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Council statement commits Westmount to bilingualism

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount city council Tuesday entered the language issue on the side of bilingualism, committing itself to linguistic duality.

In a statement released at a press conference, council members called on all Canadian municipalities to act "in a similar spirit of tolerance and goodwill."

It noted the city's predominantly English-speaking citizens had long enjoyed the right to express themselves in their mother tongue and "expressed appreciation for the freedom afforded it in Quebec."

Mayor May Cutler, who presided at the conference, called the statement an affirmation of principle, "with some nuances."

She said council wanted to make a statement, rather than a resolution, which will be distributed to the municipalities which have recently declared themselves unilingual, as well as to associations of municipalities.

The council statement, presented as a consensus of council, is understood to have been accepted with reluctance by some of its members who felt no statement was necessary.

Councillor Paul Fortin, the council's only francophone member, introduced the statement, saying he feels it important at this time for council to make known its position on the language issue.

"In our day-to-day activities, we have been giving our services in both English and French," he explained. As a result, he said, the statement is in fact an affirmation of the city's linguistic duality.

The City of Westmount is allowed under section 113F of Bill 101 to use English in certain instances where other cities cannot since its francophone population is less than 51 percent, city officials said.

Asked why the council statement expresses "appreciation for the freedom afforded it in Quebec," Mayor Cutler replied: "I think we should appreciate *all* freedoms."

Her Worship said she considers the unilingual resolutions adopted by some municipalities to be insulting and gratuitous.

Coun Sally Aitken, one of those attending the press conference, told THE EXAMINER she hopes municipalities across Canada would act with tolerance and goodwill towards *all* language communities.

Coun Fortin, who was asked by city council to draft the statement, told THE EXAMINER last week he believes it necessary for Westmount to make public its bilingual position in the light of the unilingual declarations that had been made.

These, he said, are viewed by numerous francophones as a slap in the face (see story last week).

City statement of bilingualism

Following is a text of Westmount city council's statement on language released Tuesday:

"Whereas the citizens of Westmount being predominantly English speaking have long enjoyed the cultural richness engendered by living in a predominantly French milieu in Quebec as well as the right to express themselves in their maternal language;

"Be it resolved the council of the City of Westmount hereby restates its commitment to the fundamental linguistc duality of this community and expresses its appreciation for the freedom afforded it in Quebec. The council of the City of Westmount encourages all cities across Canada to act in a similar spirit of tolerance and goodwill."

Language vandals hit church sign, two stop signs

Language vandalism in Westmount last Thursday was attributed by police to "kids."

A can of black paint and a brush used to paint over two stop signs and the church sign at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas were found shortly after 2 am outside the church by public safety officers.

The stop signs are located at Murray Hill and Westmount avenue as well as at Murray Hill and Grenville. The word "stop" had been obliterated.

The church sign at The Boulevard and Lansdowne avenue was painted over with the letters FLQ.

This is Westmount's bonafide meter collector **Dave Gales**. Note his push cart at right. Thieves are removing the entire coin cylinder using a key in the same way Mr Gales does.

Public being called on to help identify parking meter robbers

Shoppers, parkers, dog walkers and anyone else on the street! Help catch Westmount's meter thieves!

If you've ever wanted to carry out some detective work, now's your chance.

Police are appealing to citizens to keep a close eye out for the individuals who continue to empty Westmount's parking meters of thousands of dollars in coin (see story last week).

Last Thursday and Friday alone, an estimated $2,100 was stolen from 119 meters by thieves using a key. Another $340 was taken on Wednesday. In the past month almost all the city's 800 meters have been hit at least once.

Anyone seen tampering with meters (who is not recognized as the regular meter attendant) is asked to call 911 immediately.

City employee Dave Gales, pictured on this page, is the only authorized coin collector. He can be further identified by the push cart he uses to hold the coin. His navy and white city van is often parked nearby.

"We're asking people to look out for anything suspicious," says Constable Gaston Bernier, station 23's crime prevention officer.

He says the thieves may be boldly emptying the meters in broad daylight posing as city workers or even pretending to be putting coin into the meter.

"They're getting greedier and gutsier," adds Bruce St Louis, the city's manager of operations.

The following descriptions of two young men believed to be involved were released by police Tuesday. Both were seen last Thursday on Victoria avenue about 6:30 pm.

They are white males, aged 25 to 30, about 5 foot 10 inches in height. One carried a 20-inch-long bag and wore a red-white-and-blue K-Way style 3/4-length jacket. The other had a blue nylon jacket.

Money also is being taken from some parking meters downtown in police districts 25 and 33, according to local MUC police director Pierre Vézina.

"It's not as steady a pickup in these other areas so it's hard to know if they're related," he explains.

It's only a matter of time before the thieves are caught, he says. The sooner the better, however, so keep those eyes out when you shop. And remember to call 911.

City's weekend planning session judged a success by all involved

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Westmount city council and more than a dozen senior officials emerged from a long-range planning weekend committed to tightening the city's pursestrings and setting priorities, Mayor May Cutler announced Tuesday.

Cost efficiency, library renewal, upgrading of city streets and protection of the environment were highlighted by all as among the most important needs to be addressed.

More than 30 city issues were evaluated for upcoming decision by council, the mayor said. Their priority is to be detailed in a report to be compiled on the study session.

The city group worked throughout two days at a retreat in the Eastern Townships to set goals, assess strengths and weaknesses and improve communication between those who set city policy and those who implement it.

"We tried to shape the future of Westmount," explained Councillor Paul Fortin as many of those involved met the press Monday to discuss the session.

The opportunity to plan together was hailed by most as long overdue and very successful. Such a session has not taken place in the memory of any of the present council members.

Business practice

"It heralds the application of business practices to municipal operations," explained Coun Peter Trent, city council's finance commissioner. "Had any businessman been a fly on the wall, he wouldn't have seen anything different from a meeting of a corporation."

The idea of grappling with issues and objectives is probably even more crucial at the municipal level where members of council, when compared with a board of directors, "are diverse as fish and fowl and everything else," he added.

In addition to issues already mentioned, officials evaluated snow disposal, tax base, development of CP lands, demolition and heritage bylaws, user-pay for recreation, extent and quality of legal services, merger of fire and public security departments, parking commercial areas, and management/staff training.

The weekend session was also considered successful by the city's three top managers.

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Next Scheduled City Council Meeting
Monday, March 5, 8 pm

Date de la prochaine séance du conseil municipal
Le lundi 5 mars, 20h

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Council Chamber, City Hall
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Council faces heavy agenda for Monday night meeting

A lengthy agenda faces city council at its public meeting Monday after the February's mid-month session was deferred.

The first item of business is slated to be the tabling of city council's language issue statement (see separate story, page one). This follows the question period which takes place at 8 pm.

Other items announced by city officials by press time yesterday are:

- List of accounts for month ending Jan 31;
- Cost of electrical cable work by Hydro-Québec and purchase of three electrical transformers for Place Alexis Nihon (see separate story);
- Tenders for the construction of underground conduits and manholes and the purchase of eight vehicles;
- Purchase of 20 luminaires for the MUC police garage, three Haws outdoor drinking fountains, communication cable and a Xerox photocopier for the library;
- Supplementary budget for Municipal Housing Bureau;
- Disposal of unclaimed object: one red 1979 Volkswagen;
- Arms control resolution to prohibit possession of military weapons by non-military personnel;
- Notice of motion for two loan by-laws to reconstruct roadways and sewers on Cedar, Metcalfe, Argyle and Victoria, and to refurbish Summit Park;
- Cadastral operations at 46 Belvedere Place, 32 Belvedere road, 4868 and 4896 Sherbrooke and 60 Oakland as well as at 4325-57 de Maisonneuve, the latter for conversion into divided co-ownership;
- Changes to health and safety committee;
- Mayor's and councillors' reports on Monday's emergency measures organization telephone alert exercise and the weekend workshop (see separate stories) and a meeting with the MUCTC.

WESTMOUNT *Community Calendar*

Today, March 1

Contactivity meeting: Thérèse Darch of Regional Council for Health and Social Services at Contactivity Centre at 2 pm to discuss various living arrangements available to older people. 932-3433.

Vernissage at 7 pm for *Small prints 90*, an exhibition at Galerie Dan Delaney, continuing to March 15. 484-4691.

Fibre art: Concordia fibre faculty show, various aspects of textile arts, at Visual Arts Centre until March 17. 488-9559.

Seniors swim: At Westmount Y from 2 to 3:30 pm every Tuesday and Thursday at no charge for seniors, even if not Y members. 931-8046.

Friday, March 2

World Day of Prayer ecumenical service at St Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas at 3 pm. Service will be led by Lorna Brown; Miriam Tees is guest speaker. Refreshments after the service. All welcome.

Alice in Wonderland by Rathbone Theatre at Victoria Hall at 9:30 am and noon. Also Saturday, March 3, 10:30 am and 2 pm. 636-5248 or 486-2876.

Saturday, March 3

Heart-saver CPR course at the Westmount YMCA from 9 am to 1 pm. $25 members; $35 non-members. Register in advance at the member service desk.

Samedi Greene presents a drama workshop with Laurie Lesk. Kids of all ages can get into the act with improv games. $1. Children under six must be accompanied. 931-6202.

Westmount Library will start new hours today. The library opens at 10 am today and every Saturday, 11 am Sundays. The children's department stays open to 9 pm Monday through Thursday.

Children's reading: Party stories with guest make-up artist at the book reading at 10 am at Oink Oink!, 1361 Greene avenue. Events every second week. 939-2634.

Sunday, March 4

Lecture: Neil Poch of Temple Emanu-El, Toronto, will speak about his recent experiences in Russia with his youth group at 2:30 pm Sunday at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke street west. 937-3575.

Monday, March 5

City council meeting at 8 pm.

Wednesday, March 7

SWAG meeting: at Victoria Hall at 10 am. Guest speaker is notary James T. Taylor on new laws on powers of attorney, the Quebec Curator's office and related subjects.

Story hour: Today and every Wednesday, a 20-minute story hour for two- and three-year-olds, followed by a 20-minute storytime for children four to six years old and, after that, 20 minutes of story-telling in French. Readings begin at 10:30 am and 3 pm at Westmount Library.

Open house: KIDS Westmount daycare, 4432 St Catherine street, from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm. Refreshments. 939-1103.

COMING UP

March 8: Three environment clinics by Weact (Westmount Environment Action Group) at 7:30 am, 1:30 and 7:30 pm at Victoria Hall. Discussions on local environment issues and an organically grown food tasting are featured. 388-8477.

March 8: *Income tax, the annual rite of spring* by David Laidley, partner of Touche Ross, at 7:30 pm at Greene avenue community centre. Free. Refreshments will be served. 931-6202.

March 10: Samedi Greene presents a hat-making day with Guilaine Boucher for kids of all ages. $1. Children under six must be accompanied. 931-6202.

March 14: Heart-saver CPR course at the Westmount YMCA from 6 to 10 pm. $25 members; $35 non-members. Register in advance at the member service desk.

Patrolling PSOs nab three for car theft try

Three south shore men in their twenties have been charged with attempted car theft after being arrested Sunday night by public safety officers near Dorchester boulevard and Gladstone avenue, police said.

The trio is also charged with possession of burglars' tools.

The incident was witnessed about 8:14 pm by public safety officers Michel Godon and David Sedgwick whose patrol car was parked in the Tupper municipal parking lot at the time.

The pair, according to public safety officials, spotted two men approach a black 1989 Acura Legend parked on the northwest corner of Dorchester and Gladstone. It is valued at $39,000.

As the men appeared to be forcing open one of the car doors using a slim jim device, they were interrupted by the arrival of a red van which appeared to startle them. They started to head west toward a red Buick Skylark parked with the motor running.

As one returned to the Legend, the officers intercepted a total of three persons at the waiting Skylark. When MUC police arrived at the scene, they took the suspects back to local station 23 for investigation. They were later sent downtown to await arraignment in court.

A nylon sports bag containing heavy tools was reported recovered.

Two of the accused live in LaPrairie, the other in Candiac. They were aged 22 and 23.

The Legend sustained $400 damage in the incident. It belongs to a resident of MacDonald avenue.

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

Feb 20

1:03 pm: 4036 St Catherine, fire alarm activated accidentally by cleaner;
2:02 pm: 4800 de Maisonneuve, first responder unit;
7:02 pm: 2200 Claremont, Montreal, smell of smoke;

Feb 21

7:21 am: 714 Upper Roslyn, odor of gas in garage from car with overfilled tank;
9:21 pm: 3500 de Maisonneuve, Place Alexis Nihon, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 9:36 pm, power failure, blown transformer (see story);
10:20 pm: 468 Argyle, burglar alarm;

Feb 22

7:32 am: 220 Olivier, first responder unit;
10:35 am: 492 Elm, first responder unit (see story);
8:41 pm: 330 Kensington, water leaking from ceiling, drain blocked by ice;

Feb 23

2:51 am: Belvedere and Côte des Neiges, car on fire (see story);
4:00 am: 3303 Cedar, defective alarm;
10:14 am: 8 Windsor, water leaking into basement through foundation;
6:16 pm: 388 Olivier, apt 6, faulty plug on vacuum cleaner;

Feb 24

12:52 am: 4626 Sherbrooke, first responder unit (see story);
8:35 am: Front of 45 Roxborough, for smell of gas, false alarm;
12:56 pm: 740 Upper Lansdowne, strange odor (see story);
7:32 pm: 200 Lansdowne, apt 903, code 3 automatic mutual aid from St Laurent and T.M.R. cancelled at 7:41 pm, smell of smoke from fireplace in use entering through cold air vent;
7:32 pm: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 7:41 pm, fire in chair (see story);

Feb 25

11:42 am: 361 Roslyn, burglar alarm;
4:48 pm: 431 Grosvenor, assistance to MUC police;

Feb 26

2:10 am: 4039 Tupper, Reddy Memorial Hospital, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:21 am, fire alarm activated by defective sensor on elevator alarm;
2:56 am: 4039 Tupper, RMH, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc and Outremont cancelled at 3:09 am, see above;
4:11 am: 4039 Tupper, RMH, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St Luc cancelled at 4:28 am, see above;
7:10 am: 255 Metcalfe, first responder unit;
9:34 am: 4337 Montrose, furnace problem;
12:33 pm: 6767 Côte St Luc cancelled at 12:36 pm.

After a mere 17-year hiatus, Cst Stec is back on his beat

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Just call him Terry the Cop.

That's how he's known on the beat.

It's the name Constable Stec has built up after many years of walking in and knocking on doors of commercial districts first in Westmount, then in N.D.G.

Now he's back where he started his police career 29 years ago, pounding the pavement at Victoria and Sherbrooke as well as Greene and St Catherine.

"I'm home after 17 years," he said last week. "I love beat work, meeting all the people and the merchants. They all like to see a man in uniform."

He should know. At six foot four (and 3/4 inches) tall, he sports a lot of cloth.

Constable Stec, 49, speaks 10 languages. Of Ukrainian-Polish descent, he's fluent in English, French, Russian, Ukrainian and Yugoslavian. In addition he has a working knowledge of Yiddish, Italian, Greek and German.

His nickname, Terry, comes from his first name, Taras, the Ukrainian form of Terrence.

Cst Stec joined the former Westmount Police Force in May 1961. He remained in Westmount for 13 years. He served in N.D.G. from 1973. He spent the last eight years walking a commercial beat along Sherbrooke between Cavendish and Claremont.

On Sherbrooke at Victoria, **Constable Terry Stec** gets to know shoppers and merchants. He is shown here at Folklore I with owner **Gerard Fellerath.**

Latest transfers

He returned to Westmount with the latest MUC transfers to spend his last year or two before retirement thanks to station 23 director Pierre Vézina who gave him the opportunity, he said.

Cst Stec takes on the beat that was walked by his former Westmount colleague Cst Gordon Peace. Cst Peace died at age 55 last Jan 25 (see story last Feb 1).

One of the reasons Cst Stec thrives on foot patrol is that he knows what it's like to die and live again. "Eight years ago I had a massive heart attack and was clinically dead for two minutes. It's the walking that keeps me alive today."

It didn't take long for him to get back into the swing of Westmount life. As Cst Stec went from store to store along Sherbrooke last week, he was stopped by this person and that who recognized him and welcomed him back.

"I'm right back where I was 30 years ago, walking the beat," he said.

And that's typical of police work, said Cst Gaston Bernier, station 23's crime prevention officer. "The more it changes, the more it comes back to the old ways."

Next time you spot Terry on patrol in a shopping area, take a moment to chat. He's quick to take out his notebook and record your concerns or suggestions.

Smoked pheasant?

A burning smell in a house on Upper Lansdowne avenue Saturday was traced to bird stuck in the stove pipe of hot water heater, fire officials said. The gas-fired unit was found to have an over-sized stove pipe and the matter was referred to the service company.

Goldless

Two gold rings and three gold chains were stolen from a locker at Westmount High School Wednesday last week, police said. They belong to a girl from Montreal.

Twice-stolen car found on fire at Belvedere

A twice-stolen car was recovered, on fire, early Sunday at Belvedere and Côte des Neiges roads after it crashed into a tree and was abandoned, police said.

Westmount firefighters were called to the scene at 2:20 am but their Montreal counterparts were already there dousing the flames. The car sustained more than $500 from the accident and $50 fire damage. It had to be towed away.

Fire officials said the fire broke out in electrical wiring.

The 1988 Plymouth had already been recovered by police at Lavoie and Kent avenues and the owner informed of its location. Before the Montreal woman could pick it up, however, the car disappeared a second time under mysterious circumstances before it turned up against the tree.

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We Say

A missed opportunity

WESTMOUNT city council's statement Tuesday on language is commendable.

It is no mere "motherhood" declaration. It was prompted in response to municipalities elsewhere, notably in parts of Ontario, which have extraordinary ideas that the use of English is threatened and needs the doubtful support of actively suppressing the official use of French.

