

**Laughter's a sure cure**

Smiles and chuckles may not make you younger, but it makes you feel better about life. That's the theory behind a "humour room" newly opened at Château Westmount seniors' home. The room had its grand opening Sunday, and seniors were laughing it up during the first regular open day Monday. See page 14 for the story.

**Second-hand smoke won't be tolerated**

*Council agrees to ban smoking where people can't avoid going*

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

City council has agreed to prohibit smoking "everywhere people have to go" but backed down from banning it in private offices throughout Westmount and in some areas of restaurants.

Debating a controversial draft bylaw Monday night, council members decided they had the duty to protect non-smokers from second-hand smoke in stores as well as common areas of office and apartment buildings.

"It's a matter of what degree of death you're willing to tolerate," said Councillor Herbert Bercovitz.

Accepting the compromise, he said he hoped this updating of the city's 1985 smoking bylaw would be only the second stage "of moving

toward total non-smoking to preserve our shrinking population."

Despite many complaints from restaurateurs at a public consultation meeting Nov. 1, councillors agreed to enact the same regulations as Montreal. That means restaurants must devote at least 50 per cent of eating space for non-smokers. The council cast out some of the other "irritants" such as non-smoking lobbies and health-hazard signs in smoking areas.

Some councillors said it was up to individual restaurant owners if they wanted to turn their establishments into smoking salons. Non-smokers could go elsewhere, councillors said. In the end, they compromised to be consistent with Montreal.

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**The start of the second day**



Rabbi Ira Samuel Grussgott, whose investiture at the Shaar Hashomayim took place Sunday, lights the second Hanukkah candle to indicate the start of the second day of celebration at sunset this afternoon. For a story on the new rabbi, who took the place of retiring Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, see the story on page 21.

Photo by ALISON RAMSEY

**Trent angry MUC is rushing to seal police superstation site**

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

Mayor Peter Trent lashed out Monday at the "secretive process" used by the Montreal Urban Community to determine a police superstation site before it was debated by its own public security committee.

What's the rush to seal a deal that will put a new police superstation downtown rather than on prime land in Westmount offered by the city? he asked at council.

"It only reinforces my belief that everything is decided behind closed doors by the executive committee and that the standing committees count for nothing," Mr. Trent said.

The mayor said at council he learned informally only last week that the MUC council would be asked to vote Dec. 15 on a lease approved in camera by the execu-

tive committee to rent a building at 980 Guy St.

Councillor John Bridgman said the MUC seemed "hell bent for leather" to approve the deal, in the same way the Mulroney government did in its dying days to privatize Toronto's Pearson Airport.

The vote comes in the last days of the mandates of MUC police chief Alain St-Germain and of MUC executive committee chairman Michel Hamelin.

It also comes before the public

security committee presented an evaluation report of the first superstation. This was promised Sept. 22 by chairman Peter Yeomans as preceding any decision to create another superstation.

Under a cost-cutting plan to merge smaller district stations into superstations, Westmount's Station 23 is to be combined with downtown Station 25.

Mr. Bridgman said council had discussed the police issue before the public meeting and encouraged

Mr. Trent to articulate council's concerns to the MUC.

"We're questioning the motives and asking why the rush," he said.

Council wants to ensure Westmount is well policed and that the mayor's voice is heard, he said.

Mr. Trent said he had not decided what steps to take concerning the Dec. 15 vote.

"I'm still waiting to hear word from police about an entente in principle to set up a community police station in Westmount

instead," he said.

He has been negotiating for a community station as an alternative to a superstation. A community station would have more personnel than a mini-station. The MUC proposed that Westmount have a mini-station once the full-service operations are combined with those of Station 25 at a superstation.

"I'm hoping we'll have something acceptable," said the mayor.

Mr. Trent said he planned to raise his concerns at a meeting of the Conference of Montreal Suburban mayors yesterday, Dec. 8.

When Town of Mount Royal Mayor Vera Danyluk takes over as MUC chair (as expected for 1994) "I'm sure this kind of thing will change and we'll have an MUC more sensitive to the concerns of its shareholders," he said.

**Let's make a deal....**

A document released Friday shows how the city of Westmount offered to build a three-storey police superstation at Dorchester and Gladstone.

What the city wanted in return was a promise by the Montreal Urban Community police chief that the department would main-

tain a certain level of policing in Westmount. The deal was refused.

It was negotiable, Mayor Peter Trent told THE EXAMINER, but no one tried to negotiate.

For complete details on the offer, turn to page 3.

**City committee takes action against chemical pesticides**

By J. MARION FEINBERG

A city environment committee has decided to step up a campaign to educate people about harm that can come from chemical lawn sprays and pesticides.

Toni Braide, chair of the Healthy Cities environment subcommittee, said they're aiming for the spring release of an information package that would contain an American Cancer Society pamphlet on the dangers of pesticides. They want to distribute another called "10 Simple Steps to Ecological Lawn

Care."

"We've been looking at pesticides for about two years now," she said. "The issue started heating up when the Hudson ban on spraying was announced this summer... So we decided it was important to tell people what the alternatives were as well as the risks."

Environment Minister Pierre Paradis urged municipalities this fall to draft their own legislation, following Hudson's example, rather than leaving it to the provincial legislature, she said.

"What chemical company is

going to take 300 municipalities to court?" said Ms. Braide. "The city has also been studying the legal implications of such a move. The feedback I get is that the city feels it is quite possible that the majority of citizens would be supportive of a pesticide ban."

As an advisory committee to the city, Ms. Braide's group wanted to find some action to support that would help raise public awareness on the issue, she said.

"We're looking at how we can help the law go through and how to educate people about the potential

hazardous health effects of lawn chemicals, particularly on pregnant women and children," she stressed. "We want to get the info package out to people in March or April before they would normally sign a lawn-spraying contract."

The lawn care tips flyer will be tested out on Westmount's gardeners to ensure that the advice really works before it is distributed, she said.

"We're also hoping that the draft bylaw will be presented at the February council meeting," she added.

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The following events are scheduled in Westmount this week:

**Today, Dec. 9**  
**Concert:** Today and tomorrow from 12:30 to 1 p.m. at Westmount Square. Five musicians from McGill University's faculty of music share the holiday spirit.

**Registration** is under way for courses specifically for people over 60 at Visual Arts Centre, 350 Victoria Ave. The winter session, starting Jan. 16, offers Drawing I and II, acrylic painting and watercolour. Classes are limited to 12 members and run for 12 weeks. Also, "Between Us: The Hands-On Story Book, A Workshop" offered in four sessions, brings seniors and children together to create an original art book. Register by person or by phone (488-9559) by Jan. 7. Registration is also open for general adult art courses, and those for children and teens. Brochure at 488-9558.

**Registration** is under way for a Russian cooking course offered by the recreation department. 935-2722, ext. 312.

**For seniors:** Drop-in exercise every Thursday at Contactivity, 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd., from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. \$2. 932-2326.

**For kids:** The creative writing club for 9s to 12s at 4 p.m. in the children's department of Westmount Public Library.

**Donations:** Centre Greene, 1090 Greene Ave., is seeking donations of new and used toys for a toy fair on Dec. 18.

**Friday, Dec. 10**  
**Centre Greene:** Program flyer available at 1090 Greene Ave., to announce the winter 1994 program and activity roster.

**For kids:** Pioneers, for Grades 1 through 6, meets weekly from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, 4006 Dorchester Blvd. at Atwater (Weredale entrance) for friendship and activities. \$10 a year. 765-8389 or 932-8046.

**Bridge:** at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St., at 11:30 a.m. Refreshments. \$7.

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**Saturday, Dec. 11**  
**Concert:** from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Westmount Square. See Dec. 9.

**Concert:** Westmount Seventh-day Adventist Church, 571 Victoria Ave. at Westmount Ave., at 7 p.m. Special guests and local artists in "An Evening of Musical Praise." Freewill offering.

**Open house:** Westmount Fire Station, 19 Stanton St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for collection of toys, food and clothing for the Women's Centre.

**For kids:** At Samedi Greene Mary Stubbs will help the children make tree decorations and chocolate surprises to hide in handmade boxes in preparation for the annual holiday party at Centre Greene. \$1. 931-6202.

**Sunday, Dec. 12**  
**Concert:** The Famous Bagg St. Klezmer Band at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St., at 8 p.m. \$18. 937-3575.

**For seniors:** The Leisure Institute of Shaar Hashomayim tea at 1:30 p.m. presents *The Smile of Reason*, a film from the Kenneth Clark series, with commentary by guest Murray Marmor. 931-9471.

**Centre Greene:** Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner at 5 p.m. Visit from Santa and carols.

**Adult Prisoners of Childhood Anonymous** meets at 7 p.m. at Westmount Baptist Church, 4755 Sherbrooke St., parking lot door. 937-4392.

**Bridge:** at Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom, 4100 Sherbrooke St., starting at noon. \$6 includes refreshments. Master points. 937-3575.

**Monday, Dec. 13**

## Woman says she was raped on Saturday afternoon

Police are investigating a rape charge filed Saturday by a 23-year-old Westmount woman who says she woke up in Westmount Park Saturday morning after taking a taxi to Metcalfe and St. Catherine. She could not remember where or when the incident occurred.

Taken to hospital by Urgences Santé from her nearby home, the woman had scratches on her back and bite marks on a cheek and hip.

Investigators confirmed hospital reports indicate she was sexually assaulted.

"We can't tell Westmount citizens we have a rapist on the loose around here because we don't

**WMA:** Westmount Municipal Association meeting at 8 p.m. in Salon Ward, Victoria Hall. All welcome.

**Concert:** at Westmount Square from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. See Dec. 9.

**For parents:** Anonymous parent support group meets Monday at 7:30 p.m. at Westmount Y.

**Tuesday, Dec. 14**  
**Concert:** at Westmount Square from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. See Dec. 9.

**For kids:** 4:00 Club, an arts and crafts group for 6 to 9s, in the children's department of Westmount Library. Call ahead to reserve a space.

**Bridge:** Novice game in conjunction with Congregation Shaar Hashomayim's weekly duplicate bridge club at 12:30 p.m. \$6 for lunch to Meals on Wheels. 937-9471, ext. 139.

**Wednesday, Dec. 15**  
**Concert:** at Westmount Square from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. See Dec. 9.

**Recovery Inc.,** self-help group for sufferers of depression, anxiety, nervous fears, panic attacks etc. weekly at 8 p.m. at 4695 de Maisonneuve Blvd., rear entrance on Lansdowne.

**Thursday, Dec. 16**  
**Christmas concert** and open house at The Study School. The building will be open at 5 p.m. Refreshments and tours from 6:45 to 8 p.m. Concert in the gym at 6 p.m. Family and friends are invited.

**Concert:** at Westmount Square from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. See Dec. 9.

**Theatre:** *The Test*, written by teacher Philip Corcos, by the drama class of Westmount High School, at 7:30 p.m. tonight and tomorrow \$3 an \$2.

know where it happened," said local crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron.

The woman returned home to a boyfriend and called 911 about 2:55 p.m. At that time, she told police she had been forced to go to the gazebo in the park with a man after leaving the taxi. She claimed he undressed her and attacked in the park. On further questioning, however, the woman said she did not know where she had been raped; possibly downtown. She described the man as about 30 years of age, with black hair and dark clothes.

— *Laureen Sweeney*

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## City offered to build superstation for MUC in return for services

THE CITY of Westmount offered to build a new superstation for Montreal Urban Community police on a large site bordering Dorchester, Gladstone and Tupper, according to a document released Friday.

It even proposed giving them the land, in one counter offer.

But the MUC rejected the proposals, saying they could not guarantee the city's one condition — police coverage, Mayor Peter Trent said.

"We were prepared to offer them almost anything," he said.

Without the staffing guarantee, the city offered to sell the land to the MUC for \$35 a square foot so they could build their own station. The land is evaluated at \$80 per square foot.

Instead, the MUC council is being asked next Wednesday to accept a lease to rent a building at 980 Guy St., Mr. Trent said.

"Their reason is that with the high vacancy rate in Montreal, they can't justify building anything new," he said.

Terms of the lease for the Guy St. location include two years of free rent and free renovations, he said. Over the long run, however, city officials estimate the cost of the building to be about the same as offers made by Westmount.

It offers to build a three-storey superstation containing 3,240 square metres (36,000 sq. ft.) on a site of 1,857 square

metres (20,630 sq. ft.), which would have been rented to the MUC for a minimum 15 years. Westmount would bear all construction costs, with terms of a lease to be negotiated.

The site is depicted as easily accessible to the public and police personnel, close to emergency medical services at Reddy Memorial Hospital and having the potential for parking 170 cars, 32 inside and an open parking garage for at least 88, plus space at an adjacent lot.

### Conditions listed

The main condition of the offer was that minimum police services be guaranteed in Westmount, such as: three patrol vehicles on the road round the clock, two traffic patrol vehicles dedicated to Westmount, daytime and evening foot patrols in east and west sectors and a detective squad dedicated solely to Westmount.

The city wanted one community relations officer for Westmount and a station director, to maintain current level of interaction with city council and the city staff.

The minimums sought are considerably more than Westmount receives at present, where services are shared with St. Henri, but they were negotiable, Mr. Trent said.

— Laureen Sweeney



Artist's conception of the police station Westmount would have built.

## Outline, path or tree?

### Residents opine about city hall decorations

Last week, a story in THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER announced that Westmount city council has decided not to light the white bulbs that has traced an outline of city hall for the past five years.

Residents have complained about the lights in the past, said building and planning director Joanne Poirier, saying they were garish and tacky.

This year, council wanted lights hung in branches of trees either side of the cenotaph, creating a pathway effect towards city hall. There won't be time, however, to mount that sort of show, so a previous variation (before the outlined building) was resurrected.

The large pine tree in front of city hall has been trimmed with multi-coloured lights.

To each council their own, but that doesn't mean Westmounters don't have an opinion about how city hall looks during the holidays.

THE EXAMINER went out on Monday to find out what people had to say. Here are a few responses:

"I think it's fun to have as many lights as possible. I thought the old way was rather nice and made city hall look like a castle. It brightened up a dreary time of year. It's a pity."

— Elspeth Angus

"I don't like it to be overdone. A little decoration is festive."

— Barbara Shahmoon

"I think it was nice the way it was before with the lights around the building. I would like to see it back again; it was a very nice tradition."

— Maria Mueller

"In years past, only the tree out front was done up with different coloured bulbs. In my opinion, that was more than adequate and looked great. I prefer it the way it used to be. You get accustomed to things."

— James Macaulay

"I think it's penny-pinching. I enjoyed the outlining very much and I'm sure the majority view is to have it like that again."

— Richard Hopkinson



The lighted outline of city hall and the woman who instituted it, May Cutler.

"I think it's beautiful when it's outlined. I'd like them to continue it. Maybe there doesn't have to be a ceremony but when I moved here I thought it looked really special. As a newcomer, I liked it very much."

— Siri Marken

"I have no real opinion on the matter. I've lived here on and off for 20 years and it doesn't bother me one way or the other."

