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Free fall



The Westmount municipal pool has been seeing a lot of action these warm days. On Monday afternoon, Stuart Yanow, Scott Speirs, Rob Boeckh and Tom Shingler practiced dives, serious and silly, off the low and high boards.
Photo by ALISON RAMSEY

Trent will vie for mayoralty

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Peter Trent is off and running.

The high-profile, outspoken Westmount councillor has decided to run for mayor in the November elections, after receiving strong public support from Mayor May Cutler and a bevy of current and former councillors.

Mr Trent, 45, announced his decision yesterday, vowing to keep up his fight to trim municipal spending, cut Montreal Urban Community bureaucracy and increase the city's political clout in Quebec.

"Our city is at risk and our future could be in jeopardy in Quebec if the MUC is allowed to grow unchecked," he said. "I'm running to preserve the things that are worth preserving in Westmount and to keep people here without taxing them out of their houses."

He is the only person to declare himself as a mayoralty candidate to date.

Mr Trent, who retired two years ago after building a multi-million dollar company to market a polymer building material he invented, set out to streamline the Westmount operation using business principles from the private sector.

He has been supported in his efforts to trim fat by both the Westmount Municipal Association, of which he was vice-president from 1981 to 1983, and the Westmount Finance Action Committee.

If elected, he would not be a full-time mayor in the sense of working regular hours at city hall, he said, but he would be available on a full-time basis.

With only four months remaining until the municipal election Nov 3, Mr Trent said he is already working to ensure that a number of qualified people will run to fill the eight councillor seats. So far only councillors Joan Rothman and Rhoda Vineberg have expressed interest in seeking re-election, with Mrs Rothman still pondering seeking the mayoralty.

Mr Trent said his campaign will be co-ordinated by longtime friend and Westmounter Victor Drury, who

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PETER TRENT

Option Canada rally draws 90

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

National federal parties have all but abandoned linguistic minorities across Canada, said Option Canada founder Greg Gogan at an information meeting attended by more than 90 people at Westmount High School Wednesday last week.

He argued that there is a political trend across the nation of growing support for federal political parties which better represent regional interests, like the Reform Party in the west and the Bloc Québécois here.

He said there is no one in Ottawa battling for the rights of English-speaking Quebecers.

"It's up to us to create our own federal voice," Mr Gogan said.

That voice, he said, will be Option Canada, a new federal party which wants to create an officially bilingual 11th province of southwestern Quebec.

According to a party pamphlet, Option Canada wants the "Canadian Constitution amended to reflect individual rights and freedoms without provincial interference."

Mr Gogan said that means no more notwithstanding clause in the constitution, a clause he says all three national federal parties officially support.

Rights guaranteed in a new constitution, according to the pamphlet, would include "freedom of choice in the language of education in either of Canada's official languages where numbers warrant."

Option Canada will no longer call for the creation of a new Canadian province if Quebec remains a province of Canada and signs the new constitution, according to the pamphlet.

However, Mr Gogan said at the meeting the prospects for English-speaking Quebecers are almost as scary if Quebec chooses to stay within Confederation as if it leaves.

"There's little reason to believe we'll have full individual rights within the context of a Quebec," he said.

"We must create our own political space to do that," he later said. "No society should force its people to move to enjoy their rights."

And now is the time to fight for those rights, said Mr Gogan, because there will be no English-speaking people left in Quebec to fight one year after a referendum on sovereignty.

Mr Gogan said Canada's 11th province would be composed of about 1.5 percent of the land mass of Quebec and contain about 1.5 million people, half French-Canadian and the other half composed of English and ethnic Quebecers. He suggested the province could be called New Quebec (Le Nouveau Québec) and said it would have a wealthy tax base.

"It's not only viable but enviable," Mr Gogan said of the proposed province.

Mr Gogan spent the majority of the meeting answering questions asked by members of the crowd.

When asked what the new province would do should some French communities want to separate from the new province, Mr Gogan said the

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Philippine tragedy drives Westmounter to fundraise

By ALISON RAMSEY

SUSAN Cohen is giving back to her Filipino domestic Verna Balosbalos.

Ms Balosbalos offered support when Ms Cohen's mother died in April. The tables turned when volcanic ash rained down on Ms Balosbalos' family's house and rice mill, 20 kilometres from Mount Pinatubo, last week in the Philippines.

Luckily, none of her family lost their lives. But they lost everything else.

They talked the other day, said Ms Balosbalos, 29, softly sniffling and eyes rimmed with wet. "My family, all they had to eat was a piece of dried fish.

"If only I could throw them the food I'm eating, I could help."

The Philippine embassy has estimated the damage from the eruption at 4.8 billion pesos ($2.8 million).

Monday, Ms Balosbalos sent her family 1,500 pesos. Soon, she will be able to send much more.

Ms Cohen, of Somerville avenue, has promised that her husband will give Ms Balosbalos $1,000 and the family will sponsor the emigration of her family from the Philippines — mother, father and 21-year-old younger brother.

"I know what tragedy is all about," said Ms Cohen, saying that her sister-in-law committed suicide, after taking the lives of her two children, a couple of years ago and, more recently, a good friend who was unable to cope with separation from his wife committed suicide.

She feels strongly about the disaster in the Philippines. She has spent the past couple of days making phone calls and getting little sleep, thinking about ways to help.

After contacting the Federation of Filipino-Canadian Associations of Quebec, Ms Cohen has chosen to try and appeal for help from businesses and other households that hire Filipino domestics.

She is hoping to persuade them to give to the Red Cross relief effort in the Philippines, called Canadian Red Cross, Philippine re: volcano, or to the federation.

"These people have been here

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Trent has taken charge of finance department

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mounted the recent draft-Trent movement.

Fully bilingual, Mr Trent served as commissioner of planning and redevelopment on the council of 1983-87. He did not seek re-election in 1987 but was elected by acclamation in 1990 and became finance commissioner after the resignation of Councillor Phillip Aspinall.

He has lived in Westmount for 15 years at 49 Rosemount avenue in Ward 3.

He now represents the west-central Ward 2, between Côte St Antoine and The Boulevard.

Since his return to council, Mr Trent has taken a heavy hand in engineering changes in the finance department, replacing the director-general, tightening the city's budget and delving into MUC finances.

Despite being one of several former councillors to call for Mrs Cutler's resignation during the mayor's confrontation with council in 1989, once he joined council he helped bridge the gap between Mayor Cutler and her colleagues by finding ways of implementing many of the changes she had spearheaded.

Though he uses a different style from hers, "our goals and values are surprisingly similar," he said. "She has given a slightly radical edge to our deliberations."

Mr Trent intends to carry through the project to refurbish the library and considers air and noise pollution to be of pressing concern. In particular, he hopes to find a way to silence leaf blowers.

On the issue of traffic, he espouses the principle that changes should not be made if there is a chance they will create problems on other streets.

Mr Trent considers himself a newcomer to Westmount after growing up in England and living for a time in Ontario where he graduated from McMaster University in chemistry.

"I come from somewhere else, like many people now living in Westmount. This gives me another perspective and I realize the value of what we have in Westmount and I fight with more fervor to preserve its uniqueness. It's a residential oasis which gives it the seeds of its own destruction."

His father was a councillor in the autonomous municipality of Swansea (in Toronto) which was gobbled up by the metropolitan system in 1962. The disappearance of Swansea had a profound effect on his political outlook, he said.

"I saw it happen so don't tell me it can't happen here. The centralizing mentality of the MUC and Quebec scares me. We need to be ever vigilant. Yesterday it was the police. Tomorrow the fire department."

To this end, it is important that Westmount have a strong council, he said.

"It would be horrendous for me as mayor to end up with a lame-duck council. It's always the thing that gives you butterflies in the stomach," he admitted. Though history would tend to support the premise of good candidates presenting themselves for election, he said, it is even more important at this junction in the history of Quebec and Canada.

He is married to Francine Beaudoin, a former biology teacher and avid gardener. They have a daughter who is now a professional actress using the name Dominique Leduc.

Prove democracy, says Gogan

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borders would not be a straight line.

"If communities want to stay in old Quebec we'll try to accommodate them," he said.

Mr Gogan expects that half the island of Montreal would be part of New Quebec. Mini referendums would determine the fate of communities.

"But the lines to be drawn would depend on the referendums.

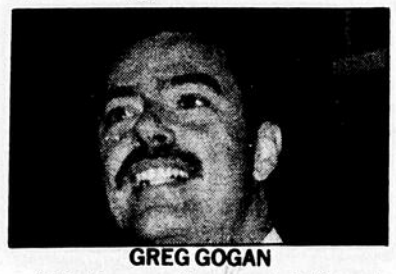
"Quebec keeps saying how democratic it is," Mr Gogan said. "Well it's time to test that democracy."

Mr Gogan said the party has attracted 1,500 to 2,000 members since it was founded last November. He expects Option Canada to be able to win the majority of the 25 to 30 federal seats in southwestern Quebec in the next federal election.

"We may sweep."

Mr Gogan said the fight for freedom of choice and bilingualism cannot be won provincially because it is a losing battle to argue in Quebec with French nationalists.

"There's no use arguing with people fighting with their hearts... people who want their own country," he said.



GREG GOGAN

"It's time we became indifferent to nationalists and separatists and say, 'Guess what? Here is our agenda whether you like it or not.'"

None of the four people interviewed as they were leaving the meeting wanted to give their names and all said they were not from Westmount.

One woman who said her mother tongue is French said she came to find out more about the party and felt some of the ideas are good. Another woman said the party should be careful it doesn't become a party just for English-speaking people.

Another elderly man said the ideas are interesting and should be expressed. He said many of the statements made by Mr Gogan seemed logical to him.

Ms Cohen asks for community, personal support of Filipinos

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for years, taking care of our families," said Ms Cohen. "Now they have a shortage of food, housing... They're not just domestic employees, they're a part of our families."

Ms Balosbalos has been with Ms Cohen for eight months. She is the third Filipino domestic she has employed.

"They've always been there for me so, when I see her heart broken and feeling so lost, not able to communicate (with her family), or do anything, it breaks my heart.

"If everybody reached in their pocket and pulled out $20, it doesn't have to be $1,500."

She suggested that those who hire Filipino domestics could give directly to them.

Ms Cohen has started her campaign by contacting local media and talking to people around Westmount. For instance, she walked into Cantor bakery on Victoria avenue and asked owner Ronnie Mofford if he would make a donation. He said he gave "a good little chunk."

"It's disastrous," he said. "You've got to think how wide scope a volcano is. It's major league, a total devastation."

"Response has been so positive," said Ms Cohen. "It's pushing me for more."

She is pondering ideas such as having one day where all Filipino domestics are given the day off to go canvassing, door-to-door. Foreseeing a possible administrative nightmare, she said it would be simplest if campaigns remained in the community.

Donations may be sent to the Federation of Filipino-Canadian Associations of Quebec, 5139 Decarie boulevard, suite 215, Montreal, H3W 3C2 or the Canadian Red Cross, 2170 René Lévesque boulevard west, Montreal, H3H 1R6.

THE EXAMINER has accepted a request by Ms Cohen and will collect donations at its office, 155 Hillside avenue, and forward them to the Red Cross.

The Filipino-Canadian federation, unable to obtain a fundraising permit for itself because the appeal is international, is tied to the Red Cross permit which is forthcoming, according to Dr Genoveva Santander, president of the federation.

The federation raised about $16,000 during its last fundraising campaign linked to the Red Cross, after the country was ravaged by an earthquake.

"My god," said Ms Cohen. "That's disgusting. We can certainly do better than that."



Verna Balosbalos and Susan Cohen in Ms Cohen's livingroom at 14 Somerville.

Westmount Community Calendar

Today, June 20

Book launch: *Art Roebuck Comes to Horn with a Tooth*, a first novel by Daniel McBain, published by Oberon Press, from 6 to 8 pm at Double Hook, 1235A Greene avenue. Wine and cheese.

Art exhibit: A retrospective selection of the work of Powell Trudeau (1910-1984) at the Westmount Library until Sunday.

Exhibition of drawings: At Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria avenue, work by Christiane Lemieux, Jennifer Macklem and Barbara Palca Dickstein until Saturday.

Seniors' swim: At Westmount Y from 1:30 to 3 pm every Tuesday and Thursday. No charge.

Seniors' tea: Has been suspended at Westmount Y until September.

Saturday, June 22

Library holiday: The Atwater Library is closed today, tomorrow and Monday for the St Jean Baptiste holiday.

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday at 3:30 pm at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. Non-smoking.

Sunday, June 23

Concert at the lagoon in Westmount Park with L'Ensemble du Carre St-Louis; flute, guitar and cello from 2 to 4 pm. First in a weekly series until Aug 4. In case of rain, concert moves to Victoria Hall.

Adult Prisoners of Childhood support group meets at 7 pm every Sunday in the basement of Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke street. $1.

Westmount Library is closed today and tomorrow for the St Jean Baptiste holiday.

Tuesday, June 25

Blood donor clinic: Daily at Place Alexis Nihon, on the west side of the third floor, until Friday. Clinic opens at 10:30 am and closes 5 pm Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 pm Thursday and Friday.

COMING UP

June 28: *Poetry for a Midsummer Evening in the Park* performance by Dramatis Personae in King George Park starting at 7:30 pm in the southwest corner of Park and Côte St Antoine road. Follow the actors as they move through the park.

Correction

DUE to a reporting error in a story last week entitled "Realty picture brightens in March, but not as sunnily as that of 1990," THE EXAMINER incorrectly reported that 331 Côte St Antoine was sold to Elliot Rappaport and Randi Herlich for $322,500 and the house had an MUC valuation of $331,500.

Actually, 331 Côte St Antoine was sold to Elliot Rappaport and Debbie Ullman for $825,000 and had an MUC valuation of $731,800.

The error appeared in the detailed listings only; correct figures were used in compilation of the averages reported in the story.

THE EXAMINER regrets the error.



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Residents petition for Cedar decision to be rescinded

If not, a candidate will be encouraged to run against Vineberg

Angry residents in the neighborhood of Cedar avenue are mobilizing to fight Westmount city hall in the wake of council's decision to narrow that street.

Copies of a petition asking the city to rescind its June 3 resolution have been sent to 350 households on Clarke, Argyle, Montrose and Mount Pleasant avenues and The Boulevard.

The petition also asks that the city conduct proper studies on how narrowing Cedar will affect neighboring streets and requests proper public consultations be held, followed by a referendum on an overall plan.

A steering committee composed of representatives from area streets is now being formed. According to activists on The Boulevard, their movement is growing.

"I think they (area residents) are more mobilized, sensitized and agitated," said Maureen Kiely of The Boulevard.

She said residents never believed council would vote to narrow the street since there was so much overwhelming opposition to it. Support has also grown since residents on neighboring streets began noticing increased traffic, she said.

"There's no question we have strong support now," Dr Kiely said.

'Totally angry'

Howard Hoppenheim of The Boulevard, after speaking to more than 20 area residents, summed up the mood and opinion of his neighbors this way: "Residents of the area are totally angry, disappointed and questioning the motives and competence of councillors (Peter) Duffield, (Sally) Aitken, (Daniel) Tingley and in particular Rhoda Vineberg."

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Mr Hoppenheim says area residents are especially upset with Mrs Vineberg, not only because she is the ward councillor and the only one who voted to narrow Cedar who is seeking re-election, but because she was quoted in THE EXAMINER last week as not having remembered reading a May 30 memorandum.

On June 3, those four councillors voted to narrow Cedar avenue to one 4.6-metre (15.5-foot) lane its entire length by creating a parking lane on the south side of the street and demarcating that lane permanently. They also voted to permanently narrow the access to Cedar avenue to the 4.6-metre width and install traffic lights at Cedar and Mountain avenues.

Area residents were angered by the decision because they said the city's own statistics indicated a 20 percent shift in traffic to The Boulevard since the city began its continuing experiment of narrowing the access to Cedar with concrete barriers. Also, council promised at an April 30 public consultation meeting that no traffic would be diverted to other streets by narrowing Cedar.

Further incensed

Area residents were further incensed when they learned that council voted against the recommendation of its own operational and environmental services committee. A May 30 memorandum from Bruce St Louis, Westmount's manager of operational services, to the mayor and all councillors, stated that Cedar avenue should not be narrowed to one lane because there is not enough data to prove that this would not divert traffic to other streets.

The committee, according to the document, recommended instead that Cedar be rebuilt and that the city only experiment in the spring of 1992 with temporary pensinsulas to narrow the roadway to 4.6 metres to assess the impact on Cedar and neighboring streets.

Ms Vineberg said Tuesday that the majority of council felt that its decision was the right one and that she is trying to arrange a meeting with residents of The Boulevard to discuss the situation on their street.

She said the city will continue to monitor the action they took and the problems which exist on other streets.

Fair compromise

Superior Court Judge Benjamin Greenberg of Cedar avenue says council's decision was fair and reasonable compromise since residents of Cedar asked for peninsulas to narrow the street its entire length, which they didn't get.

"It's unfortunate people are still upset," he said late Tuesday night.

Residents of Cedar say they have a problem of dangerous speeding traffic on their street which must be addressed before someone is injured.

Judge Greenberg said city councillors worked hard to make an informed decision.

"They researched, examined and explained the issue sincerely," he said.

He said residents of Cedar will not fight any changes to The Boulevard to fix the situation there.

"I think the people of The Boulevard should stay cool and see what city hall will do for them. I tell you we won't fight it," Judge Greenberg said.

But residents of The Boulevard imply they cannot trust city hall, which they believe misled them.

Mr Hoppenheim said the underlying cause of the petition has been a supposed consultation process which he said was non-existent for residents of The Boulevard.

Dr Kiely said that while there was

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Modesty panels added



Artist Armand Vaillancourt has modified his work at the entrance to the office building at 4150 Sherbrooke street, near Elm avenue, to cover a depiction of genitals. Some local people had complained that the work, on view for several years in its original form, was not suitable for viewing by children. *Photo by CHARLES ABRAMOVICI*

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We Say

'Mayor Trent' goes well

"MAYOR Peter Trent" has a nice, neat, efficient sound to it.

Apart from its three evenly-matched five-letter words, Westmounters have learned to regard highly their key city councillor.

Since his return to city hall after an earlier, first aldermanic tenure, he has pulled a lot of loose ends together in an administration which largely was simply coasting and suffered from incompetence in key areas.

Shortcomings at city hall should have been apparent to most if not all who comprised the council elected in November 1987. After all, they were obvious to the new and untried Mayor May Cutler by just looking in from the outside, as they were to the citizens who agreed with and elected her.

When she took office, to her amazement she found the entire panel of eight councillors not only still unwilling to act on the obvious city hall ills but, incredibly, arrayed against her. It was a bitter, shameful confrontation.

Her Worship never backed down and solons who should have known better continued to buck her, careless of the fact that they were doing the City of Westmount no service. Her tenacity paid off when Mr Trent, a highly successful businessman who had left council to devote himself to his enterprises, achieved his objectives and regained the time to devote to the city.

Councillor Trent's return was a breath of fresh air. Not only did he take on the key finance portfolio vacated mid-term by Mr Phillip Aspinall; he engineered a city hall reorganization in which he became the chief executive, under the mayor, overseeing the operations of both council and administration. His probing has been deep, his hand firm and his insight clear.

And his thoughtfulness for the citizens who care for their city and will vote next November is admirable. We have not often enjoyed so much lead time before polling day to consider a candidate, for this or any other office at any government level. He leaves others who may have been contemplating the mayoralty, privately or to confidantes, with an obligation to declare themselves now or very soon or else to carry the suspicion that they are practicing the last-minute opportunism which too often characterizes elections in these parts.

He also leaves at the gate the Westmount Municipal Association, which until now has fancied itself as the inheritor of an exclusive right, more appropriate to an earlier age, to put forward candidates for public office. The best the WMA now may do is endorse Mr Trent, as have a number of present and former solons, do it promptly and declare itself out of the last-minute, back-room fiddling for candidates.

We hope that, win or lose in the final outcome, Mr Trent has started a trend. Mr William Cosgrove, after his disastrous last-minute parachuting into Westmount by Premier Bourassa two years ago, commendably already has declared his intention to run here again as a Liberal in the next provincial election.

Riding associations of various stripes should bestir themselves from their low to non-existent profiles, crank up their under-used public participation machinery and get with it. They owe that much to those whose votes they would seek.

Emergency services

THE recent complaint from Westmount High School of alleged overkill by the various emergency services following calls for assistance, specially medical, is an amusing side of a serious matter.

More often than not, public complaints in this realm have to do with inadequate or even nil response to even the most genuine alarms.

Only last week we carried a report of a man succumbing on Grosvenor avenue in an incident in which it was stated that it took an Urgences Santé physician half an hour to reach the scene.