In some instances the sentiment seems to be that such measures might provide suitable response to perceived official French unilingualism in Quebec and somehow come to the aid of supposedly beleaguered anglos in this province.

We doubt Westmount's noble resolution, even a chorus of them from Quebec cities, towns and villages, will have much effect on the yahoos elsewhere in Canada whose knowledge of and care for Quebec is minimal.

For that matter, we are not too sure just who is supposed to take notice of this formal measure issued in the name of all Westmounters of whatever origin.

Surely it is not for local citizens. Most of us already espouse the spirit of the sentiments it expresses: we favor bilingualism, we know the inestimable value of embracing two cultures, English and French, and others if we are fortunate enough to know or be of them.

We are not, however, overly enthusiastic about the passage which expresses non-francophone Westmounters' alleged "appreciation" for the freedom afforded them in Quebec. Whoever crafted those words has the wrong end of the stick. This suggests that freedom somehow is accorded by the government instead of being a hard-won, natural right.

Therefore, we hope this resolution is not directed to the Bourassa government or would-be governors now in opposition. If so, the wording should have been quite different; rather than a humble crawl, it should have been a protest of illiberalism.

Elsewhere in Canada it should be known that there is deep respect among Quebec's non-French for the genuine concerns of the province's majority for the survival of the French language and culture. Most of us can live with, indeed hardly notice anymore, the predominance of French in signs, advertising and other communications of all kinds.

Our real ire is directed against our own cynical, uncaring premier who, however "legally," invoked the not-to-be-invoked notwithstanding clause to bypass the verdicts of the courts (Quebec's and the Supreme Court of Canada) as well as the solemn provisions of both the Quebec and Canadian charters of rights, allegedly to enforce the separatists' language law.

This is what should have been condemned in Westmount's resolution, to make known this community's positive feelings about languages but also our profound concern over the abridgement of fundamental freedom, proclaiming our views both at home and elsewhere.

A missed opportunity.

Brownie points for the 'Y'

THE Westmount YMCA has earned a tip of the community's hat for offering two free 1½-hour periods per week — Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2 to 3:30 pm — in its swimming pool facilities for senior citizens.

We and others have not shrunk in the past to criticize the "Y" for its commercial tendency to charge for almost everything it offers and for being rather pricey at that.

Thus, it is something of a novelty to be commended when that policy is set aside on occasion — in this instance, until warmer weather and the city's outdoor pool becomes available once more to all local citizens.

This offer is particularly welcome in that swimming is an established ideal form of exercise for older persons, in many cases invaluable therapy for various ills which afflict aging flesh and bones.

The "Y's" normal fees are simply beyond the reach of many whose retirement incomes must mostly be reserved for primary necessities.

Thus, the big, new building at Arlington avenue and Sherbrooke street wins Brownie points which will be redeemable in appreciation if not in hard cash.

You Say

Former 332 Metcalfe owner says name not correct

Sir: I notice that once again your reporter, Ms Sweeney, has not managed to get her facts quite straight.

The name of the family who lived in 332 Metcalfe avenue from June 1960 until June 1989 is Arnold-Forster. The maiden name of the vendor was Reford. Ms Sweeney should, now that the initial trauma has passed, have accessed records correctly.

During my years in Westmount I have not been overly impressed by the accuracy of Ms Sweeney. Lucille Rodier married Clarence Gagnon and they did indeed live in the house at one stage as well as on Delavigne.

Should Ms Sweeney feel impelled to write more on 332 Metcalfe avenue, referring to the previous owners, would you please ensure that she uses our name correctly, Arnold-Forster.

Perhaps Ms Sweeney does not realize how much she discredits THE EXAMINER in the eyes of its readers with her inaccuracies.

Sonja Arnold-Forster
3577 Atwater avenue
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Editor's Note: We are glad to have the correct name. However, it is not Ms Sweeney who is at fault but those very records it is suggested she access, as she always does. At right is a copy of the top portion of the official Montreal Urban Community mutation form filed at city hall to change the valuation roll when "Ms Arnold-Forster" sold the home in June 1989. Her name is listed as Sonja Reford-Forster, so that is what we published in the issues of Feb 8, 15 and 22. Ms Arnold-Forster's letter is dated Feb 22. As for the information about Lucille Rodier and Clarence Gagnon, a re-read of the article will show that we did not say they never lived at 332 Metcalfe, only that they did live on Delavigne, which Ms Arnold-Forster confirms as correct. As for other alleged inaccuracies of Ms Sweeney, we would appreciate specifics so we can set the record straight. As almost anyone at city hall will attest, Ms Sweeney is nothing if not a stickler for accuracy down to the smallest detail.

Our public servants serve Westmount well

Sir: Never often enough, I suspect, do we hand out much-warranted praise to those who serve us in this city, year upon year, around the clock.

Many sectors of Westmount's public service could qualify for such attention but, with this letter, I would like to single out our fire department.

Any readers who know Belvedere Residence (attached to the Ville Marie Social Services on St Catherine street, west of Melville) will know that we are a residence for autonomous seniors. Enjoying, as they do, the benefits of protected, communal living, our residents continue to shop, cook and attend to their own affairs with no permanent supervision.

Given these conditions, Belvedere's dedicated and ever-vigilant volunteer board of directors installed, several years ago, an excellent and very sensitive fire alarm system. This makes us all feel very secure about early warnings in the middle of the night, but it also leads to a heightened incidence of "burnt-toast," "smokey-burner" false alarms. Much as we try to avoid them, such mistakes are bound to happen.

The response of our local firemen to these incidents over the years has been one of complete understanding and exemplary patience. Their attitude, consistently, is of quick response and the oft-stated opinion that they would much rather come quickly for nothing than to take any chances.

Earlier this month we were treated to yet another example of their concern and thoroughness when Lieutenant Inspector Barry Coates spent an entire morning with us running a monitored fire drill, meeting with our residents to inform about adequate response and to answer their many questions. He also examined each room for any fire hazards that might be present. It was a pleasant and educational time and we expect a return visit in the spring to ensure that we have learned our lessons well.

Let this letter express the gratitude of Belvedere residents and, I am sure, of Westmounters in general for the interest and dedication shown by our public servants.

Georgia Carpenter
Administrator
Belvedere Residence
4505 St Catherine street west
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1R9

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our Mayor
Her Worship May Cutler
says...

Questions that must be asked

ARE Robert Bourassa and his Liberals planning a coup d'état?

Who elected them to change the relationship of Quebec to Canada?

Was it even part of their electoral platform?

Did not Quebec citizens vote for them precisely because they were against the separatist stance of the Parti Québécois?

How come members of his Liberal Party now talk openly of "sovereignty association" when they never mentioned it while running for office?

Has Bourassa been a closet separatist all along, just biding his time?

Is it true that he envisioned Quebec and Canada as "états souverains associés" as far back as 1968; that he thought of Quebec as an "état francophone dans un marché commun canadien" and of "possibilités d'indépendance culturelle dans un fédéralisme économique" as long ago as 1978, as reported in *Le Devoir* Feb 24?

Has he ever, while running for office, laid his plans honestly and openly before the electorate?

Has he been following the same path as the Parti Québécois but just far enough behind to pick up votes by seeming to be an alternative?

By whose permission?

Who gave Bourassa permission, with or without the Meech Lake accord, to negotiate Quebec out of Canada?

How has the agreement on Meech Lake been built up to look as if the survival of French identity in Quebec depended on the result?

And if the Meech Lake accord were passed unanimously, would it change the present direction of Bourassa or merely be the stepping stone to another demand and crisis?

Is the Canadian government a foreign power oppressing or inhibiting Quebec?

Has it not been made up at every level — from its prime ministers and members of Parliament to its Supreme Court and civil service — of Quebec citizens?

Do they not represent Quebec interests just as much as those in parallel positions in the Quebec government?

Is Bourassa aiming to turn Quebec into a separate political entity without the checks and balances on his power that the present federal system imposes, checks and balances that are integral to a working democracy because they are the final protection of the individual?

Every citizen of Quebec has a right to ask and get an answer to these questions.

I Say!

I don't know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know what his grandson will be.

— *Abraham Lincoln*

The Westmount Examiner

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Examining the Files

SERVICE CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

WESTM'T WOMEN'S CLUB NET FRIDAY

Notice To Secretaries of Clubs, Churches And Associations

Forty-five Years Ago
March 2, 1945

From an editorial: "Canada's increased status in international affairs is evidenced by the important part other nations expect her to take in the United Nations Conference at San Francisco which opens April 25. It is to be one of the most important gatherings in world history and out of it will likely emerge a United Nations Organization dedicated to the peace and progress of the postwar world. Premier King is expected to head the Canadian delegation in his capacity as secretary of state for external affairs. Already Ottawa has been informed that smaller nations of the world are looking to Canada to play a leading role in their behalf..."

Thirty-five Years Ago
March 4, 1955

"What do we do if the bomb drops? That is the question many Westmounters are asking themselves as Montreal's civic administration continues to delay in making a definite decision as to the future of civil defence under city auspices. With the tabling of Montreal's budget this week, without any provision for civil defence expenditures, local residents and particularly many who have participated in various phases of civil defence wonder what happens next. There is a strong rumor that $750,000 worth of civil defence materials... may be recalled and sent to other areas who are showing a more serious approach to the problem."

Twenty-five Years Ago
March 5, 1965

"Westmount police and firemen, civil protection volunteers and officials were quick to organize and actively aid in the job of dealing with the havoc created by the explosion in LaSalle Heights Monday morning.... When the seriousness of the situation was apparent, a pumper and party of men was immediately dispatched.... Off-duty police and firemen went to the scene on their own. Mayor Tucker ordered that all off-duty employees who volunteered and worked at the site be put on the city's payroll.... Four men from Westmount assisted in locating and uncovering alive a four-year-old child."

Ten Years Ago
February 28, 1980

"A quick-thinking off-duty Westmount police constable risked his own life Friday evening to stop an armed robbery at the crowded Victoria avenue Steinberg store, earning high praise from citizens and police alike. Cst George Payne, 47, a local resident and 23-year police veteran in Westmount, was grocery shopping with his wife and two teenage children when he noticed a robbery in progress at the Victoria avenue entrance check-out at 8 pm. Unarmed and out of uniform, he tackled the suspect, wrestling with him inside and outside the store and disarming and arresting him before fellow police from local Station 23 arrived on the scene."

One Year Ago
March 2, 1989

"The City of Westmount has formulated a new street-cleaning policy aimed to improve efficiency while reducing costs and minimizing parking headaches, city officials say. The policy, which comes into effect April 1, will include new two-hour no-parking maintenance periods on about 60 residential streets, mostly in the southern half of the city. Public works director Fred Caluori said the idea is to get the streets cleaned more often during the summer months while doing away with the use of costly sandwich-board signs.... The new maintenance schedule will be indicated by traditional metal signs on street poles."

our PSBGM commissioner
Joan Rothman
says...

We love our teachers

IT used to be an apple for the teacher. During teacher appreciation week at Roslyn School it was fresh-perked coffee and home-made muffins presented early on Monday morning! Tuesday the teachers received balloons and Valentine bookmarks. The fresh fruit for teacher's lunch, which followed on Wednesday and Thursday, certainly included an apple. On Friday the staff were presented with delicious fresh-baked cake by parent Pat Smith, who even offered to share her recipe.

Who planned this? "The Roslyn Home and School Association," said president Kathie Dungan as she sorted individually wrapped flowers destined for teachers and just delivered by Westmount Florist. "We think you should treat your teachers the way you want them to treat your children."

Kathie Dungan heads a very active association re-established in the school last year by Linda Stern. Roslyn School had the first Home and School Association in Quebec in 1935, chaired then by former Westmount mayor Sydney Bruneau.

Kathie Dungan's committee has placed more than 100 parent volunteers in Roslyn School this year. Parent volunteers raise funds for special activities, organize the popular Roslyn Skating Party at the arena, assist on field trips, contact parents during the emergency dismissal program, and produce the newsletter for parents.

There is a volunteer class mother for every class, 31 volunteers for reading help and 10 library volunteers. This school is continuing a strong volunteer tradition.

I walked out the front door of the school festooned with a banner — *We love our teachers* — in French and English. I think they do!

our M.P.
David Berger
says...

Budget questions

I WILL be taking advantage of the mid-winter parliamentary break to speak to constituents about last week's budget. Some preliminary thoughts: "No new taxes," said Michael Wilson. He did not say that in last April's budget, he had introduced new taxes and raised existing taxes by some $7.2 billion for the 1990-91 fiscal year, to begin this April 1.

Mr Wilson's deficit forecast of $28.5 billion for 1990-91 is based on an extremely iffy assumption, that is that interest rates will average 11 percent throughout the year. They are currently 13 percent. If history is any judge, the finance department has been consistently optimistic in its interest rate forecasts. I do not share this optimism. Interest rates and the deficit will likely be higher.

Transfer payments to the provinces for health care and post-secondary education (PSE) account for the lion's share of spending cuts introduced in this budget. Of $16.7 billion to be cut over the next five years, $7.4 billion, or 43 percent, will be cut from such transfers.

Why did the government target health care and PSE? Does the minister of finance think that we spend too much on health care and PSE? Or that the provinces are not paying their fair share? If not, who should make up the difference? The users?

Were all the options canvassed? What about subsidies to business? Several months ago the president of Federal Industries in Winnipeg suggested that business should be prepared to do away with all subsidies. While such a radical proposal will not be implemented overnight, I note that subsidies to business still account for 10 percent of program expenditures, the same as when the Conservatives took office.

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

Talking to Manitobans

AS some of you will already know, I am travelling to Winnipeg on Friday with an impressive group of people I like to call Friends of Canada. The purpose of the trip is to meet with the government and official opposition of Manitoba to talk to them about the future of the Canadian Constitution.

It may sound pompous, but the reason I am going is so that I can face my grandson 10 years from now when he asks the question, "How come Canada broke up during the 1990s?" My answer will be, "Well, Jacob, I tried a last-ditch effort with a number of others — but by that time no one was listening."

Whenever people engage me in a conversation about the Meech Lake accord I always say, "I won't discuss it with you unless you can state clearly the five propositions put forward by Quebec." So far only two or three people have been able to get past the distinct society and the Supreme Court. With a little prompting they will remember something about immigration (they usually don't know that this has been in place since 1977).

I then explain to them about "opting out" and the appointment of senators. And that's it. Hardly enough to break up our beautiful country.

On speaking circuit

Over the next month or so I will be speaking to several service clubs. My theme will be the work of a member of the National Assembly and the various responsibilities that he or she has. Even the PQ members must swear allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen. We also undertake to be loyal to the Constitution of Quebec (whatever that may be).

Beyond that, my view is that of Edmund Burke, British statesman and conservative political theorist (1729-97). He believed that an elected parliamentarian's first duty was to his conscience. It is difficult for some folk to understand why, after they work to get you elected, you don't do their bidding or follow slavishly the party line on every occasion.

For those who find it particularly annoying that I might take an individual stand from time to time based on my personal belief as to what is right or wrong, they may be consoled by the fact that Burke was ultimately defeated by his constituents.

You Say

Voter says Holden shouldn't support Meech

A copy of the following letter to Westmount MNA Richard Holden has been sent to THE EXAMINER:

Dear Mr Holden: I note from today's paper (Feb 22) that you intend to support the Meech Lake accord. As one of your constituents and one who voted for your election, I feel that you should perhaps reconsider your position on this matter.

My reasons are simple. It is well known that you have supported the Progressive Conservatives and have tried to run for office for them. It is also well known that the voters in Westmount have rejected this stand. Moreover, the same voters have supported Don Johnston and David Berger,

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Three real estate companies each claim they're number one

"Just the facts, ma'am, just the facts." That's what a popular early television detective, LAPD inspector Joe Friday, used to say on *Dragnet*.

And that's what a mad real estate branch manager is saying in the wake of an advertising battle waged in the THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER last week.

Three real estate companies took out half-page, full-page and two-page ads each claiming they were the best in the West — Westmount that is.

The war began in the previous EXAMINER, Feb 15, when a Montreal Trust half-page ad said that, again in 1989, their Westmount office listed and sold more homes in Westmount than all the competition. If that wasn't enough the ad said, "And don't let anyone tell you different." They repeated the same ad last week.

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

But them's fightin' words if you're Paul Robert, manager of one of two Royal LePage offices in Westmount.

He's the biggest! he says. And he's got the facts to prove it so he put them in a full-page ad last week. The ad said Royal LePage listed 38.8 percent of homes in Westmount compared to the closest competitor, Montreal Trust, with 29.3 percent. According to the ad, Royal LePage also sold 43.7 percent of homes in Westmount last year compared to 26.7 percent for Montreal Trust.

Just the facts

"What we are stating are the facts," Mr Robert said. "These are the facts. That's all."

But wait. Rod R. Quesnel, the manager of the Montreal Trust Westmount branch said he's got the facts to prove his statement too.

He says office for office, Montreal Trust sells and lists more homes. He said Royal LePage took the figures for two offices and that's not fair.

"Of course we have statistics to prove it," he said.

According to Montreal Trust figures, their Westmount offices sold 40 homes in 1989 for 35 percent, the Royal LePage Greene avenue office sold 35 homes for 30 percent, the Royal LePage Sherbrooke street office sold 20 homes for 17 percent and the ReMax Westmount office sold 23 homes for 19 percent.

Pauline Vickers, the assistant manager of the Montreal Trust office, said they put their ad in THE EXAMINER after ReMax started sending cards to Westmount homes which had a bar graph which showed that ReMax (Montreal) offices had the highest gross sales when compared to other brokers according to the Multiple Listing System (MLS). This chart was also in ReMax's two-page ad in last week's EXAMINER.

But Ms Vickers says this means nothing to Westmount customers because it takes into account all ReMax offices. She also said most homes in Westmount are not listed on the MLS but are listed exclusively.

The president of the ReMax Westmount office, Joyce Faughnan, could not be reached for comment.

