

Fewer PCB units here now than in 1985

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

YES, there are PCBs in Westmount.

They can be found, according to a city inventory, at Place Alexis Nihon, Westmount Square, the Royal Bank Data Centre, Shaar Hashomayim, Steinberg's Victoria store, the Westmount Medical Building and the office building housing the Pascal store.

They also can be found in the Métro system, in apartment buildings at 250 Clarke and Château Maisonneuve as well as in storage at the city's Corporation Yard.

They are either in use in electrical transformers and capacitors or stored awaiting disposal.

They are inspected regularly and known to firefighters in the event of emergency, city officials confirm.

Some of the 38 units are privately owned. Others (17) belong to the city's light and power department.

They are all that remain following a "get-tough" policy adopted by the city three years ago when fire officials launched a public awareness campaign.

At that time, Westmount led MUC municipalities in making public the location of 59 PCB units in the city. Since then the number has dwindled and three more are expected to be removed shortly by Steinberg's at Place Alexis Nihon.

City officials admit they are not happy to have PCBs around.

Monitoring continues

However, until storage or disposal facilities are set up in Quebec, or PCB equipment is phased out of service, inspectors will continue to monitor closely the relatively few that remain (see separate stories).

In some situations, they say, it is

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Free trade pact backed by Johnston

Donald Johnston says that after looking closely at the free trade agreement with the United States, he decided he should support it in yesterday's House of Commons vote.

"I asked myself, 'Is it worse than the status quo or better than the status quo?' And I concluded it should be ratified," the St Henri-Westmount MP told THE EXAMINER yesterday.

"And then the government must do all it can to improve upon the deal."

"The key is that, unlike the Meech Lake Accord, this is a terminable agreement," he added. The pact can be terminated on six months notice.

Mr Johnston says it is a shame that "politics have taken over once again" in the debate on free trade, rather than an interest in what's good for Canada.

Mr Johnston gave what he expects was his last speech in the House Monday evening. He believes there is a good chance an election will be called when Parliament reconvenes Sept 17 after the current recess.

For more, see *Our MP* says on page five.

Happy birthday to May in September

Westmount's mayor, May Cutler, will be celebrating a special birthday this week-end.

On Sunday, Sept 4, the mayor turns 65.

Many happy returns, Mayor May.

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Competition for David Berger:

Richard Lord in Liberal race, Valaskakis ponders entering fray

By CHARLES MAPPIN

Calling himself a "man of the riding," immigration counsellor and businessman Richard Lord says he wants the Liberal Party nomination for St Henri-Westmount while another potential candidate, Kimon Valaskakis, says he's undecided whether to run.

The only other declared candidate in the race is David Berger, the incumbent MP for Laurier riding which has disappeared in the latest redistribution.

Mr Lord declared his intention to seek the position Tuesday, saying he has what it takes to appeal to people living in all parts of the riding.

The 59-year-old former vice-president of the Quebec Liberal Party and acting president in 1968-70 says his experience and skills make him the most suitable candidate to deal with the complex nature of the riding.

Mr Lord says the changes to the electoral map make St Henri-Westmount a better cross-section of the country as a whole. He feels he can represent the needs of the Portuguese in the east, Chinatown in the southeast, the mix of people in Little Burgundy and St Henri, and the changing face of Westmount.

On the two major national issues, free trade and Meech Lake, he says Canadians need to get a better understanding of them before being asked to accept them.

Grew up here

Mr Lord grew up on St Antoine street, at Westmount's southern border. He attended Queen's School, Westmount Junior High School and Westmount High. He obtained a BA in chemical engineering from Michigan State University in 1953.

On returning to Montreal in 1955, Mr Lord joined the City of Montreal after a short stint with Dominion Tar and Chemical. He worked as a municipal engineer and as project manager of communications for Expo 67.

Among other activities since then, Mr Lord has worked as a judge on the

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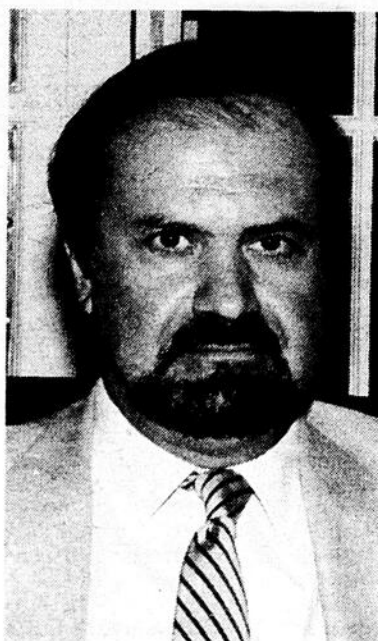
HOLIDAY MONDAY

LABOR DAY will be marked Monday with a general shutdown of business and government activity.

The offices of THE EXAMINER will be closed all day Monday but deadlines for next week's issue remain unchanged. Because of the shortened work week, however, correspondents are asked to submit material as early as possible.

City of Westmount municipal offices, as well as the Westmount Public Library, will be closed Saturday through Monday. The following weekend, Sept 10-11, the library will resume weekend service from 9 am to 5 pm Saturdays and 1 pm to 5 pm Sundays.

We wish all our readers a happy and safe long weekend.



Kimon Valaskakis



Richard Lord

32 houses sold in June transfers:

Average house price tops half-million mark

By CHARLES MAPPIN

active month of the year in real estate, and this year appears to be no exception. Along with the rise in the average price came an increase in volume over the previous months, although the volume of houses sold to date in 1988 is well below that of the last two years (see separate story).

A clear indication of this can be seen in a comparison with figures from 1986 and 1987. In June 1986, 43 houses sold for \$12.4 million (an average of \$288,372). In June 1987, 42 houses sold for \$15.6 million (an average of \$371,428).

Enormous mark-ups

The most expensive house of the month was 177 Edgehill, which sold for \$1.5 million, according to the

amount declared as the sale price for purposes of the city's welcome tax on real estate transfers (the tax in this case was \$8,850). The official selling price was "\$1 and considerations."

The \$1.5 million amount is 167 percent above the property's valuation for municipal tax purposes of \$560,400.

Despite the enormous mark-up, that transaction did not produce the largest mark-up of the month. 74 Sunnyside sold at a staggering 173 percent above its \$392,100 valuation. The house was bought for \$1,070,000, based on welcome tax.

The other million-dollar houses sold in June were 695 Grosvenor (\$1,100,000), 4383 Westmount (\$1,100,000) and 482 Roslyn (\$1,000,000).

A big gap exists between those five sales and the other 27. The next

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Boy, 10, robbed of \$1 in park

A 10-year-old Westmount boy was intimidated into handing over \$1 to three older boys in Westmount Park Tuesday last week, police said.

The young victim had been hit with pine cones thrown by the suspects aged between 13 and 15. The robbery occurred at 5:30 pm.



"Well... did your husband take the kids up to the lake for the week?"



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Meeting Tuesday:

Charter change may be on city council agenda

Westmount city council may give its blessing for the submission of a private bill to the National Assembly amending the city charter as part of Tuesday's statutory council meeting, city officials said yesterday.

The item would be brought before the public meeting if finishing touches are ready in time for prior approval by the general committee of council.

The charter amendment is expected to seek a number of changes in Westmount's powers such as authorizing it to increase parking and court fines.

Among other business slated for consideration at the public session starting at 8 pm in city hall is:

- Notice of motion to extend payment of heritage grants past the Aug 2 deadline to Dec 31 (see separate story, page three);
- Approval to sell at a special city auction Oct 5 computing equipment no longer needed, including an IBM controller, display station, Micom word processing system, IBM display writing system and Quadex Spacewriter word processor;
- Notice of motion to amend the library by-law to appoint rather than elect trustees;
- List of accounts for the month ending July 31;
- Acceptance of tenders for roof repairs, three garbage collection contracts and purchase of a new body for the backup aerial ladder fire truck, a front end loader, a suction unit for the leaf collection vacuum, "Operation Orange" no parking signals,

coarse crushed rock salt and 500,000 litres of heating oil;

- Purchase of two new wooden garage doors for the Corporation Yard;
- Adoption of amendments regarding parking meters, electricity rates, and loan for upgrading of the power substation in King George Park;
- Cadastral operations to amalgamate several building lots in one for extensions to buildings at 4325 Montrose and 4383 Westmount avenues and 4160 Sherbrooke street; and,
- Cadastral operations for buildings over the building line: for extension, alterations and landscaping at 4363 Westmount-609 Carleton and for construction of wheel chair ramps and gates at 4221 St Catherine street (northeast corner);

No break on Labor Day for alternate-side parkers

WESTMOUNT residents who park their cars on streets designated for alternate-side changeovers are reminded that Labor Day is not a parking holiday.

This means cars must be moved at 8 am and 6 pm if required by signage, as on any ordinary weekday.

The reminder comes from Public Security Director Richard McEnroe, who says he does not want to see anyone ticketed.

"People should abide by the signs on the street. Failure to do so in the past has added to confusion and resulted in people getting tickets."

Anyone leaving town for the three-day weekend is expected to make provision for the regulation.

Last spring's survey of alternate-side parking remains under study and it is not yet known if any changes in the present system will result.



A workman makes the first road cut Monday morning at the corner of Stanton street as the reconstruction of Côte St Antoine road begins.

Rebuilding begins on Côte St Antoine

By CHARLES MAPPIN

With the start of work this week on the reconstruction of Côte St Antoine road, the city has erected a barricade where the street intersects Clarke and Sherbrooke to divert traffic from the construction zone.

The entrance will remain closed for the duration of the road work — which is scheduled for completion by Nov 4 — to give the city a chance to observe the resulting traffic flow.

"We'll take advantage of the situation to do a traffic count and to see what impact it will have on Clarke and Sherbrooke," says city councillor Paul Fortin, chairman of council's traffic committee.

"When the reconstruction work is completed, we'll reassess the situation regarding the intersection."

Council has proposed closing the intersection permanently, but another public consultation meeting would be held before such a decision is taken, Mr Fortin says.

\$1.2 million project

The entire project should take two months to complete and will cost the city some \$1.2 million in all. Work has begun at Argyle avenue and will progress westward.

Along with new sidewalks, roadbed and roadway, Côte St Antoine will get new street lights. The lamp standards are the same ones being used to improve street lighting in other areas of the city. They will be placed in alternation on either side of the street.

The roadway will be narrowed and the sidewalks widened. As a result, some residents' lawns will be extended by a few feet.

By narrowing the street and replacing the street lighting, the city hopes to improve the character of the street and change it from the thoroughfare it has become to a residential road.

The width of the street will be 26 feet in most places, wide enough for two lanes of traffic to pass parked cars. It is currently as wide as 40 feet in some sections.

The sidewalks will vary from six to 11 feet wide. In front of King George Park, the city is creating "boulevard sidewalks," which have strips of grass separating the roadway and the concrete sidewalk.

Sidewalks first

Although the contractor has not provided the city with a detailed schedule, the first stage involves the rebuilding of the sidewalks, and the laying of conduit and the installation of bases for the new street light standards.

The next stage is the excavation of the roadway, the preparation of the roadway bed and the pouring of the eight-inch concrete base. At least seven days must be left for the concrete to harden before a three-inch layer of asphalt is poured.

Since the sidewalks will be wider throughout Côte St Antoine, the city will plant trees along its length. Another change will be the building of a sidewalk on the south side of the street where it borders city hall. There is none at present.

Special accommodations are to be made at the intersection of Stanton street where the police and fire vehicles must pass on a regular basis, public works director Fred Caluori says.

The intersection will be done one half at a time and on some days the emergency cars and trucks will have to leave the station by travelling the wrong way on Côte St Antoine to Argyle.

The city is also getting the schedule of events of the three institutions on the street — Selwyn House School, the Shaar Hashomayim synagogue and St Matthias' Church — to work around their special events.

Street smarts fail driveway driver

A 40-year-old Montreal man was charged with impaired driving and refusal to take a breathalyzer test after an incident Monday evening last week at 38 Church Hill, police said.

The man was reported to have mistaken the driveway for a street and driven around to the rear where tire tracks on the lawn caused less than \$250 damage.

WESTMOUNT Community Calendar

The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

Today, Sept 1

□ **Print exhibit:** At Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, an exhibition called *Flowers, Fashion and Birds in Prints and Textiles* until Sept 6.

□ **Nature paintings:** *Seasons in nature from an artist's perspective*, oil paintings by Marion R. Kaye at the Westmount Public Library until Sept 11.

Tuesday, Sept 6

□ **Art exhibit:** At Galerie des 5 Continents, 1225 Greene avenue, an exhibition of West African ancestor figures until Oct 1.

□ **City Council meeting:** at 8 pm at City Hall.

□ **Scouting registration:** Parents are invited to register their sons for St Matthias' Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Venturers at the church hall 6:30 and 8 pm. Both newcomers and returning boys should be registered. 482-2153.

Wednesday, Sept 8

□ **Fitness classes:** Start at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church at 8:30 pm. 488-9541.

COMING UP

□ **Sept 9:** Registration for recreation department handicraft and arts classes for children and adults at the arena recreation office, as well as drill and baton classes for children six years and up 9 am to 6 pm today and tomorrow to 2 p.m. Information: 935-8531.

□ **Sept 9:** Registration for Westmount house hockey, continues tomorrow. Information: 935-8531, loc 320.

□ **Sept 13:** Registration by parents for all Brownies, Girl Guides and Pathfinders at Westmount Park Church between 7 and 8 pm. General information on all groups at 935-7641.

□ **Sept 13:** Registration for Westmount Park Group Cubs and Scouts at 6:30 p.m. at Westmount Park Church. 937-5527.

□ **Sept 13:** Registration for 2nd Westmount Group Beavers at 5:45 pm (for information call 482-5075); cubs register at 6:30 p.m. (761-2091) at the start of this year's first regular meeting at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church.

□ **Sept 14:** Registration for 2nd Westmount Group Venturers at 7 pm at the start of their first regular meeting at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church (482-5075).

□ **Sept 15:** Registration for 2nd Westmount Group Scouts at 7 pm at the start of their first regular meeting at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church (485-2032).

□ **Sept 16:** Registration for St Andrew's Group Venturers at 7 pm at the start of their first regular meeting at Westmount Park Church (486-4478). For information on Rovers registration and monthly meetings, call Iain Mackinnon at 935-0870.

□ **Sept 19:** Registration for Shaar Hashomayim Beavers (487-1185) and Cubs (849-9801) at 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. respectively, the starting times of regular meetings.

□ **Oct 5:** Classes in Jewish studies, bridge, financial strategy, painting, exercise, gallery tours at Shaar Hashomayim start. 937-9472.

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Where were they going?

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

Aug 24

5:26 am: 21 Stanton, MUC police station 23, first responder unit;
8:22 am: Front of 4700 St Catherine, natural gas leak (see story last week);
10:16 am: Belvedere road at Belvedere circle, burst water main in excavation;
11:35 am: 4505 St Catherine, Belvedere Residence, code 3 automatic mutual aid from St Laurent and Outremont cancelled at 11:40 am, smoke detector activated by kettle;
2:16 pm: 3401 St Antoine, pullstation activated;
10:18 pm: 117 Blenheim, no power, fuses blown;

Aug 25

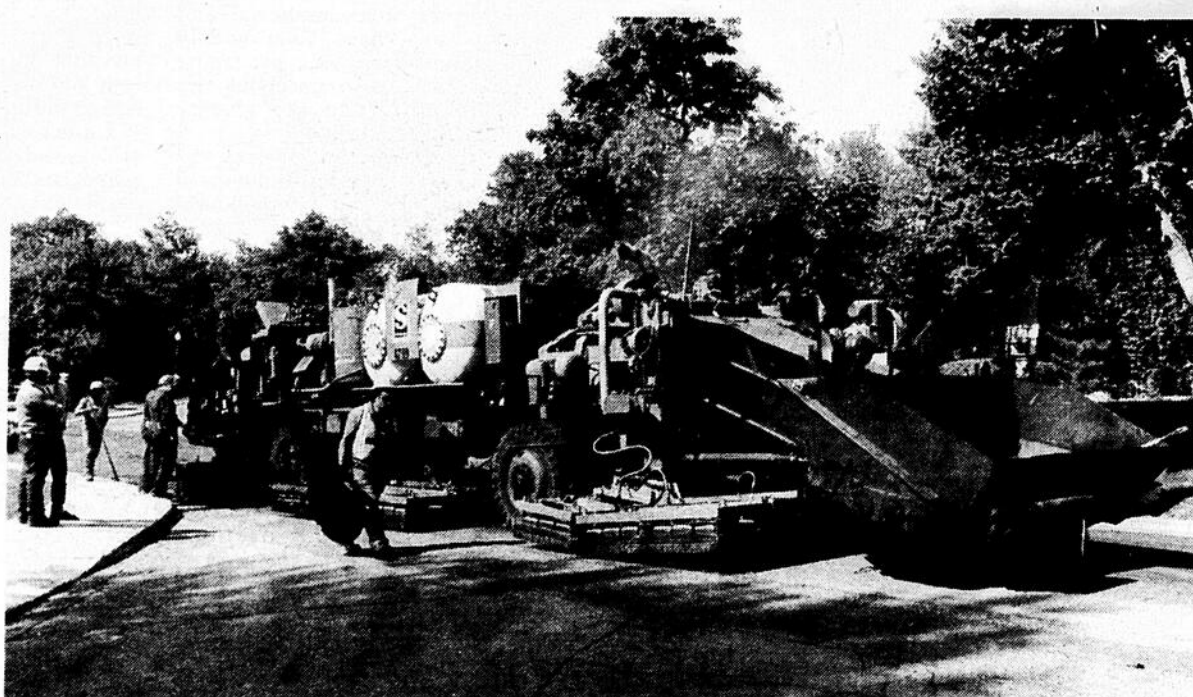
4:34 am: 516 Victoria, possible defective furnace circulating pump;
12:13 pm: 324 Kensington, smoke detector activated by workmen sanding ceiling;
3:37 pm: 4481 Montrose, smoke detector activated by workers;
7:04 pm: 319 Grosvenor, apt 2, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 7:12 pm, smoke detector activated for no apparent reason;

Aug 26

12:18 am: 4262 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit (see story);
1:46 pm: 4574 Sherbrooke, Westmount Public Library, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 1:52 pm, burnt ballast in light fixture;
2:15 pm: 4500 Sherbrooke, burnt ballast in light fixture;
6:25 pm: 42 Summit crescent, smoke detector activated by cooking;
10:08 pm: 6580 Kildare, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 10:16 pm;

Aug 27

2:40 am: 815 Upper Belmont, Villa Ste



Dumpster fire quickly quelled

A garbage fire was extinguished late Sunday night in a dumpster parked in front of Westmount Park Towers, the condominium building at 4700 St Catherine street, fire officials report.