Nonetheless, people concerned enough about a situation to ring in a request for help frequently have complained that the response far exceeded their concept of what was suitable. Swarms of emergency vehicles at the front door and various officers and crews buzzing about the premises can prove embarrassing sometimes when on the face of it such over-attention appears uncalled for.

They tend to forget that the fire, police, public security, ambulance, natural gas and power people all have their various priorities and critics should be thankful they all are there and on the bit.

The log books are laden with instances where a concerned citizen has called the fire brigade to check on a strange odor; the first-responders to tend someone thought to be ill; the police for some situation which arouses suspicion — which turns out to be something far more serious than it appears.

We can understand the perturbation of school staff when all they may have is a sick student yet their call for assistance, quite properly made, brings temporary chaos to their halls of learning.

We are glad that after consultation the responding personnel have agreed to try to keep a lower profile. Yet we are glad to note that the full complement of emergency people still is to respond to such calls, specially when they are made from such a potentially vulnerable place as a school full of young people.

It is reassuring to the rest of the population, notably parents of the pupils.

our Mayor
Her Worship May Cutler
says...



Holding down MUC budget

LAST week the Conference of Suburban Mayors voted to hold the MUC budget at zero growth for next year. It's been quite a fight since Mayor Vera Danyluk of Town of Mount Royal tried to have this year's budget vetoed last December but only got 10 of the 28 CSM cities to go along. Last week's majority was a major victory in telling President Hamelin and Director-General Roquet that they would have to cut the MUC budget they presented to us by $38 million and find the money they need somewhere other than in the taxpayers' pockets.

Councillor Peter Trent's analysis of how MUC administration costs have increased and questions as to why we need so large an evaluation department if evaluations are changed only once every three years have had an impact. But what really brought the mayors around is the horror of the downloading by the Quebec government of transportation costs onto the municipalities. If that goes through and it looks as though it will, Westmount't portion of your taxes paid the MUC will go well over the 50 percent mark.

FCM in Newfoundland

Does Canada want Quebec? The mayors and councillors from cities across Canada — 1,600 of them — gave a resounding "Yes" last week at the convention of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in St John's whenever any of the speakers asked the question.

Only trouble was there were hardly any Quebec mayors there to hear it. Of the 34 cities in Quebec represented, almost half were from bilingual (i.e. more than 50 percent anglophone) cities, mostly from the MUC. All the main speakers — Joe Clark, Jean Chrétien, Audrey McLaughlin and Clyde Wells — were applauded when anything pro-Quebec was mentioned.

Why did so few Quebec cities come? Because it was in Newfoundland and Clyde Wells is still blamed for the failure of Meech? Only trouble with that excuse is that the Quebec mayors didn't turn out in any record numbers when the FCM met in Quebec City last year.

Are the mayors so solidly separatist? The long standing ovation given Jacques Parizeau last year at the Union des Municipalités du Québec suggests that maybe they are and they don't want to hear anything that might change their minds.

On the other hand, the City of Montreal was well represented in Newfoundland, where Jean Doré led the delegation. Was that only because the FCM is meeting in Montreal next year, and the city wants everyone to come and fill hotels and restaurants? Two FCM meetings in Quebec province in three years! If that isn't generous, what is?

Ironically, it may be the last meeting ever of the FCM in Quebec if the sovereignty push wins out.

Can cities go bankrupt?

It never occurred to me as a possible solution to any city's woes, but last week Bridgeport, Connecticut, asked to put itself into bankruptcy. A novel idea. Like being born again, a popular concept in fundamentalist religions: all your sins are forgiven and you can start again. A born-again city would have its debts forgiven, its union agreements torn up and would be allowed to operate on a deficit. God luv us!

Bridgeport is only the most dramatic example of the plight of American cities. In New York City, where I was a few weeks ago, the possibilities of cutting budgets threatened the turning off of every fourth streetlight, the cutting of library budgets by 33 percent and the closing down of Central Park Zoo.

Many U.S. cities have stopped cleaning their streets, stopped collecting garbage, closed down parks, cut police and fire departments, increased taxes *and* still have deficits.

Is Westmount the only city in North America to cut taxes, maintain all services and keep a surplus so it can borrow from itself if it has to? I hope we appreciate how lucky we are.

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



Ready for summer

THIS is the final week of the parliamentary session and the order of the day is "craziness." Fatigue, frustration and fatuousness combine to make us all happy that summer is here.

I won't bore you with the legislative nonsense that goes on. But there is a lighter side to our deliberations. Example: At a breakfast meeting the other day, we were interrupted by a fire alarm which forced the evacuation of the National Assembly. As we were leaving the building, one of my PQ colleagues tried to convince me that the bell was definitely ringing in French and that anglos were not required to leave the building. My reaction was to ask him whether, along the lines of Bill 178, it was necessary to ring the bells twice as loud and twice as long to allow anglos to be saved from the conflagration.

I then sat in on a committee studying a whole series of increases in penalties and fines under a raft of provincial laws. One was the Charter of the French Language (Bill 101) and Mme Louise Harel, a PQ hardliner, pointed out that the fine for putting up a bilingual sign had doubled, which she claimed was unfair.

Out of my big mouth came the comment, "I guess it's okay, apparently the government thinks that all anglos are rich." I added, "Ho, ho, ho," but nobody laughed. They say we learn from our mistakes. I'm working on it.

We also had an inter-parliamentary baseball game. I was named one of the umpires — the one that works first base. Of course, I was the model of impartiality. I called everybody out except my Equality Party colleagues. It lasted only two innings.

On Tuesday we were all invited to a birthday party at the Garrison Club of one of the government whips' senior aides. Appropriately, the celebrant was exactly one-half Gordon Atkinson's age. We also had a cocktail party to mark Gérard D. Lévesque's 35 years in public life.

I will be hitting the road for the next three weeks (an extended cross-border shopping trip). I leave you with an anecdote some of you may have heard.

In San Francisco, the mayor declared one day last week Jack Fong Day. Apparently some elderly customer in Mr Fong's shop had left a paper bag on the counter. It contained $250,000 in cash. Mr Fong tracked down the customer and returned the bag and the money.

In presenting a commemorative plaque to Mr Fong, the mayor, who is up for re-election this year, said, "Thank God I don't have to run against anyone as honest as Mr Fong."

Nice putdown, Mr Mayor.

See you in three weeks.

I Say!

SOLEMNITY is a device of the body to hide the faults of the mind.
—François de La Rochefoucauld

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EXAMINING THE FILES

Forty-five Years Ago

June 21, 1946

Advertisement by Bell Telephone: "More Long Distance calls than in wartime! Just two years ago we were serving 975,000 telephones. There are now 120,000 *more* telephones and as a result Long Distance calling has steadily increased even though the war is over. Actually the volume of calling is now about 100% higher than when the war began."

Photo caption: "Gilt girdles for summer. Wreathing the waistlines of summer dresses are girdles with glitter. Left, above, gold kid criss-crossed in black patent and studded with gold nailheads makes a formal belt.. clinking gold coins wrap twice around a tiny waist... peasant motif embroidered on hip flaps, and a gold leather belt with pocket scrolled in black 'caviar' beads."

Headline: "P. Poulet Injured In 12 Foot Fall." Story: "Peter J. Poulet, 53, chauffeur employed by J.A. Hubert, was injured when he fell from a ladder while cleaning windows at Mr Hubert's home, 449 Clarke avenue."

Thirty-five Years Ago

June 22, 1956

"Richard Hyde, fighting his second provincial election battle in as many years, was the first Liberal to be accorded a victory on the basis of early returns Wednesday night. He ran up a total of well over 13,000 votes against a little more than 3,000 for Graham Gould, government candidate."

"The Children's Service Centre reports a need for foster parents with a knowledge of foreign languages. German and Greek speaking homes are needed now for temporary care of small children of foreign-born parents."

"If you're looking for makeshift furniture, keep in mind orange crates. In the bedroom, two set side-by-side form an excellent dressing table. A piece of 'Fabrilite' on the top and a frilly skirt tacked around the edge will make any resemblance to an orange crate purely coincidental."

Twenty-five Years Ago

June 23, 1966

Westmount architect Istvan Mezes designed an indoor/outdoor chair that won an award of design excellence in the Canadadesign '67 program. The chair consists of a frame-ring of a steel rod "which can either be dipped into colored plastic, or wound with cord. Rope suspenders hang over double metal pulleys, which are secured to the ceiling structure. The chair is designed to turn and tilt readily to any desired position. The seating material may be of canvas, leather, suede or nylon-net... Approximate weight is 15 lbs. Estimated cost: $15-$20."

Ten Years Ago

June 25, 1981

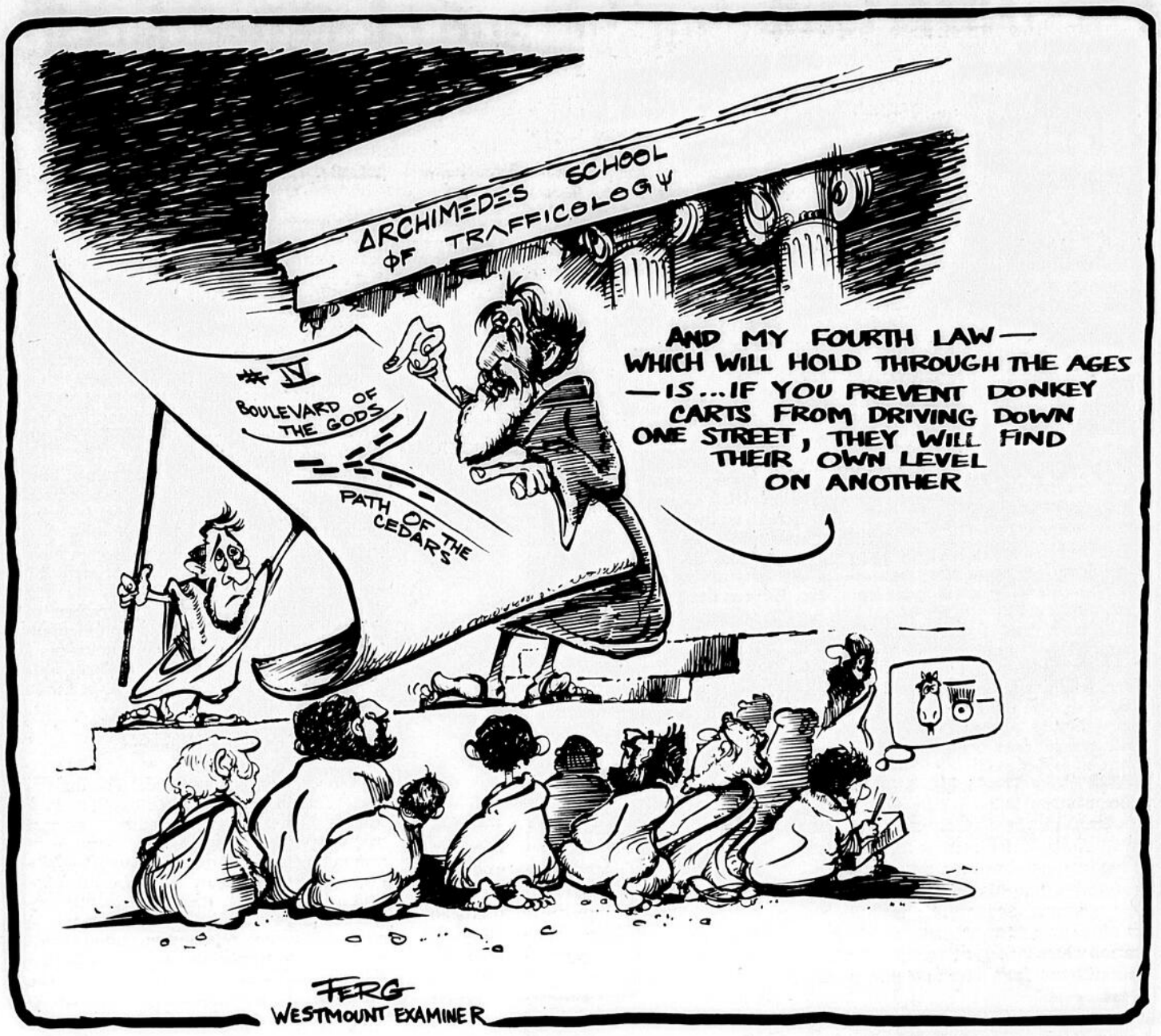
"Provincial regulations are forcing Westmount's only day-care centre out on the street at the end of this year, threatening the very existence of a program which has been in operation for a decade. Garderie Premier Essor, formerly the Way Ahead Nursery, has been served notice by the Unity Boys' and Girls' Club Inc. that it no longer can operate in the building because of Quebec's insistence that the program have exclusive right to premises it uses."

"One Earth, the organization which has been collecting newspapers in Westmount during the past 19 months, is suspending its operation for the time being because of a reported lack of demand for used paper."

One Year Ago

June 21, 1990

"Four weeks ago (public safety officers) set out vigorously to find at least 56 young cyclists they could reward for respecting bicycle safety rules. But their optimism quickly waned. So few zealous cyclists could be located in parks and on streets that only 36 boys and girls received prizes during the two-week program. 'We could find them breaking rules all over the place,' said PSO David Sedgwick."



You Say

No improved access to public washrooms

It is with considerable disappointment that I note the lack of effort to provide proper access to the public toilets in Westmount Park.

This matter has been brought to the attention of council and to the administrators on many occasions since 1986. The situation was a feature of the city-sponsored access study completed in early 1991.

The 1991 budget provided funds for alterations to the facility. Summer is here and civil amenities and comfort for pram-pushers, the elderly and for those with disabilities do not appear to be a priority. Bureaucracy strikes again!

Pat Harris

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Too many garden plots spoiling green space

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

Mayor Cutler: The park immediately south of Westmount High School and bounded by Hillside lane on the west and Hallowell on the east is a beautiful one enjoyed by

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our M.P.
David Berger
says...



Homage to a Senator

LAST week, Senator David Croll died. He was active until the end, putting in an 11-hour day in the Senate. The obituaries referred to the highlights of his career. He was mayor of Windsor, a member of the Ontario Legislature, served in the cabinet of Mitchell Hepburn, was elected to the House of Commons and became the first Jewish Senator in Canada. He chaired the Senate Committee on Poverty in the early 1970s.

And there was his most famous line: "I'd rather march with the workers than ride with General Motors." He said this on resigning as labor minister in 1937 when Hepburn, over his objections, sided with the company during a strike.

I had a particular affection for Croll. He was 91. My father is 91. "We weren't rich," Croll once said to a reporter. Neither was my father. They both went to Osgoode Hall Law School, Croll graduating in 1925 and my father in 1926. They both served overseas during the Second World War.

When I spoke in the House of Commons last week, I talked about what it was like to be in caucus with Croll. "He was a gentle man with a sparkle in his eye. He spoke softly, but with such power. Every time he spoke, the room would fall silent. People would listen because they knew that he had something important to say."

I was trying to explain how a 91-year-old could command such attention. Gentleness is most probably common to people in their 90s. Physical strength is not their most dominant characteristic. And Croll did speak softly, often pausing during a speech. Was it to catch up to his thought or for dramatic effect?

The power came as much from what he said as for how he said it. Most often he spoke about the needs of the elderly, the sick and the poor and how we had an obligation to respond to their interests. When he chaired the Senate Committee on Poverty in 1971, he recommended a guaranteed annual income for all families and individuals. "It is the only way to give people the minimum living standards to which they are entitled," Croll insisted.

Last fall, during the debate on the GST, he silenced the Senate. "Parliament has been my life. Have you any idea what we have done to this country? There comes a time when Parliament is more important than any of us."

He was optimistic about Canada's prospects. Recently, he put it this way: "We are doing very well, we are a great country, a great people, we have a great future and great opportunities, but sometimes we don't think things through well enough and plan."

our PSBGM commissioner
Joan Rothman
says...



Change for Roslyn School

BERTHA Dawang, principal of Roslyn School, is retiring this June. When she told the school committee this month, David Taylor, the chair of the school committee (elected representatives of the parents of the school) told me the parents registered shock, "as if a bomb had gone off."

Mrs Dawang herself told me and others that she would like to leave now with the school academically sound, with an excellent staff in place and with great parent and community support.

During Bertha Dawang's tenure, Roslyn has put into place innovative computer projects and programs, an extended kindergarten organized by Katherine Snow and other parents and she has pushed environmental issues to the fore.

The students have responded by showing their deep concern for the environment and the future of Canada, Quebec and Montreal.

Mrs Dawang worked with the MUC police, Westmount Public Security Director McEnroe and the Westmount fire department to make the school and its surroundings as secure as possible for the students.

As school commissioner I realize that the school has gone through a very difficult year because of the prolonged and erratic construction that has gone on in the building.

It gives me pleasure to tell you that Mrs Marilyn Tobman, the principal of Edinburgh School, will be the next principal of Roslyn School.

Cyclists squeezed by, and ram into, cars in seven accidents

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Two cyclists collided with cars on Westmount streets last week in separate accidents that sent one rider to hospital, police said. The mishaps brought the total number of traffic accidents involving bicycles to seven in three weeks.

The first of the most recent two occurred Monday night last week when a southbound cyclist on Atwater avenue, south of Dorchester boulevard, became squeezed between a parked car on his right side and a moving car on the left side. The bike hooked the car's passenger side mirror causing the rider to fall to the street. The 26-year-old Longueuil man was transported to the Reddy Memorial Hospital by Urgences Santé.

On Friday, a 21-year-old cyclist from St Laurent was reported to have collided with a 1987 Ford on Sherbrooke street just west of Victoria avenue. Both were going east about 5:05 pm when the impact occurred, bending the bike's front wheel and twisting its seat. There was no damage to the car.

On May 28 and May 29, two cyclists collided with cars on Côte St Antoine road and on de Maisonneuve boulevard, both at Grosvenor avenue. In both cases the cyclists were going east against traffic though neither was ticketed, police confirmed.

"That's left to the discretion of the officer at the scene, depending on the circumstances," explained crime prevention officer Gaston Bernier.

In the first incident on Côte road, a 22-year-old N.D.G. man collided Tuesday, May 28, with a car going north on Grosvenor avenue about 10 am. He was not reported hurt. The car was driven by a Westmount woman.

The second occurred the next day on de Maisonneuve when a 15-year-old cyclist living on Earnscliffe avenue in the Snowdon district collided with a northbound car about 7:40 am. He told police he thought the car would clear the intersection more quickly. Instead, he rode into it. Damage to the side, mirror and hood of the 1991 Mazda was estimated at more than $500. The victim was checked out by Urgences Santé but refused to go to hospital claiming he felt no pain.

Three other bicycle accidents the week before also involved collisions with cars.

On Friday, May 24, a cyclist was injured after hitting a car parking on Sherbrooke street east of Elm avenue. The next day another was slightly injured when he rammed into the back of a van which fled the scene. Soon after another cyclist was thrown to the ground when colliding with a car turning into a driveway on Victoria avenue just north of Sherbrooke.

Boy loots grocery bag

Two boys had $15 stolen from a bag of pet food they were carrying outside Place Alexis Nihon Monday last week, public safety officers said.

The boys, an 11-year-old Westmount resident and his 10-year-old friend from Mississauga, were approached by an older boy asking what they had in their bag. When they willingly opened it, the thief grabbed the money, change from the purchase, and ran off.

The victims were driven to local police Station 23 by public safety officers.

E for effort



Alexander Romano, four-and-a-half, delightedly takes a swing at the ping pong ball, despite the fact that it has already passed him by. Alexander, a Westmounter, was playing in the arena on Tuesday afternoon last week. *Photo by OWEN EGAN*

The Den diner to open

At the beginning of July, a new restaurant will open where the Metcalfe Coffee Shop — better known as Mark's — was for 22 years until it closed last month.

The restaurant is located at the corner of St Catherine street and Metcalfe avenue.

Called The Den, it will be open seven days a week from about 11 am to 11 pm, so breakfasts will not be served.

One of the new owners, who doesn't want to be identified because he is working at another restaurant, said The Den will be a cozy neighborhood restaurant serving meals ranging in price from $3.95 to $8.95. Daily lunch and dinner specials will be offered along with sandwiches, hamburgers, salads, chicken wings, ice cream and cakes.

The interior of The Den is now being renovated. Most of the stools will be replaced with booths, and wood panelling is being installed. An outdoor terrace is also being considered. There will be about 40 seats inside.

Richard Krczal of K and D Custom, the company which is doing the renovation work, said that all work should be finished by July 1.

Mr Krczal also said that several people have asked about a plant which has been at Mark's for years. The plant is reportedly OK and will be part of the cozy atmosphere contemplated for The Den.