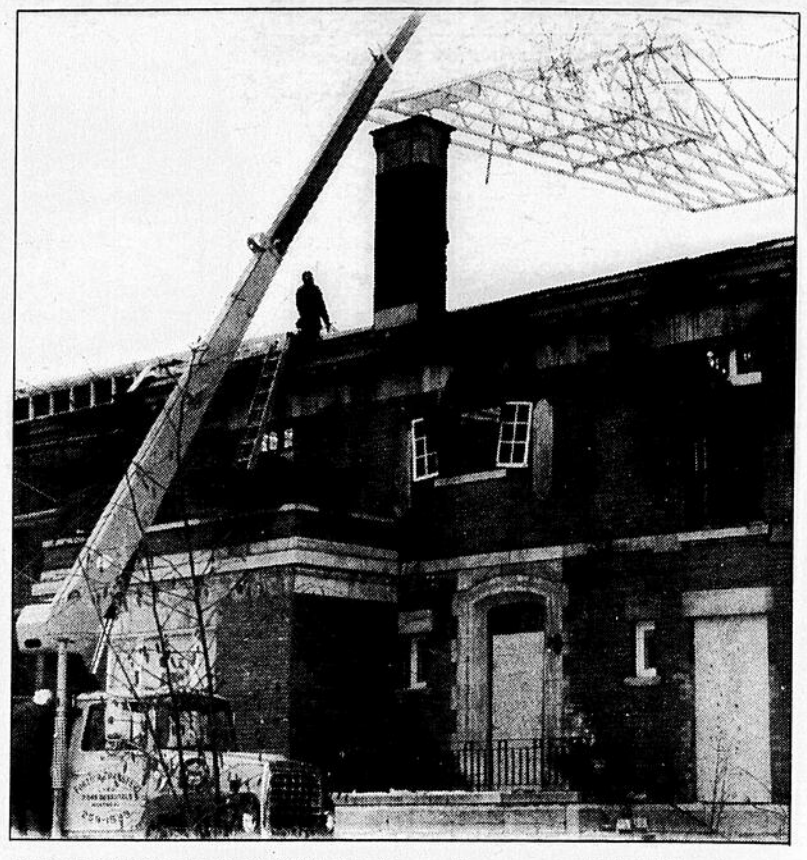
Ms Vickers said her office just wanted to clear the air, which is also what Mr Robert said after he saw Ms Vickers' ad. He was also quite upset.

"This is so gawdawful," Mr Robert said. "I was so mad when I saw that ad."

Mr Robert also found it strange that the ads from the three real estate companies appeared in the same issue of THE EXAMINER.

Don Sancton, the publisher and editor of the newspaper, said it was strictly the advertisers' own reactions that resulted in the three ads appearing in the same issue. He said it is a "cardinal rule" at the newspaper not to divulge the advertising plans of one customer to a competitor.

So there are the facts, Joe, just the facts.



BURNED SHELL GETS ROOF SHELL: New roof trusses were hoisted Tuesday onto the remains of 332 Metcalfe avenue which was gutted by a spectacular fire three weeks ago yesterday. The quick installation of a new roof will protect the interior from deterioration caused by wind and weather.

Lounge chair burns at Redddy

The cushion of a sofa chair caught fire Saturday evening in the smoking room of a psychiatric ward at Reddy Memorial Hospital, fire officials said. The fire had been extinguished when firefighters arrived shortly after 7:32 am.

The chair was ignited by smoker's material but it was not known which patient was responsible. Damage was reported at $100.

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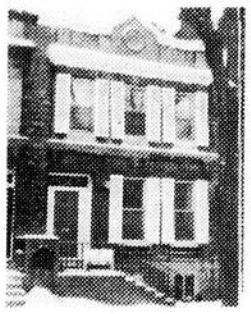

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Real Estate
By Reg Morden

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If you list your home for sale with a REALTOR on Monday and he sells it for you on Tuesday, do you think he has earned his commission? He certainly has. In fact more so than the broker who takes several months to close the sale. Why?

A lot more time, effort and dollars have gone into getting that ideal prospect for you than the 24-hour period would indicate. A quick sale is not a matter of luck or lack of effort. It just happens to be the tip of the iceberg.

The major part of that "iceberg" are the years of education and study in the field of real estate, hundreds of hours of time spent in phone calls, personal visits, interviews and home showing and thousands of dollars spent on classified and institutional advertising and signs to build an inventory of qualified prospects. One of these prospects has been looking for just such a home as yours. It is doubtful that he walked in off the street.

The REALTOR who comes up with the right buyer for your home overnight has done his homework and made a big investment — for YOU.

★ ★ ★ ★
HOME OF THE WEEK

If you've ever considered owning a duplex, consider this one. Situated at 489-91 Victoria Avenue, in Westmount, this charming property offers super accommodation for the owner combined with excellent revenue from a refined tenant. The owner occupied lower has a cosy living room with wood burning fireplace. To entertain guests in style, there is a separate formal dining room served from a freshly decorated kitchen. The master bedroom is large with ample closet space and a private bathroom en suite. Also on this level is another bedroom or den plus full bathroom. The lower level is heaven for older children or guests with 2 more bedrooms, full bath and rec room in knotty pine. There are 2 garages and a pleasant garden. Asking price is $549,000. To view please call me.

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WESTMOUNT OFFICE

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At a recent gathering held at the Meridien Hotel, Montreal Trust was proud to honor our leaders — people who gained special recognition through their sheer determination to reach for higher summits. The 15 agents below have merited top honors for highest volume performances at our WESTMOUNT Real Estate Branch.

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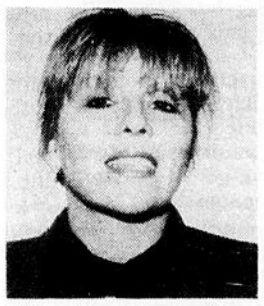
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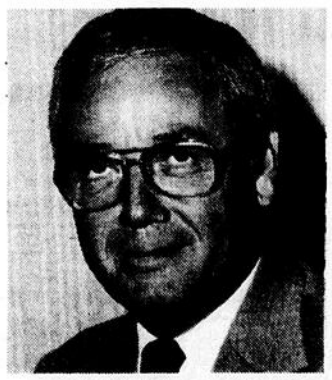

R.R. Quesnel
MANAGER

Pauline Vickers
ASST. MANAGER

4150 St Catherine west **934-1818**

Out-of-court settlement possible in 22 Summit case

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Lawyers for Westmount and a homeowner who is suing the city for $3 million met last week and one is "optimistic" an out-of-court solution can be found while the other is "hopeful."

"I am convinced that we should be able to find an intelligent solution," said André Durocher, one of Annie Kenane's lawyers.

Mrs Kenane is suing the city because it denied her permission to demolish a 91-year-old house at 22 Summit Circle because of its heritage value.

The city's lawyer, Kevin Donovan, was more guarded with his words.

"We are just meeting to discuss the possibility of a solution. But we wouldn't be wasting our time," he said. "I am hopeful a solution can be found out of court."

The lawsuit asks the court to nullify the city's decision, alleging it violated Mrs Kenane's rights as a homeowner. The lawsuit also alleges the city's actions amount to expropriation without compensation.

Mr Durocher gave a hint of what type of solution is contemplated — "an architectural solution."

"We will try to find a solution to conciliate the desires of the city to preserve a heritage site and which, at the same time, preserves Mrs Kenane's right to live in a house of her taste," he said.

He declined to go into further details. Mr Donovan also declined to comment on the details of a possible agreement.

The negotiations will resume after Mr Durocher has a chance to speak to Mrs Kenane, who is in Korea on a business trip.

If no solution is found, Mr Durocher said he will bring the case before Superior Court as quickly as possible, possibly by the fall. But that is not what he hopes for.

"I am optimistic that with good faith we should be able to find a solution," he said.

Mr Durocher is a lawyer who specializes in government litigation for the Martineau and Walker law firm. He researched and drafted Mrs Kenane's detailed deposition.

Exorcism finally effected on car haunting Boulevard

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

The mystery of the phantom Pontiac on The Boulevard has been partially solved thanks to the efforts of a dutiful policeman and of the man who was haunted by the metallic demon.

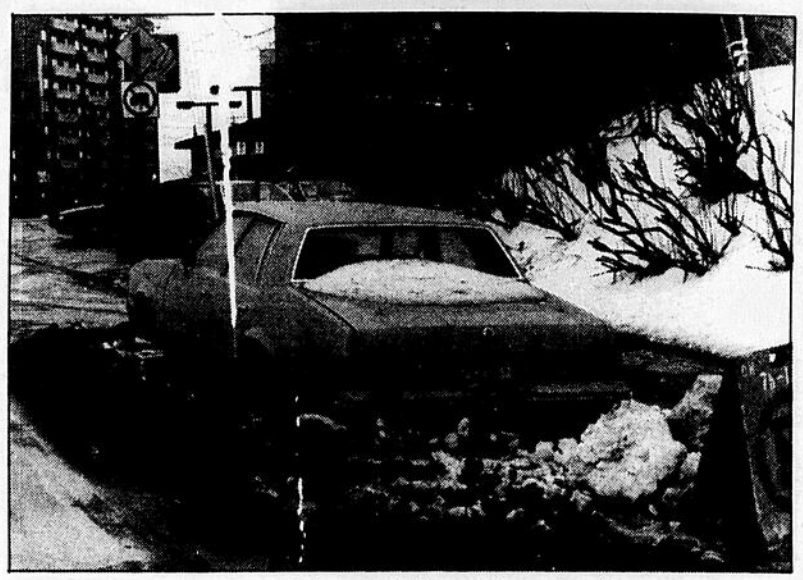
The powder-blue sedan first came to the attention of Guy Loubier Cameron last Christmas when he almost crashed into it as he was driving west on The Boulevard with his grandchild. Mr Cameron lives on Bonavista road, off The Boulevard just west of Westmount's border.

The car, covered with snow, was parked between Grosvenor and Victoria avenues. Needless to say Mr Cameron was quite upset so he called police to inform them of the road hazard.

Mr Cameron became even more upset because the car stayed in the same spot for about six weeks despite numerous complaints to the police. "It was getting to be a real joke."

Then the car mysteriously vanished, much to the relief of the haunted one.

But on Feb 2 the car reappeared on The Boulevard, this time parked on the north side just west of Victoria avenue but still within Westmount's borders.



This photo of the Pontiac which haunted a Bonavista road resident was taken last Thursday. The next day the car vanished.

Mr Cameron said there was a ticket on the car and a note that said something like, "Don't tow away the car because I'm an old man."

"I don't care if the guy is 110 years old," Mr Cameron said. "He almost kept me from reaching 110."

The haunt goes on

Mr Cameron said he phoned police seven or eight times to take the car away but the car continued to haunt him.

Finally, on Wednesday last week, he phoned the THE EXAMINER to see if the paper could find out what was going on. He sounded really aggravated.

THE EXAMINER phoned Cst Gaston Bernier, the new MUC crime prevention officer at Station 23, to ask about the car. He said he would look into it.

The next day Cst Bernier solved the mystery.

He traced the owner by running the licence number through an MUC police computer. The car belongs to a 65-year-old man, a former boxer, with a memory problem, Cst Bernier said.

The constable found out just how bad that memory was when he phoned the man two or three times to come take away his car. He never came.

Cst Bernier decided to take matters in his own hand and went to fetch the driver at his home near Hampstead. When they got to the car, its owner forgot why he had come.

Cst Bernier stayed until the man took his car away.

Cst Bernier doesn't know why the car stayed there for so long but surmised it was because it was near Westmount's border, a sort of no-man's-land between the territories of police stations 23 and 15.

Mr Cameron was informed and sounded pleased. He sympathized with the plight of the forgetful driver but said the car had to be moved.

"Someone was going to get hurt," he said.

But the story is not over.

When Cst Bernier brought the owner to his Pontiac, it had been moved. It was parked just west of Bonavista road, outside Westmount.

Who moved the car?

THE EXAMINER asked the police, the Public Security Unit and Westmount's public works department.

No one knows who moved the phantom of The Boulevard.

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Canada
Challenge '90

Weact to host series of environment clinics

The Westmount Environment Action Group (Weact) is hosting a series of environment clinics Thursday, March 8.

The 90-minute clinics will be held at different times over the day. The aim, organizers say, is to involve more and more Westmounters in "becoming part of the solution."

"We have done very well with our 8:15 am meetings," says Weact member Molly Keith-Anderson, "but know this keeps away many interested people."

The group hopes to overcome this temporal difficulty and attract more citizens by holding sessions at 7:30 am, 1:30 and 7:30 pm.

There will be informal discussions and special taste-tests. Participants will be asked if they can spot the differences between organically grown and conventionally produced foods.

Bruce Walker, research director of STOP (Society To Overcome Pollution), will speak about progress in reducing pollution.

Preliminary plans for Westmount's part in the 20th anniversary Earth Day (Sunday, April 22) will be unveiled.

At last month's city council session, Weact asked a wide range of questions illustrating the scope of concern about the environment. Next Thursday's clinics are timed to follow the March council meeting at which Weact says it expects responses to some of the subjects it raised.

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Holden sides with Burke, obeys conscience on Meech

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Westmount MNA Richard Holden say his conscience forces him to support the Meech Lake accord and he is willing to face the music from his constituents who voted for him because they thought he opposed the accord.

"It's my view that an elected representative has responsibilities to his party and his electorate but in the end I am one of the followers of the theory of Edmund Burke and I have to be true to my conscience," Mr Holden said Monday afternoon.

"And my conscience says I have to go to Winnipeg and make a last-ditch stand to save Canada."

Mr Holden caused a stir last week when he announced he was going to Winnipeg to fight for the Meech Lake accord, even though the Equality Party opposed it then. Mr Holden plans to plead for the accord before Manitoba legislators March 3 with other prominent Quebecers.

Mr Holden's Westmount executive reportedly quit when they heard the news. Equality Party leader Robert Libman said Monday that four of the five members who quit have returned.

Westmount resident Marjorie Dewitz said she quit because she was not aware Mr Holden supported the Meech Lake accord. She has not returned.

"I'm not for Meech Lake and I can't work for somebody who is," Mrs Dewitz said.

She assumed that since the Equality Party platform opposed Meech Lake, so did Mr Holden.

According to an Equality Party campaign pamphlet, *For a better Quebec*, the party categorically opposes the Meech Lake accord. The pamphlet says part of the party's program is "To oppose the Meech Lake Constitutional Accord, which does not protect the rights of minorities, women and native citizens."

Mr Holden said it's unfortunate Mrs Dewitz resigned. "If she's that annoyed she should take solace in the fact that Edmund Burke was ultimately defeated by his constituents. I'm not going to change my conscience for whatever it may be," Mr Holden said.

Asked if his position on Meech Lake had changed, Mr Holden answered, "My position during the election was that the accord is dead because of Bourassa's decision on Bill 178."

When asked if the Equality Party changed its position on Meech Lake Mr Holden said, "Well I think Mr Libman matured a lot. The other MNAs agree we should take every possible step to save Canada and to save the constitutional accord. Whether we're ahead of the party or not, I don't know. Probably we are."

Mr Libman said the party has not changed its position. He said the party is against the Meech Lake accord in its present form but could support a modified constitutional agreement.

Mr Libman will accompany Mr Holden to Manitoba.

Mr Holden said there are differences of opinion within the party on the accord.

"There are minor differences," Mr Holden said. "But we think it would be desirable for Canadians to get a constitutional accord and it should be basically what's in the 1987 agreement."

The agreement had to be ratified by all 11 legislatures. Ottawa and eight provinces have voted to approve the accord. New governments in Manitoba, New Brunswick and Newfoundland want changes in the accord.

The accord meets Quebec's five minimum conditions for signing the Constitution: recognition as a distinct society, veto power over future constitutional amendments, more power to control immigration, limits on federal spending in areas of provincial jurisdiction and a say in appointing Supreme Court judges.

City consults citizens on Summit Park's future

A public consultation meeting will be held at city hall next Thursday to discuss Westmount's plans to refurbish Summit Park in upper Westmount.

The city hired landscape architect Sandra Donaldson who has drafted a plan for the park.

Councillor Stuart Robertson, who sits on the beautification committee with Councillor Rhoda Vineberg, said the preliminary draft of that plan will be discussed at the consultation meeting.

A provincial bird society has already asked the city for a minimum of intervention at Summit Park. The Province of Quebec Society for the Protection of Birds Inc also opposes any encroachment on the park, including a contemplated kiddy park nearby. Several Westmounters are members of the bird society.

Coun Robertson said the city has no intentions of landscaping the park but just wants to repair certain things.

"If anything we're closing it down," he said.

Certain paths will be closed. He said a lot of the work will consist of erosion control.

He said the city is looking for input from citizens. The first phase of the refurbishing will start in spring and $150,000 has already been budgeted.

The public consultation meeting will be held in the council chamber at 8 pm.

Golf club clout injures reveller

A party guest at Victoria Hall was hit on the head with a golf club early Saturday and taken to hospital, police report. The man, who knew his assailant, refused to identify him.

The assault occurred about 12:55 am when public safety officers were called to the municipal building to find a man seated on a couch, bleeding profusely. A friend was supplying him with paper towels.

He was taken to Reddy Memorial Hospital by Urgences Santé.

Firefighters who also attended said the 22-year-old man was probably hit with a nine-iron.