The blaze was first noticed about 10:15 pm although it probably smouldered undetected for many hours before developing, police said.

Cause of the fire was attributed to smoker's materials accidentally discarded.

Firefighters used two 1 3/4-inch lines to douse the burning boxes and plastics found among other construction debris. No damage was recorded.

Marcelline, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:56 am, flow alarm activated by small leak in system between old and new construction;
1:09 pm: 4868 Sherbrooke, smell of natural gas, stove pilot light out;
1:09 pm: 100 Hillside, apt 105, alarm;

Aug 28

1:58 am: 5555 Trent, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 2:09 am;
10:25 am: 4150 St Catherine, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 10:34 am, smoke detector activated by dust particles from air conditioner;
10:16 pm: 4700 St Catherine, fire in garbage (see story);

Aug 29

11:46 am: 5760 Parkhaven, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 6:25 pm;
1:16 pm: 4175 St Catherine, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 6:25 pm, welding sparks;

Aug 30

1:37 am: 112 Sunnyside, seized car brakes.

RUBE GOLDBERG WOULD BE PROUD: This complex "hot scarifier" was being used on Lexington avenue Tuesday to give the street a new surface. The contraption makes the process relatively quick and easy as it inches along the street. The 80-foot truck heats up the surface material, scrapes off the top inch of asphalt, mixes in a rejuvenating agent and then lays the mixture back down. A steam roller follows to smoothes out the road. An additional inch and a half of new asphalt will be added tomorrow, weather permitting. This recycling method is much cheaper than full resurfacing, city officials say. Pavage d'Asphalte Beaver is doing the job for \$34,635.

Heritage payments deadline extended to December 31

If you're a Westmount taxpayer and you missed the Aug 2 deadline to apply for heritage payments, city council has come to your rescue.

The deadline has been extended to Dec 31, Mayor May Cutler announced last week.

All taxpayers were eligible to claim amounts ranging from \$400 to \$800.

City councillor and finance commissioner Phillip Aspinall told THE EXAMINER that certain confusion had existed regarding the deadline, which had been marked on an insert rather than the application form itself.

Property owners who have not yet applied will receive notice of the extension, he added.

The city had adjusted its 1988 taxes to provide for a \$2.9 million fund to establish payments to any property owner willing to undertake any form of improvement or beautification such as minor repairs or plantings. Of that sum, \$1.1 million remained unclaimed at the Aug 2 deadline.

The application form is easy to fill out and does not require submission of plans or details.

Mayor Cutler has asked that any of the unclaimed \$2.9 million be set aside by the city for funding of facilities, namely renovations or an extension to the library complex in Westmount Park.

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Sander slips, hurts ankle

A 34-year-old Montreal man was believed to have sustained a broken ankle in a fall early Friday at 4262 de Maisonneuve boulevard, fire officials report.

The man fell after rounding a corner using a floor sander and tripping on an extension cord, public safety officers said. He was wearing construction boots at the time. The mishap, which also summoned Urgences Santé personnel, occurred about 12:19 am.

Mayor prepares video to boost library plans

Libraries in other municipalities were being videotaped yesterday by Mayor May Cutler and son Keir.

The duo planned to visit St Leonard, Côte St Luc, Lachine, LaSalle, Pierrefonds and Pointe Claire where facilities provide needs of libraries of the 21st century, Mayor Cutler says.

"They have marvellous reading rooms and video areas," she explains.

The finished video is to be shown to city council members and those attending Arts Westmount with a view to obtaining architectural drawings for a new library complex in this community by the end of next year.

Gun convinces arcade player

A 16-year-old boy was robbed of \$10 Tuesday last week at the arcade in Place Alexis Nihon, police report.

The victim was approached by two older youths about 6:10 pm after receiving change to play the machines. He handed over the money as ordered when one of them opened a black bag revealing a gun.

The victim was identified as living in LaSalle. The robbers were described as black youths aged about 17 or 18.

Lost youngster aided by PSOs

A 10-year-old was reunited with relatives in Westmount Park Sunday after she strayed away and forgot how to return to their home on Kensington avenue, public safety officers said.

The girl received help at the arena from PSOs who walked her around the park until she spotted her aunt about 7:30 pm.

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We Say

Local tax crisis

IT is not at all surprising that the numberless, faceless civil servants in the ministry of municipal affairs at Quebec have managed again, through two ministers in the last 12 months, to let a whole year go by without coming up with any kind of solution to the tax-valuation mess — essentially of their own making — in the municipalities of the Montreal Urban Community.

Last winter when individual residential property owners were in full cry, having received their grossly inflated 1988 local tax bills, Hon André Bourbeau, then holding the municipal affairs portfolio, undertook to prevent a repeat of that unjust fiasco for the 1989 tax year.

Mr Bourbeau greatly impressed our Mayor May Cutler with his grasp of the situation and evident need for decisive reform. Furthermore, he well knew that any changes in the system to protect innocent citizens would have to be made this summer to have any effect on the new valuation rolls to be deposited this autumn.

Most important of all, his departmental officials must have realized this urgency, too.

Yet here we are in September and nothing appears to have happened. There has been no consultation with the local administrations — which must bear the flak from irate homeowners. And the MUC, responsible for valuations, has little alternative before the law but to proceed with the old, discredited, made-in-Quebec City regulations.

It must also be assumed that the "experts" of the MUC, those who supposedly should know more about island valuation problems than anyone, including the Quebec mandarins, have made no representations or suggestions.

Meanwhile, a cabinet switch: Mr Bourbeau is out, Mr Pierre Paradis is in as minister. It is a ready-made cover for a do-nothing ministry. And our mayor, with all her colleagues who cannot avoid an active concern, must start over educating a new minister.

ALL of which adds up to another confusing, distressing and thoroughly messy situation in Westmount and elsewhere this fall and winter.

And to disastrous additional increases in already bloated tax bills for property owners.

We are not too concerned over the persons who have bought Westmount property recently, despite obscenely inflated prices. They have done so with their eyes open. If they can afford to buy in today's market they cannot complain if their assessments, and hence the levies they must pay, also are beyond reason.

We are worried stiff about the effect of all this unreality on the established, long-term owners of the hundreds of single-family homes, specially the relatively modest ones, in Westmount. So long as the valuers are bound by an unconscionable law to take into account recent actual sale prices and reflect them across the board where no sales have occurred, for many years typically, there will be gross injustice to innocent and helpless citizens.

That is what the uncaring bureaucracy and its shifting ministers, to say nothing of incompetency in the MUC, have wrought.

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THERE is another serious effect, specially upon Westmount as a community. No longer can an otherwise comfortably salaried man or woman buy a home here. According to the monthly local property transfer figures tabulated by THE EXAMINER, the average price paid for Westmount homes in the first half of this year was \$510,000. Even if you say it fast, it still is over half a million dollars! The lowest price in June was \$235,000 and five transfers recorded in that month were over \$1 million each.

Lest anyone think that the homes themselves account for the inflation, consider this: There is a piece of land on the upper level of Westmount now on the market for \$715,000, or \$125 per square foot. It is shown on the current valuation roll at \$90,000.

It is conventional to blame "speculators." But it takes two to tango. If sellers are greedy, then buyers must be stupid.

Stupid not only with their own (or, more likely, someone else's borrowed) money but gambling that they in turn eventually may make a speculative profit by reselling.

The real estate market is not immune to the sort of "correction" to which stock markets are prone when they go wild. In this case, despite the slow motion of government, the reaction to what is happening is bound eventually to prick the bubble. We hope it may include some kind of sheltering of the established residents and hit the newer owners. Only in something like that will there be justice.

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IN our concern for the solid, long-term homeowner we have a broader worry: the future of Westmount.

There must be a finite market for houses selling for a quarter, or a half, or a full million dollars or more. What then?

What kind of community will this be when its basic, solid middle class has been driven out by high taxes and the ever-present temptation to sell out at great profit?

You Say

Perhaps poisoning of Earth will get our attention

Sir: Until the recent fire in St Basile, warnings about the remaining PCBs in transformers, the necessity for their safe storage and disposal, and the suspected or proved dumping of countless chemicals have aroused less public interest than the creations of fashion designers, gossip about the rich and famous, and discussion of controversial films.

The risks to pets and wildlife and our own endangered species from industrial and agricultural poisons have been widely reported for decades without provoking stronger reactions than sneers about animal-lovers, ecologists and the gloomy themes of educational television.

Even horrifying reports of illnesses and deaths from leaking and forgotten dumps in the U.S. and from toxic spills abroad have aroused less excitement than articles about fad diets, lottery winners or the signs on grocery stores and restaurants that seldom poison anyone.

Will it take clean-up costs that climb into the stratosphere, soaring statistics of birth

defects and deaths, or some shocking national catastrophe before electors show as much concern for the human habitat as for lowering taxes or keeping out unfortunate refugees?

While these toxins, as well as wastes from nuclear reactors and defence programs everywhere, continue multiplying and looking for supposedly final resting places near our homes or in the vulnerable Third World, the wealth of nations has been wasted preparing for a hideous war no country can win, one that will foul the whole planet, if we have not already slyly completed the process ahead of time.

While we ignore the right to life of whole species and nations, the unborn future of the planet has been emitting a silent scream and we should not be astonished if, before too long, Mother Nature, suffering from induced toxemia, should happen to abort the whole human experiment.

Cherra S. Ransom

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Editorial Notes

A BILL of the Westmount electricity department which we saw the other day, though sent to a Westmount address, gave it as "Montreal." Though acceptable to the post office, local pride causes most citizens of this municipal entity to use instead "Westmount," the official name not only of our city but of the post office in our community from which the letter carriers deliver our mail. Also noticed after the aforementioned "Montreal" was "Que," the designation for this province long since abandoned by agreement between the postal administrations of Canada and the U.S. in favor of universal two-letter province/state indicators. (Mass is MA, Ont ON, Calif CA, Man MB, etc.) Thus, we are in PQ, according to the post office, and we are not QC, which seems to have been adopted arbitrarily by some mailers, notably many branches of the provincial government. Sometime when the city's extensive computer gear is idling, perhaps someone could write a little program to correct such records. To add to loose use by the local power people, the pre-addressed envelopes sent out for citizens to use in mailing their payments are printed "Westmount, Qué." (with an acute accent), an unnecessary bow to Bill 101....

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THERE are many in our community, not least because of profound personal witness to the reality of the Holocaust, who will appreciate this footnote to the unconscionable teaching of one James Keegstra, the Albertan who taught his high school students that the Holocaust didn't happen or, at worst, was grossly exaggerated. There probably are many Canadians who drew perverse gratification from the recent news that the man's house had burned. We drew even more satisfaction from the short, cleverly subtle letter to the editor of The Globe and Mail the other day which simply stated that in the writer's view the fire didn't happen!...

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VIA Rail, that potentially excellent enterprise of which we and others have had cause to be critical, exposes another cause for taxpayer irritation. Our most recent Visa bill included a Via item for \$192 entered July 31. We could recall no recent adventure by train until someone reminded us that those who grant credit by Visa cards have six months to claim from the issuing bank. With this prompt we jogged our memory and our desk calendar and found that, indeed, we had made a return trip to Toronto — back on March 3! We are grateful for the extended use of our money for six months, about five months more than we might have expected, but as a Canadian taxpayer picking up the tab for Via Rail's ongoing deficits we take a dim view of apparent sloppiness in the Crown-owned passenger train operator's treasury department....

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AROUND THE EXAMINER more often than not we are braced to receive brickbats for identifying persons who encounter various forms of misfortune or mishap. The complainers can be both victims and self-appointed censors of the media who have not got straight in their own minds the conflicting claims of privacy and genuine community and neighborly concern, stock in trade of truly local weeklies. Thus, we are specially cautious in using names where embarrassment to individuals is possible. Therefore, imagine our delighted surprise to receive a phone call following last week's publication on the front page of a picture of a resident being carried in her wheelchair from a fire-threatened apartment building on Grosvenor avenue. It was from a longtime Westmount resident, Irmgard Graefin von Schwerin, who for some years was a fashionable portrait photographer with her studio on Greene avenue. When the countess opened for business we interviewed her and her husband, Graf O.M. von Schwerin, at that Grosvenor apartment, where they still live. She asked why THE EXAMINER carries the names of so many people yet the cutlines on that picture began merely "A woman in a wheelchair." In no uncertain terms she thought she should have been identified. We are glad herewith to comply, with best wishes to them both. She also sent a letter of thanks to Fire Chief William Timmons, to whom she said: "I was not at all scared," thanks to her strong trust in his men. She added: "In my younger years during World War II I survived quite a lot of blazes and critical situations without fear. But out of a wheelchair it looks rather different."



Forty-five Years Ago
September 2, 1943

"Westmount Intermediate students will find the 30-year-old school in the same place on Academy road when they return next Tuesday, but they will find it sporting a new name. From now on the institution will be known as Westmount Junior High School, which is considered a more fitting name than the former for a school which gives instruction from grades one to nine. While the term Junior High School is a familiar one in British Columbia and many states of the republic to the south, the Westmount institution is the only one bearing that designation in Ontario or Quebec. A new brass plate at the main entrance reveals the change of name."

Thirty-five Years Ago
September 4, 1953

"Homologation of the valuation rolls will be the main item of business Tuesday night when Westmount's city councillors meet in a session that is scheduled to clean up several matters that have been hanging fire during the summer, and set the stage for a busy fall program. Citizens who are appealing changes in their municipal assessments will have an opportunity to add a verbal appeal to written protests which have already been filed at the city hall."

Twenty-five Years Ago
September 6, 1963

"After a year of silence and still another year when hammering and pounding noises predominated, the corridors of the old Westmount Junior High School again echo with voices of students. The voices are somewhat shriller, and more excited in tone than those heard previously for they belong not to the high school set, but to youngsters age five to 11, now pupils in the renamed Westmount Park School, replacing Kings and Queens. Exact figures are not yet available, but registration in the new school is expected to pass 400. The building, now completely renovated... was constructed as a high school in 1906 to accommodate 800 at a cost of about \$400,000 and was called Park Academy."

Fifteen Years Ago
September 6, 1973

"Work is about to commence on the extension south and west from the present Atwater terminus for Line 1 of the Métro. This was heralded Monday morning when the usual nine-car trains on the line were reduced to six units — with a corresponding step-up of frequency which, some say, is providing an improvement in service. Shorter trains, more often, are expected to be the rule on the line for just over a year. Meanwhile, the reason: The tracks west of the Atwater station platform must be shortened by approximately three car lengths for the lowering of the roadbed and commencement of a downgrade of about 6 percent which will continue west of the present limit under Greene avenue and curve south toward the new Albert interchange on Atwater avenue adjoining the St Henri area."

Five Years Ago
September 8, 1983

"The morning after a letter from a Westmount resident appeared in THE EXAMINER critical of the administration of the city, city inspectors renewed an original request to inspect his property made some eight or nine months ago. 'I'm certainly surprised they came today after all that long time,' E.T. Pearson told THE EXAMINER Friday. 'It's very coincidental.' Mayoral candidate Allen Nutik last summer complained to the city council that inspectors had visited his home the day after he had asked 'embarrassing' questions at a city council meeting. He had called the inspection harassment."



our mayor
Her Worship May Cutler
says...



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



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

Review and resolve

JANUARY 1 may be the calendar day for review of the past and resolve for the future. But psychologically it is really Labor Day.