Business briefs

Boutique Swap is closing up

Yesterday, all goods at the Boutique Swap went on sale. Owner Shirley Klein hopes to close her door for the last time on Wednesday, after the one-week sale.

"I've been trying to keep lower-priced merchandise," said Ms Klein. "I know the other stores, like (La Folie) Turquoise and La Ligue are higher priced. Maybe that's the way."

The store is a victim of the recession, she said, adding that she is somewhat surprised, because you would think that second-hand stores would become more popular when times are tough. But "even the second-hand stuff they're not buying."

In business for one-and-a-half years, Ms Klein opened the store to pass the time. Previously, she and her husband ran a bagel shop at Marché de l'Ouest in Dollard des Ormeaux.

Boutique Swap is located at 4419 St Catherine street.

Executive centre moves

La Passerelle, a centre to help recently unemployed executives and managers, has moved across the street to 1801 McGill College, suite 921. The telephone number remains the same, 843-9833 and 843-9834.

La Passerelle was conceived by Christ Church Cathedral and is sponsored by the cathedral and corporations. It is a non-profit, bilingual centre that gives out-of-work executives a place to search for a new job, in an office atmosphere.



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Fines waived for illegal use of house

Efforts to use a private home on a residential stretch of Sherbrooke street to accommodate overflow handicapped students from Giant Steps ended Tuesday in a court judgment against the school's director.

Darlene Berringer, who rented a house on the northwest corner of Sherbrooke and Roslyn, was found to have violated four municipal bylaws concerning zoning and fire safety and ordered to pay court costs.

Officials said these amounted to $228.

The court agreed to waive fines on all four counts after Ms Berringer explained that she had needed more time than allowed for by the city to move students with autism or other motor function problems.

It also dropped charges against the owner of the property, Adrian Maris, who had proved to the satisfaction of the court that he had in fact given Ms Berringer only a residential lease.

Giant Steps is a non-profit school based in Westmount Park School since its founding in 1980.

Ms Berringer was quoted in an interview as saying the house at 4769 Sherbrooke street had been rented in a desperate move to accommodate students in September after Westmount Park reclaimed two classrooms used by Giant Steps after giving one year's notice.

Charges were laid after fire inspectors visited the house on five days in November concerned that, among other matters, the occupancy did not conform to a number of criteria required for safety such as sprinklers.

She was subsequently charged with failing to obtain an appropriate occupancy permit, using residential premises as a institution, contravening residential zoning and unlawfully failing to comply with authorities in evacuating the premises because of hazardous conditions (fire regulations).

The defendant subsequently pleaded not guilty leading to a trial.

Judgment was rendered by Judge A. Keith Ham.

Who's doing what?

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

June 10

454 Mount Stephen: for W. Molson by J. Griffin and Sons, sewer repairs, $500;
648 Belmont: for A. Aguayo by Great Bear Building, french drain, windows and balcony, $18,000;
4258 Dorchester: for J. Backovic by self, demolish stairs, $200;
32 Oakland: for C. Schneiderman by Levine Bros Inc, install five plumbing fixtures, $5,000;
9 Belvedere: for G. Perrella by Construxar, addition of observatory, $20,000;
441 Mount Pleasant: for C.I. Bouchard by Ady Renovations, change windows, $2,295;
12 Park Place: for M. Ceghan by R.D. Legget Ltd, water entrance, $1,000;

June 11

5 and 7 Park Place: for H. Kemphins by self, basement renovations, $18,000;
506 Victoria: for B.H.N. Greene by self, balcony renovation, $1,200;

June 12

27 Bellevue: for Julie Katisferis by Plomberie Dejardins Inc, 20 fixtures, $13,500;
57 Sunnyside: for Patricia J. Homa by contractor yet to be determined, repair and replace brick work, $5,000;
28 Sunnyside: for René Lepine by Bertrand Durand Inc, gas conversion, $3,000;

June 13

37 Stayner: for C. Haddad by self, repair porch, $500;
94 Sunnyside: for W. Bloom by J. Vincelli Inc, landscaping, $50,000;
3710 The Boulevard: for N.R. Sutcliffe by contractors yet to be determined, new roof and heat pump, $25,000;
3740 The Boulevard: for Dr M. Eidinger by contractor yet to be determined, repairs to chimney and stairwell, $15,000;
28 Sunnyside: for René Lepine by Bertrand Durand Inc, eight fixtures, $12,000;
618 Sydenham: for Alex Bernstein by Strathmore Landscape, landscaping, $15,000;

June 14

4141 Sherbrooke (suite 300): for Strawber Rubin et al by Decor-Spic, alterations for office, $16,500;
357 Victoria: for L. Ray (Kitchen Warehouse) by self, awning, $950;
420 Grosvenor: for Jean Daval by Bertrand Pepin, 19 fixtures, $20,000.

Payloader hits city employee

A 54-year-old city worker suffered minor injury Tuesday last week when hit by a payloader at the Corporation Yard, police said. He was treated by Urgences Santé and the fire department's first responder unit.

Fire officials said he was taken to the Montreal General Hospital in a public works truck. The victim was reported to have been struck about 12:05 pm while checking through some debris.

Real estate agents advised to get names before open houses

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount real estate agents are being advised not to show houses to strangers without meeting them first at the office and having them register their identity, according to police.

In addition, women should not take customers to view a house alone at night.

The security tips follow a recent sexual assault on a woman agent in the Town of Mount Royal, for which an arrest has been made.

Asking clients to register would likely discourage anyone not wanting to be identified, explain police, and a rapist likely would look for an easier victim.

It is also suggested that agents revise their methods of holding open houses so that women are not alone in a house. They also are being asked to keep all doors unlocked while inside to facilitate escape if required.

Constable Terry Stec, who patrols the Greene avenue commercial strip on foot, met with a group of some 30 agents from Royal LePage Tuesday morning to deliver the safety advice.

"They asked all kinds of questions about what to do if attacked," he said. A question period went on so long that it finally had to be curtailed by the manager.

Police are also offering to meet other agents on request, says crime prevention officer Gaston Bernier who can been contacted at 280-2823.

Booze news all bad for gullible merchants

ANY offer that looks too good to be true, probably is.

The reminder comes from police in wake of the latest scam in which two Westmount merchants gave a con artist $80 for liquor he never delivered.

The man walked into a shop on Sherbrooke street near Prince Albert avenue Wednesday last week saying he could get them cheap booze from Marcos and Pepe's which he claimed was going out of business.

They thought that was great, said one of the victims who called THE EXAMINER to report the scam.

"When he never came back I thought, this is ludicrous, so I called Marcos and Pepe's and found out they were still very much in business. The manager was really sweet when he heard what happened. He offered me a free meal."

The woman said she ordered two bottles: peach schnapps and Pineau de Charante. "It was part of my husband's birthday present." Her colleague ordered Scotch and vodka.

"He just walked away with $80. We each gave him $40."



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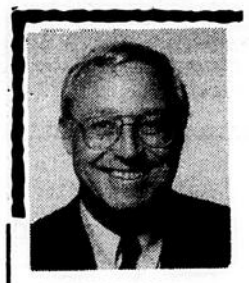
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Cut a length of dowel (or broom handle) the right length and lay it in the track between the door and the opposite jamb. No way that sliding door can be slid without removing this wedge.

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Permanent lights being added to three outdoor skating rinks

Westmount is spending about $30,500 to make its outdoor skating rinks more cost-effective next year. The city expects to save $18,000 per year by installing permanent lights, a permanent water supply for Devon Park and buying a tractor attachment to mechanically blow snow off the rinks.

The permanent lights will be installed for the Westmount Park, King George Park and Prince Albert Park rinks.

The city expects further savings within the next two to four years, when rink maintenance will start to be contracted out.

These recommendations, made by the administration in May, were accepted by council to be implemented in time for next winter.

Follow survey

The recommendations followed a survey of the use of Westmount's six hockey and two skating rinks this past season. Though the recreation department's survey has been deemed inconclusive by director of operations Bruce St Louis, the department will conduct surveys in future years to try and solidify the statistics.

But first, the ice has to solidify. This year the skating season did not start until Jan 5 and ended Feb 17. Rinks were open just three days in February, due to two major thaws and a snowstorm in between. The rinks were usable for a total of just 28 days, compared to 59 the previous year.

"At best," the report to council states, "(the survey) is an indicator of which rinks experience the heaviest use."

While rinks at Westmount Park and Prince Albert Park racked up to 27 and 21 skaters, respectively, on a single Saturday, the average use was much lower, at four and eight skaters.

The averages for Stayner and King George Park skating (not hockey) rinks showed the least use.

The survey was conducted before and after the dinner hour on weekdays and three times on weekends, around 1:30 pm, 5 pm and 7:30 pm.

According to the Oliver Mangione recreation and culture survey done this past year, 15.5 percent of residents use outdoor rinks often and 13.9 percent use them occasionally. But of the remainder, a full 93.5 percent were satisfied with the rinks which "reflects the importance that residents attach to outdoor rinks, even if they are not the most heavily used recreational facility," according to the rink usage report.

Costs in line

The cost-saving measures will bring the cost of maintaining Westmount rinks more in line with St Lambert, which has the same number of hockey and skating rinks, but will still be far above what is spent by Kirkland, which also has the same number of rinks.

Westmount budgeted $130,000 last winter for the rinks, St Lambert set aside $107,000 and Kirkland $53,000.

Mr St Louis said the city has not explored why there is such a difference between Kirkland and the others, though he said the rinks in that community are bunched together, whereas Westmount's are widely spread throughout the city.

"It will be interesting to see how they generated it (the number)," said Mr St Louis.

What will affect the numbers, he said, is a new system of costing that will be used in future. Instead of charging snow removal of park paths to the rink budget, it will now be charged to parks.

No trouble here



About one pint of off-white paint, from a cracked tub, spilled on to Hillside avenue Tuesday. But there was no panic. The paint, from Color Your World, is a non-toxic, environmentally-safe latex. "Today was a great test (of the paint)," said Mary Lefebvre, manager of the Hillside project. "It lived up to their advertising of their product. I was very happy with it." The paint was being used for one kitchen wall of the Municipal Housing Bureau apartments, where the fuse boxes were being replaced with breakers.

Photo by ALISON RAMSEY

Sidewalk construction to begin on Tuesday

The first roadwork of the year will start Tuesday with the reconstruction of selected portions of sidewalks on several streets, public works director Fred Caluori said.

The work by Les Entreprises Di Marco Ltd which will cost $122,319.07 should be finished by the end of July, Mr Caluori said. No streets will be closed.

Streets affected include de Maisonneuve at the corner of Greene avenue, Summit Circle, Clarke avenue between de Maisonneuve and Anwoth road, St Catherine between Greene avenue and the eastern city limits, Springfield avenue, Burton avenue, Renfrew avenue, Grenville avenue, Murray Hill and de Casson road and a ramp in the arena parking lot.

Dates for the repaving and reconstruction of streets in Westmount have not been finalized yet. Some of the streets where the sidewalks are being reconstructed also will be repaved.

Also, repairs will start next Tuesday to restore utility cuts on roads, sidewalks and private driveways, Mr Caluori said. Utilities such as Westmount light and power, Bell Canada, Gaz Métropolitain and Montreal water works sometimes have to dig up streets to make repairs.

Repairing those cuts will cost Westmount about $120,000 this year. The work should be finished by the end of July. The utilities are billed for the repairs, Mr Caluori said.

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Casinos soundly booed by mayors

A resolution opposing the installation of casinos on the island of Montreal was unanimously adopted by suburban mayors last Thursday, Mayor May Cutler said.

The motion that was proposed by Town of Mount Royal Mayor Vera Danyluk met with no resistance.

It maintained that casinos would lead to an increase in crime and have serious detrimental effect on society and the family. Any stimulation in tourism that might be generated would not be worth the risk to families, costs of policing and other side effects.

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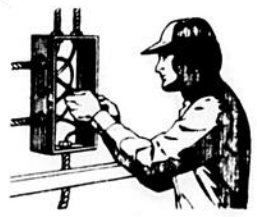
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Carifête parade may turn tail and head west through city

Get out your dancing shoes and your brightest clothes. The Carifête may be returning to Westmount after five years.

The annual parade which celebrates Canada Day, Caribbean-style, is scheduled to calypso along Sherbrooke street from Atwater to Elmhurst avenue in N.D.G. Saturday, June 29.

Except for a small snag. The City of Westmount has not issued a permit, said public security director Richard McEnroe.

Application for a permit has been made to the city and may be granted once plans are solidified today or tomorrow, he said. The event also involves the city of Montreal.

Should the parade proceed through Westmount, security would be co-ordinated by Montreal Urban Community police from downtown Station 25 rather than at Westmount's Station 23, said local crime prevention officer Gaston Bernier. The magnitude of the event would require the resources of the larger station, he explained.

The parade has travelled east finishing in downtown Montreal since 1987. Previously, it went west through Westmount for four years, forcing the closure of side streets intersecting with Sherbrooke street for up to two hours.

The 1991 Carifête activities take place under the theme *Together we aspire, together we achieve* and are planned to bring together citizens of all cultures. The festival is sponsored by the Black Community Council of Quebec, the Entrepreneurs Club and the city of Montreal.

A week of festivities leading up to the parade will be launched this Saturday with a calypso monarch competition and a children's carnival on Sunday. Information can be obtained from the community council or Pat Dillon at 989-7373.

PSO role restricted

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Public safety officers will no longer be sent to fire department calls, including those for medical response, unless assistance is specifically requested by the senior fire officer, it was announced this week.

The change went into effect Monday at 7:30 am to eliminate duplication of services and free up public safety officers for more basic park and street patrols for which their force was created.

It is the first concrete change in a series that are under study to streamline services in the fire and public security departments as was announced last year, said city operations manager Bruce St Louis.

"Last year public safety officers were called away from other duties to answer 1,328 fire department calls where they were not needed," explained Fire Chief Jim Adams, who has taken a strong position in the matter. "It's also led to duplication of reports."

A study is now under way of services in both departments, he said. "We're trying to put together a proper plan which would put the public security back to its original purpose as being the eyes and ears of the police."

A more minor change, also instituted Monday, calls for public safety officers to answer calls for exterior water leaks which can be more efficiently checked with one van than a parade of fire vehicles. They will then refer the problem to water crews.

Firefighters will continue to respond to all interior water problems, including outside broken mains or pipes that threaten to flood homes.

The most significant change in the new policy comes in the handling of medical calls dispatched by Urgences Santé to the fire department's first responder unit. It is in this area that many complaints have been made at city council and other public meetings concerning duplication of response.

The Westmount Finance Action Committee has been asking for change and, most recently, Westmount High School principal Richard Meades complained that too many personnel only added to confusion at calls to his school.

It also led to some internal unrest within the two departments.

"It simply didn't make sense," according to the fire chief. "We back up Urgences Santé with our first responder unit and then the public safety officers were backing us up."

City scraps hiring of integrator

Westmount has scrapped a plan to hire an outside person, namely a police director from the Montreal Urban Community, to integrate the city's fire and public security services.

Councillor Paul Fortin, who had been working out the plan with the MUC, said Tuesday that arrangements with a specific candidate had proved too costly. It was also abandoned with the hiring of the city's new director general.

The cost of hiring a temporary director of protective services, as the position was designated, could be justified for a two-year period but not longer, as the candidate wanted, Mr Fortin said.

Instead, integration of services in the two departments is being undertaken by city operations manager Bruce St Louis on recommendations from both departments. A director of protective services might be chosen from within the city at a later date, he said.

City will bear higher proportion of MUC costs

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

How much more of the MUC pie will Westmount have to eat next year?

How much will the Ryan cuts in transfer payments to the Montreal Urban Community cost Westmount taxpayers?

A meeting between top officials of the MUC and Westmount city council members Tuesday at city hall failed to produce any concrete figures but did underline a startling reality:

Whatever the transit deficit brought about by Quebec cuts in transfer payments, whatever the cost of operating the MUC, whatever the increase in the new property valuation roll, Westmount's share will rise disproportionately.

Because of the change in calculating property valuations for 1992 that will see them rise to 100 percent of market value from 90 percent of past years, Westmount taxpayers can expect to shoulder an increased share even if costs do not increase a penny.

That's why it's so important to Westmount that the MUC cut its budget or at least adopt a zero-growth budget for 1992, said Mayor May Cutler.

The visit to Westmount by MUC director general Louis Roquet and evaluations director Gilles Racicot came on the heels of a suburban mayors' meeting last Thursday where a resolution was re-adopted asking the MUC to adopt a zero-growth budget.

It was the first time Westmount's finance and administration committee sat down with Mr Roquet and Councillor Peter Trent described it as "very worthwhile."

Mr Roquet appeared to be introducing longterm planning procedures used in private industry to the MUC, Mr Trent said.

"He says the MUC has to decide whether it is going to be a regional government or a service co-op. If it is to be another level of government then it has to plan accordingly."

Mr Trent has been advocating the MUC return to its basic role as coordinator of regional services such as police and transportation, for which it was founded before it added many other areas such as culture and parks.

Both Mr Trent and Mayor Cutler said they found the MUC officials to be sensitive to Westmount's concerns.

It is vital that the MUC transit system not use the Ryan cuts as an excuse to inflate its deficit in excess of the shortfall in subsidies, Mr Trent said.

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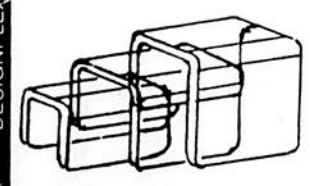


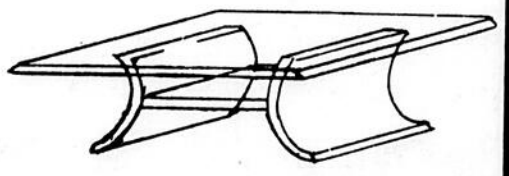
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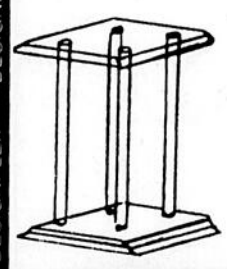
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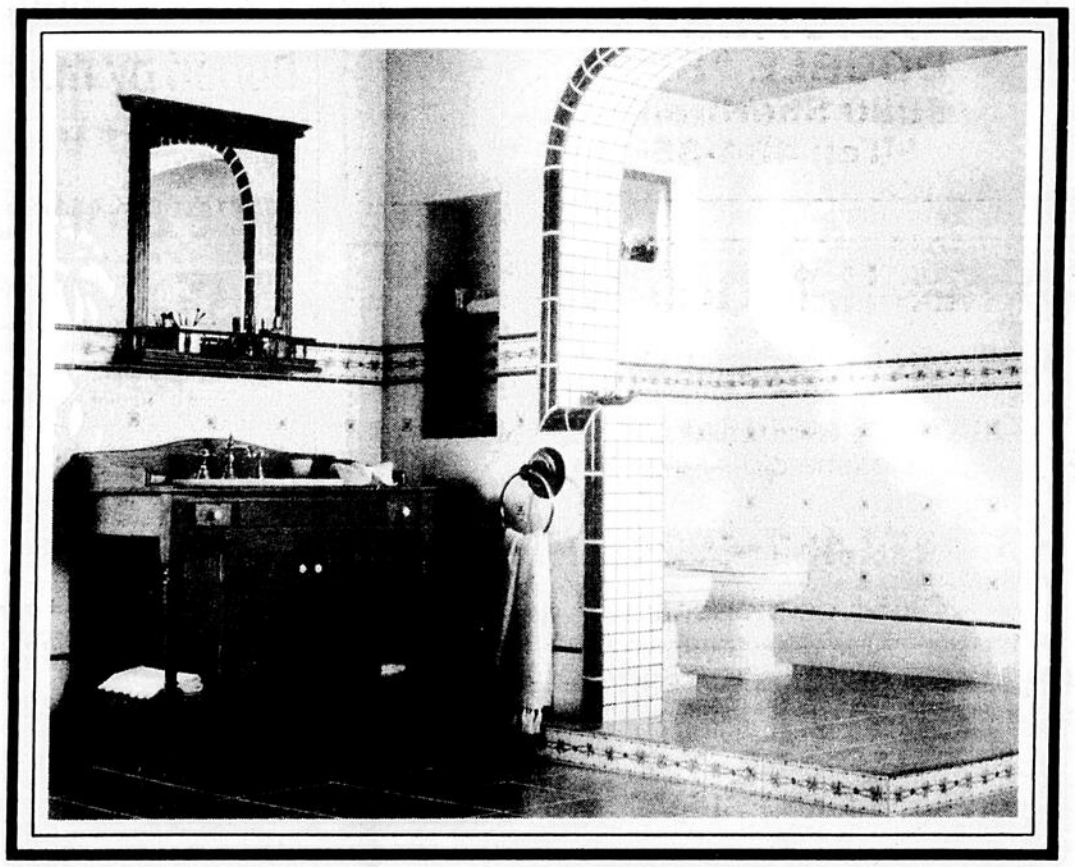






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De Maisonneuve apartment repairs court case deferred to July 25

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

The City of Westmount will return to Superior Court July 25 to try and force the owner of an apartment building at 4123-29 de Maisonneuve boulevard to carry out repairs.