— Gary Plaxton

"I like city hall when they used to decorate the big old tree rather than the outlining of the building. Often there are bulbs burned out and that makes it look tacky."

— Holly Haber

"It looked lovely when the building was all lit up. I'd like to see them do it again."

— Frances Syvret

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# City bans second-hand smoke

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After council members reached a consensus on the changes, Mayor Peter Trent directed the city's administration to incorporate them into the draft bylaw for adoption, possibly in January.

The only area left unresolved concerned the proposed ban on smoking in mall halls and centre areas. Council members all voiced concern over enforcing no-smoking in Place Alexis Nihon, which acts as a transit terminus for Metro riders. The problem of enforcement will be studied by city officials. Smoking is now banned from malls in Toronto and Ottawa.

Councillors John Bridgman and John Lehnert said the city was already over-taxing its public safety officers with other duties when they should be patrolling, but Mr. Trent said the onus is on building owners to enforce the bylaw.

"None of us feel comfortable with the policing (aspect)," Councillor Gail Johnson said. She called for "good, effective signage."

The city has received several letters from doctors emphasizing the health hazards associated with second-hand smoke, Mr. Trent said.

"I don't believe the role of the municipality is to legislate against the rights of smokers," said Councillor Nicolas Matossian. "Our role is to try and isolate those who don't from those who do. If I have to take

the Metro to go to work, I don't want someone smoking there."

Non-smokers don't have to go to certain restaurants, he said, "like the casino; only gamblers go there."

"Gambling with their lives," said Mr. Trent, who supported all the more restrictive proposals.

Councillor David Laidley said he agreed with the overall thrust of the bylaw. "I don't even have a problem with the restaurants, but I have trouble with legislating in the workplace."

Councillor James Wright said he did not think smoking was an issue in offices. "I rarely go to a meeting where anyone smokes anymore."

Many employers are imposing their own regulations to prohibit smoking, councillors agreed.

Mr. Trent said smoking is becoming so socially unacceptable that, in 10 years, ashtrays will be as obsolete as spittoons.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

- Dec. 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m.  
Carols by Candlelight
- Dec. 24, 11:00 p.m.  
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- Dec. 25, 10:30 p.m.  
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Birchat Hachodesh

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Mincha-Kabbalat Shabbat: 4:10 p.m.

Saturday, December 11th

Shachrit 8:40 a.m.

Sidra Miketz

Mincha-Maariv 4:10 p.m.

Sunday, December 12th

Shachrit: 8:45 a.m.

Mincha-Maariv: 4:10 p.m.

Mon.-Thurs, Dec. 13th-16th

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Monday, Nov. 29

4458 de Maisonneuve: for Mario Labbé by contractor to be determined, windows, \$6,200;

1215 Greene: for Lou Goldenberg by contractor to be determined, new store renovations, \$100,000;

Tuesday, Nov. 30

454 Claremont: for M.J. Clarke by contractor to be determined, parking apron, \$3,000;

Wednesday, Dec. 1

4469 Sherbrooke: for Mr. Holowaty by Plomberie R. Legaré, toilet and kitchen sink, \$2,100;

4357 Montrose: for Mr. McAulay by Concorde Lauzon, gas entrance, \$450;

449 Claremont: for G.R. Boos by Concorde Lauzon, gas entrance, \$450;

Thursday, Dec. 2

360 Clarke: for the Montreal Catholic School Commission by contractor to be determined, facade repairs, \$10,000;

46 Belvedere: for Herbert Black by Mécanique Rojic, install 67 fixtures, \$200,000;

46 Belvedere: for Herbert Black by Mécanique Rojic, gas, \$5,000;

Friday, Dec. 3

510 Roslyn: for Mr. Paperman by Electra Plumbing, bathroom, \$4,000;

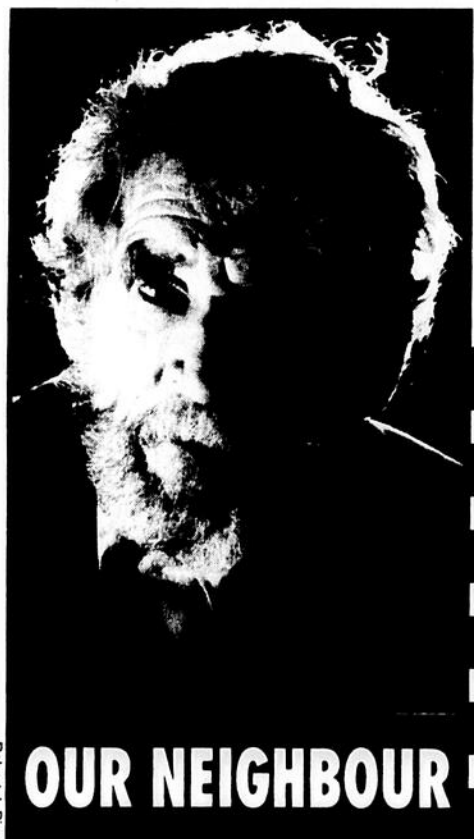
3500 de Maisonneuve: for L'assurance Royal by Construction GAM, renovations, \$100,000;

53 Sunnyside: for David Shabin by fence, \$2,000.

## Vanity left at the lamp

An unknown vehicle slammed into a city lamppost at 9 Gordon Cres. overnight Saturday, dislodging the base and shearing it off about a meter above ground, public safety officers said.

Burgundy plastic debris was found on the street at the scene along with the vanity licence plate of a Chrysler dealer in Pointe Claire. PSOs who discovered the damage at 12:15 a.m. said it appeared the hit-and-run vehicle failed to negotiate the sharp turn at Sunnyside.



Robert J. Pines

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# Public steps reopened after long city battle

By J. MARION FEINBERG

A set of public steps at the top of Aberdeen Avenue were recently declared safe enough by the city to be reopened after having been closed for three months.

Repairs to the wooden steps that run from Aberdeen Avenue down to Sunnyside Avenue were done by the city in early September.

The situation was complicated by the fact that construction debris from work being done on 36 Sunnyside Ave. had fallen on to the city property, said Fred Caluori, public works director.

"After we contacted the contractor to clean up the debris, it wasn't done to our satisfaction," he said. "We couldn't reopen the steps since the embankment was unstable. The loose debris on the site created what we considered a dangerous condition."

The city received several complaints from residents when the access to the steps was denied and several notices were sent to the property owners in September to clean up the site, he said. By early October, very little had been done, so the city met with the owners' representatives and they agreed that the debris would be removed



Aménagement Côté Jardin contractors unroll the mesh that will stabilize the embankment of 36 Sunnyside Ave. The public steps

have recently been reopened and citizens have access again.

Photo by J. MARION FEINBERG

by Oct. 8.

"The contractor was informed that if the site was not cleaned up, the city would proceed accordingly," said Mr. Caluori. "They did a bit of work but not to our satisfaction. During this time, the building and planning department was also getting quotes to get someone to come in and clear the debris."

At this point, rain runoff was

eroding the embankment and some of the material was spilling over on to the public steps.

Under the Civil Code, the owner of the dominant parcel of land is responsible for any impact they might have on city property, said Joanne Poirier, building and planning director.

"As long as we felt the situation was unsafe for the public, we could

not open the stairs in good conscience," said Mr. Caluori, "but by the end of November, we felt the site was reasonably safe enough to open."

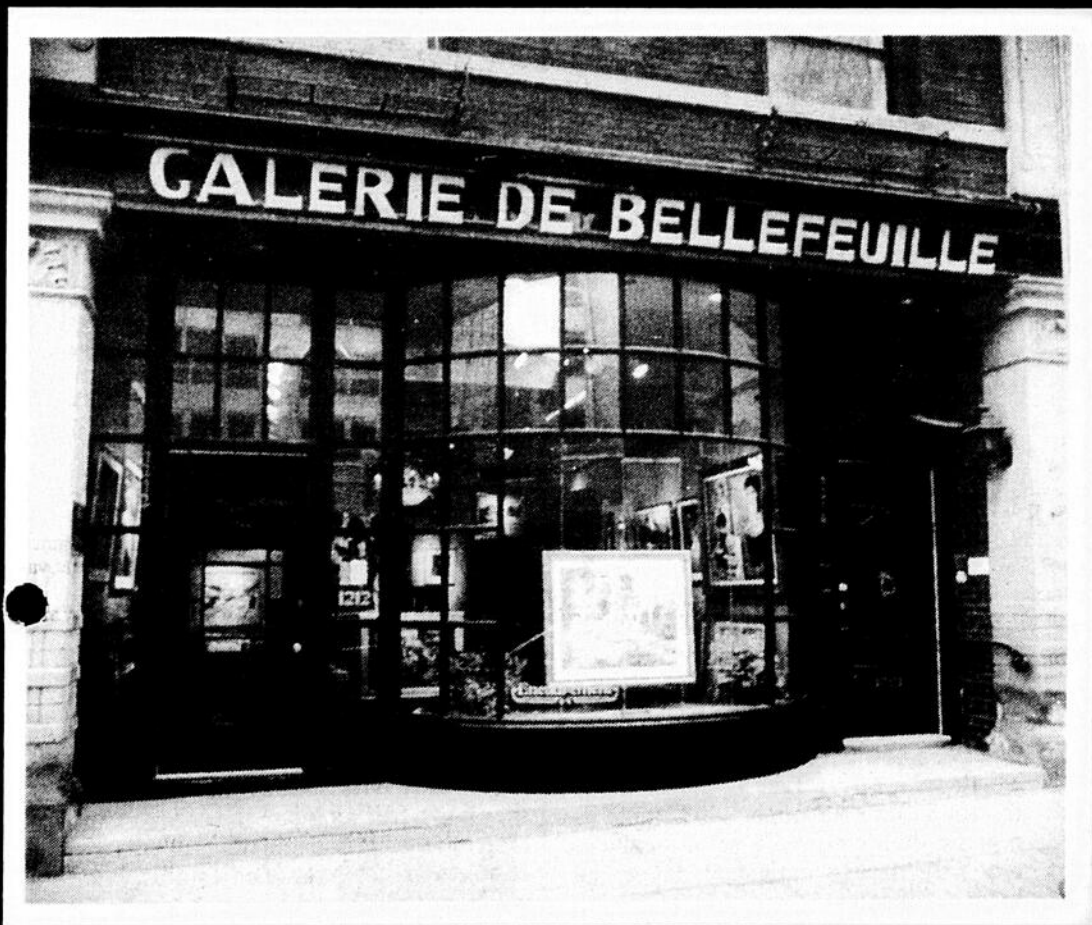
After a long and complicated set of negotiations between the city and the property owners and contractors, the stairs were finally reopened Nov. 30 and work began this week to stabilize the embankment

with a protective mesh covering.

"We're more than pleased that they've begun the landscaping work," said Ms. Poirier. "Once they complete it, the work as described by the current building permit will be finished."

Sunnyside Avenue property owner Sam Greenberg could not be reached for comment by press time.

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## Council shows its spots

City council is asserting its personality.

Even minor events — like choosing not to light the white bulbs outlining city hall this December — give residents glimpses into the minds and decision-making process of the eight neophyte councillors and Mayor Peter Trent.

At the half-way mark in its mandate, Westmount Council has proved itself fiscally responsible, which was a large part of why some members were voted in. It has frozen its own spending, and even made cuts deep enough to help offset Montreal Urban Community increases and reduced government transfer payments.

After that, things get a little schizophrenic.

Council proclaims itself open to public scrutiny and Mr. Trent takes pains to explain most issues. He has decided to be a full-time mayor, and that means he attends many meetings other mayors could not. He is very informed, and usually passes on information freely and easily.

Yet there has been a notable exception.

The overly secretive way in which head librarian Rosemary Lydon was fired helped contribute to a public backlash that spawned more angry questions at council and heated letters to this paper than we've seen since then-mayor May Cutler and council narrowed Cedar Avenue.

And there are anomalies.

Residents were told three Westmount Public Library plans were being drawn up, yet only one option was shown at the only public meeting on the \$7.5-million project.

Council has a spotty record on environmentalism.

It makes efforts to be responsible in its own back yard. It has instituted battery collection bins, and wisely chose to reopen a recycling depot after closing it, with the idea that everyone now has curbside recycling. (Despite bins and boxes, the depots are being heavily used.) It responds quickly to residents' suggestions.

Council fell down badly, however, on the most important island-wide environmental issue of the day, and maybe the decade, when it backed the plan for an incinerator to deal with suburban garbage.

Council is not bold or imaginative; it is rather plodding. That can be both a blessing and a curse.

Under Mrs. Cutler, Arts Westmount

flourished then withered, a *vin d'honneur* to laud notable, deceased residents was instituted, stained glass windows went up in council chambers and an art collection was amassed in city hall. Fairyland lights were laid on at Christmastime. They seemed appropriate for her time, somehow. Mrs. Cutler's never-realized dream was of a revamped library that included a professional-quality performance space.

Under Mr. Trent, an arts committee was formed to replace and improve upon Arts Westmount, the *vin d'honneur* was cancelled, ostensibly because notable, deceased Westmounters might become scarce and the library plan was scaled down to contain costs. Lights forming a pathway to city hall were to be put up but, alas!, time ran out and tried-and-true trimming of one tree was done instead.

The flip side of Mrs. Cutler's flamboyant style is that events and successes were somewhat elitist. Relatively few locals were wined and dined at the annual *vin d'honneur*, a professional performance space satisfies the needs of a select group, and the controversial narrowing of Cedar Avenue was tainted by the fact that a judge lobbied hard to get traffic off his street.

New trends during the past two years presided over by the current council (it's too early to call them successes) are geared to the average person and daily activities. A teen centre has been opened, sports programs are becoming more inclusive and popular with expanded girls', women's and co-ed teams, the Greene Avenue Community Centre has been bought by the city (solidifying its important role for that area), a comprehensive traffic plan is slowly being instituted and it looks as though a sound barrier is in the offing.

There are good reasons for the current council to have refused funding to Arts Westmount, which had badly deteriorated.

The *vin d'honneur* concept, however, is too good to be trashed. A lavish party does not have to accompany the annual honours — the important thing is to build community spirit by pointing out local achievements. If there are too few interesting and dead Westmounters, maybe the honour could be expanded to include the living.

This council should stick with its plodding ways. Sudden decisiveness sometimes causes its axe to fall too quickly.

— Alison Ramsey

## You Say

### Revert to old tax

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

Dear Mr. Trent: Recent news stories have indicated that many MUC communities have decided not to risk a substantial portion of their town's income. They have prudently reverted to a business tax for 1994 rather than be faced with the likelihood of having to refund all the "illegal surtax" previously collected, plus an additional amount for interest.

You will be doing a disservice to the citizens of Westmount by not following the lead of the other communities including Montreal, Outremont, Town of Mount Royal, Montreal North and Montreal West.