This is when we went back to school, hoping for good teachers and good companions, intending to behave a little better and work a little harder, wearing new clothes, carrying new books, and armed with new pencils and erasers. The pristine blank pages of empty exercise books challenged to an impossible perfection. Since my birthday also comes around Labor Day it made the season seem all the more a beginning.

As I am also approaching the end of my first year as mayor, this fall catalyzes the review/resolve moment.

Since I became mayor people have been asking me if I like it. From the beginning my answer has been: "Sometimes I do and sometimes I don't." It still is.

Here I can only list the problems that have frustrated me since I took office. They involve profound differences in perception of what Westmount citizens want today and how the city should be run during the next three years.

I came in as a surprise candidate and an even more surprised winner. Those who had been directing the city as council members and in the administration thought the city was very well run. I came in seeing things that needed improvement and changes that should be made.

I believe that the organization of the administration and the allocation of our monies should be looked at intensively at least once every four years. Are we getting our money's worth in terms of current citizen needs? Others believe it's just fine, the best possible administration in the best of all possible cities.

I believe we should have an open city where citizens' questions and input are welcomed, particularly given the quality of intelligence and concern of our residents. Others feel this merely encourages nuisances, wastes time and irritates the dedicated elected and the conscientious secretariat.

I believe that our growing number of senior citizens need an information centre and community gathering place. Others feel that myriad institutions already in existence are doing a good enough job.

I believe Westmount needs a whole new

Reacting to St Basile

THE environmental accident at St Basile le Grand makes us all more sensitive to the fragility of life and health in the face of the by-products of modern technology. We're engaged in a constant struggle to achieve the benefits without undue risk. Unfortunately, one of the weak points in the system — in this case, the storage and disposal of dangerous chemicals and industrial waste — can betray us at any moment.

We can't help sympathizing with those for whom the disruption of their lives is aggravated by the uncertainty of the threat to their health. The information with which the cabinet was provided would indicate that in fact the damage to the health of those in the area will not prove to be serious, although the potential danger, without the countermeasures that were undertaken, would have been very grave.

The government has declared its readiness to shoulder some of the financial burden of the accident for the municipalities and their citizens.

One of the major lessons of the events of last week is that information is of crucial importance. Toward the end of the week, Environment Minister Clifford Lincoln asked Communications Quebec to assist in establishing an information centre in the region of the accident. Insecurity breeds where information is lacking.

We all hope that there will never be a next time for an event of this nature. If there is, however, we will move as quickly as we possibly can to assure people by providing the latest, clearest and most reliable information possible.

approach to cultural and community activities and the rethinking and renewal of our facilities. Others feel Westmount needs only attentive housekeeping.

I believe the make-up of our citizenry, their varied cultural backgrounds, talents and interests, demand a city with more interplay between citizens' groups and the

For free trade

IT WAS predictable. The free trade agreement is now complete. The House of Commons is the arena for a national shootout. Demagoguery, hysteria and more personal insults have won the day and Parliament's image will be the worse for it.

I spoke on Monday evening — in all likelihood my last Commons speech. Having reviewed the agreement and most of the arguments for and against, I am satisfied that I should vote for it, despite its shortfalls and disappointments.

On balance it should improve Canada's trade opportunities. It does not threaten our sovereignty any more than all treaties do. In any case, if it clearly works out to Canada's disadvantage, as its detractors claim, it can be terminated on six months' notice. With that provision, how can there be such hysteria about a loss of sovereignty?

I told my colleagues that there is good news and bad news. The good news is that the free trade agreement is not as bad as its opponents claim. The bad news is that it is not as good as the government claims.

But, unlike Meech Lake, we only have to keep it as long as it works.

elected. Others think it is just fine as it is.

I believe I was elected to do these things. They were my platform. Others believe I was elected by special interest groups that do not reflect the real Westmount.

Who is right? What is the real Westmount today? What do our citizens want from their city, now and in the next few years?

I shall be addressing the above differences over the next few weeks as I review the past year and look at the not-quite-blank pages of the year ahead.

P.S. I inadvertently left a word out of last week's column so it said that my husband never studied French. In fact, my husband never stopped studying French his whole life, in spite of spending nearly all his working life in French.

I Say!

TIME wounds all heels.

—Groucho Marx

Evacuation plans must vary depending on the emergency

How should Westmounters know when to evacuate in an emergency such as a PCB incident?

What are Westmount's plans?

There's no simple answer, says Fire Director William Timmons.

Every call for evacuation differs depending on whether it involves escape from a single building as in a fire, from an entire street as in a gas leak, or a wider area which might involve the Montreal Urban Community.

Large-scale evacuation has to be co-ordinated with other municipalities to ensure that main arteries are not blocked, he explained.

"Evacuation is a judgment call depending on the danger," he said. In PCB emergencies, it can be confined locally depending on the extent of the problem. Emergency workers, usually police, firefighters and public safety officers, are trained to make such decisions and evacuate according to the circumstances.

In some circumstances, wide-scale evacuation is not possible and it is safer to remain at home.

Dir Timmons, who is deputy director of Westmount's emergency measures organization, said PCB emergencies probably would not involve

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LAUREEN SWEENEY

the same type of operation as some disasters such as a nuclear emergency that would require provincial/federal intervention and co-ordination of evacuation efforts.

The importance of pre-planning for any emergency, he said, is to know how personnel involved will be co-ordinated, who is in charge and

what the resources are.

All these are covered in the city's emergency measures plan, he explained.

This provides for designated shelter areas and resources that can be called on to feed people and to carry out social services.

The complexities of large-scale evacuation are among those now being discussed at on-going meetings to draw up a co-ordinated MUC emergency plan, he pointed out. Dir Timmons attends those meetings.

Final touches given to city emergency plan

Westmount's emergency measures plan is near completion and is expected to be ready for testing late this fall.

"We've completed the draft copy of the plan and are calling a special meeting of all directors involved for Sept 21," Fire Director William Timmons, deputy co-ordinator, reports.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and update all documents before final typing. The final plan

should be ready for the next meeting Oct 12.

A third meeting is tentatively scheduled for Nov 2 at Victoria Hall for all personnel involved, Dir Timmons said.

"On this occasion we hope to have teams from each area of the plan present a brief synopsis of their duties and role in a disaster."

Following that session, the group will be ready to try out a scenario, Dir Timmons said.



Westmount firefighters are shown here in August 1985 handling a leak from aging PCB electrical transformers discovered two days after Dawson College took possession of the historic Mother House building. The units later were removed. The special suits provided protection for firemen but are not the encapsulating suits recommended for fighting PCB fires.

Maintenance the key to minimizing risk posed by PCB units

How much risk is presented by the PCBs that remain in Westmount?

Very little, as long as they are well-maintained and kept according to Environment Canada guidelines, say city and fire officials.

The relatively few transformers and capacitors (38) that exist here are scattered around in different buildings where they are reported to be inspected regularly and are well-known by firefighters.

Areas containing PCBs in Westmount conform to provincial requirements, inspectors report.

Dangers that could result from the PCB equipment, fire officials say, are leakage or fire. Both can be virtually eliminated, according to Environment Canada, by observing relatively inexpensive precautions.

Leaks and spills can be prevented by proper maintenance of the equipment or contained, if they do occur, by pans and curbs.

Fires are unlikely since electrical equipment is well insulated and PCBs are known for their relatively non-flammable characteristics.

Circumstances which could ignite them, explains Fire Director William Timmons, come from fires in the immediate proximity of PCB units or internal ignition.

This is why such units are required to be kept in areas away from public access, combustibles and flammable liquids.

"It appears that the reason the PCBs burned in St Basile is because other chemicals caught fire and burned through the PCB containers," says Dir Timmons.

Transformers can ignite through overheating if the unit is allowed to deteriorate and is not topped up with its PCB coolant, he says. They can then be vulnerable to lightning strikes, switching surges and faulty conditions in power lines.

City inspectors have been trained in accordance with guidelines set out by Environment Canada to check for possible defects in equipment and locations not conforming to the guidelines.

These guidelines call for PCB units to be clearly labelled, contained in separate rooms away from public access and ventilated directly to the outside so as to prevent contamination of an entire building in event of a PCB fire.

Curbs should be installed around such equipment to contain any leaks and holding pans should be installed under drains.

Non-conforming

One non-conforming location is the city's own storage facility containing five PCB units among other reserve transformers at the Corporation Yard stores.

This was to be brought in line with Environment Canada guidelines following recommendations by Dir Timmons, who was put in charge of PCB security.

"The city will spend the money needed to ensure these recommendations are followed," Councillor Joan Rothman was quoted as saying at the time (see story Aug 8, 1985).

Although PCB units were set aside from others, no exterior ventilation was installed, according to the city's inventory of PCB equipment updated June 8, 1988.

All other locations (private buildings) containing PCB units have provided exterior ventilation for their units except for four of the six in Place Alexis Nihon, three of which are owned by Steinberg's and are being replaced in several months.

PCB...

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safer to store the toxic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), which do not readily ignite, than to face the risks of moving them.

But light and power officials told THE EXAMINER this week they would be getting estimates for possible disposal of their PCBs in Wales, where there is a PCB incinerator.

A new concern for PCBs arises from last week's fire in a south shore warehouse where PCBs were believed to have been stored alongside flammable liquids.

In that incident, at least one Westmount resident and her family were evacuated from their country home in St Bruno along with some 3,000 persons living near the fire at St Basile le Grand where a toxic PCB cloud developed.

"Citizens want to know where PCBs are located in Westmount," Mayor May Cutler said Sunday.

They also want to know what evacuation plans the city has if such an emergency occurred here, said Councillor Sally Aitken, who reported having received a number of calls from concerned citizens.

These matters were widely covered by THE EXAMINER three years ago when local fire officials moved quickly to publicize several small PCB leaks, adopt PCB safety guidelines and promote public awareness.

Emergency measures

"Since then we've been working on our emergency measures plans," explained Fire Director William Timmons in reviewing the situation.

"Evacuation is a judgment call depending on the danger," he said. "There is no simple answer since a variety of scenarios could develop." (See separate story.)

Although the manufacture and import of PCBs was banned in North America in 1977, their use is still permitted in certain electrical equipment but is generally being phased out.

The PCB issue first arose in Westmount in May 1985 when a report from the city's light and power department concerning minor leaks in some of its own PCB equipment was released by Mayor Brian Gallery.

The safety aspect was immediately taken up by Dir Timmons.

Citizen Ramzi Ferahian called on city council to remove PCB transformers from all buildings and legislate that any spills be reported to the city.

A conference was organized by fire

officials July 25-26, 1985, in Victoria Hall to enhance awareness of PCB hazards. It was the first of its kind to take place in the Montreal area and was attended by some 200 emergency personnel from Quebec and New York.

Federal government experts from Environment Canada addressed the seminar detailing the law regarding PCBs, the responsibilities of municipal officials, guidelines for inspectors, the informing of the public and the need for disposal facilities.

Raised in council

The issue continued to be raised by citizens at city council meetings in the months following and city council approved PCB inspection guidelines proposed by councillors Joan Rothman and Rhoda Vineberg.

The city modified its own PCB storage section for reserve transformers at the Corporation Yard to better conform to approved government guidelines. It is now a sprinklered area but still lacks recommended exterior ventilation.

Other PCB proposals considered by council but never approved included retaining an outside firm specializing in hazardous materials to provide backup support in the event of an emergency.

PCB-filled transformers that have been removed since 1985 include 15 from the historic Mother House building, some of which were found leaking Aug 14, 1985, shortly after the building's purchase by Dawson College. The units, some dating back to 1944, were cleaned up and eventually shipped to Wales for disposal at

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Known PCB units in Westmount August 1985 and June 1988 (transformers and/or capacitors)

Location	1985	1988
1500 Atwater (Place Alexis Nihon)	6	6
#1 Westmount Square	8*	8*
4823 Sherbrooke (Pascal building)	4*	4*
Westmount Corporation Yards	5**	5**
4999 St Catherine (Château Maisonneuve)	4	4
4840 Sherbrooke (Steinberg)	1	1
250 Clarke	6	6
450 Kensington (Shaar Hashomayim)		1
4010 Tupper (Royal Bank Data Centre)	2	2**
5025 Sherbrooke (Westmount Medical Building)	1	1
4873 Westmount ave (CND Mother House)	7	
3040 Sherbrooke (Dawson College)	15	
TOTAL	59	38

*owned by City of Westmount **de-energized, in storage

Store or destroy? The PCB dilemma

Disposal of the city's own PCB transformers appears to boil down to dollars and cents, Westmount officials admit.

Is it worth spending tax dollars to ship contaminated units to Wales for destruction and to buy replacements? Or should they be used until they wear out and then stored?

That's the "\$64,000 question" that was faced by Dawson College officials two years ago when they acquired 15 PCB units with the purchase of the Mother House.

They solved the problem for \$63,000 by choosing the Wales option and announcing that the money was "peanuts" compared to a PCB clean-up that would result from an accident.

Hydro-Québec is now understood to be considering this route.

A similar decision faces Westmount, which had counted on provincial government plans to set up a disposal plant in Quebec by June 1990, explains Bruce St Louis, light and power director.

"Since this seems unlikely now," he told THE EXAMINER Monday, "it is obvious that some policy decisions will have to be made."

A publication by Environment Canada on the control of PCBs simplifies the dilemma by stating that "destruction of PCBs is preferable to long-term storage."

Mr St Louis said he intends to estimate the cost of eliminating the

city's PCB transformers for possible consideration in the 1989 budget now under preparation.

"They ultimately will have to go," he said. "They do wear out."

Transformers have an average lifespan of 35 years, Mr St Louis explained. The city's PCB units date from between 1962 and 1967. They account for a small fraction of the 1,000 regular transformers owned by the city.

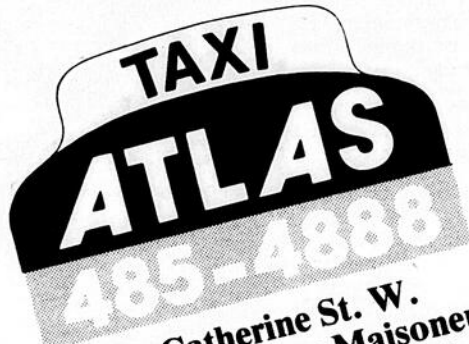
Eight of the PCB units are in use at Westmount Square and the Pascal building, 4823 Sherbrooke street. Another five de-energized units are stored at the Corporation Yard.

"I'm not happy that we have them, but I feel right now ours are stored in a safe area and that those in use are well maintained," Mr St Louis said.

He concurred with opinions expressed by city officials during the 1985 crackdown on PCBs that in some situations it is safer to store or maintain the PCB units than to risk moving them and causing spills.

A study in 1985 on removing and replacing the PCB transformers from Westmount Square estimated the operation would cost \$200,000. This revealed some would have to be taken out through the roof and lowered by crane because of their location.

Mr St Louis said he would be discussing the many factors involved with his commissioner, Rhoda Vineberg, as well as with city officials.



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September, 1988

Open Letter to Westmount Residents

In the old days, Westmount residents were served by several small local taxi companies: Westmount Taxi, Lansdowne, Regal...

But times change. When Regal Taxi was swallowed up by Hemlock Taxi of Verdun last year, for the first time there was no local service in Westmount. Your only choice was to put in a call to some large impersonal bureaucracy, and pray that the over-worked dispatcher, miles away, would eventually send you a car.

Our company, ATLAS TAXI, began operations on June 1, 1988. We are a new organization, but we hope to bring back the old Westmount tradition of fast, personalized service. Most of our drivers were in the old Regal, Westmount or Lansdowne companies. And so were our dispatchers and office staff.

Our office is in Westmount. We know Westmount. And we pledge to give you the best taxi service money can buy.

Yes — we answer our telephone, as fast as we can.

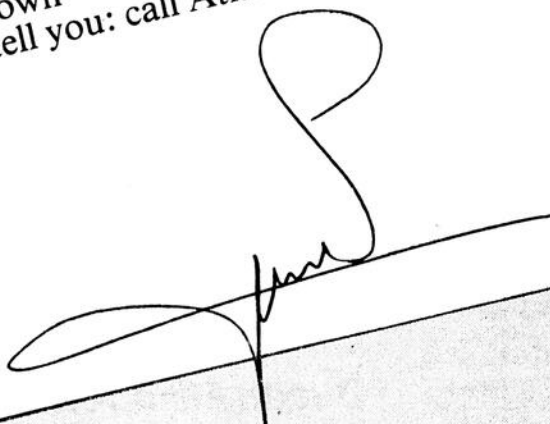
Yes — we will get you a car quickly, usually in 5 minutes.

Yes — most of our drivers know Westmount. (And if your driver should have a problem, our dispatcher will have the time to help him.)

Yes — we take reservations for Dorval or Mirabel or out-of-town trips. (We'll even give you a wake-up call for your early-bird flight!)

Yes — we'll be happy to open a charge account for you.

Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, ATLAS TAXI is the best little taxi company in the west end, and Westmount's only local taxi service. With 60 radio-equipped cars, we are the fastest-growing taxi company in town — because we have the fastest service in town. Hundreds of satisfied customers will tell you: call Atlas once, and you'll definitely call us again.