A Superior Court judge issued a interim court order May 30 forcing Denbigh Properties Inc to repair a fire alarm system there and deferred ruling on 14 other points of contention.

Last Thursday, the case was once again deferred until July 25 to allow lawyer Ura Greenbaum, a shareholder of Denbigh Properties, to cross-examine three of Westmount's city inspectors — Michel Tassé, Joseph Greco and Guy Tassé — who outlined in affadavits the outcome of inspections at the buildings.

They were cross-examined at Mr Greenbaum's office last Thursday afternoon in the presence of a court stenographer.

According to a public court document, the City of Westmount is asking the court to force Denbigh Properties to address the following points so the building will conform to municipal by-laws:

• To install a single station smoke detector in each dwelling;
• To service the portable fire extinguishers immediately;
• To maintain in proper working order at all times the fire alarm and emergency lights;
• To test immediately and on a monthly basis the fire alarm and emergency lights;
• To make available approved records of all testing to the authority having jurisdiction;
• To maintain illuminated at all times the exit lights in the buildings;
• To remove all illegal storage of combustible materials located on fire escapes and basement areas of the buildings;
• To maintain in proper working order the automatic door closing devices;
• To lock and keep locked the main entrance doors, and repair any defects in the those entrance doors;
• To repair the pull station on the ground floor of the building located at 4123 de Maisonneuve;
• To repair the rear balconies and paint the steel fire escapes of the buildings;
• To install devices designed to prevent the perching, roosting and nesting of pigeons on the buildings; and
• To maintain in a clean and sanitary condition at all times the hallways, staircases, common areas, and laundry rooms of the buildings.

The city's legal initiatives were taken after a member of a newly-formed Denbigh Tenants' Association complained to council May 6 about the condition of the buildings.

Mr Greenbaum has denied the allegations and doubts the legitimacy of the tenants' association. He says some tenants have told him the association does not represent their views.

Motor cleaner used liberally

A young man received some green advice from public safety officers Saturday afternoon when caught flushing residue from a cleaning agent into the sewer outside 67 Prospect street.

The local resident had been washing the motor of his father's car when he was informed that using it less liberally was more environmentally friendly.

STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The following are some items from the files of Monteal Urban Community police at Station 23, which covers Westmount:

Bomb threat plus demand for cash

Someone called Villa Ste Marcelline school last Thursday, demanding $5,000 and saying a bomb had been left on the property, police said. The suspect called twice. On both occasions the building at 815 Upper Belmont avenue was searched inside by school officials and outside by police.

Police policy is to delegate interior searches of buildings to people who work there who are more likely than officers to recognize a strange parcel, explained Constable Gaston Bernier. The calls were received at 8:55 am and at 10 am.

Woman pushed

Police were called to a Westmount home Monday night last week when a woman was pushed and fell to the ground. A man identified as living at the same address was arrested in connection with conjugal violence. He was later released without charges when it was discovered the woman was not injured, police said. Further details were not available.

Wind fells limbs

Two cars were hit in Westmount Wednesday last week when tree limbs were blown down in heavy wind, police said. A 1984 Toyota Tercel was scratched when the branch crashed down outside 370 Lansdowne avenue about 5 pm. The second car, a 1991 Mercedes 300E, was hit on the roof and trunk at 7 pm outside 20 Grenville avenue.

Passport stolen in apartment break-in

Items were discovered missing last Thursday from apartments in the joint buildings at 201 Metcalfe and 200 Kensington avenues, police report. It was not known if the incidents were related.

Jewelry and a passport disappeared from one seventh-floor apartment in the first building between 8:30 am and 8 pm while $50 in cash vanished from a third-storey unit between 6:30 am and 8 pm. There were no signs of forced entry in either place.

Truck abandoned

Anyone know a resident of New Jersey who's lost a grey 1991 Eagle Talon?

The owner of the mystery car is being sought after it appeared to have been abandoned on Melville avenue a few weeks ago, police said. The car is registered in the state but not reported stolen. It was finally taken to the city pound Tuesday last week while police tried to contact the owner. A previous attempt to tow the car was aborted when the towing company refused to move the four-wheel drive vehicle for fear of damaging it. A platform truck was finally used.

Cop crashes car

A rookie police officer crashed her patrol vehicle into the cement median that divides St Catherine street west of Lansdowne avenue Saturday night, police said. No injuries were reported. The accident took place about 8:30 pm in rain when the car was being driven north up Glen road. As it started to turn left, control was lost and turned 270 degrees into the barrier. No other vehicles were involved.

Car splattered

Police arrested a man on a shooting spree in the Tupper lane behind the Reddy Memorial Hospital Monday night last week. He was released when the "victim," a green Toyota, suffered no lasting effects from the bullets. A trip to the car wash was all it needed to clean off the red paint that had been splattered from paint bullets.

The "weapon" was described as a type of gun used in war games to produce a bloodied effect. A 22-year-old man from St Leonard was arrested for vandalism when police witnessed the shooting spree about 10:50 pm. He was later unconditionally released.

Balcony theft

A toy box and a small wooden table were discovered missing from the front balcony of a house on Grosvenor avenue last Thursday noon, police said. The home is located north of Sherbrooke street.

What, no frame?

Two bicycle wheels and a seat were found outside Manoir Westmount Saturday by public safety officers. They were taken to police Station 23.

Bike removed to paint pole

A green-and-white bicycle had to be removed from a sign post where it was locked outside 4200 Dorchester boulevard last Thursday so the pole could be painted, public safety officers said. A white BMX bike also was found at Prince Albert avenue and Sherbrooke street last Thursday night. Both were taken to local police Station 23.

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Province fined for lacking fence around St Margaret's

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Quebec government's housing body has been fined $625 in Westmount Municipal Court for failing to provide secure fencing last summer around the construction site of the St Margaret's nursing home.

Judge A. Keith Ham ordered **Corporation d'Hébergement du Québec (Cogerex)** to pay fines of $100 plus costs for hoarding violations documented by public safety officers on five occasions last June and September at **50 Hillside avenue.**

Sentencing follows a number of postponements in which the defendant argued it was the contractor who should be held responsible, court officials explained.

The case had been before the courts since last September when charges were laid. The building has been occupied since April. The defendant finally pleaded guilty on all five counts and sentencing was rendered May 7.

The case was one of four obtained by the city's board of inspections over the past two months regarding violation of city by-laws related to fire, building safety and maintenance, according to court officials.

Owners of an apartment block on Grosvenor avenue were fined $1,500 plus costs for seven different counts. Judge Ham ordered **138782 Canada Inc**, owners of **435-437-439 Grosvenor**, to pay the fines with $18.53 in costs after they pleaded guilty to all charges.

These included failure to maintain both the rear yard and garbage area free from combustible materials as well as failure to repair the rear fence, alleged to be in dangerous condition.

They also were charged with failing to maintain the automatic door-closing devices and emergency lights in good working order, to keep corridors and stairwells free of obstruction and to test the fire alarm and emergency lights on a monthly basis and provide required records. Charges were laid in November.

In two other cases, owners of two adjoining houses were fined for violations related to construction of a rear deck. Both pleaded guilty to building the deck without the required permit, using combustible material for its construction within three feet of the building line and failure to respect rear yard setbacks.

Mataman Inc, of **38 Windsor** avenue, was fined $350 plus $37.03 in costs for the offences while **Philip Abbey**, of **40 Windsor**, was ordered to pay $300 and $29.94 in costs. The charges dated back to last September.

Angry boyfriend charged with assaulting cop

A lover's quarrel last week ended with a 20-year-old Westmount man being charged with assault on a police officer while his girlfriend, who might have been intoxicated, was taken to hospital.

The incident occurred in the apartment building at 30 Stanton street across from the police station. The girlfriend had locked herself in the bathroom after a spat with her boyfriend.

The suspect's mother, concerned about the girlfriend, went over to the police station about 2:35 am to solicit help in opening the bathroom door. When police went to help, the distraught boyfriend decided to break down the door. When they found the girlfriend lying on the floor unresponsive, Urgences Santé was called.

As soon as the suspect saw ambulance attendants strapping the girlfriend on to the stretcher, he became very upset, police said. He was finally arrested for assault, for allegedly interfering with police work. The mother accompanied the girlfriend to hospital.

Residents complaining about nighttime music, air coolers

Are the noisy days of June starting to get to you?

Bothered by the neighbor's air conditioner or heat pump grinding away while you try to sleep? If so, you're not alone, it seems.

"We've been getting all kinds of calls for these complaints," said public security lieutenant Richard Clyde on Monday. "It's that time of year again."

An air conditioner atop the Reader's Digest building, 215 Redfern avenue, bothered residents at 4300 de Maisonneuve boulevard last Thursday night as did one with big fans behind the Canada Trust building at 4326 Greene avenue, he said. A number of complaints regarding this unit have been forwarded to court officials for action.

People living near the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue complained about noise and loud music emanating from the building Saturday night and again early Monday, public safety officers said.

Deliveries at the post office Tuesday morning last week at 3:45 am also frayed nerves of residents on Olivier avenue.

In addition, noise complaints were reported two weeks ago against an air conditioner at Westmount Park Church, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard, a rooftop thermo-pump at 4855 Sherbrooke and a heat pump at 4492 St Catherine street.

Week-long blood donor clinic at Alexis Nihon

Red Cross blood donor clinics will be held Tuesday through Friday, June 28, at Place Alexis Nihon, on the west side of the third floor.

The clinics open at 10:30 am daily and close at 5 pm Tuesday and Wednesday, at 8:30 pm on Thursday and Friday.

The Red Cross Permanent Centre, 3131 Sherbrooke street east, is closed on Monday, June 24. It is open daily from 9 am; until 8 pm on Tuesday and Thursday, to 6 pm on Wednesday and to 4 pm on Friday.

Resident asks why city is slow to keep promise of wheelchair-accessible washrooms in city parks

Westmounter Barbara Moore wants to know what ever happened to the city's promise to make washrooms in Westmount parks wheelchair accessible, especially since the city has already budgeted $30,000 for the task.

As of two Sundays ago, the toilets in Westmount Park, Prince Albert Park and King George Park were not yet accessible to the handicapped, she said. Stayner Park is the only park which has wheelchair-accessible washrooms.

Bruce St Louis, Westmount's manager of operations, told Ms Moore when she brought up the issue at the last council meeting, June 3, that the city is now in the process of planning the work and should have a timetable within a few weeks.

But Ms Moore, who helped the city do a study of which places are accessible to the handicapped in Westmount, said good weather represents virtual liberation for people in wheelchairs and the washrooms should be ready soon if they are to help anyone.

Wheelchair-accessible toilets have larger stalls, higher seats and a grab bar.

If the city is going to be a leader on handicap issues and ask businesses to provide accessibility, then the city should move quicker on these issues, Ms Moore said.

"It seems to me they're extremely slow on moving on anything to do with the disabled," she said, pointing out there is not yet an elevator in city hall, as was also promised.

While the disabled may not be a vocal group they are certainly a very needy group, Ms Moore said.

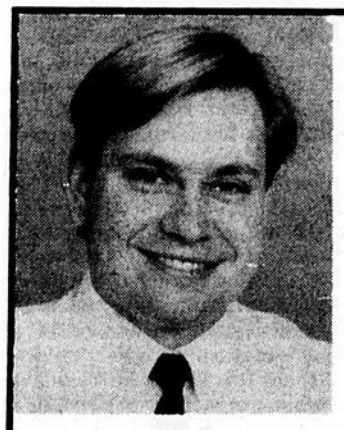
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Where were they going?



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

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12:12 pm: 10 Bethune, Corporation Yard, first responder unit for medical assistance;
2:28 pm: 4430 St Catherine, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:43 pm, defective fire alarm;
3:42 pm: 476 Strathcona, problem with water heater;
8:11 pm: 28 Rosemount, first responder unit for medical assistance;

June 12

9:14 am: 3400 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;
11:20 am: 4000 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;
11:39 am: 250 Clarke, first responder unit for medical assistance;
1:57 pm: 5025 Sherbrooke, Westmount Medical Bldg, first responder unit for medical assistance;
2:20 pm: 6709 Côte St Luc, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 2:23 pm;
3:47 pm: 821 St Croix, code 3 automatic mutual aid to St Laurent cancelled at 3:53 pm;
5:51 pm: 345 Roslyn, smoke detector activated by burned food;
9:38 pm: 331 Grosvenor, defective furnace thermostat;

June 13

11:55 pm: 5525 Trent, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 12:02 am;

June 14

10:11 am: 18 Severn, defective water heater;
12:31 pm: 379 Olivier, detector activated by dust particles;
1:40 pm: 4854 Sherbrooke, first responder unit for medical assistance to woman who fell;

June 15

4:03 am: Rear of 4134 St Catherine, fire in garbage container (see story page 21);

June 16

2:57 am: 14 Somerville, false alarm (see story page 20);
3:20 am: 1090 Greene, community centre, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 3:31 am, defective alarm;
6:05 am: 52 Gordon, defective alarm;
7:50 am: 4000 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit for medical assistance;
8:50 am: 7905 Côte St Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 8:58 am;
1:13 pm: 426 Wood, smoke detector activated by smoke from cleaning oven;
3:57 pm: 511 Clarke, overheated fridge motor;
4:15 pm: 119 Irvine, fire in clothes dryer from possible short circuit, $200 damage;
8:52 pm: 250 Kensington, first responder unit for medical assistance;

June 17

7:44 am: 815 Upper Belmont, Villa Ste Marcelline, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and St Laurent cancelled at 7:51 am, fire alarm activated when wires cut by workers;
11:01 pm: 5550 Trent, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St Luc cancelled at 11:08 am;
11:31 pm: 120 Hillside, for strange sound of a motor.

Woman bumps head in fall

A 90-year-old woman was taken to hospital Friday after hitting her head in a fall outside the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at Sherbrooke and Victoria, police said.

She was reported to have been under medication after visiting the dentist. The woman, a resident of Clarke avenue, got a bump on the left side of her head and was transported to Queen Elizabeth Hospital by Urgences Santé after being treated by the fire department's first responder unit.

City experiments with new tire chain system

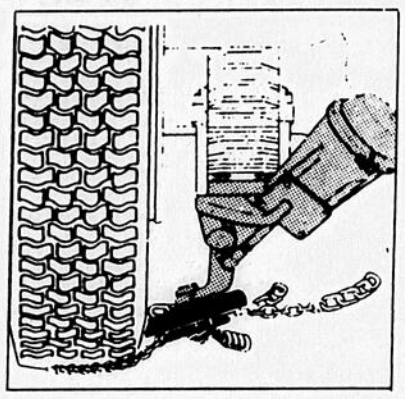
The city's public works department hopes to save at least $2,000 per truck per year by installing automatic tire chains during the winter season.

"It appears definitely viable," said Fred Caluori, Westmount's director of public works.

The automatic system, which costs about $2,500 per vehicle, is expected to be installed on two salt trucks and one fire truck to test its effectiveness before the next winter season. If public works is satisfied with the performance of the chains, the system will be installed on the three other salt trucks. It might also be installed on remaining fire vehicles.

Mr Caluori said one public works truck in a year can go through six sets of chains (at a cost of $2,000 a year), four sets of four rear tires at $2,000 per year and need suspension repairs of about $1,000 per year. The permanent chains, needed because of Westmount's hills, damage the tires and the suspension on the truck, damage the road, cause discomfort to the driver and make a lot of noise.

Mr Caluori estimates that the city could save at least $2,000 a year per vehicle by installing the "Onspot automatic tire chain" because they will only be used when needed. Savings on the fire vehicles are expected to be less because they are not used as extensively as salt trucks.



Manufacturer's sketch shows how automatic truck chain system is positioned when in operation.

The device is activated by a switch on the dashboard which lowers a "chainwheel" which contacts the inside of the tire, flailing chains in front of the tire. The wheels roll over the constantly spinning chains.

According to company literature, six lengths of chain spaced at 60-degree intervals on the chainwheel ensure that there are always two chains between the tire and road surface whether accelerating, braking or in wheel lockup.

Mr Caluori learned of the automatic tire chains while attending the American Public Works Association snow conference held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel last week.

Vandals trample summer blooms

Vandals wrecked a swing set and trampled flowers in two parks here in the early hours Wednesday morning, public safety officers said. It was not known if the incidents were related.

The upper beam of a large swing set was found broken at 12:28 am when officers responded to a call in Prince Albert Park for youths causing a disturbance. Two young men stated a boy who lived nearby was responsible. Police were informed.

In the other incident at King George Park, a flower bed was found uprooted at 7:20 am when a park attendant arrived at work. The garden is located south of tennis courts near Belmont crescent. Some of the flowers had been scattered in the street, others flattened. A nearby bench was also knocked over.

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WMA encourages Trent to propose waste reduction

The Westmount Municipal Association wants city hall to look into ways of reducing waste instead of relying on the building of an incinerator, WMA president Tom Thompson said at a special council meeting Tuesday morning.

The meeting was held to appoint Councillor Peter Trent to represent the city at a meeting today of the Régie intermunicipale de gestion des déchets in place of Westmount Mayor May Cutler.

Mr Thompson asked that Westmount consider the following points;

- To accelerate and regularly publicize to citizens the need to reduce waste with the hope of reducing it by 30 percent by 1994 (10 percent a year).
- Look into the possibility of central composting which could reduce waste by 40 percent;
- Use the Miron Quarry longer than is expected (past 1994 when it is scheduled to close).
- Not rely on incineration since it "will not permit reduced costs implicit in waste reduction."

The intermunicipal waste management board is planning to build a garbage-burning incinerator as part of its waste management plan.

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Women seeking friends, help

A 70-year-old woman living in Pierrefonds would like to have someone visit her every two weeks and occasionally to go out for coffee.

A health and fitness-minded woman with some psychiatric problems is looking for a friend for outings and support.

A woman in her 80s living in Pointe Claire would like to have someone do her grocery shopping and visit.

If you would like to help call West Island Citizen Advocacy at 694-5850.

Tutors sought for illiterate

RECLAIM (Reading Council for Literacy Advance In Montreal) needs computer-literate youth tutors from 18 to 26 years of age who are interested in becoming literacy volunteers at a drop-in centre for adults at the High School of Montreal, 3449 University street. The centre uses IBM computers.

A training session will be provided.

To find out more, attend an information meeting at the high school this evening from 5:15 to 6:15 pm. If you plan to attend, call 849-3677.

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Beyond Westmount's Borders

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

By JANET COUTTS

Outdoor concerts

Festival International de Lanaudière in Joliette runs from Saturday to July 28 and, in spite of cutbacks, offers lots of wonderful experiences for music lovers. There's an international Mozart Piano Competition July 5 to 13; child prodigy Elizabeth Zeltser in a violin concert; *An Evening of Mozart* with the Handel & Hayden Society, and more. To give you a taste, there are two free concerts this weekend. On Saturday at 8 pm, Franz-Paul Decker conducts the Conservatoire de Québec in Mahler's *Titan*. On Sunday at 10:30 am, the Choir of Lanaudière presents Mozart's *Mass of St John the Baptist*. Two thousand people can be seated under the amphitheatre roof, and another 6,000 can sit on the grass with a picnic. Festival express busses are available on evenings of major concerts, leaving two hours before concert time. For programs, reservations and information call 1-800-361-4595... The Sweet Adelines, 30 women barbershoppers, will give a free outdoor concert in the garden of Côte St Luc Library on Tuesday, July 9 at 7 pm. Bring your own blanket or chair. If it rains, the concert will be held in the library, and you can leave your chair at home.

Cosgrove exhibit

Stanley Cosgrove is far from being the eldest working painter in the Montreal area, but he *is* turning 80 this year. There will be an exhibition of his landscape paintings and portraits of women until Sept 8 at Musée Marc-Aurèle Fortin, 118 St Pierre street, every day but Monday from 11 am to 5 pm. There is an admission fee to the museum. 845-6108.

