10:34 am: 16 Winchester, burnt cabbage;
11:30 am: 4896 Sherbrooke, first responder unit for accident (see story);
3:57 pm: 646 Carleton, leaking oil tank (see story last week);

June 8

12:02 am: 1353 Greene, La Cache, defective alarm;
1:18 pm: 5795 Caldwell, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 1:26 pm;
6:05 pm: Greene and St Catherine, Château Westmount Square, fire in construction material (see story);

June 9

2:13 pm: 157 Edgehill, fireplace problem (see story);
3:43 pm: 4123 de Maisonneuve, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:40 pm, fire at apartment building (see story);

June 10

11:44 am: 103 Irvine, water leak, defective tap;
5:06 pm: Rear of 4914 Sherbrooke, electrical wire down;

June 11

7:18 am: 423 Grosvenor, burst plumbing at base of furnace;

June 12

8:27 am: Front of 32 Anwoth, car leaking gas;
12:14 pm: 235 Metcalfe, fire at apartment building (see story);

June 13

11:53 am: Front of 4050 Dorchester, natural gas leak (see story);
12:20 pm: Lansdowne and St Catherine, fire in park (see story);
1:51 pm: Greene and St Catherine, smoke [illegible]re, dust from stone cutting;
[illegible]23 pm: 4998 de Maisonneuve, apt 1618, first responder unit;

June 14

6:29 am: 15 Park Place, Westmount Park School, unnecessary call (see story).



BEAR HUGS: This young man, **Eddy Lafalce**, was one of the lucky Giant Steps students to benefit from a generous gift made to the school by Bell Canada. **Huguette Fecteau**, left, service director/special needs centre of Bell Canada and **Monique Wapler**, service representative/special needs centre, visited Giant Steps bringing with them a generous donation and a "talking teddy bear." A microphone's output is picked up by the bear who then "speaks" to the children, who loved and hugged the bear.

$5,000 loss in house fire on Aberdeen

A roof fire in a house under renovation at 698 Argyle avenue yesterday noon started during electrical work, fire officials said.

The blaze, estimated to have caused at least $5,000 damage, was reported to have started when a wire outside touched a metal post, causing sparks to enter the house at the attic and spread into the roof.

When firefighters arrived on the scene shortly after the alarm was rung at 12:11 pm, they found the owner of the home had started to quell the fire using a garden hose after the electrical workers had cut power.

The fire was put out using a 1 3/4-inch hose. Damage from heavy smoke was reported.

Mutual aid firemen from Côte St Luc assisted at the scene and Outremont covered at the station

The house is located north of The Boulevard, adjoining property at civic number 3705.

200 donors clinic goal on Tuesday

Mayor May Cutler is looking for 200 units of blood. Westmounters will have the chance to help Her Worship out on Tuesday at the mayor's annual blood donor clinic.

Held in cooperation with the Canadian Red Cross, the clinic will take place at Victoria Hall from 2:30 to 8:30 pm. Coffee, juice and doughnuts will be served to those who show up to lend an arm.

This year, pins with the city crest also will be given out to donors.

Right place, wrong material

Firefighters were called last Thursday afternoon to a house at 157 Edgehill road to put out a fire in the fireplace where construction workers were burning debris, fire officials report. The burning of such debris in a fireplace is prohibited.

The house is under renovation after a $500,000 fire last year. The latest incident was discovered shortly after 2 pm.

Sleeper awakes to overdue bill

A 32-year-old Montreal man was found sleeping in his car at the former Westmount train station Monday last week. He was arrested for non-payment of a traffic warrant, police report.

The man, who refused to pay $118.52 when investigated at 2:05 am, was sent downtown to MUC police headquarters for detention.

Another wayward motorist, a Westmount resident, received the same treatment at 12:45 pm the same day. He was found to owe $292.44 after being stopped outside 373 Claremont avenue.

Another fire at new dog run

Another fire was reported Monday afternoon in the dog run park at Lansdowne and St Catherine, the fifth one to occur in flower beds since May 5.

The latest blaze, which was reported as burning an area with a 12-foot radius, was believed to have started, like the others, with smoker's material igniting landscaping cloth.

It was doused by mutual aid firefighters from the Town of Mount Royal who received the call at 12:20 pm. They were covering in Westmount while local fire crews were tied up at a gas leak on Dorchester boulevard (see separate story).

The landscaping cloth is expected to be removed, city officials said last week.

The fabric is spread on garden beds between the ground and bark chips to prevent the growth of weeds and retain moisture in the earth.

Jacket taken

A $300 leather jacket was stolen from a dentist's office at 4141 Sherbrooke street Monday last week, police said. It belonged to a 24-year-old woman working in the office.

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We Say

Stay above frays

THE Westmount Municipal Association Monday night spent a major bit of its monthly meeting musing, yet again for the umpteenth time, over its foggy, self-appointed pretension of being the arbiter of who among the good burghers of this city should and who should not run for municipal offices and whether those given the association's accolade should be supported and dubbed WMA candidates.

The matter, as usual, was dealt with inconclusively and shelved until autumn.

This hardy subject seems to be rediscovered by each succeeding wave of new directors and officers. Rarely is the benefit of hindsight utilized by the incumbents, to dispose of the matter conclusively, and get on to subjects more appropriate to the WMA and more pressing to Westmount and its citizens — such as city spending, taxation, security, recreation, traffic, etc.

In this venerable body's heyday, when such subjects were pursued assiduously and often to the benefit of city council and the municipal administration, the role in elections was straightforward: simply to assure that there were suitable candidates for each office which became open for mayor and aldermen, the Protestant and Roman Catholic school commissionerships and the library trusteeships.

In the event, the WMA sometimes had to dragoon citizens to agree to stand and more often than not there were acclamations. The association's legitimate efforts were generally appreciated and respected.

Unfortunately, the association got carried away with delusions about its role in elections. Beyond assuring itself there were candidates, it took upon itself to decide who shouldn't run, and its reputation suffered a serious blow from which it never has really recovered.

That was the disastrous decision to oppose a highly respected and effective incumbent member of the old Westmount School Board who, by virtue of that office, also was chairman-apparent of the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. Commissioner Reid Tilley ran anyway and thoroughly trounced the relative unknown sent into unequal battle by the WMA.

This not only did not teach the association a lesson. Ever since, elections rather than acclamations have been the rule for Westmount public offices. Instead of being satisfied, let alone gratified, that citizens now put themselves before the voters in competition against others, the WMA somehow continues the distorted idea that it must meddle in the democratic process.

Which, of course, discredits the association in the eyes of many Westmount electors who believe a municipal association should represent all citizens and not be, in effect, a political party.

By going beyond its original role, of seeing that there are candidates standing, and getting into endorsement, it needlessly alienates opponents and opponents' supporters, who include the very type of community-conscious persons which the WMA should attract.

If the association must re-examine its role in elections, let it at least do it in concert with consideration of its constantly flagging membership lists.

If it really cares about issues it will stay above, not try to be part of, political frays.

Editorial Notes

SO much for the City of Westmount's consultation of the residents of the streets with alternate-side parking, but apparently not the holders of permits for such parking, who must switch their cars from side to side morning and evening, whatever else they may be doing. Apparently the virtues of the daily alternating are being weighed in view of, principally, user complaints. City hall may not have consulted even its own public works department personnel before instituting the scheme, or since: seen the other day, on Roslyn avenue, a city street sweeping machine dodging in and out around parked cars at the curb on the side of the street in use instead of the side left free — supposedly to facilitate street cleaning!...

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THE current hoohaw over bank charges has caused a man we know to relate a recent experience with one of the leading chartered banks at a branch of which he was arranging a personal loan. First he was offered free life insurance to cover the amount outstanding; he said that was nice. Then he was told, no, the bank had changed the rules, the insurance would not be free. "Okay, skip it," he told the solicitous manager. When it came to signing, the client was then informed that, because he was over 65, the insurance was not available to him anyway. Among the bank's various documents was a life insurance application. The client figured this was in error. Oh, no, said the banker, you must make the application so that you can decline, in the box provided, to take the insurance! Our baffled friend, musing over Stephen Leacock's essay on the mysteries of banks, dutifully signed as he hummed: "Yes, we have no bananas."

You Say

'I'm told that I ought to spruce up my image a bit. What do you suggest?'



Harry Mayerovitch

Foot patrols would help keep criminals at bay

Sir: Armed robberies, purse snatching, store frauds, assaults, etc. Westmount is an easy mark!

What Westmount commercial streets and parks need are foot patrols by both the police and PSU officers. Not to give out traffic and parking violations, but to make a presence on the streets. This will deter criminals and assure pedestrians that our streets are safe.

These criminals are quite often drug addicts who use crime to support their daily habit. They are urban terrorists, able to move among the masses, undetected, looking for easy victims. Up to now, catching these criminals has been a game of chance, that perhaps a patrol car may be passing by at the scene of a crime.

Beat cops and undercover officers are more effective. They move among the masses, able to make eye contact with everyone. They have more time to view and understand an atmosphere and can almost smell a dirty situation.

I'm glad Westmount has nice manicured parks and lovely flower pots on the streets. Now how about making them safer so we can enjoy them without fear!

Adam Cutler

1330 Greene avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2B1

Resident digs deep for solution to 'wormers'

Sir: The most unusual item during the city council meeting Monday occurred during the question period. Andy Dodge complained that after some rainstorms "wormers" roam the city parks with cans strapped to their legs and, with small lights, attract and collect earthworms.

The mayor who is not only effective in action but also no slouch when it comes to a bon mot, remarked that the matter should be considered "in depth."

Let me suggest a two-pronged approach to the problem, one by council, the other by citizens.

Firstly, council should pass a by-law requiring all earthworms who inhabit public green spaces in Westmount to retire to their burrows after sunset. An earthworm cannot do its wormy best in aerating public lawns if it has too active a night life. The presence of "wormers" is an indication that our earthworms are burning the candle at both ends.

To be sure the enforcement of the by-law would present some difficulties. Earthworms being members of the "underground economy" would not be able to pay cash fines. Imprisonment would present immediate legal and long-range constitutional problems. That is where the second "prong" comes in.

A citizens' group, the Association for the Protection of Westmount Worms (APWW), should be formed. This association would supply counsellors to those earthworms judged to be delinquent. Identification of the errant worms could be made by our Public Security Officers with the application of harmless vegetable dyes to the offenders the first time they are apprehended.

Only as a last resort would I move against the "wormers" directly since they show the kind of remarkable enterprise which Canada needs so badly.

John H. Lehnert

117 Lewis avenue
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2X7

Citizens served well by Public Security Unit

Sir: This is in response to Bradley Zipkin's letter last week ridiculing the PSU.

I grew up in Westmount and can still remember the cop on the beat. He walked the streets and go to know the neighborhood and its residents — a visible presence. We no longer have the same Westmount Police Department but the PSU provides us with a motorized substitute for the beat cop. The most effective neighborhood watch group cannot be on duty 24 hours a day — the PSU is. The officers are all well trained in first aid, CPR and emergency measures and their skills are constantly being updated. They are professionals, not "just a bunch of city workers."

I work at the circulation desk of the

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SERVICE CLUB NAMES OFFICER

Forty-five Years Ago
June 17, 1943

From an editorial: "The proposal of the Westmount city authorities to force drug counters to close at seven o'clock each evening seems ill-considered and an unnecessary hardship both on the druggists and the residents of Westmount. The law will fall particularly heavily on the druggists for, at a pinch, the residents can buy from stores without the city's limits... the law would simply transfer trade from Westmount druggists to those outside the city's jurisdiction... Most difficult to understand of all the angles of this proposal is the fact that the drug stores may keep their restaurants and soda fountains open while being compelled to close the drug counter. Why?"

Thirty-five Years Ago
June 12, 1953

"Let's mark this down as the do-it-yourself decade. Maybe you did your own painting around the house in 1942. But for every one of you who did, nine of your neighbors were paying to have it done. Last year, however, two out of every three did the job themselves. In 1948, about 28 percent of homeowners hung their own wallpaper. Last year, it is estimated about 60 percent were amateur paper-hangers... The urge to paint, paper or swing a hammer is no passing fancy. Companies which formerly served only professionals are now selling to amateurs and learning, sometimes with surprise, there are a lot more amateurs than professionals."

Twenty-five Years Ago
June 14, 1963

"Westmount City Hall was at the top of target lists for FLQ bombings when Montreal police rounded up 14 men and a woman as witnesses for a coroner's inquest into the April 20 bombing death of Army night watchman Wilfred O'Neil, according to testimony heard in Montreal courtrooms Wednesday. A statement attributed by police to one of the witnesses, who was cited for contempt Wednesday when he refused to testify... says it was decided to place a bomb in English-speaking Westmount and the place chosen was Westmount City Hall."

Fifteen Years Ago
June 14, 1973

" 'The last (regular) meeting of the Westmount School Board will come to order,' chairman Mrs Joan Rothman announced... Signs of doom were evident. The coffee percolator didn't work; there were no cookies or juice... The open meeting lasted until 9:30. In previous months they were expected to run as late as 11 pm... Of the eight reports normally received... commissioners heard only one. The last gasp of the Westmount School Board, which is scheduled to die on June 1 (sic), is a result of the imposition of Bill 71, which turns over powers of local school boards to the school committees of the individual schools, to the PSBGM and other regional school boards and to an island council which supervises all Protestant and Catholic school boards on Montreal Island."

Five Years Ago
June 16, 1983

"St Henri-Westmount Progressive Conservatives expressed contentment with the election of Brian Mulroney to the party's national leadership upon their return from the Ottawa convention this week. 'Now we have a Westmounter, a Montrealer and a Quebecer — in that order — who's going to be the next prime minister of Canada,' said Bernard Finestone, president of the local PC association. Mr Finestone attended the convention as a delegate from the constituency... Ald Brian Gallery, a delegate by virtue of his work for the PC Canada Fund, served as custodian of the Mulroney box... He lost his voice and eight pounds during the 12 hours he spent making sure the right people were seen in the Mulroney camp."

News Item:

Longtime Victoria tenants evicted for commercial development.



You Say

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Westmount Library and, in case of emergency, the staff there has been instructed to call both the MUC police and the PSU. We have done this on more than one occasion involving a person behaving in a threatening manner. A PSO has arrived within minutes and dealt with the situation efficiently and discreetly, while the MUC police have appeared over an hour later, unhurried and unconcerned. In most cases the very presence of a PSO in the library acts as a deterrent to rowdiness and minor vandalism.

Incidentally, had Mr Zipkin done more research he would have discovered that it is the restrictions dictated by the MUC police that limit the authority of the PSU and not lack of training or ability.

I am sure the majority of Westmounters feel that their jewels are safe here and that we are well served by the Public Security Unit.

L. Vincent

52 Academy road
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1N6



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

Rémillard is right!

IT IS amusing, if not frustrating, to witness the angry reaction of so many to Minister Rémillard's views on the application of the federal government's bilingual policy in Quebec. Even some of my former caucus colleagues are shocked.

The Quebec government believes that a bilingual policy is a good thing for Canada but not within the "distinct society" created by Meech Lake.

Why is that a surprise? That is the principal reason for Meech Lake as far as Messrs Bourassa and Rémillard are concerned. The subsidiary objective was to obtain powers for Quebec not available to other provinces. They were successful on both counts.

Meech Lake is clear. The Quebec "distinct society" is to be French with the existence of English-speaking Canadians being "preserved." What are the criteria of such preservation? Are historic rights or institutions to be preserved as well? That is not what Meech Lake is saying. Preservation is not a "status quo" scenario, especially when Quebec is mandated by the constitution to promote its "distinct identity."

If one finds some English-speaking people in Quebec 20 years from now, presumably Rémillard would regard the spirit of Meech Lake as being met. Why do some observers attack Rémillard as though he was abandoning some cherished position? He has been consistent. Read his comments and those of the premier in the National Assembly. For them, the "distinct society" is a unilingual French society. There is no room for bilingualism here.

Rémillard is right; it is Meech Lake that is wrong!

Westmounters indebted to Public Security Unit

Sir: I can't let Mr Zipkin's letter pass without a few words in defence of Westmount's Public Security Unit.

They have always answered my questions in a sympathetic and knowledgeable fashion and responded to my complaints promptly and effectively. Among the numerous services they have performed are the following: They have dispersed noisy groups of teenagers from in front of my house at one in the morning; they have evicted midnight swimmers from the public pool; they have answered questions about a possible gas leak; they have kept an eye on my house while I was away; and, most recently, if it were not for their help, MUCTC buses would still be using lower Lansdowne (which is not a bus route) to reach the terminal at the foot of the Glen between four and five in the morning.

I'm indebted to the Public Security Unit and I imagine many other Westmounters are too.

Judy Yelon

4700 de Maisonneuve boulevard
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1M1

Metcalfe resident against removal of traffic light

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

Councillor Paul Fortin
Westmount City Hall
Dear M Fortin:

I am writing to express strong opposition to the idea of using stop signs to replace the traffic lights at de Maisonneuve and Metcalfe avenue.

Living, as I do, less than half a block away from this particular intersection, I find it hard to believe that any serious survey of

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

Who knows what?

HAVE you ever been the victim of false information in a credit or auto insurance file? Have you ever been refused a loan or life insurance and wondered why?

There is a vast network of personal information in the files of financial institutions, credit agencies, life insurance companies, and the like. Is that information on you and me accurate? Is it used fairly?

These are the questions being posed by a number of university, bureaucratic and parliamentary committees these days. Should the government move to regulate accessibility, accuracy, and fairness in the operations of private data banks?

The question is not a trivial one. There have undoubtedly been abuses. Are there enough to justify the establishment of an extensive bureaucracy? Is Big Brother a computer?

One of the major technical questions underlying such an undertaking would be the mobility of personal data. Computer communications permit a bank in Montreal to consult a data base in New York or Toronto almost as easily as one in the building next door. So if Quebec decided to regulate personal information in the hands of private sector companies, would it not be running the risk of simply transferring the data bases in question to Cornwall or Plattsburg, if not Toronto?

One suggestion has been to proceed in concert with the industry, to attempt self-regulation within an overall legislative framework. This might be a constructive way to begin the task of making the companies using personal data accountable for its basic accuracy.

If any readers have a tale of unfair treatment at the hands of companies misusing or misunderstanding personal data on themselves, I would be very interested to hear about it.

I Say!

LIKE all young men, you greatly exaggerate the difference between one young woman and another.

—*George Bernard Shaw*

Oneg Shabbat Fridays at Shaar

The Congregation Shaar Hashomayim Singles announces the continuation of the popular Friday night Oneg Shabbat for singles aged 20 to 40.

This is an opportunity to spend Shabbat evening with new friends and singles visiting from Ottawa, Toronto and New England.

The Oneg Shabbat is held in the chapel, entry at 120 Côte St Antoine, and there is a reception in the Kiddush room.

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Sabbath Day: 8:40 am in the main Synagogue
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Mornings:
Sun, June 19, 8:45 am
Mon-Fri, June 20-24, 7:30 am

Evenings:
Sun-Thurs, June 19-23, 8:00 pm

ANGLICAN

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
Corner of Wood and de Maisonneuve, Westmount
The Rev'd Eric Dungan, MA
Sunday, June 19
FOURTH AFTER PENTECOST
8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Said
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Sung
Church School & Nursery

During the week, the Holy Eucharist will be celebrated on:
Wednesday, June 22 11:15 am
Friday, June 24 12:10 pm
St John the Baptist
Wednesday, June 15 11:15 am

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The Rev. J.E. Munson, BA, BD, MDiv
Andrew Bourne, ARCT, Organist and Choir Director
SUNDAY, June 19
Fourth after Pentecost

11:00 am
Sermon: The Fruit of the Spirit - I. Love

Rev. J.E. Munson preaching

4:00 pm Alice Strejeck, lyric soprano

ALL ARE WELCOME

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SUNDAY, JUNE 19 – Trinity III

8:00 am Holy Communion
9:00 am Family Eucharist (BAS)
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Rector: The Rev. Paul James *Curate:* The Rev. Alex Angioli
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BEAVERS AND CUBS UNITE: The members of the St Matthias' Church group of Cub Scouts and Beavers held their annual banquet in Victoria Hall on May 25. After a fine feed of barbecued chicken and fries, leaders of the various packs and lodges spoke briefly to the assembly. From all was heard a plea for greater participation by parents. "We do need leadership and we do need volunteers," said Cub leader Kevin Prendergast. Rev Paul James, rector of St Matthias', said, "It is true that unless we turn our hands to it, it won't get done." The highlights of the evening were the Cub car rally and a series of skits performed by one Venturer and four Boy Scouts. Shown are the rally participants with the cars they made from fairly shapeless chunks of wood. In back, from left, are: **David Wright**, **Patrick Dubeau**, **Graham Colby**, **Robbie Rutledge** and **Pablo Stern-Plaza**. In front, from left, are: **Chris Lally**, **Andrew Smith**, whose car won the impromptu rally, **Daryn Mitchell** and **Reo Sasabe**.

Churches unite in summer worship

June 19 is the last Sunday that the congregation of St Andrew's - Dominion-Douglas Church will worship together before combining with their friends at Westmount Park United Church for the summer services.

The schedule of services is as follows: services on June 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 will be at Westmount Park Church at 11 am; services on Aug 7, 14, 21, 28 and Sept 4 will be at St Andrew's - Dominion-Douglas at 11 am.

Creative corner and crib corner will be available during the worship service to children of all ages from Aug 7.