Manuel Radbord  
4010 St. Catherine St.  
WESTMOUNT

### Chinese food was similar, but better

In her interview with THE EXAMINER (Dec. 2) about her recent stay in Beijing, former mayor May Cutler (or your reporter) may have given an incorrect impression of mainland Chinese cuisine by mentioning only such examples as deep-fried grasshoppers and scorpions. In October 1985, my wife and I took a 28-day tour of China, visiting most of the large cities: Shanghai, Nanjing, Beijing, Xian, Kunming, Canton and others. Ours was not a VIP tour, but the food was *delicious*, resembling North American Chinese fare — only better. Everyone in the group enjoyed it. It was also quite varied: one fellow tourist with a statistical bent figured we had tasted some 140 different dishes. Not a single grasshopper or scorpion among them.

Pierre Ranger  
79 Bruce St.  
WESTMOUNT

### Strict smoking bylaw urged

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

Dear Mayor Trent: We pride ourselves on having a society founded on liberty, the rule of law and respect for human rights. We, therefore, found governments to uphold these principles and balance individual freedom under the law with the public good by promoting and maintaining public health and order.

I, therefore, urge you and council to adopt the bylaw to regulate smoking in Westmount as it is a perfect example where our governments have to act to protect public health. And I say this as a former smoker.

Smoking must be banned in all places of public assembly, especially when those

like hallways of apartment buildings, like the one where I live, are the source of the so-called fresh air supply to the apartments.

One might — as Westmount has done in its bylaw — look differently at restaurants, although an individual freely chooses to enter public places and only for a short time and pays for the service. I believe more important than 50 per cent no-smoking area in restaurants is to have this "smoking area" near the ventilation exhausts and insist that ventilation air use no recirculated air.

In fact there is no foolproof way to protect non-smokers in unregulated restaurants but this appears the best compromise at present. I myself would not eat in a restaurant where smoking is allowed and the ventilation system is poorly designed or inadequate. I am sure there are many like me and eventually restaurant owners will realize that smoke-free restaurants are in fact very good for business.

Finally, up-to-date strict rules are not much good if they are not enforced and in my experience Westmount has not fared well here — witness, for one, my letters to THE WESTMOUNT EXAMINER and my calls to city hall and also to you. I enclose herewith a copy of my last letter, "City inaction on smoking shameful," (THE EXAMINER, Feb. 4). That same week no-smoking signs were installed in the elevators of my apartment building.

I urge you and council to give us a strict and up-to-date no-smoking bylaw and craft it for quick enforcement and enjoin our city officials to strictly enforce it.

R.H. Ferahian  
4998 de Maisonneuve Blvd.  
WESTMOUNT

### Thanks to Dog Dayers

On behalf of the Public Security Unit, I wish to extend my sincerest appreciation to all participants of the Dog Day Afternoon, in particular the dog owners who helped to continue the spirit and made our fourth annual Dog Day Afternoon such a success. We hope that this fun day has contributed to promoting responsible dog ownership.

Richard J. Clyde  
Lieutenant  
Westmount Public Security Unit

### Radar isn't a solution

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

Dear Mayor Trent: I thank you for your prompt attention to my letter regarding the buses on Lansdowne Avenue.

With all due respect, I have serious doubts that a long-term radar enforcement campaign on Lansdowne Avenue will solve this problem.

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## Checking facts after the fact

An editorial last week criticized changes in the birth-registration process in this province brought about by Quebec's new Civil Code. The changes, which take effect Jan. 1, mean Westmount parents no longer will be able to register their children's births locally at city hall, or use baptismal papers as birth certificates.

Beginning with the words, "In this fast-paced information age..." the editorial took the provincial government to task for requiring new parents to trek all the way to the Palais de Justice to do the necessary paperwork. Well, even in this fast-paced information age, at times some information gets muddled: parents will not — repeat, will not — have

to travel downtown to register recent additions to the family.

Under the new system, midwives or hospital personnel will provide new parents with attestations of birth. When they find a free moment, the parents can mail the attestation and other necessary forms to the registrar of civil status, who will issue a birth certificate.

If I'd realized that the new procedure would be this easy, I wouldn't have complained about the process — I'd have bemoaned something else. Ah well, maybe it won't be my last chance to criticize the provincial government or its representatives. What is Richard Holden up to now, anyway?

— Alison Ramsey

EXAMINING THE FILES

**Forty-five Years Ago**  
December 10, 1948

"The Pearl Harbour Idea should just be forgotten in the new age that we are approaching. Countries must co-operate jointly or perish," said Rabbi Dr. Solomon Frank when speaking to the Rotary Club of Westmount at their weekly luncheon held Wednesday in Victoria Hall. "Where in Canada a teacher would ask a pupil 'By what boundaries is our country surrounded' (a European) teacher is reported to have asked 'By what enemies are we surrounded?' Dr. Frank offered this as an example of breeding race hatred."

**Thirty-five Years Ago**  
December 12, 1958

"City Hall officials are perturbed over the frequency with which private citizens, or those who work for them, are making inroads into sand and salt boxes located at dangerous intersections and trouble spots throughout the city. On several occasions, during the two snowfalls already experienced this winter, foremen have gone to boxes to supervise the laying of roughage on city streets and found them empty or half empty."

**Twenty-five Years Ago**  
December 12, 1968

"A 22-year-old woman was allegedly raped in her St. Catherine street apartment Friday night. The young woman said she was alone in the flat which she shares with another girl when a young man appeared at her door to say he understood there was to be a party. She disavowed knowledge of a party and he went away only to return a while later to say his friends had confirmed the party was to be there." She let him in, served him coffee and later called police to say she had been raped. A 23-year-old man was arrested and charged.

**Ten Years Ago**  
December 8, 1983

"It's a long walk from Westmount to St. Jean d'Iberville. So the moral of this story is: don't fight with your husband until you're a little closer to home. A patrolling Public Security Unit car came across a woman in tears Saturday at 1:50 am at Dorchester and Greene. She told the officer that she and her husband had been on the way home from a party when an argument broke out. When she got out of the car to cool down, her husband drove off, leaving her on the corner."

**One Year Ago**  
December 10, 1992

"Three out of four Westmount residents have approved one of the costliest building projects in their history. In the city's poll of residents last month, 77 per cent voted Yes to spend \$7.5 million on renovating and expanding the Westmount Public Library, Mayor Peter Trent announced at Monday's city council meeting."

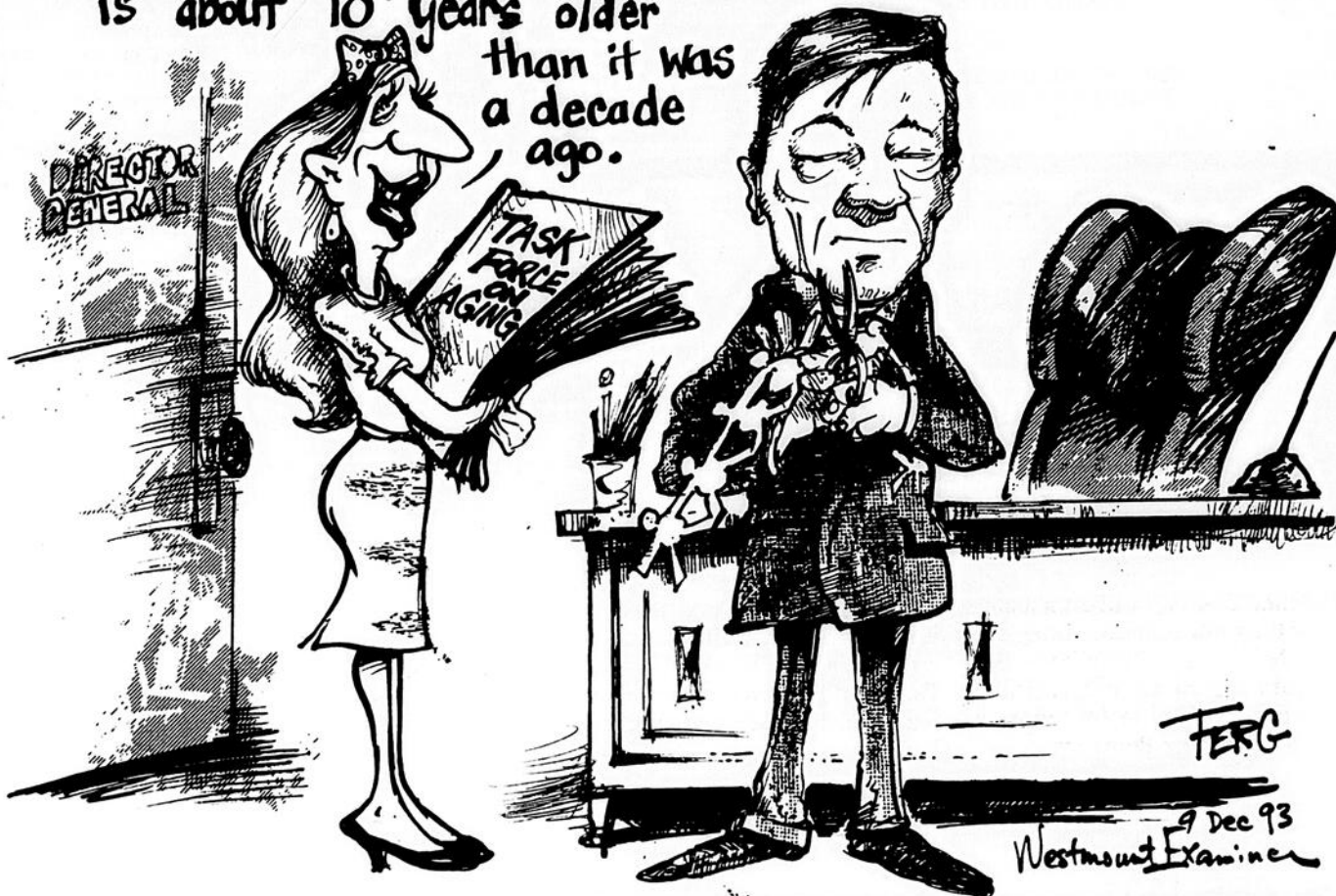
"Keith Henderson is taking a run at the Equality Party leadership."

**our Mayor**  
Peter F. Trent  
says...



The mayor had an onerous schedule this week; his column will return next week.

That's it in a nutshell, sir. Though there are no figures on which to base an opinion, the workforce is about 10 years older than it was a decade ago.



**Psst! I've got a little secret...**

Quebec and Ontario television viewers finally got to see *The Boys of St. Vincent* this week. The award-winning miniseries is a horrifying tale of sexual and physical abuse at a fictional Newfoundland orphanage. Above all, however, it is a story of dirty little secrets.

It's ironic that the miniseries is finally being shown. Over the past year, dirty little secrets have become something of a national specialty.

Indeed, *The Boys of St. Vincent* was a secret for most Canadians for almost a year. The miniseries was suppressed by court order, in much the same way that the fictional orphans' cries were suppressed by brutal Christian Brothers. Last December a court granted an injunction against *The Boys of St. Vincent* after a group of real lay brothers accused of real crimes filed a petition.

The miniseries wouldn't normally warrant comment, however, except for one thing: 1993 has been the year of secrets in Canada and the year-long suppression of the show and its final appearance is symptomatic of something that has gone very wrong with our country.

Let's count the secrets.

The apogee of federal government concealment came during the election campaign, when then-prime minister Kim Campbell refused to reveal her government's plans for social programs.

The election, a time when voters have voice in the country's future, was

not the time to discuss such things, we were told. Fortunately Campbell and her government took its secrets to an early political grave. But when they finally vacated their offices in Ottawa, the late Tory government's biggest secret finally came out: namely that they managed, through nine years of ersatz austerity programs and cost cutting, to amass a budget deficit of \$46 billion.

Those secrets were nothing compared to what the courts kept behind their oaken doors.

There's a child abuse case in Martensville, Sask., that citizens know nothing about.

Also, a Canadian businessman and environmental criminal managed to convince a court to keep us from having a look at his dirty laundry on *The Fifth Estate* for more than a month until the courts came down with a serious case of reason.

The biggest secret is also the dirtiest. No one in Canada is allowed to publish the details of Karla Homolka's manslaughter trial for the deaths of two St. Catherine's, Ont., teenagers, lest Paul Teale's trial is undermined.

Never mind that this is a wide-open secret, and those of us who don't know the gruesome details can easily obtain them from a variety of sources, including smuggled American and British newspapers, American border radio stations and long-distance phone calls to American friends.

In every one of these cases, it is in

**Between the Lines**



MATTHEW FRIEDMAN

the public's interest know what is or was going on. We have a right to know how our government is going to affect our lives, how businessmen cheat us of our money and poison our rivers. We have the right to know whether justice is being done in our courts. It is particularly galling not to know the facts when a woman linked to one of the most gruesome crimes in Canadian history may be out on the streets in as little as four years.

Canadian authorities have developed both a taste for secrecy and for the foulest kind of paternalism. By their cryptic suppression of information and expression, they are saying that we can't be trusted. We have to be protected from ourselves.

Knowledge liberates, and the suppression of knowledge enslaves. This year, the government and courts decided that we are children, after all, and not entitled to know what is happening around us.

Like the brothers in *The Boys of St. Vincent*, the federal government and courts have shown that they simply don't trust citizens with disclosure. As 1994 approaches we are left to wonder just what other secrets they are keeping to themselves.

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By Reg Morden

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The Joyous Season

If you are in the market to buy a home but haven't made up your mind whether it will be a new or an existing one, you should let your realtor help you weigh the merits of each. For instance, you will probably find a wider selection of older homes for sale. Also, when you compare living space, location, construction materials and other factors, you may be getting more for your money if you buy an older home.

Older homes tend to be closer to established shopping areas, churches, and other neighborhood attractions. Homes in established neighborhoods also have a more "settled" look, with mature trees and shrubbery. On the other hand, new houses have obvious advantages, too.

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Most of us take the upcoming holiday season in stride. Good food, lots of parties and special presents. Truly this is a festive time of year. However, not everyone is so lucky or as blessed. It is for this reason that we are once again working with our friends at Sun Youth. Our Christmas basket is now available to receive donations. Foodstuffs, particularly canned fish and meat, are anxiously sought after. New toys are also welcome and if wrapped should be marked as to age and sex. If 1993 has been good to you, now is the time to share where it really counts. We will guarantee delivery for distribution to the needy in time for Christmas.

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## Where were they going?