N. Bagiran

Beware of sob stories, police warn

Police are warning local residents not to hand out sizeable amounts of money at the door to strangers they take pity on "even though they want to help."

"People will try out anything to see if it works," a police spokesman said yesterday.

At least two Westmount residents have now been taken in by a young woman claiming to need emergency

cash and promising to return it. Neither saw the woman or their money again after doling out \$30 and \$40.

After a resident of The Boulevard told her story in last week's EXAMINER, it was immediately recognized by a man living on Lansdowne as the same trick played on him in July.

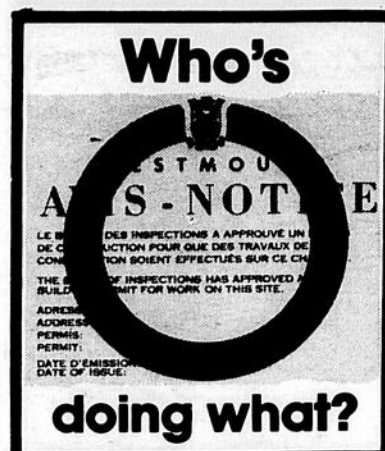
When the woman had not returned the \$30 by Friday, he filed a report at local MUC station 23 and told THE

EXAMINER he had taken pity on her.

"She told me she had no money and needed \$30 to help bail her brother out of jail for a warrant while her parents were away. She was well-spoken and claimed to live at Lansdowne and Sherbrooke. I even walked up to the bank machine with her to get the money."

He described her as a white woman aged about 23, having light brown wavy hair and wearing jeans.

Another man recounted to THE EXAMINER how earlier this year a well-dressed young man appeared at his doorstep on Victoria avenue just outside Westmount seeking money for bus fare to go to his father's funeral in Drummondville. The resident said he was suspicious and turned down the request.



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

Aug 22

709 Victoria: for Elaine Capdel Kravitz by self, replace windows, \$500;

Aug 23

47 Arlington: for M. Colman by Christie Plumbing, plumbing, three fixtures, \$3,000;

4214 de Maisonneuve: for Mrs Paradis by McHenry Plumbing Inc, plumbing, four fixtures, \$3,000;

4469 St Catherine: for Mr and Mrs Papamounodis by self, to demolish and rebuild shed, \$3,500;

4754 The Boulevard: for Sandy Cochrane by Fitzpatrick Plumbing and Heating, to install one water entrance, \$2,100;

Aug 24

102 Columbia: for Mr Taylor by Levine Bros, to install one water entrance, \$800;

388 Olivier: for Inter Commerce Consultants by Arcon Canada Inc, windows, \$6,180;

1336 Greene: for R.J. Erikson by self, staircase, \$5,000;

4226 Dorchester: for A. Feinichel by Brezco Ltd, alterations, \$5,000;

71 Somerville: for owner by Abe Cohen Plumbing and Heating, plumbing, three fixtures, \$3,000;

Aug 25

4360 Montrose: for Mr Gersovitz by Plomberie A.B. Inc, plumbing, 16 fixtures, \$12,000;

5 Anwoth: for L. Miller by self, repairs, \$500;

Aug 26

39 Prospect: for N. Flaherty and R. Levy by self, repairs to sunroom, \$4,000;

427 Elm: for Mr and Mrs Desrosiers by self, rear balcony, \$800;

384 Grosvenor: for 162449 Canada Inc by S.C. Bauneau, plumbing, four fixtures, \$3,000;

8 Severn: for P. Margot by Plomberie Normand Inc, to install one water entrance, \$1,500.

If you are healthy and between age 18 and 65, remember to give the gift of life. Be a Red Cross blood donor.

Carelessness proves costly for shoppers

Two women became victims of their own forgetfulness while buying clothes at Westmount shops Tuesday and Wednesday last week, according to police reports.

One left a purse containing \$1,100 in cash and \$3,000 in jewelry at 1350 Greene avenue after buying a dress. When she returned after 30 minutes, it had disappeared.

Another left her gold bracelet on a seat at the Gloria boutique, 4924 Sherbrooke street, to discover it gone 15 minutes later. It was worth \$560.

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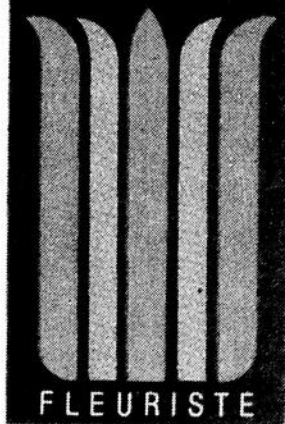
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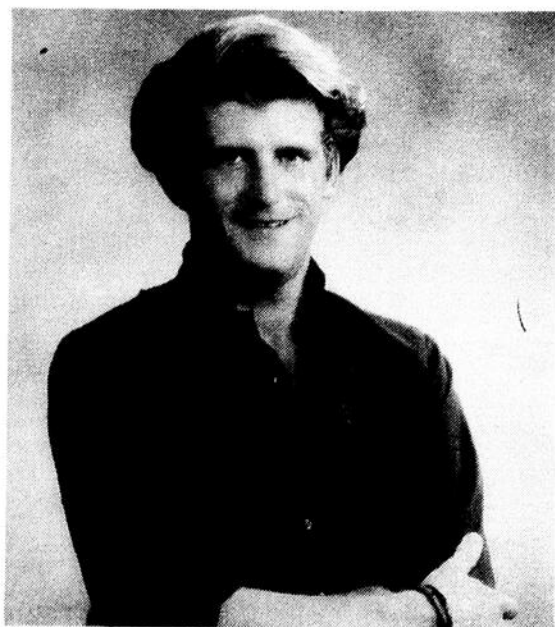
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Two more shops open in Greene Promenades

By CHARLES MAPPIN

lingerie store and an electronic-gadget store are due to open.

mint wafers and candy chews.

Behind the counter at Rogers' Chocolates is Westmounter Tania Vincelli, who will allow interested shoppers to taste the product.

Three more stores will open in the complex in early September. Pinck will sell imported ski wear and Marco Rossi will carry imported leather shoes and other leather goods. The Salon de Thé et Café will serve a variety of light meals from breakfast through to late-night desserts and, of course, tea and coffee. It will have a wine and champagne bar.

In October, a gift shop, a women's

Rich chocolates and the latest computer equipment are the items for sale on the shelves of two stores which have just opened in Les Promenades de Village Greene, the latest shopping addition to Greene avenue.

Rogers' Chocolates and Haute Tech quietly opened their doors in recent weeks, as the finishing touches were still being put on the 16-store complex located on the west side of Greene, approximately mid-way between Sherbrooke street and de Maisonneuve boulevard.

Developer Robert Erikson of Victoria, B.C., has owned the Asquith apartments at 1336 Greene avenue for 10 years, but decided to renovate the building and convert the lower two floors to retail space only last autumn.

Two open courtyards on the sides of the building have been turned into covered promenades perpendicular to the street. With an old-fashioned lane atmosphere created by Tiffany lamps and brass railings, the promenades give access to the individual stores. Construction of the "village" is now almost complete.

The first store in the mall, Montreal Imports, opened its doors in early summer and others will be opening throughout September and October.

Office wares and sweets

Haute Tech sells computer equipment, cellular telephones, fax machines, desk-top publishing packages and other contemporary office equipment. Store manager Dave Barnes says Haute Tech is geared towards selling to businesses, but also carries a number of home computers.

Top of the line is a "portable office package" with a \$7,500 price tag. It includes a cellular car phone, a lap-top computer and car fax machine for persons so busy they need to send and receive documents while negotiating the expressway.

Rogers' Chocolates originated in Victoria and has developed quite a reputation among chocolate connoisseurs. This Greene avenue branch is the first in Montreal. The store specializes in "Victoria creams," dark chocolate-covered sweets the size of silver dollars and filled with creams in a variety of flavors. The store also has old-fashioned almond brittle.

Phone in

A beige telephone and base was found on Oakland avenue last Thursday, police report. The items were described as marked Northern Electric and General Electric but sold by Bell.



CHECKING THE VILLA: New construction at two Westmount schools, the Villa Ste Marcelline on Upper Belmont avenue and Dawson College at the former Mother's site, have received special attention from city fire inspectors Hugh Clarke, left, and Lieut Barry Coates before the start of classes. The Villa's new addition, shown above, provides considerable space as it links the two former buildings. All local schools are undergoing fire checks as the new academic year begins.

Canada Post immune to regulations

Canada Post appears to be immune to Westmount's municipal by-laws, according to public safety officers.

If noise is made in the early hours of the morning, nothing can be done legally to persuade workers to conform to municipal noise regulations.

Major alterations to the post office building at St Catherine street and Olivier avenue have resulted in recent noise complaints, the latest being the backing up and loading of trucks at 3:30 and 5:50 am.

Previous noise complaints from the adjacent apartment building at 225 Olivier concerned a new air conditioner atop the recently renovated building.

A modified loading zone that resulted from the alterations also is contributing to the loading noise.

City pool closing early

The Westmount swimming pool is closing a week earlier than planned because of a shortage of lifeguards, recreation officials say.

The pool's last day of operation will be Labor Day — Monday, Sept 5. It will close for the summer at 9:45 pm that day. Until then, the regular schedule will remain in effect.

The pool was supposed to stay open until Sept 12, but it seems that all the qualified lifeguards have gone back to school and none are available to work the final week, officials say.

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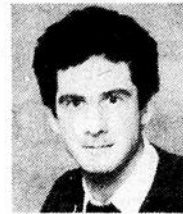
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By Reg Morden

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Home of the Week

The Johnsons had a problem. A leaky roof. Now that their home was about to be put up for sale, Johnson arranged to have it repaired. Good thinking, Johnson. Almost.

After the job was finished at great expense, the yellow water stain still remained on the ceiling. Mr. Johnson thought he had already spent enough on the roof and any prospect would believe him when he showed the repair bill.

The old adage of being penny-wise and pound foolish bore fruit. Each prospect asked about the stain. The receipted bill never quite put their minds at ease. One structural problem in a home is a red flag waving and warning — "Don't get involved with this headache."

Fortunately, for the price of a restaurant dinner the ceiling was repainted. It was finally sold, but only after too many of the best prospects had gone on to other properties. The moral is obvious. The fewer apologies you have to make for your property, the easier it is to sell. If you have any obvious red flags waving — remove them.

Handsomeness is a most appropriate word to describe the ivy covered detached home located at 492 Mountain Avenue in Westmount. Perched midway between the bustle of Sherbrooke Street and the tranquility of the nearby park, this older home was given an extensive facelift a few short years ago. The warm rich oak of the centre hall opens to a spacious salon with a wood burning fireplace. The cosy dining room is served from a bright new kitchen, where room abounds for less formal dining. For those long summer evenings of barbecue fun, an inviting terrace overlooks the deep garden. Upstairs, the master bedroom has its own private bathroom and large dressing room. Three other bedrooms and a summer porch complement this upper level. Asking price for this fine property is \$499,000. To view please call me for an appointment.

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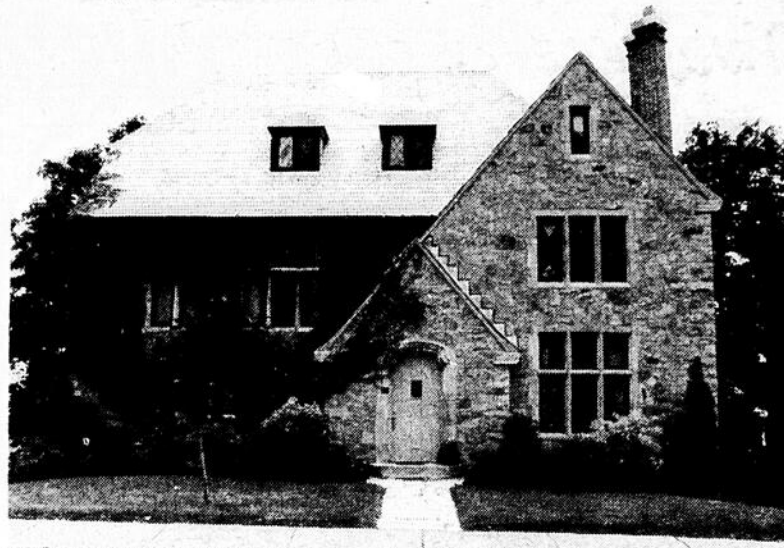
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most expensive houses were 475 Côte St Antoine and 721 Upper Belmont, which sold for \$560,000 and \$550,000 respectively.

Eleven homes sold in the \$400,000s, another nine in the \$300,000s and the remaining five in the \$200,000s. The lowest price was \$235,000, fetched for 29 Bruce.

The average price for a Westmount house in June was \$509,763. Removing the two highest and two lowest sales — to reduce the influence of unusual or extreme prices — provides an adjusted average of \$472,407. This is up 23 percent from the adjusted average of \$384,750 a year ago.

Not one of the 32 homes sold for less than the Montreal Urban Community valuation, indicating that



74 Sunnyside
largest mark-up (sale price over MUC valuation), 173%
sold for \$1,070,000

despite last year's big increases the taxman is still valuating properties at amounts below true market value. The figures do not bode well for the 1989 valuation roll, due to be deposited at city hall in two weeks.

Comparing sale prices to valuations, the 32 houses sold for an average mark-up of 58.7 percent. The adjusted mark-up is 49.8 percent.

If this figure is applied to the average 1988 valuation of single-family homes in Westmount of \$341,067, a typical price for the month of \$510,918 is determined. This is up from the typical May price of \$441,340, but down considerably from the typical April price of \$636,090.

Victoria avenue wins the title of

street with the most moving trucks during the month, with four homes sold. Three of these were between Westmount avenue and The Boulevard. Lansdowne and Roslyn avenues tie for second place, each having three homes sold.

Other transfers in June included a building containing apartments and commercial space, another small apartment building and a condominium.

The building at 4496-98 St Catherine sold for \$717,500, down four percent from its \$747,400 valuation. Clifford's Market grocery store and Christie's Antiques occupy the ground floor, with six apartments above. The apartments' entrance is on Abbott avenue.

JUNE TRANSFERS

Following is a summary of sales of single- and two-family dwellings in Westmount registered in June, 1988. Transfers of properties due to successions, family or business transactions are excluded, as are commercial and industrial properties:

- Total sales: 32
- Total price: \$16,312,420
- Total valuation: \$10,278,300
- Mark-up of average price over average valuation: 58.7%
- Mark-up of average price over average valuation (adjusted*): 49.8%
- Typical price based on adjusted mark-up of typical valuation**:
- \$510,918
- Average price for month's transfers (adjusted*): \$472,407

*To counteract the statistical effect of extreme sales, the two highest and two lowest mark-ups or prices are eliminated from the calculations.

**The City of Westmount calculates the average 1988 valuation of single-family homes in Westmount as \$341,067. The typical price is determined by applying the adjusted average markup to this typical valuation.

A three-unit apartment building at 4210 de Maisonneuve sold for \$502,000, based on the \$2,862 the city collected in transfer tax.

A condo in 399 Clarke changed hands for \$200,000. In April two other units in the building were sold for \$165,000 and \$170,000.

June details

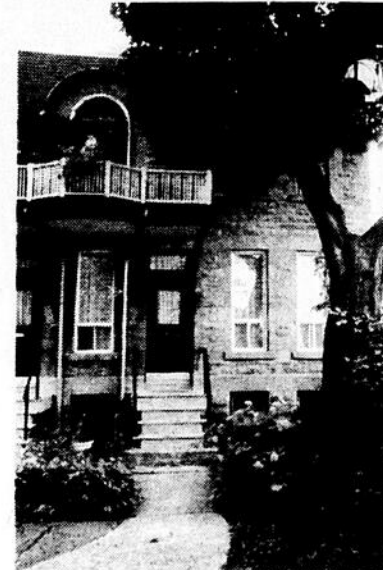
Following are the details of the June transfers, in alphabetical order by street address:

9 Anwoth: from Neville John Westrup and Mary Denecky to Hussein Hamze and Rita Khawam Hamze, sale price \$480,000 (1988 Montreal Urban Community valuation, \$359,000);

23 Barat: from Alison Blake to Joseph Lousky, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$452,000 (\$390,400);

613 Belmont: from Norman A. Rishikof and Ellen Ann Perlman to Peter Wainberg and Sharyn Gore, \$490,000 (\$354,000);

116 Blenheim Place: from Francis R. Legault and Christopher R. Logan to Jack



29 Bruce
lowest price, \$235,000

Carroll and Donna J. Gabeline, \$275,000 (\$178,200);

29-31 Bruce: from Assia Beatrice Rubons to Aline Hudon, \$235,000 (\$210,000);

399 Clarke, No 4D (condo): from Khadim-mobile Ltée to Sandra Rafman, \$200,000 (\$190,900);

475 Côte St Antoine: from Cameron Jane Caverhill to John Howick, \$560,000 (\$470,900);

4210 de Maisonneuve (apartment building): from Joel Vineberg and Susan B. Genetta to Joseph, Danny and Michael Batat, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$502,000 (\$293,700);

4262 de Maisonneuve: from Donald Patrick Crilly and Eileen Frances McCann to Lillian Fox, \$355,000 (\$181,400);

177 Edgemoor: from Rosalyn Pantel to Linda Steinberg, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$1,500,000 (\$560,400);

317 Grosvenor: from Linda Lee in trust (Royal Trust Company) to David Smith, \$250,000 (\$146,600);

695 Grosvenor: from Henrietta Nesvadbova to Marcel Knecht, \$1,100,000 (\$617,200);

243 Kensington: from Louise Chartre and Micheline Pouliot to Perry Owen, Kimberly Olivier and Margaret Aikins, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$382,420 (\$235,800);

355 Lansdowne: from Richard Roblin and Eve Dangerfield to Howard Chertkow and Ann Aldis, \$339,000 (\$226,400);

421 Lansdowne: from Peter Hayes Bedoukian and Sheila Mary Bacon to Pierre Langlois, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$495,000 (\$329,000);

462 Lansdowne: from Janina Grabowska to Antal Deutsch, \$287,500 (\$204,200);

113 Lewis: from Jennifer Rowntree to Ronald Dale Mielitz and Sandra Jane Bayley, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$270,000 (\$144,100);

424 Metcalfe: from Jean Marion Fee to Marion Lorraine Hart and Maureen E. Cleyn, \$430,000 (\$289,400);

448 Mount Stephen: from Peter Woodfine

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Fewer houses sold for more compared with last year

Lower volume, higher prices and smaller mark-ups characterized the Westmount residential real estate market during the first six months of 1988, as compared to the same period a year ago.