Lawn sale

The Salvation Army is holding a lawn sale at the Eventide Home, 7486 St Jacques street west, on Saturday, June 18, from 10 am to 4 pm. All items will be sold at very reasonable prices, organizers say.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 19

11:00 a.m. Morning Service

Sermon: Fifty years in the Fiery Furnace

The Rev. Donald Burns preaching

Ministers: The Rev Alexander J. Farquhar; The Rev Donald Burns
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The Minister
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Crêche and Nursery
J.S.S. Armour, Hugh N. Jack, Ministers
Patrick Wedd, Director of Music

Author and doll lover, Virginia Dawson dies

Virginia Douglas Dawson, a longtime resident of Westmount, died peacefully at home Monday, June 13, 1988, just a few days before her 80th birthday.

Born in Ohio on June 17, 1908, Mrs Dawson travelled widely and lived in many parts of the United States. She came to Canada with her father, Lloyd C. Douglas, when he became minister of St James United Church.

Mrs Dawson studied art and creative writing at McGill University



Virginia Douglas Dawson

and then married the late Dr Howard L. Dawson.

After her marriage, she was active in the Royal Victoria Hospital Auxiliary, American Women's Club, PEN International and the Car[illegible]an Authors' Association.

She was the published author of many short stories and of a biographical novel about her father, *The Shape of Sunday*.

Mrs Dawson had a life-long interest in dolls and in miniatures. She was active in the Miniature Club of Montreal and was a busy member of the Women's Auxiliary of St Andrew's - Dominion-Douglas Church.

She is survived by three sons, Arthur (Helen) of La Jolla, California, John (Julie) and Douglas (Heather) of Westmount, as well as nine grandchildren.

Her special humor and way with words will always be remembered. Her many artistic creations will be treasured by her family and friends.

A funeral service will be held at St Andrew's - Dominion-Douglas Church, tomorrow, Friday, at 3 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Medical Oncology Research Fund, Montreal General Hospital, would be greatly appreciated.

Amended plans introduced at Côte St Antoine meeting

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Revised plans for the rebuilding and narrowing of Côte St Antoine road were submitted to public consultation last Thursday at a meeting a city hall.

The start of work will be delayed until the end of August and further consultation has been promised before modifications are made to the Clarke avenue intersection.

The $1.5 million project, expected to last through October, appeared generally well-received by more than 40 citizens at the meeting.

Opposition and concern, however, were expressed on south-side parking west of Metcalfe, traffic congestion on Metcalfe and the future of the Clarke corner.

Earlier calls for a bike path went unheeded although controversial protrusions were eliminated.

Under the new plan, the street will be narrowed throughout most of the its length to 26 feet. This is the same dimension as one side of Dorchester in Westmount and generally permits one parking lane and 1 1/2 driving lanes.

Decisions postponed

Final decisions concerning possible closure of the dangerous Côte road access at Clarke will be postponed until after reconstruction, citizens were told.

This will provide time during its temporary closure over the construction period to allow for monitoring of traffic shifts, explained city councillors Peter Duffield and Paul Fortin, who co-chaired the meeting.

Narrowing of Côte road will be achieved by widening sidewalks and extending grass frontage of properties on the south side, instead of using sidewalk protrusions. These and other changes came in response to citizen concerns voiced at the first public consultation meeting on April 7.

The latest proposals would allow parking on the south side only, west of Forden avenue. These were hardest hit by many attending the meeting. Most seemed to be south-side residents who favor parking across the street.

They cited the street's configuration as contributing to difficulty in backing out of driveways on the south side between parked cars. They also say that many houses on the north side are elevated above street level so that parked cars are not as easily seen from inside the homes.

Concerned with congestion

Many of the 38 citizen questions recorded by THE EXAMINER dealt with traffic congestion around the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue.

After several questioners raised the issue, Jean Durcak rose to say he was glad "some people realize there is a problem" and mentioning hazards posed by parked cars along the fire route. He suggested that fire trucks and police cars might be driven down behind city hall.

The fire route matter had been raised, he was told. Trial runs had been made with the fire trucks around pylons and approved by the fire department.

Monday morning, following the meeting, fire apparatus was seen being tested on the corners at Stanton street and Metcalfe at their intersection with Côte St Antoine.

Mr Durcak said he was concerned that the present situation would worsen with narrowing of the street should cars attempt to park on both sides. He questioned the city's ability to enforce one-side-of-the-street parking during Shaar events.

Suggestions for alleviating congestion included making Metcalfe one-way south and posting MUC police on the street as is done outside The Forum during events.

A proposal by Philip Bobrow to use area parking lots, such as the one at Selwyn House, for Shaar parking at night, generated a fair amount of acceptance.

Priorities considered in redesigning the street, explained Ed McCavour, assistant director general, included modifying the Clarke avenue intersection, "the city's most dangerous corner," while maintaining the residential character of Clarke.

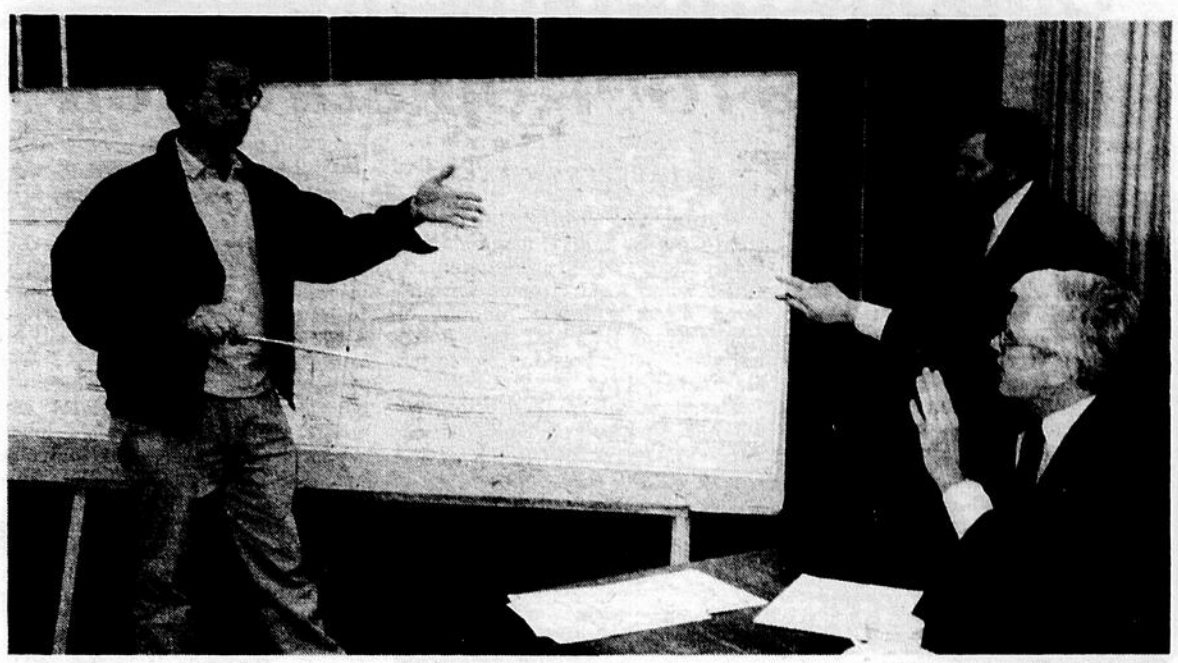
The design also will narrow Côte road to provide a "rural" aspect and "seduce" traffic onto Sherbrooke street.

Councillors Duffield and Fortin differed in how they felt a solution would be reached regarding Clarke, Mr Duffield claiming it would be a "political" decision."

"I disagree," Mr Fortin said. "It will not only be a political decision because by then we will have the necessary data on whether traffic increases on Clarke when the intersection is blocked off."

Councillor Sally Aitken, who attended the meeting, said she did not favor moving the Sherbrooke-Clarke entry to Côte St Antoine further west. If it were to be permanently closed, she said, she favored allowing traffic to use Argyle avenue.

She was told by Mr Duffield that, as a member of council, she would have her vote when the time came.



Westmount residents like **Jean Durcak**, left, had the opportunity to discuss changes proposed for the reconstruction of Côte St Antoine road last Thursday night with city officials. At right are **Councillor Peter Duffield**, seated, and **Ed McCavour**, the city's assistant director general for operations.

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Residents evacuated on Metcalfe:

Sunday morning fire destroys rooftop sundeck

A fire that destroyed the rooftop sundeck of an apartment building at 235 Metcalfe avenue Sunday probably started accidentally from smoker's material. Maliciousness, however, has not been ruled out, fire officials said this week.

High winds fanned the fire, which burned most of the 20-foot-square deck while tenants, many of them elderly, were evacuated from the six-storey building as a precaution.

Quick work by firefighters averted the fire spreading into the roof and damage was estimated at $10,500.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mutual aid firefighting crews from Côte St Luc, Outremont and Hampstead were summoned to assist when local firemen encountered a considerable amount of smoke in the fifth and sixth storey hallways after responding to an alarm at 12:14 pm.

The blaze was quelled using two 1 1/2-inch streams from the aerial ladder and was reported out at 12:39 pm. One injury was reported.

The fire, which attracted much attention in the neighborhood, occurred as many residents were relaxing at home on the sunny summer Sunday.

"I heard the building's alarm ring and not long afterward the police were knocking on my door telling me to get out," said one woman as residents exchanged evacuation stories while assembled outside.

Many watched the goings-on while comfortably seated in sofas and chairs from the building's lobby which were carried onto Ingleside avenue for their use by public safety officers.

"The firemen were so kind to us and did such a good job," said another woman who called THE EXAMINER office Monday morning in praise of the men.

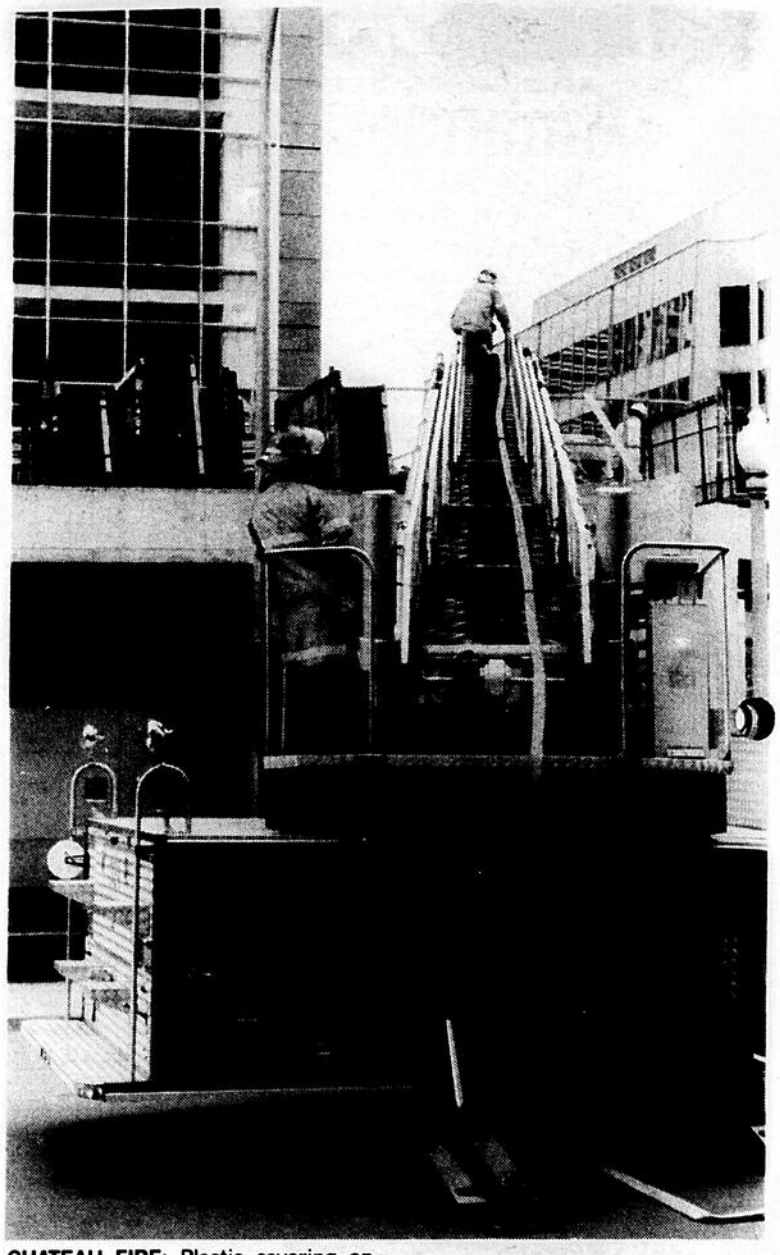
Several calls were received for the fire, the first from a visitor at the adjacent apartment building at 200 Kensington avenue who spotted smoke in the area. Firefighters, led by Captain Gerald Gauthier and Lieut Tony Testa, traced the fire to the Metcalfe Manor and were led onto the roof by sixth-floor resident Jack Marsters.

There they found the wooden deck ablaze in the strong winds.

After the fire was quelled, the area was secured until fire investigators could check out the source.

"With that wind, it would have got going quickly," Inspector Hugh Clarke later told THE EXAMINER. He said the fire was probably accidental but possibly malicious. No electrical wires were located in the area and no barbecues had been in use, he said.

No one was reported to have been on the roof at the time of the fire.



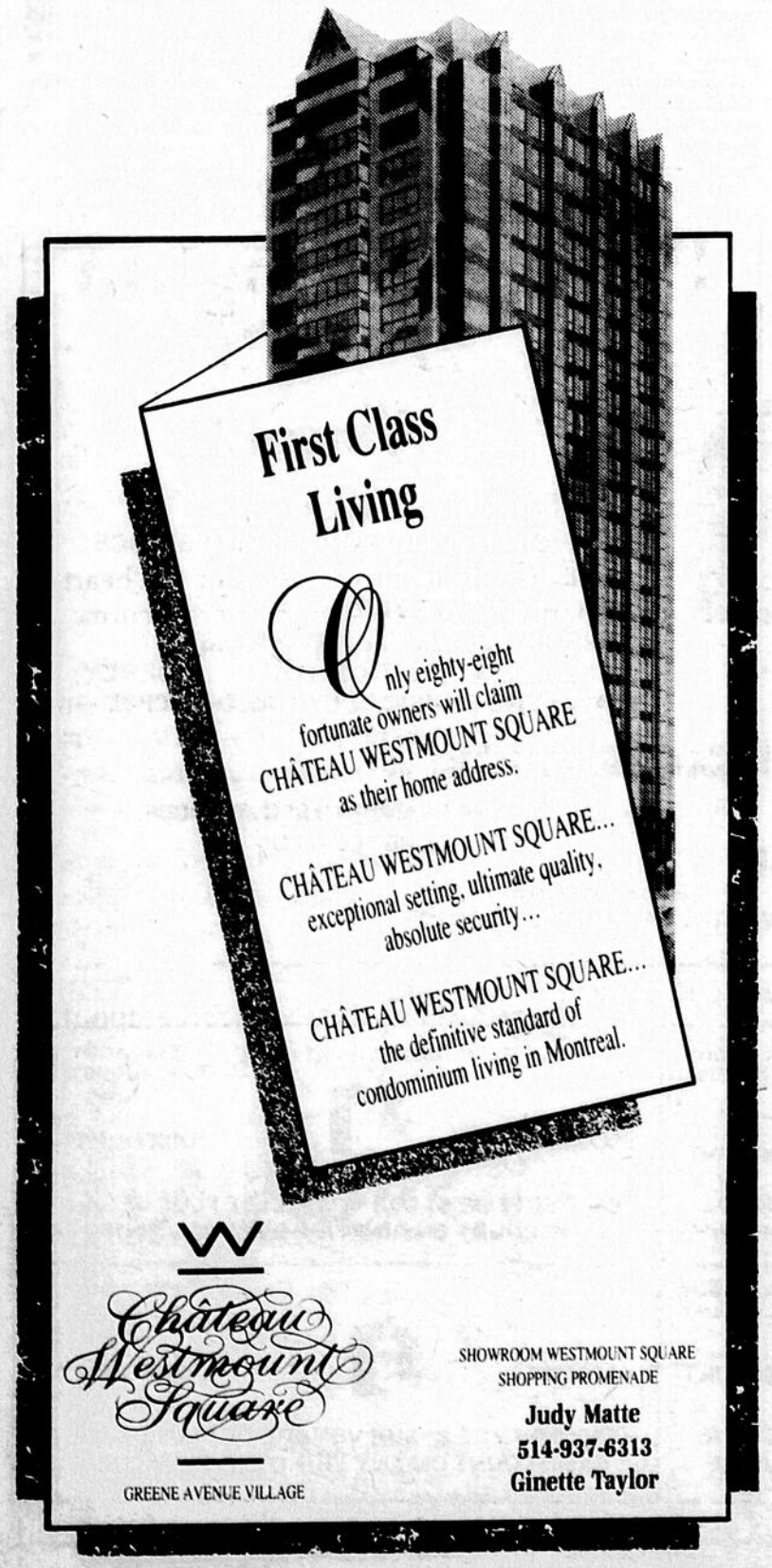
CHATEAU FIRE: Plastic covering on windows of Château Westmount Square was ignited Wednesday last week by sparks from welding work on a higher level, causing about $800 damage, fire officials report. The smouldering material was doused using two pressurized water extinguishers. Firefighters were called to the highrise construction site at Greene avenue and St Catherine street at 6:05 pm and spent about 45 minutes at the scene. Damage was reported to be confined to rubber seals on the window frames.

Give the gift of life. Be a Red Cross blood donor.

Bikes found

Two bicycles were found Saturday in front of 49 Hallowell street by public safety officers, police report. One was a pink BMX, the other a blue BMX. Both were taken local MUC police station 23.

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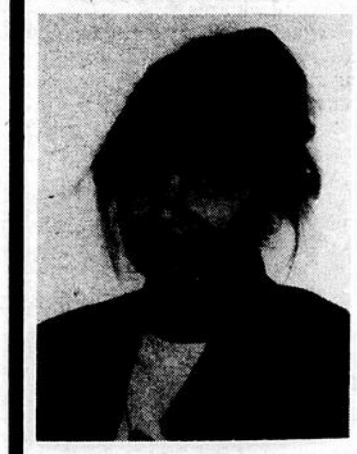
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This gas entry pipe leading to 4050 Dorchester boulevard was capped temporarily Monday after being broken by a backhoe during work to lay a Bell Canada conduit.

Punctured gas line forces evacuations, closure of Dorchester

A backhoe digging on the south side of Dorchester boulevard near Weredale Park Monday noon punctured a gas entry pipe forcing closure of the street and evacuation of homes in a two-block area.

As gas vapors shot up from the excavation trench hissing and emitting an odor noticeable on Atwater avenue, firefighters stood by with charged hoses in the event of ignition until repairs could be made two hours later.

The broken gas entry pipe to a house at 4050 Dorchester occurred about 11:53 am as contractors prepared the street for the laying of conduit for Bell Canada, fire officials said.

The safety measures were undertaken to prevent a possible explosion similar to one which occured under a similar situation in Montreal several months ago, explained Fire Director William Timmons.

"We can't treat any gas leak lightly," he explained.

As winds blew the gas vapors southeast, roofers were discovered using an open flame to heat a tar pot in the lane directly behind, causing a potentially hazardous situation, he said.

The work was closed down, as were ventilation systems in nearby buildings such as the Reddy Memorial Hospital and the Royal Bank data centre.

Houses in a two-block area on the south side of Dorchester also were checked since many windows were open in the hot weather and winds were blowing the vapors in the southeasterly direction.

The leak was temporarily capped soon after arrival of gas crews on the scene but firefighters remained on the spot for some two hours until repairs were completed at 1:46 pm.

Co-ordination between firefighters, MUC police, public safaety officers, Gaz Métropolitain workers and safety inspectors went well, Dir Timmons said.

During the operation mutual aid firemen from Outremont assisted at the scene.

Town of Mount Royal crews, who had been called to cover at the Westmount station, were dispatched en route to handle a small fire in flower beds in the park at Lansdowne avenue and St Catherine street (see separate story).

Six simultaneous fires at Dawson investigated

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Fires which broke out in six separate places Tuesday night in brick buildings at the rear of the new Dawson College Atwater site has been turned over the MUC police arson squad for investigation, Westmount fire officials said yesterday.

One of the fires was reported to have been found in a wooden floor joist of the old carpentry "shed" in exactly the same location as a deliberately set fire Oct 28, 1986.

The fires were discovered at the same time, 8:32 pm, in adjoining buildings containing old wood from the chapel, books and other items.

The structure borders de Maisonneuve boulevard at the rear of the former Mother House site, 3040 Sherbrooke street, where more than six fires have occurred since extensive renovations started on the main historic building in 1985.

The latest fires appear to be have been deliberately set, confirmed Westmount Fire Director William Timmons.

The incident initially brought out Montreal firemen who summoned the Westmount fire department after determining the location of the problem. Firefighters from five mutual aid fires then were called to assist.

When Westmount firemen arrived, smoke was found rising from different areas, explained Lieut Tony Testa. Firefighters divided into several groups to trace the smoke and several hoses were laid. At the time, the fires were thought to have been started in four locations.

Subsequent investigation turned up two more sources, according to Lieut Inspector Barry Coates.

One involved a large floor joist in what used to be the carpentry shop in the most easterly building, he said.