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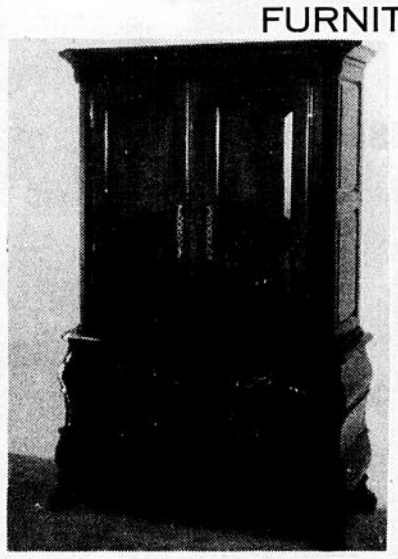

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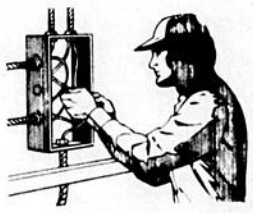

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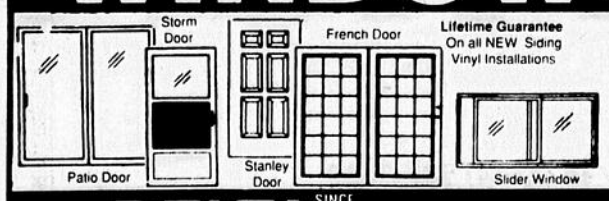

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City won't test de-icing alternatives

The City of Westmount will not be experimenting with salt alternatives this year despite pressure from a local environmental group, a city councillor said.

Councillor Peter Duffield, the commissioner of public works, said the city doesn't have to test salt alternatives because it is closely watching experiments in other municipalities.

"Are Westmount streets different from streets in other municipalities?" Coun Duffield asked.

He also said salt alternatives are still too expensive.

But Richard Lock, a spokesman for the Westmount Environment Action Group (Weact), said the city should still be testing on a small scale before next winter. He said the damage salt causes may be more expensive in the long run.

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

According to an article in the September issue of *Civic Public Works* magazine, "To salt or not to salt. What are the alternatives?," salt not only corrodes vehicles, highways, bridges and buildings but is also environmentally harmful.

Salt seeps into lakes, rivers and groundwater to eventually raise the sodium levels in drinking water. Salt is also harmful to roadside vegetation because it disturbs plants' ability to absorb water properly. Salt in wind-blown spray harms crops and orchards, according to the article by Janice Samuels.

Ammo for both

The article is cited by both the city and Weact to support their respective arguments. It describes the experiences of several municipalities that are testing salt alternatives.

One such is calcium magnesium acetate (CMA), being tested by Ontario's ministry of transportation. According to Ms Samuels' article, CMA, a compound of limestone and acetic acid, is much less corrosive than salt and is biodegradable. But it costs $1,200 to $1,800 a tonne compared to $30 to $35 a tonne for salt.

Salt works faster than CMA but the latter lasts longer. Initially, 1.4 to 1.7 times more CMA has to be applied than salt to achieve the same results but that ratio drops during the winter because of CMA's staying power.

The article says the cost of CMA could conceivably be lowered to $400 a tonne if it were produced in Canada instead of the United States.

Coun Duffield wonders if Westmounters would be willing to pay ten times more for a salt alternative.

"My phone isn't ringing off the hook by people asking to increase spending from $300,000 to $3 million," he said.

Another alternative

The article mentions another alternative, tested in Richmond Hill, Ont. It doesn't cost as much as CMA and Weact thinks it is worth considering.

Freezguard PCI (polymeric corrosion inhibitor) is a Canadian product made of magnesium chloride mixed with lignite. It is a waste product of the pulp and paper industry and, according to the article, is biodegradable, environmentally safe and 80 percent less corrosive than salt.

Freezguard, in liquid form, is applied via a spray bar hitched to a truck. It is said to be much more efficient than salt because it works longer, faster and at lower temperatures. Salt works most effectively to about -6°C and cannot break down the ice-pavement bond at all below -12°C. Freezguard works down to -17°C.

According to the article, it cost Richmond Hill $300 for the material to test Freezguard on a 1 km strip of road.

The article also states that while salt is cheaper at $35 a tonne, it has been estimated that its real cost is $400 a tonne because of its damaging side effects.

Freezguard's estimated real cost is $100 a tonne because of its less damaging side effects, the article states.

Cowardly city

Mr Lock says Weact is extremely disappointed that the city will not be testing salt alternatives this year and says it is indicative of the city's cowardly no-change attitude. He said in California, where he used to live, people weren't afraid to try new things

"But Westmount is afraid of trying anything new," Mr Lock said. "It is conservative in the worst sense of the word."

He said some small-scale testing should be started as soon as possible.

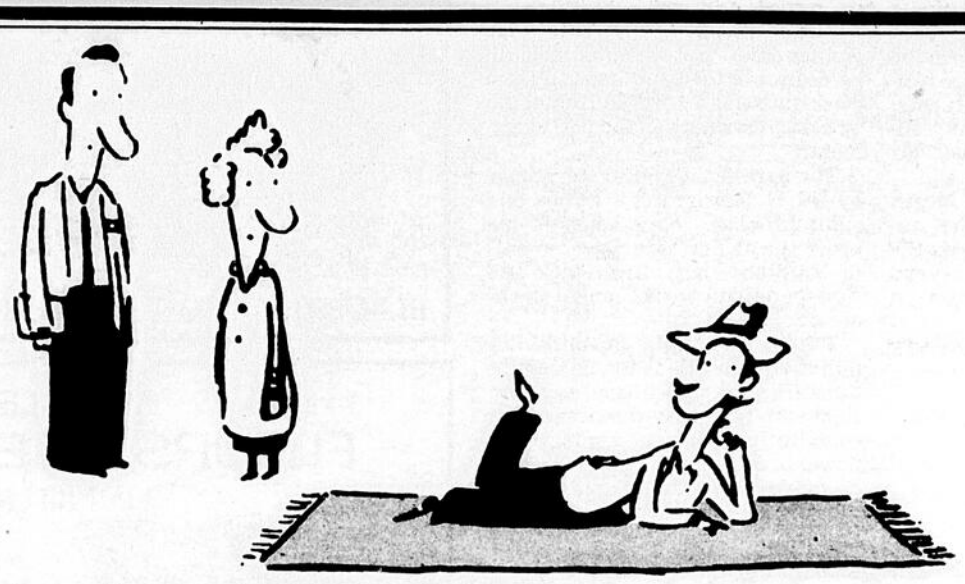
"We have to act in our own backyard," Mr Lock said. "If everybody acts in their own backyard the whole world would benefit."

Coun Duffield said if the city started testing now they would be three or four years behind testing in other municipalities. Mr Lock said if the city doesn't start testing soon, they will be five to 10 years behind.

"They just don't want to make a decision," Mr Lock said. "The people in Westmount are intelligent and concerned. If they were given the facts they would want something done."

Purse pilfered

An office worker at 4150 St Catherine street reported her purse stolen Tuesday last week after leaving it under her desk. The 23-year-old woman was a resident of Cartierville.



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Square renovations near end

By CHARLES ABRAMOVICI

Renovations to Westmount Square will be completed by mid-July, complex general manager Normand Lamontagne said this week. The interior renovations are all but finished.

Mr Lamontagne said all that remains to complete interior renovations is the installation of travertine marble on a security desk.

"The rest of what is left are finishing touches to boutiques."

Stores handle their own renovations so opening dates for each store can vary, Mr Lamontagne said. He also said a few shops have not been leased yet.

Among the new establishments are two ladies' wear boutiques, a film processing and camera booth, a restaurant and a bookstore. The Lily Simon boutique is moving into a new location within the complex, closer to the Greene avenue entrance.

Work will soon start on that entrance where the beige travertine outside will be replaced by gray granite. The doors at street level will be replaced and the escalator will be renovated.

Granite on the St Catherine street and Wood avenue entrances is also being replaced. Weather permitting, work there will be completed in late March, Mr Lamontagne said.

Flower & fountain

Remaining work to install flower boxes and build a fountain on the plaza level near 1 Westmount Square, on the Wood avenue side, will be completed by July 15, he said.

The $20 million worth of planned renovations, announced by the complex's owner, Société Immobilière Trans-Québec, in June 1988, were plagued by protests and delays. Store owners in the complex complained that the delays were hurting retail sales. The work was to be completed by the spring of 1989.

Several aspects of the original planned renovations were cancelled after heritage groups and architects complained some, such as skylights and glass entrances, would not be compatible with the original design.

The 22-year-old complex was designed by the renowned German architect, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and is considered an architectural milestone.

Mr Lamontagne said the renovations are within budget, despite "substantial delays caused by outside forces."

He said the renovated complex will be a success.

Circular wars continue here

Complaints concerning the improper distribution of circulars were recorded last week on numerous streets as Westmount Municipal Court prepared to process previous cases (see separate story).

Among by-law violations noted were those on Forden, Claremont, Arlington, Summit Circle, Lansdowne, Delavigne, Wood, St Sulpice, St Antoine, Summit Crescent and Belvedere road.

Court fines newspaper for by-law infraction

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The Hampstead Herald was fined $100 Tuesday for violating Westmount's by-law concerning the distribution of circulars.

It was the first time a fine had been handed out in Westmount Municipal Court for improper delivery of unsolicited material since the legislation was adopted last August.

Complaints continue to pile up in court against publishers and distributors as violations are reported almost daily (see separate story).

In the first case, the newspaper, now named *The Weekly Herald*, entered a guilty plea on three counts against it at arraignment before Judge William P. Shaw, according to court officials.

Fines were waived on the first count since it was an initial offence. They were suspended on the second, but levied for the third offence.

In the same sitting of the court, representatives of Media Distribution, a division of Groupe Québecor Inc, failed to appear at its arraignment on 23 complaints filed against it under the same legislation.

A date for trial *ex parte* (by default) was set for March 13. If representatives appear at that time, pleas can be entered. If not, the court can proceed on each charge, reports René Daoust, clerk of court.

Both *The Hampstead Herald* and Media Distribution were charged under section 7 of Westmount municipal by-law 1032 of unlawfully allowing circulars to be distributed such that they were visible from the exterior of the property.

The charge carries a maximum penalty of $300 or two months in jail.

The by-law was brought in force largely as a crime prevention measure after complaints from citizens. Unsolicited flyers or other printed material left on front porches or sticking out of mail slots indicates the home may be unattended.

Both the paid-circulation EXAMINER and its free monthly shopper *Buys* are individually addressed and delivered by mail.

Telephone test of EMO points up weak spots

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A surprise telephone call-back of personnel involved in the city's emergency measures organization (EMO) took place Monday night. The exercise was the first of four set to test the plan.

The phone alert went well but pointed up a few weak areas, said Fire Director William Timmons who serves as director of operations in the emergency measures set-up.

The value of such an exercise lies in pinpointing areas needing improvement, he explained.

The purpose of this initial test was to ascertain how many individuals could be reached, to record times and to ensure that a fan-out phone system worked as planned. Personnel were not required to return to the city.

A full report on the test is to be compiled using input from the fire department dispatcher who carried out the phoning for submission to Bruce St Louis, deputy co-ordinator of the disaster management team.

The exercise took place with the prior knowledge of only Mr St Louis and Dir Timmons.

The way it was

This is the way it went:

At 9:30 pm, the fire captain on duty handed the dispatcher a sealed envelope containing instructions to contact 16 co-ordinators and directors named on Westmount's EMO chart.

The message read by the dispatcher was: "This is the fire department conducting a telephone test of the city's emergency measures program. You are requested to test your call-back list and report back when completed as to the number of people in your group who would have been available in the event this were a real emergency."

Dir Timmons, who returned to the dispatch area to observe the operation, said a follow-up meeting has been planned for next Tuesday afternoon to review the test.

Three other exercises were announced at the city council meeting Feb 5 by Councillor Paul Fortin. Emergency scenarios for various support groups are scheduled for March. A table-top scenario of a simulated emergency is set for April and a full-scale disaster exercise is planned in June (see story Feb 15).

Though Dir Timmons is set to retire next month, he is to be retained by the city to complete the disaster management plan.

The city's EMO plan was approved by Quebec's Civil Protection Bureau last August and was officially adopted by city council Feb 5.

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

Feb 19

450 Strathcona: for Robert Doyle by Electra Plumbing and Heating, 17 plumbing fixtures, $10,000;

Feb 20

5025 Sherbrooke (apt 325): for Dr Kennedy by McHenry Plumbing Inc, gas conversion, $1,000;
22 Edgehill: for Mr Pelletier by Kasman Plumbing and Heating Ltd, gas connection, $5,000;
447 Elm: for A. Keith Ham by Service de gaz naturel LaSalle Inc, gas fireplace, $1,400;
456 Elm: for Bruce Granofsky by Borenstien Plumbing, 19 fixtures, $10,000;
1326 Greene: for Banque Canada Trust by Proteck Inc, seven fixtures, $4,000;

Feb 21

447 Elm: for A. Keith Ham by Christie Plumbing, 11 fixtures, $7,000;
5025 Sherbrooke (apt 325): for Dr Kennedy by McHenry Plumbing, three fixtures, $1,000;

Feb 22

617 Carleton: for M. Salenzas by Sablo Construction, renovate bathroom and powder room, $40,000;

Feb 23

433 Elm: for Ronald Goldman by self, bathroom alterations, $58,000;
10 Aberdeen: for Daniel Meyer Ovakine by self, renovate interior, $75,000;
3603 The Boulevard: for Mr Lull by self, interior alterations, $100,000.

Painter falls

A man working as a house painter fell off a ladder at 492 Elm avenue last Thursday injuring his back, public safety officers said. The 28-year-old St Laurent man was transported to Reddy Memorial Hospital by Urgences Santé said firefighters who also went to the victim's assistance at 10:35 am.

Canadian writers honor local poet Louis Dudek

Westmount poet Louis Dudek has been named recipient of the Canadian Writers' Award. He will be honored by his fellow Canadian artists at an informal gathering in the afternoon of March 2 at Ben's Restaurant, de Maisonneuve boulevard and Metcalfe street, in the Poets' Corner which Mr Dudek inaugurated.

That evening at 7:30, a reading will be held in the amphitheatre of the Redpath Museum at McGill University. A number of poets will read from Mr Dudek's work in tribute to him. The reading is free and open to everyone.

The special Canadian Writers' Award to Mr Dudek comes from writers, his former students from across Canada and others who have joined together to recognize his poetic achievement and his contributions to Canadian literature and culture.

Contributors to the award include Margaret Atwood, George Bowering, Vera Frenkel, Hugh Hood, Raymond Souster, Wynne Francis, Double Hook and many others.

Mr Dudek, a former professor of English at McGill University, has been at the centre of Canadian poetry for 50 years as a poet, critic, editor and publisher. He was one of the founders of Contact Press (1952-1967), an important small press. He founded and edited *Delta* magazine (1957-1966), Delta Canada press, and DC Books (with Aileen Collins). His most recent books include *In defence of art: critical essays & reviews* and *Infinite worlds: the poetry of Louis Dudek*, both published in 1988.

Cohen nudes at Dazibao

Westmounter Sorel Cohen's recent photographs of the female nude, inspired by the work of 19th-century photographer Eadweard Muybridge, will be at Dazibao modern photography centre, 4060 St Lawrence boulevard, suite 104, until March 25.

A vernissage for the exhibit will be held Saturday at 3 pm.

Ms Cohen, who is represented by the Wynick/Tuck Gallery of Toronto, will give a lecture on her work Sunday, March 18, at the gallery.

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Westmount resident **Robert Burns** and **Penny Melaine Cohen** in *On Broadway* at La Diligence dinner theatre.

On Broadway at La Diligence, a frolic with music by Herman

It's a kind of reunion at La Diligence Dinner Theatre. Not between the three talented young people on stage, but between them and their audiences. They are all Montrealers who left for the brighter lights of Toronto and who are back home (where they all three would love to stay, if only they continue to find work) for *On Broadway*, a musical tribute to Jerry Herman.

The three are Westmount resident Robert Burns, Penny Melaine Cohen and Garth Lambert.

"Who's Jerry Herman?" you may be asking yourself. He's the man who wrote the songs for such memorable musicals as *Mame* and *La cage aux folles*, as well as a number of completely forgettable musical comedies.

Mr Burns was in rehearsal for the McGill Savoy Society's *The pirates of Penzance* when he auditioned for *On Broadway*. While he had always longed to play the Pirate King, he accepted the paid job at Le Stage. "I had to take it when it was offered. It's my profession," he says.

With something like two weeks to prepare, he and Ms Cohen learned 40 songs, choreographed the show (Ms Cohen choreographed the tap dancing on her own, the two share credit for all the rest of the dancing) and opened.

Lots of energy

While Herman may not have written the strongest body of work imaginable, the two actors and musical director Lambert at the piano put a lot of energy and enthusiasm into what they are doing. Mr Burns was born to wear a tuxedo, and Ms Cohen is a consumate mugger. Mr Lambert is a talented pianist who proves to have a nice voice when he occasionally joins in on the songs, or when he sings the commercial for a deli based on *Hello, Dolly*, Herman's greatest hit.

There is a lot of good communication between the two actors on stage, so good, in fact, that it's hard to realize they had never met each other before landing this job.

Mr Burns, who grew up in the Montreal area and who is a graduate in theatre of Concordia University, came back to town for a role in the hit *Puttin' on the Ritz* at the ill-fated Edge in Pointe Claire. "The show (which had opened in June) was booked through Christmas, so I rented an apartment in Westmount. My name is on the lease, so I was stuck when The Edge closed and the producers couldn't find anywhere else to put on the show.

"I worked teaching music at a number of daycare centres and for Mirage Magik in Westmount. And I've been enjoying my dance lessons with Sheila Lawrence at the Westmount Y."

(Mr Burns is no longer teaching at Mirage Magik, a theatre program for children offered through the Westmount recreation department.)

Mr Burns gets a chance to show his comic side here, too, and he is very funny indeed. In one number, *Nelson*, from *A day in Hollywood*, he just gets to stand there in a Mountie's hat and look abashed, shocked and hurt as Ms Cohen gets to malign the masculinity or lack thereof of Nelson Eddy.

In the medley of songs from *La cage aux folles*, he is draped in a pink feather boa, and gets to vamp.

Ms Cohen has her funniest moment as the pregnant lady who's been living it up when she sings *Gooch's song* from *Mame*.