Fewer homes were sold this year, but the average price rose considerably. Between January and June 1988,

112 single- and two-family homes changed hands for a total of just over \$57 million. During the first half of 1987, 146 homes were sold for \$49 million.

These numbers reveal that the average price for the period last year was \$337,451. The 1988 figure is 51

By CHARLES MAPPIN

percent higher, with homes selling at an average of \$510,057.

In the first half of 1986, the average price of a home was \$254,770, almost exactly half what it is two years later.

The 1988 six-month average is

buoyed by the sale of nine homes above the million-dollar mark, and five of those were in June. Of the nine, seven were between \$1 million and \$2 million, one for \$2.5 million and another for just over \$3 million.

Six of the million-dollar properties are north of The Boulevard; the other three, between Sherbrooke street and The Boulevard.

creased dramatically over the year, the average mark-up of sale price over Montreal Urban Community valuation dropped. In the first six months of 1987, the 146 houses sold at an average 83.1 percent above their valuation. In 1988, the 112 went for 54.9 percent above the taxman's value.

The busiest street on the real estate market so far this year has been Victoria avenue, which has new residents in seven homes. Other busy streets were Grosvenor avenue, with six sales; de Maisonneuve boulevard and The Boulevard, with five sales each; and Clarke avenue, Côte St Antoine road, Lansdowne avenue, Metcalfe avenue, Prince Albert avenue and Wood avenue, with four each.

Other sales

Of the remaining 103 houses, one sold in the \$900,000s, seven in the \$800,000s, one in the \$700,000s, two in the \$600,000s, eight in the \$500,000s, 24 in the \$400,000, 35 in the \$300,000s, 21 in the \$200,000s, and the remaining four sold for under \$200,000.

While the average price has in-

Want to choose their house:

Lussiers to sell Summit lot following rejection of plans

By CHARLES MAPPIN

A couple who lost a court battle with the City of Westmount over plans to build a house on their vacant Summit circle lot have given up the idea of living on top of the mountain.

city to court last winter to try to force it to grant them a building permit after the city's architectural and planning commission ruled their building plans were unacceptable. A "For Sale" sign has now appeared on the Lussier's lot at 20 Summit Circle.

"If we're going to spend a million dollars to build a house, we would want to have the house which we choose, not which the city thinks we should have," Mrs Lussier told THE EXAMINER Tuesday.

"The city tells us one thing one day, then we present our plans and they try to tell us something else. They gave a permit for another house — a monstrous one at the corner of Summit road — at the same time as we applied, and then they didn't allow our design.

Other nice places

"It was a dream of my husband, who grew up in Westmount, to live on

top of the mountain," she says. "But when I think about it, it's not worth the hassle to build there. There are many other nice places to live."

Mrs Lussier says the couple is content to stay in their south shore home for now and to spend their money elsewhere.

The Lussiers are selling the 5,726 square foot piece of land for \$125 a square foot. That works out to \$715,000 for the vacant lot, which has 48 feet of frontage on Summit Circle.

The Montreal Urban Community 1988 evaluation of the lot put its worth at \$90,500 for municipal tax purposes.

Over the spring and summer of 1987, the couple submitted several different versions of their proposed house to the city, yet all were refused. The A&P commission ruled that the height and design of the house made it inappropriate for the site.

In the Montreal Superior Court judgment rendered March 10 of this year, Mr Justice Yves Mayrand refused even to consider forcing Westmount to grant the permit since, he said, the Lussiers never fulfilled the obligations for a building permit application.



177 Edgehill
most expensive house, \$1.5 million
(based on transfer tax paid)

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and Penelope Barratt to Frank Canis, \$450,000 (\$204,000);
357 Olivier: from Peter Falcon Wade to Henrietta Antony, \$445,000 (\$223,800);
319 Prince Albert: from Allan Cooper-Smith to Monique Crevier, \$410,000 (\$306,600);
385 Roslyn: from Elham Michael Daoud to Dianne Clark, \$360,000 (\$256,100);
482 Roslyn: from Lois Ann Gallier to Chuck Pon Mah and Hazel Po Wan Yu, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$1,000,000 (\$689,600);
719 Roslyn: from Ben Berenbaum to Lac Tang Thanh and Nguyen Ma Thi, \$334,000 (\$319,600);
4496-4498 St Catherine (commercial/apartment building): from Philip Napier, Tania Kalecheff, Marielle Regnier and Arsenio Sala to Victor Dayan and Habiba Ghazal, \$717,500 (\$747,400);
486 Stratheona: from the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada to Veronique Kin Fan Hsieh, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$380,000 (\$339,300);
74 Sunnyside: from Ian Harcourt Black and the estate of Shirley Frances Eakin to

Richard Innes and Roberta Rogers, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$1,070,000 (\$392,100);
87 Sunnyside: from Luis Briones and Danielle F. Karsenty to Irwin Beutel, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$400,000 (\$312,300);
3762 The Boulevard: from Lorraine Esther Michaels to Marilyn Monk, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$400,000 (\$260,000);
721 Upper Belmont: from James Herbert England and Wendy Jane Goodale to Judy Stotland, \$1 and considerations, transfer tax paid on \$550,000 (\$411,600);
473 Victoria: from Michael Beyrouiti and Randa Taher to Gail Maureen Gagnon, \$352,500 (\$222,900);
610 Victoria: from Michael Carpenter to Andrew Anson and Jacqueline Bitton, \$365,000 (\$286,000);
630 Victoria: from Henriette A. Zolty to Irene Danielle Becker, \$435,000 (\$288,300);
666 Victoria: from Ann Kathryn Goebel to George Gatty, \$360,000 (\$229,000);
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Local authors to read during Arts Westmount

Five noted Westmount writers will read selections from their works at Arts Westmount's literary evening Sept 28 at 8 pm in Victoria Hall.

The annual event, this year entitled *Writers and their Words*, will feature wordsmiths Edward O. Phillips, Marcia Rajnus Goldberg, William Weintraub, Donald Brittain and Hélène Holden.

Novelist Edward O. Phillips will begin the evening with *Selling the House*, a "lighthearted short story

evocative descriptions of his characters."

Always at work at his craft, Mr Phillips has a new novel, *Hope Springs Eternal*, awaiting publication by McClelland and Stewart this fall.

Poet Marcia Rajnus Goldberg would like to be the first person to swim the Lachine Canal.

The Athens, Pennsylvania native,

and in literary publications here and in the U.S.

On festival authors' night she will read from a book of poems about Channel swimmer Florence Chadwick, *Hypobeach*; Florence Veers off *Course*.

She may also read from a chapbook teasingly called *Hot Teas* or from one reflecting her concerns about toxic waste, entitled *Kill Devil Hills*. Whatever she reads, it will be "original, fresh, perceptive," according to a well-known writer.

A teacher and researcher, Ms Goldberg is currently employed on a grant at My Brother's Keeper, a charitable organization founded by Westmounter Jerry Kazenel that "helps fill unmet needs," she says.

Humorist William Weintraub will read a monologue from a play he is writing, *Arise, Ye Wretched Anglos!* This is a further exploration of the theme of his widely praised satirical novel, *The Underdogs*, which described life in La République du

worked on well over 100 documentary and dramatic films. Besides *The Underdogs*, he is the author of another comic novel, *Why Rock the Boat?* This was turned into an award-winning feature film for which he wrote the screenplay and acted as producer.

At an Arts Westmount literary event several years ago, writer Hélène Holden performed a monologue entitled *Take a Canadian Author to Bed*. Her presentation this



Elinor was sufficiently fair-minded to realize she should not dislike a real estate agent merely because the woman wore big bright button earrings.

— from *Selling the House*
by Edward O. Phillips

about real estate," set, naturally, in Westmount.

"I think there is a lifetime of fiction to be written about Westmount," Mr Phillips said in an EXAMINER profile several years ago, describing it then as a "quasi-mythological duchy on Greater Montreal Island."

Westmount is still his territory, he says. However, don't expect to find yourself or your neighbors in his books; he doesn't write about people he knows, he says, but prefers to put "imaginary people on real streets."

The former English teacher has three novels — all thrillers — to his credit: *Sunday's Child*, *Where There's a Will and Buried on Sunday*. He has been praised for the "style, deftness and sophistication" of his writing as well as his "ability to build tension through simple yet

who expects to receive a doctorate in English from McGill, says she likes Montreal — "It's a very clean, well-gardened city" — but she is bothered

... all the sea's a barge, a Mobro that will not get off, will not be masked by bubble gum fragrance/or any stench-reducers sprayed upon the overheated atmosphere.

— from *Hypobeach*; Florence Veers off *Course*

by Marcia Rajnus Goldberg

by the pollution of waterways around the island.

She has expressed her concern for the environment and her feminist bent many times, at poetry readings

Québec 20 years after its separation from the rest of Canada.

"Our masters in Quebec City and the loonier aspects of their Bill 101 should be combatted with energetic derision and ridicule," says Mr Weintraub. "There isn't nearly enough of that. The gloomy, humiliated Anglos of Montreal deserve the solace of a

"You've gone soft on me, Hinchcliffe! You're like all the other Anglos — soft! No wonder the French are taking over."

— from *Arise, Ye Wretched Anglos!*
by William Weintraub

good laugh. They might get that laugh if my play ever gets produced, but it might be a bit too controversial for Montreal theatres."

Mr Weintraub is a writer who has worked for newspapers, magazines and the National Film Board, where, as a scriptwriter and producer, he

who commits her first, momentous adultery.

A prolific writer, Ms Holden is also author of *The Chain*, *Goodbye, Muffin Lady* and *After the Fact*. She is co-owner of Double Hook bookshop.

Famed filmmaker Donald Brit-

I guess no matter how you find out, it has to be a cliché, millions and millions of wives have to have found out the same way. And yet you stand there, feeling absolutely unique in your humiliation. And the whole world comes crashing down.

— from *Delirious Happiness*
by Hélène Holden

tain will read excerpts from his films, which include *The Champions*, *The King Chronicles*, *Volcano: Inquiry into the Life and Death of Malcolm Lowry*, *Henry Ford's America* and several score more.

According to a National Film Board press release, "The bedrock of Brittain's international reputation as a filmmaker is his narration, some of which has been published as poetry and which has won innumerable awards. These include grand prizes at Venice and Leipzig and an American Emmy."

Aficionados of the documentary film know, as well, his distinctive way of reading. His unique voice has been described in *Maclean's* magazine as "roughened by Scotch whiskey and informed by a world-weary wisdom." As an ear-witness can testify, it's probably addictive, too. His audience is in for a treat.

Members sought for adult choir planned by city

The Westmount recreation department's socio-cultural coordinator Beverly Adams is looking for at least 20 local residents interested in being part of an adult choir.

"We'll sing music from the 1920s to the present such as Stephen Foster's songs and folk music," Ms Adams says.

Anyone interested in participating can contact Ms Adams at 935-8531, local 212, or speak with her at the Sept 9 and 10 registration.

Rotary's fall fashion show seeks chic canine models

A fashion show to be held in Victoria Hall this month will have something in common with those shows of the famous clothing designer Cartier: a canine presence.

The Rotary Club of Westmount's fall fashion show will have canine models accompanying the human ones down the runway. The human models will display the latest in men's and women's clothes from Quebec, France, Italy and Greece. The dogs will sport dog-wear.

And your Fido has the opportunity to make it into the spotlight. The Rotary Club is looking for four cute and well-behaved dogs to participate in the show. A call to the club is all it takes to have the judges pay a visit and hold an on-the-spot audition.

To enter a dog or to purchase tickets, Anne Marie Bremshey, the Rotary Club secretary, can be reached weekday mornings at 935-3344. A prize will be given for the canine

with the best behavior and best grooming in the show.

Tickets for the Sept 16 Victoria Hall show cost \$30 and include a wine and cheese reception before the show. All profits from ticket sales will go into the club's fund which is used to sponsor community projects.

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A random sampler of things to see or do

in the bigger city surrounding us

By KARL JAROSIEWICZ

Concrete on celluloid

A new series of films on architecture begins at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts this Sunday. This program, which began last November, continues with films from France, England, Belgium, Australia, the United States and Canada. The series includes films on the Industrial Revolution, art nouveau, art deco, and post-modernist architecture. Many important architects such as Antonio Gaudí, Gustave Eiffel, Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Victor Horta and Mies van der Rohe will be featured. These films are not only of interest to architects and students, but are also vital documents for anyone interested in the theory and philosophy inherent in modern architecture, as well as anyone concerned about our cultural heritage as embodied by urban landscapes. Individual films cost \$3 per screening, while the complete series of 22 films will cost \$25. Students, museum friends and persons over 65 can see single films for \$2 and purchase a pass for \$15. Showings are on Sundays and Thursdays throughout September, so either consult a schedule or contact the museum for times and titles. Screenings will take place in the Maxwell Cummings Auditorium, 1379 Sherbrooke street west, street level entrance. For information, call 285-1600.

Biting display

From Wednesday to Oct 10, Place des Arts will be the scene of the 25th International Salon of Cartoons. Some 1,300 cartoonists from 63 countries will be displaying their art, which includes everything from comics and cartoons to visual jokes and editorial caricatures. And while this is all presented in good fun, many of these humorous pieces represent some of the most mordant social criticism available anywhere. As they say, a picture is worth a thousand editorial words any day. This year, Charles Monroe Schultz,

creator of the world-famous *Peanuts* characters, will be honorary president of the salon.

Tears in the coffee

The Théâtre du Café de la Place will begin its 1988 season with André Ricard's *Le Déversoir des larmes*, winner of the Canadian playwrights' contest organized by Place des Arts last year. This play offers a dose of "caustic humor and unvarnished truth" guaranteed to unsettle audiences in the intimate atmosphere of the theatre. Directed by Jean-Louis Roux, *Déversoir* stars Dominique Briand, Carole Chatel and Julie Vincent. This French-language play runs from Wednesday to Oct 22. Call 285-4270 for showtimes and ticket information.

Change of scene

The Duh-Huh Players, a Montreal theatre group, is presenting Neil Simon's *God's Favorite*. This is a two-act, modern spoof on the Biblical story of Job, retold as the life of Joe Benjamin, a wealthy businessman who is plagued by his spoiled family and a "neurotic messenger from God." The play is available as a dinner theatre package for \$25. Without the meal, admission is \$10. Dinner is served between 6 and 7:30 pm in the new Château Montcalm Hotel in St Donat. The play runs until Oct 5. For reservations, call (819) 424-1531. For more information, call 738-6361 in Montreal.

Quoth the raven

The French version of Douglas Bankson's *Poe* will be presented at the Théâtre de la Veillée, 1371 Ontario street east, from Tuesday to Sept 17. This one-man show, given by Paul Latreille, is not so much a biography as it is a fictionalization of the events surrounding the creation of Poe's famous poem *The Raven*. This version was translated by Paul Latreille and Benoît Osborne, and directed by

Mr Osborne. For reservations and information, call 526-6582.

Chorale recruiting

The Donovan Chorale is looking for singers for its 1988-89 season. This year's program consists of three major concerts, which will include a live CBC broadcast. The repertoire will feature works by Bach, Haydn, Monteverdi and Morley. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 7:30 pm. For an audition, call 487-7921.

Season auditions

The Orpheus Singers are also looking for experienced singers for their 1988-89 season. Choral experience and sight-reading are a must. The program this year includes the *Buxtehude Christmas Cantatas*, excerpts from Weill and Bernstein operas, and a live CBC broadcast. The choir will also perform in Toronto next June. Rehearsals will be held on Mondays at 6 pm. Call 487-7921 for auditions.

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Religious classes at Unitarian Church

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The children and their teachers will study and discuss the guiding principles of religions around the world. Through projects and celebrations, the children will discover different festivities from many cultures

and countries.