Three others were found next door in a basement where firefighting was made difficult by the presence of small wire-covered windows. These generated a considerable amount of burning and remained smouldering some time.

A fifth fire source was located upstairs where numerous packing boxes of books were found.

The sixth fire was found in a former garage area to the west housing old wooden items such as doors that had been taken from the chapel during renovations, Lieut Coates said.

The fire brought out a number of retired and off-duty fire personnel who happened to hear about the action on radio scanners. Among them was a fire commissioner from Burlington, Vermont.

Mutual aid firemen from Côte St Luc, St Laurent, Outremont and Hampstead assisted at the scene while Town of Mount Royal crews covered at the Westmount station.

There also have been two major fires in the roof of the main building as well as several smaller ones elsewhere on the site since construction began for the new Dawson campus. Students are expected to start using the new facility in September.



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Police, PSU and merchants to organize Business Watch

Robbers, con artists and shoplifters: beware.

Merchants in the Victoria-Sherbrooke shopping area are being organized into a Business Watch program to protect themselves against crime.

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The program, styled after the successful Neighborhood Watch plan, is being launched by the City of Westmount for west-end merchants next Wednesday at Victoria Hall starting at 6:30 pm.

Participating merchants will be organized into a pyramid information system so that, in the event one should be victimized, descriptions of the suspects will be relayed within minutes to others.

Invitations to the organizing meeting from City Councillor Paul Fortin, commissioner of public safety, have been distributed to merchants in the Victoria-Sherbrooke area by the Public Security Unit and MUC police.

Merchants in the east end of the city in the Greene-St Catherine area are expected to be organized by crime prevention co-ordinators in the fall.

Previous requests

Organizers are hoping for a good turnout at the launching since the program is being implemented as a response to previous requests by merchants for greater security in the area.

"We will tell them how the program will operate as well and explain how they can help to protect themselves against fraud, robbery and shoplifting," says Constable Michel Caza, station 23's crime prevention officer. "The program is in existence in other places and is successful in helping merchants to look out for each other."

Public Security Director Richard McEnroe, whose unit is organizing the event, says a program co-ordinator will be chosen from among the merchants to help with the organizing.

"Response to the meeting so far has been overwhelming," he says, judging by reaction reported by PSO Raffaele Barba, the unit's crime prevention officer, who already has had the opportunity to explain the program to some merchants.

Although only merchants are being organized at this time, he explains, it is intended later to extend the program to include business offices.

Further information can be obtained from the Public Security Unit's business office at 935-8531 local 259, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm.

Flagged down

A Canadian flag was stolen fr[illegible] pole outside a home at the corne[illegible] Holton and Mount Pleasant avenues overnight Friday-Saturday, police said. It was the same house which last week fell victim to plant container vandals. The flag was valued at $75.

Village sidewalk sale to be a mini-festival

In response to the absence of a Village festival this year (see story last week), some merchants of Victoria avenue have arranged a "super sidewalk sale" for Saturday.

Sale organizer Pamela Luck, owner of the Kitchen Warehouse, said the idea came together with little planning or organization.

"I held a sidewalk sale by myself outside the store last Thanksgiving weekend and it went so well that I decided to hold another now," Mrs Luck said. "I told another merchant who wanted to have one too, and then the word just got around."

Mrs Luck decided last week to distribute a flyer to all the Victoria merchants, telling them of the plans and inviting them to take part. She suggested they set up sale tables outside their stores, buy a bunch of balloons and play appropriate music on "ghetto-blasters."

The response to the flyers has been "absolutely positive," Mrs Luck said, and most of the stores seem ready to participate.

During last year's street festival, which involved stores on both Sherbrooke street and Victoria, many Sherbrooke merchants were unwilling to help in planning the event and in paying for its advertising. Once festival day arrived, she added, they were only too eager to participate and take advantage of the influx of shoppers.

The sidewalk sale will be lower-key than the festival had been, but Mrs Luck thinks balloons, a clown, music, punch, exhibitions and bargain prices will attract many shoppers to Victoria and should make the street a fun place to be Saturday between 10 am and 5 pm.

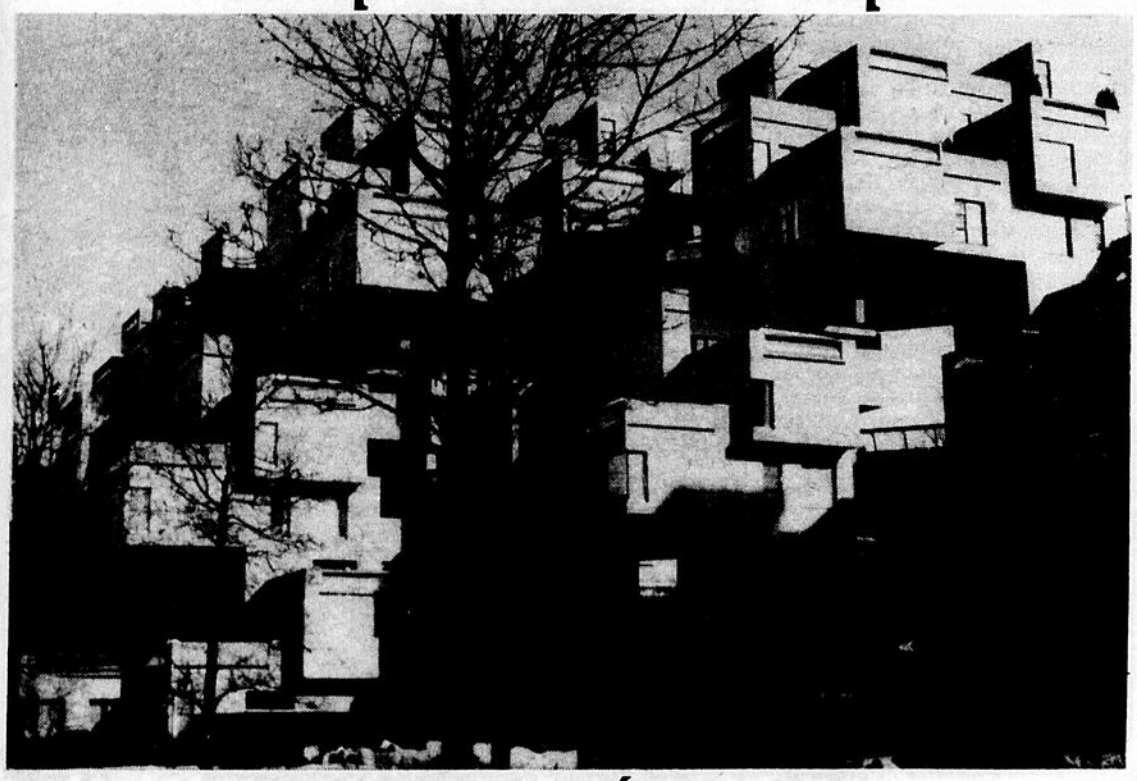
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Lengthy letter to WMA gives Bourbeau's view on valuations, taxes

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

André Bourbeau, Quebec minister of municipal affairs, says that even if he wanted to, he could not change the 1988 valuation rolls and authorize municipalities to base their taxation on 1987 property values.

With a six-page letter, in French, to Westmount Municipal Association president Donald Ross, Mr Bourbeau responded to a letter sent by the WMA to Premier Robert Bourassa. Dated April 28 but released only at the WMA meeting Monday evening, Mr Bourbeau's letter deals with the background, problems and efforts at stabilization that the provincial government is making with regard to the property valuation roll increases and the resulting abrupt hikes in property taxes.

Mr Bourbeau says in the letter, "Our democratic system is based on the clear separation between legislative power (represented by the National Assembly) and judicial power (embodied by the courts)."

Efforts are being made by certain groups to have the valuation roll increases annulled in the courts. Mr Bourbeau says that he cannot, in his position as MNA and minister of the government, comment or intervene until the courts have finished hearing these cases.

Main points

In resumé, the other main points of Mr Bourbeau's letter are:

- that the government recognizes and is much preoccupied by the complex problems which have arisen in connection with the property valuation and taxation increases;
- that abrupt and marked increases in taxes are the most serious, though not the sole, problem in the issue and that swift action is essential;
- that seven Montreal municipalities have availed themselves of the provisions of Bill 82 (allowing for capping of valuation increases for taxation purposes) and have reported it effective in protecting their taxpayers from excessive tax increases;
- that the problems in the MUC territory are distinctly more severe than elsewhere in Quebec so Mr Bourbeau, wondering whether the law is being correctly applied by those responsible for drawing up the valuation rolls, has asked the Commission municipale du Quebec to study the MUC valuation service and to report its findings in six months;
- that fluctuations in property values and increases in taxes often in no way reflect an increase in municipal services — a state of affairs Mr Bourbeau says he "deplores";

Experts at work

- that teams of experts are studying the redistribution of the tax burden between residential and commercial taxpayers, the evaluation system including particularly the evaluation of commercial and industrial buildings, the business tax and other revenue sources, and that a representative from the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors has been invited to participate in this work;
- that a surprising number of serious errors have been allowed to "slip in" during the drawing up of the MUC valuation rolls;
- that some taxpayers are calling for a freeze on evaluation rolls which, says Mr Bourbeau, is only a short-term solution, as has been learned in Toronto where valuations were frozen at the 1940 level and a third commission is now trying to work out how to "un-freeze" them;
- that variable tax rates for business and residential properties have been resisted traditionally because it was believed that business taxes brought equilibrium, but that a study is being made of the effects of abolishing the business tax and setting two different property tax rates;
- that the market value of a property does not always reflect its owner's ability to pay and, this being particularly true of seniors, Mr Bourbeau hopes municipalities will adopt a policy of having older homeowners pay only a part of their taxes with the balance due only when the house is sold or refinanced; and
- that certain municipalities increase their expenses above the level of inflation which has direct repercussions on their taxpayers' bills.

In conclusion, Mr Bourbeau writes that he has gone on at length in order to help his reader understand how complex are the problems of municipal funding.

"There are," he writes, "no magic formulae nor wall-to-wall solutions. We must avoid improvisation and extreme measures which will create more problems than they solve."



MALICE SUSPECTED ON BALCONY: This balcony fire last Thursday at 4123 de Maisonneuve boulevard is believed to have started maliciously with smoker's material, fire investigators said. The blaze, which was reported to have started in rubbish on a first-floor wooden balcony at the east side of the apartment building, spread to a mattress box spring before igniting the balcony above. Damage was estimated at $5,000. The fire was discovered at 3:43 pm by parking inspector Steve Payne and was quickly doused by firefighters using a 1¾-inch stream. It was not reported to have spread inside the building, although glass in the door leading to the apartment of origin was broken by intense heat. Mutual aid firefighters from Côte St Luc also responded and were released at 4:40 pm.

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Council question period goes from soil to summit

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The June session of city council Monday night could well be remembered for passing heritage payment laws, withdrawing the Kells rezoning by-law, selling off the PSU land or reducing the speed limit.

More than likely, however, it will be remembered for the worms.

Although it's not unusual for question periods to go to the dogs, rarely do they tackle such earthy matters as protection for worms.

The matter of wormers in Westmount Park in the early hours of the morning was raised by Andy Dodge, a resident of Lansdowne avenue whose house backs on to the park.

Residents of the area, he told council, are becoming increasing uneasy by these worm pickers. They arrive in [illegible] numbers after rainfall to dra[illegible]e park of its annelid popula-tion that they are becoming a nuisance at all hours of the night.

"Are these people or birds?" asked Mayor May Cutler, trying to keep a straight face.

"It's a chronic problem," Mr Dodge continued. "I've caught them in my bushes. They come out after a rain with tin cans on their feet and lights on their heads."

Buddy Selby, the city's superintendent of parks, who was attending the meeting to receive his appointment to the position, was asked whether removal of the worms posed any threat to the worm population or damage to the park. "It would in time," he replied citing the soil's need for aeration.

"We will discuss the matter in depth," the mayor told Mr Dodge.

Among other concerns raised by citizens were:

• **John Lehnert**, 117 Lewis avenue, who wanted to know, with respect to the WMA's comparative study of per capita municipal spending, what the city would consider a fair way of conducting such a survey. He was told that specifics should be compared according to the type of service rendered rather than global amounts.

• **Stanley Baker**, 4300 de Maisonneuve boulevard, who asked if the library could be kept open on summer weekends. Mayor Cutler replied that her goal was to have Westmount's library open 365 days a year from 10 am to 10 pm like Côte St Luc's. Councillor Sally Aitken said the library's use declined in summer months and did not warrant the expenditure. Councillor Joan Rothman expanded on the cost factor.

• **Mary Anne Myers**, 518 Victoria avenue, asked if the city could do something about "speculators" who create disturbances doing renovations, citing the example of a neighbor. She asked what inspection follow-up the city provided after granting work permits. It was suggested that she meet privately with city officials to discuss the matter.

• **Christiane van Renesse**, 1117 Greene avenue , wanted to know when the Committee of Westmount Tenants' Associations would received a reply to its brief on rental problems. She was told by director general Peter Patenaude that a review of the brief was under way and a reply could be expected shortly.

• **Gerald Glass**, 181 Metcalfe avenue, asked where the Public Security Unit would be moving to make way for construction of the seniors' reception centre on Hillside avenue. Mr Patenaude replied that several sites were under consideration, one being the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club on Greene avenue.

• **Lawrence Capelovitch**, 26 Willow avenue, opposed the city council's efforts to ban parking at night from the summit lookout (see separate story).

Concerts to be held Sundays in the park

THE Westmount YMCA "Concerts in the Park" series is back again this summer. The concerts will be held six consecutive Sunday afternoons at the lagoon in Westmount Park, beginning July 10.

This year the concerts will be held rain or shine, with the city lending Victoria Hall for the music if the skies open.

The schedule is as follows: July 10, L'Ensemble du Carré St Louis; July 17, the Orealis Trio; July 24, L'Ensemble du Carré St Louis again; July 31, Swing à la Carte Quintet; August 7, the Trio Ambiance; and Aug 14, the Mount Royal Saxaphone Quartet.

At its Monday night meeting, city council approved a $2,100 grant to the local YMCA for staging the concerts. The money helps to pay the musicians' fees and transportation costs.

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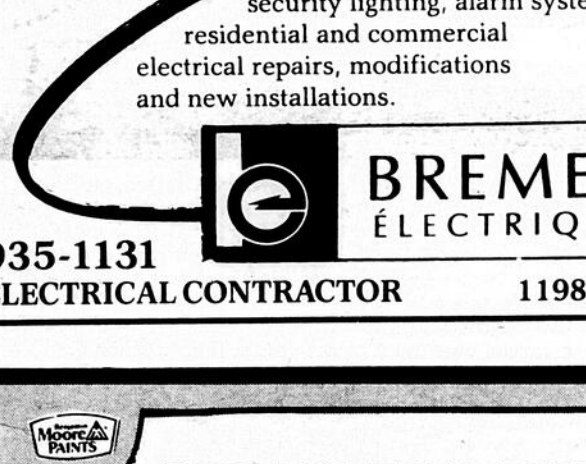
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Future looking bright for ambitious plans of city's light and power department

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Westmount's light and power department has ambitious plans for the rest of 1988: hammering out a new contract with Hydro-Québec, hooking up numerous new buildings with electricity, automating its operations centre, replacing street lighting in large stretches of the city including King George Park, setting up a customer service centre and upgrading transformer facilities at the King George Park substation.

The department serves two roles in the community. First, as a conveyor of power, it purchases electricity from Hydro-Québec and resells it to residential and commercial consumers. Second, as a municipal department, it looks after street and traffic lights throughout the city.

Selling electricity is a profitable business. In 1987, the utility netted the city almost $600,000. The department buys power wholesale from Hydro and resells it to Westmount residents at the same price Hydro charges to its own consumers.

The last contract between the utilities expired in 1981, and has been renewed yearly on the same terms. Light and power director Bruce St Louis feels the time has come to renegotiate.

"The municipalities deserve to get a better deal from Hydro," he says.

New technology will allow staff in the operations centre to monitor the whole system better and discover problems before they get serious.

The $5 million street lighting program involves replacing light standards on streets which are poorly lit. The department also plans to replace the lighting in King George Park.

"The underground wires are shot. They're being held together with Band-Aids and the bases are falling apart," Mr St Louis explains.



Chief substation operator **Bruce Buckley** and maintenance supervisor **J. Kurt Braun** inspect a 4,000 volt circuit breaker at the Westmount Glen power substation.

Another project being worked on for this year is the creation of a customer service centre to give residents a direct line to get help, rather than going through city hall.

Westmount's light and power department has changed substantially over the years since its formation in 1906 with the adoption of municipal by-law 146. At the time, power was bought from the Montreal Electrical Commission. The city also had its own back-up supply until 1933, generated by its garbage incinerator.

Just another customer

Every municipality had its own power utility in the early part of the century. When Hydro-Québec formed in the 1960s, it absorbed most of these utilities. Five years ago, 21 municipalities still had their own light and power departments. Today there are only six.

"When it comes to supplying Westmount with electricity, Hydro-Québec considers us to be just another customer," Mr St Louis says, "although we're a larger one than most."

Hydro delivers electricity to Poste Maisonneuve on St Antoine street at the city's southern border. Westmount can do little in the case of provincewide blackouts such as the one April 18. When Hydro-Québec pulls the plug, everyone is out of luck — and in the dark.

Westmount does benefit, however, from the fact Poste Maisonneuve supplies electricity to several hospitals, including the Reddy Memorial. This means the city gets first priority during a blackout.

Twelve 12,000 volt lines bring power up Greene avenue from Poste Maisonneuve and along St Catherine street to Westmount's three substations and directly to some large buildings. Once at the substations, each 12,000 volt line passes through a huge transformer and emerges as three 4,000 volt lines.

Substations

The Glen substation, on Glen road just south of the CPR tracks, has four of these transformers. The 4,000 volt cables branch out from the Glen and serve city blocks in the southwest sector.

The Olivier substation, on Olivier north of de Maisonneuve boulevard, has three transformers and serves the southeast. The Park substation in King George Park has another three transformers and covers northern Westmount. One transformer at each location serves as a back-up to

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the others in case of a breakdown.

Mission control is in the Glen substation. The whole system is monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year from there. Rows of meters and dials indicate loads, surges and breakdowns anywhere in the city. A large map of the city adorns the control-room wall with circuit paths drawn in and lights on every one to indicate when and where a problem has occurred.

All the 12,000 volt lines are underground, as are the majority of the 4,000 volt ones. The rest are pole-mounted. Pole-mounted transformers further reduce the power to 120/240 volt lines which individual homes use.

The utility supplies electricity to over 9,000 residential and commercial customers. There are some 8,120 residential meters, 1,140 commercial meters, and the equivalent of 250 city meters.

An overlapping of circuits creates a system which is virtually black-out-free when minor problems occur. Every city residential block is served by two different circuits, one main and one back-up. Between two and 10 blocks are on a given circuit and each has a different back-up.

Among the department's 39 employees are two full-time meter readers. With fewer and fewer people at home these days, meter readers can have a tough time getting their information. When no one's home, the city trusts people to report their own consumption, but eventually someone will verify the numbers.

A computer helps organize the billing procedure and keep track of individual power consumption. Another computer helps the department plan for the future.

"A load management program helps us to predict consumption patterns and provides information about which transformers will need to be upgraded," says Mr St Louis.

The department took in $12,500,000 from the sale of power last year. About one-third of this comes from residential consumption and the remaining two-thirds from commercial use.

Building boom a boon

The recent surge in building projects means even more electricity will be consumed in the future. The revenues from the new buildings couldn't come at a better time for the city. A lot of routine maintenance and upgrading needs to be done as older parts of the system reach capacity or begin to show signs of age.

"There have been so many changes in residential consumption over the years resulting in increased demands for power," Mr St Louis explains.

He adds that the Park substation is now running on overload. The system can handle this for a while, but not indefinitely. A fourth transformer for Park is in the plans for this year.

New technologies on power distribution and system maintenance keep Westmount on its toes. Staff members have been attending training seminars and courses to keep them up to date on the latest advances.

These concentrate on fault detection techniques. When something goes wrong and a circuit loses power, the light crew wants to be able to locate the problem and restore power as quickly and as cheaply as possible.

The future looks bright for Westmount's light and power department, Mr St Louis thinks. Once the system has been upgraded and those bills have been paid, the increase in consumption only leaves profit on the bottom line.



MERCK FROSST BEGINS WORK ON RESEARCH CENTRE: A Westmounter and a former Westmounter were the principals in a ceremony Friday morning to mark the start of construction of the $55-million Merck Frosst Centre for Therapeutic Research at the Merck Frosst Canada Inc headquarters in Kirkland. Presiding over the sod-breaking ceremony was Mount Stephen avenue resident **Dr John L. Zabriskie**, left, president of Merck Frosst Canada Inc, while the honored guest was former Westmounter **Prime Minister Brian Mulroney**. Also among those wielding a ceremonial shovel was **Daniel Johnson**, right, Quebec minister of industry and commerce. In addressing the gathering of some several thousand, both Dr Zabriskie and Mr Mulroney attributed the spending on the pharmaceutical research centre to the passage of Bill C-22, the controversial legislation which extended the patent protection on drugs developed in Canada. In addition to construction and equipment costs, Merck Frosst plans to spend over $150 million to finance research at the centre over the next five years, employing some 80 research scientists. Jobs such as these on the West Island, Mr Mulroney said, help demonstrate to English-speaking Quebecers in particular that their educated children don't have to "head down the 401." Among the platform party at the ceremony was former Westmount-based engineer Robert Layton, now Conservative MP for Lachine, who worked on the original plant for Merck Frosst in Kirkland some 20 years ago after Merck & Co Inc bought the Charles E. Frosst pharmaceutical firm which for years had been headquartered in Westmount on Selby street. The Frosst plant since has been the Selby campus of Dawson College. Facing a media horde with a shovelful of earth in his hands, Mr Mulroney was tempted to throw a bit of dirt back on the press for a change. "Where's my favorite columnist?" he quipped.