The room at Le Stage is not an ideal place for theatre. It's a bit cramped and subterranean. Sight lines are not terrific. Its low ceiling makes you sometimes worry that Mr Burns will hurt himself against it. But if you sit near the stage (so you can see the duo's feet), their enthusiasm will probably be contagious, and you will have a pleasant evening out... just don't expect greatness.

The backdrop, a black and silver skyline with the titles of Herman's shows, is by Jean-Claude Olivier. It is simple, but fits the mood of the show admirably. The effective costumes are by Peter de Castel.

Rumor has it that the food has improved at this venue, but even those who have enjoyed their meals say only that it is better than it used to be, but no better than you have a right to expect from dinner theatre. This is a shame, because I have had excellent food at dinner theatre; food that was worth more than the price of admission in itself. This is not the case at La Diligence.

***On Broadway*, produced by Roger Peace, plays Le Stage dinner theatre, La Diligence restaurant, 7385 Decarie boulevard, Tuesday to Sunday. Complete dinner and show packages are available starting at 6:30 pm; showtime is 8:30 pm. Show-only option is available nightly except Saturday. Box office: 731-7771.**

— Janet Coutts

Montreal centres offer free theatre

A tale of two cities, an adaptation of the Dickens classic, directed by Westmounter Elsa Bolam for her young people's theatre company, Geordie Productions, will be one of the 50 performances offered during a month of free theatre at Montreal's Maisons de la culture.

Performances will be given at 2 and 8 pm on Wednesday, March 21, at Maison de la culture N.D.G., 3755 Botrel street (872-2157). At the same venue on March 28 at 8 pm, Playwrights Workshop Montreal will have a reading of *Penumbra* by Colleen Wagner. The rest of the festival is an opportunity to see a cross-section of francophone theatre, including an adaptation of *Le petit prince* by a francophone company from Edmonton.

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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

Global hunger

Freda Guttman is a Montreal artist who has worked extensively in photography, printmaking, painting and papermaking. Her current show, *The global menu*, at Galerie Oboro, 3981 St Lawrence boulevard, no 499, (844-3250) is a multi-media installation dealing with the politics of food and hunger, both in the Third World and right here. She has lined up a series of events with other organizations that touch on the issues. Among them are a series of free screenings of films and videos, *Global menu, global issues*, at the National Film Board cinema on Monday nights at 7 pm until March 18; a slide-show and talk in French by Agro-Paix, an organization of Quebec farmers, on their trip to the Philippines at the gallery at 7:30 pm on March 7; a benefit concert for Garde-Manger, a Montreal food bank, at Café Campus March 14 at 8 pm featuring one of Montreal's top jazz singers, Karen Young, with Paulo Ramos Band, Tabou Danse and Ballad Monters (276-5606 or 931-8831); *The poverty game*, created by Canadian women, a sort of Monopoly from the bottom, will be played at the gallery Thursday, March 15 at 6:30 pm (reservations: 286-2946); much more. A catalogue and complete list of events is available at the gallery, open Wednesday to Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

Julien, Müller, Carbon 14

Running until Sunday at the Musée d'Art Contemporain is a joint production of the museum and Carbon 14 with an adaptation of Heiner Müller's *Rivage à l'abandon*. It has not just the text and the environment through which the audience wanders going for it, but Québécois legend Pauline Julien is in the cast. Performances are at 8:30 pm through Saturday and 3 pm Sunday. Reservations 521-4198.

Young dancers

The past few seasons the student management of McGill Players' Theatre, 3485 McTavish, third floor, has diversified and keeps the performance space occupied with its own productions, rentals and co-productions with other groups. It is currently hosting *Footprints and heartbeats* by the McGill Contemporary Dance Ensemble, until Saturday. 398-6813.

Women at NFB

The National Film Board will celebrate International Women's Day, Thursday, March 8, by showing films by and about women at 9 pm in its cinema at 200 René Lévesque boulevard west (Complexe Guy-Favreau). The audience will see a sneak preview of dub poet Lilian Allen's *Unnatural causes*, Montrealer Patricia Vergeylen-Tassinari's whimsical *Goodbye Federico* and *Calling the shots*, a film about women filmmakers by Janis Cole and Holly Dale of Toronto. Admission is free, seating is limited, and there is wheelchair access. 283-4755.

More women's celebration

CKUT (Radio McGill) and *Gasp* magazine present *Let X = X, an evening of women's music, rants and raps* Wednesday, March 7, at Foufounes Électriques, 87 St Catherine street east. Admission is $5 at the door and proceeds go to fund CKUT's women's programming. Performing will be performance poet Taylor-Jane Green, the R&B duo Bare Bones (Westmount resident Suzanne Nuttall with Patrick Hutchinson), rap artist Freaky D and Toronto spoken-word artist Meryn Cadell. 284-5583, 596-0750 or 398-6787.

Poetry contests

Artists Embassy International, whose aim is furthering intercultural understanding and peace through the universal language of the arts, is holding its first annual poetry contest. It offers a $1,000 first prize, ranging down to a $50 sixth prize. Anyone may send a poem of 21 lines or fewer to Artists Embassy International, Box 170607, San Francisco CA 94117 before March 17... With slightly less lofty aims, but with the same first prize money and the same length of poems wanted, World of Poetry, 2431 Stockton boulevard, Sacramento CA 95817 has a March 10 deadline for its contest.

Worship with Bach

The 11 am service at the Church of St James the Apostle, 1439 St Catherine street west, will include J.S. Bach's *Cantata no. 79 "Gott, der Herr, ist Sonn et Schild,"* performed by soprano Marie Claire Fabien, mezzo-soprano Nadine Goffroy, baritone Vincent Ranallo and flutist Peter Misiuk, directed by Scott Bradford at the organ. The ensemble will also perform hymns and chorales of the Lutheran tradition including *Jesu, joy of man's desiring*. At 1:30 pm, Rev Joan Shanks will present a video, *The joy of Bach*, and Mr Bradford will give an organ recital of three Bach works. Admission is free. 849-7577.

Lunch at Maison Alcan

The free concerts at the atrium of Maison Alcan, 1188 Sherbrooke west, from noon to 1:30 attract a loyal audience, and no wonder. This makes for a wonderful break in a harried work day or the perfect winter refuge for those who do not have day jobs. Friday the Montreal West Operatic Society will present Gilbert and Sullivan's *HMS Pinafore*. The next series of concerts is Tuesday, March 20 to March 23, with, respectively, violinist Marie Lacasse and pianist Lorraine Prieur; cellist Philip Raphals with Ms Prieur; pianist Chong Liao; and baritone Janusz Wolny and pianist Magdalena Wolny.

Black pages

A new directory of black-owned or black-related businesses, organizations and professionals in the greater Montreal area, *Black Pages/Pages Noires* has just been issued. Westmount listings found after a cursory reading are Coiffure Mimosa at 4028 St Catherine street and Laventhol & Horvath Appel and Partners, chartered accountants at 1 Westmount Square. The publisher's stated aim is to have a copy of the directory in every black home, business, professional office and organization in greater Montreal and to forge an economic bond between English- and French-speaking blacks. Members of other communities might well wish for a copy of the directory as a way of carrying out their own affirmative action programs to visible minorities. The publication, while it might be better bound and made more attractive visually with the 1991 edition, seems a valuable guide nonetheless. Copies can be ordered, at $6, from 6465 Beaulieu street, Montreal H4E 3E9. 769-7537.

Courses at SBC

The Saidye Bronfman Centre, a hotbed of cultural and educational activity, has announced some interesting workshops and seminars. *Journalism marketing: how to write articles that sell* is a two-day course with Concordia journalism teacher Rosa Harris-Adler starting March 25; *Autobiography writing* with McGill lecturer and author Ruth Kanin is offered from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm, March 25; *Transformative theatre*, self-expression for women with Ann Scofield, will have eight sessions evenings beginning March 26 and afternoons beginning March 28. The last-named course has been given by Ms Scofield since 1979 in Santa Fe, New York, Nicaragua, Vermont and Montreal. For information on these and other courses, or to register, call 739-2301 or visit the centre at 5170 Côte St Catherine road.

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New Bulldog production of Italian American tale

Westmount-based Bulldog Productions was creaded in 1988 by Westmounter Ilana Linden and Neil Kroetsch, is currently producing *Italian American Reconciliation* by John Patrick Shanley, a romantic comedy about second-generation Italians and their journey through the joys and pitfalls of love and friendship.

The play, directed by Alexander Hausvater, will open May 3 at the Elysée Theatre for a three-week run.

The company is soliciting contributions from the community "in order to make this production the toast of the spring season." Contributions can be sent to Bulldog Theatrical Productions Foundation Inc, 75 Rosemount crescent, Westmount H3Y 2C8.

Bulldog Productions' first production was Lee Blessing's *Eleemosynary*, which also played at Elysée Theatre in 1988 to critical acclaim. It then went on to the Edmonton Fringe Festival, where it played to sold-out houses. The company will remount *Eleemosynary* with the original cast this summer at Lac Brome Theatre and is planning to send the show on an Alberta tour in the fall. For information call 931-3752.

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NFB and SBC put together film, dance, music fest

The Saidye Bronfman Centre and the National Film Board of Canada are co-sponsoring *Music and motion in March*, three evenings of films and entertainment at SBC, 5170 Côte St Catherine road.

Wednesday, March 7, the hour-long documentary *World drums* will be screened. Directed by Niv Fichman, the film follows the rehearsals and performance of Canadian percussionist John Wyre's composition for 200 drummers who performed at Vancouver's Expo 86.

Special guests for the evening are the Gamelan Angklung and Ensemble Grantang, Balinese ensembles from Université de Montréal's music faculty under the direction of I Wayan Suweca. Ni Ketut Mariatni, a Balanese dancer, will also participate in the live performance following the film.

Montreal filmmaker Martin Duckworth will be present at 8 pm on Tuesday, March 13 for the screening of his film, *Crossroads — three jazz pianists*. The 30-minute documentary brings together world-renowned Montreal jazz pianist Oliver Jones with fellow Montrealer Jean Beaudet and Soviet musician Leonid Chizhik, in conversation and performance.

Mr Jones, whose records are available from Westmounter Jim West's Justin Time label, played at Victoria Hall several months ago for a benefit for Jazz Association of Montreal.

Innovative ballet

Inner rhythm, a 30-minute behind the scenes look at the creation of the score to Robert Desrosiers's innovative ballet *Blue Snake*, will be screened March 13. Mr Fichman directed the encounter with composers John Lang and Ahmed Hassan.

On Wednesday, March 14 at 8 pm, the film will be *Liberty street blues*, directed by André Gladu, in its English-language première. The on-screen host Michael White, a university professor and clarinetist, strolls the street of New Orleans. Westmount poet/novelist/playwright Fred Ward will introduce the film. The screening is co-sponsored by the Jazz Association of Montreal.

Mr Ward's three novels are published by May Cutler's Tundra Press.

Admission to all screenings is free. For information on the series call 739-7944 or 739-4816.

All four films in the series are available for rent and purchase from the NFB film and video library, 200 René Lévesque boulevard west, no 005. Rental is $2 a day for each video and $4 to $8 a day (depending on the length of the film) for a 16mm print. For more information on film and videos available through the NFB, call 283-4823 or 283-4824.

Concert to mark Brott's birthday

A special birthday concert for Alexander Brott will be held Wednesday, March 14, at Redpath Hall of McGill University at 8 pm.

Dr Brott, one of Canada's outstanding musicians, will celebrate his 75th birthday and the orchestra of Les Jeunes virtuoses de Montréal will perform a concert devoted to Dr Brott's music.

The program will include *Shofar* for solo cello played by Denis Brott, *Songs of contemplation* with Lyne Fortin, soprano as soloist, conducted by Boris Brott, and *Ritual* and *Critics' corner* for percussion and strings with François Aubin as soloist, conducted by Dr Brott.

Music lovers are invited to this free concert to share this tribute to a well-known maestro. For information call 487-5190.

Britain, France to attend Geordie's *Two Cities* gala

Both the French and British consul generals have confirmed their presence as honorary patrons of Geordie Productions' gala benefit performance of Dickens' *A tale of two cities* at D.B. Clarke Theatre this evening.

Jean-Pierre Beauchataud, Consul General of France, and Alan Clark, Consul General of Great Britain will be present at the fundraiser for the touring theatre company, whose artistic director is Westmounter Elsa Bolam.

Guests of honor for the event are Peter Blaikie, Jane H. Dunn, Lou Gordon, Stephen Jarislowsky, Reford MacDougall, Joan Rothman and Barbara Whitley. The evening will be hosted by Geraldine Doucet.

Following the performance, a reception with the theme "London & Paris" will be held. Guests will be eligible for door prizes including tickets to a Centaur Theatre production, dinner and drinks at Restaurant Alexandre, accessories from Simon Chang and many others.

The Dickens novel has been adapted to stage by Anna Fuerstenberg, and Ms Bolam directs. The entire cast of thousands is played by five top Montreal actors using masks and puppets.

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In the neighborhood

by Kathleen Hugessen

Linda Shohet — literacy lover

When Linda Shohet, now 43, started teaching English at Dawson College in 1973, she found an alarming number of her students were not keeping up.

"Dawson was an experiment in education," she explains. "Its mission from the beginning was to accept non-traditional students, students with difficulties. At that time it was welcoming a lot who would normally have been excluded from a post-secondary education."

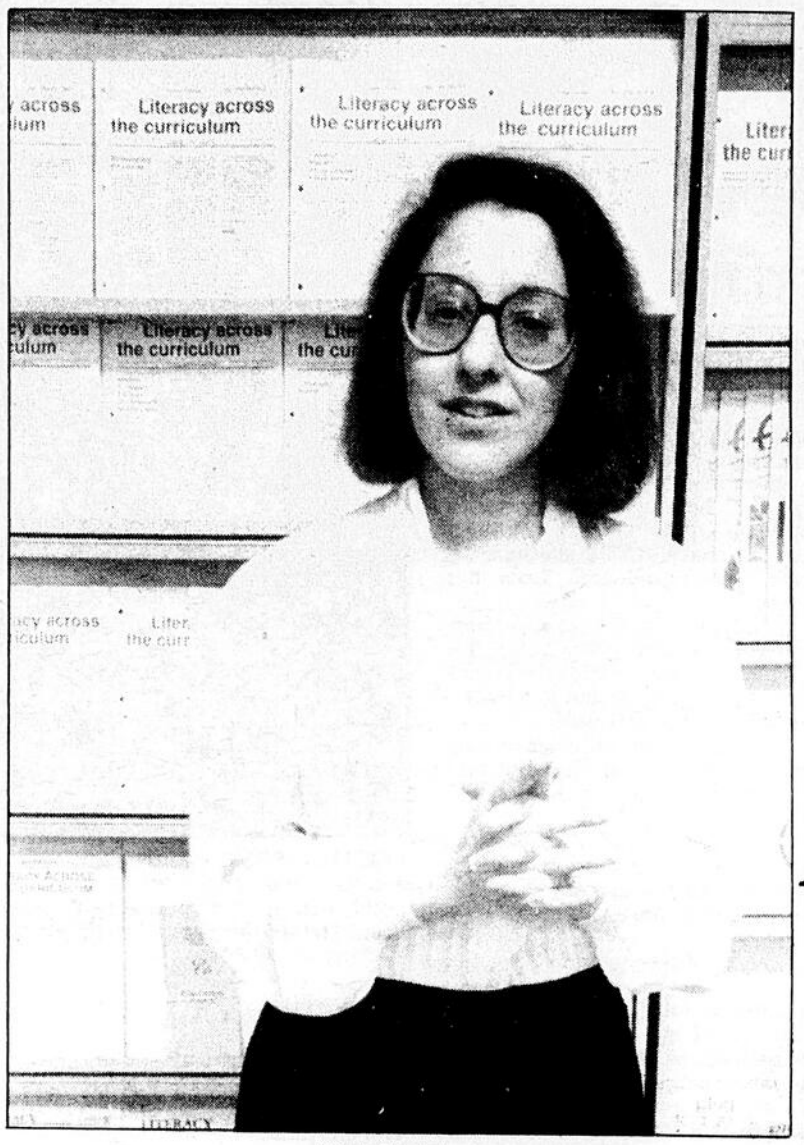
She says she became aware, very quickly, of just how ill-prepared many of her students were. Not, she is quick to add, that they couldn't read and write.

"But I had a good number of students in my classes who couldn't read and write what I *wanted* them to read and write."

She became intrigued by the problem which saw many post-secondary educators pulling at their hair and bemoaning the state of literacy in high school graduates.

In the late '70s, Ms Shohet started to look through the literature. "The more I read, the more I became aware it's not a simple problem."

She was chair of Dawson's Lafontaine campus English department in the early '80s, and sat on the Dawson literacy task force. It was here she began to develop her working relationship with literacy.



Linda Shohet

Multiplier effect

"We focused on teachers, changing their teaching methods, course designs, presentations and so on," she says, "instead of focusing on the thousands of students who need help. For every faculty member you help, you reach thousands of students. It's the multiplier effect."

The task force recommended that the college establish a program similar to the Language Across the Curriculum which had begun in England and spread to North America. Ms Shohet was given a partial release from her other duties in order to coordinate the program.

She called it Literacy Across the Curriculum (LAC). There is an undeniable air of pride when she says that others, in Canada and outside, have adopted the term though often unaware of its origin.

LAC encourages the use of language in all areas of the curriculum, not just in language courses. "It is using writing, reading and speaking in every subject... language as a part of learning," she says.

Write a journal for psychology. Give a discourse in history. Submit essays in phys ed.

Dawson's LAC grew. There was increasing interest outside the college. The program offered workshops for teachers, worked actively to involve high schools, began to publish a regular newsletter.

"Dawson continued to support it with no direct support from Quebec," says Ms Shohet. And it wasn't always easy. There were some very lean times when the survival of the program was in question.