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

### Tuesday, Nov. 30

4:19 a.m.: 4430 St. Catherine, apt. 400, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
9:12 a.m.: 239 Kensington, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
11:53 p.m.: 652 Murray Hill, smoke detector activated by dust from painters sanding;  
12:35 p.m.: 450 Kensington, Shaar Hashomayim, first responder unit for medical assistance to 11-year-old T.M.R. boy who fell hurting back;  
2:44 p.m.: 354 Redfern, furnace trouble;  
5:24 p.m.: 360 Victoria, code 2 automatic mutual aid from St. Laurent cancelled at 5:30 p.m.;

### Wednesday, Dec. 1

12:08 a.m.: 5615 Emerald, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 12:14 a.m.;  
7:32 a.m.: Outside 464 Victoria, exterior water leak;  
12:36 p.m.: Lansdowne and St. Catherine, first responder unit for medical assistance and extrication

from car after traffic accident;  
3:54 p.m.: 815 Upper Belmont, Villa Ste. Marcelline, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 4:03 p.m., fire in school (see story page 9);  
6:16 p.m.: 4430 St. Catherine, Place Kensington, apt. 531, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
7:16 p.m.: 200 Lansdowne, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 7:25 p.m., fire-place problem;  
7:35 p.m.: 4800 de Maisonneuve, apt. 302, first responder unit for medical assistance, not needed;

### Thursday, Dec. 2

12:12 p.m.: 462 Victoria, spill of five gallons of oil from leaking oil tank at rear;

### Friday, Dec. 3

5:53 a.m.: Rear of 437 Grosvenor, for sparking electrical transformer, breaker set off by rain;  
1:44 p.m.: 652 Murray Hill, fire alarm activated by wallpaperers upsetting wires;  
2:25 p.m.: 4557 Sherbrooke, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 2:31 p.m., smoke detector activated outside furnace room;  
6:38 p.m.: 5900 Cavendish, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 6:46 p.m.;

### Saturday, Dec. 4

2:47 p.m.: 225 Kensington, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 2:57 p.m., fire alarm activated by cooking;

3:12 p.m.: 168 Metcalfe, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
4:19 p.m.: 6697 Côte St. Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 4:25 p.m.;  
7:17 p.m.: 4435 Sherbrooke, code 2 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc cancelled at 7:23 p.m., smoke detector activated by smoke from fire-place;  
7:25 p.m.: 4557 Sherbrooke, trouble with furnace;  
9:04 p.m.: 953 Rockland, code 2 automatic mutual aid to Outremont cancelled at 9:13 p.m.;  
9:29 p.m.: 6505 Côte St. Luc, code 3 automatic mutual aid to Côte St. Luc cancelled at 9:37 a.m.  
9:43 p.m.: 4216 Dorchester, first responder unit for medical assistance;

### Sunday, Dec 5

3:11 a.m.: 4300 de Maisonneuve, apt. 329, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
7:47 a.m.: 1 Westmount Square, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 7:57 a.m., seized ventilation motor in crawl space above lobby;  
11:41 a.m.: 250 Clarke, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
1:27 p.m.: 4545 Côte Vertu, code 3 automatic mutual aid to St. Laurent cancelled at 1:31 p.m.;

### Monday, Dec. 6

3:29 a.m.: 306 Lansdowne, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
11:32 a.m.: 3233 The Boulevard, The Study, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11:41 a.m., smoke detector activated by plumbers soldering in furnace area;  
12:26 p.m.: 3233 The Boulevard, The Study, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 12:34 p.m., same as above call;  
2:54 p.m.: 368A Redfern, first responder unit for medical assistance;  
11:50 p.m.: 336 Metcalfe, Goodwin House nursing home, code 3 automatic mutual aid from Côte St. Luc and Outremont cancelled at 11:56 p.m., smoke detector activated by small amount of oil spilled on stove.

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## Trent named to the UMQ

WESTMOUNT has gained a voice on the board of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) with the selection of Mayor Peter Trent as a director Dec. 2.

He was asked to join the 40-member board of the association made up of 1,600 municipalities across the province by Laval Mayor Gilles Vaillancourt, a vice-president of the board, he said. He fills a vacancy left by electoral defeat of Verlan mayor Guy Savard.

Mr. Trent's term ends in May. "I decided to let my name stand because I feel the UMQ is too preoccupied with rural issues rather than with the motor that drives Quebec," Mr. Trent said.

The UMQ, which deals with municipal affairs across the province, reserves six seats on its board for Montreal island: two from Montreal and four from the suburbs. The three other suburban representatives are Town of Mount Royal Mayor Vera Danyluk, Dorval Mayor Peter Yeomans and St. Léonard Mayor Frank Zampino.

— Laureen Sweeney

## No space in new library for exhibits, says Lindsay

On Monday, Doreen Lindsay's hopes were dashed.

The appointed committee for culture representative met with library and culture director Caroline Thibodeau to discover possibilities for exhibition space in the renovated library.

She became convinced there were none.

The only room suitable for any kind of arts activity will be the refurbished original children's library.

"It sounds to me as if that will be ideal for very small exhibits," said Ms. Lindsay. "Lectures, book launches. It's full of windows and doors; not the kind of space that artists are looking for."

"We will have art displayed throughout the library," said Miss Thibodeau, but added the space won't be what artists would like. It will be bits of wall between stacks and such.

## Curtains scorched by stage lights

Stage curtains caught fire at Villa Ste. Marcelline school Wednesday, Dec. 1, causing \$1,000 damage, fire officials said.

The superintendent put out the fire using an extinguisher and fire hose about 3:54 p.m. before arrival of firefighters.

Ms. Lindsay told local photographers at a meeting Tuesday evening. Unfazed by the bad news, they quickly started suggesting alternatives like the fire station, police station and other city-owned buildings.

A list of possible sites for exhibits and performances has already been compiled by the arts group. "We would have to contact people," suggested Ms. Lindsay.

Ms. Lindsay had been part of a lobby that asked twice to meet with the library steering committee. After having waited almost a full year, the one meeting with Miss Thibodeau isn't fully satisfying. Ms. Lindsay said she intends to ask to sit in on a steering committee meeting to tell city officials and the architects what artists want, even if she knows they can't deliver this time around.

Ms. Lindsay and Miss Thibo-

The fire started on the sixth floor of the building at 815 Upper Belmont Ave. when the curtains were ignited by improperly installed lights, said fire director Jim Adams. Fire retardant fabric resulted in the fire causing large scorch marks rather than setting the curtains aflame, he said.

deau came to an agreement on a city-hired arts coordinator, however.

Whoever gets the job must be sensitive to artists and a good administrator, they concurred. A

job description was written months ago by the arts committee. That will be looked at again, with Miss Thibodeau, be refined and rewritten, said Ms. Lindsay.

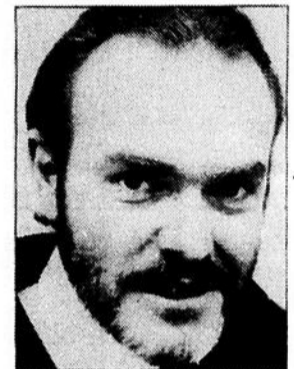
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## STATION 23 LOG

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

### Robbers hold up couple near lane

Two robbers darted out of a lane at 21 Somerville Ave. shortly after midnight Sunday to hold up a man and woman walking by, police said. Pointing a gun at them, one of the suspects said "Give me your money, quick, quick." The man, a 28-year-old bartender, handed over \$5. The robbers then grabbed a backpack from the woman, a 23-year-old student, put the money inside and fled. The pack contained books, an umbrella and six packs of cigarettes. Both victims are Montreal residents.

### Bus driver hurts hand in dispute

A dispute between an MUCTC bus driver and another motorist on St. Catherine Street west of Atwater ended with the bus driver hurting his hand trying to shut his window, police said. Moments later, the motorist smashed the glass before returning to his car and driving away. It bore the licence plate of a rented car from Ontario. The assault occurred Tuesday, Nov. 30, after the motorist reportedly cut off the bus near Wood Avenue. It resulted in an exchange of looks between the two drivers. When both stopped for a red light at Atwater, the motorist got out of his car to yell at the bus driver and try to grab him through the open window. The driver closed it on the man's arm but opened it again to release him, hurting his own hand.

### Selwyn vandalised

Panes of glass were broken in four windows at the front entrance of Selwyn House School, 95 Côte St. Antoine Rd., overnight Tuesday, Nov. 30, police said. The vandalism was estimated to cost \$1,200. No bricks or stones were found inside and the location of broken windows did not indicate anyone was trying to break into the boys' school.

### Woman hurt in car crunch

A 71-year-old St. Laurent woman was taken to hospital Wednesday, Dec. 1, when the car in which she rode was rammed from behind by another at St. Catherine and Glen Road, police and fire officials said. She was treated for back injury. The driver of the other vehicle was reported to be following too closely. The 22-year-old Montrealer was issued a ticket. Both cars sustained more than \$500 damage in the impact at about 12:30 p.m.

### 5 cars stolen

Five cars were reported stolen in Westmount last week.

An \$18,000 Nissan Maxima disappeared from behind 375 Olivier Ave. Monday, Nov. 29, while later that night a 1991 BMW disappeared from the driveway of a house at 774 Upper Lansdowne Ave. overnight. Containing a cellular phone and umbrella, it was worth \$15,000. The owner found part of a door lock on the ground.

Two cars were stolen Wednesday, Dec. 1 at Wood and Sherbrooke. A 1990 GMC Safari valued at \$24,000 disappeared between 5:15 and 6:45 p.m. and a 1987 Buick Le Sabre worth \$5,000 vanished later in the evening while its owner attended a hockey game at the Forum. The same night, a new \$30,000 Jeep Cherokee was stolen outside 788 Lansdowne Ave.

### Boy, 15, charged for drinking beer

A 15-year-old Westmount boy is to be charged with drinking beer in a public place after he was spotted at St. Catherine and Lansdowne Sunday night, police said. When officers stopped to question him at 10:45 p.m., the boy began running and threw away a bag with two bottles of beer. He was picked up and driven to his nearby home.

### Costly purse not stolen

A woman who left her purse in McDonald's has another to thank for rescuing the bag for her. It reportedly contained \$350 and expensive jewelry for repair. The 30-year-old Dollard-des-Ormeaux woman forgot the purse in the restaurant at St. Catherine and Atwater Monday, Nov. 29, over the lunch hour. When she was returning to her job, she discovered it missing and returned to find it gone. She immediately reported it stolen but called police the next day to say someone had picked it up and called her.

### Bank robbing suspect found

A man was arrested Wednesday, Dec. 1, in connection with a holdup Sept. 16 at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce at Sherbrooke and Victoria, police said. The 27-year-old man was picked up in front of his home in Point St. Charles and is to be charged with bank robbery. The arrest came shortly after the picture of a suspect sought in the case was published along with a reward offer by the Canadian Bankers' Association.



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# Prices stayed high, houses sold for less than valuation

By J. MARION FEINBERG

The adjusted average price of a Westmount home soared in August in a market that continues to vascilate, an analysis of property transfers registered at city hall indicates. August's average price, after eliminating the two highest and lowest prices to counteract extremes, was \$385,029. That represents an increase of \$91,576 or 31.2 per cent over July's adjusted average of \$293,453. The August 1993 price was more in line with

that of the same time last year — \$394,389.

The number of properties that changed hands in the last month of summer was comparable to the volume of the past two years at the same time. August 1993 saw 21 sales, compared to 22 in 1992 and 19 in 1991.

The price of sales totalled \$8,451,500, up slightly from July's total of \$8,396,050 and down from August 1992's total of \$9,976,600.

The adjusted markup of average price over average valuation was at

its lowest level in four months at -9.59 per cent. This represents one of the only weak aspects of the otherwise strong showing. Only six sales had prices that were higher than their evaluated levels, which is almost half as many as the month before.

The typical price dipped from \$491,187 in July to \$471,305 in August, a drop of \$19,882 or four per cent. The figure is derived by applying the adjusted markup to the typical valuation of single-family homes in Westmount, calcu-

lated by the city of Westmount to be \$521,300.

The most expensive sale of the month is found at **118 Aberdeen**. It changed hands for \$900,000 and was evaluated at \$1,036,500.

On the other end of the scale, the lowest-price sale of the month was 50 per cent of **434-36 Grosvenor**, which sold for \$135,000. The entire building is evaluated at \$266,000.

Five condominiums were sold in August. They ranged in price from the lowest, \$130,000 at **46 Academy**

**Road, #16**, to the highest at \$568,500 at **4175 St. Catherine, #1503**.

Two commercial properties also changed ownership: the fire-damaged Perrette building at **4471 St. Catherine** went for \$85,000 and has an evaluation of \$139,900. The other is the Metro store at **4840 Sherbrooke**, which sold for \$3,350,000 and is evaluated at \$2,607,200.

Two house sales that were registered in August had changed hands within the past few years, **3241 Cedar** sold for \$470,000 in August 1993 but went for \$547,500 in June 1989. The other was **507 Victoria**. It went for the same price, \$438,000, in April 1993 and then again in August 1993.

## Fire station to collect for Women's Centre

Westmount firefighters will hold a Christmas open house Saturday to collect food, clothing and toys for the Women's Centre. Citizens are invited to visit the station at 19 Stanton St. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and bring a donation.

The collection is part of an island-wide campaign in which many fire stations are participating.

## August Real Estate Transactions

| ADDRESS                         | TO  | FROM                                   | PRICE       | VALUATION   |
|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------|-------------|
| 118 Aberdeen                    | Barbara Segal Raicek                            | Barbara Joan Gould Stern               | \$900,000   | \$1,036,400 |
| 46 Academy Road, #16            | Peter Cohen                                     | Joseph Merovitch                       | \$131,000   | \$169,600   |
| 70 Belvedere                    | Leslie Osmond                                   | Andrew Webster                         | \$650,000   | \$770,500   |
| 3241 Cedar                      | Jean-Claude Robert and Clare McNicoll           | Claus Lenk and Heather Harris          | \$470,000   | \$449,400   |
| 458 Claremont                   | Joseph Molony                                   | Mary Louise Norris                     | \$210,000   | \$223,200   |
| 73 Columbia                     | Colin Chalk and Karen Louise Egan               | Sandra Martin and Patrick Richardson   | \$232,500   | \$270,800   |
| 4855 de Maisonneuve             | Teresa Zurowska                                 | Domenic Zabon                          | \$146,000   | \$154,000   |
| 6 Douglas                       | Alan Pavilanis and Rasa Vaidila                 | Frances Ash                            | \$375,500   | \$458,100   |
| 434-36 Grosvenor (50%)          | Ahmed Nahid                                     | Terrance Rigelhof and Ann Johnson,     | \$135,000   | \$266,000   |
| 681 Grosvenor                   | Edgar Nassif                                    | Stephen Leahey and Dennice Mary Walker | \$390,000   | \$543,400   |
| 11 Grove Park                   | Pierre Casgrain                                 | William Mason Cooper                   | \$325,000   | \$418,700   |
| 51 Hallowell                    | Fay Benaim                                      | Robert White and Francine Lapointe     | \$212,000   | \$235,000   |
| 245 Kensington                  | Louise Denis and Alain Abastadd                 | Yvett Jutras                           | \$300,000   | \$424,500   |
| 200 Lansdowne, #106             | Armand Aalamian                                 | Banque Laurentienne du Canada          | \$130,000   | \$223,200   |
| 220 Metcalfe                    | Ana Borrallo                                    | Michael Nemeroff and Judith Niznick    | \$235,000   | \$260,000   |
| 4315 Montrose                   | Mark Schragger and Annalise Siegenthaler        | Vera Apor                              | \$562,500   | \$425,200   |
| 26 Rosemont                     | Eris Salatori                                   | Joseph Bibcoff                         | \$710,000   | \$696,400   |
| 60 St. Sulpice                  | Huguette Remy                                   | Sharon Lifeso                          | \$725,000   | \$704,700   |
| 4175 St. Catherine, #1503       | Manny Bloom and Rhona Berg                      | 2963 5596 Quebec Inc.                  | \$568,500   | 638,100     |
| 4471 St. Catherine (commercial) | 163096 Canada Inc.                              | Perrette Inc.                          | \$85,000    | \$139,900   |
| 4700 St. Catherine, #505        | Josée Potier                                    | Yvette Turmaine                        | \$220,000   | \$251,900   |
| 4840 Sherbrooke                 | Immeubles Sherbrooke & Victoria Inc.            | Ivanhoe Inc.                           | \$3,350,000 | \$2,607,200 |
| 475 Strathcona                  | Danny Minogue and Elyse Tencer                  | Sylvia Ann Diorio                      | \$450,000   | \$453,200   |
| 111 Sunnyside                   | Derek Johnson and Laura Dale Boucher            | Herta Hedwig Ullman                    | \$325,000   | \$491,000   |
| 18 Thornhill                    | Michel Robert DeMassy and Immacolata Vadacchino | Marie Josée Vachon                     | \$375,000   | \$400,000   |
| 491 Victoria                    | Ann Penelope Stuart                             | Carol Marie Flynn                      | \$285,000   | \$280,000   |
| 507 Victoria                    | John Durnford                                   | Ingrid Leuzy                           | \$438,000   | \$477,300   |
| 1 Wood, #404                    | John Chen and Joseph Chen                       | Carolyn Hartman                        | \$240,000   | \$316,800   |