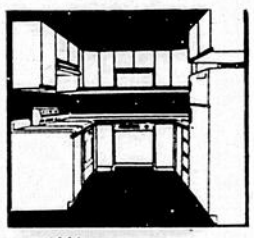
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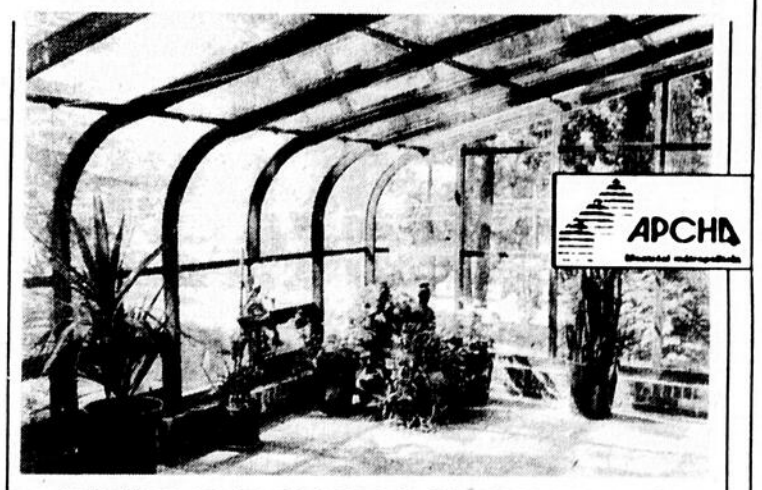
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Because a good deal of attention had been attracted to the area, it was judged wise to remove the remaining babies from the tree. They were placed in a box under the deck of the house. They were fed with milk and formula kindly donated by seven-month-old Lamar Timmins.

At mid-afternoon, their mother returned. The two strongest babies were replaced in the tree trunk, the slightly injured "runt" being kept in the box. Mrs Raccoon then brought both babies out and, carrying one in her mouth, she rolled the other to a hiding place in the corner of the garden farthest from the onlookers. Then she left with the other. She returned shortly thereafter to collect the infant she had hidden.

Mrs Raccoon was seen crossing de Maisonneuve boulevard each time she departed and it was presumed that she had found lodgings somewhere to the north.

By 7 pm, says Mrs Timmins, there was some concern about the remaining baby. The mother had not returned and the evening was becoming cool. A friend of the Timmins family, Mary Jill Quinlan, decided to take the wee one home with her where she acted, overnight, as surrogate mother. She arose three times during the night to give the necessary feedings.

All together again

Meanwhile, back on Ingleside, Mrs Raccoon returned at about 9 pm. She hunted about the felled tree and climbed a second, live poplar in the yard. After her fruitless search she finally left, presumably returning to her three other children.

The next day, Sunday, at about noon, she came back once again. This time she climbed the live poplar and was kept there by neighbor Cynthia Lulham, ably assisted by her dog. Meanwhile, the Timmins phoned Ms Quinlan who, dripping from the shower she had been enjoying, rushed the baby back to Ingleside.

Number Four was placed in the hiding place at the far end of the garden which Mrs Raccoon had used the day before. Then the people and dog withdrew.

Mrs Raccoon soon climbed down and quickly found her missing child. Once again, with babe in mouth, she started her northward progress.

Ms Lulham, aware that mother and child would cross de Maisonneuve, ran ahead and held up traffic during the traverse.

Mrs Raccoon's new residence is known but, to avoid unwanted attention, was not revealed to THE EXAMINER.

Mrs Timmins says, "She's really upgraded. She's got the right idea. She'll be up the hill soon."

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Car spotted by paint puddle

A blue car was splattered with white paint as it drove through the substance spilled in the middle of Lansdowne avenue just south of The Boulevard Tuesday last week, police report.

The car, which belonged to a resident of The Boulevard, sustained about $500 damage.

The street was described as "full of paint" after an estimated five gallons had been spilled in an unknown manner at that location. The paint was even found at the corner of Lansdowne and St Catherine, police said.

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WMA holds last meeting before summer recess

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

The Westmount Municipal Association held its last regular meeting until September on Monday at 8 pm in Victoria Hall.

The meeting took place at the same time as the monthly city council session. David Lightfoot, WMA vice-president, finance, attended the latter as WMA observer.

The agenda of the Victoria Hall meeting included a summary of city council activities, the formation of the various WMA committees for the 1988-89 year, and some mention of the annual general meeting which was held on May 24.

The association is attempting, with its own committees, to parallel those of city council. There are committees devoted to public safety, culture, planning and redevelopment, and community relations, to name [illegible] a few.

Topics which generated the most discussion were the fall schedule which will have meetings on the second Monday of every month, and the question of the role of the WMA in municipal elections.

President Donald Ross was adamant that meetings be held with consistency at the same time and place so as to avoid confusing members and the public. The problem is, however, that the first meeting in the fall is set for Sept 12, which happens to be the first day of Rosh Hashanah, one of the Jewish high holidays. Despite the fact that a number of the WMA members present on Monday said they would be unable to attend the meeting as a result of this conflict, the schedule was left as given.

The following month, October, the second Monday of the month is Thanksgiving Day, but the meeting still is scheduled for that evening.

Role in elections

The question of the role of the WMA in municipal elections arose when Claude Bismuth asked when some action would be taken on the issue. He said that the WMA's role in finding and endorsing candidates needs to be clarified. During the municipal election last fall, he recalled, the WMA gave its blessing to more than one candidate in a ward. He says this does not help electors, it only confuses them.

Further, he feels the WMA should have some input into the way the elections are run. Problems with the electoral lists, with people voting who were perhaps not entitled, are a concern as is the holding of elections on Monday when Sunday would be more convenient for most Westmount residents. (Under recent changes in Quebec legislation, future Westmount elections will be held, as elsewhere, on Sundays.)

Other members indicated that they agreed with Mr Bismuth's position.

Mr Ross said that changes would need to be made to the WMA by-laws and that members did not have the necessary information at hand. Members would need to read and study the by-laws before discussing amendments to them. He said that he intends to work on the issue in the fall.

Mr Bismuth seemed dissatisfied with this and asked that a timetable for the work be laid out.

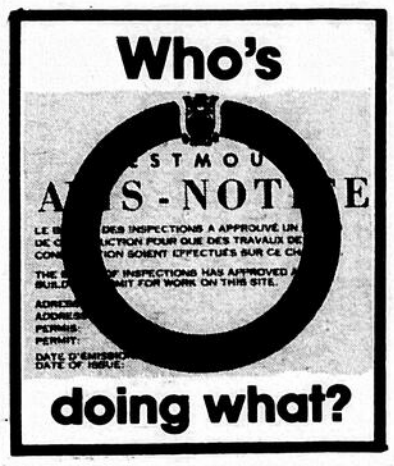
Finally, Lawrence Vatch, secretary, offered to enclose a copy of the by-laws with the minutes so that members could acquaint themselves with the material in order to act on it in the fall.

Other business

Copies of the city's draft by-law regarding the heritage/preservation program were circulated but little discussion ensued. Also mentioned were the city's alternate-side parking study, municipal spending and the Côte St Antoine consultation meeting held last Thursday.

A letter from André Bourbeau, Quebec's minister of municipal affairs, was summarized by Mr Bismuth (see separate story).

The meeting ended at about 9:30 pm.



Civil protection crew attends Vermont classes

Seventeen Westmount civil protection volunteers travelled to Alburg, Vermont, recently to participate in a wide variety of rescue and firefighting courses.

It was the third year the young men and women had attended the annual North Country International Fire Training School held by the Vermount Firefighters Association, this year June 4 and 5.

Three public safety officers and a fire department dispatcher also attended.

The courses were given by certified volunteer Vermont State Fire Service instructors. One of those was Westmount Fire Director William Timmons who conducted a course in fire officer dynamics.

Among the courses taken by the Westmount workers were those dealing with vehicle estrication, car fires, forcible entry, rope rescue, industrial fire suppression, CPR and liquid propane gas.

This year the Civil Protection Unit's distinctive yellow truck was taken to the fire school where it was reported to have generated much interest among other fire departments attending.

"Our volunteers have come a long way in three years," Dir Timmons said, noting the amount of training they have taken since the present group was formed.

One out of two arrested for theft attempt

A 16-year-old Outremont boy was arrested late Saturday night but released without charges after two youths were suspected of attempting to steal something from a car at the rear of 381 Elm avenue, police report.

The second boy was never found.

The incident occurred about 11:45 pm when police received a call for two suspects trying to steal a car in a lane south of Sherbrooke between Wood and Elm.

At the same time as the plaintiff was providing a description to one police patrol, constables from another car were questioning a boy whom they had spotted running out of a lane nearby. When they heard the radio description of the car suspects, they arrested the youth under questioning.

A jack had been found under the car, a black 1980 Oldsmobile, indicating that thieves had wanted to steal something.

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

June 6

3 Côte St Antoine: for B. Robaire and B. Hales by self, parking apron, $2,000;
365 Grosvenor: for C.W. Magill by self, parking apron, $2,500;

June 7

360 Victoria: for S. Pickerell by John Watson Ltd, plumbing, five fixtures, $4,000;

June 8

442 Clarke: for Mr Kelada by self, alterations, $3,000;
4887 Sherbrooke: for Westmount Stationery (Julius Varach) by self, new ceiling, lights and doors, $30,000;
450 Kensington: for Shaar Hashomayim by J.J. Pennell Inc, alterations, $39,745;
354 Olivier: for Henri and Sabrina Katz by self, exterior alterations, $9,000;
655 Côte St Antoine: for Dr Herten-Greaven by self, new garage and removal of existing garage, $10,000;

June 9

610 Victoria: for Mr and Mrs Anson by Paintwell Ltd, paint stripping, $2,000;
1347 Greene: for Yvon Plante by self, alterations, $20,000;

June 10

361-63 Grosvenor: for Alex Demery by Multistruction, interior alterations, $45,000;
15 Windsor: for Mr Levin by J&S Renovations Inc, kitchen alterations, $22,000;
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Three appointments approved by council

City council announced new positions Monday evening for two longtime employees in the public works department and for one employee of the municipal court.

Jean-Pierre Ricard became the new superintendent of the city's Corporation Yard on Bethune street and Douglas "Buddy" Selby was named as parks superintendent.

Mr Ricard replaces former yard superintendent, Réal Tremblay, who passed away last month. Mr Ricard has been with the city since 1971 in a variety of capacities including laborer, chauffeur and as replacement for various foremen.

The new job means a move for him and his family to the yard superintendent's apartment above the yard office. He will oversee the operation of the city's trade shops such as the blacksmith, carpentry, paint and plumbing shops. He also will assist in the organization of snow removal operations.

Mr Ricard is a member of the urban planning committee in southshore Ville Mercier where he now lives. He has also been active with the Association of Municipal Employees and plays softball in the Westmount senior league.

Mr Selby's position was created in response to the division of the city's parks and recreation department. Parks now falls under the public works department, while recreation has become its own city department.

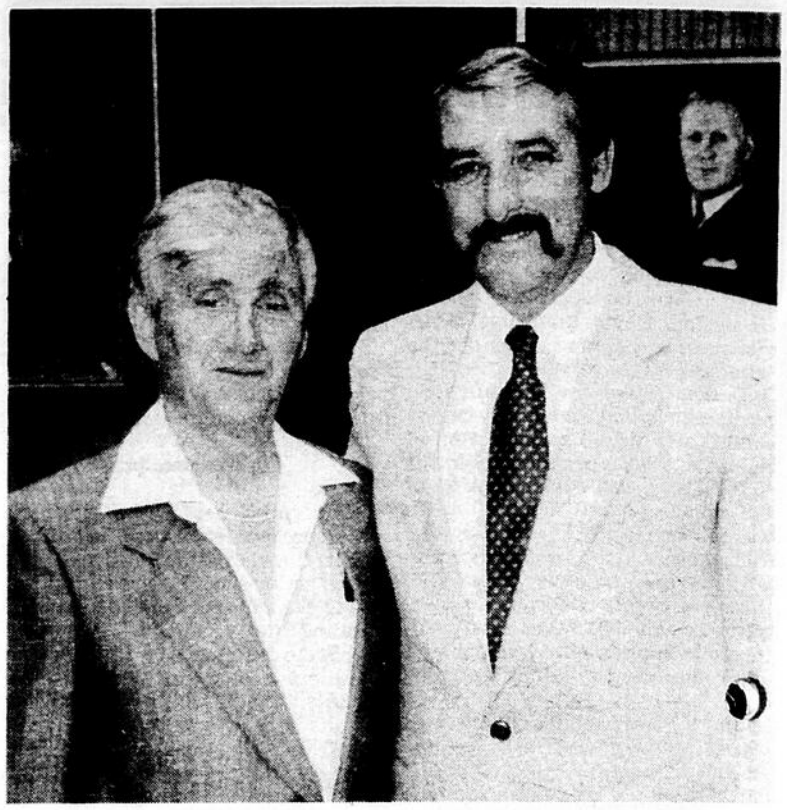
Mr Selby was born in Westmount in 1929 and attended Westmount High School. He has worked for the city since 1948 and lives here with his wife Margaret and their three children.

The employee with the second-longest service to the city, his jobs have included rink attendant, maintenance attendant, rink foreman and general foreman.

As parks superintendent, Mr Selby will be responsible for the maintenance of all recreation facilities in the city including the playing fields, the greenhouse, the playground equipment, and the trees and flowers.

Over the years, he has acquired expertise in many fields related to the job including tree care. With this knowledge, he has been tremendously valuable to the city.

Alan Kulaga was appointed assistant clerk of the court from his former position as assistant to the clerk of the court. The position Mr Kulaga is filling has been vacant for some time.



Buddy Selby and Jean-Pierre Ricard

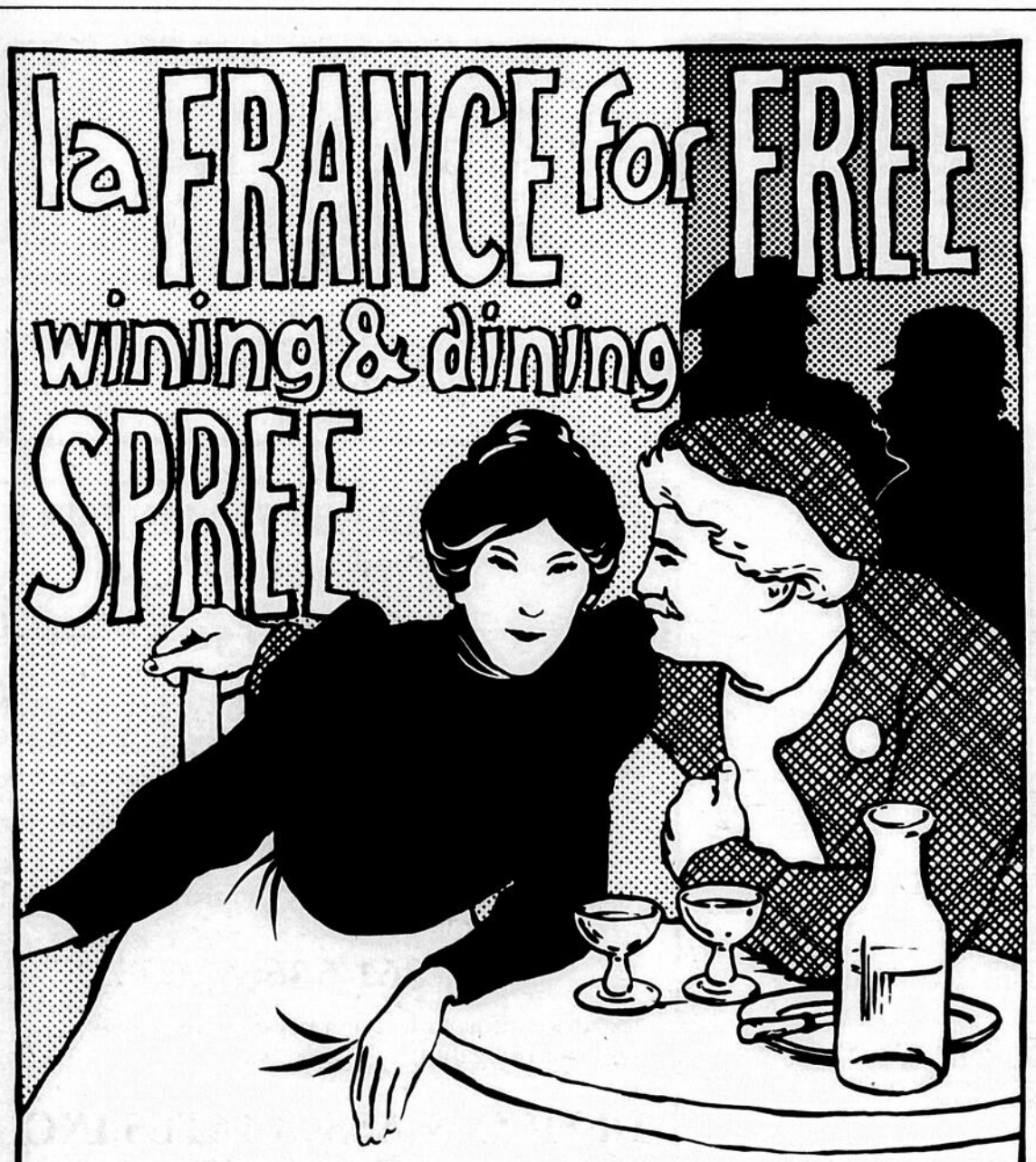
Charges follow impaired driving

Two men were charged in connection with drinking and driving incidents early Friday in Westmount, according to police reports.

One was a 32-year-old resident of Claremont avenue who was stopped at St Catherine and York streets after driving through a red light. He was charged with impaired driving.

The other was a 25-year-old man who was charged with being in control of a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol at Redfern avenue and Sherbrooke street.

The accused was awakened by police at 4:10 am after his car was spotted parked near the corner with two tires on the sidewalk. He was reported to have been sleeping on the steering wheel.



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Resident objects to parking ban on Summit

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A move by city council Monday night to ban nighttime parking on Summit Circle and Summit road as well as at the lookout, which is undergoing repairs, drew opposition from a resident of Willow avenue who said he felt deprived of his rights.

"I feel I have the right to drive my visitors to the lookout which my taxes are supporting," stated Lawrence Capelovitch, a lawyer. "It's not fair for those on the circle to convert something to make this a private preserve. I believe everyone should have access to it (the lookout)."

Mr Capelovitch suggested that parking meters be installed at the location to discourage prolonged parking.

He was told by Councillor Rhoda Vineberg, who respresents ward 1 which includes the summit, that the lookout was still accessible to pedestrians and that plans were to close it to cars only between 9 pm and 6 am.

The reason, she said, was the amount of traffic and "associated by-products" of noise, vandalism and garbage which it generated on many streets in the area (see story 26).

"It's just throwing the problem onto the next set of neighbors," Mr Capelovitch said.

During the formal part of the city council meeting, prior to question period during which the issue was raised, tenders were accepted for masonry repairs and tuckpointing at the lookout for a total amount of $58,800.

Council also approved no parking between 9 pm and 6 am, April 1 to Sept 30, on Summit Circle (including the lookout) and Summit road except for resident permit holders and guests in certain areas.

Stolen car wrecked by vandals

A Westmounter's car which was reported stolen Friday outside 4326 Westmount avenue was recovered in Ste Anne du Lac totally demolished by vandalism, police report. The grey 1983 BMW was valued at $25,000.

The car was found in bush in the Laurentian community near St Jerôme, its seats cut, body scratched by a knife and with dirt in the motor, tires slashed and phone removed.

Everything was wrecked that could have been, police said.

Tire slashed on patrol car

Someone slashed a tire on a Public Security Unit car after it had responded to a false call in Westmount Park for youths breaking a bottle, police said. Damage to the 1987 Plymouth was estimated at $125.