Doughboys in town

Darn but it's hard on a band's young fans when they can't hear their favorites in the band's own hometown, but that's what happened for those under 18 in particular in the case of the Doughboys. First, they rarely play here. Second, their third record, *Happy Accidents*, which has sold more than 25,000 copies in Europe, is not available here because of legal arguments between record companies. But the good news is that the Doughboys will play the Rialto Theatre, Park at Bernard, on Friday with Jawbox from Washington, D.C. *and* it's an all-ages concert. The band is self-producing the show to keep the ticket price at $10. The band will tour Quebec this month, spend the summer touring Canada and the U.S. eastern seaboard, and then in the fall tour England, Scotland, Ireland. They will open for Jane's Addiction at Wembley Arena. By the time *Happy Accidents* is released in Canada, their fourth record may be available. And the band is looking forward to a tour of central Europe and Australia in December. Kind parents who are going to accompany their very young teens to the concert will probably want to use earplugs. But they'll have fun. This band is not only Montreal's most-travelled band, they play louder and jump higher than anyone else.

Botanical Garden

Montreal Botanical Garden can be a lifesaver in winter, when everything else is dull and grey. But there's lots going on there in the summer, too. Some of the things are the Japanese Garden and Pavilion offers a garden for contemplation, an art gallery, a library and a tea ceremony. The bonsai garden has one of the best collections outside Japan (872-7954). The largest Chinese garden in the world outside China will open Friday. It was made in Shanghai, shipped by sea and assembled in Montreal. (For information on this garden only, call 872-1455; they'd like you to become a member of the Chinese Garden Support Committee.) At the Insectarium, there's an exhibition of butterflies with birdwings and an observation hive that lets you watch bees at work (872-8753). As well, some of the gardens, including the rose garden, are at their best in June, and the greenhouses are open daily from 9 am. 872-1400.

Theatre Morin Heights

If you miss theatre in the summer, but the townships are in the wrong direction for your summer fun, you might want to check Theatre Morin Heights at the chalet at Ski Morin Heights. The non-profit dinner theatre presents Fred Carmichael's *Out of Sight, Out of Murder* Friday to Sunday and June 28 and 29. The dinner theatre is $26.75, including GST, or you can see the show only on Sunday for $16. The bar opens at 5:30 pm, dinner is served at 6:30, and the show starts at 8:30 pm. 1-226-5863.

Talking buildings

The Old Montreal Heritage Network is a series of more than 30 low-powered computerized FM radio transmitters located in historic buildings and other locations throughout Old Montreal. The transmitters broadcast an explanation of the historic significance of each location in English and French. CBC produced the messages. When you are strolling in Old Montreal, all you need do is tune your portable radio or headset to 89.5 FM for English and 88.5 FM for French. The message is heard at the front entrance of selected buildings, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. An illustrated guide map of the Old Montreal Heritage Network is available at Montreal newsstands, the *Gazette* lobby, and at restaurants and museums.

Canada Day on ice

Here's somthing complete different to do on June 30. Theatre on Ice of Montreal invites skaters to join them on ice from 7:30 to 9:30 pm in the Collège Jean de Brébeuf Arena, 3200 Côte St Catherine road, corner Decelles. Jazz pianist Billy Georgette will present music from Montreal's first historical musical comedy on ice, *The Victorian Skating Rink*, to be presented in the fall theatre season. You can check out an exhibit of original prints and an antique skate collection, and get information about an Alternative Skating School for adults this summer. Refreshments will be served after the skating session. This costs $9, $7 for students and $5 for children and seniors. 344-4826.

Bilan annual à St-Léon

La période des vacances approche et il est temps de faire des bilans. Ainsi chaque comité de la communauté chrétienne de St-Léon a-t-il évalué son action en terme d'objectifs réalisés ou non. Cette évaluation aide à poser les jalons de projets future et à déterminer le calendrier de la prochaine année pastorale.

En ce qui concerne l'un des comités étudiés, l'Action des Chrétiens pour l'Abolition de la Torture (ACAT) a tenu le 30 mai son assemblée générale. Soulignons le travail incessant de la Commission des interventions qui a expédié 729 lettres et fax dans 82 pays en faveur de 4181 personnes.

L'ACAT a ainsi contribué à la libération de 247 victimes de la torture. Les membres ont reçu chaque mois deux appels urgents pour lesquels ils ont pu intervenir par lettre.

En outre, deux pétitions ont été lancées. L'un d'elles, appuyant le projet de Convention internationale de l'ONU, sur les disparitions forcées, a recueilli 10'000 signatures. Un nouveau conseil d'administration a été élu et c'est notre pasteur, Gabriel Villemure, qui en est devenu le président.

Enfin, les célébrations à l'église St-Léon (angle Clarke-de Maisonneuve) adoptent petit à petit un horaire d'été: à compter du 10 juin et durant la semaine, il n'y aura qu'une messe quotidienne à 17h15; à compter du 30 juin et pendant les weekends, la messe du samedi à 17h subsiste mais, le dimanche, un seul office sera célébré, à 10h30.

Petition fights Cedar decision

Continued from page three

interaction and one public consultation meeting, she feels the city never listened to and, until the very end, misled residents of The Boulevard.

At a morning meeting June 3, Mr St Louis reportedly told both Dr Kiely and Mr Hoppenheim that there would be further experiments and studies before a final decision is taken. That evening the decision to narrow Cedar was taken.

"Their track record is poor," Dr Kiely said.

Not shown studies

Area residents also said they were never shown any of the promised studies.

The petition states that "despite representations and promises in the notice to the information meeting of April 30 and despite the assurances given during that meeting, no final plans were displayed well in advance of the works."

"We really want to make council realize how upset people are and to rethink this decision," Dr Kiely said.

Mrs Vineberg expects the issue to be discussed at an operational and environmental services committee meeting today, which she chairs, if she receives a copy of the petition.

At press time yesterday morning, Mr Hoppenheim said he was encouraged by the response of the petition distributed this weekend, which 50 people had signed. No one contacted has yet to refused to sign the petition, he said.

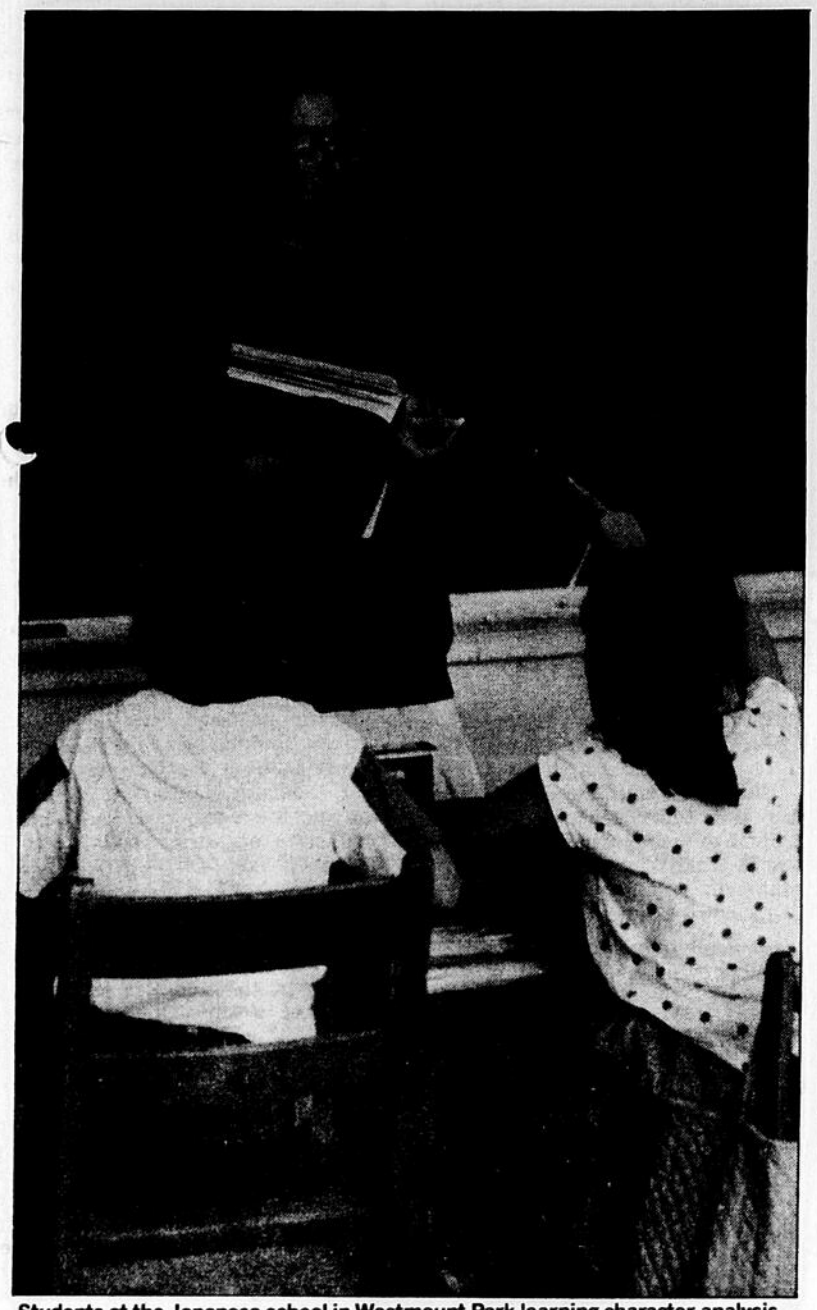
Candidate may run

He also said area residents are seriously considering bringing someone forward to run against Mrs Vineberg in the November elections unless the June 3 resolution is suspended. He questions how she deliberated on this issue in the light of the fact Mrs Vineberg said she doesn't remember reading the May 30 memorandum.

"I hope she'll be sufficiently humble to acknowledge that there was no due process and that she will correct a wrong and recommend the June 3 resolution be suspended until such time that proper studies are done, as promised," Mr Hoppenheim said. "Otherwise we'll have to bring someone forward to run against her in the coming November election."

Mr Hoppenheim said this isn't a threat but an example of "due process of democracy."

Keeping Japanese language, culture goal of one-day-a-week school



Students at the Japanese school in Westmount Park learning character analysis.
Photo by PETER McCABE

By SCOTT INNISS

June 22 is a landmark day for Masahiro Suzuki.

That is the last day of class for the Japanese Language School, of which Mr Suzuki is principal.

Every Saturday Mr Suzuki, a businessman, runs the school held in the basement of Westmount Park School.

"It is a very important job," said Mr Suzuki, taking a break from administering classes which run from 9 am to 3:30 pm. "In Japanese society social service activities (such as this) and volunteers are valuable."

One hundred students, aged six to 14, come to the school each Saturday to learn writing, reading, math, science and social sciences. Mr Suzuki said the most important classes are reading and writing, where Japanese culture is taught to students.

Enrolled students include, besides around 40 from Westmount, two from Ottawa and ten from Sherbrooke who make the trip every week.

"The purpose is not to lose the Japanese language," said Mr Suzuki, who took the job after a meeting April 1 of the Shaokakai, a Japanese Business Association in Montreal founded in 1972 to establish the school.

Mr Suzuki said the school is a practical way for Japanese business people and academics to make certain their language and culture is transferred to their children during their time in Canada. Most Japanese parents go back to Japan after less than six years here, Mr Suzuki said. Tuition for the school is $1,200.

Perhaps the most famous person to enroll his children at the school was Iwa Saki, the Japanese consul-general. His children graduated four and six years ago.

There are nine salaried teachers and 21 volunteers to help Mr Suzuki with his tasks. Fifty percent of volunteers are Westmounters, he added. The Japanese Language School has been at Westmount Park since 1983.

Although they have been working quietly every Saturday for eight years, there is no guarantee they will be allowed to stay on past next year.

If the school board needs the space for some other reason, they could be kicked out, according to Michaela Wolf, co-ordinator of real estate for the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal, which administers the school.

"It's possible, yes," said Ms Wolf when asked if the school could lose their space. "If the PSBGM needs the space, for example, we'll have to take it."

Facing such a situation would not be welcome to Mr Suzuki. He said his school takes pains not to cause trouble.

"We don't like to disturb your society," said Mr Suzuki. There was a small amount of disturbance a few years ago, he admitted, when the school had to replace some equipment broken by the students. Now, he said, he tells teachers and students alike "not to touch anything."

"We need understanding from the Westmount community."

To maintain goodwill, the school makes annual gifts of electronic equipment to the school board in addition to the rent it pays.

Mr Suzuki has been principal of the Japanese Language School since April 1. Enough time to see the annual track and field competition held June 9 and the beginning of plans for the school's annual theatre show, held every autumn. But not enough time to help organize graduation ceremonies which, according to Japanese custom, took place in March.

Although there are sometimes difficulties in organizing between parents and teachers, and although the future at the school is less than certain, Mr Suzuki said his time as principal is one of his joys.

"I'm happy if students can study without distractions, can concentrate. They need that."

Annual bazaar set in Rawdon

Christ Church, Rawdon, will hold its annual bazaar on June 29 in the Anglican Parish Hall on Metcalf street from 10 am to 4 pm. Admission is 50 cents, and organizers promise lots of door prizes.

There will be bake sales at 11 am and 1:30 pm and afternoon tea will be served at 2 pm. Handicrafts, books, new articles, hot dogs, barbecue wings, soft drinks and strawberry shortcake will be sold. There will be drawings for a quilt, a luggage set, a grocery voucher and more.

Foster home sought for Chinese baby

Cindy, a healthy six-month-old Chinese baby, is not able to live with her own parents. So Homes for Children is looking for a Chinese foster family with whom this little girl can grow up and remain throughout her childhood. Singles and couples with or without children would be eligible to be foster parents to Cindy.

A single-parent Chinese family with three children — Allison, 9, Peter, 7½, and Lenny, 6, is undergoing a very stressful time. So Homes for Children is first making every effort to find a mature, caring person willing to live in and be a helper in the home. Ultimately, if this cannot be accomplished, then there must be an available foster home (not necessarily Chinese) that is able to take three youngsters. The children converse fluently in English and Cantonese, the latter with their father, but attend a French school.

If you are interested in being a foster parent to Cindy or the three siblings, or in being a live-in helper, call Homes for Children, operated by Ville Marie Social Services, at 989-1781.

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Local artist's solo show at Monkland Tennis Club

Westmount artist Phyllis Kirk will show her mixed media work on paper and canvas in an exhibition titled *Visus Emergere* (Emerging Faces) at the Monkland Tennis Club from 10 am to 7 pm until July 13. The exhibit is open to all, but the club is closed when it is raining.

Ms Kirk studied fine arts at the Saidye Bronfman Centre and at Concordia University, where she attained a BFA degree. She has also attended various workshops, including the Vermont Studio School and Emma Lake Artists Workshop.

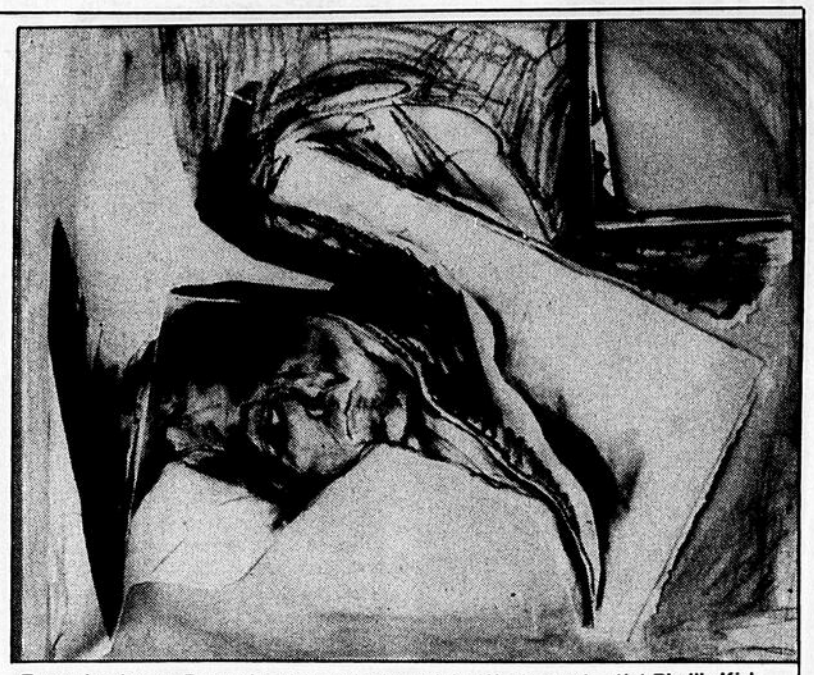
She has had work exhibited in such venues as the Biannale of Quebec Artists at the SBC, a group show at the N.D.G. cultural centre and solo shows at Côte St Luc Library and l'Ecole Nationale de Cirque.

Andrea Meyers-Klein, who curated the show, says, "Portraiture reveals the psychological insight of individuals rather than photographic likeness, while also visually documenting social history. Today's ever-varying exploration into the depths of human feeling has liberated artists to extend their creativity beyond the acceptable archaic boundaries.

"Representation of the ethereal part in many is endemic to Phyllis Kirk's portraits. She persists in making the intangible manifested visually...

"Whether she chooses the language of ancient classical imagery or fragmented abstraction, she manipulates the human form to produce an idealized image."

Everyone is invited to visit Ms Kirk's current show at 4225 Royal avenue in N.D.G.



Emerging from a Dream is a 32x38-inch work by Westmount artist Phyllis Kirk.

Afternoon concerts at lagoon resume

The City of Westmount and the Westmount Y are once again sponsoring a series of concerts at the lagoon in Westmount Park on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 4 pm from June 23 to Aug 4.

The series is produced by Robert O'Callaghan of l'Ensemble du Carré St-Louis, which will play the opening concert on June 23 and again June 30 and July 21. The first concert will feature Mr O'Callaghan on flute, Sydney Vrana on guitar and Mario Giroux on cello. They will play light classical and popular music.

In case of rain, the concerts will move to Victoria Hall.

Hundredth Monkey Network explores Apocalypse tomorrow

A group of Westmounters who wanted careers in theatre moved to Toronto and formed their own collective, The Hundredth Monkey Network.

The team is back in town for the Fringe Festival, where they are presenting *Shah Maat*, written and directed by founder Stacey Engels.

The cast includes Westmounters Joel Bissonnette, Saba Cottle, Noah Heney, Bruce Ramsay, and Kristina Troske, all graduates of the Dome Theatre of Dawson College and another Dome grad, Mary Mancini, along with New Yorker Christina Collins.

There are other Westmounters involved with the production: The props were designed by Philip Grauer, choreography is by Susie Ramsay, stage manager is Jenn Engels, and Matthew Levinson is the Hundredth Monkey Network secretary.

"The closest I can come to telling you what the play is about is to say it's about Judgment Day," said Ms Engels.

A press release says it is "a journey into whole time, where past, present and future converge, and Apocalypse (not necessarily a bad thing) is imminent. Some of its pre-Judeo-Christian dignity and wisdom are restored to the much-maligned serpent; the Earth is losing her patience and promising 'No more Ms Nice Gaia.' Fausta has made a discovery that has Darwin spinning in his worm-infested grave. A chiaroscuro study of duality featuring twins, chess, boxing, the Judgment of the Dead and Revelations."

The story of the name of the collective is worth the price of admission. On an island in the Pacific, a group of monkeys ate potatoes that were tossed on the beach. One young monkey, who didn't like the dirt that covered her food, washed it. Other young monkeys learned from her, and some of them taught their mothers. Eventually, nearly all the young monkeys were washing their food, and a proportion of the elders. Then one day a critical number of monkeys who were taught to wash food was reached. The next day, every monkey on the island washed food. Monkeys born after this time washed their food without being taught. Even more amazing, monkeys on other islands began to wash their food.

The name of the collective is based on the premise that ideas have to be taught only until enough people have learned them. Then they become universal knowledge.

The Hundredth Monkey Network promotes the discussion and presentation of ideas in a creative, co-operative climate and encourages artistic dialogue between artistic communities in Toronto and Montreal.

Talk to a company member at the performance or at the beer tent.

***Shah Maat* is at The Green Building, 4040 St Lawrence boulevard at Duluth tomorrow at 5:15 pm. Tickets are $6 general admission and $4 for students, seniors and unemployed.**

— Janet Coutts

Frankie and Johnny being held over

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The hidden artist

Wüthrich's works are known by 12-cm squares of paper

By JANET COUTTS



Hugh Wüthrich with three of 15 double portraits that, once assembled, form a large rectangle. These three are, left to right, Schumann, Capote and Chopin.

Hugo Wüthrich is a painter and, lately, a sculptor. Hundreds of thousands of people on every continent have seen his work, even though they may not read the small print on the back of the record jackets to discover his name.

The first Justin Time record jacket that featured one of his paintings was jazz piano genius Oliver Jones's *Lights of Burgundy*.

"I have never designed a record jacket," Mr Wüthrich points out, though his art has enlivened jackets for Mr Jones, Karen Young and Michel Donato, two for Denny Christianson, John Abercrombie and Don Thompson, Sonny Greenwich, Pat La Barbera and, most recently, for Creatures of Habit, the Vancouver group that won the Alcan award at last year's jazz festival.