Guided by the Unitarian principle of respect for all people, their thoughts and beliefs, the religious education program is intended to lead the children towards a deeper understanding of the world around them.

For a free descriptive brochure on the fall program, call the church office at 935-1522.

Holiday hours set at Jewish library

The Jewish Public Library will be open on Labor Day, Monday, Sept 5, from 10 am to 6 pm. The library will also be open on Sunday, Sept 11, Erev

Rosh Hashanah, from 9 am to 1 pm to accommodate patrons.

The library will be closed for Rosh Hashanah, Sept 12 and 13.

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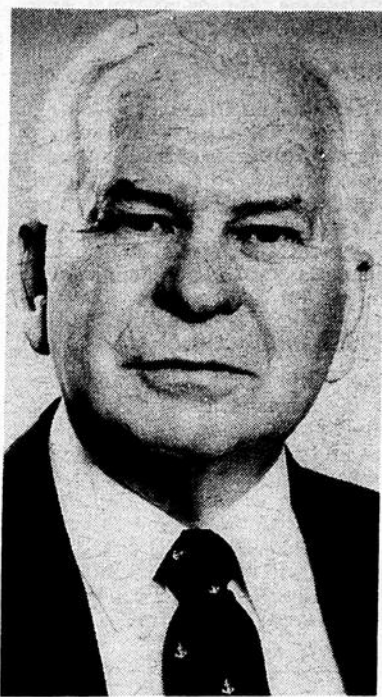
following which Mr. Crisp departs for Toronto on his study leave, our prayers and good wishes go with him.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS with supervised nursery commence next Sunday 11th September when the choral service will be at 10:30 am. Archdeacon Doidge will be the guest preacher and we shall welcome Fr. Tim, our new assistant priest.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT: At its recent general meeting, the Quebec Council of the Order of St John appointed Westmount resident LCDR E. James Lattimer, CSTJ, CD, QC, as president of the Quebec Council. Mr Lattimer is a lawyer in private practice as general counsel to several business firms and enterprises. He was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal and holds the rank of commander in the Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem. He has been a volunteer member of the Quebec Council of St John for 16 years.

Synagogue offers alternative service

The Reconstructionist Synagogue of Montreal is holding an alternative service for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the Fraser Hickson Library in N.D.G., for unaffiliated members of the Jewish faith.

The Reconstructionist community welcomes both singles and families, children as well as adults, in its programs and services.

The alternative Minyan service for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be led by Gary Ellison of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia.

Rosh Hashanah services will be held on Sept 12 and 13; Yom Kippur services will be held on Sept 20 and 21.

For more information, call the synagogue at 486-9400.

Weekend services offered at Shaar

For those staying in town this Labor Day weekend, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and the adult education committee extend an invitation to a panel discussion and Selichot services on Saturday at 9:30 pm in the Kiddush room.

Guest panelist will be Prof Fred Krantz, director of the Canadian Institute for Jewish Research.

Refreshments will be served.

Changements à St-Léon

Des vœux à Mme Tanaka: Depuis cinq ans, les paroissiens de St-Léon ont le privilège d'avoir avec eux chaque fin de semaine et à l'occasion de toutes les fêtes Mme Marjorie Tanaka, qui a animé le messe de 17h le samedi et dirigé la chorale de St-Léon depuis sa renaissance.

Sa présence chaleureuse, sa foi toujours vive, sa fidélité au service, sa compétence musicale, son souci de partager la prière et de faire prier... tout chez Mme Tanaka l'a rendue sympathique et fait regretter son départ.

Mme Tanaka a été directrice des Disciples de Massenet, elle a apporté sa collaboration comme accompagnatrice du chœur de l'OSM; elle a aussi accompagné de nombreux artistes en concerts et récitals.

Elle est maintenant appelée à remplacer le directeur du Conservatoire de musique de Call en Colombie. Les paroissiens veulent lui faire part de leur vive reconnaissance pour les services rendus à la communauté chrétienne. Ils garderont un souvenir ému de sa présence discrète qui savait s'imposer et pour son aide précieuse. Des vœux bien sincères

accompagnent Mme Tanaka dans ses nouvelles fonctions.

Une fête intime avec ses collaborateurs et collaboratrices lui a été organisée en ce jeudi 1er septembre.

Nouveau directeur de la chorale: Il nous fait plaisir de vous annoncer que Denis Boudreault, qui a si gentiment remplacé Mme Tanaka pendant les vacances, lui succédera et fera à la fois l'animation et la direction de la chorale.

Nous lui sommes reconnaissants de vouloir partager nos liturgies et participer à réaliser une assemblée priante à St-Léon.

Invitation à la chorale: Une invitation pressante est faite à tous ceux et celles qui veulent chanter leurs actions de grâce et aider l'assemblée à dire dans la joie sa louange. Les activités de la chorale reprendront le dimanche 11 septembre à 10h au presbytère pour la répétition et la célébration de 11h15. Pour s'inscrire, s'adresser à Mme Lucienne Arel au 332-1756.

Les paroissiens inscrits recevront cette semaine un dépliant qui présente le calendrier des activités pastorales à la paroisse St-Léon. On peut trouver ces déliants sur le support à revues à l'arrière de l'église.

Long-time Westmounter R.E. Aikman dies at 56

Robert Edward Aikman died August 22 in Toronto after a lengthy illness. He was 56.

A native of Westmount, Mr Aikman was born June 9, 1932. He grew up on Clarke avenue and attended Lakefield College in Peterborough.

Mr Aikman worked backstage at the Seville Theatre in his late teens when the venue held vaudeville shows. He spent most of his adult life as a freelance photographer and pilot, frequently working as an aerial photographer and surveyor on construction projects. He was a member of the Laurentide Flying School.

An old friend, long-time Westmount police constable George Payne, called Mr Aikman "a real great guy and a helluva nice fellow." Const Payne remembers working with Mr Aikman at the Seville and recalls one night the two of them went out to

dinner with Tony Bennett.

Mr Aikman later lived on St Catherine street before moving to Toronto 10 years ago.

Mr Aikman is survived by his wife Judy, daughters Barbara and Cindy, brother Brownie of Montreal, and his sister Elizabeth of Knowlton.

A funeral was held in the Coach House Chapel of Toronto's Rosar-Morrison Funeral Home Thursday of last week.

Lion of Judah reception Tuesday

A Westmount couple will host the Lion of Judah contributors to the Combined Jewish Appeal on Tuesday, Sept 6.

Marilyn and Harvey Rosenbloom will host a cocktail reception in recognition of the exceptional contribution to the Appeal made by women who are members of the Lion of Judah group. Westmount resident Carol Koffler is chairing the event.

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Roslyn principal Bertha Dawang is rapidly learning the answers

The phone on the desk of the principal's office at Roslyn School jangles demanding. Bertha Dawang looks at it with something akin to despair.

"I've been talking on it all day," she says, "and I don't have any answers."

Mrs Dawang has replaced Barbara McKnight as principal of Roslyn. She visited the school in June and officially took up her new post at the beginning of August. As of last Thursday, a week before classes were to start today, she had not yet met all the staff members, had not met the school committee, had met only one student and was still finding her way around her new territory.

She answers the phone with a "Hello, Roslyn School... I'll be right there."

There is a brief pause and then Mrs Dawang provides a flood of information for the caller. For someone without any answers, she does remarkably well.

Mrs Dawang, a Westmount resident, was principal of Meadowbrook Elementary School in Lachine for 14 years before coming to Roslyn. Both are Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal schools with French-immersion and giftedness programs.

Creative and level-headed

Joan Rothman, regional commissioner for the PSBGM, says, "Bertha has, in a regular elementary school, done terrific work in promoting giftedness programs. She is a very creative, level-headed educator. She works well with her teachers, inspires them and gives them freedom to innovate."

Once again this year, Roslyn will have the services of Maureen Gross, a full-time gifted children's teacher, says Mrs Dawang. At Meadowbrook there was a part-time teacher for the giftedness program and the school piloted the Renzulli enrichment model. But, as Mrs Dawang hastens to add, that model is one of many. "If what's here is good, fine — we'll improve on that."

There also will be a bilingual music program and a free-flow program which is designed to help chil-

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

dren with specific problems in reading.

Mrs Dawang has no immediate plans to change anything at Roslyn. "I'm not one to implement change for the sake of change, but for the sake of improvement."

She says that there will probably be "a change in style" as a result of her arrival, but that she and Miss McKnight are "philosophically much the same. I like an open, warm, fun atmosphere. It's an ambience — a feeling of being relaxed, accepted, secure — acceptance of what we can and can't do. We have to enjoy and respect each other."

The new principal is a strong supporter of computer-assisted instruction (CAI) and says she would like to see the computer program right across the grades, with computers in every classroom.

"The only thing that would prevent it would be a lack of personnel or a lack of lab time," she says. There are between 15 and 20 Apple computers at the school, which makes for little time when divided between the roughly 760 students.

Memorabilia

She looks fondly at her own Macintosh Plus, which has come with her from Meadowbrook. She says with a grin that she refused to leave unless it came too.

Hanging on a wall beneath the windows is a little clown figure dressed in shimmering purple.

"It was given to me as a parting gift from the region — I had to change regions within the PSBGM to come here — to remind me of good humor, good times and that if you can laugh hard you can cry hard," she says, standing beside the small figure.

"And then there's my teddy bear," she says, her face lighting up. She crosses the room to a filing cabinet. Hanging beside it is a swing made of long white ribbons and a styrofoam seat. Sitting in the swing is a white teddy bear. The kindergarten students at Meadowbrook gave it to her last year. Like the computer, she would not leave without it.

On her desk is a small vase of flowers made using the Japanese art

of paper-folding, origami. Mrs Dawang says the Meadowbrook kindergarten teacher is an origami buff and gave after-school classes in the intricate art. The flowers were made for her by the group.

Extracurricular programs

After-school activities are an important part of education, says Mrs Dawang. She believes that such activities should be optional, as children, like adults, have different interests.

"That's my philosophy of extracurricular activities — if you like it, do it. Making a decision is part of their education. This school has lots of after-school activities. I'm dying to see if there's as much as I'm used to."

The new principal said she was looking forward to meeting the staff and school committee. One thing she expects to find very different will be the absence of a Home and School Association in addition to the school committee such as exists at Meadowbrook. "Here, the school committee does it all," she says.

The staff at Roslyn was due back on Monday of this week. The students arrive this morning. And Mrs Dawang says she is eager to learn the names and faces of all.

All indicators show she'll have little trouble.

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Bertha Dawang

What are you doing for the High Holidays?

The Reconstructionist Synagogue of Montreal is holding an Alternative Service for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at the Fraser Hickson Library in N.D.G.

Perhaps you've been searching for a comfortable place where you can express your Jewish heritage for the High Holidays, but haven't yet found it in a traditional synagogue.

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The Reconstructionist community welcomes both singles and families, children as well as adults in its programs and services. The Alternative Minyan service for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be led by Gary Ellison, of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia. Join us. We'll welcome you.

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Westmount Preschool may have home at WHS

Unity-Westmount Preschool appears to have found a permanent home. It will be moving into renovated quarters in Westmount High School, probably in October.

WHS principal Richard Meades managed to get \$45,000 from the Protestant School Board for renovation and maintenance projects in several areas of the building which need work. Mr Meades is making every effort to see that renovation of two inner team rooms, the proposed site for the preschool, will be completed by the end of September.

Preschool chairman Jan Wishart says she is "very happy" to have found such a good location which provides a separate entrance, two large rooms with private washrooms, a large green space for a playground and an easy and safe area for children to be dropped off and picked up.

The preschool is situated in the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club on Greene avenue, but has been forced to look for a new home because of the uncertain future of Unity (see story last week).

While the WHS renovation work is undertaken during September, the preschool will stay in its facilities at Unity.

Other work Mr Meades proposes seeing carried out at WHS includes repairing some washrooms which

had been closed, and relocating the Project School into one area of the building.

For information and registration at Unity-Westmount preschool, contact Debbie Reid at 933-0355.

PSBGM Choral holds auditions

Auditions are now being held for membership in the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal Choral for the 1988-89 season.

Elementary and high school students aged nine to 15 are invited to audition.

The choir, directed by Jean Sult and accompanied by Andrea Carr, offers training in voice production, solfège and performance skills.

For more information and audition appointments, call 484-8969.

Locks cut

Six lockers were broken into overnight Sunday-Monday last week in the apartment building at 4330 Sherbrooke street, police report. It was not known if anything was taken. The break-in was discovered at 1 pm when padlocks were noticed to have been cut, causing \$30 damage.

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Registration has begun for fall (daytime and evening) workshops at Family Link. Limited spaces in parent education and child development classes (for parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers) and communication, discipline and self-esteem workshops (for parents of children 3 years old and up). Dr E Kaplan will be conducting all sessions. 488-8848.

SWAG to meet next week

The next meeting of the Seniors of Westmount Action Group will take place on Wednesday, Sept 7, at 10 am, in Victoria Hall.

An amendment to the by-law which was postponed at the June meeting will be voted on. There also will be a presentation by the wood-works program of N.D.G. Senior Citizens' Council.

Seniors' centre needs volunteer

Contactivity Centre needs a volunteer to help in making crafts for the upcoming Westmount senior citizens' bazaar.

The bazaar will be held on Nov 3 in Westmount Park United Church. Volunteers can call the centre at 932-2326.



Mount Sinai holds luncheon

The opening luncheon meeting of the Auxiliary of Mount Sinai Hospital will be held on Tuesday, Sept 6, at noon.

The guest speaker will be Dr Carol Anne Cohen, chief of pneumology at Mount Sinai Hospital. Her topic will be *A doctor's perspective on the value of the volunteer*.

The annual raffle will be featured. The luncheon will be held at the Montefiore Club, 1195 Guy street. Further information and reservations may be obtained by calling 342-3586.

Atwater Library closed Labor Day

The Atwater Library will be closed on Monday, Sept 5, for the Labor Day holiday.

Starting on Tuesday, Sept 6, library hours will be: Monday to Thursday, 10 am to 9 pm; Friday, 10 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, 1 to 5 pm.

PUTTING ON THE RITZ: The Auxiliary, the board of directors and the attending staff of Royal Victoria Hospital are holding *Une soirée au Ritz* on Thursday, Sept 29. Cocktails will be served at 7 pm and dinner at 8:30 in the Oval Room. There will be dancing to Talk of the Town. The organizing committee includes, front row from left: Diana Dixon, Cynthia Moore, Adrienne Peacock, and Raye Briscoe, chairman; and, back row from left: Pat O'Brien, Pat Blanshay and Judy O'Brien. All are Westmounters. Tickets to *Une soirée au Ritz* are \$140 per person. For ticket information, please call Mrs David Laidley at 937-0649. Dress is black tie.

Douglas Hospital Centre to hold an open house

Douglas Hospital Centre will open wide its doors on Sept 14 between 1 and 7 pm.

Dr Joyce Boillat, director general, says that this activity will allow citizens to receive information directly from the president of the board, Westmount resident William E. Shaver, since the public information meeting is scheduled for the same day at the hospital, 6875 LaSalle boulevard in Verdun.

"We put in a lot of effort to sensitize the population to the progress our hospital has accomplished during its 107 years of existence," says Dr Boillat. "We believe this open

house will draw the population nearer to our employees, who hold the responsibility of offering services to more than 800 in-patients and 3,000 out-patients."

Many kiosks await visitors in Douglas Hall where videos will be presented and where brochures on services offered can be picked up. Visitors can walk or use the minibus to visit the pavilions. Scientists from the Lehmann Research Centre will explain their studies on depression, alcoholism, Alzheimer's and other diseases, and labs will be open for a look at the ultra-specialized equipment used for research on the brain.

The professionals of the recently renovated Newman Rehabilitation Centre will offer guided tours of the workshops.

In each service, health professionals will give information and explain parameters of their clientele. For example, the program for anorexia and bulimia — the only global service of its kind offered in the province of Quebec — will give an explanation of the psychological undercurrent of these illnesses.

Dr Boillat says Douglas Hospital Centre offers a wide variety of specialized and ultra-specialized services to those who suffer from psychological problems from those due to social trauma — the loss of a family member for example — to more serious ones due to a behavior problem.

The hospital offers such services as emergency; short-, medium- or long-term hospitalization; day centres and day hospitals for persons of all ages.

More than 1,700 employees and 500 volunteers work at Douglas Hospital Centre. The organizing committee for the open house had no difficulty in recruiting volunteers. Visitors are welcome singly, accompanied, in groups by train, metro, chartered bus or car (free parking).

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I want to share with you a lovely story that I found in the August 1987 issue of *Readers' Digest*. It's about an elderly woman who confounded everyone around her (herself included) by buying a motor scooter.

Why a motor scooter? you might ask. She said that she asked herself that same question even as she was paying for the thing. She knew it was a dangerous vehicle, even in the small town where she lived. Everyone told her it was a crazy thing to do. Cars appear around curves in the road when you least expect them and she could get herself killed.