The incident occurred between 10:50 pm and 11 pm while the car was parked in Library Drive as officers searched for the problem.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS HONORED: The favorite topic in this year's annual Westmount Scholarship Trust Fund essay contest turned out to be *If I were a dog in Westmount*, Monday night's city council meeting was told. Twelve winners were announced from the 61 entries. Boys and girls on hand to receive their awards were, from left: **Elizabeth Faure** and **Raquel Mora**, The Study; **Maita Borsiczky**, Westmount High; **Daniel Laskey**, St Léon; **Sarah Ternoway** and **Heather Cassils**, The Study; **Cynthia Balaban**, ECS; **Ivy Lam** and **Mark Tempel**, Westmount High. Absent were: Christina Smurov, David James and Jeremy Howick. Pictured behind the winners are **Councillor Daniel Tingley**, who co-ordinated the contest for the city, and **Mayor May Cutler**, who presented the award. Judges were Judge A. Keith Ham and William Weintraub. Winning entries also were written on *Can public schools survive in Westmount?* and *Is Westmount's library a redundant resource?*



CITIZEN BADGES AWARDED: Three Westmount Girl Guides got a firsthand look at local government in action when they attended Monday night's city council to receive their recently-earned citizen badges from Mayor May Cutler. From left are recipients **Kate Owens, Katie Dowie** and **Debbie Kraus.**



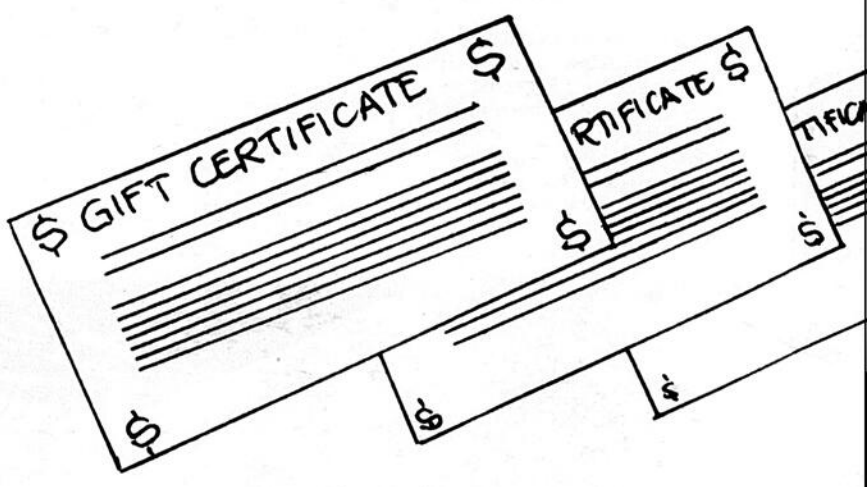
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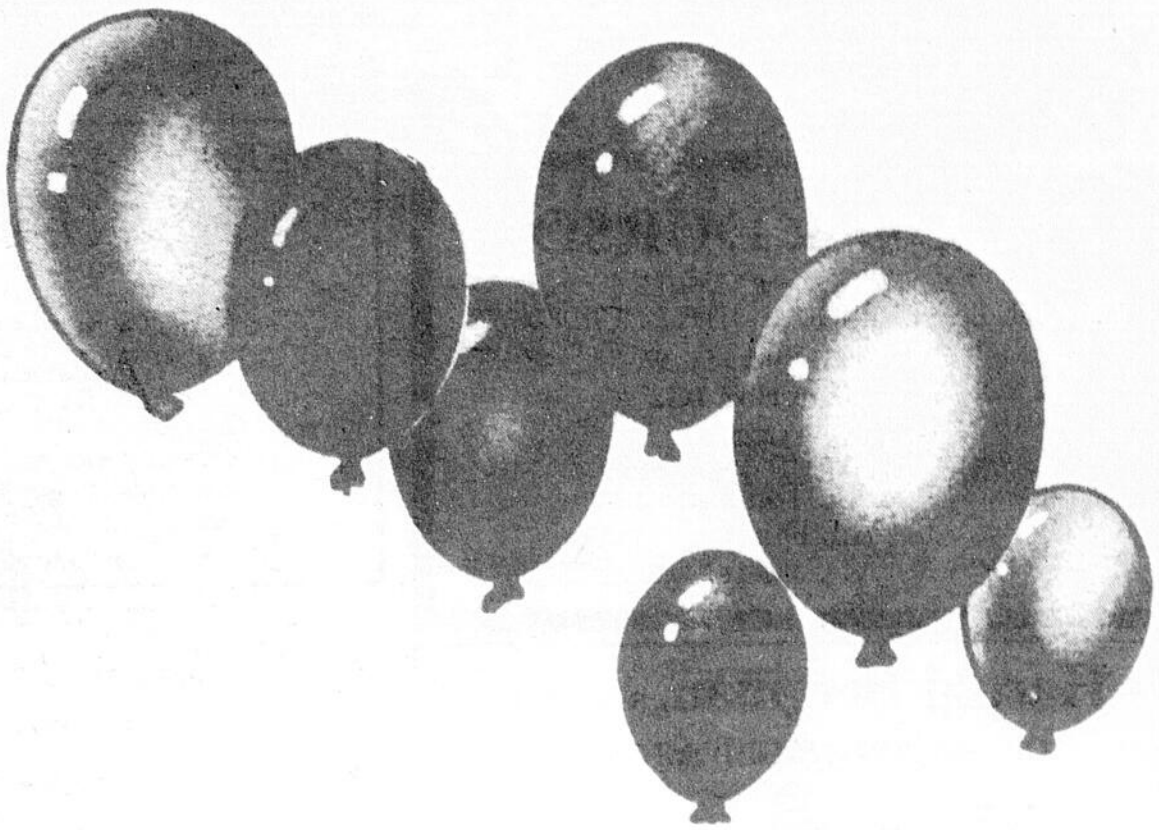


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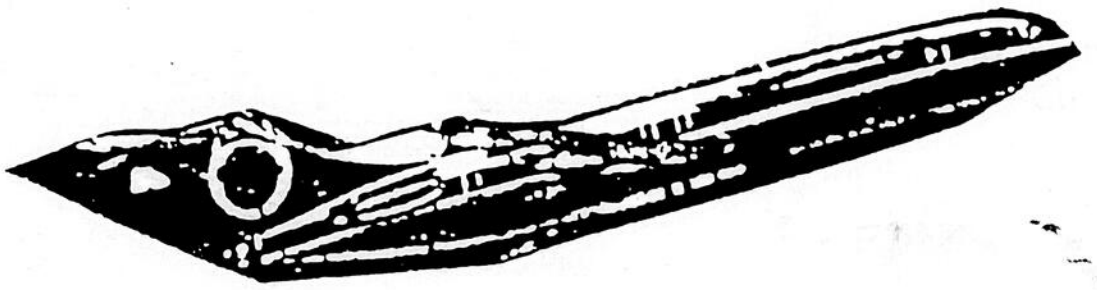
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Spare bike was stolen

A stolen bicycle was recovered Tuesday last week after a man was checked out for riding one bike and holding onto another at St Catherine street and Hillside Lane, police report.

The man, identified as a 20-year-old St Hubert resident, was turned over to police at MUC station 33, downtown, where the riderless bike had been reported stolen May 29. It was described as a white and blue 12-speed model.

The observant police officer was Constable Sylvain Lauzon from station 23.

Mail opener disappears after chase

A man was chased down Greene avenue Monday last week after stealing an envelope from an apartment mailbox at 4200 Sherbrooke street. He managed to outrun his pursuers, police report.

The mail was retrieved by parking inspector Steve Payne after it was dropped during the chase.

The man had been spotted seated on stairs at the building's entrance about 1:58 pm opening an envelope. He was chased down Greene by the janitor who met up with Mr Payne.

The parking inspector took up the chase and called for MUC police. The suspect was lost along St Catherine street.

The envelope was found to have contained a bill.

No other mail was believed to have been stolen, polcie said. Although several mailboxes were found unlocked, none appeared to have been forced open.

The thief was described as a white man aged about 30 wearing a brown sweater and black vest.



YOUTH PROTECTION: With th increase in the number of child abuse cases coming to public attention, the question arises as to whether the problem is growing or the abuse is just being uncovered, **Bob Vyncke** told the Westmount Rotary Club last week. As Director of Youth Protection for Ville Marie Social Services, Mr Vyncke is legally mandated to implement the Youth Protection Act. While the prime goal of the law is to keep children with their families, he said, 9,466 youths were taken into custody last year. Mr Vyncke estimated one percent of all young Quebecers are abused, and said it was everybody's business to report abuse when it is detected.

Feline fatality

A calico cat was hit by a car Monday outside 576 Grosvenor avenue about 9:42 am. It was taken to the Animal Hospital of Westmount where it died soon after, public safety officers report. The cat's owner was not known.

KELLS...

Continued from page one

make the area more residential.

After by-law 1004 was withdrawn Monday in a unanimous decision by council, applause broke out from many members of the public in attendance.

Thanked council

James MacDougall of Prince Albert rose during question period to thank council for striking down the by-law. "We appreciate your decision to preserve the quality of our neighborhood," Mr MacDougall said.

Mrs Woods says she will probably now be selling the building at 4898 de Maisonneuve which she bought in February for $1,335,000. She felt she had to buy the building in anticipation of the zoning change, and so as not to lose the opportunity, when Makivik put the property on the market earlier this year.

Mrs Woods is more concerned, though, with where the school will be next year. Continuing its occupation of the Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, which the city says is illegal, is one possibility and may be the only solution for the 1988-89 school year until a more permanent home can be found.

The problem with renting space in another school, she explained, is that the school boards will only sign a one-year contract. This means the problem of finding a suitable location and the expense of moving could be repeated next year.

The City of Westmount has taken Kells to court for its occupation of the synagogue, a building not zoned for use as a school. The case is still before the judge at the Municipal Court, who has postponed judgment until the city can provide him with zoning information for the site dating back to 1911 when the Temple was built.

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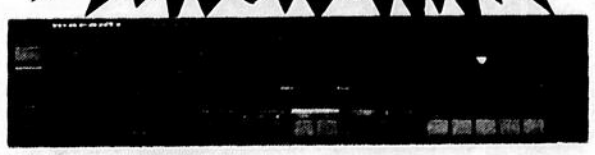
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WPS returns to normal with departure of De Niro and *Jacknife*

Westmount Park School became James Madison High School last weekend, and it moved to a small Connecticut town. The school retrieved its true identity Wednesday morning and all has since been restored to normal.

The school was being used for the shooting of *Jacknife*, a movie directed by British filmmaker David Jones and starring Robert De Niro. Other well-known actors in the film include Ed Harris and Kathy Baker.

The movie, which is being shot on several locations in Montreal, is set in modern-day Connecticut and deals with post-traumatic stress, as well as the emotional and social rehabilitation of Vietnam veterans.

All of the local shooting took place on a closed set inside the school

By CHARLES MAPPIN

building. Interested observers only caught glimpses of Mr De Niro when he came out to his mobile-home dressing room for breaks.

Exception made

The City of Westmount made an exception to its general filming ban for this production, and the work went off smoothly. One of few complaints lodged at city hall resulted from a noisy generator which disturbed some residents. The problem was reportedly resolved quickly.

The filming ban came into effect last autumn after several film projects had seriously disrupted residents while shooting during the summer. Council is now developing a formal policy on filming in Westmount with required deposits, permit fees, insurance coverage, surveys of residents and enforcement of curfews.

Westmount Park School principal Paul Saunders said the *Jacknife* crew were exemplary of how a good movie production should be.

"I'm just so pleased with how they operated in the school. The crew was extremely concerned with the safety of the children and with not interrupting the routine of the school. I was really impressed with the quality of these people," he said.

The filming took place Saturday through Tuesday. On Monday, the school held its field-day activities, with snacks provided for the kids by the movie people, Mr Saunders said. On Tuesday, filming was only done after school hours.

School benefited

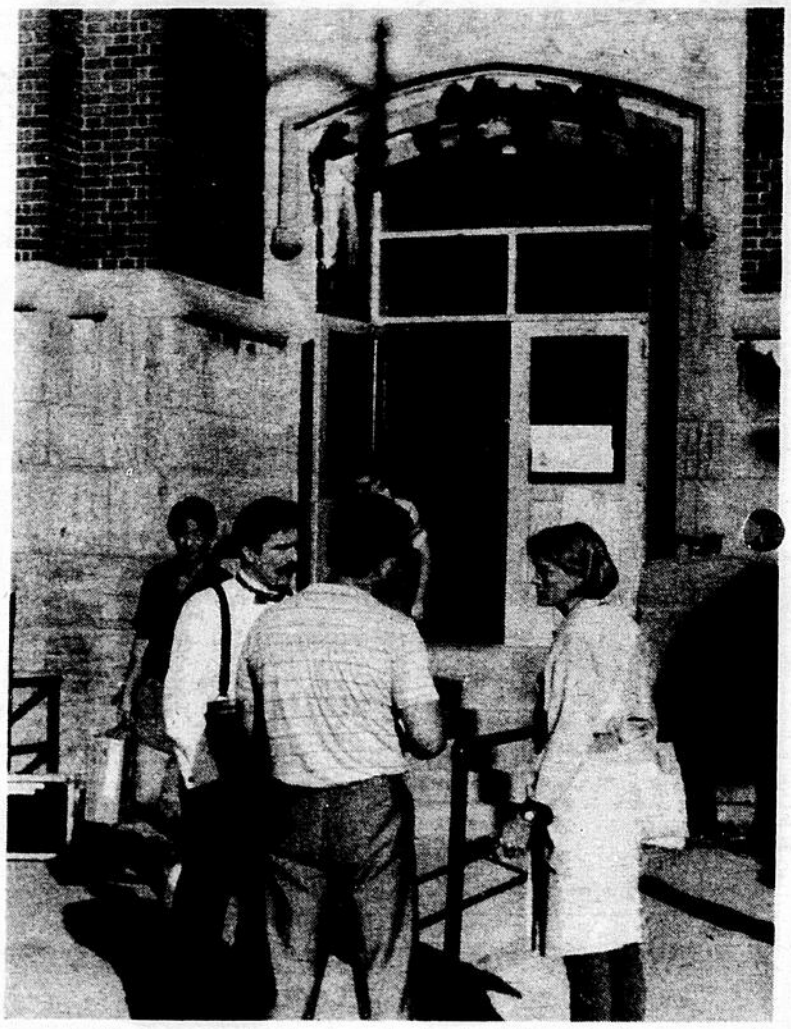
Mr Saunders said the school was left spotless and in better condition than it was before. It benefited from the experience in many ways. First of all, the students were intrigued by all the goings-on.

The film company paid rent to the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, part of which goes directly to the school. On top of that, the crew repainted the entrance and hallways used for the shooting, and they left behind six trophy cabinets which the school will use. They also repainted and carpeted a staff office. Mr Saunders said they have offered to sand and varnish the gymnasium floor.

Several Westmounters got a chance to try out their acting skills in the movie as part of the 150 extras used in the prom scene. Gita Bali, Shallah Patton and Daniel Shaposnick were three locals chosen as extras.

Ms Bali saw an ad in *The Gazette* in early May and went to an audition. "I was told to bring in photos and any formal graduation dresses I had. I was very nervous, but they gave me the job," she explained.

"Robert De Niro was dancing next to me during one scene. When they cut, he came up behind me and grabbed my shoulders as he passed by and said, 'Excuse me dear.' I couldn't believe it was actually Robert De Niro," Ms Bali said.



A mustachioed, suspendered and cumberbunded **Robert De Niro** dicusses the filming of *Jacknife* with crew members outside Westmount Park School on Monday.

Academy of Music holds year-end concert

The National Academy of Music will present a concert by its students today at 5:30 pm in the Fraser-Hickson auditorium, 4855 Kensington avenue, N.D.G.

The academy, at 5521 Côte St Luc road, combines traditional European instruction methods with contemporary North American teaching strategies. The program has proven to achieve maximum results at an accelerated pace.

The founder and head teacher of the National Academy of Music is Larisa Lyusternik, a well-known professional pianist and graduate of the Kharkov Institute of the Arts in the U.S.S.R.

The academy is organizing a "Music Camp" which will introduce children to music or allow them to develop their musical understanding while enjoying themselves. The program will last eight weeks, from June 27 to August 20.

For further information about the National Academy of Music and its programs, call 486-8244.

Marian Scott lends works in perpetuity

City council expressed thanks to painter Marian Scott at its Monday night meeting for her permanent loan to Westmount of two of her works.

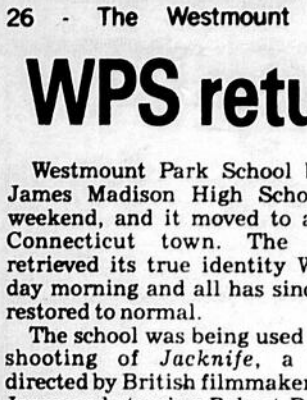
Mayor May Cutler said she was thrilled to make the announcement that both paintings have been sort of donated to the city.

"Marian Scott is one of Canada's most distinguished painters and has lived in Westmount for 40 or 50 years," the mayor said.

The terms of the loan are such that if the city ever decides to stop hanging them, the paintings will be returned to Mrs Scott's estate. They may also be borrowed from the city for any retrospective of the artist's work.

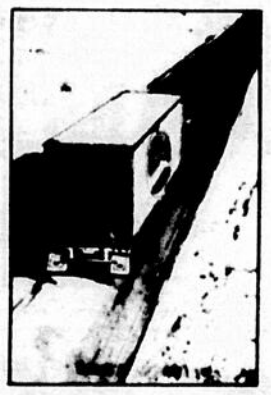
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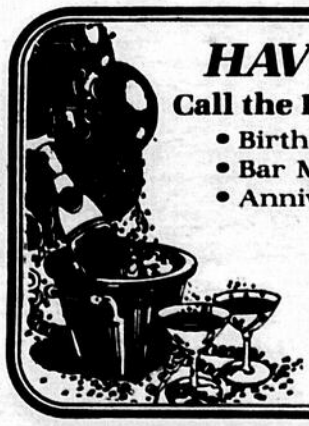
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Drag queens from left are Westmounters **Paul Hawkins** and **Dennis Dodds** with Guy Lefebvre, starring at Players' Theatre.

At Players' Theatre:

Drag Queens on Trial uneven but Pontiact's aims praiseworthy

The latest of the new Montreal theatre companies, Pontiact, has some very worthy aims. Among them are to bring controversial shows to Montreal and to bridge the two solitudes in Quebec, with actors and directors able to work in either French or English.

The controversial subject they have chosen for their third production is the lifestyle of the drag queen, or homosexual transvestite, a scorned percentage within a tolerated minority.

Drag Queens on Trial may be one of the few plays extant on the subject; possibly if there were another it would have been produced instead. This play's only real virtues are that it's Canadian (by Torontonian Sky Gilbert) and that it treats a subject few writers have attempted.

Mr Gilbert is the artistic director of Toronto's Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, a company devoted to gay theatre for the past 10 years. Mr Gilbert has gradually built a reputation in Canada, partly just for hanging in there for so long.

I don't want to put the play down a lot: I laughed at much of it, but I did find it more than a trifle preachy. In my case, the company was preaching to the converted, but I can't imagine its somewhat shrill tone changing the mind of any gay-basher who happened to wander into the theatre.

That aside, the three actors, Paul Hawkins and Dennis Dodds of Westmount along with Guy Lefebvre, take zestful aim at portraying, respectively, Marlene Delorme, Judy Goose and Lana Lust, as well as a number of subsidiary characters.

Mr Hawkins, something of a natural beauty, is believable almost all the time, particularly when he gets to talk about his "fatally accurate color sense," or "the most important thing to happen to me since I decided not to have a sex change, practically."

Like the other two actors, he trips about the stage as though he had been born in high heels, as Bette Midler, the quintessential drag queen in her early days of singing in public baths, claims she was.

Unlike the other two, Mr Hawkins, alas, is the only one of the trio who has learned to wear pantyhose. "Il faut souffrir pour devenir belle" is a neglected expression here. Also, I don't believe that the long gloves Mr Dodds wears are any substitute for Nair on the arms.

Nonetheless, all have delightful moments, such as when Mr Lefebvre makes one think of Géneviève Bujold doing a Joan Crawford imitation.

The director for this show is Alain Larouche, who has not had much experience in English theatre, and the evidence here is that he has some way to go before he masters the pacing needed to keep the wisecracking tempo up.

Former Westmount resident Kimberley MacKenzie, who did the set and costume design, did a terrific job on the costumes and, while spending what looked like enough money to buy a bucket of white paint for the set, put us intimately close to the players and their passions. In this, she was ably abetted by Yohan Perron's lighting design.

It's not the worst theatre production ever at Players' Theatre, by a long shot. Even the grumpiest among us will find themselves laughing at least a couple of times during the show; whether or not they will find themselves sympathetic to the plight of the drag queens is less sure.

This company, given the support they deserve and need, will continue to grow and bring controversial plays to the Montreal stage.

***Drag Queens on Trial*, by Sky Gilbert, directed by Alain Larouche, is at Players' Theatre, 3485 McTavish, third floor, Monday through Friday at 8 pm until June 24. Tickets $4 and $8, box office 398-6813.**

— Janet Coutts

Lyric's *Barnum* to play at Centaur and MCH

The West Island Lyric Theatre's production of *Barnum* will run at Centaur Theatre from June 24 until July 9.

A cast of 20 actors and singers as well as performers from Montreal's National Circus School will entertain with energetic song, dance and exciting circus antics. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the Sun Youth Organization.

The cast will be performing for the Montreal Children's Hospital on Saturday, June 18, at 1 pm in the main lounge. The performance is being made in conjunction with the Just For Kids Foundation which is working to raise funds for equipment for the hospital. There will be jugglers, clowns, chorus, magicians and more.

Several Westmount residents are involved in the production: Anik Matern is a chorus member and understudy for one of the leads; Collette Micks is another chorus member; and Maureen Brown is choreographer of the show.

For tickets, call Centaur Theatre box office at 288-3161.

YMCA holds dance show

The Westmount YMCA will hold its annual end-of-year student dance show Sunday at 2 pm in Victoria Hall.