**118 ABERDEEN** was the most expensive sale of the month; \$900,000 with an MUC evaluation of \$1,036,400.

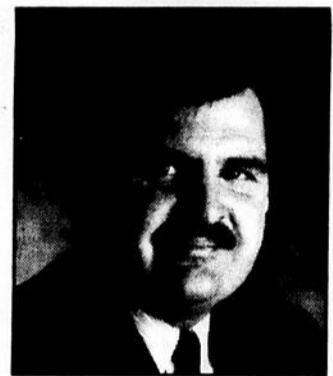
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Allison Zell, left, and Jenn Engels star as two sisters whose love for each other is not enough to save their relationship in *Top Girls*, currently at Players' Theatre.

## Fine acting and an intense plot makes this low-budget play shine

Allison Zell and Jenn Engels were faced with lots of obstacles in mounting the third play of their Westmount-based Make Haste Productions. Not the least of which was having to re-block *Top Girls* and make adjustments to the set and lighting and find a venue for the show just two weeks prior to opening.

You would never know; I mention it only to show the spirit in this company.

The two co-produced the play. Ms. Engels is the assistant director and plays the lead role — admirably.

Ms. Zell plays two roles, directed, and was the set designer. She obviously spent a lot of successful time pondering one of her roles, that of the working-class Joyce, the woman left behind in the '70s and losing ground.

Alexandria Haber — whom Westmounters may remember from several appearances in Shakespeare in the Park — does a breathtaking job as a teenager. In fact, this is the best portrayal of a child by an adult I have ever seen.

Heidi Wachtin, currently appearing in Geordie's *A Prairie Boy's Winter* and *Liars*, glows in the

first scene as the patient Griselda and is charming as a little girl.

Dome grad Lisa Lenihan — another Shakespeare in the Park alumna — is very funny as the Victorian explorer Isabella Bird. An unfortunate wig (this is a very low budget show) somewhat hampers her as Mrs. Kidd, another of her several roles.

The other cast members — Elaine Kinsley (back from Toronto) and Marcia Doherty are, like the others, wonderfully cast and attack their roles with vigour.

I confess to not being overly fond of Caryl Churchill's plays which, though brilliantly written, are overly dispassionate for my taste. But in this case, the stand-offishness might be just as well. The women portrayed here, real and fictional, from the past and from the present, would move you to agony if they were not distanced as they are.

The first scene is a celebration dinner, at which we meet Marlene, the main character, eating with women from the past. They include, as well as the Victorian explorer, a Chinese courtesan who became a nun, a character from a Breughel painting, Pope Joan and Patient Griselda who obeyed her

husband in all things.

Scene two is the employment agency where Marlene has been made an executive. Here we meet a variety of women who need jobs, and the wife of the man who got passed over for the promotion.

Scene three — the best — is in a suburban backyard where two sisters confront one another over lifestyle, their child (one is the birth mother, the other the real mother) and belief.

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—Janet Coutts

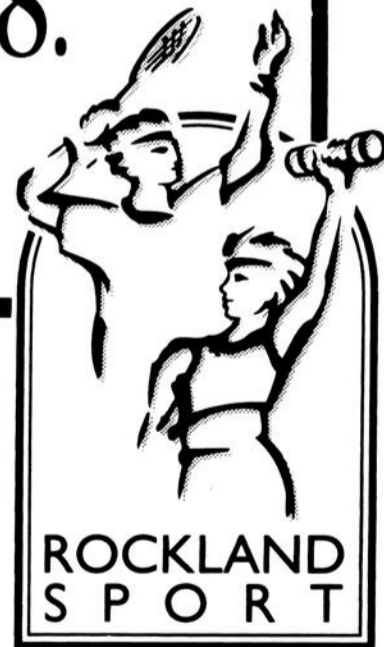
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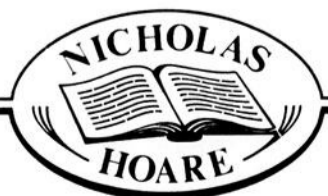
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*Laughter perks up life at Château*

By J. MARION FEINBERG

EVERY Monday afternoon on the sixth floor of Château Westmount, silliness rules and laughter rings out as a way to chase away the blues.

A humour room was inaugurated Sunday afternoon as B'nai Brith Women of Canada volunteers went all out to prove that we don't stop laughing because we grow old, but that we grow old because we stop laughing.

Two of the seniors' residence nurses, Nancy Campbell and Linda Heisler, set up the room after studying the therapeutic effects of laughter and humour on the body, said director Micheline Nader.

"Even if sometimes the people don't understand the story or joke, just to be around people laughing, makes everyone feel good," she said. "We can reach them in their atmosphere of happiness."

This Monday's events drew about 15 seniors who spent a couple of hours laughing at

childhood memories, joke-telling and a few *I Love Lucy* reruns. The canary-yellow room is equipped with a television and VCR and is gaily decorated with lively images. Volunteer coordinator Millie Cartman said the first day was even more successful than they had envisioned.

"Even some of the residents that shy away from activities stayed for a little laughter and relaxation," she said. "I can't tell you how pleased I am."

Volunteer Roslyn Malin said they made sure the seniors know that the humour room is theirs to discover and enjoy.

"We got requests for Danny Kaye and Whoopi Goldberg movies and we're going to work on a book of memories," she said. "You could see the eyes lighting up and the physical response to the laughing and clapping."

Medical research to date indicates that humour therapy can have a positive effect in pediatrics as well as geriatrics, said Ms. Nader.

"Laughter is contagious and



B'nai Brith volunteer Roslyn Malin brightens up the day for Château Westmount resident Fred Haws in the newly-opened humour room. Volunteers will staff the room and use laughter as a six-month experiment. It seems to be working beautifully already.

you could see the ladies making each other laugh," she said. "Sometimes people get depressed and they don't know why. This room will help to

change their mood.

"We're confident that this is going to be another kind of therapy that will bring a little joy to their hearts."

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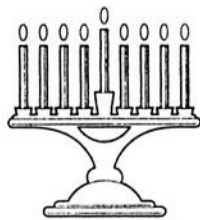
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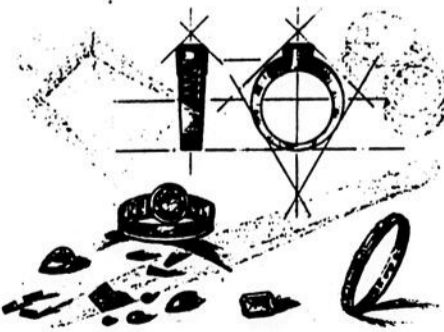
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Harvey Levenson has been named general chairman and Dale Boidman, chair of Women's Division.

Mr. Levenson is executive vice-president of Commonwealth Curtain Co. Ltd. He graduated from McGill University in 1968 with a MBA. He has been involved with CJA fundraising campaigns for more than a decade. He was a member of the 1993 executive and chaired New Outreach for Workers, a recruitment program for canvassers. In 1992, he co-chaired the CJA leadership retreat to Israel.

He is a member of the board of directors of Camp B'nai Brith, a vice-president of Montreal Men's Ort, is on the board of directors of Canadian Friends of Ben Gurion University and is on the Quebec Region of International Maccabia '93 and a member of Beth Ora Synagogue.

Mr. Levenson received CJA's 1993 President of Israel Award and won a CJA 1993 canvasser training award. He is married to Alta Levenson and they have four children: Ali, 24, Katherine, 21, David, 19, and Margot, 18.

Ms. Boidman graduated from Columbia University with a BSc in nursing. At Federation CJA she was the co-chair of the 1993 Team CJA Mission to Israel and is a board member of the Jewish Education Council, where she also chairs the Otzma Committee. She is chair of the Jerusalem Covenant, and a member of the Comité Rapprochement du Québec.

She was vice-president of Women's Federation from 1900 to 1992, and is an officer on its executive board. For the past two years, she has sat on the budget review committee for Services to Seniors.

She is a board member of the foundation of Jewish General Hospital and an executive member of its auxiliary, of which she was vice-president from 1990 to 1992. She sits on the executive committee of Canadian Friends of Hebrew University and is a board member of the Weizman Institute. She chaired Women in Dialogue: An Intercultural Project and Seminar in 1991-92. She is a member of Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, where she sat on its board of trustees from 1982 to 1985 and was Sisterhood president from 1983 to 1985.

She is a recipient of CJA's Special Merit Award, the Special Recognition Awards and the Canvasser Training Awards. In 1991, she received the CJA Chairman's Award and in 1990, the Bess Pascal Leadership Award.

She is married to Nat Boidman and they have three children: John, 26, Scott, 24, and Terri, 23.

## SBC offers fun for kids during the holiday break

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Puppetmongers Powell from Toronto presents *Tea at the Palace*, based on Russian tales from the Middle Ages.

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I Musici de Montréal will perform Tchaikovsky's *Children's Album*.

The festival winds up with Geordie Productions' *A Prairie Boy's Winter*. This is a lovely story, adapted from the book by the late Canadian artist, William Kurelek.

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## Noted painter Marian Scott dead at 87

City council paid tribute Monday night to renowned Westmount artist Marian Scott, who died Nov. 28 at age 87. A longtime Clarke Avenue resident, she was known for her abstract paintings, her fight for the recognition of women painters and her work as a teacher.

A memorial service will be held Monday at 3 p.m. in the McGill Faculty Club.

Mrs. Scott, whose works hang in the National Gallery of Canada, was predeceased by her husband, Frank R. Scott, poet, co-founder of the socialist movement in Canada and noted constitutional expert.

Mrs. Scott donated two of her paintings to the city of Westmount in 1988 at the request of then-mayor May Cutler. The large, colourful canvasses hang in the main entrance of city hall.

"She was a wonderful painter," Mrs. Cutler said Sunday. "She was a generous and gracious woman and so supportive of her high-profile husband. When I asked her if she would lend us some of her work for city hall, she was very willing to help out."

The paintings were given to the city for as long as they would hang, Mrs. Cutler said. If not exhibited, they revert to her estate.

"They are the most magnificent gift the city received," said Mrs. Cutler.

Marian Mildred Dale, RCA, was born in Montreal on June 26, 1906. She studied at Ecole des Beaux Arts and the Slade School of Art in London, England, and elsewhere in Europe where she was attracted by the early Cubists. During the Depression, she depicted urban dwellers of Montreal against machines. In the 1950s, her imagery became increasing abstract as she continued to experiment and evolve.

She set up art classes for children with her friend Norman



Marian Scott's *Stairway* is one of her more popular works, done about 1940, owned by Montreal's Museum of Fine Arts.

Bethune and later taught painting at St. George's School and at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts. She was represented in numerous exhibitions and galleries and was the recipient of several awards including the Canadian centennial

medal.

She is survived by a son, Peter Dale Scott, and three grandchildren, Cassie, Mika and John Scott, as well as by a sister, Anna, and brother Clunie.

— Laureen Sweeney

## WHS book sale raises \$1,900 for software and books

The third annual WHS book sale, held last Thursday, raised \$1,900. This was several hundred dollars more than last year, and

was largely due to donations of new books from Paragraph, Nicolas Hoare, Reader's Digest and Double Hook.

Some of the new books went directly to the school library — a two-volume encyclopedic dictionary, for example.

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## Canada Post collects for holiday baskets

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A huge container for your contributions is at the Westmount Corporate Office, 1217 Greene Ave. and at Victoria Postal Unit, 4895 Sherbrooke St.

# New rabbi takes on Canada's largest traditional congregation

By ALISON RAMSEY

Rabbi Eli Samuel Grussgott is having minor difficulties adjusting to life in Quebec after growing up in Brooklyn and living in Philadelphia.

French isn't the problem for the Shaar Hashomayim's new rabbi. Acronyms are.

"The GST and PST will be tougher to accept" than a new language, he said, smiling broadly.

While the Berlitz courses he and his family took before coming will be of some help, feeling comfortable here won't be difficult for Rabbi Grussgott. Four visits to the Shaar during a two-year search made both him and those entrusted with his selection sure it would be a nice fit.

"Contracts are superfluous," said the 42-year-old rabbi, who was inducted Sunday but started work with Canada's largest traditional Jewish congregation in July. "We're both entering into this relationship fully committed and in no way tentatively."

Rabbi Grussgott has been asked by members of the congregation if he leans to the left or the right. He responds: "I'm less interested in moving the congregation right or left than moving it forward."

"I think it means respecting its rich history, and continuing on the same track," he said, when asked to explain, "but that should not be understood as the status quo."

He may have been referring to his desire to foster warmth and intimacy in the large organization. Or he may be talking about his history of getting children involved in religion.

Rabbi Grussgott has been a head camp counsellor, youth director and regional chair of the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, which subsequently appointed him to the chair of its youth commission.

"I tried to expose them (youth) to the basic tenets of Judaism, but

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## Rabbi Eli Grussgott settling in nicely

to do so in a way that religion and fun were not necessary mutually exclusive," he said. He favours such activities as shabbaton, weekend getaways such as one held at the Shaar last week, where children play games, dance and socialize in a religious setting, following religious forms.

He's had practice. He and his wife, Miriam, have four children, aged seven, nine, 13 and 15.

Programs for children are "not only to win the hearts and minds of the kids, but to get the parents in on the process," he said.

Rabbi Grussgott is a founding

member of Morasha, the rabbinic fellowship of the Union for Traditional Judaism.

He has taken over in the wake of Rabbi Wilfrid Shuchat's retirement after 47 years at the Shaar.