A new centre

Then, according to an LAC newsletter, "the federal Secretary of State through its Literacy Secretariat awarded Dawson College and the Quebec Association for Adult Learning a three-year grant to establish a Centre for Literacy."

The centre, housed in but separate from Dawson College, was officially opened to the public last week.

"Overall," wrote Ms Shohet in last September's newsletter, "we are committed to providing a range of responses to the literacy issue..."

It continues the behind-the-scenes work of literacy, helping those who will help those who have difficulty.

She says it deals with literacy in the broadest possible sense, which is the way it is coming to be seen. "UNESCO, even a few years ago, talked about eradicating illiteracy — now we're much more sophisticated."

While she is devoted to literacy, Ms Shohet doesn't care for illiteracy — not even the word.

"I don't like to hear the term 'illiterate' used," she says. "It doesn't mean anything.

"If you know how to read and write your name, is that illiterate? Where do you draw the threshold?"

She says a better measure is whether or not an individual is able to function in his or her society. Our society, she says, demands a lot of its members. The average newspaper calls for a Grade 9 education. Most government forms require more than Grade 10, as do written instructions in the military.

"An awful lot of information is presented in a form that's very inaccessible," she says. "For example, the tax form."

No argument.

Different levels

"I guess what you talk about are levels of literacy," she says. "People have to be able to read signs and forms used to convey information in their society."

Those signs or texts can be anything from drum beats to written symbols. Consider the telephone's busy signal which conveys a distinct message to those who understand it. Consider the golden arches, decipherable by the very young.

Though recent studies show dramatic rates of low literacy in our society, Ms Shohet smiles as she points out, "We're more literate than we ever were before.... People are as literate as they need to be to fulfill their goals in society. Today you have to be literate to be a fisherman or a farmer.

"We've never had so many people as literate as today," she says. "But the demands have never been greater."

She says there is danger in saying low literacy results from schools not doing their job. "Not long ago, with Grade 9, you could get and hold a reasonably good job. Not so today."

The schools need to change with changing demands, but the blame cannot be laid squarely in the lap of high school educators.

She says the question is not simple and simple answers just don't apply.

"I think there is still a lot of misunderstanding — a tremendous tendency to simplify. It's not a simple issue, it's not a single issue either, it varies in different contexts."

Time out

When she is not at the Literacy Centre or travelling to conferences on literacy or giving workshops on literacy, reading up on advances in literacy teaching or involved in any other aspects of literacy, Ms Shohet spends time with her family. She has been married 22 years. The couple has two daughters and two sons ranging in age from 21 to 14.

An animated talker while the subject was literacy, Ms Shohet has had to slow down and think — stumped by the question of what she does in her free time.

"I do a lot of walking," she ventures. "I don't drive."

She says she likes to unwind in the kitchen and cook.

For more extended breaks, she says she and her husband like to take long-weekend trips. "You go far enough to feel you've left behind the stresses. Those three days are usually enough to renew you."

She is very active in the Jewish Education Council where she serves as vice-president of long-term planning.

Oh, yes.

"When I turn off," she says, "I like to curl up with a good book."

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Open House

K.I.D.S. Westmount Daycare, 4432 St. Catherine St. West, will hold it's first open house, Wednesday, March 7 from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm. Teachers will be on hand to welcome visitors and to answer questions on daily schedules, special programs, admissions, financial aid, and summer camp. Refreshments will be served. For information call 939-1103.

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I have explored the Everglades, backstage theatre, Thessaloniki, Athens, the Greek islands, the Great Barrier Reef, English country houses, the Ukraine and more. I will stay with a family in France in May. I hope to visit Assissi-Rome during the Christmas-New Year season.

To receive free Canadian catalogues, write to Elderhostel, 33 Prince Arthur avenue, Suite 300, Toronto M5R 1B2. The international catalogues — 144 pages — are $21 and can be ordered from Elderhostel, 80 Boylston street, suite 400, Boston 02116.

To discuss Elderhostel further you can call 933-8108 between 7:30 and 9 pm.

— Dorothy Daughtrey

FINE FEATHERS: The Auxiliary of St Mary's Hospital is sponsoring a fashion show and tea in the Ogilvy Tudor Room at 2 pm Thursday, March 8. Preparing for the event, from left, are **Rosemary Polomeno, Nicole Tinmouth** and Westmounter **Laura MacMartin**. Space for the event is limited, and tickets, $25 each, are available at 345-3031.

Driving course for over-55s

A safe driving course, a program of the Canadian Safety Society, is aimed at those over 55 years of age. It is sponsored by Contactivity and the Westmount recreation department, and will start in mid-March.

The course consists of three two-hour sessions, and the cost is $20. Space is limited, so early registration at Contactivity, 4695 de Maisonneuve boulevard west, is recommended.

Participants who do well on the course will receive a certificate for which some companies will reduce personal insurance premiums.

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FUNDING A NEW WING: The Montreal Association for the Blind launched a fundraising campaign on Feb 14, Valentine's Day. Among those organizing the $3-million, three-year drive are: **Dr John Simms**, director general of the MAB; **Dr C. Alec Duff**, chair of the capital fund campaign; and Westmounters **Dr Jane Poulson**, member of the board; **Gordon McGilton**, chair of the board; and **Prof John Durnford**, vice-chair of the board. The funds will to build a new wing to house a day care centre and an infant stimulation resource. They will also be used to renovate existing facilities. Contributions can be sent to the MAB at 7000 Sherbrooke street west, Montreal H4B 1R3.

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The course will be held at St Gabriel's Church, 2157 Centre street, and costs $5. Facilitators are Libby Monaco and Gloria Chubb.

The program will give an opportunity to discover the pleasure of parenting while learning more effective ways to deal with problems. Some of the topics are "What to do when a child won't stop crying," "Things to do instead of spanking," "How do I talk to my kids?" and "Finding time to do what I want." For information and registration call 937-5351.

Art historian to give talk

Kingston, Ont., art historian Dr Vojtech Jirat-Wasiutynski will be the guest speaker at the Montreal Print Collectors Society 8 pm March 7.

His topic is the French artist Odilon Redon and his lithographs.

Redon's fantastic black and white prints grew, in part, out of his experiences in the Franco-Prussian War. He was most active in the years 1879-1899.

The meeting will be held at the Canadian Centre for Architecture. For information call 481-3884.

Red Cross drive

During the month of March the Quebec division of the Canadian Red Cross Society will conduct its fourth annual fundraising campaign across the province. Paul Legault, president of Le Permanent, is chair of the campaign, for which a $5.6-million objective has been set. Donations may be sent to 2170 René Lévesque boulevard west, Montreal H3H 1R6. For information call 937-7761.

Verse converse

All are welcome to the Saturday meeting at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom Adult Education Bible study/discussion series, when Rabbi Leigh Lerner discusses *Spanish Jewish poetry*. Breakfast is served from 9 to 9:30 am, and the discussion follows. For information call 937-3575.

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Hadassah-WIZO commemorates the 14

Canadian Hadassah-WIZO has made a grant in engineering for the current academic year to l'École Polytechnique of Université de Montréal.

The grant, in memory of the 14 women students who died Dec 6, will benefit a fourth year woman student demonstrating scholastic excellence who will be chosen by the committee of scholarship at the school.

Hadassah-WIZO national president Naomi Frankenburg said the women's organization is proud of the great strides being made by women in fields formerly regarded as primarily male domains.

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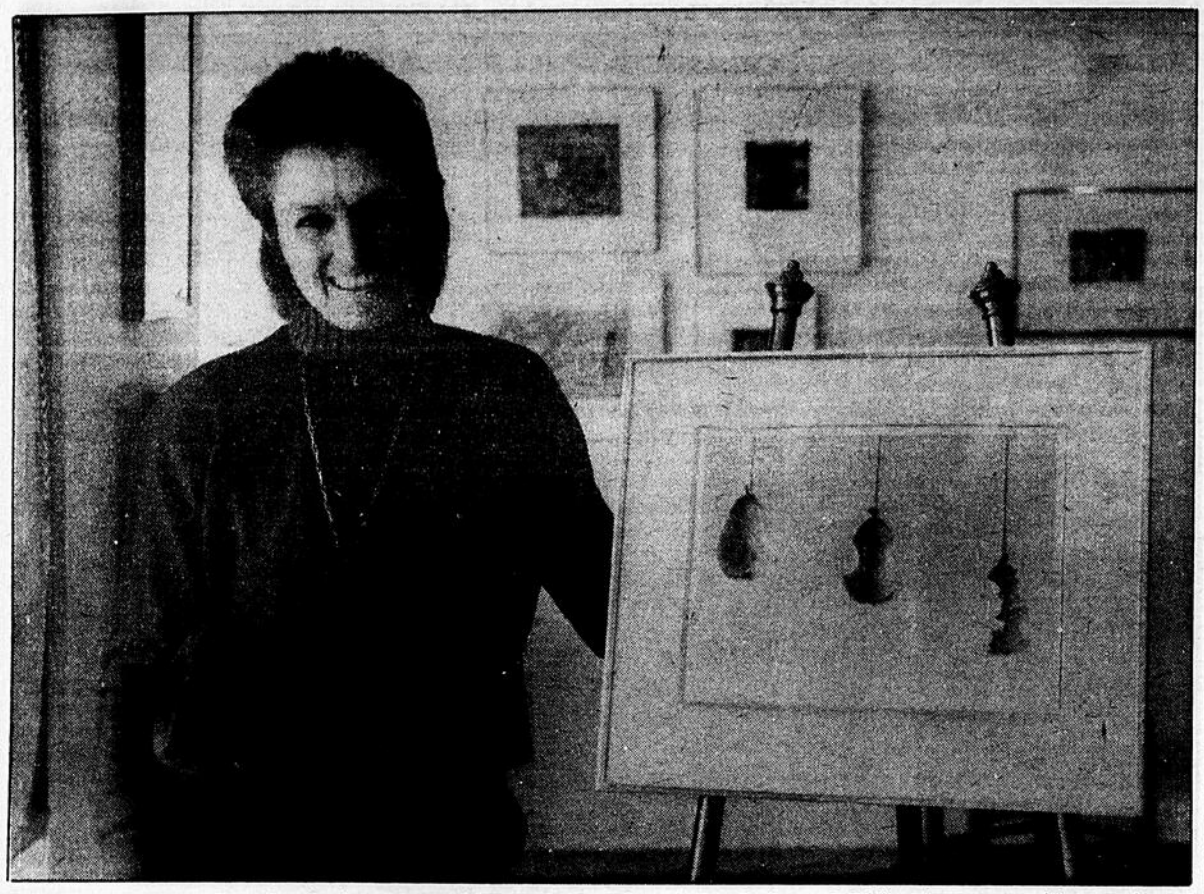

AND KEEP IT SMALL! The *Small prints 90* exhibition will open at Galerie Dan Delaney, 318 Victoria avenue, with a vernissage this evening. Westmount artist **Ann McCall** is be among those with works in the show. The exhibition is being presented by the Conseil Québécois de l'estampe. The objective is to introduce the public to some of the techniques used in print-making, and the many possible results. The small print format includes no particular theme. The pieces were chosen by the artists themselves. The only restriction imposed was size. The exhibit continues till March 15. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm; and Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm. For information, call 484-4691. *Photo by VALERIE TETLEY*

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Amnesty Intl write-a-thon to aid women

A letter-writing-a-thon for International Women's Day will be held at the Union building of McGill University, 3480 McTavish street, from 9 am to 9 am, March 8 to March 9.

The 24 hours of writing letters is sponsored by Amnesty International Montreal. The focus will be on cases of women prisoners of conscience. Live music and refreshments will be provided overnight.

Members of the public interested in human rights and Amnesty International are encouraged to stop by and write a letter to help free a prisoner. For information call 848-7410.

Nemiroff speaks

In honor of International Women's Day, the nursing department of McGill University presents Westmounter Greta Nemiroff on *I'm not a feminist but... discovering your power and using it*. The author and educator will speak on Wednesday, March 7, at 1:30 pm in the Osler amphitheatre. Everyone is invited to attend the free event. A discussion period will follow.

SWAG to meet

The Seniors of Westmount Action Group (SWAG) will meet at 10 am Wednesday, March 7. The guest speaker will be notary James T. Taylor from the firm Miquelon, Cléroux, Grenier and Taylor. He will speak on the implications of the new laws on powers of attorney, the Quebec Curator's office and related subjects. Anyone interested is welcome to attend the meeting at Victoria Hall.

Local vet speaks to literary group

Westmount veterinarian Dr Marc Vaillancourt will address the St James Literary Society next Tuesday night on zootherapy. The regular meeting takes place at 8 pm in the McGill Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish street.

Dr Vaillancourt, of the Animal Hospital of Westmount, is founder of the Carrefour Zootherapy Research Institute which encourages the use of animals in a health care context.

TEL-AIDE FUNDRAISER: Tel-Aide, an organization of listeners, launched its annual fundraising drive on Feb 19. Among those present were, from left: **Diana Tyndale**, a board member and Westmount resident; **Brenda Garber**, president; Westmounter **Renée Sebastien**, vice-president; and director **Marina Boulos**. Every day more than 160 Montrealers in distress phone Tel-Aide for someone to talk to. Volunteers provide the service 24 hours a day all year long. The organization receives no government subsidies and no funding from Centraide. Donations can be sent to Tel-Aide at CP 205, Succursale H, Montreal H3G 2K7.
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Seminar to examine medicine and the law

Three Westmounters will be among the experts in various fields taking part in a day-long seminar in *The law and you... a practical guide* series at McGill University's law faculty, 3644 Peel street, Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

The seminar, *Legal aspects of medical practice*, aimed at doctors and other health care professionals, hospital administrators, lawyers and others, is co-sponsored by the Corporation professionnelle des médecins du Québec. The $285 fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and two coffee breaks as well as material handed out during the sessions.

Westmounter Alex Paterson of McMaster Meighen will speak on *Abortion after Daigle*; the topic of Allan R. Hilton of Clarkson, Tétrault is *Perte de chance*; and Joel Raby of Jarislowsky Fraser will speak on *Long-term financial planning*.

Other topics to be covered include *How to avoid losing malpractice actions; Actions in medical liability; New trends in medical liability; Liability of hospitals for resident doctors, nurses and practicing physicians; Liability of doctors, hospitals and drug companies for adverse drug reaction* and *Rights and duties, AIDS and physicians*.

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VILLA VICTORS: Members of the Villa Ste-Marcelline rhythmic gymnastic squad did the school proud during its first annual invitational rhythmic gymnastic competition. With four clubs competing, the Villa team took top honors in all three classes. Winners are, from left: **Marie-France Stephenson**, level I; **Yin-Yin Yuan**, papillon level; and **Martine Balmir**, level II. Trophies were presented by **Soeur Mathilde Fantone**, director of the school, with **Ana Rodica Popescu**, the team's coach.

Des cours d'échecs à l'École Internationale

À l'École Internationale, des groupes de jeunes très motivés se réunissent chaque semaine pour apprendre à mieux maîtriser les concepts échiquéens.

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En cette époque où les jeunes ont tendance à être des spectateurs (qu'on pense seulement à la télévision), le jeu d'échecs leur donne le rôle d'acteur. Mais en plus d'être un jeu agréable et amusant, les échecs constituent aussi un formidable outil pédagogique, qui stimule l'aptitude à résoudre un problème de façon logique et la capacité d'anticiper les étaps à suivre lors de la résolution d'un problème.

Le milieu de l'éducation l'a bien compris puisque le programme de maths, Défi Mathématique, utilise largement le jeu d'échecs. C'est ainsi que plus de 50 000 jeunes apprennent cette année à jouer aux échecs pendant leurs cours réguliers.

Les cours ne sont qu'une des activités organisée par l'Association Échecs et Maths. Elle s'occupe également à chaque mois de mettre sur pied des tournois importants pour les jeunes à la polyvalente Georges-Vanier de Montréal. Ces tournois sont organisés avec la collaboration de la Banque Laurentienne, le *Journal de Montréal* et la Maison de l'Ordinateur.

Chaque année, l'Association tient aussi une série de tournois menant au Championnat Scolaire du Québec. En mai dernier, l'équipe du Québec qui réunissait les gagnants des différents niveaux scolaires, a pris la première place dans huit des douze catégories au premier Championnat Scolaire Canadien. Tout un exploit!

Le championnat canadien se tient toujours dans le cadre du Défi échiquéen GEMS. GEMS est un organisme humanitaire ayant pour but d'aider les gens des pays en voie de développement.

Valentine mystery solved at library

The Mystery Valentine (see story last week), one of the winners in the contest held by the children's department of the public library, has been reclaimed.

Lauren Alcorn showed up soon after THE EXAMINER hit the stands, to claim her heart and, of course, her prize.

Ms Alcorn's Valentine was one of nine winning submissions in this year's contest. Hers did not have her name on it. An appeal to locate the Valentine's creator was made in THE EXAMINER last week.

Open house at KIDS daycare

KIDS Westmount Daycare, 4432 St Catherine street west, will hold an open house on Wednesday, March 7, from 7:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Teachers will be on hand to welcome visitors and to answer questions on daily schedules, special programs, admissions, financial aid and summer camp.

Refreshments will be served. For information call 939-1103.

TOP TALKER: The Quebec Association of Independent Schools senior public speaking competition was won by **Ariadne Decker**, a Secondary IV student at The Study. Ms Decker spoke on "Dear Alexander Graham Bell, thank you for the telephone." Students from 12 schools competed.

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Komagata Maru re-enacted by Serai at Marianopolis

The Groupe Culturel Montreal Serai will remount an adapted version of Sharon Pollack's *The Komagata Maru incident* March 15 to 17 at Marianopolis College, auditorium, room 102, at 8 pm, with a matinée performance March 17 at 5 pm.

After a successful tour to Vancouver, the Montreal-based Serai group is remounting the production, which premiered in December 1988 at D.B. Clarke Theatre, with a new cast, new music and new sets.