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

By KARL JAROSIEWICZ

Bon Degas

Starting today and continuing until Aug 28, the National Gallery of Canada's new building will be the scene of the first major retrospective of the work of Edgar Degas in over 50 years. Jointly organized by the Réunion des musées nationaux de France, the National Gallery of Canada, and the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, this exhibition will include over 200 paintings, pastels, monotypes, prints, drawings, photographs and sculpture from collections around the world. A 45-minute guided tour of the exhibition is available to groups and individuals from Sunday to Friday at 9 am and 9:15 am. Cost is $2 per person in addition to the admission fee. Tickets are reserved for a specific time and date and there are no refunds or exchanges. Price of admission, including access to the museum's permanent collection, is $6 for adults; $5 for students and seniors; admission is free for those under 16 years of age. Individual tickets can be purchased from the National Gallery, but group tickets and guided tours can be ordered by mail through Uniticket/Degas tickets, 100 Metcalfe street, suite 201, Ottawa, K1P 5M1, telephone (613) 563-1144.

Illuminations

Dazibao art gallery, 4060 St Lawrence boulevard, presents an exhibition by photographer/artist Nomi Kaplan. Ms Kaplan's work combines graffiti and early Christian art and iconography creating "humorous and provocative photo-collages." This showing, titled *Brooklyn Illuminations*, continues until July 10. Nomi Kaplan will be giving a talk on her work as part of the series titled *L'art qui parle*, tonight at 7:30 pm, in English.

Quartet on Sundays

The Canadian Vocal Quartet (Quatuor Lyrique Canadien) will give the first in a series of summer concerts at Le Théâtre des Cascades this Sunday at 8 pm. The quartet will perform every Sunday during the summer at this theatre, located on the shore of Lac St Louis at Pointe des Cascades, just 30 minutes from Montreal, off Autoroute 20, near Dorion. To celebrate Father's Day, the quartet will offer a bottle of eau de toilette Parfum d'Hermès to all ladies and Bel Ami d'Hermès to all gentlemen present this Sunday. On the program for the evening are works by Strauss, Gershwin, Rossini and many others. Performers are Nancy Allison, soprano, Michèle Gaudreau, mezzo, Michael Gray, tenor, Roland Gosselin, baritone and Ian Smith on piano. The quartet perform in period costumes on a simply decorated set. A special surprise guest will be featured. Admission to the concert is $16; supper and concert costs $24.95. For an extra-special evening, try a lake cruise with supper and music for $32.95. For reservations, call 455-9341.

Marianopolis recital

The annual recital by the students of Karl Steiner will be held this Tuesday at 7 pm in the chapel of Marianopolis College, 3880 Côte des Neiges road. The program will feature music of various periods and styles with an emphasis on the 20th century, in particular, 12-tone compositions. Also there will be a guest violin performance by Aditi Gowrisankaran, accompanied by Gautam Gowrisankaran. For more information, call 481-3567.

YMHA evening

The Harimon Israeli Folkdancers will perform their repertoire of Yemenite, Judeo-Spanish, Hassidic and Israeli dances at the YMHA, Grover Auditorium, 5480 Westbury avenue, Saturday night at 10 pm; doors are open at 9:30. The theme of the evening is "Between East and West: celebration of Israel's 40th anniversary." Admission is $6, and reservations should be made in advance. Call 738-8867 for information.

A summer of ZAP

The City of Montreal presents three perennial activities, the zoo, the aquarium, and the planetarium, for the duration of the summer. The zoo in question is the Jardin des Merveilles in Lafontaine Park. Open since May, this zoo features a popular otter show that has six performances between 11 am and 6 pm. The zoo will remain open through to Sept 25. Price of admission is $2.50 for adults; $1.25 for students and seniors; and free for those under 5 years of age. Call 872-2815 for information. The Montreal Aquarium exhibits over 2,000 species of marine life forms in 40 tanks that reproduce the natural environments of these animals. Prices of admission are the same as those for the zoo. Call 872-4656. The planetarium explores the cosmos and such astronomical questions as "Is the universe infinite?" examining the issue with a visual presentation that highlights the discourse. This presentation begins June 23 and continues until Sept 4. Call 872-4530 for showtimes. English presentations are scheduled separately from the French versions. Admission is $3 for adults; $1.50 for students and seniors; free for those under 5 years of age.

Growing your own

The Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal presents, as part of its activities for families and friends, a series of three workshops titled *L'art qui pousse*. These workshops offer the participants a dialogue on the subject of nature and culture and how both relate. The focus is on the presence of organic images in modern art. No reservations are required, and the activities are free. The workshops are organized by France Aymong of the museum's educational program. For further information, call 873-4382.

International design

The Centre International de Design presents the *Salon du meuble*, featuring the designs of the Bauhaus furniture manufacturers, from Saturday through next Thursday, 85 St Paul street west. The CID presents these exhibitions to highlight some of the major developments and trends in the furniture design field. Over 100,000 square feet of space allows designers and architects to exhibit their wares adequately. The CID regularly organizes such events designed to bring the designers to the attention of the public. For more information on its activities, call 842-4545.

Black Rock benefit

This Friday a benefit for the Black Rock Theatre company is being given with the help of Theatro Sous-sol, a trilingual theatre group working in French, Spanish and English. Also on hand will be Taylor Green, reading from her poetry, and Mark Lydon who will provide entertainment on his guitar. The Black Rock Theatre group will also do a performance. This fundraiser will begin at 8 pm and continue till midnight, doors are open from 7:30 pm. The whole show takes place at 5365 LaSalle boulevard in Verdun. Come and help out. For information, call 288-7828.

Pressing concerns

Until July 3, the Château Ramezay Museum is presenting an exhibition on the evolution of the pressing iron. This exhibit contains over 100 pressing irons and other cloth-smoothing implements. Such seldom seen treasures as the Chinese charcoal pan and the hatmaker's iron will be displayed. While touching on the history and evolution of the iron around the world, the main focus will be on Canadian irons from the 17th to the 20th century. Admission is $2 for adults, $1 for senior citizens, and 50 cents for students and children. The Château Ramezay is found at 280 Notre Dame street east. For information, call 861-7182.

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HANDS-ON ROOM HANDED OVER: A reception was held on June 9 at the Junior League of Montreal's (JLM) Discovery Room in Westmount Park School. During the reception, hosted by the Junior League, volunteers were honored and the room was turned over to the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. Among those present were, standing from left: **Michele Provost**, volunteer bureau; **Joan Fitzpatrick**, PSBGM; **Mariette St-Germain**, JLM; **Elizabeth Marchant**, JLM; **Kathy Hewitt**, JLM; and **Kitty Lauckenbauer**, all of whom are Westmount residents. Seated are **Clare Cecchini**, president of JLM and **J. Rabinovitch**, director general of the PSBGM. The Junior League initiated the pilot project in 1985 in conjunction with Redpath Museum and the PSBGM. Since then, over 10,000 visitors of all ages have passed through the hands-on natural science museum for children. During the three years, the Junior League has invested $65,000 in the Discovery Room.

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Golfers interested in taking part must belong to a club or have access to one. Two golfers per club play from sunrise to sunset. Pledges are obtained on either a per hole or flat amount basis.

The record for most holes played is 266, set last year at Hemmingford. Those interested in signing up should call organizer Steven Mitchell immediately at 337-0826.

Spina bifida week is marked

Spina bifida week is taking place, this year, from June 13 to 19. During this period various activities will be organized. There will be public information meetings, flower sales in hospital lobbies, public awareness booths in shopping centres etc.

Spina bifida is a congenital birth defect of the spinal column, resulting in various degrees of paralysis of the lower extremities. In Quebec, an average of one newborn in 1,000 is affected. In 80 percent of cases, hydrocephalus is also present.

The Quebec Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association was founded in 1975 by a group of parents of children with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus. There are now five regional chapters in Quebec.

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Camp B'nai Brith launches first funding drive

Camp B'nai Brith, which has been a vital part of the Montreal community since 1921, today launched its first-ever capital fund campaign for construction of a much-needed senior citizens' vacation village and community retreat.

Ground-breaking will take place in August, with the new facility slated to be in operation for summer 1989.

Prominent business leader Harold Greenberg, a long-time supporter of the camp and soon to be a Westmount resident, has been named general chairman of the $1.9 million senior citizens' vacation centre and community retreat building fund campaign, it was announced by Alan Maislin, president of the CBB board of directors.

Seymour Alper and Ronnie Wexelman, both prominent in the Montreal business community and also active supporters of CBB and other charitable endeavors, have been appointed co-chairmen of fundraising, Mr Greenberg said.

The vacation village will replace the current facility for seniors, a temporary trailer camp setting that is no longer adequate and is in a state of disrepair. It will be built adjacent to the existing children's camp at Lantier in the Laurentians and will have 100 rooms with bathrooms, a kosher kitchen, an activity atrium, a theatre, arts and crafts and program rooms and a synagogue. During the off-season it will serve as a retreat and meeting facility for community organizations.

In announcing the start of the drive, Mr Greenberg stressed that, with the ground-breaking ceremony scheduled for August and completion for the start of the '89 camping season, "This will be a short campaign. The urgency is immediate. For hundreds of our elderly citizens, the CBB summer camp program is their only chance for any kind of holiday. They are counting on us. We must not fail them."

Started as a summer camp for children 68 years ago, CBB has also been accommodating senior citizens for the past 10 summers. The program for seniors consists of four two-week sessions during July and August with all the regular camp activities.

In addition, the program features intergenerational activities on a daily basis with the children's camp, a time when the elderly and the young join together in what is virtually a love-in. It is an unique experience, one that creates camaraderie and friendships that last through the winter.

Dr Michael Tenenbaum, chairman of the CBB long-range planning committee, said that construction of the new facility was essential to the continuation of the program.

Founded in 1920 by the Mount Royal Lodge of B'nai Brith organization, CBB is a constituent agency of the Allied Jewish Community Services of Montreal and a member of the Quebec Camping Association.

The Best Age

with

DOROTHY SIROTA



Back in 1985, the Canadian Medical Association established the committee on the health care of the elderly, and looking over the findings and the resulting policy summary I realize that we have a powerful ally here. Seniors would do well to familiarize themselves with this document.

The CMA acknowledges that our society will never be able to afford the high cost of putting old people into institutions, given the fact that this population is growing so rapidly. This, they see, is the challenge to all levels of government, the universities, the health care professions and the public. The fact that most old people want nothing more than to remain in their homes must lend strength to this challenge.

The report identifies general problems that affect our system, such as inappropriate attitudes towards the elderly, inadequate education in the health and social care fields, overemphasis on medical care, fragmentation of care, inadequate community services, inappropriate financing, and confusion in the terminology used in different jurisdictions for long-term institutions and home care.

The CMA suggests some essential principles:

- "Care of the elderly should be seen as mainstream health care.
- No elderly person should be denied health care because of age.
- Elderly persons should have the right to a reasonable income and standard of living.
- Health care of the elderly should not be viewed as episodic; it is essential that each elderly person have a family physician to whom he or she is well known.
- Geriatric patients should be assessed in their own environment.
- High-quality health care in the home has to be supported by high-quality support services.
- The elderly should have the right to die in their own homes.
- Volunteers must be encouraged and supported but not stifled by bureaucracy."

Significant issues

Issues of income, housing, transportation, retirement and nutrition are all significant to the CMA, for they see how these issues reflect on the health care of the older person. The elderly need to be in surroundings where they can be independent and comfortable. The report suggests that:

- choices in housing should be available;
- transportation services should be improved;
- the public be made more aware of issues affecting older people;
- the elderly should have the right to live at (some) risk;
- food stores should develop more appropriate packaging with more readable price marking;
- pharmacies are urged to develop drug registries to avoid errors;
- the medical profession should be aware of each patient's home situation and advise or refer when necessary.

A very interesting commentary is made on medical education. "Although over 20 percent of physicians' services are directed at people over age 65, only a small part of the curricula of Canadian medical schools is devoted to geriatric teaching." The CMA recognizes that the medical profession is not adequately prepared to care for the elderly, and it recommends improvements in all stages of training.

The CMA further recommends that community health services be strengthened and that doctors should be co-operating with community groups to improve community programs.

If you are interested in seeing a copy of this report, you can write to President, Canadian Medical Association, PO Box 8650, Ottawa ON K1G 0G8, and ask for the CMA policy summary, Health Care of the Elderly, Part 1 and Part 2.

It might also be useful to remember that we do have some excellent geriatric departments in many of the major hospitals in Greater Montreal.

Rose show in Montreal West

The annual rose show of the Montreal West and West End Horticultural Societies will be held Wednesday, June 22.

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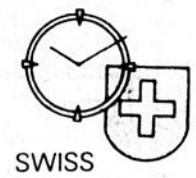


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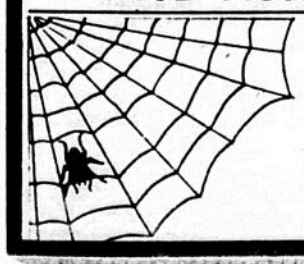
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Funding a major concern:

Foster Parent Week observed amid growing financial worries

Over 200 foster parents got a formal "thank you" recently from Ville Marie Social Service Centre.

It was Foster Parent Week across the province — an annual event for the past five years sponsored by the ministry of health and social services — and the board and management of Montreal's anglophone social service centre, located in Westmount, wanted "to say how much we appreciate the important work of our foster parents," said Marcel Croteau, director of resources in foster care.

By BRONWYN CHESTER

"It was also an occasion for them to raise any concerns," he said. And the main concern of foster parents is their low pay.

Charlotte Edwards is one of Ville Marie's 300 foster parents — or caregivers, as they are also called — who look after approximately 1,100 adults. These include the elderly, the mentally ill and the physically and mentally handicapped. There are also about 150 foster parents caring for roughly 600 children.

Ms Edwards has had a foster home for the elderly for the past three years. Her home has room for five elderly people but at the moment she has four in her rented flat just outside Westmount on NDG avenue between Vendôme and Grey avenues.

"I've been interested in health and elderly people ever since I was a little girl," says the native of Barbados. She worked for 20 years in nursing homes prior to beginning her own home.

Like family

Ms Edwards enjoys her work and says some of her clients become like family. Last February she had a birthday party for a 90-year-old woman who had been in her care for two years before going to a nursing home.

And Ms Edwards finds it hard when a client dies. "I've had two deaths and I felt it because this business is an extension of my home. When they go I grieve."

But Ms Edwards says that over the years she's learned to keep a little distance.

"As you get more into the business you can't get too close," she says, explaining that physical and emotional burnout are hazards.

"If the government would raise the rates a little higher, it would allow us to bring in help more often, which would improve the care. The way it is now I have to cut corners and most of the time you do that by doing all the work yourself."

Foster parents of children or adults are paid a flat $15 per day per person. If the parent is providing a special service — such as caring for a depressed person or someone with Alzheimer's disease — a premium of $1 to $10 is available. If the parent is aiding in a person's re-adaptation, for instance, teaching someone how to do things differently after an accident, the maximum premium increases to $14. However, the ministry provides a budget based on an average premium of just $3.

"That poses a major dilemma," says Mr Croteau. "If I pay more to some, I have to pay less to others. According to the services provided we should be close to paying a $10 premium, but we don't have the budget for that, and we want to assure quality of service and adequate compensation for the caregiver."

Working for change

Both Ville Marie — and the province's 27 other social service centres — and the 125-member Association Montréalaise des familles d'accueil are working to change the situation. The poor remuneration makes recruiting new foster parents difficult and reduces the quality of care, says director of children's services Elizabeth Parker.

Ms Edwards, for instance, can only afford to have someone relieve her from her round-the-clock job three mornings a week, though her daughter also helps with the grocery shopping.

Ms Parker says the ministry is aware of the problem "but, as usual, the awareness is way ahead of the solution. Perhaps in five to 10 years we will pay foster parents a salary."

Ms Parker would like to see foster care treated not as a cheap alternative to institutional care but as a resource to be developed into "family group care" where the agency would provide the house and hire a family, couple or individual to take care of children or adults. The caregiver would be salaried and supportive services provided for special treatment — psychiatric counselling, for instance — and to relieve the caregiver.

"You would still have that one person that a child can attach to, unlike in institutions where you have workers on shifts, but there would be proper compensation and support for the caregiver," says Ms Parker. "You'd have the good aspects of community and institutional care."

Foster care cheaper

The ministry of health and social services, in its press kit on Foster Parent Week, lauded the savings it makes in using foster homes over institutions.

"It costs an average of $47,000 per child per year to keep a child in an institution where it costs between $3,700 and $6,200 in a foster home." Institutional care of adults costs an average of $18,000 to $20,000 while it costs between $5,300 and $6,400 in a foster home.

The Association of Caregivers would like to see this gap narrowed and wants greater recognition of the skills involved in foster parenting. It would also like some job benefits.

"We take courses given by Ville Marie and at McGill (University)," says association president Patrick Seales. "We get ourselves qualified.

"We're overworked and underpaid," says Mr Seales, who looks after mentally handicapped adults. "There's no vacation pay, no pension fund, no security. Everyone knows this but the government just says 'you justify why we should pay more'."

Mr Seales is now working on a membership drive for the association. He is upset by a decision made by Ville Marie to reduce premium benefits to foster parents by 20 percent, beginning in June. The agency made the decision in order to avoid running a deficit. The association was not consulted, says Mr Seales.

Mr Croteau says the ministry is doing a formal study of foster care clientele this summer which will involve working with Ville Marie. He hopes that the study's report, to be tabled next October, will recommend increased pay to foster parents.

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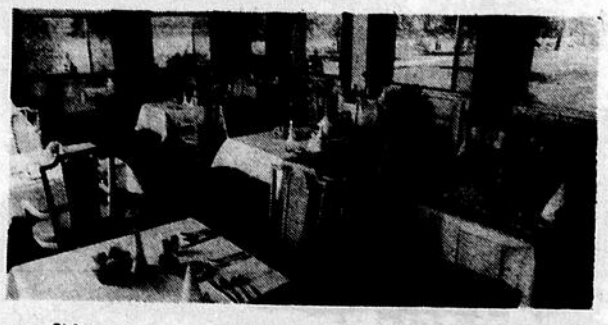
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VINTAGE VERNISSAGE: Centaur Theatre held its annual American wine tasting along with performances of *Biloxi Blues* on June 7 and 8. Among those sampling the wares were Westmounters **Martha Oppenheim**, left, and **Sarah Reitman** seen being served by a helpful waiter.

Residents sought to share home with foreign students

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Despite its long-term objectives, this program has the benefit of offering immediate rewards. Thanks to Interculture Canada, participating families can look forward to an enriching experience tailored to their own family profile.

Students, who must attend a local high school, are carefully selected from a large pool of applicants and placed with families of compatible interests. This effort to create a harmonious climate for exchange ensures that families and students not only discover their similarities, but also grow from the beauty of their differences.

All family types are invited to participate: two parents with children, single-parent families, young, older or childless couples. For all involved, the learning experience is what surfaces.

A host parent from Saskatchewan explains, "There's a lot of soul-searching. You gain an awareness of yourself and of another country. It's a challenge, but well worth it."

Acceptance of the student as a full member of the family rather than as a guest is the key to success during the exchange. This is, in fact, what students are taught to expect. Host families, meanwhile, are not asked to absorb any outstanding expenses for the student other than housing, food and incidental expenses they would for their own teenager.

As a member of AFS Intercultural Programs, Interculture Canada is part of the world's largest network of high school exchange programs operating in 74 countries.

Families interested in obtaining more information about hosting a student may call Ms Eva Koranyi at 638-1263.

Help the Westmount YMCA provide new community facilities by contributing to its fund-raising campaign.

Head & Hands hosts Hurst

Deno Hurst, a Granada refugee claimant working with the International Youth Peace and Justice Tour, will be the guest speaker at Head & Hands' annual general meeting on June 16, at 7:30 pm.

Mr Hurst will speak on his experiences, his reasons for coming to Canada and will describe his work with the cross-Canada tour.

Head & Hands is located at 2304 Old Orchard avenue, on the corner of Sherbrooke street.

For more information, call 481-0277.

Seniors' barbecue for members only

An item in last week's EXAMINER about the Westmount Senior Citizens' Centre barbecue scheduled for today in Westmount Park did not mention that the event is for members of the centre only.

THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

Number incorrect for volunteers

An article in last week's EXAMINER gave an incorrect phone number for persons to call if they are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Reddy Memorial Hospital.

The correct number is 933-7511, local 222.

THE EXAMINER regrets the error.

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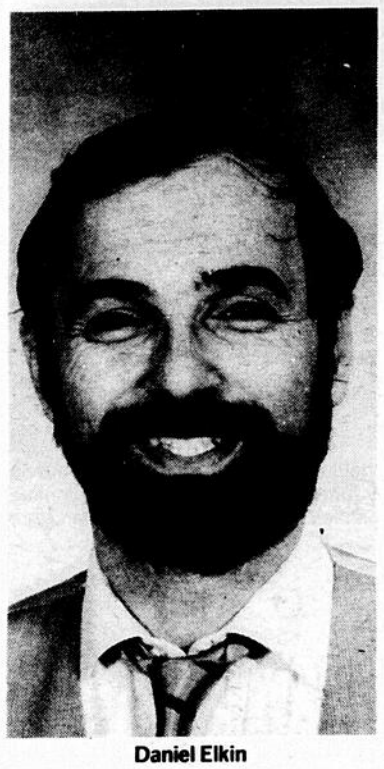
Daniel Elkin named principal of Shaar Hashomayim afternoon program

The Shaar Hashomayim's afternoon program has a new principal. Daniel Elkin, a former Westmount resident, is taking on the responsibilities and demands of the position.