One of his sculptures, used on a record jacket for Tim Brady and Kenny Wheeler, he gave to son-in-law Jim West as a Christmas gift.

Since Mr West is president of Justin Time records, how much has nepotism to do with Mr Wüthrich's work being used on 10 record covers for the company?

Nothing at all according to Mr West.

"His work has always been very intriguing to me. I think he is the greatest unknown talent this side of the Mississippi. Besides, his eclectic style goes well with what I'm doing.

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Cover from 1991 album.

This is not to say that Mr Wüthrich is unknown. Lots of people, especially francophones, have seen his work in theatre and for television. So he already has more exposure than many artists, since he's worked as a designer for CBC, Opéra de Montréal, the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, Ballets Jazz, Eddy Tousignant, Théâtre Rideau Vert, Jean Duceppe and others too numerous to mention.

"Early this century, theatre designers didn't exist," Mr Wüthrich points out. "Until the 1920s it was always painters who designed sets and costumes."

Mr Wüthrich was born in Switzerland and, though he drew all his life, went into the family hotel business.

Lots of silly jobs

But he decided it wasn't for him, and he moved to Toronto when he was 25. "I had a lot of silly jobs in Toronto," he says. "I had to make a living somehow. I had a family to support."

And while he was doing silly things to earn a living, the self-taught artist took some courses at the Ontario College of Art in 1953.

"I wasn't represented by a gallery in Toronto," explains Mr Wüthrich, "because at that time the only person I wanted to be represented by was Av Isaacs. He liked my work, but..."

In Toronto, he joined the CBC and worked there for three years as an assistant set designer before becoming a freelancer. The family (wife Ellwin, son Paul, a marketing and communications specialist who lives in New York, and daughter Janine West, a Westmount resident and full-time homemaker who has presented the Wüthriches with three grandchildren) moved to Westmount in 1961.

The first year they were here, Mr Wüthrich had work shown in the prestigious Spring Show at the Museum of Fine Arts.

"But all that's in the past," says Mr Wüthrich, brushing the idea away with a gesture.

Sculpting is recent

Five years ago, he started sculpting in bronze and, more recently, in wood. Sculpture doesn't sell very well, he says, but a piece sold to the Bronfman collection and "I personally sold a piece to Mrs (Evelyn) Gold."



Cover from 1985 album.

Some time ago Mr Wüthrich virtually gave up smoking, but he is quick to notice a cigarette package in the interviewer's bag, and becomes a social smoker. "Isn't it terrible," he says, "how people today tell you what you can and can't do. They are even trying to make baseball players stop chewing tobacco. Why play baseball? Imagine telling a man who makes four or five million if he can spit or not — in the outdoors." And he laughs in amazement.

He dismisses the idea of skiing in Canada, but he swims every day at the Y or, in summer, at the outdoor Westmount pool. He sculpts in his backyard, where he also gardens. And he's busily turning his son's former bedroom into more studio space in the modest and art-filled home on York street shared with his wife.

He had his first solo show with Dan Delaney's Artlenders Gallery on Victoria avenue in October, and is currently preparing a series of portraits that will hang at Place des Arts from Oct 7 to Nov 10, to help celebrate 700 years of Swiss democracy. He is one of six artists who will represent Switzerland here for the anniversary. Their show will be at the Grand Théâtre de Québec Sept 4 to 30 and at the Drummondville Cultural Centre Nov 17 to Dec 22.

Mr Wüthrich is 64, an age at which most people are at least planning their imminent retirement. But artists often live to great ages — look at Picasso, Monet, Braque, Chagall — Mr Wüthrich has many decades to spend on various careers and to fulfill his son-in-law's prediction.

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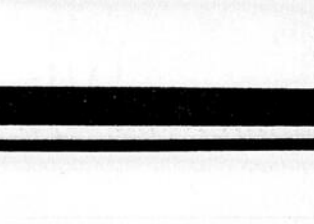
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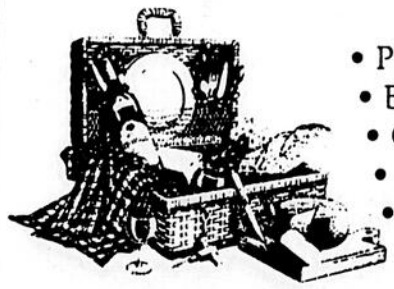
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Student mystery movie being shot here this summer

Script started by Dawson grad a decade ago

Westmount High and Vanguard School students are collaborating on a movie-length video to be shot in Westmount this summer.

The script was started and copyrighted by Philip Corcos while he was a student at Dawson College a decade ago. The mystery has been since been completed and Mr Corcos, now drama club teacher at the high school, is raring to go.

There are two working titles, *Secret Society* and *Double Exposure*. The title "is probably the last thing I'll come up with," said Mr Corcos.

He gave a tantalizing outline of the story.

"It's an adventure, with twists and turns, about a photography studio and students of photography." It has "a few intertwined mysteries; the audience has to play along with the clues."

There are not many lines for students to learn, much of the plot deals with images (as the photography theme suggests), with a lot of hallucinations, nightmares, "things that seem to be there but really aren't," said Mr Corcos.

The video will be more visual than aural.

Most of it will be shot in the late afternoon and early evening, not for mood but to prevent malfunctioning of the equipment, due to heat.

Much of it is indoors, and Mr Corsos hopes the city will allow him to film in city buildings, their corridors and small rooms. Other scenes will be shot in the school and people's homes, if permission is granted.

Students will play people their age or, at the most, a few years older. They are mostly Grade 9 students, with a Grade 7 girl.

Mr Corcus, 31, plans to keep their interest afire by having instant results of scenes shot, which is possible on video. Instant correction of the scenes is another benefit of the medium. So is cost; video is much cheaper than film.

The students, who have staged productions like this year's *Sleuth* and Agatha Christie's *And Then There Were None*, will be introduced to shooting out of sequence.

Most characters will be necessary for a couple of days, when all their lines and action will be filmed.

All scenes with lines will be shot first, all scenes with people are second on the list and all scenery last.

Mr Corcos has plans to finish most of the shooting by September, when he and the students will begin what will probably a few months of editing. He is expecting a 1992 release.

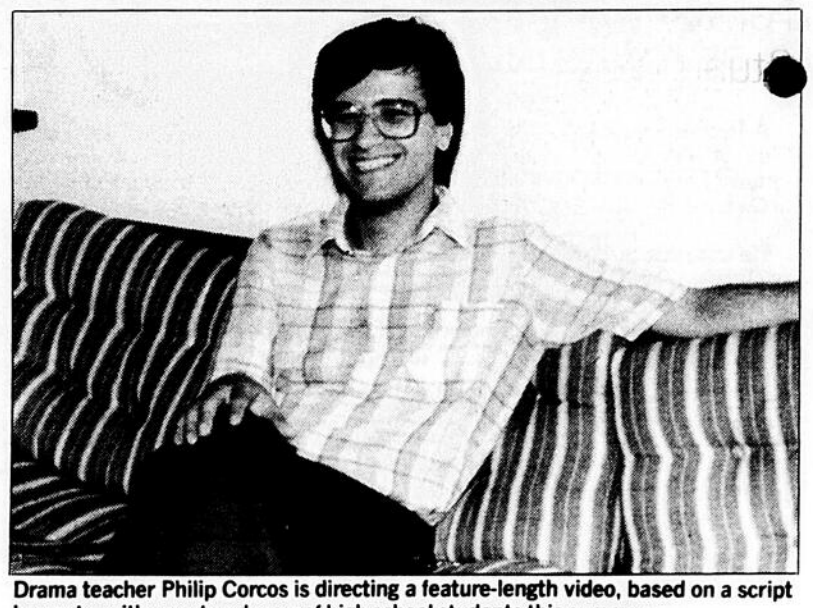
The lead role is played by Vanguard student Shari Ajzenkopf, who directed *Sleuth* and is "very devoted to the arts, a struggling potential actress, the most ambitious of the group."

In the long run, Mr Corcos would like to see the drama club produce student-written stories in video in the years to come.

The first project is not his, he stresses, "I will push it as a student project. I will direct the movie, but not in the Hollywood tradition where I'd walk away with it."

At the end, "if we're lucky" and the video is picked up for festivals, contests or elsewhere, it may have to be re-shot. While the video quality is suitable for viewing at the school, a better-quality, wider tape will have to be used for theatre viewing.

Mr Corcos, a Town of Mount Royal resident who studied film and theatre at Concordia and became a drama teacher at the Université du Québec à Montréal, is being helped by a friend Saul Pincus, director of Dawson television who is starting the Concordia film program and has made about 12 films.



Drama teacher Philip Corcos is directing a feature-length video, based on a script he wrote, with a cast and crew of high school students this summer.

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by Alison Ramsey

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Katherine Common dies at age 65

A former longtime Westmounter, Katherine Laws Common, died May 27 at the Royal Victoria Hospital after a battle with multiple myeloma and plasma cell leukemia. She was 65.

Mrs Common was described by her husband of 45 years, Frank B. Common Jr, QC, as a vibrant and vigorous woman who was very active in the community. Mr Common, 71, was a Westmount city councillor and commissioner of finance and public works about 25 years ago.

Mrs Common was raised in Westmount and lived on Edgehill road with Mr Common until they moved to Montreal in 1970.

Mrs Common attended Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's School. She was an executive secretary at the Blue Cross and was secretary of the dean of Law at McGill, Mr Common said.

Her father, Harold S. Laws, was a well-known Anglican clergyman.

Besides her husband, Mrs Common is survived by seven children and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were held May 29 at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church.

Former Rotary president Stuart Ferguson dies

A former president of the Rotary Club of Westmount, Henry Murry (Stuart) Ferguson, died at the Toronto General Hospital May 23. He was 81.

He was president of the local Rotary club in 1979-80 and was president of the Manoir Westmount seniors' residence in 1983 and 1984.

Rotarian Charlie Pierce described Mr Ferguson as an absolute gem of a man. Mr Ferguson lived on Belmont avenue for many years and was an executive with Dominion Textiles.

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Cutler attends service for Yolande Laurin

Westmount mayor May Cutler plans to be among those who will attend a service tonight for Yolande Richard Laurin, longtime director-general of the Conference of Montreal Suburban Mayors, who died Tuesday after a fight with cancer. She was 57.

Mrs Laurin co-ordinated the group's activities and organized meetings. "She was kind, helpful and always well prepared," said Mayor Cutler. "Everyone liked her. She was a fine lady."

Finding a replacement for Mrs Laurin will be very important for the cause of the suburbs, she said.

The service takes place at 9 pm at the Urgel Bourgie funeral home, 2251 Jean Talon street east. Mrs Laurin is survived by two children, Elisabeth and Paul.

Funeral for city worker Gerald Manning

A funeral service was held yesterday at St Monica's Church in N.D.G. for longtime city worker Gerald Manning who retired in 1984 as a senior clerk at local police Station 23. He was 71.

Mr Manning died at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Saturday. He is survived by his wife Rose Aumont and three children, Mark, Eileen (Williams) and Louise as well as two grandchildren. A resident of N.D.G., he was a member of Knights of Columbus at Church of the Ascension in Westmount.

He had joined the City of Westmount in 1957 after serving the Canadian Merchant Navy in England, the mid-East and India. He worked in the fire and public safety departments until integration of the police force into the Montreal Urban Community system, remaining as a senior clerk in the office of the police director. He worked for six police chiefs.

SPCA benefit picnic a highlight of the St Lazare horse show

The St Lazare Classic Horse Show takes place July 2 to 7 and, for the first time, the SPCA will be involved.

The SPCA will present a trophy to the highest scoring junior rider and will reap the proceeds of a benefit picnic held on Sunday, July 7, during the Grand Prix.

Tickets for the picnic are priced at $100 each.

The SPCA chose to get involved "to make the public aware we don't just help dogs and cats," said information officer Kaite Whitehead. That decision is controversial; SPCA members are split on whether competitive events are unfair to animals — because of "gruelling training" — or are simply what these animals have been bred for, said Ms Whitehead.

The SPCA is hoping to make $12,000 to $15,000 from the benefit picnic.

The St Lazare Classic will have good participation from Westmounters, who will be riding in the company of Canada's top equestrian team, Ian Miller with Big Ben.

Anne McCall will ride Fidgi, Sarly Harrington will be on Charisma, Deborah Brey on Tryon Tom, Cathy Blondell on Patrick and Sophia Nihon on Astro. As well, Suzanne Alain's horse Irma will be competing but will be mounted by another rider.

The chair of the event is Westmounter Dr Peter Gillett.

Catered picnic

The SPCA picnic will be catered by Phil Bloom and will feature a Grilled Gourmet Luncheon. There will be an open bar and Tiki Tent with tropical drinks. The horse show and picnic will be held rain or shine, and the picnic takes place in a waterproof tent. The CJAD Big Band, directed by Denny Christianson, will entertain at half time and play *O Canada* for the Grand Prix.

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Air cadets, young and old, celebrate 50 years

The first reunion of the No 1 (West Montreal) Squadron, on its 50th anniversary, was a weekend-long revelry of air cadet life.

On Saturday, cadets from six squadrons got up bright and early to begin preparation of their parade from the Royal Montreal Regiment along St Catherine street to city hall, where they were reviewed by retired Maj-Gen J.A. Stewart, CD.

Maj-Gen Stewart, who now hails from Kingston, was one of the first cadets to receive his pilot's licence. He graduated the air cadets in 1947.

Mayor May Cutler made a speech, gleaned from the cadet's written history, remarking that the air cadet league was started in response to the fighting style of the Second World War, when "the critical need was for planes and more planes — and for trained young men to fly them."

The cadet league lost some support once the war ended, but stayed alive because of the broad vision, for young men to "improve their knowledge and increase their usefulness to the community."

The aims of the program are "to develop in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership; to promote physical fitness; and to stimulate their interest in the seas, land and air elements of the Canadian Force."

Between 60 and 80 of the former cadets showed up at the reunion. The anniversary committee contacted about 500 former cadets and, in November last year, said about 125 were interested in attending.

"I would have liked to see a lot more," said Capt Lloyd MacIntyre. "I know former COs in Prince George and Ontario can't make it because of financial stress, or business commitments."

Doing quite well

Some may be in financial trouble but others are doing quite well. Many who returned are in the aviation field, or with companies such as Canadian Aviation Electronics and Canadair, said Capt MacIntyre. There are a fair number of doctors, as well.

Capt MacIntyre accounted for former cadets' success by saying, "They gain confidence through doing this. They come in at 12 or 13. You talk to them and they get red in the face, they're too shy to assert themselves. In four or five years' time, they are doing the leading, taking control of the situation.

"This is great for their foundation in civilian life."

The West Montreal squadron was the first in existence, only then it was called No 1 (Westmount) Squadron. It grew to a strength of about 400 boys during the Second World War.

Long-ago traditions continued on Sunday afternoon, when the newest crop of cadets received honors and graduation certificates were given to four cadets: WO1 Shawn Lemaire, FS Ryan Keyes, Sgt. Jesse Corbeil and Cpl. André Guerrier.



Maj-Gen (retired) J.A. Stewart presents the Strathcona Medal to WO1 Jennifer Lafrenière. She also received the Squadron Leader H.P. Illsley Award, the Richard Bowser Memorial Trophy.

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Was it only a dream?

Fire trucks screamed along Sherbrooke street at 3 am Sunday when called to a house on Somerville avenue where a woman had called to report a fire in the home.

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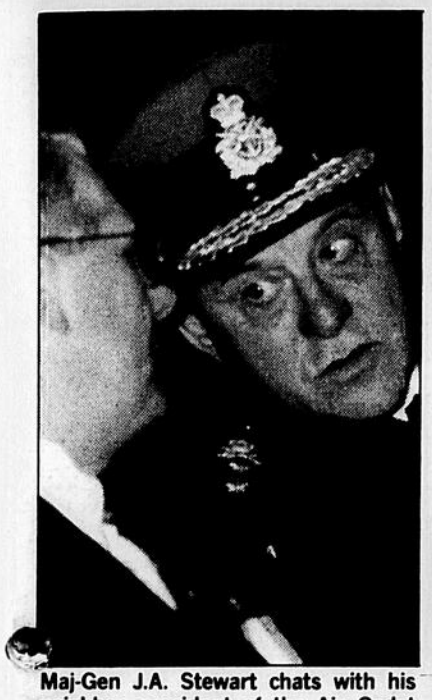
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Cadets handed awards Sunday

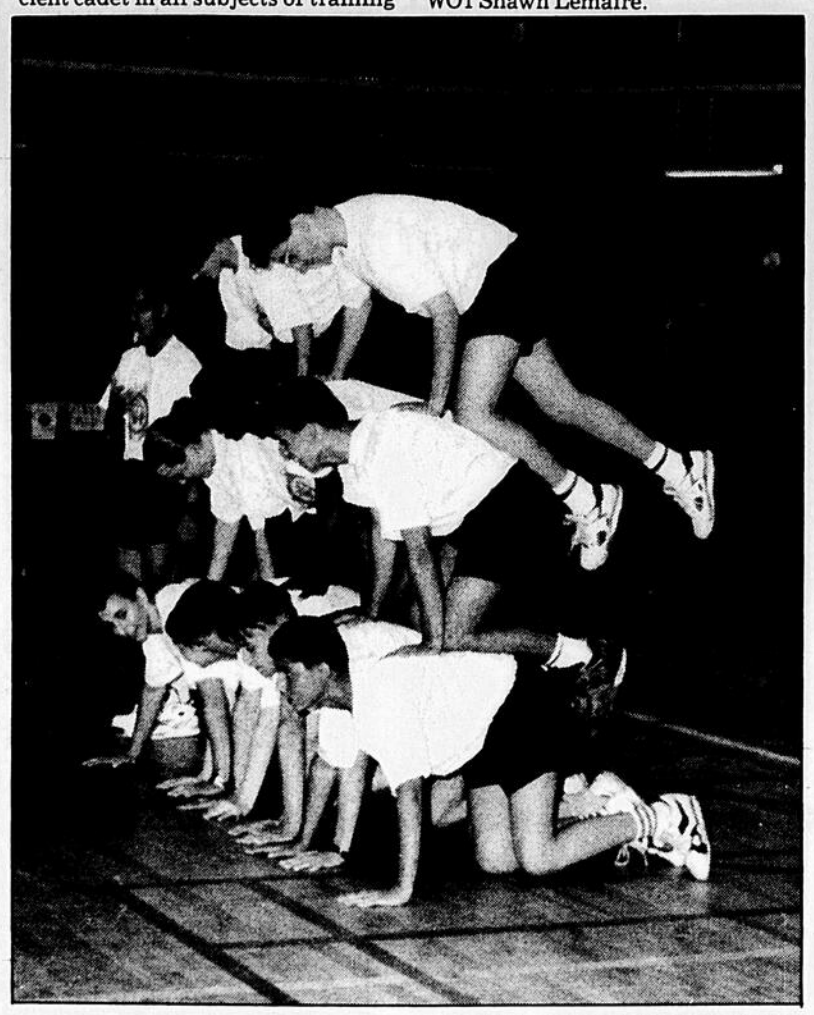
At the Royal Montreal Regiment Sunday afternoon, air cadets from No 1 (West Montreal) Squadron were given awards of special merit.

WO1 Jennifer Lafrenière won three awards: the Strathcona Medal, Squadron Leader H.P. Illsley Award (outstanding cadet as voted by other cadets) and the Richard Bowder Memorial Trophy, for the cadet who most approximates the ideals of the movement.