The play is directed by Rana Bose and features Serai's regular players including Nilambri Ghai, Shawn Goldwater, Kiran Dholakia, Federico Hidalgo, Lisa Foster, Vasu Seshadri and several others.

The play is based on a 1914 incident in which 376 East Indians, with a legal right to settle in Canada, were turned away because of racism in Vancouver.

For more information call 485-9192 or 445-0532.

Study students present *Juliet*

Students of The Study drama club will present a play, *Juliet*, as part of the school's 75th anniversary celebrations. The performance will take place tomorrow at 7:30 pm in the school gymnasium.

Juliet is described as "a mixture of old and new, fact and fiction, it brings together the school, a number of famous Shakespearean roles and some modern texts."

Appearing in the play are Paulina Flores, Carrie Haber, Natalie Molson, Melina Nacos, Jay Jay Roboz, Jennifer Sterling and Mary Wood. Sahra Dalfen is assistant producer and Caroline Guay is assistant director. Directing and production are the work of Kathi Biggs.

LCC winners

The debating team from Lower Canada College won the Quebec Bilingual Debating Tournament recently. Westmounter Emmanuel Dingemans was named best speaker in the event. A total of nine schools from various regions of Quebec took part.

Priestley play on at Dome

The second-year students of Dome Theatre of Dawson College will present the farce *When we are married* by J.B. Priestley Wednesday, March 7, to Saturday, March 10, at 8 pm.

Dome Theatre is at 3990 Notre Dame street east, and the box office number is 931-5000.

LEARNING FIRE PREVENTION: The first session of this year's 24th annual Junior Firefighters' Course took place Monday night at Westmount's fire station with some 69 boys and girls enrolled. Among those representing local schools and groups are from left: **Mathieu Desmarais**, Roslyn; **Lizzie Gardinger**, St George's; **Graham Colby**, Selwyn House; **Catherine Smith**, Girl Guides; **Lauren Oppenheimer**, The Study; **Jason Walters**, Westmount Park; and **Nicola Fitchett**, ECS. They are shown with instructor **Lieut Barry Coates**. The course lasts 10 weeks and teaches various aspects of fire prevention.

Geordie *FYTUTY II* at Maison Théâtre

Geordie Production's *From you to us to you two*, a musical review written by kids for kids, and interpreted by professional actors, will be at La Maison Théâtre, 255 Ontario street east, from March 7 to 11. The play is intended for those five years old and up.

The production will play for school groups Wednesday to Friday at 10 am and 1:30 pm. It will be presented for general audiences Saturday and Sunday at 3 pm.

FYTUTY II, as the show is affectionately known, has played several times in Westmount, at the Saidye Bronfman Centre, the National Arts Centre, the Edmonton Fringe Festival, the Guelph and Stratford Festivals and has toured schools in Quebec and Ontario. It has been seen by 50,000 people, most of them children.

Westmounter Elsa Bolam is founder and artistic director of Geordie Productions.

For information about the Maison du Théâtre production or to make reservations, call 288-7211. For information about Geordie Productions and its tours, call 845-9810.

Local athlete is magazine's All-American

John Kastner of Westmount has been named to the 1989 *Triathlon Today* All-American team.

From modest beginnings in the mid-1970s, the sport of triathlon has blossomed into an international phenomenon on the verge of Olympic recognition. Athletes from 43 nations competed in the first-ever World Championship Triathlon held last August in Avignon, France. The 1990 world championship is slated for Sept 16 at a soon-to-be-announced location in Florida, and will be televised worldwide.

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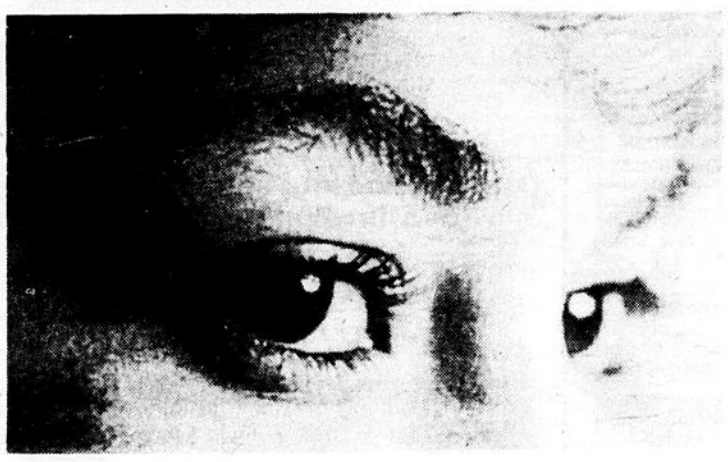

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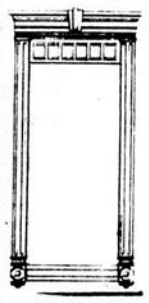

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You Say

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both of whom have been anti-Meech.

Consequently, it is my view that you were not elected because of your personal views but because you were a member of the Equality Party. Could I suggest that you call a riding association meeting to see if you in fact have support for a pro-Meech stand? Otherwise it appears that you and your colleagues are doing a creditable job.

E.T. Pearson

4042 Dorchester boulevard west
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1T9

Prince Albert residents don't want parking lot

Sir: I would like to rectify some misconceptions that Coun Robertson appears to have regarding the future of Darmo's body shop as reported in your newspaper on Feb 15.

At a residents' meeting Feb 5, which was attended by nine of 10 property owners on the block, it was unanimously agreed that we in no way desired that the city intervene to construct a parking lot and/or a lane. While Coun Robertson had not received our written position at the time of your interview, it is inaccurate to state that we "didn't oppose the idea of a lane." Indeed, the four property holders who would face expropriation were adamant that they would use all necessary means to block the frivolous construction of any lane.

There are many unanswered and troubling questions involved in this issue.

1. What does the expropriation of residential property more than 250 feet from Mr Darmo's body shop have to do with the disposal of his property?

2. How can anyone claim, as Coun Robertson does, that the creation of a lane, thereby placing our properties in the centre of a future racetrack oval, is "for the greater good of the people"?

3. Why is Coun Robertson so concerned with Mr Darmo's property? There are only two scenarios, providing the city does not intervene: a) Mr Darmo sells his property to another auto body shop or b) he sells his property for single-family residential development. Coun Robertson's concern to attempt to protect the residents from another auto body shop is well appreciated but somewhat naive, suspect and ill-founded. Mr Darmo has already clearly stated in your Feb 15 article why it is virtually impossible to run a body shop in its present location and by extension why the possible sale to another body shop is so remote as to be ignored. Indeed, one wonders if Coun Robertson's insistence in this argument is not an attempt to frighten the residents into accepting the parking lot/lane option.

4. Further, as reported in your article, is it not suspicious or at least illogical that the City of Westmount would propose buying the property so that they could sell it back as residential land?

Perhaps this resident is being unduly suspicious of city hall, but I am curious as to why this intense interest in Darmo's property and development of a north-south lane (city planners have already drawn plans showing the expropriation of residential property and the construction of the proposed lane). This is obviously not a project, as has been implied, to improve the residents' quality of life. Indeed, city hall has been indifferent to our complaints about noise pollution from an adjacent building on Victoria avenue for more than five years. Despite the fact that the noise from the cooling system of this building exceeds Westmount by-laws, the city has refused to prosecute the offenders, implying that it is our responsibility to take the offenders to court.

I suspect that this whole proposal relates in some manner to a possible future development at Victoria and Sherbrooke and that a north-south rear access lane is needed. It is certain that the developments proposed "for the greater good of the people" are not for the greater good of the residents of Prince Albert avenue and one can only speculate if it is for the greater good of future real estate developers. It is equally clear that the residents do not want to see their city hall involved in real estate speculation which threatens to destroy the residential nature of their community.

In conclusion, I hope that this misguided city initiative remains in Coun Robertson's words "...a dead issue. We've shelved the idea."

J.M. Brophy

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WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 2N9

Fiscal merry-go-round leaves Quebec little room

Sir: On June 23, 1971, Robert Bourassa cast a negative vote to scuttle the proposals of the Victoria Conference on the Canadian Constitution, including a representative amending formula that would have required the approval of Ontario, Quebec, at least two of the Maritime provinces and two of the Western provinces comprising 50 percent of the population there.

One of his chief advisors at that time was Claude Castonguay, who now advocates a similar reaction unless the Meech Lake accord is ratified. Well, this time around Mr Castonguay can't eat his cake and have it too! There will be no financial security blanket like there was in 1971.

The unrealistic fiscal forecast in the latest Canadian budget should make Mr Castonguay aware that the financial system that had operated as a central clearing house to transfer funds from more prosperous provinces to Quebec and the Maritimes is no longer capable of even meeting its current obligations, much less paying down the $350 billion debt. $330 billion of that debt was incurred between fiscal year 1969 and 1990 so the Canadian financial merry-go-round has topped out and has entered a period when it will be faced with default unless it sharply curtails its expenditures.

The Castonguay formula is based upon the same misconception that Peter Brimelow makes in his book on Canada, *The Patriot Game*. Both assume that the Canadian dollar will remain at a reasonable ratio to the U.S. dollar. The current floating exchange rate could only be maintained if the U.S. government gave its outright assurance of support at a certain level and if Japanese and other foreign creditors made the same commitment to a fixed parity to the U.S. dollar.

This is highly unlikely and a free fall of the Canadian dollar below the 50-cent U.S. level would create economic chaos in both Quebec and Canada. Mr Castonguay's arguments are based upon this false premise and he could touch off a major sell-off of Canadian government securities and private sector debt obligations like those of his own Laurentian Bank if he continues to threaten the political stability of this country.

It's a time for sober reflection on our economic predicament, beginning with the ridiculous assumptions contained in the latest Wilson budget. It is not a time for economic sabre-rattling from people with the most to lose like Mr Castonguay and his business associates.

W.A. Sullivan

4444 Sherbrooke street west
WESTMOUNT PQ H3Z 1E4

Woman bites thief's hand; suspect has no toothmarks

A WESTMOUNT woman managed to bite the hand of a man who robbed her Monday last week on Olivier avenue but when a suspect was caught, no toothmarks could be found, police said.

The man had only a red mark on the left hand and could not be charged with stealing her purse. He was, however, charged in connection with a burglary in station 15 district (N.D.G.).

The accused was identified as a 28-year-old man living in a halfway house in Rosemount.

The victim, a 62-year-old resident of the street, had been getting into her car about 6:45 pm outside 388 Olivier avenue when approached by the thief. As she bit his hand, he said, "Don't do that!" and fled.

She gave police a description of the man. A suspect was arrested later as he entered a car nearby. The woman was apparently unable to identify him. Papers found in the car were reported to relate to the break-in with which he was charged.

Plaza powerless after transformer blows

City electrical crews worked throughout the night Wednesday-Thursday last week to restore power temporarily when parts of Place Alexis Nihon were plunged into darkness for almost 12 hours.

Firefighters from both Westmount and Montreal were brought to the scene when a transformer, owned by the City of Westmount, blew about 9:21 pm.

Workers had to tap power from another unit owned by the plaza. Temporary work was finally completed and power restored at 8:37 am.

The burnt transformer stepped down power from 12,000 volts to 347 volts and was one of a bank of three that work together, explains power director Daniel Ponzo. It simply burnt out through old age after 26 years on the job.

Since the three had been bought together, the incident signalled possible deterioration of the other two so it was decided to replace all three.

"We were faced with a problem of trying to obtain three replacement units since these are of very specialized voltage," he says.

Arrangements were finally made to buy three from Hydro-Québec and approved on an emergency basis by Mayor Mayor Cutler. The item is listed on the agenda of Monday night's city council meeting for official approval.

Installation of the three new transformers should be complete by tomorrow, according to Mr Ponzo.

Police warn: Certain cheques may be phoney

Westmount merchants and business people are being asked to take time to check out cheques that appear to have been certified.

Police say someone is managing to produce cheques resembling those certified by banks. The cheques turn out to be written on either non-existent accounts or ones opened using false papers. The fraud is taking in various locations in the MUC. No incidents have yet been reported in Westmount.

Tax is topic of Greene talk

David Laidley, a partner in Touche Ross, will speak on *Income tax: the annual rite of spring* at the Greene Avenue Community Centre Thursday, March 8 from 7:30 to 9 pm in the *Meet the expert* series.

Mr Laidley is a partner in Touche Ross, an economic and business commentator for CBC and chair of the board of directors of the Royal Victoria Hospital.

The event is free, though donations are appreciated. Refreshments will be served. For information call 931-6202.

Bike freed

A bicycle locked to a pole for more than a week outside 4545 Sherbrooke street was finally cut free and taken to local MUC police station 23 Wednesday last week, public safety officers said. It was described as a black Raleigh.

Phantom crash causes real one

A car was reported to have careened across Sherbrooke street at Prince Albert avenue early Friday, hitting a stop sign and breaking a shop's plate glass window.

Police said the driver claimed to have lost control when struck by a hit-and-run driver but that no evidence of the impact could be found. The Pontiac sustained more than $500 damage to the front end.

The crash was heard about 3:15 am by Public Safety Officer Richard Turley who had been patrolling near Victoria. The officer went to the scene and called MUC police.

The victim, a 23-year-old LaSalle man, was not reported injured or impaired. His car had to be towed away.

Blue basher

A hit-and-run car was reported to have left telltale debris behind when it struck a parked car on The Boulevard at Carleton avenue Monday last week. According to police, the 1985 BMW had been parked facing east when hit in the rear causing more than $500 damage. The suspect car was described only as blue in color.

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L'abbé Guy Plante de Choluteca rend visite à l'église St-Léon

Dimanche prochain à l'occasion du premier dimanche du carême, M. l'abbé Guy Plante, prêtre des Missions Étrangères et curé de la cathédrale de Choluteca, présentera lui-même le projet de Carême 1990 qui est en lien avec celui de l'année dernière.

On se souviendra que l'année dernière les paroissiens de St-Léon ont participé à la construction de l'église Ste-Famille (Centre communautaire) dans les Barrios Los Mangos de Choluteca au Honduras. Ils avaient dépassé alors leur objectif de $16 000.

À l'église Ste-Famille on nous dit maintenant: "Pasen Adentro!"

Le projet comportera donc pour cette année la participation à la finition intérieure et à l'aménagement de l'église Ste Famille. Le projet a un objectif de $16 000. Le curé de la paroisse cathédrale de Choluteca M. Guy Plante p.m.é. est venu à Montréal à l'occasion du décès de son père et fait aux membres de la communauté de St-Léon la faveur de participer à l'ouverture du Carême.

Les prochains semainiers donneront les détails de cette campagne de carême et feront prendre conscience aux membres de cette communauté chrétienne qu'en bâtissant une église, on bâtit l'Église et on participe à la construction du royaume de Dieu.

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Dans la série de conférences sur la morale, tous sont invités à la prochaine rencontre le jeudi 8 mars à 19h30 à la salle St-Léon, 310 avenue Clarke. Le thème: *Le sud pauvre jugera le nord riche* (Jean-Paul II) rejoint l'engagement des chrétiens de St-Léon en Amérique Centrale. C'est M. André Leblanc p.m.é., docteur en écriture sainte et ancien missionnaire en Amérique du Sud qui sera le conférencier invité. Entre libre, bienvenue à tous.

Fashion sale raises funds for new Residence Chance

Residence Chance is a pilot project established to guide single mothers from welfare rolls into working careers, will benefit from Pour Une Soirée's annual inventory sale of evening wear.

More than 150 evening gowns and cocktail dresses, some never worn, will be sold below cost at an informal fashion show March 8 from 6 to 8 pm at La Mise au Jeu I restaurant in the Forum, 1425 Atwater avenue.

Tickets, $25, include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and an informal fashion show, followed by the sale. Tickets are available at 939-1707 or 4060 St Catherine street west, suite 850.

Pour Une Soirée began in 1988 assembling a collection of evening wear for rent by women with busy social calendars and a fixed budget.

Several wives of Montreal Canadiens players, including Tracy Chelios and Lynne Carbonneau, will attend the March 8 event.

Door prize for the event is La Grande Soirée — use of an evening dress and accessories, limousine service, flowers and fragrance, and dinner for two in the garden of the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

Residence Chance, the beneficiary of the evening, is located on Guy street between St Jacques and Notre Dame streets.

Twenty-one women and more than 30 children are taking part in the project whose main purpose is to break the welfare chain and allow them to reintegrate into mainstream society. Women in the group are studying everything from hairdressing to law. Residence Chance's board of directors includes president Pierre Sévigny-McConomy, vice president Margaret Lefebvre, treasurer Claire Robinson and member at large Elaine Steinberg, all Westmount residents.

For information call 939-1707.

Support group forming for centre d'acceuil

Westmounter Lucie Larivière Frirdich and Avril Foster are organising a family support group for relatives and friends of residents of Centre d'Accueil Henri Bradet, located on Chester avenue in N.D.G. and connected to the Julius Richardson Convalescent Hospital.

The objective of the group is mutual support, sympathy and comfort. It is felt this would be most useful for the family of new residents or in other difficult transition periods.

The group plans to insure that lines of communication remain open between the administration, employees, residents and their families.

The group plans to have an occasional guest speaker to give members knowledge of the diseases affecting their loved ones and help them learn to cope with institutional care.

Those interested in forming such a group can leave an envelope with suggestions at the receptionist at the front desk of the centre, or write to 310 Côte St Antoine, Westmount H3Y 2J4.

WEEKEND . . .

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together of city council and management," said director general Peter Patenaude. "I think we can only progress from here."

Ed McCavour, manager of corporate services, found it "a rare opportunity to discuss various department issues in depth."

And operations manager Bruce St Louis said it brought out the significant talent available in the city service.

Near Mount Orford

The event was held at the Hotel Chéribourg near Mount Orford at a cost of about $7,000. It was attended by 28 persons including all nine council members, 11 department heads, three managers and organizers.