"If a rabbi has served a congregation for 25 or 30 years, people say, 'What's wrong?'" said Rabbi Grussgott. "What attracted me to this community was that it's stable."

Rabbi Grussgott is the first in his family to be formally ordained, but says his father and grandfather were both "communal leaders" who have inspired him.



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# Age is different in other cultures, Cutler tells SWAG

By J. MARION FEINBERG

One of the striking things about world travel is discovering that people age differently from one country to the next, said former mayor May Cutler last Wednesday. "In India and in China, people are young until they are old," she told the Seniors of Westmount Action Group. "There is no middle

age. One man I met in Beijing looked to be about 35. I was astonished to discover he was 58."

She spun a few anecdotes and shared some of her travel experiences in her talk titled "Refusing to Be Old."

"Among the people who have impressed me includes a woman I met on an archeological trip to Turkey," she recounted. "She was

a retired school administrator who was extremely heavy (and) with bad arthritis, yet this woman went absolutely everywhere. I was impressed to find out that the previous year she had spent a six-day trip on a camel."

Her attitude toward aging is different from much of the prevailing wisdom, she said.

"I'm against urging people to go

to doctors for every little thing," she said. "The last time I went, both my gynecologist and my GP thought I'd changed doctors because I hadn't been in three or four years."

Sometimes the concept of time is looked at differently when one knows that death is closing in, she said.

"Some of the best years were when this one woman author knew she was going to die," she said. "She realized how precious life, her friendships and family were. For some it is the first time they have real contact with their families."

In China, everybody rides bicycles, which helps them keep in shape, she said.

"You ride a bike there until you're too old, although I did see a lot of seniors on bikes, and then you get pulled in these carts that are attached to the back of the bicycles," she said.

Looking back at her own life, she said, each age has its own special pleasures.

"There is a special freedom and privilege I have at this stage in my life," she said. "I liked college, marriage and kids but I also like the enormous freedom I have right now."

## Westmouter conducts at Head & Hands benefit sing

The 14th annual CBC Radio Christmas sing-in takes place Sunday, Dec. 19, at 3 p.m. at the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul (corner Sherbrooke and Bishop). The doors to the church open at 2 p.m. Seating is first-come, first served.

Families are invited to join the choir in singing carols. A freewill offering to aid Head & Hands will be asked.

Dennis Trudeau is the host of the event.

The sing-in features the choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, with organist Corrine Dutton, harpist Olga Gross and the Alain Trudel Brass Ensemble. The conductor is Westmouter Arlan Sonnarborg, director of music at the church.

## Exhibit at Alexis Nihon

"Interference" is the title of an exhibition of multimedia paintings by Romanian-born Ian Lacatusu at Les Collections Uniconcept in Place Alexis Nihon until Dec. 31.

Mr. Lacatusu received his art education in Bucharest, and his work is in private collections in the U.S., France, Japan, the Netherlands, Romania and Canada. He lives in Côte St. Luc.

## L'arbre de Paix sera illuminé vendredi à St-Léon

Vendredi 10 décembre, le groupe ACAT-St-Léon invite tous les chrétiens à venir illuminer l'arbre de Paix au cours d'une brève cérémonie à 19h30 devant l'église. Il s'agit de manifester notre solidarité à tous ceux qui souffrent de mauvais traitement de par le monde, surtout aux enfants.

A cet égard, des cartes postales sont disponibles à l'arrière de l'Eglise St-Léon; il faut les signer et les mettre à la poste. Leur nom incitera le gouvernement du Brésil à agir en faveur des enfants de la rue, parfois torturés et tués.

Enfin, vendredi toujours, à l'occasion du 45ème anniversaire de la Déclaration Universelle des Droits de l'Homme, les chrétiens sont appelés à allumer une bougie et à la placer devant leur fenêtre, simplement pour souligner que liberté et justice ne règnent pas encore universellement, tant s'en faut.

Rappelons que cadeaux pour les Maisons Marguerite et Nazareth ainsi que paniers de Noël pour deux paroisses voisines défavorisées seront reçus aux prochaines célébrations, c'est-à-dire samedi 11 et dimanche 12. Une célébration pénitentielle sera intégrée à chacune des ces messes.

Toutes ces actions veulent apporter l'espoir en ce temps de l'Avent où tout le monde devrait pouvoir se préparer à fêter la naissance de Jésus.

## Christmas dinner for shut-ins at St. A-D-D

A Christmas dinner for shut-ins will be held at St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas Church Sunday at 4 p.m. About 75 guests are expected to attend, most of them seniors who receive weekly lunches in the meals-on-wheels program of St. Matthias' and St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas churches.

As many volunteers as guests are involved in the arrangements for this special lunch. Sara Quillen is the event coordinator, assisted by Rusty Stewart.

On Wednesday next the series of Advent breakfasts continues at 7 a.m. Scripture selections for the upcoming Sunday service are discussed, led by Rev. Bob Shank, and a light breakfast follows.

## Contest winners

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# RMR soldiers come home from Bosnia-Herzegovina

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

The best thing about coming home from six months of peace-keeping duty under fire is getting back to a normal life.

That's what 28 young soldiers from Westmount's Royal Montreal Regiment are finding on their return from a tour of duty with United Nations forces in the former Yugoslavia.

"Seeing friends, having a good time, anything normal," said Master Cpl. Chung Yu, 24.

## Hot shower ranks high

Having a hot shower, "a real shower," topped the list of some of the 18 attending an official city hall reception in their honour Tuesday night.

"Even though you may not be residents of Westmount, you are part of our family," said Mayor Peter Trent. "We want to thank you after a tour of duty." He said it was crucial for a regiment to feel it belongs to a community.

So far, the RMR has fielded the largest contingent of reservists in Canada for volunteer duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina, according to commanding officer Lt.-Col. Toby Glickman. It has nine still over there.

Most of the local troops who served are in their early 20s, only one is married, and they've been changed by the experience, he said. "They've grown up."

Most said they were not prepared for what they found: food rationed to one meal a day or being "sitting ducks in a war zone."

It wasn't like peacekeeping in the Golan Heights, with long lunch hours and hot afternoons, said Master Cpl. Patrick Paulin, who volunteered for duty in Israel in 1989.

Cpl. David Vincent, 22, who left his studies in health sciences at Dawson College to drive an armoured personnel carrier, is now changing his program to become a medical laboratory technician, but "it's something I wanted to do anyway."

## Lucky ones got jobs back

Master Cpl. Chung Yu considers himself one of the lucky ones. Though some did not have jobs waiting, he returned to his as an orderly at Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Cpl. Dominic Lafleur, 21, also got his job back with Urgences Santé "but I lost a lot of time."

For some of the troops, returning home is a culture shock, said the regiment's deputy commanding officer, Maj. Richard Garber. Key people in the regiment's reintegrating team are Lieut. Kristine Vitez, who is a social worker at St. Mary's Hospital, and regimental chaplain Capt. John Zoellner.

"Most of them come back and expect to function in the same way, but that's hard to do," she said.

Some are looking for jobs in hard economic times. Others have to find places to live or cope with lost girlfriends.

She said few women have volunteered for duty in the former Yugoslavia and none from the RMR. "Maybe it's an element of fear," she suggested.

Said one soldier, "I was reading about combat stress. The only stress I had was no combat."

But for Master Cpl. Jordie Yeo, on crutches, and his buddy, Pte. Jeff Melchers, it was a different story.


"We were ambushed by people who didn't like the UN," he said.

He said they were taking a rest from foot patrol and "were just standing there" when they heard a shot and decided to leave. Then a grenade blew up at their feet, breaking Mr. Yeo's right leg, shattering his left heel and injuring his companion's ankle and finger. Mr. Melchers managed to get help.

"He ran over the field to tell them where I was. If it wasn't for him I wouldn't be here," he said.



Taking their United Nations blue berets to Tuesday's city hall reception are, from left, Cpl. David Vincent and Cpl. Dominic Lafleur. Master Cpl. Chung Yu wears his regimental beret but proudly sports his peacekeeping ribbon.



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# Amhal lured from St. Matthias' ranks

## Fanciful Christmas story of three kings' pit stop set to music

"My voice is changing," says Will Westley, "so I want to go out with a bang."

He is not speaking of giving up singing, but he is bidding farewell to his treble. And he figures it will have one of its last performances in the production of Menotti's *Amhal and the Night Visitors*, playing at Erskine and American Church this month.

The 14-year-old, who is moving to the alto section of the St. Matthias' Boys Choir until his voice settles down, is one of four musi-

cians in the production who perform in Westmount. He is sharing the lead role of Amhal with another soprano, Joseph Allen.

Amhal's mother is played by Joanne Tait, a soloist with St. Andrew's-Dominion-Douglas choir. She is a professional singer who has performed in the past with the opera studio of McGill University, Beckett Players, Lyric Theatre, and so on.

"Because the story is told through the child's eyes, the characters are almost caricatures," she says. "The mother is crabby, for example."

Luc Saucier, whom many will remember from his role as the king in *The King and I* for Lyric last year, jokes about playing a king again. But he says he learned to love acting with Lyric, though this part

doesn't demand much. It is the music that enchants him. "And to top it all off — a miracle happens," he says.

All three singers spoke of how they enjoy working with Philip Schaus, the musical director of this production, and the musical director at Church of the Ascension of Our Lord in Westmount. Mr. Schaus is renowned as a concert pianist and was nominated for an Academy Award for the prize-winning documentary *Making Overtures*.

A note of interest is that one of the kings is played by David Gobeil-Taylor whose own musical production, *Lysistrata*, was on stage during rehearsals.

The story is of a 12-year-old crippled boy and his mother whose lives are thrown into turmoil when

three kings arrive and ask to spend the night at their house. The mother desperately needs the gold they are carrying to the new baby, and is caught when she steals it.

The kings are kind, all is forgiven, and Amahl accompanies the kings on their journey, bringing the baby the only gift he has to offer.

And, it bears repeating, the music is glorious.

*Amahl and the Night Visitors*, a Christmas operetta, will be presented by Opera Midi at Erskine and American Church, Sherbrooke at de Musée, Dec. 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. There is a Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. on Dec. 18. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for students and seniors. Group rates are available. Five per cent of ticket sales will be donated to the Gazette Christmas Fund.  
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# This week's Westmouter

Seventh in a series on council members; next week John Bridgeman, Ward 8



Councillor Gail Johnson hugs her two terriers Kestle, the white Westie, and overgrown Yorkie Fergus. Photo by LAUREEN SWEENEY

## Gail Johnson

### Reveals her secret of success for fundraising

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

"I'm a great believer in taking a bit of a risk and trying something new," says Councillor Gail Johnson.

Her reason? "Because you learn a lot along the way."

That's why Mrs. Johnson ran for election to Westmount city council two years ago, and why, as a volunteer all her adult life, she's tackled a number of major jobs including a string of million-dollar fundraising projects.

"A lot of people are afraid of fundraising," she says. "The trick is to send the right people to the right people for the right funds."

As vice-president of the McGill Graduates' Society, she's been involved in strategy sessions for the university's \$200-million capital campaign. She was also a member of the search committee this year for a new principal.

#### Helped wipe out ECS's mortgage

She headed fundraising at Miss Edgar's and Miss Cramp's to burn the mortgage 11 years ago and she chaired the board from 1985 to 1988 during the school's \$3-million building campaign.

Now, Mrs. Johnson chairs a group of leading donors to the Canadian Centre for Architecture called the Founders' Circle.

"My particular interest in the CCA is to help alleviate the perception that it's Phyllis Lambert's baby and only her baby, when in fact there's a group of very interested benefactors."

At age 52, she finds her responsibilities challenging, fulfilling and chock-full of valuable experience in leadership and insight into the community she might never have had otherwise.

"I've been busier in the last two years than I ever have in my life," she says enthusiastically.

"It's the combination of meetings. I don't have tons of people phoning me and I'm not a big entertainer, though entertaining is something I would be doing otherwise. I do like to cook and I'm a great believer in having a good time."

She feels she's sometimes at variance with the strong presence of business-minded people on city council, but they haven't managed to sway her thinking, she says.

#### City is like a school

"I don't think a city can be run like a business," she says. "Your

#### Ward: 1

**Committees:** Community services, Operations and Environment, Municipal Housing Bureau, library board of trustees, horticultural committee.

**Occupation:** Volunteer

**Family:** Husband Peter; children: Holly, 28, married to Parker Harris; Brent, 26, and Willa, 22.

**Pets:** Kestle, a white Westie, and Fergus, "an overgrown Yorkshire terrier."

**Favourite author:** Robertson Davies

**Favourite movie:** Recently, *A lupo a lupo* (From the Way to the Way).

citizens are not exactly like customers. Of course, you can always become more efficient, but running a municipality is a little like running a school, it requires a certain sensitivity."

Though she pushes her philosophy behind the scenes where "I'm usually quite talkative if I see a serious problem," she says, she often sees both sides of an issue "and don't feel so strongly about either. What I really feel strongly about right now as a result of the police station loss is the Public Security Unit. Citizens really have to rally to get them more powers."

She was interviewed at her home on the steep north side of The Boulevard at Renfrew overlooking the city. It was done in the midst of a hectic day after her return from a week in San Francisco to visit her married daughter.

Chatty, and very candid, Mrs. Johnson relaxes in the solarium, interrupted periodically by the phone and two terriers that keep approaching the cookie plate.

#### Non-stop dog

She's fascinated by one of them, a 25-pound Yorkshire terrier "guaranteed" not to exceed five pounds. "I rescued him from my mother's apartment when we thought he'd never stop growing," she says.

Mrs. Johnson is happy for the chance to put her feet up and rest a tired knee.

"The problem with our council is that we don't have a Sally Aitken, someone to fight for the social issues like elevators at city hall," she says. "I had a sore knee this summer and you don't realize till you're slowed down how much you need elevators."

Mrs. Johnson counts the former councillor and social advocate as one of her longtime friends, though they don't get together as much as they once did.

"I'm an only child so friends are important for me," she says. "I'm very lucky because a number of us are still here though some of our children have moved away."

She tries to keep up with old school chums like Sandra Valdimanis and they keep in touch with their former headmistress from ECS, 90-year-old Maysée MacSparran.

Her solarium abounds with plants. "I'm a pretend gardener," she says, "but I'm a good boss for a horticultural committee."

Born and raised in Westmount, Mrs. Johnson grew up on Edgemoor Road and later on Lexington Avenue. She is the daughter of the late Edgar Tolhurst of Tolhurst Oil. Her mother, Loretta, now lives in Westmount Square.

She's married to former Westmount Municipal Association president Peter Johnson, an associate professor at McGill and director of its Dobson Centre for entrepreneurial studies.

She and her husband are looking forward to the next evening out. They were to take former mayor Brian Gallery and his wife, Nancy, to dinner. "They bought dinner with us, that we donated (as a prize) to a silent auction in Toronto."

Mrs. Johnson likes to bicycle, play tennis and golf ("In my day I've played a lot") and she generally enjoys the outdoor life at their year-round Laurentians home in Valdurn, where Councillor David Laidley has a summer house.