She'd wanted a scooter like this one all her life and yet she'd never seriously considered getting one. Now, as she looked around at the people she knew, she began to feel a tremendous urgency to really live her life. She thought of the woman who had refused a terrific job, just because she was afraid of moving away. And then there was that white-water trip that a friend had turned down, though sorely tempted, because the raft might overturn. And somehow our author felt that, as these people closed one door, other unknown doors slammed shut and their lives became narrower, more restricted. I don't want that to happen to me, she thought. This is my chance. So she paid for the scooter.

It wasn't easy. Taking that scooter out at first was a hair-raising experience. It was quiet and easy to ride. But getting used to being on the road with cars was tough. And even having to remember where the brakes and accelerator were located was nerve-racking. That first day she walked the scooter home.

But she was out again the next day and the one after. And gradually she began to relax. She could smell the grasses and fields around her, and every now and then when she dared

to tear her eyes from the road, she'd snatch a look at the countryside.

As her confidence grew, she ventured further and out to the lake, where, armed with some of her breakfast rolls, she could stop and feed the ducks. The first time she tried this she saw two little boys eyeing the scooter. Soon they were at her side, wanting to know if she'd like to trade for their two bikes, where she got her scooter, how much it cost, who she was, where she lived and what her name was. That scooter was their connecting link, and there was no generation gap.

She began to realize too that the people in her village were being very friendly. They'd wave at her as she passed on her scooter and call out, "How ya doing?" She thought at first it was because she looked so funny in her white helmet and leather gloves and jacket (which she wore for protection in case she got knocked down). But when she looked in their faces, she sensed their warmth and pleasure in her adventure.

And she's realized a thousand times how wonderful it's been. It's not only the many new adventures she's had. Mainly, it's the feeling that the doors of her life are wide open. Anything is possible. Sure, it's risky. She knows that's true.

But one of her friends, who had tried so hard to warn her of the dangers of the scooter, slipped in the bathtub and broke her arm. Another friend, a widow, who had planned on returning to college, drew back because she thought the young students would laugh at her. And she's fallen into a deep depression.

Thinking about them, she wonders if the only thing more dangerous than taking a risk is not taking it. Maybe you're supposed to get reckless as you grow older. That way, you go on saying "yes" to life. And maybe saying "yes" is the real point in life, not being safe.



UNDAUNTED: The Rainbow Preschool summer program held its traditional round-the-block fancy-dress parade Thursday morning last week. The weather-wizards were not kind and, almost as soon as the line of ghouls, ghosties, teapots and Santa had formed, the heavens opened. But that's what umbrellas are for. Refusing to allow anyone to rain on their parade,

the feisty group set off, ignoring the drops that fell about them and, presum-

ably, looking forward to the Rainbow at the end of their trek.

Benefit bridge to aid JGH

The YM-YWHA and NHS charity bridge game will be held on Tuesday, Sept 6, at 7:45 pm in the Grover auditorium, 5500 Westbury avenue. Proceeds will go to the Jewish General Hospital's oncology research centre.

The Peggys and Irving Schwartz trophy will be awarded to the overall winner, and the Sarah Vosberg memorial trophy will go to the first-place married couple.

Tickets are available at Sir Mortimer B. Davis Jewish General Hospital, gifts and bequests office, seventh floor, east wing.

Yiddish lecture at Jewish library

The Joseph and Ida Berman Foundation of the Jewish Public Library presents the Norman Berman memorial Yiddish lecture on Tuesday, Sept 6, at 8 pm.

Chava Rosenfarb will speak on *The life and times of Y.Y. Trunk*. The lecture will be given in the Joseph and Ida Berman auditorium.

Y.Y. Trunk, a Yiddish writer and historian, is well known for his seven-volume memoirs on Poland (*Polya*), and for his works of literary criticism.

Admission to the lecture is free. A reception follows. For more information, call 735-6535.

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Immigration Appeal Board and has set up two companies, Canafic Development Corporation and Richard Lord International Immigration Consultants Inc.

He is a member and past-president of the Westmount High Old Boys' Association and one of the founders of the Greene Avenue Unity Boys' and Girls' Club.

Mr Lord is also a director of the Volunteer Bureau of Montreal and the Negro Community Centre. He is an associate of the Third Field Engineer Regiment on Hillsdale avenue.

May not run

University of Montreal professor Kimon Valaskakis, who while abroad recently has been widely reported to be another declared candidate, has not filed nomination papers and told THE EXAMINER he

has yet to decide whether he will seek the position.

"I don't want the nomination vote to split Liberals in St Henri-Westmount too much," Mr Valaskakis says.

He says he will wait to make his decision at "zero-hour" — when an election is called or at the deadline of five days before the local association nomination meeting.

Mr Valaskakis says he has given his consent to the people who are out gathering party members in his name, but that he probably will not run if the election is called in the near future.

St Henri-Westmount Liberal riding association secretary Yvette Sentenne says the date of the nomination meeting has not been set. She says the association executive suggested Sept 22 or 29 to the Quebec wing of the party, but has not yet had a reply.

Ms Sentenne says the party membership has risen from 576 at the end of July to over 2,000 at last count.

YWCA holds art display

The YWCA, 1355 Dorchester boulevard west, is celebrating its new renovations and the start of the fall program at its management centre with an exhibition of paintings by nine Quebec women artists.

On display will be works by Myrna Brooks Bercovitch, Hélène Blais, Ettevy, Loretta Fasan, Marion Kaye, Nancy Patten, Ettie Richler

Prazoff, Cécile Langlois Saskevick and Mary Anne Winterer.

The show at the YWCA management centre will be opened with a vernissage on Sept 7, from 6 to 8 pm, and it will run until Oct 7.

The gallery will be open to the public Monday through Thursday from 4 to 6 pm and on Sunday from 1 to 5 pm.

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Cartoonist's work on view in *The Moderns*

Another side of the artistic talent of EXAMINER editorial cartoonist Ferg Gadzala will be revealed to the Westmount and Montreal public tomorrow with the scheduled opening in theatres of the Alan Rudolph film *The Moderns*.

The film, which was shot in Montreal last year, is set in Paris of the 1920s and is centred on an unsuccessful American artist, Nick Hart, who earns a living drawing caricatures for his friend Oiseau, a gossip columnist.

However, Keith Carradine, who plays Nick Hart, is an actor, not an artist. That's where Ferg Gadzala comes in.

Mr Gadzala was hired to do the sketches for Mr Carradine's character, and as such his artwork is an important part of the film. The sketches are done in the style of Miguel Covarrubias, a Mexican artist whose caricatures were the rage of *Vanity Fair* in the 1920s, and that was a challenge.

"Covarrubias approached caricature differently than most," says Mr Gadzala. "His work not only had to have resemblance, it had to be art. He revealed the person through incisive line. At that time caricature was an art form."

Mr Gadzala did most of the sketches right on the movie set, moving around from one location to another. He also had to coach Mr Carradine enough so the actor also could be filmed doing the sketches he is credited for. Mr Gadzala also took some time to do a bit part in the movie, as a street painter.

The latter role involved not acting on Mr Gadzala's part because he is a veteran Montreal street painter who has paid his artistic dues cranking out caricatures of tourists. When Montreal authorities clamped down on street artists and artisans a couple of years ago, he was one of those to face the long arm of the law.

Now he does most of his caricature work in a more organized setting,

being hired to do caricatures for corporate parties, conventions and other get-togethers.

One recent commission was to draw the members of Canada's men's gymnastics team which is going to the Seoul Olympics this month. The large caricatures apparently will be mounted in the team's quarters as a way to lessen tension and bring the group together.

He became editorial cartoonist for THE EXAMINER last June, fulfilling a long-held desire to do regular cartooning. Since then, he has enjoyed learning more about Westmount and tramping about its streets to sketch actual houses and locations for use in his cartoons.

He also is working on a cartoon strip which he hopes soon to syndicate to newspapers across the country.

Right now, however, he's enjoying finally seeing the fruits of his labors in *The Moderns*. The film opened in New York to very good reviews last spring and opened in Toronto, also to very good reviews, over a month ago.

Mr Gadzala, along with many Montrealers, saw the film for the first time only last Thursday when it was screened as part of the Montreal World Film Festival. He was pleased with what he saw.



One of EXAMINER cartoonist Ferg Gadzala's caricatures done for the film *The Moderns*, scheduled to open in Montreal theatres tomorrow.

What do the dogs think of their owners' dogfight?

A DOGFIGHT that occurred several weeks ago has blown up into a disagreement between owners, police report.

The dispute, which made its way into incident reports Friday, is listed as involving two men who walk their dogs in the park at Lansdowne avenue and St Catherine street. One lives on Redfern avenue, the other on de Maisonneuve boulevard.

It apparently started out when one dog attacked the other. The report, which was filed for information purposes, lists threats as having been made. The men, one of whom owns a large poodle, are said to fight now every time they see each other.

It is not known whether or not the dogs have made up.

PCB...

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a cost of \$63,000 (see story Dec 24, 1986).

PCB equipment at Collège Marguerite Bourgeoys on Westmount avenue (now the Mother House of the Congregation of Notre Dame) was discreetly moved to a special storage building in another section of the property located in Montreal (see story Sept 5, 1985). This coincided with the city's get-tough policy.

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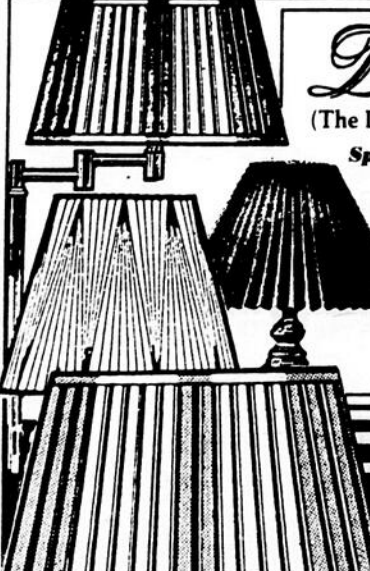
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Westmount Scouting groups announce fall schedules

The scouting movement is preparing for its new season and the many groups in Westmount have drawn up registration and participation schedules for those interested in joining.

The levels available are as follows: Beavers, for boys six and seven years old; Cubs, for boys eight to 10 years old; Scouts, for boys 11 to 14 years old; Venturers, for youths, male and female, 14 to 17 years old; and Rovers, for male and female members 18 to 26 years old.

There are six groups which use different bases around Westmount. Their meeting times are as follows:

• Westmount Park Group, meets at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard west: **Cubs**, Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 pm, for information call Linda Bowes at 931-7065; **Scouts**, Thursday, 7 to 9 pm, for information call Andrew McDougall at 937-5527.

• 2nd Westmount Group, meets at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church, 687 Roslyn avenue: **Beavers**, Monday, 5:45 to 6:45 pm, for information call Sanford Walker at 482-5075; **Cubs**, Monday, 6:30 to 8 pm, for information call Don Dunsmore at 485-2032; **Venturers**, Tuesday, 7 to 9 pm, for information call Sanford Walker at 482-5075.

• St Matthias' Group, meets at St Matthias' Church, 10 Church Hill: **Beavers**, Monday, 5:15 to 6:15 pm, for information call Helen Rutledge at 482-2153; **Cubs**, Tuesday, 6:30 to 8 pm, for information call Kevin Prendergast at 931-6336; **Scouts**, Monday, 7 to 9 pm, for information call Robert Aiken at 487-6389; **Venturers**, for information call Helen Rutledge at 482-2153.

• Shaar Hashomayim Group, meets at Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, 450 Kensington avenue: **Beavers**, Monday, 6 to 7 pm, for information call Michael Prupas at 487-1185;

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Cubs, Monday, 6:30 to 8 pm, for information call Oren Hescot at 849-9801.

• St Andrew's Group, meets at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard west: **Venturers**, Thursday, 7 to 9 pm, for information call George Deare at 486-4478; **Rovers**, meetings once per month, for information call Iain Mackinnon at 935-6762.

• Shriners' Hospital Group, meets at Shriners' Hospital for patients in residence: **Beavers**, **Cubs** and **Scouts**, for information call Dennis Hough at 626-0870.

Registration for all groups except Westmount Park, Shaar Hashomayim and St Matthias' will take place at the starting time on the day of the regularly scheduled meeting during the week of Sept 12 to 16.

The Westmount Park Group will hold registration for both **Cubs** and **Scouts** on Tuesday, Sept 13, at 6:30 pm.

Shaar Hashomayim registration takes place on Monday, Sept 19, at the starting time of the regular meeting.

St Matthias' registration will take place on Tuesday, Sept 6, from 6:30 to 8 pm, in the church hall.

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Registration soon for Guiding groups

Registration for all Brownie, Girl Guide and Pathfinder groups will take place Tuesday, Sept 13 at Westmount Park Church between 7-8 pm.

The single registration night is planned for parents only. The intention is to explain the various programs to fathers and mothers. Annual fees for all Guiding groups in the district is \$25.

Information for the different age groups is as follows:

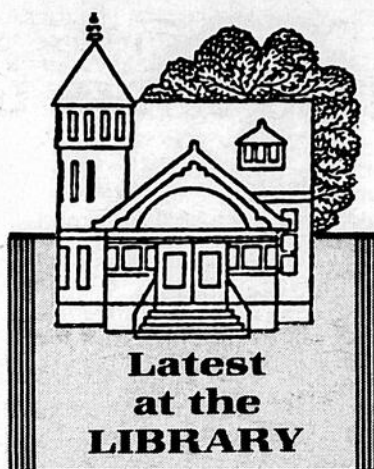
Brownies: girls aged 6-9, meetings to take place Wednesdays 4:15-6 pm at St Andrew's - Dominion-Douglas

Church under the leadership of Shelle Laird, 482-0617, first meeting planned for Sept 21;

Girl Guides: girls aged 9-12, Tuesdays 4-6 pm at St Matthias' Church under leadership of Clare Dowie, 932-4937, first meeting on Sept 20;

Pathfinders: girls aged 12-15, Tuesdays 7-9 pm at Westmount Park Church under leadership of Jennifer Jones, 937-3086, first meeting on registration night Sept 13.

General information on all groups can also be obtained from Lali Jones at 932-7641.



The following titles are new at the Westmount Public Library:

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James Michener, *Alaska*; Richard Adams, *Traveller*; Martha Grimes, *Send by Graves* (mystery); Ruth Rendell, *The veiled one* (mystery); Anne Roiphe, *Loving kindness*.

English non-fiction

Alexander R. Aird, *The road to the top*; Charles Dickens, *Dickens' working notes for his novels*; Brian M. Fagan, *The great journey*; Dennis Flanagan, *Flanagan's version*; Edith Fulton Fowke, *Red rover, red rover*; Robert Peter Gale, *Final warning*; Thomas Geve, *Guns and barbed wire*; George Greenstein, *The symbiotic universe*; Milan Kundera, *The art of the novel*; David Lewis, *The race to Fashoda*; Laura C. Martin, *Garden flower folklore*; Mort Rosenblum, *Squandering Eden*; Russell Shelton, *From Hudson Bay to Botany Bay*.

French non-fiction

Claude Béland, *Le guide des piscines*; Frederik J. Duparc, *Le paysage en perspective*; Le grand guide d'Asie; Fernande Olivier, *Souvenirs intimes*; Thierry Smolderen, *Hergé*.

Children's books

English: *World Leaders Past & Present* series: John Haney, *Clement Attlee*; Gregory Matusky and John P. Hayes, *King Hussein*; S.L. Carson, *Maximilien Robespierre*; Morgan Llywelyn, *Xerxes*.

French: *Série Rouge & Or Première Lecture*: Henriette Bichonniere et Daniel Maja, *Le bisou de la sorcière*; Nicole Lorian et J.P. Miller, *Un cadeau d'anniversaire pour maman*; Jacqueline Held et Serge Ceccarelli, *Elodie et Nicolas à la campagne*; Elodie et Nicolas à la ville.

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Vandals damage two parked cars

Two cars were listed in Friday's police reports as having been vandalized while parked on Westmount streets. Both had windows broken but nothing stolen.

One was a blue and white Ford

club wagon parked near 4920 de Maisonneuve boulevard overnight Tuesday-Wednesday. The other was a Volkswagen Cabriolet left last Thursday in front of 5010 Sherbrooke street.

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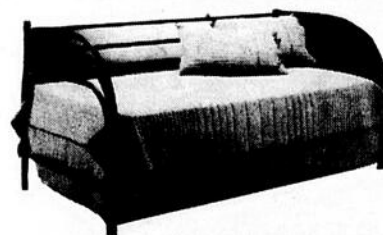


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Lansdowne Centre finds ways to help students learn

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At Lansdowne Centre, a tutorial service for students with learning problems, the task becomes finding which methods of learning are best suited to individual students. In the centre's jargon, it is called "unlocking the modalities." What's involved is intense one-on-one teaching that tailors the student's learning strategies to personal strengths and weaknesses.

"There are a lot of labels about learning styles, learning disabilities and learning skills... The most popular and extreme is dyslexia, which means different things to different people," says Kay Dila, a founding member of Lansdowne. She co-directs the centre's public relations

By COOPER LANGFORD

with Carolyn Melmed, another founding member.