The afternoon program runs during the school year on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4 to 6 pm at the Shaar. It is for students aged 6 to 14 years who are in the regular school system. This means principally children from Roslyn, Westmount Park, Selwyn House, St George's, ECS and The Study.

Children in the Jewish schools such as United Talmud Torah, Akiva or Solomon Schechter are already receiving 12 to 15 hours a week of Hebrew education — language, history, culture and religion. The afternoon program offers students who are not studying in Hebrew exposure to these elements of Judaism.

Mr Elkin says that one of the challenges of such a school is "motivating children who have just finished a full day of school."



Daniel Elkin

With an innovative plan called PALS, or Program of Active Learning at the Shaar, he hopes to do just that.

In a draft proposal, Mr Elkin summarizes: "The philosophy of the program is to imbue the learner with a love of Judaism, a love of learning, a love for one's fellow human being, and a love of G-D."

Mr Elkins recalls the afternoon programs he once attended. "You come in at 4 o'clock, you're pretty tired. It's hard to focus on studying a foreign language... or prayer. Pretty lofty stuff."

As a result, he wants to get away from the traditional teacher-lecture style and have a maximum of learner input.

"I want to get the kids involved. Kids shouldn't feel impotent," he says, "they should play an active role."

A tentative schedule shows the two-hour sessions broken into periods of 15 to 30 minutes. Activities include Hebrew reading and prayer, an individualized program, songs, stories, and Shabbat, holiday or value sessions.

Mr Elkin grew up in Westmount, on Lansdowne avenue. His parents, two brothers and his sister are all still residents. He attended Roslyn School, Westmount Junior High and Westmount Senior High. Following his bar mitzvah, he became increasingly interested in the lifestyle of the observant Jew. At 15 he realized that he would need to "intensify my Jewish education in order to appreciate the beauty of Judaism."

He enrolled at the Lady Ju[illegible] Montefiore College in London, England, where he studied Judaism intensely.

From Douglas to Daniel

Mr Elkin was born Douglas but took on his Jewish name, Daniel, as his commitment to the Jewish life and faith grew.

He studied at an Israeli yeshiva and in New York where he completed two undergraduate degrees. He also did post-graduate work in educational guidance and counselling.

His first teaching position was in Seattle, Washington. He returned to Montreal in 1974 to administer the Hebrew Academy. Finding he missed teaching, he took a position as teacher at the Akiva School, where he has taught for the past 10 years.

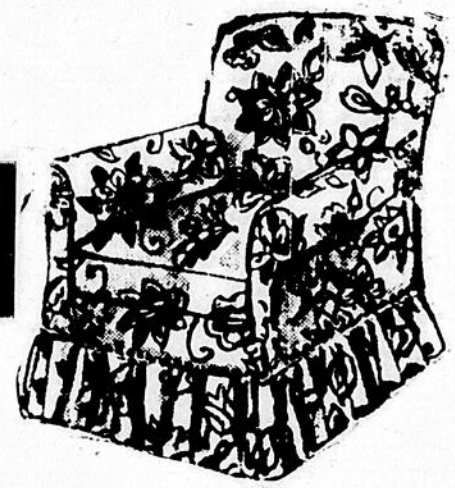
Mr Elkin will continue to teach at the Akiva School, which is moving from the Congregation Beth-El synagogue in Town of Mount Royal to the Shaar, taking space vacated last fall by Solomon Schechter Academy.

Of his new position as principal of the afternoon program, Mr Elkin says, "I have an opportunity to help guide the staff and students towards a sensitization of the beauty and love which surrounds us all. Feeling the love and beauty of G-D's world is the ultimate objective of religious education."

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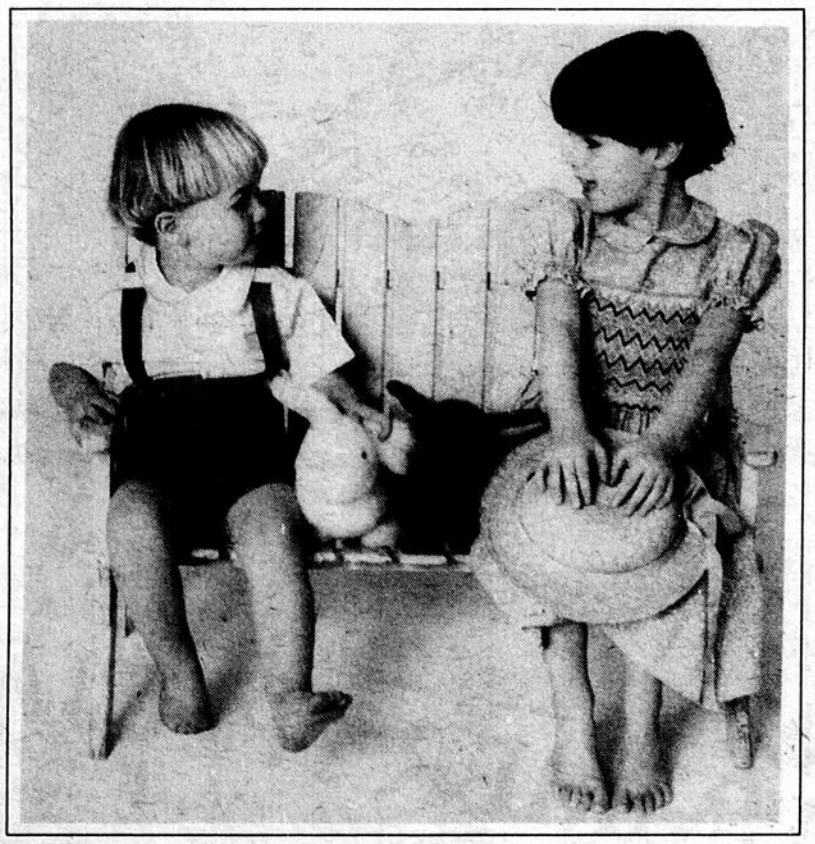


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Graduation awards ceremony at The Study

It was a beautiful day for the awards ceremony which took place at The Study School on Friday.

Genie Cortez, Natasha Dupont and Claude Saleh shared memories of their years at The Study with the audience of classmates, students, teachers and parents. They spoke of what The Study has meant to them and what it has meant to be members of this year's graduating class.

Following the awarding of house, athletic and extra-mural plaques and cups, special merit awards were given to girls in the middle and senior school who, in the opinion of their teachers, best exemplify qualities The Study hopes to inspire and teach — girls who are conscientious and hard-working, good citizens, enthusiastic participants, helpful and thoughtful to others.

Receiving these were: Alice Dodge, a Westmount resident, in grade 4; Katherine Wener in grade 5; Westmounter Ingrid Corsio and Regina Flores in grade 6.

Gillian Harper, another Westmount resident, received the award in secondary I given in memory of Andrea Stewart, head girl 1962-63; Westmount resident Catherine Herba and Lucie Opatrny in secondary II; Kathie Davidman in secondary III; and Heather Waterston, a Westmounter, in secondary IV.

Sixth form (secondary V) prizes were awarded to Annabel Soutar, a Westmounter who received the yearbook plaque; Claude Saleh, the drama plaque; Daphne Maravei, the Baugniet language prize; Westmounter Elise Johnston shared the Schweitzer mathematics and science prize with Natasha Dupont; and Westmount resident Carla Guttmann took the creativity prize.

The Study's Old Girls' prize for citizenship was awarded to Helen Theoharis. Natasha Dupont won the prize for academic promise and Genie Cortez the Vale prize for academic achievement. Both Genie and Natasha also were honored by the school for their roles as head girl and sub-head girl during the past year.

Following the ceremonies, a reception was held on the lawn in front of the school for graduates, award winners and their parents.

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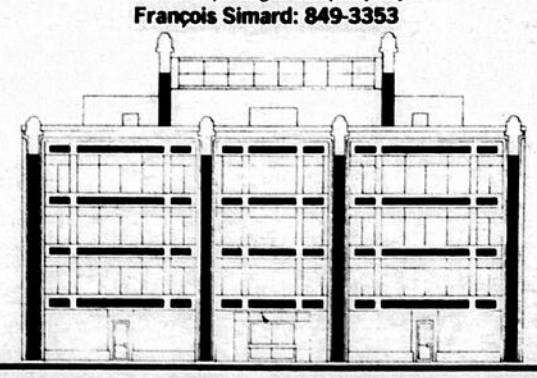
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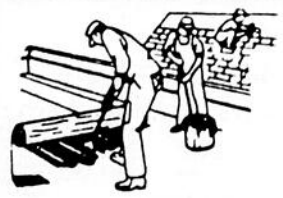
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SOCCER STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal boys' soccer leagues as of Tuesday, June 14.

	GP	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
NOVICE							
Canada	5	4	0	1	18	2	9
Argentina	5	4	0	1	6	1	9
U.S.A.	5	2	3	0	6	12	4
Spain	5	2	3	0	4	6	4
Ireland	5	1	4	0	2	11	2
Norway	5	1	4	0	3	7	2
ATOM							
Portugal	5	3	0	2	16	8	8
Austria	5	2	0	3	17	7	7
Bulgaria	5	2	1	2	5	8	6
Netherlands	5	3	2	0	15	7	6
Poland	5	0	3	2	1	12	2
England	5	0	4	1	5	17	1
PEE WEE							
Brazil	5	3	1	1	8	5	7
Italy	5	2	2	1	9	13	5
Uruguay	5	2	2	1	7	6	5
Sweden	5	1	3	1	5	13	5

BASEBALL STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal baseball leagues as of June 14.

	GP	W	L	D	Pts
MOSQUITO					
Orioles	6	5	1	0	10
Blue Jays	7	3	4	0	6
Yankees	7	2	5	0	4
PEE WEE					
Padres	6	3	3	0	6
Giants	6	3	3	0	6
Phillies	4	2	2	0	4

Broken windows in car and van

Two vehicles were found with broken windows after being parked a day apart in front of 196 Côte St Antoine road, police said.

Although someone had shot at one with a pellet gun, it was not known if the two incidents were related. Each resulted in $400 damage.

One of the vehicles was a blue 1983 Dodge parked at the location Wednesday last week between 4 pm and 4:10 pm. The other was a plumber's beige 1987 Dodge van left there last Thursday from 9:45 am to 10:45 am.

Ask for work, want purses

Police were told by an office worker at 4795 St Catherine street Tuesday last week that two men appeared to be going to different offices asking for work and then stealing purses.

The scheme had been reported at offices on Victoria avenue as well, according to the plaintiff, police said.

LOST / PERDU 79

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Director of SHS elementary, Alain Weber bids farewell

By CHARLES MAPPIN

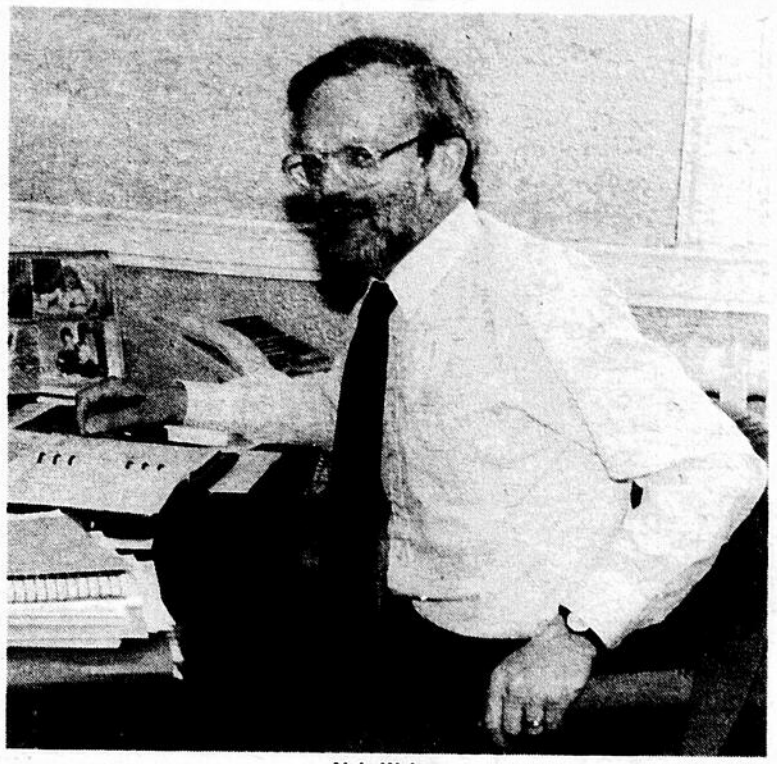
After 16 years at Selwyn House School, Alain Weber has decided to move on. The 42-year-old teacher has accepted a position as headmaster at the French American International School in San Francisco.

Mr Weber feels this is the right time to make a change. He has taught students in every grade during his time at Selwyn House and has been director of the elementary school (grades one through seven) for several years.

"It was a hard decision to make," he says of leaving. "You become terribly attached to a place like Selwyn House."

He says it is particularly difficult to break from the roots which have developed during his 18 years in ntreal, but he looks forward to e challenge of his new job.

Mr Weber grew up in central France and studied at the University of Strasbourg before obtaining his MA in French literature from the University of Massachusetts. He then came to Canada and studied for his teacher's diploma at the Université de Montréal.



Alain Weber

Links with France

Mr Weber finds the French American International School attractive since it is a proponent of bilingual education.

"The school has a link with the ministry of education in France, which sends teachers there for four- or five-year stints," he says.

"In the lower grades, 80 percent of the curriculum is taught in French. When the students reach grade nine, they have the choice of pursuing either a French or an international baccalaureate, as students obtain in France."

The school has many similarities to Selwyn House. It is an independent school with 450 students between kindergarten and grade 12.

"It's also a highly academic school with an extremely demanding program," he says.

Mr Weber can be credited with helping to increase French instruction at Selwyn House during the past 10 years. Students study one subject in French each year, in addition to their regular language courses. He says the school has a commitment to graduate students who are at ease in French.

Mr Weber leaves for San Francisco July 15 with his wife, Nancy, and their three school-age children.

He says he is very sad to leave Montreal and will miss the change of seasons he experienced walking along Sherbrooke street to Selwyn House from his home in N.D.G. And he doesn't entirely rule out the possibility of coming back to Montreal one day.

Neck injured as trucks bump

A minor rear end accident between two small trucks Tuesday last week on Sherbrooke street at Prince Albert avenue resulted in one driver being sent to the hospital, police report. Her vehicle was ordered to undergo a vehicle inspection. The impact eastbound occurred about 11:25 am.

The injured woman, a 42-year-old resident of St Laurent, complained of a sore neck and was transported to the Royal Victoria Hospital by Urgences Santé.

Japanese Kabuki theatre presented here

Westmount impressario Samuel Gesser has brought the visual excitement of traditional Japanese theatre to Place des Arts for a four-day visit ending Saturday, with the Grand Kabuki, the world famous theatre.

Kabuki theatre appeals to the Westerner through its shimmering tradional costumes, sophisticated make-up, sumptuous trompe-l'oeil sets and stylized body movements.

For three centuries, the tradition of kabuki has been passed down from generation to generation through renowned acting families who are esteemed by the Japanese people. The cast is exclusively male, with certain actors, called *onnagata*, playing the female roles.

The show Mr Gesser is producing in collaboration with Shochiku Co and Atmo Productions is with the assistance of the Japanese Foundation, the touring office of Canada Council, the ambassador of Japan and Hitachi.

Koi Bikyaku Yamato Orai or "A messenger of love in Yamato," is being performed at Théâtre Maisonneuve at Place des Arts at 8 pm nightly; box office: 842-2112. To enable Montreal audiences to understand the story, simultaneous translation is available through headphones in French or English.

The play was written in 1711 by Monzaemon, sometimes called "the Shakespeare of Japan." It tells of Chubei, a poor messenger who loves a geisha. He is provoked by a rich rival, Chubei steals the gold he is trusted to deliver and uses it to buy his loved one.

He wants to see his father before he dies, so he and Umegawa return to his native village. After a farewell scene, the lovers are forced to flee to the forest.

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traffic there could have escaped our notice. (I have certainly been aware of the recent study being carried out at the Sherbrooke-Lansdowne intersection.)

A survey would undoubtedly prove that the majority of drivers travelling west on de Maisonneuve will not accelerate when they see a green light at Metcalfe, because they intend to turn either north or south on this street. Relatively few cars carry on westward to Melville, where their options are severely limited.

What is most noticeable (and worrying) is that drivers making a legitimate turn on to Metcalfe, whether north or south, often have so little respect for pedestrians who need to make a crossing at the same green light. Many of these pedestrians are young children or senior citizens. I see no reason to believe that their rights would be better served by the installation of stop signs, which command even less respect than a traffic light.

Furthermore, if local residents are concerned about cars speeding along de Maisonneuve, this is hardly surprising because there is nothing between Clarke and Metcalfe to slow down the traffic (which, at certain times a day, is fairly heavy in volume). Why not therefore install stop signs at, say, Redfern, not at the expense of our traffic lights, but to reinforce their message?

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Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal
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DISPLAY OF LOVE: The Rainbow Pre-School held an exhibition of students' art works at the Church of the Advent hall, 4116 Wood avenue, Wednesday of last week. Among those enjoying the creativity around them was this group of proud Westmount parents. From left, **Anned Chamandy**, **Barbara Glassman**, **Lawrence Hoffman**, **Judi Borts**, **Nadia Szkrukelak** and **Anne Gentles**. The show was a tour de force. An enormous number of hours of love and effort were evident.

Photo by VALERIE TETLEY

Classy equestrian event coming soon at Harwood

The Harwood Horse Trials will be held over two days this year, Saturday, June 18 and Sunday, June 19.

A very popular and increasingly well-known equestrian event, the trials will take place once again in their traditional home of Harwood Farm in St Lazare. In case of rain, the event will not be postponed. The grounds open at 9 am.

In this, an Olympic year, excitement will be especially high as international competitors and Olympic hopefuls join riders from Quebec and Ontario.

The trials are composed of three disciplines: dressage, cross-country jumping and stadium jumping. There are three levels of challenge: pre-training, training and preliminary.

Saturday will feature the technical art of dressage plus some stadium jumping and cross-country jumping for the lower divisions. Sunday will be devoted to the cross-country course and stadium jumping for the top divisions.

The event is a natural for a family outing, as it is geared to spectators, and a great way to celebrate Father's Day.

To get to Harwood Farm from Montreal, drive west along the Trans-Canada Highway (route 40, Ottawa cut-off) and take exit 22. Turn left on St Charles road then right on St Angelique and right again on Harwood road. Then follow the signs.

Hats Off to our Grads

During this graduation season we are happy to receive news of the scholastic achievements of Westmount residents. Items to be published free of charge in this column should be delivered or mailed to THE EXAMINER, 155 Hillside avenue, Westmount, H3Z 2Y8. Any size black and white or color photo may be sent and can be picked up after publication. Please include the graduate's name, parents' names and address, degree or diploma received and from what institution, subject of concentration, other awards or prizes won and plans for the future. Items should be typed or written very clearly and please include a phone number where information can be clarified if necessary. Become known to us this week are:



Denis Stevens, a resident of Edgehill road, has just received his bachelor of arts degree magna cum laude in government from Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. Prior to going to Harvard he attended Selwyn House School and Marianopolis College. He received the John Harvard Scholarship every year for the highest academic standing. He was a member of the visiting fellows committee of the Harvard Institute of Politics and treasurer of the Harvard Canadian Club. Mr Stevens participated in several volunteer programs: Phillips Brooks House Association and "An Evening of Champions of Eliot House" for cancer research, and played intramural squash and soccer. He will be entering law school in the fall. Mr Stevens is the son of Dr and Mrs Harry D. Stevens.

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Westmount resident **Susan Lechter** is finishing her junior year at Harvard and has been a resident of Quincy House, one of the most active and community-oriented of Harvard's undergraduate dorms. In addition to helping co-ordinate Quincy House's public service program, Susan also recruited many volunteers for placement with the Cambridge School Volunteers. This proved invaluable, particularly when there were teacher requests that were very unusual (such as a double-dutch coach or an origami teacher) or very urgent (such as big brothers or sisters).

Westmount YMCA News



Hope Korytko
Executive director

The official ground-breaking is over and work has begun in earnest on the Westmount YMCA building. Germano construction has taken over, fenced in the existing facility and set up shop. A demolition company is gutting the inside of the building, preparing it for the renovation and new construction to come. Once demolition is complete, excavation on the adjoining parking lot will begin.

In the meantime, courses are still being offered throughout Westmount. Day camp also begins at the end of June, and will be housed in the Marianopolis sports complex. Registration is limited, so register now for a summer that your child will not soon forget.

Congratulations to Marie Cecile Brasseur who won the grand prize in this year's walkathon. Marie Cecile and three family members will soon be on their way to Banff for a one-week stay. The second grand prize was won by Richard Cooper and his family — a one-year, all-inclusive family membership in the new YMCA. Third prize, a family portrait at Posen's, was won by the Hart family.

Other prizewinners include: Zarin Mehta, dinner for two at Palais d'Ivoire; Judith Henkewich and Ellen Thuringer, dinners for two at La Transition; A. Hutchins, Glen Rourke, Kathryn Cooper, John Dutton and Richard Hovey, dinners for two at Marcos' and Pepe's; and David Biron, dinner for two at Spatches.