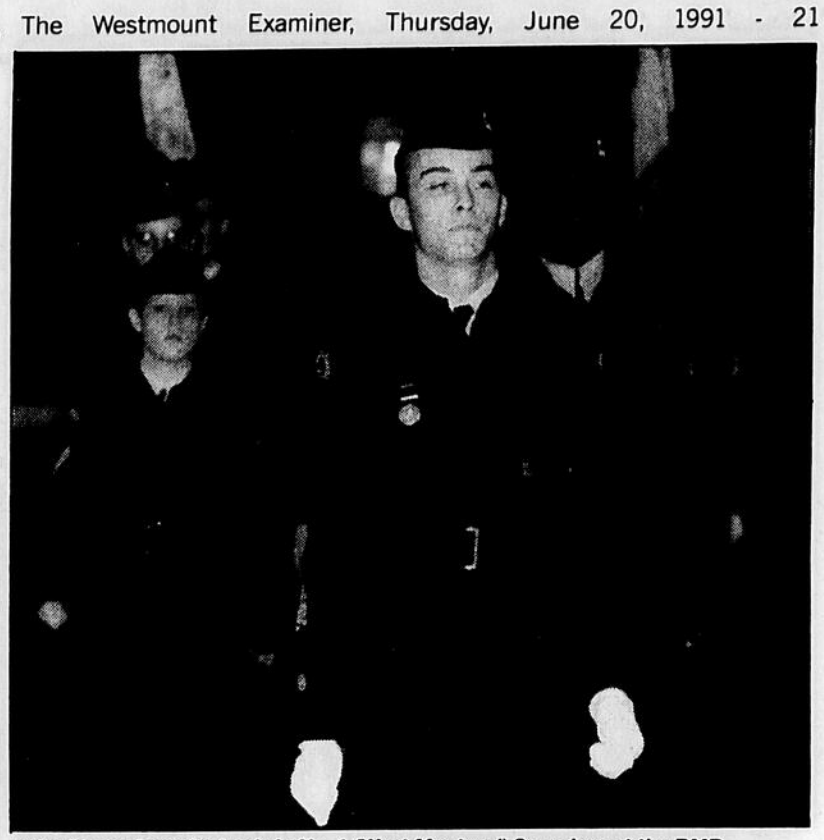
The Richard Leonardo Trophy was presented to the most outstanding bandperson FS Shannon Keyes. The Tud Hope Trophy for the most proficient cadet in all subjects of training was handed to LAC Philip Waters. The Captain L. MacIntyre, CD Trophy was awarded to the top flight of the training year, the Phantom Flight. The No 1 (West Montreal) Squadron Trophy for the most outstanding first-year cadet went to LAC Terry Gibson. The Commanding Officer's Trophy, to the cadet who has made the most progress over the past year, was awarded to Sgt André Guerrier. The Squadron Leader John H. Barnes Memorial Award, to the cadet who exemplifies a spirit of dedication to the air cadet movement, went to WO2 Neal Mukherjee. The Legion Medal was awarded to WO1 Shawn Lemaire.



Maj-Gen J.A. Stewart chats with his neighbor, president of the Air Cadet League of Canada D.D. Hayden, while watching cadet drills.



This year's air cadets demonstrate the popular pyramid formation.



WO1 Shawn Lemaire leads in No. 1 (West Montreal) Squadron at the RMR.

Garbage fire traced to 20-year-old

A 20-year-old is being charged by police for mischief in connection with a garbage fire in the lane behind 4132 St Catherine street about 4 am Saturday, police said.

He is scheduled to appear in Westmount Municipal Court Sept 18.

The fire was discovered by public safety officers when they answered a call for three young people drinking and making noise behind the Hong Kong restaurant. They used a fire extinguisher to douse most of the fire which was finished off by firefighters using a single stream.

Though no one was reported to have been found on the scene, an arrest was made soon after by police. A lighter had been used to start the blaze, police said.

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By DON SANCTON

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Marilyn Tobman named Roslyn School principal

Marilyn Tobman, principal of Edinburgh School in Montreal West, will become Roslyn School's principal in September.

Mrs Tobman, 46, has been principal of Edinburgh for 11 years, and was formerly principal of Sir Arthur Currie School in N.D.G. Before that, she was a consultant in the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal's curriculum department.

"I'm very pleased she's accepted," said PSBGM commissioner Joan Rothman.

When asked if she will stay in Roslyn for five to eight years, as desired by parents who drafted criteria for the next principal, Mrs Tobman answered, "I have that many years until I retire."

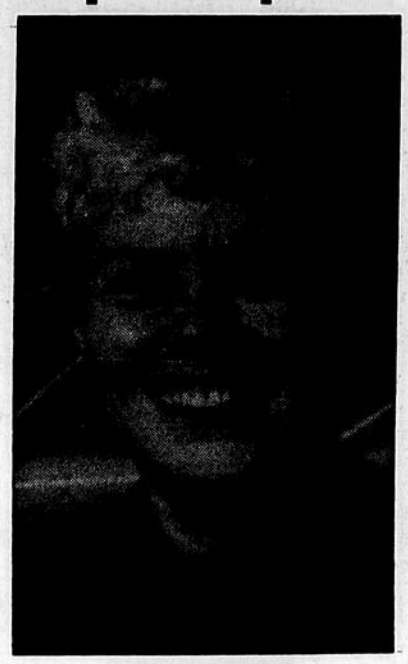
Mrs Tobman was, essentially, transferred by the board in a decision that will be finalized at its next meeting on Wednesday.

"My reaction was very favorable," she said. "There are many aspects of Roslyn School I find very attractive. It is a progressive school, innovative, they try new ideas."

She touched ones such as the Challenge program, computer and after-school programs, "and I can go on and on." Mrs Tobman also pointed out the benefits of having both a French immersion and English stream.

Edinburgh School has the notoriety of being on the news just prior to registration, when parents line up, days in advance, in freezing temperatures, to hopefully sign up their children in one of the few available spaces.

"The school enjoyed an excellent reputation in the community," explained Mrs Tobman. "It has an excellent teaching staff and a very co-operative environment between staff, parents and the community at large. The mix produced a very warm, friendly environment.



MARILYN TOBMAN

"It's one of these situations where everyone pulled together. I'd like for something like that to continue."

Though Mrs Tobman has visited Roslyn School before, she made her first extended visit Tuesday, to start and get to know the school from Bertha Dawang, who is retiring June 28.

Mrs Tobman is not yet familiar enough with the school to know what Edinburgh programs she may want to try and incorporate.

"Hopefully, I'll bring with me an open mind, a willingness to do whatever I can do for the children."

Mrs Tobman will take up her new post when she returns from vacation, in mid-August.

Home care for kids offered through Catholic services

Catholic Community Services has been issued a permit for 50 spaces in the area for its new home daycare program. The area includes Westmount, Verdun, Ville Emard, St Henri, Little Burgundy and Point St Charles.

The goal of the program is to complement daycare services for children from birth to 12 years of age by recruiting caregivers and matching them with families needing daycare services.

The home care program offers a number of services including full-time and part-time care for very young infants and handicapped children; a place for children to go after school and on holidays, and child care during evenings and weekends in special cases.

All caregivers are screened through police and youth protection checks and must provide references, and they are supervised. All caregivers receive training in early childhood education.

Due to the small adult/child ration, children receive more individualized care than in larger centres. There is an opportunity for parental involvement through a consultation committee.

Subsidies are available for low-income families, and children can benefit from the resources and toy exchanges that the program provides.

The cost to parents is $19 a day. The caregivers receive $17 of this amount, the other $2 covers administrative costs.

To register your child, or offer caregiver services in your home, call 937-5351.

Roslyn student a runner-up in public speaking

The English-Speaking Union of Canada sponsors public speaking contests for Grade 5 and 6 pupils in the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal. Winners in a recent contest at Duggan House, McGill University, included Jacob Tierney of Roslyn School. Jacob, a runner-up, received a book prize.

He was included in the competition by winning the PSBGM Ward 3 public speaking competition last month, held at Westmount Park School.

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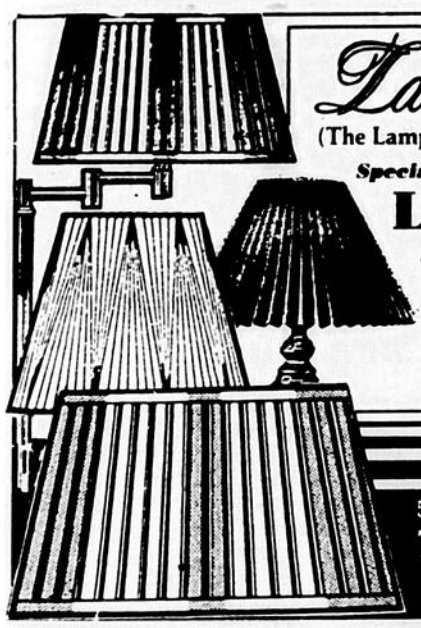
The Jackrabbit Museum has launched a fundraising drive to keep alive the memory of the pioneer of cross-country skiing, Herman Smith-Johannsen, who would have been 116 this year. Contributions can be mailed to Jackrabbit Museum, 220 Beaulne street, PO Box 274, Piedmont J0R 1K0. The telephone number is 227-2886. Tax receipts are available.

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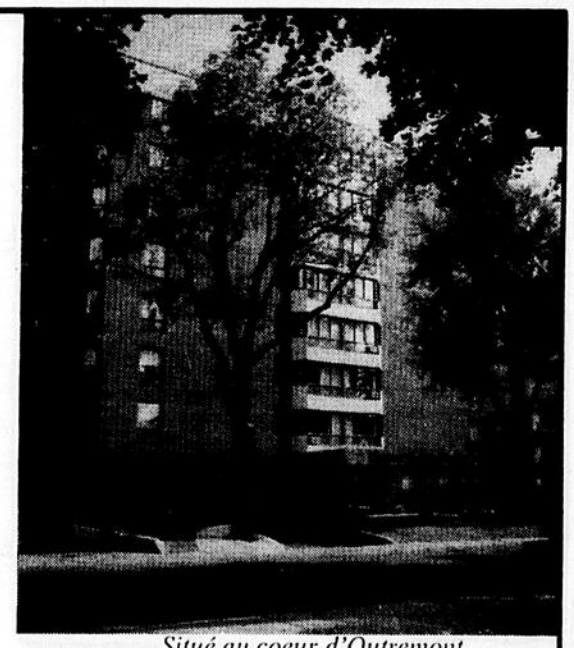
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Westmount writer, daycare operator collaborate on book

Westmounters Barbara Kaiser and Judy Sklar Rasminsky have had a long relationship.

Eight-and-a-half years ago, Ms Kaiser had finished her master's degree in educational administration and realized she needed to find a job. But she couldn't find suitable daycare for her second child. "I realized I had to start my own."

So she set to work with other parents, organizing Garderie Narnia.

Ms Rasminsky was involved in setting up the centre and was on the parent board.

"Parents want to find quality care for their children, but they don't know what to look for. Sometimes when they phoned, I would have to tell them what questions to ask," says Ms Kaiser.

So after a couple of years of talking about it, the two decided to write a book. *The Daycare Handbook*, published by Little Brown Canada, and selling for $18.95, offers advice on every aspect of daycare for children from infancy to school-age.

Two years' effort

Once they were clear about what they wanted to do, it took them about two years to write the book.

"It was very much a collaborative effort. I would write a rough draft and Judy would back it up with research and make it readable. Then we would sit and discuss it — the things she had understood and the places where she had misunderstood me. Then we would discuss it until we both felt it was right."

The result is an easy-to-read 402-page paperback book that includes appendices, notes, a bibliography and an extensive index. For parents who get to the point of checking out a number of options, questionnaires

By JANET COUTTS

that can easily be photocopied for multiple use are included at the ends of chapters.

"The thing about looking for daycare is that it's really confusing," says Ms Rasminsky. "We wanted to be as specific as possible. You have to know what to ask for, how to look for things that are important to you and that are important for your child. That's what the checklists are about.

"We tried to not overlook the obvious, because what's obvious to one is not obvious to another."

"We made an effort not just to give parents the questions to ask, but to explain why they are asking the questions," says Ms Kaiser.

Ms Kaiser says she had one primary reason for writing *The Daycare Handbook*, subtitled *A Parents' Guide to Finding and Keeping Quality Daycare in Canada*; she wants better daycare available for all children that need it.

"If parents were demanding the best, the lower quality places would have to improve," she said. "This book tries to tell parents what they have a right to demand. It has been an upward struggle, and there have been no great advances."

Pre-schools not regulated

There are some things that parents don't realize, she says. "I can't stress too much that pre-schools are not regulated in Quebec, and now some of them are becoming illegal daycare centres. When parents need more than four hours of care, instead of referring them to daycare centres, some pre-schools are trying to accommodate the parents."

In daycare centres, there are regulations about staff; child ratios, staff training and so on.

Ms Kaiser is not negative about pre-schools fulfilling their role — just about their being used as daycare centres. And the book outlines the advantages and the disadvantages of pre-schools, just as it does for nannies, babysitters, family or home daycare and daycare centres.

The two women are now promoting the book, which should be available in local bookstores within the next two weeks.

"Our publishers are a bit surprised at the response," said Ms Kaiser. "There are so many women in media today who are very concerned with the issue, so the reaction is very satisfactory."

However, the two do not foresee a cross-Canada publicity tour. They will go to Toronto, where they will be interviewed on national TV and radio programs. "You don't have to go across the country to get nationwide coverage," Ms Kaiser points out.

Ms Kaiser says she likes to concentrate on one project at a time, but she is not ruling out the possibility of a second book. "I just hope this one makes an impact. But school-age daycare needs its own book."

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Squirrel smoked out of existence

A concerned neighbor called public safety officers to check out a squirrel writhing in pain in a garden on Winchester avenue June 5.

Children at the scene were reported as saying their mother, who was not home at the time, was trying to "smoke out" a family of squirrels nesting in the ceiling of the back porch. The animal had been in distress since morning, said officer Michel Godon who took it to the SPCA where it was euthanized.

Asked what action would be taken to enforce the city's by-laws prohibiting harming or poisoning wildlife, public security director Richard McEnroe told THE EXAMINER that the residents involved would be contacted and informed of the by-law.

Another young squirrel was taken to the SPCA June 6 after it was believed to have fallen off hydro lines at 434 Metcalfe avenue.

Holiday hours at libraries

The Atwater Library will be closed from Saturday, June 22, to Monday, June 24, for the St Jean Baptiste holiday and from Saturday, June 29, to Monday, July 1, for the Canada Day Holiday.

The Westmount Library will be closed Sunday and Monday, June 23 and 24, and Sunday and Monday, June 30 and July 1.

Graduate news

Westmounter **Elizabeth Longworth Waterston** of the faculty of law at University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, has been recognized for excelling in her studies during the 1990-91 academic year by having her name on the Dean's List.

Ms Waterston is one of the 36 full-time students on the list who attained a 3.3 or better average during the year. Approximately 225 students were enrolled in the bachelor of law program.

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Anthony J. Cohen, son of Westmounter Andrea Bronfman and David D. Cohen, has been named Most Valuable Player on the Governor Dummer Academy men's tennis team for 1991. A graduating senior, Mr Cohen received the award at the annual spring athletic awards dinner May 30. The academy is in Byfield, Massachusetts.

Of 42 ECS graduates, 32 are staying in Quebec for CEGEP

The majority of Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's 42 graduates will attend Quebec CEGEPs in the fall. Ten plan to attend Dawson College, 12 will go to Marianopolis College, nine are enrolled at John Abbott College and one is heading to Vanier.

Several awards were handed out during the graduation ceremony on June 11.

Valerie Waters won the Gold Maple Leaf, the Governor General's Medal, the Cultures Religieuses Comparées prize, the musicianship prize for vocal achievement, the prize for Français langue maternelle and the physics prize.

Karen Ingleton won the Mlle Houpert Prize for appreciation of French language and culture, the physical education prize and the debating prize.

Jill Taylor took the Elizabeth Fougerolles Bridges Prize in biology and the dedication to sport award.

Emma Colby won the art prize and the Joan Stobo Prichard MBE Award for leadership.

The Silver Maple Leaf went to Joanne Fletcher.

The Founders' Awards went to Elizabeth Murphy-Lavallée of the junior school and Jessica Murphy-Lavallée of the senior school.

Sarah Lenczner won the history prize and the senior first prize in public speaking.

The Maysie S. MacSporran Prize in Canadian history went to Tina Vouloumanos.

Miss Nichol's Sport Shield and the House Cup went to Edgar House, whose head was Connie Bazos.

Athlete of the Year award went to Barbara Fiddian-Green.

Tiffany Townsend won the chemistry prize.

Stephanie Shatilla took the computer science prize.

Alex Sulsky won the intermediate science prize.

Dina El Khachab won the intermediate mathematics prize and Alison Stein won the senior mathematics prize.

The Grade 7 and 8 prize in the Compétition Littéraire de Français went to Julie MacCormack; Heather Birks won for Grades 9, 10 and 11.

Lindani Mwase won the regular French prize while Alexandra Sulsky won the enriched French prize and Jessica Notwell got an honorable mention.

Katherine Robertson won the Madame Latour Prize for overall appreciation of the French culture.

Laure-Elise Singer took the instrumental musicianship prize.

Laila Brabander took the drama prize and the senior English prize. The intermediate English prize went to Heather Sokoloff. Kate Blomfield won the prize in North American literature.

The Old Girls' Junior Literary Prize was awarded to Lindsay Tabah and Carolyn Lloyd took the Senior Literary Prize.

Heidi Gjertsen won the Spanish prize.

The Pria Bery Prize for Creative Arts was awarded to Tara Youssef.

Gina Michals took the Ida McDougall Beament prize in history of art.

Alison Stein won the economics prize.

Cicely Leemhuis took the geography prize.

Emilisa Fridich won the geometry prize.

The intermediate first prize in public speaking was won by Katie Musgrave with an honorable mention to Jennifer Martin.

Gala nets $12,000



The Spring Gala held at the Greene Avenue Community Centre on May 31 raised $12,000 toward a new roof for the centre. About 240 people attended the dinner and some who could not attend made donations included in the $12,000. Another $1,500 was raised during the dance recital on Friday evening. Estimates for a new roof have been between $18,000 and $25,000.

Rotary donates $1,000 to CLSC

Westmount Rotary Club president Dick Miller presented Belinda Hall of the St Henri CLSC a cheque for $1,000 at the club's regular luncheon meeting at Victoria Hall Wednesday last week.

The money will allow 10 children to attend Camp Amy Molson this summer, a camp for underprivileged children.

Cabaret at Women's Y

The South Asian Women's Community Centre will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Sunday from 7 to 11 pm with a Cabaret Night at the Women's Y, 1355 René Lévesque boulevard, with poetry, songs and dance. Refreshments will be served. They ask for a contribution of $4. For information call 842-2330.

Israeli colonel speaks on winning peace

Col Joel Wolfe will be the guest speaker at this Sunday's luncheon at the Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim, 450 Kensington avenue, at 1:30 pm.

Col Wolfe wears the Decoration Medal of Service of the Israeli army. He is the past-president of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada and honorary president of the Canadian Zionist Federation. His topic is *After the War, Can Israel Win the Peace?*

A special ceremony honoring volunteers at the institute will take place at the luncheon, which costs $2.50 for members and $3 for non-members.

There will be no program on June 30 because of the Canada Day holiday.

Whale-sighting cruise planned

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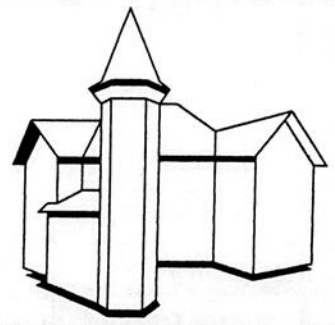
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many Westmounters for a great number of years. However, recent developments are spoiling this park for the public at large by reducing the green space that is available to them.

It all started with a small community garden on the west side of the park. With the construction of St Margaret's Home, the space was lost. However, in 1990 a much larger area was allocated for community gardens in the northwest corner of the park. Then about a year later a hideous five-foot steel fence was built to enclose the defined area.

Now, to my amazement, the northeast corner has been designated another community garden. Where will it end?

I visit this park daily and enjoy this beautiful area. However, I feel it is becoming over-developed with community gardens and strongly recommend that the northeast corner be kept free of them as the one in the northwest corner is more than enough for a small park.

Peter Marler

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Cedar decision taken before new committee met

A copy of the following letter to Bruce St Louis, Westmount's manager of operational services, has been sent to THE EXAMINER:

Dear Mr St Louis: In keeping with our conversation of this afternoon (June 11), I wish to reiterate my reasons for resigning from the "Committee That Might Have Been."

To review briefly, at a rather heated meeting of Westmount city council on April 30 concerning the problem of potential changes in traffic flow on The Boulevard and Cedar avenue if Cedar were to be narrowed, you asked me if I would serve on a committee to plan a study that would provide valid data concerning this matter upon which a decision might be based.

I raised the question with you, at that time, as to whether it wouldn't be a better idea to look at traffic patterns throughout the city of Westmount and use models that have already been established in other cities throughout North America for this purpose but you indicated that our "mandate" as a committee would be to look only at The Boulevard and Cedar avenue. I agreed to do this and you were to call me in order to establish a meeting time.

You called my office about a week later and I believe that the initial date proposed for the meeting was May 31. However, such a meeting date was postponed by you due to the unavailability of another participant. On May 30 or 31 you called my office to advise that the meeting was on again for able to be at the meeting on such short notice, as you know, and it was certainly my impression that the meeting had been cancelled again and rescheduled for today, June 11, at 4 pm.

To my astonishment, however, I read in the last issue of THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER that on June 3, the city council had taken a decision to go ahead with the narrowing of Cedar avenue to one lane. Hence, even if there was a meeting held on Friday, May 31, it seems unlikely that any study was performed during the weekend to allow a decision to be made by Monday evening.