"We try not to use labels with kids because that tends to limit the approach (to teaching). It limits many things the child understands he can do."

Lansdowne Centre helps students who have trouble in the classroom because of perceptual problems, unusual language development or ineffective learning strategies. 1988 will mark the centre's 16th year.

Humble beginnings

From humble beginnings in 1972, when it tutored 32 students in rooms at Dominion-Douglas United

Church, the centre has grown up. It now has two locations, at 5325 Snowdon avenue and 4230 St John's road in Dollard. More than 350 students are tutored by a staff of 26 full- and part-time employees.

The centre also develops programs and supplies teaching staff for the Project School, which is run in partnership with Vanguard School and the McGill-Montreal Children's Hospital Learning Centre at Westmount High School.

Ms Dila and Ms Melmed call the centre's method "diagnostic teaching."

"When we start teaching, we start with a lot of questions. Through our teaching, observing the child, trying different methods and different materials... we get information about the child as a learner so that we can begin to move in the direction of the child being successful," says Ms Dila, describing the diagnostic method. "We don't walk in to a child with three manuals and say we have to get through this in the next 10 weeks."

Use guidelines

"We always work with guidelines," adds Ms Melmed. "There are certain methods we've each tried that we are comfortable with, that we have seen other children be successful with. But we always work with the idea that if it's not going to be the best and most successful, then we will deviate. It's not a rigid, set program."

Out of respect for confidentiality, Ms Dila and Ms Melmed are reluctant to discuss case histories in detail for the record. But they are willing to

discuss some cases in limited terms.

One involves a Montreal man who held an executive position with a local firm. The man suffered perceptual problems with his hearing. Though he could hear, he had difficulty retaining spoken information. At school, he began as a slow learner. But as he progressed to higher grades and the work began to focus

more on written words, his results improved.

"Now that he is a senior executive, people come to him with verbal questions that he doesn't get an opportunity to read or is unable to write down for himself, and he is unable to hang on to them," says Ms Melmed, explaining how the disability has come full circle.

"Our suggestion here was that people should come to him with written memos and questions, that he should not feel obliged to answer on the spot... It's a strategy so that he won't feel anxiety."

Finding strategies to help learners cope with disabilities is the goal of Lansdowne teaching.

"The children that come to us who have already gotten to a high level (in school) have developed amazing coping strategies. What we want to do is make them more effective," says Ms Melmed.

Ms Melmed and Ms Dila add that the older a child gets, the more necessary it becomes to focus on curriculum in teaching. With younger children, they say tutoring can focus on the learning problem itself.

Run co-operatively

Lansdowne Centre is run co-operatively ("no one person is in charge," says Ms Dila) and works closely with a student's parents, teachers and school board. In 1973 it became a Quebec non-profit corporation and was registered as a charitable organization under the income tax act.

Funding came from course fees, but the school also has a bursary program that is funded by donations.

"We are very dependent on the community. We don't want to be an elitist school that is able to help only the children who can afford us... it's a tremendous balancing act," says Ms Melmed.

In addition to tutoring, Lansdowne Centre also offers a homework program, academic testing, workshops in math, English, French and history, and summer programs in study and life skills.

For more information about courses, tutoring or donations, you can call Lansdowne Centre at 487-6516 or 487-1156.

Office thefts

Wallets were reported stolen from workers at two Westmount office buildings on St Catherine street recently, according to police reports. One was taken from a purse Monday last week at civic number 4150; the other from civic number 4333 the next day.



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Motorists asked to take care as school children reappear

PROTECT our children, MUC police ask.

Most schools will be open by next week and police are seeking the co-operation of motorists to proceed with caution specially in the area of Westmount schools.

Parents also are being asked to accompany young children to and from school during the first few days to help them plan the safest routes.

Crossing guards will be posted regularly at seven busy crossings and children should be advised to take attention of their assistance and to follow their advice.

These intersections are: Clarke and Sherbrooke; Côte St Antoine and Stanton, Melville and de Maisonneuve, Melville and St Catherine, Roslyn and Côte St Antoine, Roslyn and Westmount avenue as well as Roslyn and The Boulevard.

Fifteen minutes means a lot at St George's

By KATHLEEN HUGESSEN

Both campuses, elementary and high school, of St George's School will see 15-minute changes in their schedules this year.

The elementary school program for grades 1 through 6 has been extended to allow a quarter hour of "uninterrupted sustained silent reading" to take place at the end of the lunch period.

The high school day will start 15 minutes earlier to allow classes to end at 3 pm. Students, as a result, will be able to stay at the school until 3:30 to participate in extracurricular activities with staff guidance.

The high school is planning a number of special events for this year.

During the week of Sept 26, there will be four grade-trips. Grade 8 will have a classe rouge (a French-immersion outdoor activity) to the Laurentians; grade 9 will be going to Ottawa where a variety of outings are planned; grade 10 will head off to Washington, D.C.; and grade 11 students will be going to the theatre — Stratford.

Two workshops

Two special workshops have been arranged. The first will be for teachers and will be held on Nov 18, a pedagogical day. Animator Mandville Schaffner will discuss special needs for students in grades 6, 7 and 8.

In February, the high school will hold a four-day choral festival. Sondra Harnes, from Washington, D.C., will act as moderator. There will be music workshops for teachers and students and a choral concert will close the event.

Ten drama productions are planned for the high school's theatre season, with 27 evening performances scheduled.

A number of staff changes are also taking place at both campuses.

In the junior school, Susan van Gelder, a parent and board member

who worked in the past as a part-time volunteer teacher, will be joining the staff full-time to teach computers and philosophy to kindergarten through grade 3. The grade 3 teacher, Rena Miller, will be at home with her new baby girl until January; her replacement is Margaret Poplis. Judy Berger is the new grade 6 English teacher and she also will teach philosophy to grades 4, 5 and 6. Denise Maroun is a learning specialist who will be in charge of a student support system for students in kindergarten through grade 3.

Science in French

The elementary school has a late French-immersion program which starts in grade 6. This year, however, science will be taught in grades 4 through 6 in French.

At the high school, a new assistant librarian has joined the staff. Dorothy Hogan is the new music teacher with an impressive background in the field and a particular interest in Québécois traditional music.

A teacher exchange has been arranged for this year. Rod Walker, the St George's high school English teacher, will be going to The Study and Kathleen Biggs from The Study will be teaching English at St George's.

During the summer, the halfway mark was reached in the \$3.75-million fundraising campaign launched by St George's in April. The money is to finance building expansions at both campuses. The sod-turning for the high school is planned for next March; the elementary school work should begin in 1990. Representatives of the school say they are very excited by the response to the campaign and about the forthcoming construction.

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Shatner, Richard Easton, Burton Metcalf, Gloria Carlin and Hanna Gartner. In recent years a number of students from the school have been chosen by local producers to appear in commercials, television programs and films.

Registration for the new season takes place Sept 6 to 17 at 2225 Regent avenue, N.D.G. and judging by the many applications received prior to the formal registration date, another banner year is anticipated.

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The judges will observe the boarders' fancy tricks and pick winners in each of three categories, with prizes being awarded to the top competitors.

The three categories are advanced or sponsored skateboarders, intermediate, and novice. A maximum of 10 may participate in each category.

Westmount residents can sign up Sept 6 and 7. Non-residents may enter on Sept 8, if any places remain unfilled. The recreation office is open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm for competitors to sign up.

Participants must be between 12 and 18 years old. Helmets, elbow pads and knee pads are required. The competition takes place Saturday, Sept 10, at 3 pm. Spectators are welcome.

More students and computers at Selwyn House this year

Selwyn House School opens its doors Tuesday morning with four new teachers, 10 more students and 24 additional computers.

Besides several personnel changes, the school will have a third

grade 11 class this year, a natural progression from the introduction last year of a third grade 10, headmaster William Mitchell says.

After several years of expansion and new facilities, the school under-

By CHARLES MAPPIN

went no physical changes this summer except for routine maintenance and painting.

The biggest addition is a new computer lab. The 24 new IBM-compatible Zenith computers complement the 24 existing Apple terminals. Students from all grades take computer courses as part of their regular program.

With the departure of elementary school head Alain Weber this summer, the school has chosen Alan Croome to fill the position. Born in Australia, Mr Croome has spent the last two years as principal of Ballarat and Clarendon College in Australia. Geoffrey Dowd has been named the director of studies for the secondary school.

Elementary school teachers Hélène Bourduas and Dorothy Walling are on leaves of absence. Mark LaChance and Jo-Anne Harvey will replace them.

New secondary teachers

Two new teachers have been added to the secondary school roster. Jean-Pierre Gauthier will teach geography, French and introduction to technology. James Willett will teach English.

Major events on the school calendar include the annual grade 10 theatre trip to Stratford, Sept 7; the Canadian independent schools under-13 soccer tournament hosted by SHS, Oct 6-8; the international public speaking tournament hosted by several local schools including SHS, Oct 26-29; Founder's Day, Nov

2; and the grades eight and nine theatrical production Nov 17 and 18.

The school will celebrate its 80th birthday on Founder's Day. An annual-giving campaign also will be launched that day.

Student orientation is being held this Tuesday and Wednesday at different times during the day for new and returning students. Regular classes begin at 8:30 am Thursday, Sept 8.

Construction part of past as ECS enters new school year

MOLLY Fripp, principal of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School, says that for the first time in two years, the school will be operating without ongoing construction in its midst.

"We are rejoicing in the end of construction," she says.

There is an increased in-school music and drama program planned for this year. And ECS, together with St George's School and Selwyn House School, will host the International Independent Schools' Public Speaking Competition at the end of October.

Mrs Fripp says there are few changes in staff or special programs planned for this year.

"It is with great joy," says Mrs Fripp, "that we see the end of the construction and can turn all our energy back to the students and the curriculum."

The ECS 1988-89 school year starts, for all grades, on Tuesday, Sept 6.

Minor changes effected as The Study starts its year

Minor renovations, painting and cleaning have been completed at The Study in preparation for the new school year.

A newly arranged sixth-form lounge awaits the use of the grade 11 girls.

Head girl Anne Andermann and sub-head Heather Waterston, a Westmount resident, will lead the students' council in planning the year's extracurricular activities.

Early fall expeditions have been planned. They include a week at a French camp near St Donat for secondary I students, and a trip to Stratford for the secondary IVs and Vs where they will see *Richard III*, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *My Fair Lady*.

This year, The Study begins and ends its school day 10 minutes earlier, at 8:15 am and at 3:10 pm respectively. This will allow athletic teams to get to their games on time without missing classes.

There are four new members of The Study's staff. Kindergarten will be taught by Margaret Lincoln, with Catherine Stratford giving French instruction in the afternoon; Mary Milligan is the new secondary school art teacher.

A teacher exchange has been arranged with St George's School which will involve the two schools' English teachers. Kathleen Biggs from The Study will spend the year at St George's while Rodney Walker, St George's English teacher for the past 11 years, will teach at The Study.

Eve Marshall, headmistress of The Study, says enrolment is full and the school is looking great.

"Although the students do not turn until Tuesday (Sept 6), most teachers have been in already, arranging classrooms, planning curriculum and exchanging news."

"We are all looking forward to an exciting year of growth and enrichment."

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PALS afternoon program starts Wednesday at Shaar

The afternoon program at Shaar Hashomayim under Principal Daniel Elkin will be starting up on Wednesday, Sept 7.

Mr Elkin, a teacher at Akiva School in the Shaar, calls the afternoon program PALS — program of active learning at the Shaar. It is designed to be a diversified educational program for students in kindergarten through junior high school. The curriculum will include Bible prayer, major Jewish festivals, Hebrew reading and Hebrew language.

Mr Elkin says the development of PALS is going very well. He is particularly pleased to have two Apple computers for use by the students, and to have software on various aspects of Jewish culture — language, festivals, Israel.

For most age groups, PALS will run from 4 to 6 pm on Mondays and Wednesdays using some of the Akiva School classrooms. To eliminate confusion, Mr Elkin plans for PALS to start with a 15-minute assembly at 4 pm. At 4:15, a quarter of an hour after Akiva finishes its school day, the PALS students will move to the classrooms.

Mr Elkin says the kindergarten program will run once a week only and he will be meeting with parents to decide on a time slot.

The junior high school program will be held twice monthly and Mr Elkin says discussions will focus on "very current topics." These meetings are tentatively scheduled for Tuesday evenings.

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Westmount YMCA will be a 25-metre indoor pool, running track, large gymnasium, pre-school learning centres, modern weight-training room, dance studios, pre-school gym, lounge and multipurpose rooms for community programs and services.

This new space, however, is but one facet of the new Westmount YMCA. A renewed commitment to community issues, services and leadership is central to the YMCA philosophy. There will be many avenues of involvement at different levels and the staff and volunteers eagerly anticipate the future, the changes and improvements we plan to bring to you and your family.

Details regarding programs, schedules and fees will be made public in early 1989. We look forward to serving both valued, longtime participants and new families in the new centre.

Until that date, however, we will continue to offer a variety of programs for all ages in various locations throughout Westmount. These include Victoria Hall, St Matthias' Church and Westmount Park Church. Registration is now underway. Call the Y at 931-8046 for more information. Due to our decentralized nature, we can only accommodate limited numbers of participants in our courses, so don't delay.

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Westmount tai chi instructor Joey Bond demonstrates the art.

Master instructor to teach recreation tai chi course

One of the new programs offered this fall by the Westmount recreation department is tai chi.

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This is not a self-defence course, but rather an integrated health care program which combines dance movement, martial arts techniques and breath control (as in yoga), creating a sense of deep relaxation and a revitalization of physical energy, says instructor Joey Bond.

Mr Bond will be giving a class in tai chi to all interested Westmount residents at Victoria Hall starting

Oct 5. The classes will be held Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 pm.

The art has been used in the Orient for generations as a therapeutic tool for dealing with a variety of physical ailments.

"Through integrating the forces of mind and body, we are given the opportunity to discover our true nature and liberate our capacity for emotional communication and interrelatedness," Mr Bond explains.

A master instructor with the Mountain Crane Tai Chi Tao Academy, he has recently made a film on the art. He is scheduled to appear in a PBS television series in the spring of 1989.

Registration for this program takes place Sept 9 and 10 in the arena.

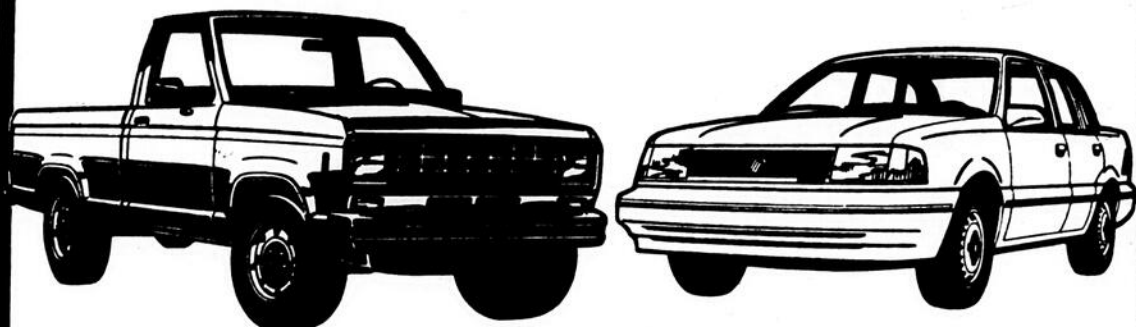
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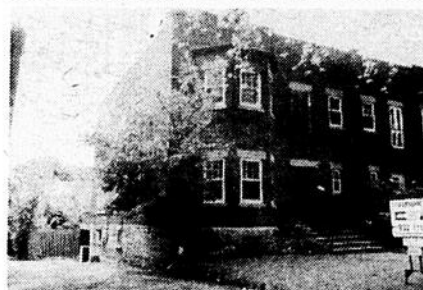
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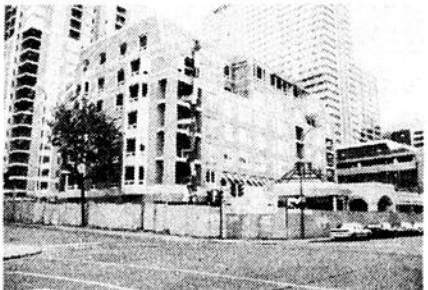
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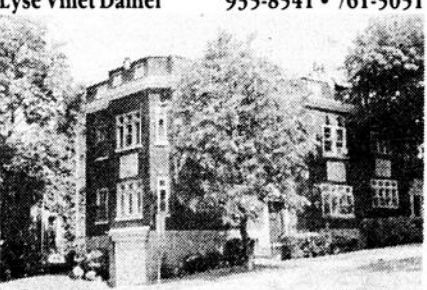
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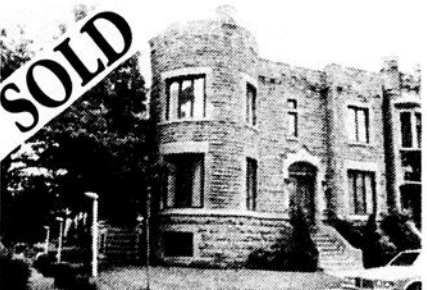
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