"I've always loved to ski. We go

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## WESTMOUNT

### AVIS D'APPROBATION RÈGLEMENT 1133

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le Règlement 1133 intitulé «RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER DE NOUVEAU LE RÈGLEMENT 978 VISANT À RÉGLEMENTER LE ZONAGE DANS LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT», qui a été adopté par le Conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount lors d'une séance générale tenue à l'Hôtel de Ville le 1er novembre 1993 a été approuvé par les personnes habiles à voter le 1er décembre 1993. Ledit règlement entre en vigueur conformément à la loi le jour de la publication du présent avis.

Ce règlement a pour objet et but de modifier le zonage actuel sur l'avenue Victoria pour les immeubles portant les numéros civiques 311 à 339 Victoria, inclusivement, qui passera de C5-Partie 9 et C5-Partie 7 à R3-Partie 4 afin de ne permettre qu'un usage résidentiel, exception faite de modifications possibles aux occupations non-conformes protégées par droits acquis.

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ledit règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier de la ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke ouest, Westmount, Québec, du lundi au vendredi, inclusivement, durant les heures d'affaires, soit de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 7e jour de décembre 1993.

Me Jean Fortier  
Assistant-greffier de la Ville

### NOTICE OF APPROVAL BY-LAW 1133

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1133 entitled "BY-LAW TO FURTHER AMEND BY-LAW 978 TO REGULATE ZONING IN THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT", adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on 1st November 1993 was approved by the qualified voters on 1st December 1993. The said by-law comes into force according to law on the date of publication of this notice.

The object and purpose of this by-law is to modify the current zoning on Victoria Avenue for immovables bearing civic numbers 311 to 339 Victoria, inclusively, from C5-Part 9 and C5-Part 7 to R3-Part 4 in order to allow only residential use with the exception of possible alterations to non-conforming occupancies, protected by acquired rights.

Any interested person may consult the said By-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk of Westmount, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Quebec, from Monday to Friday, inclusive, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, P.Q., this 7th day of December 1993.

Me Jean Fortier  
Assistant City Clerk

## You Say

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I suggest that either a stop sign or flashing signal be installed half-way down the street or, as an alternative, that a speed bump be put in. Certainly, either one of these measures would make drivers slow down.

I would appreciate your comments at the earliest moment.

**Jon Feldman**  
642 Lansdowne Ave.  
WESTMOUNT

### PSU explains parking rules

A copy of a letter to Flora-Lee Wagner from Director of Public Security Richard McEnroe in reply to her letter to the mayor, has been received by THE EXAMINER.

Dear Mrs. Wagner: The mayor asked that I respond to your recent letter concerning Lorraine Avenue and the four-hour parking throughout the city.

Lorraine Avenue is quite close to commercial establishments and as such, it is impacted by a demand for parking. Some two years ago, a handicapped person living on that street requested that the city explore the possibility of creating a handicapped parking zone.

A poll was conducted by city officials on Lorraine Avenue, and the majority of residents favoured the installation of such a zone. In May of 1992, the appropriate signage was put into place.

This same process would be undertaken should a disabled person living on your block make a similar request. We are certain that you can appreciate that parking a vehicle for a handicapped person can become a very complex problem.

With respect to the four-hour regulation, some fine tuning was required. The former law made it imperative to move a car off a given block after four consecutive hours, or it was deemed to have been parked there continuously. The bylaw stated that vehicles had to be moved past an intersection in order to be parked legally again after the four-hour maximum had been surpassed. In other words, if a

resident went grocery shopping, he or she, upon returning home, would be required to park in another block — a situation that is extremely inconvenient. The four-hour parking limitation is still law, and enforcement is maintained by officers who utilize various methods to determine whether or not a car has moved. It is no longer required, however, to move the vehicle past an intersection.

We understand the difficulties that our residents experience with reference to parking within our borders; it is an ongoing problem indicative of a municipality which is situated in the heart of Montreal. We have tried to make the regulations as fair as possible for all users of Westmount streets.

Thank you for writing.

**Richard McEnroe**  
Director of Public Security  
WESTMOUNT

### Prevention is key to chemical hazard

A copy of the following open letter to Quebec Minister of Health and Social Services Marc-Yvan Côté has been received by THE EXAMINER:

A front-page article in The Gazette on Friday, Nov. 12, entitled "Quebec steps up war on cancer," reported your ministry's plan to spend \$130 million this year treating cancer, including more mammogram screenings, radiology clinics and speeding up waiting lists for treatment. Although this is admirable, there was, however, no mention of funds for public education with a view to prevention.

Prevention is the cheapest way to treat and has the fewest side effects. What efforts are now being made to prevent cancer?

Presumably you rely on the advice of the medical profession. Just as with cigarette smoking, why do we not hear their voices warning people about certain other activities leading to cancer?

This past summer our son became seriously ill following exposure to chemical fertilizer pellets while playing in the park. According to the manufacturer's Material

Safety Data Sheet, along with other hazardous ingredients, there was listed a known carcinogen. He doesn't have cancer now but we worry for his future and are doing our best to avoid such chemicals and to warn others of what we have learned.

We recently obtained a pamphlet from the American Cancer Society warning that children are as much as six times more likely to get childhood leukemia when pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides) are used in their homes and gardens, that non-Hodgkin's lymphoma may be linked to pesticide exposure, that there was a correlation between children with brain tumours and insecticides, that 95 per cent of pesticides used on residential lawns are considered probable or possible carcinogens by the State Attorney General of New York.

An article in the Globe & Mail (April 21) reported a link between the insecticide DDT and breast cancer, and the pesticide atrazine and ovarian cancer.

It would seem that our medical authorities are not seriously looking to establish cause and effect with questionnaires for patients. Who is correlating data on my father-in-law and neighbour who have non-Hodgkin's lymphoma? Both have lived in condominiums where chemical fertilizers and pesticides have been applied for 10 and 12 years. Lymphoma is a cancer of the immune system. Neither has been advised by their physicians to avoid exposure to toxic chemicals such as solvents or pesticides or weed killers — substances that can harm their already weakened immune systems.

And why are no facilities available to the public to test their blood for chemical poisoning, which causes doctors to sometimes guess at the diagnosis and then try several different expensive and ineffective treatments that can increase toxicity levels? Why don't the doctors want to know what is in our blood? Why don't they want to find out what is causing the cancers?

Would you find it possible to distribute the pamphlet from the American Cancer Society to all citizens? It has been translated into French and we have obtained permission to reprint it in Canada. And

we urge you and the responsible authorities to ban the use of pesticides and chemical fertilizers in our residential communities.

**Elyce and Benjamin Russell**  
4618 Lake Rd.  
DOLLARD-DES-ORMEAUX

### Why do we give?

Why should I help people in far-away countries when there is so much need right here in Canada? This is a question I hear countless times. Because the United Service Committee of Canada (USCC) has thousands of Canadian supporters, I feel it more appropriate to ask why do so many Canadians continue to support people in other, less fortunate, countries when we have pressing economic problems at home.

Generous Canadians give support to our world's poorest, not as a replacement, but in addition to our efforts here at home. We pride ourselves on being compassionate people and I think this is still our strongest motivation for giving. There is also a growing awareness that there is a mutual benefit derived from helping others.

Lending a hand to Ethiopian farmers helps conserve priceless diversity in the grains we eat. This diversity is essential to food security for us as well as for Ethiopians. Helping to plant trees in Nepal reminds us that we too have to protect our own Canadian forests and also use them wisely. Providing training and access to credit for women in Bangladesh has improved the quality of life for thousands of children.

It is important to remember as we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah that we depend on one another for our survival, for our economic prosperity and for breaking the pattern of poverty.

**John Martin**  
Chief Executive Officer  
USC Canada  
56 Sparks St.  
OTTAWA



## WESTMOUNT

### AVIS D'ADOPTION RÈGLEMENT 1139

AVIS PUBLIC est par les présentes donné à tous ceux qui peuvent être concernés que le Règlement 1139 intitulé «RÈGLEMENT VISANT À MODIFIER LE RÈGLEMENT 1086 RELATIF AU RÉGIME DE RETRAITE POUR LES FONCTIONNAIRES ET LES EMPLOYÉS DE LA VILLE DE WESTMOUNT» a été adopté par le Conseil municipal de la Ville de Westmount, lors d'une séance générale tenue à l'Hôtel de Ville le 6 décembre 1993.

L'objet et le but dudit règlement est, entre autres:

1. de modifier le Règlement 1086 relatif au régime général de retraite en y apportant les changements exigés par la législation de Revenu Canada;
2. de fournir les principes directeurs concernant les cotisations maximales exigées des participants;
3. d'apporter des corrections typographiques mineures; et
4. de préciser que l'option d'égalisation de la rente est offerte jusqu'à l'âge de 65 ans,

le tout conformément à la Loi sur les régimes complémentaires de retraite (L.R.Q., chapitre R-15.1).

Toute personne intéressée peut consulter ledit règlement et en obtenir copie au bureau du greffier de la ville de Westmount, 4333, rue Sherbrooke ouest, Westmount, Québec, du lundi au vendredi, inclusivement, durant les heures d'affaires, soit de 8 h 30 à 16 h 30.

DONNÉ à Westmount, Québec, ce 7<sup>e</sup> jour de décembre 1993.

**Me Jean Fortier**  
Assistant-greffier de la Ville

### NOTICE OF ADOPTION BY-LAW 1139

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all who may be concerned that By-law 1139 entitled "BY-LAW TO AMEND BY-LAW 1086 CONCERNING THE PENSION PLAN FOR THE OFFICERS AND THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WESTMOUNT" was adopted by the Municipal Council of Westmount at a general sitting held at the City Hall on 6th December 1993.

The object and purpose of the said By-law is, among other things:

1. to amend the General Pension Plan By-Law 1086 by incorporating changes required by Revenue Canada legislation;
2. to provide guidelines for maximum contributions required from the members;
3. to make minor typographical corrections; and
4. to clarify that the level income optional form of pension is increased until age 65,

the whole in accordance with the Quebec Supplemental Pension Plans Act (R.S.Q., chapter R-15.1).

Any interested person may consult the said By-law and obtain copies thereof at the Office of the City Clerk of Westmount, 4333 Sherbrooke Street West, Westmount, Québec, from Monday to Friday, inclusive, during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

GIVEN at Westmount, Québec, this 7th day of December 1993.

**Me Jean Fortier**  
Assistant City Clerk

## Johnson

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out cross-country for five or six hours and come home in the dark. I'm looking forward to Tremblant this winter. There are numerous new runs.

"I've quite a bit of energy but sometimes I like to do nothing, stop for a while and read," she says, "and we love to go to the movies."

She and her husband are involved in a book club with a group of 15 friends.

"We each buy two books that rotate in the system so that every two weeks you get another two. It's wonderful. I would recommend it to anyone who likes to read. The point of the thing is to circulate recent publications. It's not necessary that everyone like all the books, but we try to choose things, fiction and non-fiction, that interest our age group — like menopause. You can tell what age we're all at."

Is she interested in another term on council?

"I might," she says, "if I still have things I want to accomplish."

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# WHS production tests students' mettle in a mudslide

By JANET COUTTS

One thing's for sure. The Grade 7 drama club at WHS has its screams of terror down. You can hear them a fair bit from the auditorium.

They are rehearsing *The Test*, a play written by their teacher, Philip Corcos, that they will be staging for the community Dec. 16 and 17.

The project is popular, so many of the roles are double-cast, Mr. Corcos explains. There are also a couple of extra kids involved — a handful from Grade 8 and David White of Grade 11, who is working the technical crew.

The play is about a group of teenagers out on a hike. They get trapped in a cave by a mudslide (hence the screams) and from there on deal with issues of friendship, survival and courage. As Mr. Corcos puts it, "Ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances."

The story shows a power struggle between Sam (Kathryn Tait or Bonnie Staines) and Bobbie (Laura Mayo-Bronstein or Lisa Mooney).

Mr. Corcos says that when he wrote the play, it started to be about Karen (Kelly Walker or Ne-

da Amini), the kid nobody likes, who is manipulated by Andrea (Celine Primeau). Karen's personality changes during the play.

There is one boy in the cast, Daniel Marrett. Other cast members are Lori Walker, Catherine Kohenlein, Melissa Moore, Cliona Taylor, Christina Cayes and Hannah Solway.

The drama club is not just about acting. The kids do everything, and this year, Mr. Corcos says, his small crew is particularly good. His assistant director is Valerie MacDonald. Jennifer Rohwer heads the construction crew of Jordan McKenna and Jonathan Moulin.

Melissa Hidic, Paule Myers and Arlene Baker are looking after everything else — posters, tickets, programs and so on.

As he has done for the last six years, parent volunteer Paul Bos-

tock is doing the lighting.

This play has a minimal set and props, and lots of lines to learn, says Mr. Corcos. He staged *The Test* five years ago with another drama class and is particularly happy with this group. He is already dreaming of what they will be able to do by the time they are in Grade 11 if they continue with the enthusiasm they are showing here.

They've been through a trial by fire. They recently presented a skit as part of the entertainment for a party at a community centre, and Mr. Corcos says the experience of performing for an audience has made them more confident. He has great hopes for their first show.

Judging by a few minutes of rehearsal that I saw, they are concentrating very hard, already know most of their lines, and have terrific lungs.

*The Test* is on at the Westmount High School auditorium, 4350 St. Catherine St., on Dec. 16 and 17.

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Local Montreal Urban Community police launched their annual holiday crackdown on impaired driving Friday with road blocks and on-the-spot breath tests.

"We're moving around to different locations," said traffic squad Sgt. Guy Cloutier, who is in charge of the operation. Some of the favourites are Sherbrooke and Clarke, The Boulevard and Belvedere as well as Lansdowne and Westmount.

"Our aim is to reduce accidents," he said. "We're not out to catch drivers but to make them aware if they drive while drinking they might get caught."

He said the message is simple: "If you're going to a party, don't drive."

The campaign coincides with the 38th Safe Driving Week (Dec. 1-7) held annually across the country by the Canada Safety Council.

Impaired driving is a factor in approximately 48 per cent of all fatal traffic collisions that claim some 1,800 lives and 60,000 injuries a year in Canada, according to the city council. Though the incidence of impaired driving has declined slightly in recent years, the percentage of repeat offenders has increased.

## Study concert

The Study School's Christmas concert will be held Thursday, Dec. 16.

Family and friends are invited. An open house for parents and students and other guests will be held before and after the concert. The building will be open from 5 p.m. and there will be refreshments and tours from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

The concert, with the Grade 4, Trillium Choir and Senior Choir performing, is at 6 p.m. in the gym.

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# RECREATION

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## Hockey Old Timers fight it out to the finish for charity

By JUSTIN SANFT  
Kirkland defeated Pierrefonds 3-2 Sunday afternoon at the arena to capture the fifth annual Westmount Old Timers Hockey Tournament. The evenly played game was tied after regulation and required

an additional overtime period as well as a shoot-out to determine the champion.