I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in our walkathon — the walkers, sponsors and prize donors — for all of their support in helping us raise the money for the new Y.

On the same fundraising note, St Andrew's School has been hard at work selling umbrellas to help the thermometer rise. This extraordinary effort is very much appreciated. Anyone interested in purchasing their own Y umbrella, either adult or child size, can call the Y offices at 931-8046. There are still a few left.

The Study, as many of you already know from the recent picture in THE EXAMINER, donated $400 toward the building campaign. A great big thank you to all of the students, teachers and parents who helped raise this generous donation.

Wallet trashed

A wallet that was found in a trash can in front of 6 Weredale Park Saturday afternoon turned out to have been stolen earlier in the day from a shoe store in Place Alexis Nihon, police said. The wallet, which contained identification, was found by a nearby resident.

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Westmount honors recreation winners, participants

Following is a complete list of Westmount recreation department program award winners:

Best sportsman awards in **hockey** went to novices Karl Herba of the Dragons and David Grunfeld of the Bears. Atom winners were Marty Ozolins of the Canucks and Andrew Miller of the Penguins, while peewee award winners were Jean David Rochat of the Capitals and Oliver Zemen of the Canadiens.

Best sportsmen in **soccer** were novices Argentina's Scott Bailey and Norway's Patrick Weldon; atoms Netherlands' Emmanuel Drevon and Portugal's Tom Bell; peewees Italy's Joel Guiness and Uruguay's Dylan Smith; bantams were Hungary's Guido Belluso and Germany's David Fortin.

In **softball**, best sportsmen were [illegible]s Sean Bower of the Indians and Kenny Minzberg of the Chiefs, along with peewees Joubin Movafegh of the Reds and Ryan Osgood of the Expos.

In **baseball**, atoms David Haber of the Yankees and Eric Lewandowski of the Blue Jays were awarded best sportsmen, as was Andrew Lindy of the peewee Padres.

Touch football was the category in which novices Daniel Hebert of the Raiders and Daryn Mitchell of the Bears took best sportsman awards, along with the Cowboys' atom/peewee winner, Jonathan Jonas.

The **girls' soccer** sportsmanship winners were termite Laura Schaffer, novice Jessica Brownstein, and atom/peewee/bantam Tina Scherz.

In **volleyball**, the best sportsmen were Robin McKenna and Michael Smith.

Chess club champions were adult Graham Bell; Matthew Bell won in the 10-13 category, and nine and under winner was Daniel Glassman.

Atom softball champions are the Astros with coach Peter Lipes and players Thomas Bell, Nicholas Aubin, John Brownstein, Jamie McConnell, Jamie Seguin, Andy Lord, Mallar Chakravarty, Joshua Sinclair, Hugo Blomfield, Daryn Mitchell, David Lipes, Noah Bloom, Stephen Gainey and Devon Worth.

Peewee softball champions are the Dodgers with captains Etienne Julien and Tim Fleiszer. Players are Sean Hurlburt, David Nataf, Ryan Madden, Charles Bierbrier, Adam Lally, Mounir Tyler, Chris Rundberg, Andrew Lindy, Jonathan Golfman, Jonathan Pinchuk and Shawn Altémé.

Peewee baseball champions are the Giants with coach John Smith andplayers Alastair Deri Power, David Nataf, Dylan Smith, Stephane Levary, Ryan Osgood, Stuart Golfman, Matthew Bowles, Steven Shashoua, Dylan Yaeger, Ryan Madden, Nicholas Grimwood, and Tim Fleiszer.

Volleyball champions are the Comets with captain Jonathan Frankel and assistant captain Peter Seguin. Players are Tom Shingler, Clayton Demers, Caroline Melanson, Veronique Despres, Michael Smith, Christopher Mann, Bianca Towning and Yuko Endo.

Girls' novice soccer champions are the Westmount Blues: Erica Horn, Katie Lewis, Stephanie Logothetis, Sarah McCans, Kalea Osgood, Larisa Ozolins, Karin Picicci and Heidi Lee Smith.

Girls' atom/peewee soccer champions are the Blue Bombers: Anna Bussey, Erica Bussey, Lindsay Colby, Ella Cooper, Charlotte Davet, Andrea Fleiszer, Kate Hutchinson, Jodie Jonas, Tamsin Lyle, Lorna MacEachern, Tina Scherz, Kate Shingler and Kate Wilson.

Termite soccer champions are Chile, with coaches Hugh Quinlan and Mario Larin. Players are Joseph McLean, Charlton Snow, Nicholas Yanow, Crispin Smith, Patrick Quinlan, Zachary Eberts, Alex Noel Dunne, James Esdaile, Jonathan How, Patrick Cheffins, Michael O'Gorman, Damien Larin, Aisha Weaver, Jamie Finkelstein and Anna Grunfeld.

Novice soccer champions are Canada, with coaches Michael Miskin and Harold Weaver. Players are Brian Potter, Jonathan Stubbs, Taylor Lloyd, Bill Shemie, Jamie Seguin, Djata Weaver, Andrew Smith, Marc Brownlee, Peter Menzel, Ryan Moskovic, Jesse Prupas, Emlyn McCutcheon-Gittens, Eli Miskin, David Desbaillets and Jason Crelinsten.



Some 500 people filled the Westmount arena last Thursday evening for the recreation department's annual awards presentation. Westmount director-general Peter Patenaude and Councillor Joan Rothman, commissioner of leisure and culture, presented trophies to the championship teams and to the best sportsmen. Recreation staff also gave out participation badges to all individuals who took part in activities throughout the year. Over 1,000 hot dogs were consumed, along with hundreds of bags of potato chips and many gallons of drinks.

Atom soccer champions are Portugal with coach Graham Bell andplayers Tom Bell, Tim O'Connor, Jonathan Brady, Andrew Aitken, Sebastian Lajoie, David Haber, Jamie McConnell, Richard Valdmanis, Jonathan Albright, Eric Bui Quang and Toby Lyle.

Peewee soccer champions are Sweden, with coach Enrico Moscatelli andplayers Fabio Moscatelli, Sean Pattee, Blair Pattee, Peter Tolensky, Dylan Yaeger, Rory Stubbs, Sebastian MacDougall, Paul Logothetis, Olivier Rigal, Christopher Mann, Eric Gulatee, Jeffrey Friedman, Steve Shashoua, Dumi Nkiwane and Suni Patel.

Bantam soccer champions are Germany with coach Igor Szkrumelak. Players are David Fortin, Simon Toole, Christian Decarie, Philippe Gelinas, Warren Valdmanis, Bryce Moffat, Jonathan Frankel, David Dowie, Henry Borntraeger, Dino Martinicchio, Alexis Silva Brisset, Sacha Drazien and Adi Dagan.

Touch football novice plus champions are the Bears: Jonathan Brady, Marc Schaffer, Luke McSweeney, Jamie Meldrum, Michael Smith, Nicholas Aubin, Daryn Mitchell, Jamie Seguin, Ryan Moskovic, Liam Mayes and David Haber.

Atom/peewee touch football champions are the Cowboys with captain Jonathan Jonas and players Tom Shingler, Pierre Covo, Parker Mitchell, Nicholas Grimwood, Eboni Boicel, Patrick Worrall Perraud and Richard Valdmanis.

Municipal tennis tournament champions were for men's open singles, Robert LeFrançois; ladies' open singles, Eleanor McNaughton; the two singles champs also won the mixed doubles. Brian Hershenfield was the champion of boys 16 and under, while Caroline Bell won in the girls 16 and under category.

Special effort awards went to Méghan Larivée for Drama I, Adam Ginter for Drama II and Selena Beattie for Drama III. The special effort in ballet award went to Laura Ellner, while Kristina Halmo took the award in tap and Lindsay Staniforth in jazz. Junior gym special effort awards went to Tara Anderson and Eva Roginski; junior skating, Elizabeth Brownstein; intermediate skating, Annette Bouzi; and senior skating, Katharine Evans.

Novice hockey champions are the Dragons, with coach Peter Lipes andplayers David Lipes, Gandhar Chakravarty, Ryan Moskovic, Shawn Altémé, Robin MacEachern, Daniel Rona-Hartzog, Oliver Bowser, Nicholas Bell, Jed Lipes, Corey Rouse, Michael Durcak, Anne Marie Bismuth and Karl Herba.

Atom hockey champions are the Canadians with coaches Peter Pearson and Dave McConnell. Players are Wolfgang Loss Wells, Jonathan Brady, Emeka Mayes, Sebastian Lajoie, Paul Logothetis, Chris Rundberg, Matthew Waxman, Jamie McConnell, Toby Schuler, Louis-Charles Pearson, Joshua Bernstein, Vanessa Rochester, Mallar Chakravarty and Liam Mayes.

Peewee hockey champions are the Seals with coaches Dylan Hoey and John Badger. Players are Jonathan Jonas, Norman Brownlee, Dylan Yaeger, Simon Gelinas, Jesson Ferrand, Peter Seguin, Duncan MacDougall, Gary Clark, Drew Allen, Jonathan Lach, Alexis Sparling and Scott Sternthall.

Youths arrested after painting binge in park

Two Westmount boys are being summoned to court in connection with a painting spree Monday night last week. Cars, clothes and items in Westmount Park were damaged, police report.

One boy is said to be aged 16; the other, 13.

The boys were arrested about 8:40 pm after two children told a public safety officer that two youths had spray-painted them yellow in Westmount Park. Graffiti was found on a bench, cannon and electrical junction box.

Three cars on Strathcona avenue were found to have been damaged by p[illegible]. They were listed as a Honda Civic, a grey Renault and a white Pontiac.

Suppressor

A noisy air compressor near the sidewalk outside 3 Westmount Square was silenced early Sunday following a complaint at 7:39 am, public safety officers report. The machine's operator claimed not to be aware that he could not carry out the work on Sunday.

Fare foul

A 36-year-old man has been charged with theft after allegedly refusing to pay a $6 taxi fare early last Thursday in front of 250 Kensington avenue, police said. The incident occurred at 3:30 am. The local resident is scheduled to appear in Westmount Municipal Court Sept 14.

Hit-and-runs seen and heard

Several of last week's hit-and-run accidents in Westmount were either witnessed or heard by persons nearby, according to police reports.

One of those occurred about 5:05 pm last Thursday in front of 4124 St Catherine street near Greene avenue when a parked delivery truck was hit by a vehicle whose driver got out and inspected the damage before driving off. A licence plate number was recorded.

Another hit-and-run was heard at 8:45 pm by a resident on Grosvenor avenue north of The Boulevard who rushed outside to find a neighbor's car had been hit in the rear outside civic number 698. The culprit had already fled.

On Saturday the driver of a trucked parked on Sherbrooke street east of Mountain avenue was given the licence number of a vehicle which was seen to hit the side mirror of his vehicle about 12:45 pm.

Bicycles gone

Two bicycles worth a total of $700 were discovered missing June 4 from an apartment building at 4444 Sherbrooke street, police report. One was a man's blue Velosport, the other a black Raleigh. The bikes had been left in front of a locker along with two others which were not taken.



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Rangers and Indians pick up softball wins

By WARREN VALDMANIS

The action ran high last Friday in a pivotal match between the Rangers and the Angels on the diamonds in Westmount Park last Friday.

The score was 13-11 for the Angels at the bottom of the seventh and final inning. Nobu Endo had been a solid relief pitcher for the Angels since the fourth inning, but he now found himself in a jam. With two outs and runners on second and third, he faced a pitcher's worst nightmare. Hugo Blomfield, with several big hits on the day, was up to bat.

Endo caught the strike zone on the first pitch, but Blomfield won this classic confrontation. A line drive to left field produced a double and two runs for the Rangers, tieing the score at 13. Mike Lord completed the comeback with a single, scoring one and ending the Rangers' last licks with a 14-13 victory.

The match was close throughout, and the Angels led off the first inning with a bang. On the second pitch of the game, Andrew Stotland hit a beautiful home run, shocking the Rangers and their fans. Later in the inning, two runs scored after another home run, this time by Angels pitcher Ben Sharp, made the score 3-0 when the Rangers got to bat.

But it was all for nought, as the Rangers edged them in the inning as well as in the game, scoring four runs in the bottom of the first.

Offensive infield

The Angels were led by the offensive ability of infielders Carl Halmo and Patrick Weldon, and defensively by their two outstanding pitchers; Ben Sharp and Nobu Endo.

Sometimes called "Club Lipes," the Rangers have found the top of the league with the help of the strong hitting of Hugo Blomfield, Jed Lipes and Mark Brownlee, the pitching of David Lipes and the coaching of Jed and David's father, Peter Lipes.

The game in diamond 2 pitted the Indians against the Brewers, and was not nearly as close.

The Brewers were plagued with absences, as two of their key players, Jonathan Stubbs and Tom Bell, were away on a Roslyn School camping trip. They depended on Jonathan Stern for pitching and hitting, and the consistency of Michael Krauss for whatever else they could muster.

The Indians dominated throughout. Every one of their players made a contribution to Friday's convincing 14-3 victory, but it wouldn't have been so great without the likes of Jonathan Albright. He averages a home run every game and got two on the day, one of which was a grand slam. He also pitched with incredible effectiveness, frustrating several Brewer batters. Djata Weaver, Liam Mayes and Daryn Mitchell completed the Indian offense, each with several hits.

Indians' coach Paul Perrier was pleased with his team's performance, and said, "This team's just beginning to gel before the playoffs."

If they're just beginning, it should be quite a spectacle when they're finished.

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal softball leagues as of June 14.

	GP	W	L	D	Pts
ATOM					
Tigers	11	6	3	2	14
Rangers	11	6	4	1	13
Indians	11	6	5	0	12
Astros	11	5	5	1	11
Angels	11	3	6	2	8
Brewers	11	4	7	0	8
PEE WEE					
Reds	7	6	1†	0	12
Expos	8	4	4†	0	8
Cubs	7	0	7	0	0
†Double default.					
SENIOR					
Rick's Raiders	6	5	1	0	10
P.C.s	7	5	2	0	10
La Cage Angels	7	5	2	0	10
Wanderers	6	4	2	0	8
Green Sox	8	4	4	0	8
Bears	5	3	2	0	6
Century 21	6	2	4	0	4
Reds	6	1	5	0	2
Cooper	7	0	7	0	0

Recreation department reshuffles

A recent reorganization at the city recreation office has reshuffled staff responsibilities and brought a new employee into the department.

Director of recreation Bob Aiken says the changes have been made in response to expanding diversified programs, and to "use the skills of the personnel more efficiently."

Peter Wallace has been named recreation administrator, effectively becoming Mr Aiken's assistant. That position has been open since Mr Aiken vacated it last summer to replace John Garland, who retired, as head of the department.

Beverly Adams, formerly in charge of girls' recreation, fills the newly created position of socio-cultural co-ordinator. Ms Adams will look after all non-sports activities organized in the city. These include drama, dance, senior citizens' activities and festivities such as the upcoming Canada Day celebration.

Ms Adams says she is very pleased with the position. "I want to broaden the cultural side of the job in the coming year," she says.

D.J. Reynolds and Lana Romandini are sports supervisors. Sean Michael Deegan joined the department last week as the third sports supervisor. The three run the wide range of physical activities for boys and girls, including team sports.

Soccer clinics coming to city this summer

Two one-week soccer clinics will be held in Westmount this summer in cooperation with the Quebec Soccer Federation (QSF).

The city recreation department has arranged for certified instructors from the QSF to instruct youngsters aged seven to 16 at the clinics.

The sessions run the weeks of July 25-29 and Aug 22-26 in Westmount Park and are open only to recreation permit holders. The $40 fee includes instruction, a soccer ball, a T-shirt and a participation certificate.

Registration for the clinics takes place at the recreation office in the arena starting June 27.

Bike unlocked

A Montreal man who locked his bicycle on Atwater avenue near Place Alexis Nihon Wednesday last week at 10 am discovered it missing 30 minutes later, police report. The black 12-speed model was valued at $250.

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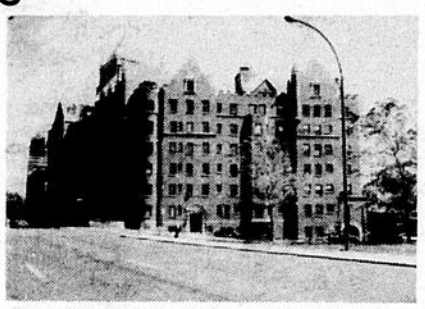
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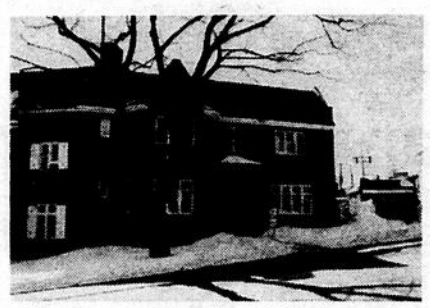
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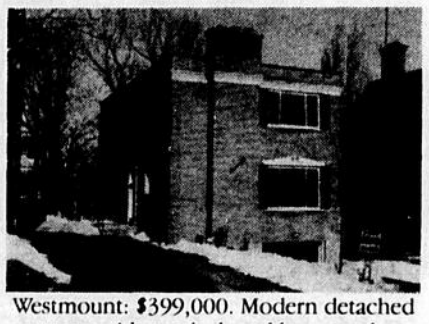
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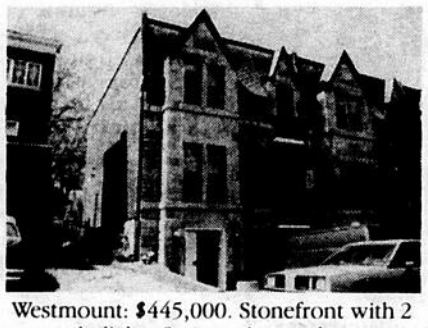
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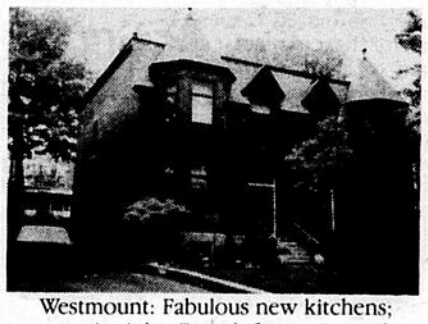
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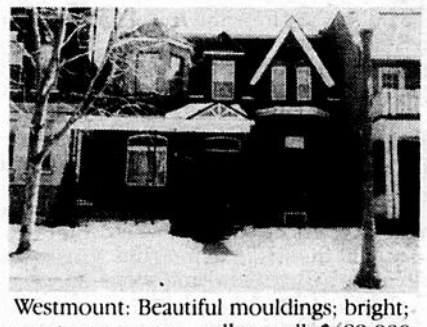
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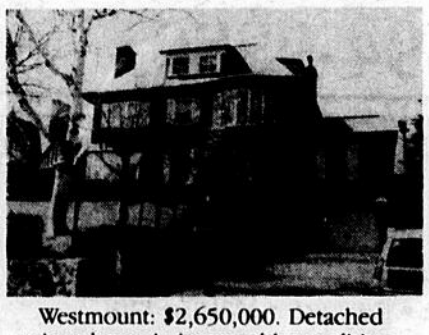
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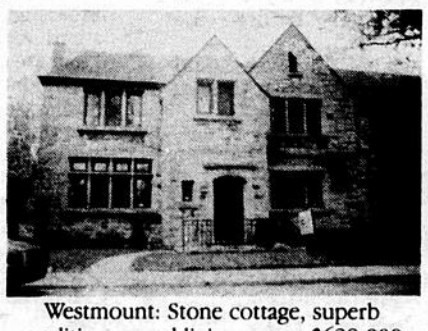
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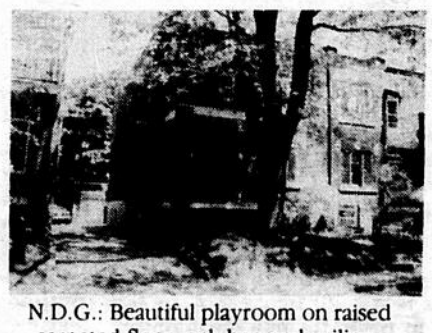
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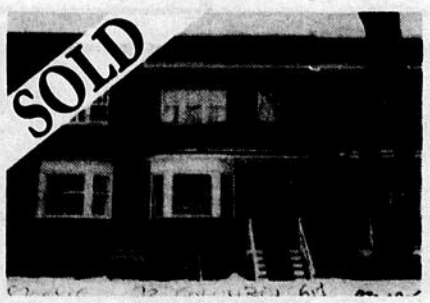
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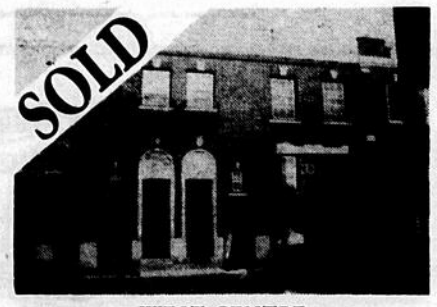
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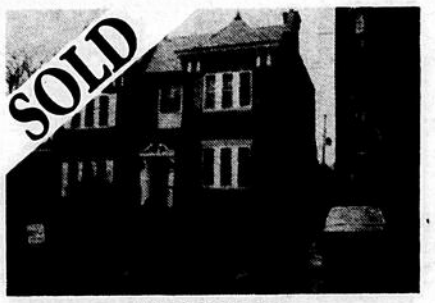
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