Management consultant George Cuff from Alberta, who has been advising the city since last summer, planned the workshops. A new comprehensive report from Mr Cuff listing numerous recommendations for improving the city operation was submitted immediately prior to the weekend and is under review.

"One of the weaknesses Mr Cuff has singled out is the lack of direction from city council to the staff. They pretty much had to guess what we wanted," Mayor Cutler said.

Coun Joan Rothman said councillors realized such an exercise of examining goals should be repeated yearly. Mrs Rothman has been advocating long-range planning since joining city council more than six years ago.

Coun Aitken said she was pleased with the commitment made by all for renewing the library and for protecting the environment.

Coun Peter Duffield, who was unable to attend the press conference, issued a statement saying the weekend session provided senior management with the opportunity to understand the problems that council faces in trying to satisfy citizens.

"It promoted a strengthening of our ranks," summed up Coun Rhoda Vineberg.

Actors' association to campaign on AIDS

In the month of March, Montreal's English-language theatre community is participating in a series of events as part of the Canadian Actors' Equity Association campaign to raise public awareness about AIDS.

Sunday at 2 pm there will be a benefit performance of James Nadler's *Fire sale* at Centaur Theatre, 453 St-François-Xavier street.

Monday, March 19 at 8 pm, there will be a reading of Kent Stetson's *Warm wind in China* at Playwrights' Workshop Montreal, 4001 Berri street. Minimum donation for this event is $5, and there will be a cash bar.

Tuesday, March 20, at 8 pm, there will be a benefit performance of Montrealer Aviva Ravel's *Inky pinky* at Csarda dinner theatre, 3479 St Lawrence boulevard.

Sunday, April 1, at 7 pm Centaur Theatre will again be the venue for a benefit performance, this time of Montrealer Vittorio Rossi's *Scarpone*. A reception with cash bar will follow. For information on any of these events, call 935-2518.

Shaar bridge weekly winners

Winners in the Shaar Hashomayim duplicate bridge games played Feb 21 are:

Section A: North/South, Rhoda Sabbath and Vera Robichaud; East/West, Mavis Solloway and Shana Schecter.

Section B: North/South, Linda Walfish and Irma Hubshee; East/West, I. Pauvé and R. Moreau.

Temple talk

Neil Poch, Canadian director for the Reform Youth Movement and senior youth group advisor at Temple Emanu-El, Toronto, has just returned from Russia with members of his group. He will discuss his experiences in the rapidly changing U.S.S.R. on Sunday at 2:30 pm at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke street west. Call 937-3575 for information.

Temple book group

The Book Lover's Forum of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom will meet Wednesday, March 28 at 9:30 am for coffee. At 10 am, Robert Adams will review *Oscar and Lucinda* by Peter Carey. The group meets at 4100 Sherbrooke street west. Admission is $5 per person, and all are welcome. For information call 937-3575.

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Battle of peewee goalies ends in Canadiens shutout

By WARREN VALDMANIS

Rory Kenny, with a hat trick on the evening, led the Canadiens to a 3-0 shutout victory over the Seals last Thursday in Westmount peewee hockey action.

The match was marked throughout by outstanding goaltending on both sides. The Seal goalie, Roland Sperlich, despite his three goals against, was called upon to make many unbelievable saves, while Canadien Charlotte Davet earned a brilliant shutout with dazzling play, frustrating Seal forwards on many attempts.

The early going of the first period was a time of caution for both teams. The Seal defense, including Emeka Mayes and Eric Bui-Quang, managed to turn back Canadien rushes by such forwards as Hugo Blomfield and Ryan Horbinson and held the Canadien forwards to a few low-percentage shots.

At 4:14, however, Canadien winger Parker Mitchell flew over the blue line to feed Kenny with a pass in the slot, which Kenny was able to convert for his first score of the match. On the shifts that followed, Kenny threatened with a few tough shots, but Sperlich held strong and the period ended with the score Canadiens 1, Seals 0.

A powerful line

In the second period the Kenny-Mitchell connection picked up where it had left off. Just over a minute had elapsed when Kenny scored his second goal of the evening on a similar pass from Mitchell. Following this goal the Kenny-Mitchell-Blemman forward line established a frightful and relentless attack inside the Seal blue line.

Leading from the bench, Seal coach Dylan Hoey helped to hold his team together so they might salvage a period getting worse by the minute. Sperlich made some excellent saves and, near mid-period, it seemed the Seals could get back into the game.

Liam Mayes, a stalwart centre sometimes nicknamed "the little battleship," led the Seals on their first effective attacks of the match. Unfortunately for the Seals, the Canadien defense, featuring the bulwark Tom Bell, was up to the challenge, and when they failed, goalie Davet took up the slack. The second period ended with the score 2-0 Canadiens.

The third period was nearly a carbon copy of the first. Both teams fell into defensive shells and little offensive was demonstrated in general. The only score was at 11:10 when Kenny completed his hat trick and salted away the Canadien victory with a power play goal assisted by Bill Shemie. The game ended with the score 3-0 Canadiens over the Seals.

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	GP	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
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Canadiens	21	17	3	1	148	62	35
Dragons	21	12	6	3	78	65	27
Guards	22	5	14	3	72	125	13
Bears	22	4	15	3	71	117	11
ATOM (final)							
Canucks	22	12	7	3	88	72	27
Penguins	22	12	7	3	78	62	27
Nordiques	22	7	11	4	68	74	18
Canadiens	22	7	13	2	75	101	16
PEEWEE (final)							
Capitals	20	10	6	4	86	71	24
Canadiens	20	10	6	4	85	71	24
Seals	20	4	12	4	68	97	12
SENIOR A							
Stars	28	22	6	0	142	79	44
Wanderers	27	17	6	4	114	61	38
Flames	27	11	10	6	85	81	28
Sabres	27	10	15	2	92	106	22
Bruins	27	2	25	0	73	179	4
SENIOR B							
Devils	25	15	6	4	106	67	34
Hawks	25	15	7	3	116	83	33
Flyers	24	10	7	7	81	75	27
Fathers	24	11	10	3	102	106	25
Aces	25	9	12	4	64	73	22
Kings	24	8	13	3	80	111	19
Oilers	25	4	17	4	86	120	12

Westmount YMCA News

Hope Korytko
Executive director

Special programs at Y

The Westmount YMCA is offering a series of lectures designed to help promote a healthy lifestyle. These seminars are free and open to the public and will take place in the new Westmount Y building.

On Wednesday, March 7, *Movement for a healthy back* will be offered by Erik Iversen. This will be a practical workshop that will explore, through movement, stretching and breathing methods, as well as proper body alignments. Come dressed for activity!

If you have suffered from recurring athletic injuries, bring your questions to an open forum on Wednesday, March 21. Dominic Lopez from the Westmount GDC Clinic will discuss *Athletic injuries: the whys and how they can be avoided.* For information on any of these workshops, call the Y at 931-8046.

A news flash for seniors. Every Tuesday and Thursday from 2 to 3:30 pm, the Y pool is open free of charge to any senior wishing to get into the swim of things. Swimming is one of the best all-round exercises, and is particularly helpful for joint problems and arthritis. The pool is kept at 28 degrees — what better way to beat those winter blues?

Speaking of the winter, many students will soon be out of school for spring break. Though many families will be heading down south to the warmer weather, many Westmounters will be staying in the city and may be looking for programs and activities to keep the kids involved.

If you are in this latter group, the Westmount YMCA will be offering a special spring break camp from Monday, Feb 26 to March 2. Activities include swimming, tobogganing, skating, arts and crafts, sports and games. A good time will be had by all.

The program runs from 8 am until 6 pm; however, a shorter version is available from 8 am to 3 pm. The shorter version is $15 a day, $70 for the week and the extended version will cost $22 a day, $105 for the week. Spaces are limited so register now.

Triathlete MacMartin wins silver

Westmounter Andrew MacMartin, a grade 11 student at Centennial Academy, returned recently from Auckland, New Zealand, where he was a member of the Junior Canadian Commonwealth Games team.

Mr MacMartin, a triathlete, won the silver medal in his level, which had about 100 competitors.

He previously placed fourth in the World Triathalon championships in France last year.

Mr MacMartin hopes to secure a place on the Canadian Olympic team for Barcelona in 1992.

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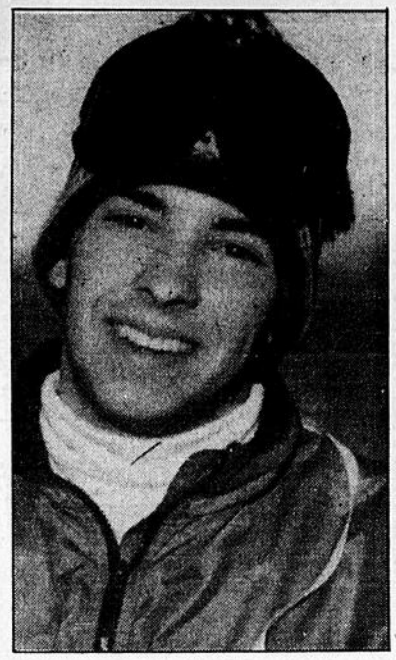
Richard Skoryna, Lockeberg gold award winner.



Guy Carleton, completed eight sections in coureur-de-bois.

Gregory Mattei, Lockeberg silver award winner.

Westmount Sedbergh students winners in Lachute ski marathon

Several Westmount boys attending Sedbergh School near Montebello achieved outstanding results in the annual Canadian Ski Marathon held Feb 10 and 11 from Lachute to the Gatineau hills.

The marathon, which attracted 1,500 entrants of all ages, is billed as the world's longest cross-country ski tour. It is a wilderness event following the Ottawa River for a distance of 160 kilometres.

Among the school's Westmount participants was Richard Skoryna, 12, who carried off the gold Lockeberg award. This is presented to entrants aged nine to 16 who complete six of the marathon's 10 sections, an approximate distance of 96 km. Richard is the son of Dr and Mrs Stanley C. Skoryna, 517 Roslyn avenue.

Gregory Mattei, 13, completed five sections (about 80 km) of the course to win the silver Lockeberg award. He is the son of Mr and Mrs Jean Mattei, 53 Oakland avenue.

Ian Henderson, 14, won a bronze award for completion of four sections. He lives at 473 Argyle avenue and is the son of Illoma Carr and Robert Henderson.

The fourth Westmount student to distinguish himself was Guy Carleton, 16, who entered the grueling Coureur de Bois class in which he managed to complete eight sections of the course, a distance of some 128 km. He placed third of all Sedbergh participants entered this year. He is the son of Connie Carleton, 4322 Montrose avenue, and the late Rupert B. Carleton.

Adrian Jacobs, 17, completed four sections of the course. He is the son of Lyon and Johanne Jacobs, 420 Côte St Antoine road.

"We are extremely proud of these students and wish them good luck in next year's marathon," said Mr Henderson a member of the board of Sedbergh School.

Next year, he noted, will be the marathon's 25th anniverary.

Mr Henderson participated in the marathon weekend, transporting the school's participants as they completed various sections.

WHS group planning multi-year reunion

MEMBERS of the Westmount High School reunion committee have been working hard for some weeks to plan a reunion for graduates of 1965, '66 and '67.

The committee is hoping to recreate the success that was last year's reunion for which graduates came from as far away as Japan. A weekend of activities has been planned, with graduates, staff, former staff and the families of all invited.

The committee has been working to track down classmates and teachers from those years. They are appealing to anyone who may know of graduates or staff who were at the school from 1965 to '67 to tell them about the upcoming reunion.

For more information, call the committee at 695-9439.

More tai chi courses offered by city to residents

Westmount's department of recreation and culture will be offering more tai chi courses in the spring, said Beverly Adams-Coskun, the city's socio-cultural co-ordinator.

And there are some fine reasons to consider taking the course according to chief instructor, Joey Bond.

"Through the practice of tai chi the mind becomes re-energized, the body revitalized and the emotions tranquil," he says.

Mr Bond, who teaches the Mountain Crane style of tai chi, says tai chi can help cure certain medical conditions. A course is also offered for seniors.

"Tai chi has been medically proven to deal effectively with a variety of debilitating conditions such as senile osteoporosis, arthritis, spinal column weaknesses, high blood pressure, arteriosclorosis and cardiac related poblems," he says.

But that's not all.

"Tai chi helps to regulate metabolism allowing us to lose and gain weight as needed. It improves digestion and blood circulation too."

Mr Bond says tai chi also reduces psychological stress and neurosis.

"The actions are performed slowly and deliberately under the control of a concentrated mind and, most importantly, there is no risk of any injury associated with this exercise," he says.

Spring courses will begin in April. Exact times will be published in the new recreation and culture booklet which is expected to come out in a couple of weeks.

For more information contact Beverly Adams-Coskun at 935-8531, local 212.

Golf gone

A car was stolen outside 728 Upper Roslyn avenue overnight Feb 18-19, police report. The 1988 Volkswagen Golf GTI belonged to a resident of the street. It was valued at $24,000.

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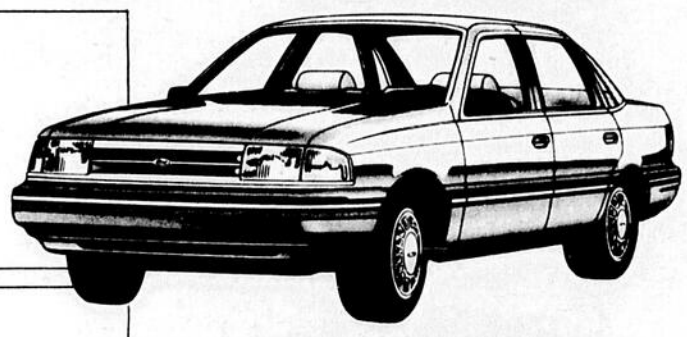

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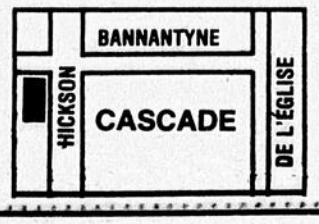

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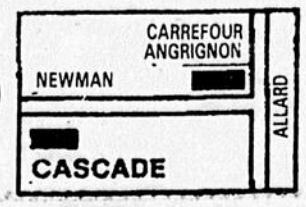

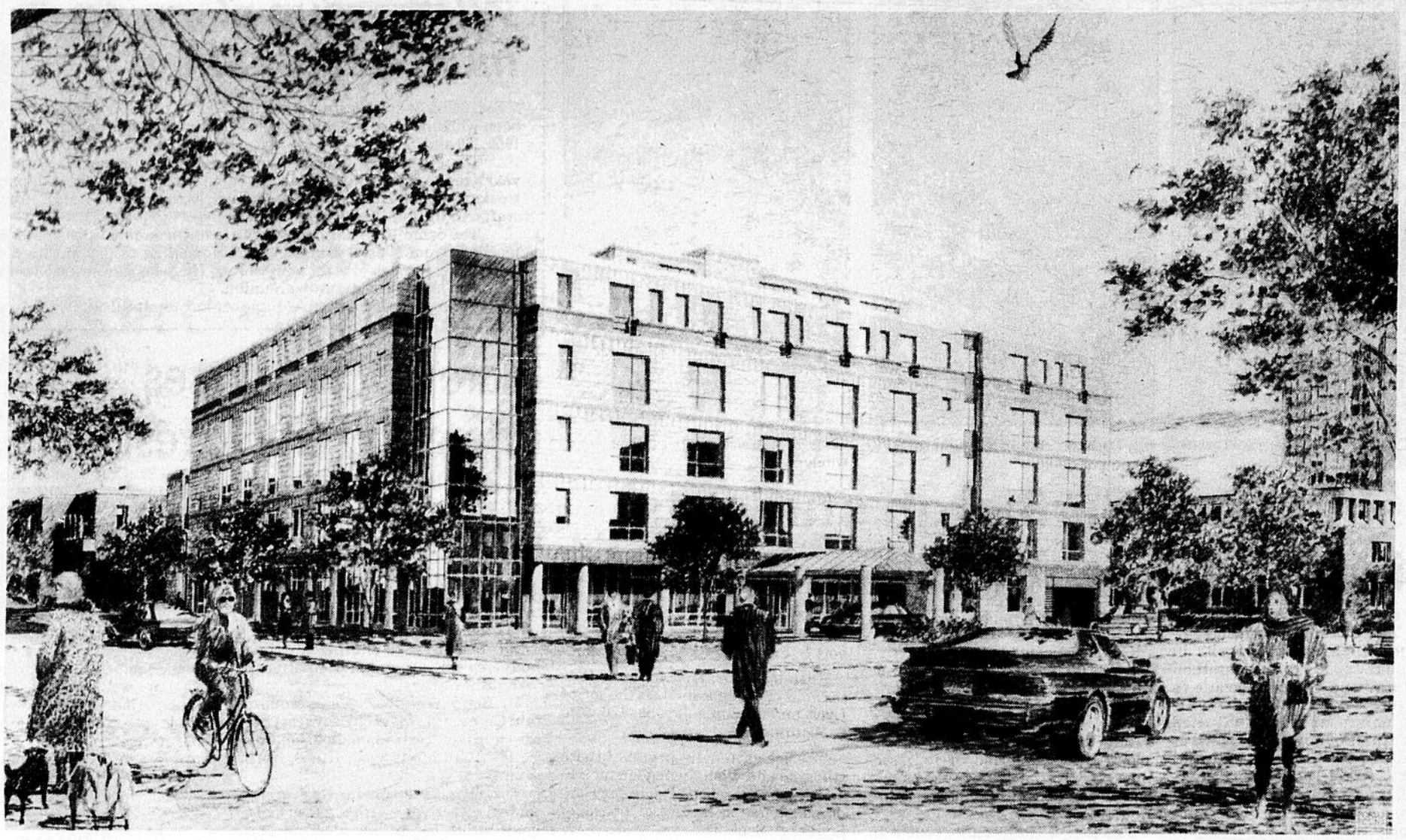

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