"It was the most exciting tournament we ever had," said treasurer Howard Hoppenheim. "The teams were very closely matched."

For the second year in a row the Westmount team made it to the semi-finals, a rare pleasure for the locals.

"Most of the time," commented Mr. Hoppenheim, "we're right out of it."

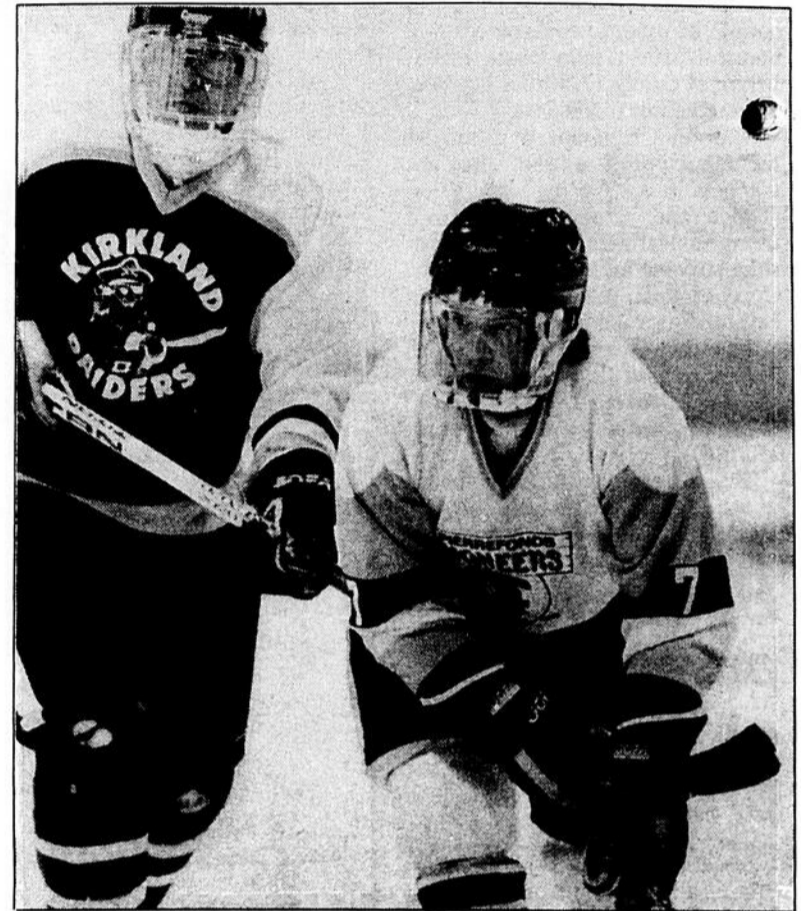
But this year most games were decided by one or two goals. Westmount was defeated in the semi-finals by the winning team 4-2.

### Finals a thrill

In the final game held Sunday, both teams had good scoring chances in the opening period but only Pierrefonds' Ron Pelletier was able to take full advantage as he knocked in a sharp pass from Frank Sorino. Kirkland's Carlo Faita had a golden scoring opportunity late in the period but could not put the puck past Pierrefonds netminder Clarence Coffin.

In the second period, Kirkland's Rod Lauzon snapped in a shot from the right circle to tie the score at one after being set up by Faita and Stephen Wordsworth. Lauzon scored again later in the period on a breakaway as he wristed a shot which just trickled over the goal line.

Immediately after Lauzon's second marker, Pierrefonds' Normand Berube took Bob Smith's pass from the corner and rifled it past goaltender Ivan Fish into the



Pierrefonds' Normand Berube, right, is hooked by a Kirkland defender during Sunday Old Timers final at the local arena.

Photo by CLIFFORD SKARSTEDT

Kirkland net. The rest of the period featured superb goaltending by Fish, who made several big saves.

The third period featured a lot of exciting action but no scoring; thus the players were forced into a five-minute overtime. When neither team scored in the extra period,

the stage was set for a three player per team shoot-out to determine the tournament champion.

Pierrefonds' Claude Letendre took the first shot but was stopped as was Kirkland's Lauzon. After netminder Fish kicked out the second Pierrefonds shot, Alain Bégin gave Kirkland the championship as he ripped a shot into the top right corner of the Pierrefonds net.

Pierrefonds failed to capitalize on their final shoot-out opportunity, giving Kirkland a well-earned victory.

### Auctions Saturday

A mini-auction of CDs and a silent auction were held Saturday. A total of \$866 was raised through those events. The tournament total won't be known for a while, said Mr. Hoppenheim.

All proceeds are split between Ste. Justine and Montreal Children's hospitals.


### Wrestling results

At the Omnium du Québec wrestling competition held at Riverdale High School in Pierrefonds this weekend, three Selwyn House athletes competed and placed.

In the 60-kg section, David Williams came third. In the 65-kg section, Westmounter Tom Fletcher was fifth.

In the PeeWee section, Andrew Johnston was undefeated in his first-place win.

About 20 schools from Quebec and Ontario competed in this beginning-of-season match.




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# Cars in apartment garages broken into

By LAUREEN SWEENEY

A rash of thefts from at least 10 cars in Westmount last week was made notable by someone forcing open car locks overnight Monday, Nov. 29, at four apartment garages.

"Since they have the same m.o. it sounds like they may be related," said local crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron.

At 300 Lansdowne, a wallet and sunglasses were stolen from a Volkswagen Jetta. Around the corner at 4800 de Maisonneuve, a wallet, compact disc player and \$500 worth of discs were taken

from a 1986 Buick. Meanwhile, two cars were broken into at 4501 Sherbrooke where sunglasses disappeared from a 1990 Jeep Cherokee but nothing from a 1988 Chevrolet. Further east at 4162 Sherbrooke, six cassettes vanished from a 1988 Chrysler that sustained \$250 damage in the incident.

The same night, a raincoat and a panic button for a home alarm were stolen from a Nissan Pathfinder parked overnight Monday, Nov. 29, at 4270 Dorchester Blvd. A window was smashed to provide entry.

Up the hill outside 26 Sunnyside

Ave., a cellular phone and portable computer were stolen from a 1992 Plymouth Voyager whose window was also broken.

The night before, at 62 Belvedere Place, a purse was taken from under the seat of a Saab believed to have been left unlocked.

Overnight Wednesday, Nov. 30, a number of 6/49 Loto Quebec tickets were stolen from a small 1991 GMC truck left unlocked behind 66 Columbia Ave.

Last Thursday, a 1993 Mazda had a back window broken and its Alpine radio stolen while parked behind 4250 Dorchester.

# Local police ask for food

Montreal Urban Community police are collecting food to help stock the Sun Youth food bank and local officers at Station 23 are hoping citizens will support their effort as enthusiastically as they did last year.

"People brought in really nice items," recalled crime prevention officer Lise Bergeron. "Someone donated a small tin of caviar."

The non-perishable items can be dropped off in the large box 24 hours a day in the lobby at 21 Stanton St. When the box is full it will be emptied and taken to Sun Youth by Bell Canada personnel who are participating in the appeal, she said.

With the cold weather approaching, she said, ravioli and hearty soups are good choices.

## SPORTS STANDINGS

### HOCKEY

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey league as of Monday, December 6:

| TEAM          | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | Pts. |
|---------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|------|
| <b>NOVICE</b> |    |   |   |   |    |    |      |
| Sharks        | 9  | 8 | 1 | 0 | 61 | 24 | 16   |
| Bears         | 9  | 7 | 2 | 0 | 41 | 18 | 14   |
| Senators      | 9  | 5 | 3 | 1 | 47 | 28 | 11   |
| Rangers       | 9  | 5 | 4 | 0 | 38 | 33 | 10   |
| Dragons       | 9  | 4 | 5 | 0 | 28 | 36 | 8    |
| Flyers        | 9  | 2 | 6 | 1 | 29 | 49 | 5    |
| Canadiens     | 9  | 2 | 6 | 1 | 21 | 41 | 5    |
| Guards        | 9  | 1 | 7 | 1 | 26 | 60 | 3    |
| <b>ATOM</b>   |    |   |   |   |    |    |      |
| Canuks        | 9  | 9 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 26 | 18   |
| Canadiens     | 10 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 51 | 33 | 14   |
| Penguins      | 9  | 4 | 4 | 1 | 29 | 37 | 9    |
| Whalers       | 9  | 3 | 5 | 1 | 36 | 35 | 7    |
| North Stars   | 9  | 2 | 7 | 0 | 24 | 45 | 4    |
| Nordiques     | 10 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 23 | 37 | 4    |
| <b>PEEWEE</b> |    |   |   |   |    |    |      |
| Seals         | 11 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 78 | 25 | 16   |
| Scouts        | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 56 | 59 | 14   |
| Capitals      | 11 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 44 | 55 | 10   |
| Sabres        | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 45 | 57 | 7    |
| Canadiens     | 10 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 44 | 71 | 7    |
| <b>BANTAM</b> |    |   |   |   |    |    |      |
| Leafs         | 13 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 40 | 33 | 15   |
| Lightning     | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 39 | 42 | 12   |
| Panthers      | 12 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 34 | 35 | 11   |
| Flames        | 11 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 28 | 31 | 10   |

### SENIOR HOCKEY

Following are the standings in the Westmount municipal hockey league as of Monday, December 6:


| TEAM             | GP | W | L  | T | GF | GA | Pts. |
|------------------|----|---|----|---|----|----|------|
| <b>EXECUTIVE</b> |    |   |    |   |    |    |      |
| P.H.D.           | 8  | 4 | 1  | 3 | 37 | 26 | 11   |
| C.A.             | 8  | 5 | 3  | 0 | 30 | 22 | 10   |
| Engineers        | 8  | 4 | 4  | 0 | 18 | 24 | 8    |
| Law              | 8  | 2 | 3  | 3 | 24 | 27 | 7    |
| M.B.A.           | 8  | 3 | 4  | 1 | 23 | 26 | 7    |
| Brokers          | 8  | 2 | 5  | 1 | 22 | 29 | 5    |
| <b>SRB</b>       |    |   |    |   |    |    |      |
| Sharks           | 12 | 8 | 2  | 2 | 45 | 27 | 18   |
| Fathers          | 11 | 7 | 2  | 2 | 47 | 19 | 16   |
| Devils           | 12 | 7 | 4  | 1 | 36 | 31 | 15   |
| Kings            | 11 | 6 | 3  | 2 | 32 | 31 | 14   |
| Oilers           | 11 | 5 | 4  | 2 | 34 | 29 | 12   |
| Flyers           | 11 | 3 | 7  | 1 | 33 | 44 | 7    |
| Hawks            | 12 | 3 | 9  | 0 | 40 | 51 | 6    |
| Leafs            | 12 | 2 | 10 | 0 | 32 | 65 | 4    |
| <b>SRA</b>       |    |   |    |   |    |    |      |
| Blues            | 12 | 7 | 1  | 4 | 47 | 35 | 18   |
| Whalers          | 12 | 6 | 5  | 1 | 51 | 45 | 13   |
| Jets             | 12 | 4 | 4  | 4 | 46 | 41 | 12   |
| Rangers          | 12 | 3 | 6  | 3 | 38 | 48 | 9    |
| Reg Wings        | 12 | 2 | 6  | 4 | 37 | 49 | 8    |

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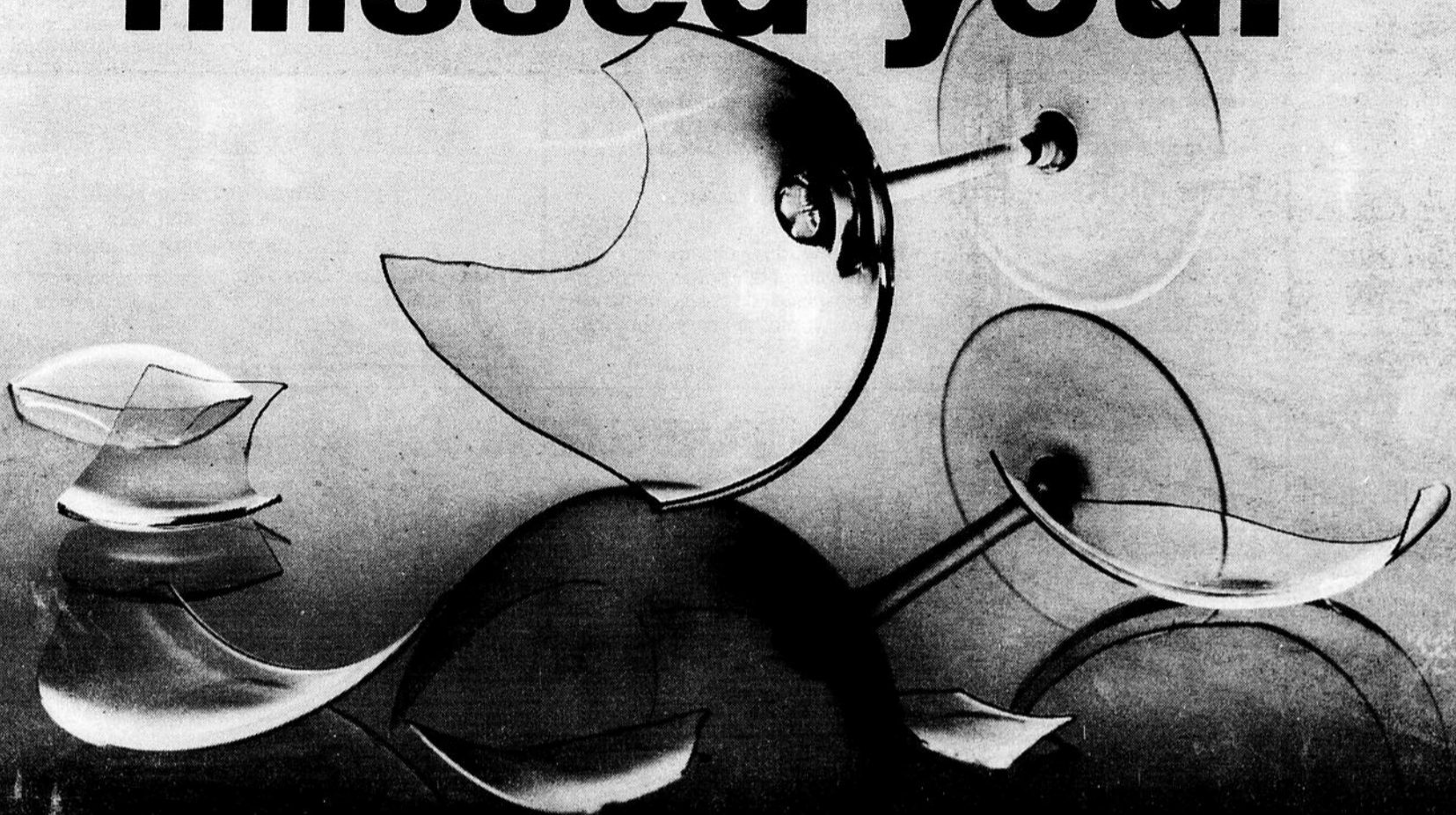
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