In my discussion with you this afternoon (June 11), you indicated that council "felt that they had adequate information to make this decision," which makes the activity in which we were going to take part seem rather foolish. Indeed, once again, one has to wonder what kind of enormous pressure could be brought to bear on council in order to have them make this decision, knowing full well that they lacked the information with which to do so.

For my own part, I don't know whether the narrowing of Cedar avenue is a good or bad idea or if the traffic patterns will change for the better or for the worse. On the other hand, I know that what is being done is occurring without any rational forethought and without valid experimental data.

It would appear that neither our mayor nor most of our present councillors intend to run again in the next election for the city of Westmount. What an enviable situation to be in; if something goes wrong, not to be in place to explain how or why the decision was taken. On the other hand, if the decision will have been correct, I have no doubt that there will be a great deal of shouting of, "Oh, what a good person was I!"

I am thoroughly disappointed in the process and its outcome.

Phil Gold, MD

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Editor's Note: When the Cedar decision was taken by council, Mayor May Cutler, while unable to vote, expressed her strong opposition to the decision. Councillor Peter Trent also opposed the plan and Councillors Paul Fortin and Joan Rothman were absent.

Let's find out cost of 'modest' library changes

Four directors of the Westmount Finance Action Committee (WFAC) attended the information meeting on the evening of May 29 at which architect Peter Rose reviewed his plans and recommendations.

There is a consensus among a number of Westmount residents that our library needs modernization and upgrading. The question is therefore not whether something should be done but rather at what cost.

The proposals of Mr Rose represent a Rolls-Royce solution, involving as they do large expenditures to change the park environment around the library and the demolition of an existing structure, which while not ideal, is in excellent condition.

The WFAC, composed of members with different views on architecture and the functions of public buildings, does not wish to engage in a debate on the architectural merits of the plans but to make the following recommendations:

1. The cost of a more functional solution should be established.

2. Council should be prepared to finance such solution within present and future budget surpluses or borrowing by-law. Recent illegal over-taxation surpluses retained as a cushion promised to alleviate against imminent tax increases should not be used.

3. The difference between the cost of the functional and the Rose solution should be raised by private subscription before the project is undertaken.

We believe that those who wish to make an extraordinary architectural statement in Westmount should not be denied. We are not against dreams, only dreams at taxpayers' expense. At the same time we do not feel it is fair to saddle hard-pressed taxpayers with the cost of reflecting pools and other elements of the Rose proposal, which are far from necessary. We have here a possible mix of a businesslike municipal approach and private initiative, a combination which we have advocated for years but which has found only limited favor so far.

Rolland Benard
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Law favors tenants at landlords' expense

I read with concern the plight of some tenants, however, I think it is often not brought out that some landlords also have to suffer from certain inequalities of the laws governing landlord-tenant relations.

Whereas in Ontario a set rent increase is published every year, here the rent is increased on last year's expenses. We have already been informed that municipal taxes are to increase next year. The tenants will only start paying for this six to nine months later, whereas the landlord has to find this money up front.

I personally was informed, not two weeks ago, that the monthly rent could be paid 15 days in arrears, which statement was supported by reference to the Régie du logement and the fact that my tenant's friends included lawyers. In addition any judgment made by the Régie may take up to two or three months to obtain (together with the time waiting for a hearing), during which period the aggrieved party, whether tenant or landlord, has to suffer without recourse to the normal avenues of law.

E.J. Adye

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Chinese architects face basic issues

The campus where I now work has no English department, though one course I gave in literature, requiring much preparation, is for Chinese teachers of English, and here I have been doing Virginia Woolf and James Joyce. The regular departments range through metallurgy, construction and civil engineering and architecture, my personal interests being closest to those of architecture students, who may draw pictures similar to the kind I like to draw.

I think often about these fledgling architects, who are freshmen, wondering what kinds of structures they will design in the coming years. This institute is said to have one of the best architecture departments in China. The most recent depictions of buildings I have seen — watercolors of hotels for example — make China at one with an international architectural style, and I hope this country's distinctive stylistic heritage will not become too diluted.

A pressing question is that of the individual rights and the private vision of the artist-architect in the face of public demands. This came to popular attention in the West in the 1940s with the appearance of Ayn Rand's *The Fountainhead*, a novel about ideas about the incorruptible architect Howard Roark. One might wish that the film made from this novel (Gary Cooper, 1948) would be shown here so that architectural students might be exposed to the issues. But Chinese authorities would likely not accommodate such a film.

In the meantime, architecture gets due attention here. Recently I was invited by two students to attend a dance for a group of French architects visiting from Marseilles, who danced mostly to American jazz, and in a French manner. Their appearance follows a visit to Beijing by the French foreign minister, which in turn signalled the normalization of ties disrupted since June, 1989.

David Lawson

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Editor's Note: Mr Lawson is a Westmount academic now teaching in China. This is another in a series of letters he has written from China.

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Hilda Weissman memorial fund set up for JCF

Westmounter David Weissman, who last year became the first person in the history of the Montreal Jewish community to bestow a gift of $1 million on the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Montreal, has now made a major gift to the JCF in memory of his wife Hilda.

Income from the Hilda Weissman Memorial Fund will be disbursed by the JCF to support causes with which Mrs Weissman would have been proud to be associated.

She had a long history of participation in communal life and was a significant supporter of Combined Jewish Appeal. When she died on Jan 9, she was honorary president of Canadian Friends of Ilan Foundation for Handicapped Children.

Seniors can choose their activities

Westmount's department of recreation and culture is using the democratic approach when it decides what activities to organize for seniors, according to Beverly Adams-Coskun, Westmount's socio-cultural co-ordinator.

Seniors on a mailing list were sent a list of possible field trip destinations and courses and the ones with the most votes will be organized by the department, Ms Adams-Coskun said.

Among the trip destinations contemplated are, Quebec City, Kingston, Lake George, Plattsburgh, Lac Brome, the Drummondville World Folk Dancing Festival, the Ottawa Museum of Civilization and the Institute of Technology, Saratoga and Le Seraphin restaurant in Montreal.

Among the courses contemplated are, Appreciating the Opera/Operettas/Classics, Tracing Your Ancestry, Shakespeare and Knowing Your Antiques.

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Anyone who needs to improve their skills can call 1-800-361-9142 for information on free classes or private tutoring.

Puppy's owner not yet found

No one has claimed the German shepherd puppy pictured in THE EXAMINER last week after he was found running loose at the arena three weeks ago.

Personnel at the Animal Hospital of Westmount where he is being sheltered said this week they must find a home for the dog since they can not keep him much longer.

He was trailing a leash when found.

Student wins medal of excellence

Louis Vaccaro of the Westmount-based École internationale won a medal of excellence and an honor certificate from the Montreal Catholic School Commission at a gala held at Place des Arts on June 6.

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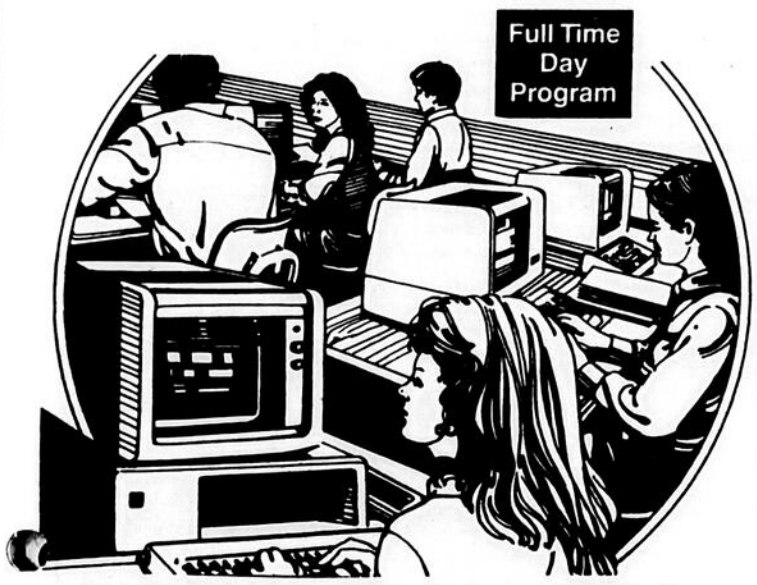
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Dream bike a surprise for young road-eo rider

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

It was more than Krista Walsh could believe! A beautiful pink-and-purple bicycle chosen specially for her.

That was the prize won by the four-year-old at the annual Bicycle Road-eo held by the Rotary Club of Westmount May 18 and awarded Wednesday last week along with a blue bike presented to Aiden MacDonald, who turned seven the next day.

Behind Krista's bike lies a special story.

Rotary organizers had bought two bicycles as door prizes, the small blue bike and a larger one. When the names of the two winners were drawn, however, a dilemma arose. Both needed a small two-wheeler.

So Rotarians rose to the occasion. Krista would not be disappointed.

When the presentation was made, the big bicycle was wheeled in initially with all sorts of excuses. Then, came the pink and purple one.

"She put her hands over her mouth in complete surprise and delight. She was so happy," PSO Robert Hryciuk said.

Ironically, Krista's family moved to Westmount because they liked the activities available for children in the community, said her mother, Jacqui Walsh. Then they read about the road-eo in THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER, she explained, her father, Michael, decided they would go even though Krista had no bike. She borrowed one from a friend at the arena.

Then they found out their daughter was a winner.

"It was the ideal bike," Mrs Walsh said. "It was just made for her."

Winning a bicycle was also very special for Aiden since it came the day before he turned seven. On his birthday, police and public safety officers went to his school and presented him with the Kiwanis safety helmet he also had won at the road-eo. Helmets were given to 13 other participants.

Co-ed softball

The YM-YWHA singles group, Club 30 Something, invites everyone between 30 and 45 to play co-ed softball between June 27 and Aug 29 inclusive. Weekly games at Kirwan Park at Kildare and Wentworth in Côte St Luc starting at 9 pm. To register call 737-6551 ext 225.

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Dodgers defeat Pirates in close game

By WARREN VALDMANIS

In an display of hitting skill, the Dodgers defeated the Pirates 23-20 in Westmount's atom baseball on Monday.

The Dodgers, known for their dependable outfielding and spectacular hitting, rang true to all expectations. The Pirates, however, also proved their worth through a series of grand fielding plays and occasional power hits by players like Parnel Adam and Paul DesMores.

Within moments of the first pitch, the Dodgers broke into a lead with a triple by Jordan Beitel followed by an RBI by Travis McShane. By the end of the first two innings the score was 12-6 Dodgers.

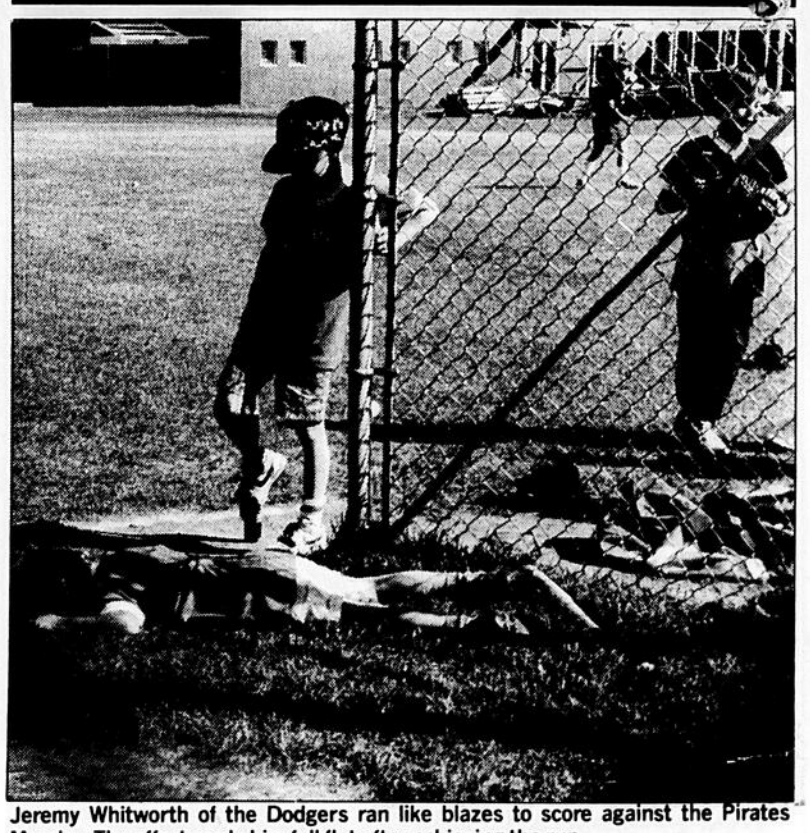
Although not spectacular, the Pirates' hitting was so consistent near the middle of the game that it was difficult for the Dodgers to get any outs. It was because of this consistent, dependable hitting that the score became 18-15 Dodgers, making the Pirates' losing margin less and increasing their confidence.

With the score so close and the end of the game so near, the Dodgers began to perform some of their renowned hitting. It began with Henry Cundell's excellent home run and double RBI. This was followed soon after by a triple by Rich Luft, who brought in the final two runs for the Dodgers.

The Pirates' outfield was very busy and had it not been for the catches of players like Luke Reid, the game would have been a blowout.

The Pirates had last licks and almost managed to pull off a win had it not been for Beitel, who got all three outs. With the score at 23-18 Dodgers, DesMores hit a triple with a double RBI, bringing the score of the game to 23-20.

GAME OF THE WEEK



Jeremy Whitworth of the Dodgers ran like blazes to score against the Pirates Monday. The effort made him fall flat after achieving the run.

Five bikes reported stolen

Five bicycles were reported stolen last week, causing police to remind local residents about the need to purchase good locks and use them. Only one of those taken last week was locked up.

An unlocked Peugeot disappeared at Sherbrooke street and Grosvenor avenue last Thursday while the owner went into a store for a moment. The $250 model was stolen at 5 pm.

Earlier in the week a light blue BMX was discovered missing behind 4834 de Maisonneuve boulevard while an 18-speed Raleigh mountain bike vanished outside Selwyn House School despite being locked to a fence. Another mountain bike was taken from the back balcony of a house on Melbourne avenue.

A bicycle that disappeared beneath a front balcony on Grosvenor avenue June 6 was among those reported stolen last week, seven days later.

Playing hard ball

Basketball and baseball games claimed two casualties in Westmount parks recently, according to fire and public safety reports.

A man living on Upper Lansdowne avenue was driven home by public security sergeant Mario Testa Monday, June 3, at 7:50 pm when he sprained his ankle playing baseball in King George Park.

About the same time June 7, an 18-year-old man from Beaconsfield was taken to the Reddy Memorial Hospital when he dislocated his left shoulder during a basketball game in Stayner Park.

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City-run sports and exploration half-day camps begin Monday

Westmount's summer day-camp program organized by the department of recreation and culture begins next Monday.

There are two types of morning or afternoon day camps to choose from for kids aged 6 to 13 — Explorations Camp or Sports Camp.

Kids who choose the Explorations Camp will participate in events relating to arts and crafts, science, theatre and drama, music and creative writing. Possible field trips include visits to the Eco Museum in St Anne de Bellevue and the Train Museum in St Constant.

Those choosing the sports camp will participate in team and individual sports. Outings could include visits to Ile Ste Helene for an outdoor education program and to the Aqua Park at La Ronde.

The cost of the camp is $25 per two-week session. The camp runs half-days in the morning from 9 to 12 or the afternoon from 1 to 4.

Interested residents must register one week prior to the four sessions beginning June 24, July 8, July 22 and Aug 5.

SPORTS SCORES

SOFTBALL

Date		Teams
June 11	Atom	Angels 1 – Tigers 0
		Astros 12 – Rangers 4
June 14		Rangers 8 – Tigers 7
		Angels 4 – Astros 3
June 10	Peewee	Expos 9 – Cubs 7

BASEBALL

Date		Teams
June 10	Mosquito	Yankees 1 – Orioles 0
		Blue Jays 1 – A's 0
		Blues Jays 7 – Yankees 5
June 11	Peewee	Padres 9 – Giants 1
		Phillies 8 – Cards 5
June 14		Cards 10 – Giants 3
		Padres 8 – Phillies 7

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Date		Teams
June 15	Novice	Spain 4 – Argentina 2
		Norway 5 – USA 3
		Canada 2 – Ireland 1
	Atom	Netherlands 3 – England !
		Austria 1 – Bulgaria 1
		Poland 1 – Portugal 0
	Peewee	Sweden 5 – Germany !
		Sweden 2 – Italy 2
		Brazil 7 – Scotland 0
		Australia 7 – Germany 5
	Bantam	Venezuela 6 – Wales 2
		Mexico 2 – Wales 1

GIRLS SOCCER

Date		Teams
June 15	Novice	Canada 3 – U.S.A. 3
	Atom	Leopards (Mtl W) 0 – Lions 11
		Panthers (Mtl W) 4 – Tigers 5
	Peewee +	Hawks (Mtl W) 1 – Falcons 3

SPORTS STANDINGS

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL

Following are the standings in the Westmount softball and baseball leagues as of Saturday, June 15:

SOFTBALL

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
ATOM					
Tigers	10	6	3	1	13
Angels	10	6	3	1	13
Rangers	10	4	6	0	8
Astros	10	3	7	0	6
PEEWEE					
Expos	7	4	3	0	8
Cubs	7	4	3	0	8
Royals	8	3	5	0	6

BASEBALL

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	RF	RA	Pts.
MOSQUITO							
A's	8	5	3	0	47	20	10
Orioles	8	4	3	1	36	35	9
Blue Jays	9	4	4	1	45	43	9
Yankees	9	3	6	0	38	68	6
PEEWEE							
Cards	10	6	3	1	74	73	13
Padres	10	5	5	0	77	70	10
Giants	10	4	5	1	45	61	9
Phillies	10	4	6	0	72	64	8

BALL HOCKEY

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal ball hockey league as of Sunday, June 16:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts.
MITE DIVISION							
Rangers	5	3	1	1	44	32	7
Red Wings	5	2	1	2	35	28	6
Whalers	5	3	2	0	39	33	6
Sabres	5	0	4	1	23	48	1
SQUIRT DIVISION							
Flyers	5	4	0	1	53	29	9
Oilers	5	2	2	1	54	51	5
Jets	5	1	3	1	51	57	3
Bruins	5	1	3	1	50	67	3
PEEWEE DIVISION							
Blues	5	3	1	1	77	49	7
Blackhawks	5	3	2	0	46	56	6
North Stars	5	2	2	1	71	63	5
Canadiens	5	1	4	0	37	63	2

SENIOR A and B

Following are the standings in the Westmount fastball league as of Thursday, June 13:

TEAM	GP	W	L	T	RF	RA	Pts.
SENIOR 'A' FASTBALL							
Magnum	11	8	2	1	81	41	17
P.C.'s	9	5	4	0	54	45	10
Angels	11	4	7	0	59	87	8
Phollies	11	3	7	1	60	81	7
SENIOR 'B' SOFTBALL							
Greensox	7	6	1	0	116	68	12
Reds	7	4	3	0	90	84	8
Classy	7	4	3	0	74	51	8
Bears	7	2	5	0	56	93	4
Wanderers	8	2	6	0	65	102	4

SOCCER

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal soccer leagues as of Saturday, June 15:

	GP	W	L	T	Pts
NOVICE					
Canada	6	4	1	1	9
Spain	6	3	0	3	9
Ireland	6	3	1	2	8
USA	6	2	2	2	6
Argentina	6	1	5	0	2
Norway	6	1	5	0	2
ATOM					
England	6	5	1	0	10
Bulgaria	6	4	1	1	9
Austria	6	3	2	1	7
Netherlands	6	3	3	0	6
Poland	6	1	4	1	3
Portugal	6	0	5	1	1
PEEWEE					
Brazil	6	5	0	1	11
Sweden	6	3	1	2	8
Australia	6	3	2	1	7
Italy	6	2	2	2	6
Germany	6	1	4	1	3
Scotland	6	0	5	1	1
BANTAM					
Venezuela	6	4	2	0	8
Wales	6	3	3	0	6
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Local gymnasts win the gold

Three Westmounters competing for Quebec won gold medals at the Canadian National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships recently.

Abigail Rasminsky, 13, Adeline Saliba, 14, and Carla Saliba, 12, were members of a junior group who performed with six ropes. They tied with British Columbia at the event, held June 7 to 9 at Montreal's Pierre Charbonneau Arena.

Soccer ends for the summer

The soccer season is over — for now.

The season resumes in September, according to recreation and culture official Stephen Guy. All players who want to continue the season in the fall must register at the recreation offices in the arena by Aug 23.

Registration is free. Players are aged 6 to 15 years old. There are 30 teams for boys and girls.

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